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University of Nebraska College of Law



Former Dean Susan Poser Begins New Chapter at UIC

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Poser ends deanship, service at UNL

Susan Poser concluded her time as dean of the College of Law on January 27 to join the University of Illinois-Chicago as its provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs.

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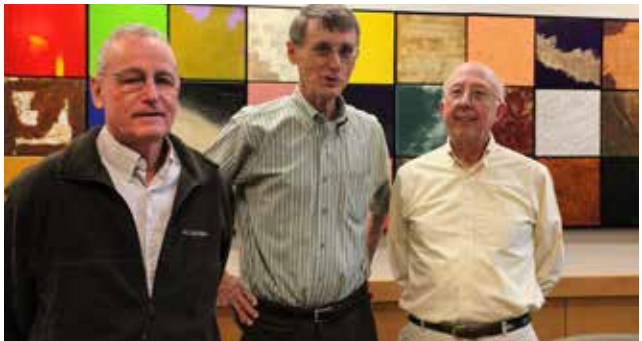
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Moberly appointed Interim Dean

Professor Richard Moberly was appointed interim dean following the departure of Susan Poser.



Longtime professors end careers at College of Law

Professors Bob Works, Roger Kirst and Bill Lyons retired at the end of the 2015-2016 academic years after a combined 123 years of service.



West African Leaders Visit College of Law

West African leaders visit College of Law and discuss challenges faced in stabilizing governments.

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Thank you for taking the time to read THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT – I hope you [find out more](#) about the University of Nebraska College of Law community from these pages. This issue, in particular, will highlight important changes occurring at the law school, including the upcoming retirement of three distinguished professors. Professors Bill Lyons, Roger Kirst, and Bob Works have served the law school for a combined 123 years. Most people receiving this magazine were influenced in some way by these fabulous teachers and scholars. I have heard wonderful memories from many of you about each of them, and I encourage you to reach out and let them know the impact they may have had on you. I know you join me in thanking them for all they have given to generations of Nebraska Law students.

Moreover, last semester, dean Susan Poser announced she would leave us at the end of January to begin a new adventure as provost at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Dean Poser served the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for over 20 years. Her deanship will be remembered [for](#) her exceptional leadership during a time [in which](#) applications to law [school](#) declined dramatically across the nation. Because of her efforts, the College of Law is thriving [during a time](#) when other law schools are struggling. We will be forever grateful to Susan for her service and wish her well at UIC.

[A physical change is occurring now as well.](#) As I write this, the walls are going up on a [16,000 square foot](#) addition to the south side of the building. This state-of-the-art facility will house our four clinics as well as many of our experiential learning [opportunities](#), such as client counseling, trial advocacy, and appellate advocacy competition teams. Funded through the private donations of a handful of alumni, the Marvin & Virginia Schmid Clinic Building will include a mock courtroom, a classroom, several conference and client interview rooms, office space for clinical faculty and a large [working](#) area for clinic students. We expect to

begin using the space in the Spring 2017 semester.

In this time of transition, several constants remain, which we emphasize in this edition as well. Our students continue to perform at a significantly high level, both in and out of the classroom. Students work in externships that provide them valuable experience in places such as the U.S. Attorney's Office, Nebraska Applesseed, the ACLU, the Mediation Center and several judges' chambers. They volunteer in the community through the Community Legal Education Project by teaching about the Constitution to 5th and 8th grade students in Lincoln. When they graduate, Nebraska Law students continue

rate, consulting with state legislatures and Congress on the pressing legal issues of our times, and providing important commentary to the news media on current events.

My hope is that your involvement with and loyalty to the College of Law will remain a constant as well. Now more than perhaps ever, it is important that you engage with our community in three different ways: attend an alumni event, volunteer at the College and make an annual gift. If all of our nearly 7,000 alumni did these 3 things on an annual basis, you would transform the Law College. The alumni network would grow stronger and

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to succeed: our bar passage rate and job placement rate place Nebraska Law in the top thirty of all law schools in the country. (Not insignificantly, we do this while charging the lowest tuition of any school in *U.S. News and World Report's* top 100 schools – a reason why *National Jurist* magazine rated Nebraska Law the No. 1 Best Value law school in the country.)

Our faculty members are continuing their terrific work. Professors Eric Berger, Bill Lyons and Bob Works all won teaching awards this year. Professor Colleen Medill has become a national expert on incorporating practical skills teaching into the classroom, and an increasing number of professors are following her lead by combining a deep exploration of a doctrinal area with experiential exercises that help identify ways those legal issues come alive in real-life client problems. Law professors are publishing books and articles at a high

the student experience would be more comprehensive.

In the coming months, I hope to travel to different parts of the state and country in order to meet our alumni and hear about your professional experiences and your view of the College of Law. You are always welcome to contact me directly to share the same.

Thank you for your support of Nebraska Law. I look forward to meeting you personally or hearing from you soon.



Richard Moberly
Interim Dean and Richard C. & Catherine Schmoker
Professor of Law

Works, Kirst, Lyons Retirements Signal End of an Era of Shared Experience

There's a shared experience that binds Nebraska Law alumni together. This shared experience is on display each year during alumni reunions when classmates reconvene and spend the weekend remembering their time together as law students. This shared experience goes beyond that of classmates.

Indeed, generations of students are bound together because of the teachers who taught them. Three important threads of this tie that binds alumni together in shared experience are coming to an end, however, as professors Bob Works, Roger



Left to Right: Professors Bob Works, Roger Kirst and Bill Lyons

Kirst and Bill Lyons retire. Together, these professors have 143 years of teaching at the College of Law and, thus, have impacted the careers of generations of lawyers. There are simply no words to adequately describe what this loss will mean to the College of Law.

While these three individuals have all had tremendous influence at the College, their paths to the academy and their careers are quite different. Despite these differences, they share a pride for the work they have done as teachers when asked about their respective time at Nebraska Law. Said Kirst, "I was hired to teach. And, I'm so proud that I have had a hand in producing good lawyers, judges and leaders in the bar." For Works, the ability to impact the first-year experience was of particular importance. "It's not only important work; I have found it to be rejuvenating work."

Over the course of their distinguished careers, much has changed. Technology has evolved; the physical space that houses the College of Law has changed. And, the professors identify these changes as typically being a double-edged sword. "The biggest changes have involved

information technology," said Lyons. "Laptops in every classroom offer both promise and great risk." Works agreed. "Technology, as well as the beautiful facilities, has spread people out more than we once were. It used to be that faculty and students lived in the law school a bit more. So, there was a great camaraderie."

Interestingly, the three professors separately identified a single greatest challenge in teaching the law. "There's so much to learn and so little time to learn it," said Kirst. "So, what do you teach?" Added Works, "Keeping up with the changes in the law isn't the challenge. The challenge is translating it."

It is clear that all three of them have excelled at translating "it." "Professors Works, Kirst and Lyons are known for their teaching," said interim dean Richard Moberly. "They are beloved teachers. As I travel the state and talk with alumni about these retirements, people are sad that an era is ending. It is clear that their teaching has resonated and stayed with their students."

The impact goes beyond the walls of the Law



College, as each has a distinguished career of service in their own right. Lyons advised governors with respect to “serious personal property tax problems the State faced in the late 1980s and early 1990s.” He also served as director, program chair, and president of the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute. Kirst, too, served the state bar through his work as the reporter for the Nebraska Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure and a member of the Federal Practice Committee for the District of Nebraska.

As Works, Kirst and Lyons close one chapter and begin another, they each reflected on the depth and breadth of what they have accomplished in their respective careers. This reflection inevitably returns to people who influenced them. “The senior members of this faculty were incredible mentors to me,” said Works. “Before I came to Nebraska, my mentors included my former partners, Nicholas P. Brontas and Susan R. Kominsky (who were always teachers and should have been law professors), Professor Eileen Curran at Colby College, and dean Richard Huber, Professor Mary Ann Glendon and Professor Paul McDaniel at Boston College Law School,” said Lyons. “At the College of Law, my principal mentor was Professor John Gradwohl, whose steadfast support and encouragement I can never repay.”

As for Kirst, his reflection turns to the people of Nebraska. “During my first year here, I ran into students at the state fair and I was surprised. Then, I ran into a former student at the county court house in Harrison County who asked me, ‘Professor Kirst, what are you doing here?!’ My cousin and her husband volunteer at Rocky Mountain National Park. One day one of them wore a College of Law t-shirt and someone asked them, ‘Do you know Roger Kirst?’ I even bumped into

a former state at a camp in Vermont!”

When asked about their plans beyond Nebraska Law, the answers were as different as the individuals.

For Lyons, the next chapter begins with relocation to Maine where he will continue his association with the ABA Tax Section and continue as associate editor in chief of The Tax Lawyer. Will continue to update my several tax books...and plan to do some baseball history writing.

“I’m looking forward to enjoying my hobby, amateur radio, and to teaching licensing classes for people interested in the hobby. I hope to continue teaching at the University of Leiden (International Tax Center) each spring. Most important, I expect to spend time with our four grandchildren.”

Works responded to the question with an enigmatic smile. He then added, “It’s been a good gig through a long number of years!”



And, finally, Kirst: “I came to Nebraska not knowing how long I’d stay and I’m still deciding!”

Whatever the future holds for each of them, they will be missed in the classrooms. Yet, their legacies will live on as former students convene in courthouses and conference rooms across the state and the country.

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Jack M. Beard:
Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Jack Beard's latest article, "Soft Law's Failure on the Horizon: The International Code of Conduct for Outer Space Activities," was accepted for publication by the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law*. The article explores international efforts to develop a new "soft" legal framework, rather than a legally binding regime, to regulate civilian and military activities in outer space, address the growing problem of orbital space debris and restrict the employment of new military technologies in space. Beard was also named chair of the Committee on the Use of Force of the American Branch of the International Law Association. Along with Professor Gus Hurwitz, Beard was presented the 2015 Cybersecurity Trailblazer Award by the *National Law Journal*. He moderated a panel on cybersecurity at the Eighth Annual Nebraska Space and Cyber Law Conference in Washington, D.C., and hosted a visit to Nebraska Law by senior lawyers and legal officials from the Republic of Mongolia under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program.



Eric Berger:
Professor of Law

Professor Eric Berger's latest article, "Gross Error," was accepted for publication by the *Washington Law Review*. The piece critiques the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Glossip v. Gross*, which upheld Oklahoma's controversial lethal injection protocol. Berger presented various versions of this paper at the College of Law and also at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, the Sixth Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium, the Wisconsin Discussion Group on Constitutionalism at the University of Wisconsin Law School and the American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting in New York. He also participated in a panel at the SEALS Annual Conference on "The Roberts Court at Ten" and as part of a discussion group at the same conference about Supreme Court transparency. He also participated in two CLE panel discussions at the Law College on "Originalism" (with Professor Lee Strang from the University of Toledo Law School) and "The Legacy of Justice Scalia and the Future of the Supreme Court" (with UNL colleagues Professors Rick Duncan and Gus Hurwitz). He also was voted Professor of the Year by the upperclass students. Berger was named the Law College's associate dean for faculty on February 1, 2016.

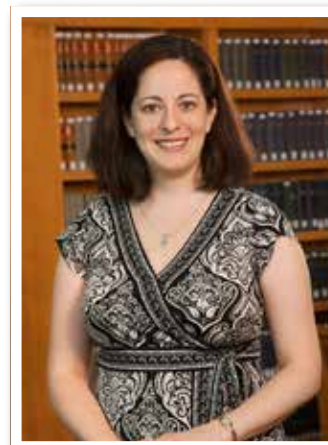
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Kristen M. Blankley:

Assistant Professor of Law



Professor Kristen Blankley is the co-author of a book, *Understanding ADR*, which will be published this coming winter by Carolina Academic Press. In addition, she spoke at the Creighton Law Review Symposium on the Development of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and Implications for Transactional Attorneys. Her paper on “Ethical Considerations in Counseling and Drafting Pre-Dispute Resolution Agreements” will be published in the *Creighton Law Review* this fall.



Brian H. Bornstein

Professor of Psychology, Courtesy Professor of Law and Director of Law-Psychology Program

Professor Brian Bornstein has been appointed to the board of the Nebraska Innocence Project, on whose behalf he testified before the Nebraska Legislature on an eyewitness lineup reform bill. He gave a talk at the New York University School of Law entitled “The Jury under Fire: Myth, Controversy, and Reform,” for the NYU Civil Jury Project, on which he serves on the Academic Advisory Board. With his graduate students, he presented several papers at the 2016 meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society. He recently published two edited books, *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Trust: Towards Theoretical and Methodological Integration* (with Shockley, Neal, and Pytlik Zillig) and *The Witness Stand and Lawrence S. Wrightsman, Jr.* (with Willis-Esqueda). His most recently published article is “Now Dear, What Do You Remember? Patronizing Communication and Older Eyewitnesses’ Memory Performance,” 33(4) *American Journal of Forensic Psychology* 37 (with Wylie and Brank). He has several other journal articles forthcoming.



C. Steven Bradford

Earl Dunlap Distinguished Professor of Law

Professor Steve Bradford has published “Regulating Investment Crowdfunding: Small Business Capital Formation and Investor Protection,” 6 *Zeitschrift für Bankrecht und Bankwirtschaft/Journal of Banking Law and Banking* 376, and “‘Make’ Means ‘Make’: Rejecting the Fourth Circuit’s Two-Headed Interpretation of Janus Capital,” 68 *SMU Law Review* 645. In addition, Bradford’s previously published article, “Shooting the Messenger: The Liability of Crowdfunding Intermediaries for the Fraud of Others,” 83 *University of Cincinnati Law Review* 371, was selected to be reprinted in the 2016 edition of the *Securities Law Review*. In October 2015, he made two presentations



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about crowdfunding: “Regulating Investment Crowdfunding: Small Business Capital Formation and Investor Protection,” at the Third Annual Crowdfunding Symposium, Ludwig Maximilian University-Munich, Munich, Germany, and “Two Crowdfunding Exemptions: The Federal Exemption and the Nebraska State Exemption,” at the Securities Law Section Seminar at Nebraska State Bar Association Annual Meeting in La Vista.

Eve M. Brank

Associate Professor of Psychology and Courtesy Professor of Law

Professor Eve Brank presented numerous papers with students and colleagues at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society. The papers covered topics such as psychological factors in plea bargaining, individuals’ willingness to consent to a Fourth Amendment search, family treatment drug courts and obesity-blaming policies. Her most recent published articles are “Measuring Older Adult Confidence in the Courts and Law Enforcement” (with Hamm and Wylie) in *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, and “‘Now Dear, What Do You Remember?’ Patronizing Communication and Older Eyewitnesses’ Memory Performance” *33(4) Journal of Forensic Psychology* *37* (with Wylie and Bornstein).



Robert C. Denicola

Margaret R. Larson Professor of Intellectual Property Law

Professor Robert Denicola’s article, “Ex Machina: Copyright Protection for Computer-Generated Works,” has been accepted by the *Rutgers University Law Review*. The article argues that a computer user who initiates the creation of computer-generated expression should be recognized as the author and copyright owner of the resulting work.



Richard F. Duncan

Sherman S. Welpton, Jr. Professor of Law

Professor Rick Duncan’s article, “Legislative Prayer, the Supreme Court of the United States and Two Concepts of Religious Liberty: *Town of Greece, New York v. Galloway*,” was published at *4 Humanities and Social Sciences Review*. The article briefly contrasts two concepts of religious liberty - the French concept of strict secularism and freedom from religion and the United States’ concept of mutual tolerance and freedom of religion as reflected in a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court upholding officially-sanctioned prayers at meetings of local legislative councils, such as town boards or city councils. The article was accepted for publication by the peer review process of the *International Journal of Arts & Sciences*. Duncan delivered the paper at the journal’s Paris conference. Duncan also gave a number of presentations at law school around the country including: “Is the University Still a Free Market

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for Ideas: Free Speech vs. Censorship on Campus,” “*Hobby Lobby* Round Two: Can the Little Sisters of the Poor Knock Out the Contraceptive Mandate,” “Religious Liberties and State RFRA,” “Kermit Gosnell and the Masks of Abortion,” “Judge Scalia, Originalism & the Living Constitution,” “Religious Liberty after *Obergefell*” and “Federalism and the Senate.”

Martin R. Gardner

Steinhart Foundation Professor of Law

Professor Marty Gardner has written “Youthful Offenders and the Eighth Amendment Right to Rehabilitation: Limitations on the Punishment of Juveniles” to be published at [83 *Tennessee Law Review*](#). He also served as the reporter for the Nebraska Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure in revising several Nebraska Criminal Jury Instructions.



Justin (Gus) Hurwitz

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Gus Hurwitz’s recent work has continued to focus on matters before the Federal Communications and Trade Commissions, cybersecurity and other issues related to law and technology. His article on the FTC’s regulation of cybersecurity, “Data Security and The FTC’s Uncommon Law,” was published at [101 *Iowa Law Review* 955](#), and he has spoken at several symposia and workshops in recent months about his current articles, “Cyberensuring Security” and “An Economic Theory of Law and Technology.” Along with Professor Jack Beard, Hurwitz was presented the 2015 Cybersecurity Trailblazer Award by *The National Law Journal*. He has also written and spoken on the ongoing conflict between Apple and the FBI and has appeared on radio and television, as well as in the *Wall Street Journal*, to discuss the issue. He was a principal author of an *amicus brief* submitted in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeal’s review of the FCC’s Open Internet Order. His work on millimeter wave spectrum was discussed by Senator John Thune (Republican South Dakota) during the introduction of the Mobile Now Act.



Roger W. Kirst

Henry M. Grether Professor of Law

Professor Roger Kirst is retiring from the Nebraska Law faculty effective August 31, 2016, and is assuming emeritus status. Kirst was recognized by the Student Bar Association for his teaching and service since joining the faculty in 1974.



Richard A. Leiter

Director of Schmid Law Library and Professor of Law

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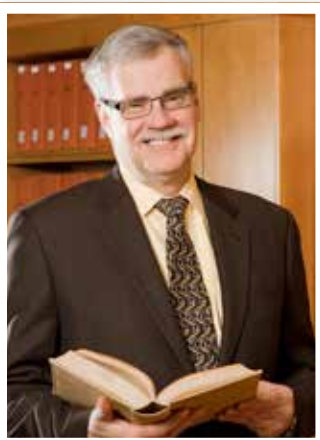


The Seventh Edition of Professor Rick Leiter's *National Survey of State Laws* was released in January 2016 along with an online database. The database, which can be found on HeinOnline, contains digital versions of all editions of the book, which can be compared on a law-by-law or state-by-state basis. The new edition is also being published as a hybrid; purchasers of the book have access to the online database in addition to the print versions of the book. Quarterly updates will be released exclusively online. Leiter is also working on a supplement to *Landmark Supreme Court Cases*, 2d edition. This, too, will be released in electronic format. Leiter served this fall on an ABA sabbatical accreditation visit to the University of Oklahoma College of Law. He also was appointed to serve as chair of the Government Relations Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries. Closer to home, he is serving as chair of the Information Technology and Services Committee.

John P. Lenich

Ross McCollum Professor of Law

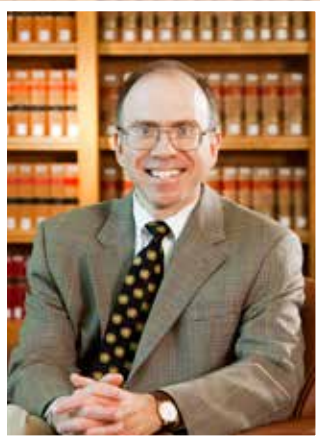
Professor John Lenich was appointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts to a four-year term as one of Nebraska's members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The Commission's membership consists of lawyers, judges, legislators and law professors who have been appointed by their respective state governments. The goal of the Commission is to promote uniformity among the states on various subjects by researching, drafting and promoting the adoption of uniform statutory acts. In addition to serving on the Commission, Lenich continues to serve as a reporter of the Nebraska Supreme Court Committee on Practice & Procedure and wrote an article on the recent amendments to the Nebraska Discovery Rules, "Interpreters, Recordings and Objections: The 2015 Amendments to the Deposition Rules," *19 The Nebraska Lawyer* 41 (Jan/Feb. 2016).



Brian D. Lepard

Harold W. Conroy Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the LL.M. in Global Legal Practice Program

Professor Brian Lepard published a chapter entitled "Customary International Law as a Dynamic Process" in the book *Custom's Future: International Law in a Changing World* edited by Curtis A. Bradley and published by Cambridge University Press. Lepard also published updates to his book, *Unrelated Business Income Tax Issues in Health Care*, published by Bloomberg/BNA.

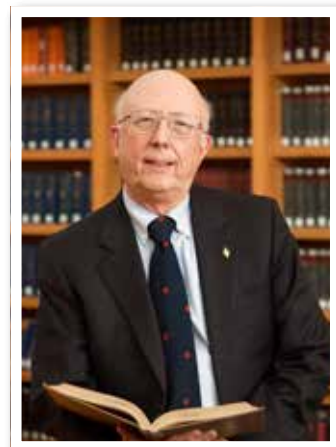


William H. Lyons

Richard H. Larson Professor of Tax Law

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Professor Bill Lyons attended ABA Tax Section meetings in September 2015 and January 2016 in his capacity as associate editor in chief of *The Tax Lawyer*, the section's quarterly law review publication. As associate editor in chief, Lyons reviews all articles submitted for publication, does all substantive editing on those articles and works with the editor in chief on selection and editing of student Notes and Comments for publication. Lyons also updated his chapter on "Financially Troubled Partnerships" in *Collier on Bankruptcy Taxation*. With Professor Bryan Slone, '83, of the UNL College of Business Administration, he presented "Entity Selection: The Advantages and Limitations of Partnerships and LLCs" at the 2015 Great Plains Federal Tax Institute in Omaha. In March 2016, Lyons once again taught at the International Tax Center of the University of Leiden (Netherlands). He also received the **University Distinguished Teaching Award** for the 2015-16 academic year. Lyons is retiring from the Nebraska Law faculty effective August 31, 2016, and is assuming emeritus status. In recognition of his many years of service, he was recognized by the directors of the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute for serving, since 1981, as a director and officer of the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute during which he served twice as program chair and twice as president, and he was recognized by the Student Bar Association for his teaching and service since joining the faculty in 1981.



Colleen E. Medill

Robert and Joanne Berkshire Family Professor of Law

Professor Colleen Medill has two law review articles in forthcoming publications. Her first article, "Regulating ERISA Fiduciary Outsourcing," will be published by the *Iowa Law Review*. Medill's interest in the outsourcing of fiduciary functions by employers dates back to June 2014, when she was asked to testify on this topic by the Department of Labor's ERISA Advisory Council. Her second article, "Comparing ERISA and Fair Labor Standards Act Claims under the Affordable Care Act," will be published by the *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal*. Medill was one of three featured speakers at a joint meeting of the Section on Health Law and the Section on Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. Her presentation topic was "Emerging Employee Claims under the Affordable Care Act." She also was quoted in the *Omaha World Herald* in a story about the funding of retiree benefit plans by the Omaha Public Power District.



Richard E. Moberly

Interim Dean and Richard and Catherine Schmoker Professor of Law

Professor Richard Moberly was named interim dean of the College of Law, effective February 1, 2016. He presented on "External and Internal 'Safety' Methods of Reporting" in Prague, Czech Republic, as part of a European Union-sponsored conference titled, "A Challenge for Czech Republic: Whistleblowing - the Way to Protect the Financial Interests of the EU." He also served as a panelist for a session



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on “Implementing Whistleblowers Protection into National Laws.” Moberly also presented a CLE on “Whistleblowing and Ethics” as part of Kutak Rock’s 2015 Employment Law Seminar in Omaha.

Stefanie S. Pearlman

Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian

Professor Stefanie Pearlman, with Sandy Placzek and Teresa Conway, presented: “Thinking While Searching: Incorporating Legal Analysis into Legal Research Class” to attendees of the 34th Annual Conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pearlman also revised her chapter, “Animal Welfare” for the seventh edition of *National Survey of State Laws*, edited by Professor Richard Leiter.



Sandra B. Placzek

Associate Director and Professor of Law Library

Professor Sandy Placzek, with Stefanie Pearlman and Teresa Conway, presented: “Thinking While Searching: Incorporating Legal Analysis into Legal Research Class” to attendees of the 34th Annual Conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Kevin L. Ruser

Hevelone Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs

Professor Kevin Ruser was appointed an attorney member of the Advisory Council of the Nebraska Office of Public Guardianship. He spoke at the pre-talk session of the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues in Lincoln on “Define Nebraskan: Tales of Undocumented Immigrants in Nebraska.” Ruser also made various presentations in connection with the Developing Human Capacities and Institutionalization of Legal Clinic Studies in Arbitration Project, at Iliria College in Pristina, Kosovo. The project was funded by U.S. Embassy Pristina University Support Program. Along with former Nebraska Law professor Peter Hoffman, Ruser presented “Using Video Vignettes to Train Law Students,” at the Southern Clinical Conference in Memphis, Tennessee.

Matthew P. Schaefer

Law Alumni Professor of Law and Director of Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law Program

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As part of Nebraska Law's Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law LL.M. Program's outreach in space education, Professor Matt Schaefer guest lectured or taught a mini-course on regulating and incentivizing commercial space activities at three law schools with space law and aerospace industry interest. The lectures/mini-courses, some in-person and some online, focused on three problem sets – one involving liability issues, one involving space debris remediation and one involving asteroid mining with litigation, negotiation and legislation modules. One of the five space law conferences Schaefer spoke at during the 2015-2016 academic year was the legal and regulatory panel at the Space Foundation's inaugural Space Technology and Investment Forum in San Francisco. The conference was attended by start-up space companies, as well as established ones, and by the venture capital and angel investor community. The discussion included coverage of bills passed by the House (HR2262) and Senate (S1297). Schaefer's recommended approach in 33 *Berkeley Journal of International Law* 223 to third-party liability to space flight participant liability issues were adopted by the Congress in Public Law 114-90 signed into law in November 2015.



Anna Williams Shavers

Cline Williams Professor of Citizenship Law

Professor Anna Shavers has been appointed to the American Bar Association Task Force on International Trade in Legal Services. The primary purpose of the task force is to: monitor ongoing trade negotiations and other initiatives that impact trade in legal services, inform and educate ABA members and state regulators about legal services trade issues and their implications for the regulation and practice of law in the U.S. and abroad, and regularly communicate with Office of U.S. Trade Representative and the Department of Commerce regarding legal services. Shavers' appointment will conclude at the 2016 ABA annual meeting in August.



Jessica A. Shoemaker

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Jessica Shoemaker's article, "Complexity's Shadow: American Indian Property, Sovereignty, and the Future," was accepted for publication in the *Michigan Law Review*. She presented versions of this work at a faculty colloquium at the University of South Dakota College of Law and at the Association of American Law Schools Property Section breakfast. She gave an invited talk, "Beyond Consolidation: Rethinking Property and Sovereignty in Indian Country," at the University of Arizona's annual Tribal Lands Conference, and she presented a talk on "Native American Land Rights" at the Just Food? Forum on Land Use, Rights and Ecology at the Harvard Law School. Shoemaker continues to be engaged in the University of Nebraska's Rural Future Institute. Recently, she participated on an Advisory



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Committee assisting in planning the Institute's third international conference, and at the Rural Futures Conference the fall of 2015, she both gave a plenary stage Envision Rural talk entitled "The Public Parts of Private Property: Community Engagement and Rural Design" and participated in a breakout session panel discussion on international research engagement. Finally, her recent participation as part of an international research team in a Knowledge Exchange Opportunities Grant from the United Kingdom's Economic Social Resource Council has culminated in the online dissemination of an online tool called "Participology" for creating simulation tools for public land use engagement.



Brett C. Stohs

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Cline Williams Director of the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic

Professor Brett Stohs has continued to research interests in the application of electronic mind mapping to clinical legal education. His manuscript, "Oh What a Tangled Web We Weave: Mind Mapping as Creative Spark to Optimize Student & Client Assignments in a Transactional Clinic," has been accepted for publication in the *New York Law School Law Review* as part of its special issue on how clinics and experiential learning have developed into an integral part of modern legal education. He continues to use this innovative tool to improve learning outcomes for students and clients who participate in the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic.

Ryan P. Sullivan

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law

Professor Ryan Sullivan's article, "Stolen Profits: Civil Shoplifting Demands and the Misuse of NEB. REV. STAT. § 25-21,194," was accepted for publication in the *Nebraska Law Review*. He spoke at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Veterans Council on legal issues faced by veterans returning from deployment. This spring, Sullivan, along with Professor Kevin Ruser, facilitated two Advance Directive Clinics in Bellevue and Omaha. Through the program, Clinical students served 27 clients and drafted 91 estate planning documents, including wills, power of attorney instruments and health care directives. Sullivan has also been selected to present his Advance Directive Clinic program design at the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Baltimore, Maryland.



Adam Thimmesch

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Adam Thimmesch had two articles published this winter, "Testing the Models of Tax Compliance: The Use-Tax Experiment," 2015 *Utah Law Review* 1083,

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and “Taxing Honesty,” 118 *West Virginia Law Review* 147. Thimmesch also had an article selected for publication by the *Denver Law Review* and will have an article published in *State Tax Notes*. The first article, “Transacting in Data: Tax, Privacy, and the New Economy,” evaluates the intersection between our domestic tax instruments and privacy in the new data economy. The second, “State Taxing Power After *Direct Market Association v. Brohl*,” evaluates several emerging issues in the field of state taxation. Thimmesch also spoke at the Iowa Law School’s Spring Tax Institute.

Frans G. von der Dunk

Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni/Othmer Professor of Space Law

Dr. Frans von der Dunk had been appointed senior advisor in space law and policy with the newly established United Arab Emirates Space Agency. The UAE Space Agency is developing a national space policy and strategy, as well as national space legislation, addressing such varied space activities as an incumbent mission to Mars and future private commercial sub-orbital spaceflight by companies such as Virgin Galactic and XCOR. In addition, von der Dunk served as anchor for a Dutch TV-show (accessible at <http://tegenlicht.vpro.nl/afleveringen/2015-2016/race-naar-de-ruimte.html>), on new developments in space law, in particular regarding the various plans to start asteroid resource exploitation and the recent US law addressing those plans. The 48-minute documentary includes footage of the Annual Conference of the Law College’s Space, Cyber and Telecom Law Program in Washington, D.C. It also includes fragments of von der Dunk’s address on the issue to the International Bar Association’s Conference in Vienna, Austria. Furthermore, von der Dunk spoke at the Jerusalem, Israel, annual Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space, on “Space Traffic Management: A Challenge of Cosmic Proportions,” and at the PINC (People, Ideas, Nature and Creativity) conference in Sarasota, Florida, on “The Sky is the Limit: Commercial Spaceflight and the Law.” Finally, he published “The ‘Space Side’ to ‘Harmful Interference’ – Evaluating Regulatory Instruments in Addressing Interference Issues in the Context of Satellite Communications,” in *Harmful Interference in Regulatory Perspective*.

Steven L. Willborn

Judge Harry A. Spencer Professor of Law

Professor Steve Willborn was re-appointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts to another term as one of Nebraska’s Commissioners to the Uniform Law Commission. He was also appointed to the commission’s Scope and Program Committee, which reviews and recommends issues to be address through uniform laws. Willborn published “Notice, Consent and Nonconsent: Employee Privacy in the Restatement,” 100 *Cornell Law Review* 1423.

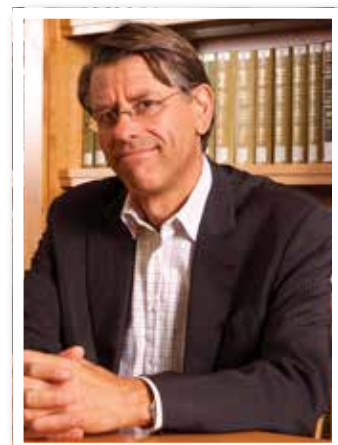


Catherine Lee Wilson

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Catherine Wilson has been appointed to the newly created Community Advisory Council (CAC) of the Federal Reserve Board. The CAC is composed of

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individuals with [consumer-](#) and [community development-](#)related expertise who provide information, advice and recommendations to the board on a wide range of relevant policy matters and emerging issues of interest.

Robert G. Works

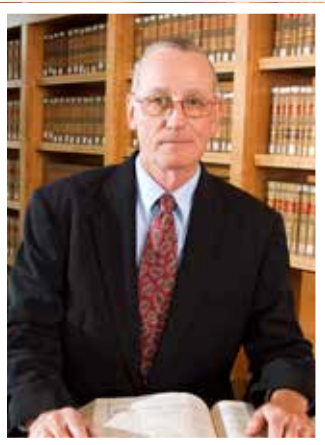
Margaret R. Larson Professor of Insurance Law

Professor Bob Works was voted 2016 Professor of the Year by [the](#) first-year students. Works is retiring from the Nebraska Law faculty effective August 31, 2016, and is assuming emeritus status. Works was recognized by the Student Bar Association for his teaching and service since joining the faculty in 1970.

Sandra B. Zellmer

Robert B. Daugherty Professor of Law

Professor Sandy Zellmer was invited to do a podcast at Yale on “Finding Agency Through Humility,” *Yale Center for Environmental Law*, as well as presentations on “The Law of Water Quality and Markets” at the National Water Quality Markets Workshop of the Water for Food Institute (co-sponsored by USEPA and USDA), and “Facing Floods and Climate Change While Reforming Disaster Law,” at the University of Missouri School of Law’s Life Sciences & Society Program. Recent publications include book chapters on “Preemption and Displacement,” in *Environmental Decisionmaking* ([Elgar 2016](#)), “Floods as Unnatural Disasters: The Role of Law,” in *Water Policy in a Changing Climate* ([Taylor 2016](#)) and “The Missouri River Basin,” in *Waters & Water Rights* ([Lexis/Nexis 2015](#)), and an article, “The Fallacy of Judicial Supermajority Clauses,” [47 Toledo Law Review 73](#) (with Miller). She also wrote a “Perspective on Open Rivers: Rethinking the Mississippi,” *University of Minnesota River Life Digital Journal*. Zellmer continues to serve as vice chair of the Public Lands Committee of the ABA Section on Environment, Energy and Resources, and as a fellow for the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute.



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Richard Moberly Appointed Interim Law Dean

By Steve Smith, UNL News Director



Richard Moberly has been appointed to the position of interim dean of the College of Law. Ronnie Green, interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced the appointment December 9.

Moberly formally began the appointment [Feb. 1](#).

A member of the law faculty since 2004, Moberly has been associate dean for faculty at the Law College since 2011. He won the College Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2007. In 2006 and 2011,

highly effective leadership as we begin the process to seek a permanent dean.”

Moberly succeeded Dean Susan Poser, who [on December 1](#) announced she had accepted the position of provost at the University of Illinois–Chicago. Poser had been dean of the College of Law since 2010.

“I am honored to serve the College of Law as interim dean,” Moberly said. “There is tremendous energy and momentum at the College as a result of Dean Poser’s excellent work over the last [five and a half](#) years. I look forward to working closely with the faculty and staff to continue the school’s progress and upward trajectory.”

Before joining the College of Law, Moberly practiced as an attorney with McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP in Atlanta. He earned his bachelor’s degree in history from Emory University and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the [Harvard Law Review](#).

His research interests include employee whistleblower protection and the law of secrecy. Moberly

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he was voted Professor of the Year by upperclass law students, while in 2014 he was awarded the [College Distinguished Faculty Award](#) from the College of Law Alumni Council.

He will continue his teaching duties during the interim appointment.

“I have had an opportunity to dialogue with the College of Law faculty and staff and have received broad support for Richard’s integrity, foresight and leadership ability,” Green said. “I am confident that he will provide

has published numerous articles and book chapters on whistleblowing, including research on national security whistleblowers and codes of ethics, as well as an empirical study on Sarbanes-Oxley retaliation claims. The U.S. Secretary of Labor has twice appointed him to the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee [to](#) the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Green said the University will open a national search [for](#) the permanent dean position beginning in fall 2016.

Moberly Appoints Berger Associate Dean for Faculty

On February 1, interim dean Richard Moberly named associate professor Eric Berger the College of Law's associate dean for faculty, a position Moberly himself held prior to his appointment as interim dean. In this role, Berger is charged with mentoring junior faculty, providing opportunities that enhance the scholarly culture of the College and assisting the interim dean.

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“Eric fits very naturally into this role,” said Moberly. “As a member of the faculty appointments committee, he has had a role in recruiting all of the untenured faculty, so he is viewed as a resource and mentor already. This position formalizes what he has already been doing so well.”

Berger is excited to join the administration and see the College of Law from this new perspective. “We have a wonderful faculty here, so I am excited to serve in this role and work to provide them with opportunities to share their work.”



Sullivan Joins Faculty as Assistant Clinical Professor

Professor Ryan Sullivan, '10, was appointed assistant clinical professor of law effective January 1, 2016. Prior to his appointment, Sullivan was a visiting professor in the Civil Clinic. With this appointment, Sullivan moves to a full-time, tenure track professorship.

A 2010 graduate of the College, Sullivan practiced at the Lincoln firm Kinsey Rowe Becker & Kistler before returning to the College in the visiting professor role in 2013.

“Ryan is a tremendous asset to the clinical programs at the College,” said interim dean Richard Moberly. “He is incredibly enthusiastic and made a real impact on the Civil Clinic as a visiting professor. We are fortunate to have him in this new capacity.”

Beard and Hurwitz named Cyber Security & Data Privacy Trailblazers

Nebraska Law professors Jack Beard and Gus Hurwitz were named Cyber Security & Data Privacy Trailblazers by *The National Law Journal*. The list of Trailblazers recognizes people who have helped make a difference in data security and the fight against criminal cyber activity.

Beard previously served as the associate deputy general counsel (international affairs) in the Department of Defense, where he was responsible for a variety of legal matters, including those associated with arms control agreements, defense cooperation and basing agreements in the Middle East region and programs assisting states of the former Soviet Union in the dismantlement of weapons of mass destruction and other nonproliferation activities.

Hurwitz's work builds on his background in law, technology and economics to consider the interface between law and technology and the role of regulation in high-tech industries. Hurwitz previously worked as a trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice Antitrust Division in the Telecommunications and Media Enforcement Section.




Poser Closes UNL Chapter, Begins New One at UIC

After 23 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, former dean Susan Poser ended her time here to begin a new chapter as provost, vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief operating officer of the University of Illinois at Chicago on February 1.

Poser spent the majority of her career in Lincoln at the College of Law, but her career path was far from clear upon her arrival. Her husband, Dr. Stephen DiMugno, began his career on the faculty of UNL's chemistry department in 1993. "We arrived in Lincoln in August 1993 and brought with us our 3-week old baby, Eve. Because she was so young and everything was so new, I decided to defer the offer that I had to teach half-time at the College for a year. So, I stayed home with her for the first year, worked on my dissertation and my first law review article and started teaching at the College in the fall of 1994," said Poser.

Eventually that part-time position led to a full-time, tenure-track position on the faculty. Poser taught "bread-and-butter" courses such as Torts, Legal Profession and Wills and Trusts. Because of the nature of these courses, she had the opportunity to teach approximately 75 percent of the students in every class. "I loved teaching and interacting with students so I also got involved in advising. I was the faculty advisor to the Women's Law Caucus and for judicial clerkships. These opportunities to interact with students outside of the classroom were some of my favorites"

While dean, the ability to interact with students was something that Poser missed. So, she chose to teach occasionally during her deanship and to take advantage of any opportunity to interact with students. "Dinners at my house, and more recently pedicures, that were purchased by students at the Susan B. Anthony charity auction created some of my fondest memories.

 also will never forget being dressed up by students as a punk rocker [as part of a fundraiser for public interest clerkship grants]. It took me two weeks to get the gel out of my hair!"

In addition to teaching and working with students, Poser established herself as a scholar. "My scholarship focused initially mostly on professional responsibility topics, and then more on torts and related topics. I liked the translational aspect of research, so I often wrote on topics that I felt were important to lawyers and to society, like the question of whether lawyers should be allowed to work in multidisciplinary practice groups and share fees with other professionals like social workers, financial advisors, psychologists, etc."

"Perhaps my all time favorite article is my second article about a case involving an antique dealer who allegedly got his hands on the ship's bell from





the Civil War Confederate raider Alabama and was forced to hand it over to the government because the government claimed it succeeded to all of the property of the Confederacy after the Civil War. The case was one that I first learned about and worked on as a judicial law clerk and although it was unrelated to any of my other areas of scholarship, it was great fun to write.”

After firmly establishing herself at the College of Law, Poser served as associate to the chancellor of UNL from 2007 until 2010. In this role, Poser was exposed

and service. There have been a lot of changes in the curriculum, including the first-year class in International Perspectives, a new program called Build Your Character (BYC), which aims to teach students professional skills that are not strictly academic (like how to listen well, be creative and work with others), and the creation of a new Law College clinic.

“When I arrived back at the College in 2010, there was a small group of students who wanted us to start an Entrepreneurship Clinic, and the proposal was so good that I felt we should do it. There had not been a

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to academic administration as she “pretty much did everything that the chancellor did not have time to do.”

While she oversaw different non-academic units on campus, like the Lied Center for the Performing Arts and the Sheldon Museum, the majority of her time was spent helping resolve problems across campus that could not be resolved through other channels. “Those projects came from all over – alumni, parents, faculty, students, donors and other administrators. It was a very busy and exciting job; no day was ever the same as the next.”

Poser returned to the College of Law in May 2010 as dean. Looking back on the five and a-half years spent in the role, Poser has much of which to be proud. “We hired wonderful new faculty over the past few years, and they are doing well on all fronts – teaching, research

new clinic at the Law College in over 30 years. So the Entrepreneurship Clinic was born, and it has been a huge success.”

In addition to leading the changes that were occurring on the inside of the building, Poser was also able to put her mark on the physical space that houses the College as well. “Although I arrived back to an almost completely renovated building, the one part of the building that had not been renovated was the clinic. I wanted to renovate it, but we had put a focus on fundraising for scholarships.”

“By happenstance, we received a \$1 million gift from the daughter of a 1919 alumnus, completely out of the blue, and she did not want the funds used for scholarships.”



At the same time, we had several alumni who were inspired by what our Entrepreneurship Clinic was doing. These gifts together provided what we needed for a new addition that will house all of our clinical programs.” Construction of that addition is underway.

Poser’s deanship did not come without significant challenges. Just as she arrived at the helm, a national decline in the numbers of students applying to law schools began. Over the next five years, as a by-product of the Great Recession, applications to law schools declined almost 50 percent. Addressing this issue required an all-hands-on-deck approach. “We had to make very difficult decisions about making our class size smaller. It also meant that we needed to ramp up our admissions efforts, create a communications strategy that highlighted the great things about Nebraska Law and raise a lot of money to fund student scholarships.

“What I have learned is that anything is possible if you have a great team of people working on it, and we did. Not only did our administrators work together as a team to address these issues, but many members of the faculty pitched in to help recruit students and to update the curriculum and put a renewed focus on the students’ experiences.

“I also learned about the tremendous pride and loyalty that our alumni have in this law school. So many alumni have stepped up, financially and otherwise, to help us get through this difficult time. I will be forever grateful to them for their assistance and their friendship.”

As Poser moves onto her new role with UIC, she knows that her time as the College of Law’s dean has prepared her for what lies ahead. “My time as dean has prepared me in many ways, perhaps most importantly because being a dean means I understand how colleges, which are the primary academic units of the university, function academically and financially, and the kind of support deans need.”

Although looking forward to the new adventure that both living in a new city and beginning a new job will bring, Poser acknowledges how much she leaves behind as a result. “I loved being dean of the College of Law, and I am grateful for all of the support that I received from the other administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni of the College. I will miss my friends at the College and UNL, as well as all of the alumni whom I met and got to know over the past six years. It was a wonderful ride.”

3L Gains Policy Work Experience through Nebraska Appleseed Internship

By Loguen Blazek, '16

Students have the rewarding opportunity to work with various non-profit organizations throughout their time at the College of Law. One particular organization that partners with the College to provide this type of opportunity is Nebraska Appleseed. Nebraska Appleseed is a nonprofit organization that tackles issues such as child welfare, immigration policy, affordable healthcare and poverty. Their mission statement is to “fight for justice and opportunity for all Nebraskans.”

Alex Lierz, a 3L who currently works for Nebraska Appleseed, helped write an important report for the organization that recommends increasing access to education programs in Nebraska prisons. Lierz co-authored this report with Nebraska Appleseed Economic Justice Director James Goddard, '09. “Forty years ago, education was considered the most important tool for the successful rehabilitation of people who were incarcerated, but that focus has sadly been lost in the



recommendations to improve education in the corrections system including: tracking the performance

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past decade,” said Goddard. Goddard added, “Inmates who participate in correctional education programs are 36 per cent less likely to be re-incarcerated than inmates who do not participate, which has long-ranging effects on those inmates after they leave the corrections system, their families and our communities as a whole.”

The report sees education as a way to solve the problem of recidivism of individuals who have been previously incarcerated. The article concluded, “Nearly one in four Nebraska inmates will return to prison within three years of their release, and improving their skills will help boost Nebraska’s workforce and make it much less likely they are incarcerated again.”

The report also contained a number of

of inmates’ educational programs in relation to post-release recidivism and utilizing job performance to determine which educational programs are most effective. This data could then be used to increase the capacity and resources of those education programs. Expanding the vocational and life-skills training programs and making sure female inmates have access to such programs, as well, were also suggested by the report to help lower recidivism rates.

Having law students apply the skills learned from the classroom to the unique opportunities provided by their work in organizations like Nebraska Appleseed exemplify the many ways in which students can both give back to the community and gain valuable experience at the same time.

ILSA, Entrepreneurship Clinic Host USPTO's Morris

By Loguen Blazek, '16

“What is in a name?” This famous quote by William Shakespeare commenced Craig Morris’s Law College lecture on September 23 hosted by the Student Intellectual Property Law Association and the Entrepreneurship Clinic. A name is very important in Morris’s line of work as a managing attorney for the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Trademark Educational Outreach Office. The Trademark Educational Outreach Office of the USPTO partners with colleges and universities to present informational lectures on trademarks. The purpose of these informational lectures is to give everyone a basic knowledge of the requirements, function and legal aspects of trademarks.


Morris started his lecture by sharing “what every business should know now instead of later regarding trademarks: the importance of mark selection, the process of seeking registration and what happens after registration of a trademark.” To address these important issues, Morris first walked the audience through the definition of a trademark and the important distinction between a domain name or business name and a trademark. “Though a mark can be both a trademark and a business name, it is not necessarily the same thing,” said Morris. Another key point Morris highlighted was that not every mark is registerable. Marks won’t be registered if they are confusingly similar to another mark and the businesses are related.

Morris suggested that businesses should understand that they need to adopt a strong mark. There are various categories of trademarks that will be protected in different



Professor Brett Stohs and Entrepreneurship Clinic students hosted Morris.

ways. The main four categories associated with trademarks are: 1) fanciful or arbitrary (the strongest trademark); 2) suggestive marks (strong marks); 3) descriptive marks (weaker marks); and, 4) generic marks (weakest marks).

 trademark is always an adjective [that modifies a generic noun]; it is never a noun,” said Morris. In deciding on a trademark, Morris suggested keeping in mind the meaning of your word in foreign markets. Failure to do so may ultimately prevent expansion. For example, Gerber (a trademark for baby food) wanted to expand to France but in French that translated to the word vomit. That translation was not a good one for Gerber and stopped them from expanding into that market.

Once you have decided on a trademark for your goods the next step is to register. Common law trademarks (unregistered trademarks) still exist, and you can use a mark for your good without it being registered. However, there are many benefits to registering your mark that make it almost essential in order to have strong trademark protection. Chief among the benefits: a registration is prima facie evidence of ownership of that mark and provides notice to others that you are using that mark for your goods, which can help prevent others from adopting that mark and creating unnecessary issues and litigation for business owners.



West African Leaders Share Insights on International Law

By Loguen Blazek, '16

Today's world has become increasingly interconnected. This escalating globalization remains true in the legal field as well, driving the importance for law students to gain at least a base understanding of international law and comparative legal systems. Over the last several years, the College of Law has worked to expand its strong international law program, which helps provide students with this knowledge through both classes and speakers. On September 18, the Law College welcomed two West

African leaders on international law as part of this programming. The International Law Student Association in cooperation with Global Partners in Hope hosted Dr. Daniel

Thera, a retired Malian politician and lawyer, and Mr. Kofi Esaw, current minister of justice of Togo.

Justin Swanson, '13, of Global Partners in Hope, moderated the panel presenting questions to the two West African leaders along with an interpreter to help bridge the language barrier. Both speakers gave some basic background information about themselves and their work and experience with international law and the law of their countries and then answered various questions from the students, faculty and attorneys that were present. Both speakers placed emphasis on Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the role it plays in the region and how it interacts with international law.

Thera is from Mali is a retired politician and lawyer.

He focused his discussion on political issues and the role they play in destabilization of countries in West Africa. Thera described the prevalence of coups and especially one in particular that almost dissolved his country of Mali. He discussed how to address this crisis and the value of ECOWAS in helping stop such occurrences. Thera argued that the economic management and development and security that ECOWAS is intended to provide to such regions will help prevent such coups and stabilize countries such as Mali.



Esaw holds an MBA (microfinance perspective) and is the current minister of justice of Togo. He, too, discussed ECOWAS during his

portion of the lecture. Esaw confirmed the importance of the organization and affirmed the positive results and effect similar organizations can have on the West African region. However, Esaw also focused on the shortcomings of the organization and obstacles it will need to overcome to truly bring change and prosperity to the region. One of the main obstacles of ECOWAS, according to Esaw, is the issue of sovereignty.

“There are many jurisdictional struggles and lack of enforcement of ECOWAS laws and regulation in national courts,” said Esaw. He argued that, in order for ECOWAS to have its full intended effect, it must be nationally accepted and that there needs to be enforcement of ECOWAS laws in national courts.

Following each speaker's initial statements about



their background and ideas about ECOWAS and solutions to the problems that arise in West Africa, they each answered various questions posed by the audience. One question addressed whether ECOWAS was intended to operate similar to the EU or have pass through borders without check points. Esaw tackled the question first stating, "ECOWAS was designed to look like the EU, the idea being to integrate and become a free economic zone without barrier." Thera added that "the goal of ECOWAS is to move more toward an EU model to create unity in Africa." Both speakers emphasized that the monetary system of ECOAS is already largely established and the harder obstacle is the judicial/political system of ECOAS.

Another question concerned the political stability of the region and the legitimacy of democracy in such areas to provide a potential solution. The speakers both expressed hope in this regard and maintained their efforts to move more "democratic" processes and thoughts to the region and implementing with various organizations such as ECOWAS. According to the speakers 3 things that are established in the Constitutions are the idea of unity with the country, the idea of multiple parties (basis for democracy), and the secular state (non-religious country). These are seen as positives by the speakers to obtaining and operating functioning democracies in the region. Both speakers emphasized the idea that "democracy is not something you can legislative but something you must build." The speakers provided unique insight and viewpoints about international law to the students, faculty and attorneys present in a lively and well-rounded discussion.

McCoy Joins Admissions Office



The Nearhood Office of Admissions welcomed Melissa McCoy in August as its assistant director. A lifelong Nebraskan, McCoy grew up on a farm in southeast Nebraska before attending UNL for her undergraduate education. She worked as a music performer and teacher for several years before she pursued a graduate degree. This educational path led her to a career in higher education. Prior to joining the College of Law, McCoy worked at Nebraska Wesleyan University in several capacities, including teaching English courses and working with graduate and adult programs.

Although law school is new to McCoy, her first few months have taught her a great deal not only about the admissions process, but also about the College's culture. Observed McCoy, "The collegiality of the students, the dedication of the professors and the commitment to student success of the administrators make for a place that has a really fabulous vibe. Just recently a group of undergraduate advisors toured the facility. One of them

pulled me aside and commented on how he could 'feel' how collaborative the environment is here. That is very unique!"

The College is benefitting from McCoy's years of experience in higher education and her vast networks across institutions. Because of it, the College has been able to add admissions programming and find different ways to present pursuing a legal education as an option to students who may not have considered it otherwise.

Through this outreach, McCoy finds that working with students as they consider pursuing a Juris Doctor to be the most enjoyable part of the job. "There is nothing more fun than helping someone make important and exciting life decisions. Working with students who are on the cusp of graduating with an undergraduate degree and are deciding what to do next is a true joy. Helping prospective students of any age to understand the financial and career implications of the decisions they make is very rewarding."

When not on the road selling Nebraska Law, McCoy enjoys time with her husband, Paul, and their new puppy. She is also preparing to take comprehensive exams for a PhD in Nineteenth Century British Literature and then will begin writing her dissertation.

Loudon, Alumni Play Key Roles in Teaching Business Development Skills

By Tasha Everman, '02,
Assistant Dean of Career Development

On Monday, October 19, 2015, the Career Development Office hosted its second annual “Build Your Character. Build Your Career” program, also known as the “BYC Boost!” This half-day event offered students the opportunity to attend a keynote address, participate in optional one-on-one mentoring sessions and attend a networking reception. The students who participated were rewarded for giving up part of their fall break! Andrew Loudon, '98, a partner with the Baylor Evnen Law Firm, delivered the keynote address, “Intentional and Smart Marketing: How to Land a Job, How to Attract Clients.” Filled with insights gained from years of experience successfully marketing his trust and estates practice, Loudon made the presentation engaging and relevant to students regardless of where they were in their career search.

The highlight for many student participants was the opportunity to be matched one-on-one with a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association based on their individual career plans as well as their desired topics for discussion. Prosecutors; corporate attorneys; members of solo, small, medium and large firms; as well as nonprofit attorneys and rural practitioners gave back to the Law College with their time, expertise and their sound advice. Topics discussed with students included everything from general job search and networking advice to work-life balance issues and subject-specific career questions.



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Collingsworth, '82, Discusses Corporate Philanthropy in Dean's Round Table

By Loguen Blazek, '16

Each semester, Nebraska Law's Career Development Office and the dean host Dean's Roundtables – small groups focused on providing students with the unique opportunity to interact in an intimate setting with the dean and professional leaders in a variety of careers. Connie Collingsworth, '82, currently general counsel of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, joined Dean Susan Poser and several students for one such discussion on corporate philanthropy.



“The most rewarding part so far has been working on the gift of money from Warren Buffet and structuring it so that it was able to do what he wanted to in giving the money.”

Collingsworth began her career as an attorney and eventually made partner at the international law firm of Preston Gates & Ellis. Collingsworth is also a cofounder and board chair of French American School of Puget Sound. In 2002, she became general counsel and secretary for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation..

The roundtable luncheon focused on Collingsworth's work at the Gates Foundation, concentrating on the topic of corporate philanthropy. The atmosphere of the roundtable was relaxed and informal, providing an easy environment for interaction.

Among the topics discussed at the luncheon were Collingsworth background, the philosophy behind how large sums of money are given away by the Gates Foundation and controversies that have arisen while she has worked at the foundation. When asked what the most rewarding part of working in corporate philanthropy at the Gates Foundation has been,

Collingsworth replied, “The most rewarding part so far has been working on the gift of money from Warren Buffet and structuring it so that we were able to do what he wanted us to do in giving us the money.”

Collingsworth also had some takeaways she wanted to share with the students about things she wished she would have known at that stage of her life and career. They included the importance of being able to delegate, making sure to find and seek out mentors and listening to speakers to gain and learn from their experiences, especially management skills, and the importance of obtaining and finding your own work-life balance. Collingsworth wanted to stress to the students the difficulty of delegating, especially in a lawyer's line of work, where many feel the need to handle everything themselves. According to Collingsworth, “Learning to delegate is one of the hardest things to do as a lawyer, but it is essential to be truly productive and effective, and is a great skill I look for in my team.”

Yale Professor, John H. Langbein, Delivers Lane Lecture

John Langbein, Sterling professor emeritus of law and legal history and professorial lecturer in law at Yale Law School, delivered the Winthrop and Frances Lane Foundation Lecture at the College of Law on [Friday](#), November 6.

Probate, the state-operated system of family wealth transmission, has been marginalized in contemporary American practice by the rise of free-market competitors in the financial services industry. Today, it is banks, mutual fund companies, brokerage houses, insurance companies and retirement plan operators who handle most intergenerational wealth transfer. Langbein's lecture, "The Nonprobate Revolution: Privatizing Family Wealth Transfer in the United States," addressed the causes and extent of the nonprobate revolution and some worrisome drawbacks that are emerging as this new system of wealth transfer takes hold.

Langbein is an eminent legal historian and a leading American authority on trust, probate, pension and investment law. He teaches and writes in the fields of Anglo-American and European legal history, modern comparative law, trust and estate law and pension and employee benefit law, or ERISA. He has long been active in law reform work, serving under gubernatorial appointment as a uniform law commissioner since 1984. He was the reporter and principal drafter of the Uniform Prudent Investor Act (1994), which governs fiduciary investing in most American states, and he was associate reporter of the American Law Institute's Restatement (Third) of Property: Wills and Other Donative Transfers ([3 vols.](#), 1999-2011).

Langbein has written extensively about the history of civil and criminal procedure, and about the contrasts between modern American and continental procedure. His book, *The Origins of Adversary Criminal Trial* (2003), received the Coif Biennial Book Award in 2006 as the outstanding American book on law. In 2009, he [co-published](#) *History of the Common Law: The Development of Anglo-American Legal Institutions*, a textbook on the history of the legal system. He also [co-authors](#) a course book on pension and benefit law.

The Winthrop and Frances Lane Foundation provides scholarships to students at the College of Law. The foundation also provides grants to support law faculty research and to underwrite the Lane Foundation Lecture. Winthrop Lane was born in Omaha in 1889 and attended Harvard Law School. He was a partner in the firm of Rose, Wells, Martin and Lane, a predecessor to the present Baird Holm law firm in Omaha.



Heiliger, Sheldon Share Legal Advice with UNK Business Students

By Sara Gibonet, University of Nebraska at Kearney Communications



Two University of Nebraska at Kearney alumni recently returned to the UNK campus to share legal advice to future entrepreneurs.

Jordan Heiliger of Lincoln and Justin Sheldon of Lexington are students in the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic at the College of Law. The clinic provides free representation and counsel to early-stage startup business clients across Nebraska.

Under supervision of Law College Professor Brett Stohs, the clinic's student "attorneys" interact directly with clients to provide legal counseling on a wide range of business law issues. By assisting entrepreneurs when they need help the most, law students are given hands-on opportunities to make a difference in the development of Nebraska businesses.

The law students presented, "Intellectual property: How to Protect Your Most Valuable Business Assets," and gave legal advice to UNK business students.

Heiliger graduated from UNK in 2011 with a bachelor of science in political science and criminal justice, and Sheldon graduated from UNK in 2013 with a bachelor of science in business administration. They will both graduate from the College of Law in May 2016.

Why did you decide to go into law?

Sheldon: "My family has always been in business. I've always been interested in the legal part, so I figured I'd go to law school and cut out the need for an attorney (in the family business)." Sheldon's family owns franchises in Lexington, Kearney and Lincoln.

Heiliger: "In high school, I was interested in government and law, so I was trying to decide between politics or the legal field. At UNK, I interned for Sen. Johanns, which was a great experience, but I realized I never want to be a politician. So I started working for a law firm and actually stayed there for a couple of years after graduating from UNK to make sure it was what I wanted to do. I loved it, so I went to law school."

How did your experience at UNK prepare you for law school?

Sheldon: "I took both business law and commercial law with Professor (Bruce) Elder, and that gave me a brief understanding of what we'd be doing in law school. He didn't sugar coat it. He told us we'd spend two weeks on torts, and we'd spend a whole semester on it in law school. So it gave me a feel for what type of material we'd be learning in law school."

What was the best part about being a student at UNK?

Heiliger: "I liked the campus. You can walk everywhere. Now that I'm in Lincoln, I'm realizing how nice it was to be on such a small campus. I also liked how close I was to my professors because the student to teacher ratio was so small. I still try and stay in touch with my professors."



What’s it like to come back to UNK and act as a mentor to students?

Heiliger: “It’s rewarding because I remember being in their seats and feeling like the material was way over my head and thinking I would never be able to understand that type of law. “I knew I wanted to go to law school as an undergrad, but I had a hard time picturing myself being successful there. So being able to come back and share some of my knowledge has been great.”

Sheldon: “We had a few people come up to us and talk to us about law school so they could be in our shoes a few years down the road.”



What do you hope to do after law school?

Heiliger: “I like transactional law – business transactions and entity formation. I also really like bankruptcy, which is where I’m going to start my practice. I’ll specialize in creditors rights. “I took bankruptcy class last year, and I really liked the subject matter. So I started working for a firm that does a lot of bankruptcy work for creditors, and I really like it. That’s where I’m going to start when I get done with law school.”

2L Vinton Competes on Jeopardy

2L Greg Vinton took a short break from his studies to compete on well-known television game show *Jeopardy*, in an episode that aired October 1. A native of North Platte, Vinton completed an online test and scored well enough to move onto the next stage of qualifying. He was then randomly selected to audition in-person in July.

Vinton’s experience allowed him to dispel some popular assumptions about the popular show. For instance, a week’s worth of episodes is filmed in one day. Contestants are asked to bring a change of clothes to use in the event that they move on to the next episode.



How did Vinton do? “I was up against a tough competitor, but I did well. I am happy to have had the opportunity and to have selected the ‘Daily Double,’” said Vinton.

Of note, there was only one law-related question in Vinton’s episode: a history question about U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall.

LL.M. Student Carns Earns Promotion to Major



At a ceremony on January 21, 2016, Marc Carns, an Air Force Institute of Technology student in the Law College's Space, Cyber and Telecommunications LL.M. program, was promoted to major.

Carns enlisted into the United States Air Force in November 1994 and was assigned to Tink AFB, Oklahoma, as an airborne air surveillance technician on the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control Systems. He deployed overseas several times and accumulated over 2,000 flying hours.

Carns separated from the Air Force in 2005 to pursue graduate degrees in law and business. In the fall of 2006, he was accepted into the Graduate Law Program and joined the AFROTC Detachment 675 at the University of Oklahoma. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma Andrew M. Coats College of Law with a Juris Doctor and the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business with a Masters in Business Administration in 2008. He was commissioned in October 2008 and promoted to captain on June 5, 2009.

Since commissioning, Carns has served as an assistant staff judge advocate around the world including assignments in Germany and Korea. In 2012, he deployed to Combined Joint Interagency Task Force (CJIATF) 435, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Rule of Law Field Force, Afghanistan operating out of Forward Operating Base (FOB) Joyce, Kunar Province, with the 2-12IN, 4ID. While there, he advised local Afghan judiciary officials on Rule of Law (RoL) and Evidence Based Operations, assisted the Battle Space Owner (BSO) with Governmental and Developmental operations, and focused on RoL efforts on governmental stability and legitimacy.

Nebraska Law Team Wins American Agricultural Law Association Quiz Bowl

The Nebraska Law Team of Emily Sisco, 2L, Taylor Fritsch, 2L, and Alissa Doerr, 3L, won the 2015 Ag Law Quiz Bowl at the American Agricultural Law Association annual symposium in Charleston, South Carolina. The team competed against four other teams in a Jeopardy-style competition that tested knowledge of both agricultural law topics and other foundational areas such as property, torts and civil procedure. The team won the competition by defeating the team from Penn State University School of Law in the final round.



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Hamann, '58, Addresses December Graduates

Deryl Hamann, '58, addressed the Class of 2016 graduates and their guests at the winter commencement ceremonies held at the College in the auditorium that bears his name on Friday, December 18.

A member of Nebraska Law's class of 1958, Hamann served as associate editor of the Nebraska Law Review and is a member of the Order of the Coif. Prior to joining Baird Holm in Omaha, Neb., Deryl served as law clerk to the Honorable Robert Van Pelt, United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. Hamann is also a trustee and past president of the Nebraska State Bar Association;

former chairman of the board of trustees at Bellevue University; a director of the University of Nebraska Foundation and chairman of its Investment Committee; and, also, former chairman of the Bethphage Foundation. In 2011, he was designated Corporate Lawyer of the Year in Omaha by Best Lawyers in America.





Curtiss, '72, Visits Entrepreneurship Clinic, Shares Corporate Governance Experiences

By Loguen Blazek, '16

Students interested in business or corporate law had the opportunity to meet with an individual with lots of experience in the area. Jeff Curtiss, '72, who currently serves on the board of KBR, Inc., an American engineering, procurement and construction company, visited the College of Law to discuss corporate governance with two faculty members and 12 students, many of whom were part of the Law College's Entrepreneurship Clinic. This intimate atmosphere allowed students to engage in a relaxed and conversational question and answer session with Curtiss. Throughout the discussion, Curtiss was very candid, giving students a realistic and useful understanding of the issues that can arise with corporate law.

Curtiss provided the group with his corporate governance takeaways,



After discussing his corporate governance and law takeaways and tips for students, Curtiss walked students through copies of KBR, Inc.'s board's Corporate Governance Committee and Audit Committee charters to help give students more particularized real-world

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which emphasized the risks involved in becoming a board member of a publically owned company. Curtiss stated, “Developing a board that can meaningfully contribute to the success of a public company is an art – different circumstances require different skills, thought processes and experiences.” Curtiss wanted the students to understand that audit committees are very busy charged, as they are, with fulfilling the responsibilities set forth in a charter. He emphasized, “When bad things happen, such as a financial restatement/material deficiency in internal controls, audit committees play a critical role in analyzing what went wrong and overseeing corrective action.”

examples. There are lots of difficult tasks involved in being on a corporate board. According to Curtiss, “One of the most difficult tasks is trying to decide what skill levels you need on a board, and what you can use instead from third parties.” KBR, Inc. recently had four directors leave and has elected four new directors (out of a total of nine). This allowed Curtiss to describe how such a process works and how the major committees interact in dealing with circumstances such as these. Overall, Curtiss's real life experience and discussion of KBR's various committee charters helped give students a more in-depth look into the world of corporate governance.

Pittman, '92, Promoted to Head of Chambers for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia



Thomas Wayde Pittman, '92, has been named the head of Chambers for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). As head of Chambers, which is a directorate-level position within the United Nations, Pittman's primary responsibility is to serve as the principal legal adviser to the president and judges of the Chambers of the ICTY, providing guidance and direction on the most complex and sensitive of legal issues and taking responsibility for directly supervising such matters where necessary. He is also responsible for the management of Chambers and the supervision of Chambers staff, which currently numbers about 80 lawyers, and represents Chambers legal support within the ICTY as an institution.

"My law career can be divided into two successive and complementary paths," said Pittman. After graduating from the College of Law in 1992, he served the next 12 years in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps, becoming the chief circuit trial counsel for the largest of five worldwide judicial circuits. Ultimately, Pittman retired as a military judge in the European Judicial Circuit in 2004.

Upon this retirement, he specialized in international criminal law in an LL.M. program at Leiden University in The Netherlands. He then joined the United Nations in 2005 as a legal officer for the Chambers that he now heads. In 2006, Pittman was promoted to the position of senior legal officer and continued to serve in all aspects of Chambers' work until his recent appointment.

"I will always be grateful for the legal education I received at the College of Law," said Pittman. "It gave me the trial advocacy skills I needed to hit the ground running."

Pittman credits the experiences he had in trial advocacy and in the Civil Clinic with preparing him for a career that has been trial-based. "I tried and won a case through the Civil Clinic with Professor John Lenich appearing with me in the depositions and in court. I needed this early boost of self-confidence because only seven years later I would already have the experience of being lead counsel in over 100 trials by court-martial, the vast majority of these before military juries and handful of them qualifying as very high-profile."

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"Glenda Pierce was a great teacher of trial advocacy and sparked my interest in developing a talent I never knew I had. Rick Duncan and John Snowden taught me – in different ways – to be courageous and principled in wielding the sword of Lady Justice. Kevin Ruser ran the best Civil Clinic imaginable. I keep in touch with these professors and that, in itself, shows the lasting value of a legal education from Nebraska Law."

Pittman will be part of closure of the ICTY at the end of 2017 upon completion of the final two cases. "The ICTY has shown that international justice can lead to peace and reconciliation, as it has in the Western Balkans following armed conflict that spanned the years 1991 to 2001 and ranged from the initial shots fired in Slovenia to the final end of war in Macedonia, and all the adjudicated atrocities in between, especially in Bosnia," said Pittman. "It has been an honor to be a part of it."

Blakeman Article

Clete Blakeman, '91, was the head referee for Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7 in Santa Barbara, California. Blakeman, who has been an NFL referee for eight years, was chosen after grading out in the top tier of three after working 20 NFL games this season. He led the Super Bowl 50 crew of seven.

Blakeman started as a field judge and became a referee in 2010, eventually being selected as an alternate referee for Super Bowl XLVIII in 2014. In addition to his NFL responsibilities, Blakeman is a personal injury attorney with Carlson Burnett in Omaha.



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ALUMNOTES

1900s



J. Ray McCarl, 1903, was featured in the *From Days Gone By* column in the *McCook Gazette*. McCarl was the first comptroller general of the United States, serving from 1920 to 1935. He passed away in 1949.

1919s

Grace Ballard, 1914, was featured in the August 25, 2015, edition of *Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise*. Ballard, who began serving as Washington County attorney in 1918, was the first female county attorney in Nebraska. She served as president of her law school class and was active in the women's suffrage movement. When she died in 1939, she was serving her third term as Washington County attorney.



1930s

William Cowell, '38, former Nebraska district court judge, celebrated his 100th birthday in Pawnee City with a visit from Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Heavican, '75. He turned 100 on November 21, 2015.

1950s

Dick Moodie, '52, has merged his West Point practice with attorneys Dan Bracht and Wendy Ridder.

William Fillman, '53, of the Fillman Law Offices in York, was recognized as a Heritage Alumni of the Year by York College.



Duane Acklie, '55, chairman and former CEO of Crete Carriers, one of the largest privately-held trucking firms in the county, was featured in an article in *Nebraska Trucker Magazine*.



Charles Wright, '58, is the author of *Law at Little Big*

Horn published by Texas Tech University Press. The book details the conspiracy between President Grant and Generals Sherman and Sheridan to use the Army to attack and forcibly remove the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians from their treaty lands located north of the North Platte River and east of the Bighorn Mountains. Wright analyzes the legal backdrop of the Great Sioux War, asking the hard questions of how treaties were honored and how the U.S. government failed to abide by its sovereign word.



1960s

Herb Brugh, '63, has been appointed a director of Martina Minerals Corp.

William J. Panec, '65, was featured in an article in the October 9, 2015, [article in](#) *The Daily Record*. Shortly after



graduating from the Law College, Panec read a notice seeking applicants for a Jefferson County judgeship. As a law degree was not required to be a county judge, he decided to apply. When he was appointed at age 27, he became the youngest county judge in Nebraska. Later, as president of the County Judges Association, he helped pass an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution that required county judges to have law degrees. After five years on the bench, he resigned to go into private practice.

Kent Schroeder, '68, is serving as chairman of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for 2016. He is a partner with the Kearney law firm of Ross, Schroeder & George.

Barry Gerken, '69, was featured in a "How We Met" column in the *Omaha World-Herald*. The article describes how he met and eventually married his wife Mary. The couple celebrated their 40th anniversary in November 2015.

Stuart M. Hurwitz, '69, has been named to the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC), which provides an organized public forum for IRS officials and representatives of the public to discuss key tax administration issues. Hurwitz operates a tax law practice in San Diego, California.

William M Lamson Jr., '69, a founding partner of the Omaha law firm of Lamson, Dugan & Murray, was featured in an article in the September 3, 2015, edition of *The Daily Record*.

1970s

Cloyd Clark, '70, a retired Red Willow County judge, and his wife, Linda, were parade marshals at McCook's Heritage Days.



James Walters, '70, a senior partner at the Atlanta, Georgia, office of Fisher & Phillips, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *the Best Lawyers in America 2016*.



C. Scott Crabtree, '72, retired as a district court judge in the 17th Judicial District of Colorado on June 1, 2016. He was appointed in 2001.

James L. Foster, '72, retired as Lancaster County judge on January 31, 2016. Gov. Bob Kerrey appointed Judge Foster to the bench in 1983.

James Gallant, '72, has sold his Scribner law firm to Kendal Agee, '14, and William Minich, '14. Gallant will remain as counsel with the firm.

Craig Monson, '72, retired from the practice of law in December 2015. He practiced in Laurel for close to 40 years, where he also served as city attorney.

Dennis Bloom, '73, of Red Oak Greenhouses in Red Oak, Iowa, was featured in an article in the December 23, 2015, edition of the *Omaha World-Herald*.

Cam Sutton, '73, has been named state director for Iowa Senator Joni Ernst. He oversees offices in Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Davenport. Sutton had a long career in the insurance industry before retiring in 2010.

Steve Windrum, '73, has merged his practice with the Malcom & Nelson law firm to form Malcom, Nelson & Windrum with offices in Gothenburg and Cozad.

David A. Bush, '74, was memorialized through the David A. Bush Family Award for Study Abroad at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which was established by his family. The former Grand Island attorney and Hall County Judge passed away in 2014.

Paul Korsland, '74, retired as a District Court judge serving Gage and Jefferson counties. Korsland was appointed to the position in 1998. He previously served as Gage County Court judge. He has also been an attorney in Ravenna, Gage County city attorney and mayor of Beatrice. In 2008, he received the Nebraska Supreme Court's Outstanding Judge Award for Service to the Community.

Bill Reetz, '74, was part of a webinar put on by the North American Title Insurance Co. (NATIC), which provided tips about precautionary measures to detect fraud when

conducting real estate transactions. Reetz, of Seattle, Washington, handles transactional underwriting and claims in four Pacific Northwest states for NATIC.

Daniel Wintz, '75, has joined his wife in what is now the Omaha law firm of Badura & Wintz. His practice focuses on estate planning and estate and trust administration.

Gene Crump, '76, has completed his six-year term on the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights. He was chairman during his last year on the commission. Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler, '73, has appointed Crump to serve as a commissioner on the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission.

Scott Helvie, '76, has retired as Lancaster County chief deputy public defender after 39 years as a public defender, first in North Platte and, since 1981, in Lincoln.

Tim Shaw, '76, has retired as chief executive officer at Disability Rights Nebraska a position he held for more than 33 years.



Don Thompson, '76, retired on December 31, 2015. He has practiced with the firm of Bradley & Riley PC in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa since March, 1983. Don and his wife Mary will to continue

to live in the Iowa City area where he plans to remain active in many organizations including Orchestra Iowa and the Iowa City Jazz Festival—which he's booked for a number of years.

Brad Holtorf, '77, a partner with the Sidner Law Firm in Fremont, has been elected chair of the board of directors for Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska. He has served of the LFS board since 2011. Holtorf has also been named to the Fremont Area Community Foundation's board of directors to serve a three-year term.



Michael L. Offner, '78, posthumously received the George H. Turner Award from the Nebraska State Bar Association. The George H. Turner Award recognizes

a member of the bar demonstrating unusual effort in furthering public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice and confidence in the legal profession. Offner was a county judge in Nebraska Tenth Judicial District. He passed away in 2014.

John Colburn, '79, district judge for Nebraska's Third Judicial District, was presented with the 2015 Nebraska Supreme Court's Distinguished Judge for Improvement of the Judicial System Award during the annual Judicial Awards dinner on October 8. The award was presented to Judge Colburn for his many years of extensive involvement in judicial branch education. Recently, he has played a major role in implementing the major reforms to the adult criminal justice system mandated by LB 605.

Tim Engler, '79, has been elected president-elect designate of the Nebraska State Bar Association. He has also has been selected a charter member of the Nebraska Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators. Engler is an attorney with the Lincoln law firm of Rembolt Ludtke and concentrates his practice in commercial and business disputes, personal injury and mediation and arbitration services.

1980s

Jim Harris, '80, the writer behind the musical *Civil War Voices*, saw his play return to Lincoln for eight performances at the Haymarket Theater in February. The play interweaves the true accounts of five people who lived through the Civil War. Harris handles workers' compensation and personal injury cases at his firm, Harris Law Offices.

Tom Maul, '80, was elected president of the Nebraska State Bar Association at the NSBA's annual meeting in October 2015. Maul is a solo practitioner in Columbus, working in the areas of real estate, probate, estate planning and guardianship/conservatorship.

William Mueller, '80, senior partner with the Lincoln-based lobbying and government relations firm Mueller Robak, was named by University of Nebraska President Hank Bounds to the UNL Chancellor Search Advisory Committee.



Max Kelch, '81, has been appointed to the Nebraska Supreme Court by Gov. Pete Ricketts. For 18 years, Kelch was Otoe County attorney in Nebraska City. He then served as a Sarpy County judge and, since 2007, as district judge in Sarpy, Cass and Otoe counties.

James R. Mowbray, '81, received the Award of Special Merit from the Nebraska State Bar Association. The Award of Special Merit recognizes an individual or organization for services advancing the legal profession, the administration of justice and the public interest. Mowbray recently retired as chief counsel for the Nebraska Commission for Public Advocacy.

David Sutter, '81, of Midland, Texas, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Association. He is with Pioneer Natural Resources USA.

Tom Keefe, '83 has retired as an attorney for the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Student Legal Services.



Frankie Moore, '83, chief judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals, was presented with the 2015 Nebraska Supreme Court's Distinguished Judge for Service to the Community Award during the annual Judicial Awards dinner on October 8. Judge Moore is the chair of the Supreme Court's Committee on Self-

Represented Litigation and has played a major role in the Court of Appeals' "College Campus Initiative."

Mark Christensen, '84, has been selected a charter member of the Nebraska Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators. Christensen is with the Cline Williams law firm in Lincoln.

Patty Pansing Brooks, '84, a Nebraska state senator, was named by the *Lincoln Journal Star* to the Inspire Advisory Board. Inspire celebrates women's leadership.

Jane E. Gracier, '85, is with Zoetis, Inc. in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Zoetis is a global animal health company.

John Marsh, '85, has been appointed a judge for Nebraska's Ninth Judicial district covering Buffalo and Hall counties by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Marsh was a partner

at the Kearney law firm of Knapp, Fengmeyer, Aschwege, Besse & Marsh. He has served as deputy Lincoln County attorney, Dawson County attorney and deputy and acting Buffalo County public defender.

Robert Shively, '85, has been selected a charter member of the Nebraska Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators and is serving on NAMA's executive committee. Shively is with Shively & Lannin in Lincoln.

R.J. (Randy) Stevenson, '85, a partner at Baird Holm in Omaha, has been elected a Fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Rocky Weber, '85, has been named president and general counsel of the Nebraska Cooperative Council. He previously was with the Crosby Guenzel law firm. The Nebraska Cooperative Council is the state's major trade association representing agricultural cooperatives.

Amy Peck, '87, a principal in the Omaha office of Jackson Lewis, has been re-elected to the American immigration Lawyers Association's board of governors.



Susan J. Spahn, '89, has joined Endacott, Peetz & Timmer as a shareholder and officer. She heads up the firm's Omaha office. Spahn has 25 years of experience in

all aspects of estates and trusts.

Thomas E. Zimmerman, '89, was appointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts to the Third Judicial County Court, which consists of Lancaster County. Zimmerman, who has spent 25 years in private practice, was a partner at Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman



1990s

Linda R. Crump, '90, was presented with the NSBA Diversity Award by the Nebraska State Bar Association. The award recognizes outstanding efforts made by firms, organizations or individual attorneys in promoting

diversity in the legal profession in the State of Nebraska. For many years, Crump was the assistant to the chancellor for equity, access and diversity programs at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.



Stephanie Stacy, '91, was appointed to the Nebraska Supreme Court by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Previously she was a Lancaster County district judge.

Scott S. Moore, '92, a partner with Baird Holm in Omaha, has been named council chair, labor relations and board member for the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Kathleen M. Neary, '92, was presented with the Outstanding Contributor to Women in Law Award by the Nebraska State Bar Association. The award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of an individual who has contributed to the active integration and participation of women in the Nebraska system of justice as attorneys, judges and scholars. Neary is with Vincent M. Powers and Associates in Lincoln.

Thomas Wayde Pittman, '92, has been promoted to the position of head of Chambers for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Mark Spiers, '92, has been named president of the NBC Trust Company in Lincoln.

Mark Brasee, '94, of Fraser Stryker, has been named chairman emeritus of the 2016 Goodwill Industries board of trustees.



Patrick Sullivan, '94, of Adams & Sullivan in Papillion, has been named to the board of

directors of the Midlands Community Foundation.

Darla S. Ideus, '95, was appointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts as a county



judge for Nebraska's Third Judicial Circuit, which consists of Lancaster County. Ideus was a partner with Baylor, Evans, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt.

Matt McNair, '95, has been named by Ohio State University as vice president charged with overseeing the new Office of Economic and Corporate Engagement. The office's job is to coordinate and simplify research efforts to get research and inventions out to the marketplace. He was formerly fundraising chief for OSU's College of Engineering. Previously he was vice president for development of the University of Nebraska Foundation and chief deputy Nebraska attorney general.

Stacie Neussendorfer, '95, a financial planner in the Omaha office of Westwood Trust, attained the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP) designation from the Richard D. Irwin Graduate School of the American College in Brn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Michaelle Baumert, '96, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock. She concentrates her practice on employment law, class actions, franchise vicarious liability and labor law.

Robert Daisley, '96, has joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a realty specialist.



Karen Haase, '96, spoke to students on "Digital Citizenship" at the Hartington–Newcastle school gym.


Amy Miller, '96, legal director for ACLU Nebraska, was named the 2015 Peacemaker of

the Year by Nebraskans for Peace. She was also featured in a *Lincoln Life* column in the November 1, 2015, edition of the *Lincoln Journal Star*.



James Swanson, '96, married Renae Nesiba in a civil ceremony in Omaha on October 30, 2015. They had their marriage blessed on February 14, 2016, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. Swanson is a former Greeley County attorney.

Jone M. Bosworth, '97, has been hired as human services director for Eagle County, Colorado. She oversees Children, Family & Adult Services, Economic Services and Fiscal & Operations within Human Services. Bosworth is the founder and CEO of inCourage Leading, a management consulting and leadership development firm.

 **Fred B. Campbell, Jr.**, '97, has written "The First Amendment and the Internet: The Press Clause Protects the Internet Transmission of Mass Media Content from Common Carrier Regulation," 94 NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW 559. Campbell is an adjunct professor at the College of Law's Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law Program and is former chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission.

Robert A. Mooney, '97, has joined the Omaha office of Sodoro, Daly, Shoemaker & Selde. His primary area of practice is defending physicians and hospitals in professional negligence and administrative actions.

Christopher "Spike" Eickholt, '98, an attorney with the Brennan & Nielsen Law Offices in Lincoln, has been appointed government liaison for the ACLU of Nebraska.



Amber Herrick, '98, has joined the Lincoln office of Endacott, Peetz & Timmer where she practices in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration, guardianships and civil litigation.

2000s

Pamela Bourne, '84, a partner with Woods & Aitken, was named by the *Lincoln Journal Star* to the Inspire Advisory Board. Inspire celebrates women's leadership.



Stephanie R. Hansen, '00, was appointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts

to the Fourth Judicial County Court, which consists of Douglas County. She worked for the Sarpy County Attorney's Office for 15 years.

Scott Vogt, '01, has been named president and chief executive officer of CBSHOME Real Estate in Omaha. He joined the firm in 2014.

Julie Karavas, '02, has joined the Boulder, Colorado, office of what is now Jung, Karavas & Kranz as a shareholder and partner. Karavas specializes in estate, succession planning and probate cases in Colorado and Nebraska.

Stephanie R. Taylor, '02, has joined the Nashville, Tennessee, office of Stites & Harbison as a partner. She is a leader of the firm's new entertainment law practice. Besides her legal career, Taylor is a classically-trained violinist and a professional country/bluegrass fiddle player.

Molly Brummond, '03, has been named a 2016 Early Achiever by the Nebraska Alumni Association. Brummond is assistant dean for student and alumni relations and annual giving at Nebraska Law. She also chairs the board of directors for the Food Bank of Lincoln and Southeast Nebraska, volunteers at CEDARS Youth Services and is a board member for Kidszone.



Chad W. Swantz, '03, has joined founder Sean Patrick Suiter as a co-owner of the Omaha intellectual property law Suiter Swantz.

Scot M. Ringenberg, '03, has joined founder Sean Patrick Suiter as a co-owner of the Omaha intellectual property law Suiter Swantz.

Heather Anschutz, '04, was elected vice president and associate general counsel = group division of Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. She joined Ameritas in 2013.

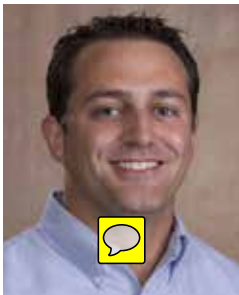


Rick Grady, '04, has been named a partner in the law firm of Vorys,

Sater, Seymour & Pease. He is a construction lawyer in the firm's Columbus, Ohio, office.

Jon Rehm, '04, has become a shareholder in the firm of Rehm, Bennett & Moore. He specializes in workers' compensation, employment and personal injury law in the firm's Lincoln office. He also serves as a commissioner for the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights.

John Cunningham, '05, has been hired by Syracuse University as deputy athletic director for administration. He previously was senior associate director of external relations and executive director for NCAA compliance at Boise State University and compliance director at both Texas Christian University and the University of Maryland.



Scott Farnen, '05, was elected second vice president = corporate compliance of Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. He joined Ameritas in 2008.

Keith Kollasch, '05, has been named Nemaha County public defender. Kollasch has practiced criminal law in Auburn since 2008.

John Levy, '05, has been named the Omaha Community Foundation's director of donor philanthropy. His duties include providing support and expertise to the William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation, a supporting organization of the OCF.



John L. Selzer, '05, a shareholder with the Simmons Olsen Law firm in Scottsbluff, was honored as the 2015 Rising Star by the Scottsbluff/ Gering United Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel Dawes, '06, executive director of government affairs and health policy at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, has



written a book, *150 Years of Obamacare*, published by the John Hopkins University Press. His son, Marc Daniel Evan Dawes, was born on March 21, 2016, weighing 8.1 pounds.



Andrea Miller, '06, and her husband, Travis, were the recipients of the University of the Nebraska at Kearney Young Alumni Award. They received the award during UNK's homecoming festivities. Miller is a partner practicing family law and general civil litigation at Simmons Olson Law Firm in Bayard. She

has served as a board member and president of the UNK Alumni Association and as a member of the board of directors of the Nebraska Humanities Council.

Jordan W. Adam, '07, has become a shareholder in the Omaha law firm of Fraser Stryker. Adam joined Fraser Stryker in 2010. His practice focuses primarily on litigation.



Andrea Hiatt Buckley, '07, has been named vice chair of the board of directors for the Siouxland Community Health Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Buckley has served on the board since 2013 and has been a staff attorney with Iowa Legal Aid since 2009.

B.J. Malcom, '07, has merged his practice with Steve Windrum to form Malcom, Nelson & Windrum with offices in Gothenburg and Cozad.

Henry Wiedrich, '07, has been promoted to partner at the Omaha law firm Husch Blackwell. He is a member of the firm's food and agribusiness group and concentrates his practice in labor and employment issues.

Jason Cantone, '08, a research associate at the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C., is the co-author of "Whither Notice Pleading? Pleading Practice in the Days Before *Twombly*," 39 *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* 23.



Erin Ebeler, '08, has been named partner in the Lincoln firm of Woods & Aitken. She is a member

of the firm's litigation and labor and employment practice group.

Jessica Herrmann, '08, has been named director of legal and regulatory affairs for Nebraska Cattlemen.

Michael L. Moran, '08, has been named a partner at the Omaha law firm of Engles, Ketcham, Olson & Keith. He joined the firm in 2008 and concentrates his practice in insurance coverage and defense litigation.



Michelle Weber, '08, has opened the Lincoln lobbying and governmental relations firm of Zulkoski Weber. Weber has worked in Washington, D.C., for more than six years, most recently as a legislative assistant and counsel to Senator Deb Fischer.

Nate Fox, '09, married Katrina Johansen on October 2, 2015, at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Kearney. He owns and manages Fox Insurance Services in Oxford.



James A. Goddard, '09, program director for Nebraska Appleseed's Economic Justice & Health Care programs, and third-year Nebraska Law student Alex Lierz have authored *Education for Adults in*

Nebraska Corrections: Decreasing Recidivism and Investing in Our Workforce, which can be accessed at <https://neappleseed.org/blog/19940>.

2010s

Frederick Bartell, '10, has become a partner in the Norfolk law firm now practicing under the name Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple & Bartell.



Seth J. Fulton, '10, has been elected partner in the Lincoln law firm of Kinsey Rowe Becker & Kistler. He concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning and probate, juvenile law, immigration and naturalization, administrative law and corporate matters.

Cameron E. Guenzel, '10, has been promoted to partner at the Lincoln law firm of Johnson Flodman Guenzel & Widger. He practices in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice and commercial litigation.



Tara Paulson, '10, has been named a partner in the Lincoln law firm of Rembolt Ludtke where she is a member of the firm's employment and labor practice group.



Matthew A. Poulsen, '10, has joined founder Sean Patrick Suiter as a co-owner of the Omaha intellectual property law Suiter Swantz.

Coady H. Pruett, '10, has been

hired as an account executive at the Lincoln office of the INSPRO insurance agency.



Linsey A. Camplin, '11, has become a shareholder/partner in



the Lincoln law firm of McHenry, Haszard, Roth, Hupp, Burkholder & Blomberg. Her practice is concentrated in the areas of criminal law, juvenile law and trial work.

Amanda Hunter, '11, was appointed by Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper as a judge of the Custer County Court. She previously worked at the Colorado State Public Defender's Office in Salida.

Bergan E. Schumacher, '11, has joined the Kearney firm of Bruner Frank as an associate attorney. Her practice includes criminal defense, family law and personal injury.



Tom Venzor, '11, has been

appointed associate director for pro-life and family by the Nebraska Catholic Conference.

Corey J. Wasserburger, '11, [has been](#) promoted to partner at the Lincoln law firm of Johnson Floodman Guenzel & Widger. He practices in the areas of domestic relations, commercial litigation and mediation.

Christopher W. Peterson, '12, [has](#) joined the Lincoln law firm of Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl as an associate attorney focusing on business law, estate planning and litigation

Robbie Seybert, '12, [has been](#) named director of employment relations and personnel for Lincoln Public Schools.

Joe Neuhaus, '13, is the legislative aide to Senator Mark Kolterman, who represents Nebraska's 24th Legislative District in the Unicameral legislature.



David Voorman, '13, [has](#) joined the litigation section of the Lincoln law firm of O'Neill, Heinrich, Damkroger, Bergmeyer & Schultz.

Jeffrey White, '13, [has been](#) hired as an attorney for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Legal Services.

Kendal Agee, '14, and William Minich, '14, [have](#) purchased Gallant Law Office in Scribner from James Gallant, '72.

Caitlin C. Cedfeldt, '14, [has](#) joined Dvorak & Donovan Law Group in Omaha.



Drew T. Clark, '14, married Bethany Adel Tallman on June 27, 2015, on the Bayside Lawn of the Marriott Coronado Island Resort in Coronado, California. He is an attorney with NorthStar Financial Group in Omaha.

Kelsey Dawson, '14, [has](#) joined the Lincoln law firm of Kinsey Rowe Becker & Kistler as an associate attorney. Her areas of practice include administrative law, family law, personal injury and estate planning.



Martin Demoret, '14, [has](#) joined the Des Moines, Iowa, office of Faegre Baker Daniels as an associate attorney with the firm's business litigation team.



John Diamantis, '14, [has been](#) hired as an investment advisor representative at Omaha's Bonnett Wealth Management.

Elizabeth Henthorn, '14, [has](#) joined the Omaha law firm of Dornan, Lustgarten & Troia as an associate attorney. She focuses her practice in the areas of business and white collar criminal defense.

Benjamin Herbers, '14, [has](#) joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock as an associate attorney in the firm's finance group.



Andrew K. Joyce, '14, [has](#) joined the Lincoln law firm of Morrow, Poppe, Watermeier & Lonowski as an associate attorney.

Jason F. Keen, '14 LL.M., [has](#) "[Written](#) Conventional Military Force as a Response to Cyber Capabilities: On Sending Packets [And](#) Receiving Missiles," [73](#) *Air Force Law Review* [111](#). Major Keen is the chief of Cyber Special Programs Law, Headquarters 24th Air Force/Air Forces Cyber, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Taylor A. L'Heureux, '14, [has](#) joined the Holdrege law firm of DeWald Deaver as an associate attorney. Her primary practice areas include business and corporate law, municipal law, real estate transactions, estate planning and administration, civil litigation, criminal defense and juvenile law.

Halley Kruse, '14, **has** joined the Lincoln law firm of Rembolt Ludtke as an associate attorney.

Brennon Malcom, '14, **has** merged his practice with Steve Windrum to form Malcom, Nelson & Windrum with offices in Gothenburg and Cozad.

Will Minich, '14, and Kendal Agee, '14, **have** purchased Gallant Law Office in Scribner from James Gallant, '72.

Andrew Rasmussen, '14, **has** joined Waggoner Law Office in Lincoln as an associate attorney.



Joel R. Rische, '14, **has** joined the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, law firm of Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith as an associate attorney. He works in the areas of complex and commercial litigation and insurance litigation.

Nick Batter, '15, **has** joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock as an associate attorney in the firm's litigation department. He devotes his practice to employment and construction matters.

Bergan Carr, '15, married Daniel Schumacher on October 3, 2015, at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Kearney. She is with the Bruner Frank law firm in Kearney.

Lilly A. Carr, '15, **has** joined Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln as an associate attorney. Her practice focuses on litigation and labor and employment matters.



Ciara J. Coleman, '15, **has** joined the Lincoln office of the Barry Law Firm as an associate attorney. She works in the firm's veterans' benefits section.



Jennifer Dannehl, '15, **has** joined Endacott Peetz & Timmer as an associate attorney. She concentrates her practice on estate and trust

planning and administration, business succession planning, real estate and agricultural law.



Katie S. Dean, '15, **has** joined the Sidney law firm of Sonntag, Goodwin & Leaf as an associate attorney.

Paul D. Donahue, '15, **has** joined the Knudsen Law Firm in Lincoln as an associate attorney. He concentrates his practice in the areas of workers' compensation and employment law.

Morgan Eskra, '15, **has** joined Beckner Law Office in Osceola. She has a special interest in family law and criminal defense.



Shay Garvin, '15, **has** joined Scudder Law Firm in Lincoln as an associate attorney. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, securities reporting and compliance, securities offerings, business formation and corporate financing.



Caitlin Gustafson, '15, **has** joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock as an associate attorney in the firm's corporate group.

Neil Hassler, '15, **has** joined the Omaha law firm Fraser Stryker as an associate attorney. He focuses his practice on business and corporate law and provides services to the firm's clients in estate planning, taxation, real estate transactions, employee benefits & ERISA and non-profit and charitable organizations.



Jed Herblan, '15, **has** joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock as an associate attorney in the firm's public finance department.



Jordan Holst, '15, [has](#) joined the Omaha law firm of Ellick, Jones, Buelt, Blazek & Longo as an associate attorney. Holst is a general practitioner representing individuals and families in the areas of estate and trust planning, probate, real estate and minor criminal law.

Logan Hoyt, '15, [has](#) joined the law offices of Tom Donnor in West Point.

Katie A. Joseph, '15, [has](#) joined Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln as an associate attorney. Her practice focuses on employment benefits and labor and employment matters.



Charles F. Kaplan, '15, [has](#) joined the Lincoln law firm of Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford as an associate attorney.

Sarah Kniep, '15, [has](#) joined the Lincoln law firm of O'Neill, Heinrich, Damkroger, Bergmeyer & Shultz as an associate attorney.



Sarah K. Maresh, '15, [has](#) joined the Omaha law firm of McGrath North as an associate attorney in the firm's environmental and real estate group.

Nick Meier, '15, [has](#) joined the Omaha law firm of Vandenack Williams. He works in the firm's tax and trusts and estate planning practice areas.



Brian Moore, '15, [has](#) joined the Omaha office of Larson, Kur, Wenninghoff & Carney as an associate attorney. His primary area of practice is workers' compensation.

Preston J. Peterson, '15, [has](#) joined the Kearney law firm of Bruner Frank as an associate attorney. His practice primarily focuses on agriculture and small business issues, family law, personal injury and criminal defense.



Hannah Putz, '15, is a legislative and contract consultant at Ameritas Life.

Samantha Ritter, '15, [has](#) joined the Omaha office of Baird Holm as an associate attorney. Her practice focuses on business and corporate transactions.

Michael D. Sands, '15, [has](#) joined the Lincoln law firm of Baylor Evnen Curtiss Gruit & Witt as an associate attorney in the firm's litigation and workers' compensation practice groups.

Jill Stigge, '15, [has](#) joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock as an associate attorney in the firm's real estate group.



Audrey R. Svane, '15, [has](#) joined the Lincoln office of Woods & Aitken as an associate attorney. She is a member of the firm's litigation group, focusing her practice on the areas of construction law, personal injury and products liability claims and commercial litigation.



Jacob Tewes, '15, [has](#) joined the Yankton, South Dakota, firm of Johnson, Miner, Marlow, Woodward & Huff. He also maintains an active online persona as *The Flying Lawyer*.

Lindsey Wylie, '15, [has written](#) "Predicting Outcomes in Investment Treaty Arbitration," [65](#) *Duke Law Journal* [459](#), with Susan Franck, a professor of law at Washington & Lee University School of Law and a former faculty member at the College of Law.

In Memoriam

1940s

Jack R. Knicely, '48, passed away at the Sidney Regional Medical Center on October 20, 2015, at the age of 94. During World War II, Knicely was a co-pilot serving in the China-Burma-India theater. He practiced law in Sidney, originally as a partner with R.P. Kepler. He also served as Cheyenne County attorney for four years. He was a member of the Air Force Reserves, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Dale Te Kolste, '48, died on February 13, 2016, from pneumonia at the age of 95. Before law school, Te Kolste served in in Army In Europe during World War II reaching the rank of captain. He worked for Northern Natural Gas, which later became Inter-North, working his way up to the position of chief financial officer. He retired in 1982. He was co-founder of the nonprofit Omaha Community Foundation and served as a trustee to the University of Nebraska Foundation. Te Kolste played a major role in helping Omaha Public School implement its integration plan in the 1970s by leading a court-ordered citizens committee to help provide an orderly transition to busing.

1950s

Robert A. Wenke, '50, died on August 14, 2015, at his Long Beach, California, home from complications of pancreatic cancer. He was 88 years old. Wenke served in the Navy during World War II. In 1950, he moved to Long Beach where he practiced law until he was appointed to the bench – first in the Long Beach Municipal Court and then in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He retired in 1986 but continued to work as an arbitrator and mediator. In 1975, Wenke presided over a high-profile examination of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy to determine whether it was possible that a second gunman had been involved in the assassination. Wenke served two terms as director of the American Judicature Society and two terms as director of the National Center for State Courts.

Calvin L. Coulter, '52, of Bridgport, died on August 13, 2015, at the Merrill County Community Hospital. He was 85 years old. Coulter farmed and ranched in the Redington community, building a distinguished herd or registered Hereford cattle. He devoted much of his life to the beef industry. In 1986, he received the Panhandle Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award.

Charlie (Bill) Raymond, '52, passed away at this home

in Lincoln on September 8, 2015. He was 87 years old. Raymond served in the Navy during World War II. He practiced law in Nebraska and Colorado for over 50 years and built a farm and ranch operation in Nebraska and Montana.

William Henry Hein, Jr., '55, of Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away on March 1, 2015 at the age of 85. Hein served his country in the Korean War as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, earning a Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars and a United Nations Service Medal. After his service, he returned to Lincoln and earned his law degree. During his career, Bill worked for Bancroft-Whitney Law Publishers, as a staff lawyer for the Los Angeles City Unified School District, and in-house counsel and senior manager at South West Regional Laboratories. Hein also taught school law at Pepperdine University.

Paul David Dunlap, '56, died on February 17, 2016, at the age of 85. Prior to law school, Dunlap served as a lieutenant on the USS Wisconsin during the Korean War. In 1961, he bought Houghton State Bank in Red Oak, Iowa. In 1964, Dunlap incorporated and became president of Hawkeye Bancorporation.

1960s

Alan Arthur Grove, '60, died from complications of a stroke on December 26, 2015, at the age of 83. Grove had a 37 year career as an attorney in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For 25 years, he was general counsel and corporate secretary for North American Life and Casualty Company, later Allianz Life. After his retirement, he lived in Tucson, Arizona, and La Jolla, California.

Harlan D. Hubka, '60, passed away on September 4, 2015, at the age of 80. He practiced law in Beatrice for over 50 years, most recently with the firm of Hubka & Hubka.

Merritt Elmo James II, '64, passed away on November 17, 2015, at the Bryan Medical Center East in Lincoln. He was 76 years old. James had his own law firm in Lincoln.

Norman F. Langemach, '68, died on October 6, 2015, 18 months after being diagnosed with two rare blood cancers. He was 74 years old. Langemach joined the Lincoln City Attorney's Office in 1968, eventually being named chief city prosecutor. He retired after 30 years in 1998, He then entered private practice concentrating on criminal defense and juvenile and family law, sharing

an office in the Bartle & Geier law firm. In 2014, he was appointed by Gov. Dave Heineman to serve on the Nebraska Children's Commission. He also served as president of the Lincoln City Libraries board.

William Marshall III, '69, passed away on January 30, 2016, at his Grand Island [Home](#) after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 71 years old. Marshall was chairman of Five Points Bank. He was a member of the Nebraska Fair Board and played a key role in bringing the fair to Grand Island. Marshall served as president of the Nebraska Bankers Association and as a member of the Nebraska State Board of Education. In 2013, he was named *The Grand Island Independent's* Man of the Year. In 2015, he was inducted into Grand Island Senior High School's Hall of Honor.

2016, in Lincoln at the age of 80. For 20 years, Kaufman served as a judge for the Dawson County court. He retired in 1999 and moved to Pleasant Dale. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1952-1956. From 1956 until 1976, he was associated with the Nebraska Book Company as department manager, corporation pilot and store manager. After his graduation from the Law College, he worked for two years at the Lexington law firm of Smith & Smith. Kaufman was actively engaged in aviation all of his life.

Timothy Scott Smith, '76, died on February 25, 2015, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha of acute myeloid leukemia. He was 64 years old. Smith had a private practice in Superior. In 1979, he took office as Nuckolls County attorney and served in that capacity for 36 years before retiring shortly before his death.

Virginia Chain Schmid, who, with her late husband [Marvin](#), '35, was a major benefactor of the College of Law, died on October 23, 1915, in Omaha at the age of 97. The Law College library is named the Marvin and Virginia Schmid Law Library, and the library's reading room — the M. Brian Schmid reading room — is named after their son Brian, who died of pancreatic cancer when he was 43. Virginia, in a 2011 article for the University of Nebraska Foundation, remarked that naming the reading room for Brian, who loved to fly, seemed appropriate. "We thought the law students would use it a lot. It's very quiet. Those big windows look out on open space — blue sky and a pleasant view." In addition to their support of the law library, the Schmidts gave a generous gift to support the College's new clinic addition and funded two Nebraska Law scholarships, one of which supports second- and third-year students who had not received scholarships initially, but then outperformed their predictors. Former Law College Dean Susan Poser recalled upon her death, "She was a lovely, generous and intelligent woman."

1970s

Roy Earl Mehmken, '70, of Waverly, died on April 1, 2016, in Lincoln after a battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 70 years old. Mehmken worked at the Nebraska Department of Insurance and as a legislative bill drafter. He later practiced law as a solo practitioner.

Richard Francis Koch, '71, passed away on March 10, 2016, at the age of 70. He was the founding member of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, law firm of Koch & Garvis.

Jerry Jerome McDole, '72, died on March 16, 2016, at the Webster County Community Hospital in Red Cloud. He was 72 years old. He practiced law in Red Cloud for his entire career. He served as Webster County attorney from 1973 to 1983 and again from 2001 to 2012, making him the longest-serving county attorney in the history of Webster County.

William M. Tinstman, '74, and his wife Norma died in a car accident in Arizona. He was 66 years old. He was a partner in the Omaha law firm of Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan from 1974-2005.

Lloyd G. Kaufman, '76, passed away on February 9,

M. Lee Flynn, '78, passed away August 13, 2015, after a two-year battle with small intestine cancer. She was 69 years old. For 28 years, Flynn managed the Lancaster County Pre-trial Diversion Office.

1980s

Daniel W. Evans, '83, passed away on March 8, 2016, in Gilbert, Arizona. He was 60 years old. He served as judicial clerk to Judge Thomas Shanahan of the Nebraska Supreme Court and then practiced at a number of Omaha law firms. In 1998, he opened the Evans Law Firm in Gilbert. He specialized in Native American law.

Kitrina Joy Wright, '89, passed away on February 23, 2016 at the age of 53. She was a member of the Ethics and Practice & Procedures Committee of the South Carolina Bar.

1990s

Kathleen Marie Dungan, '93, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away on February 20, 2016, at the age of 55. Her career was devoted to providing public service to underprivileged and vulnerable clients. She worked in a number of roles in state government in New Mexico and Tennessee, helping benefit recipients.

Annual Report on Giving



We are grateful for the approximately 2,200+ hours ~~that~~ these individuals gave the College between January 1 and December 31, 2015.


Each spring, [THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT](#) recognizes alumni and friends who have made given their time to the College of Law during the previous year. This Annual Volunteer Report recognizes the time given to the College between January 1 and December 31, 2015. We are pleased to report that more than 2,200 volunteer hours were given to the College and its students in 2015. This is an increase of approximately 300 hours from the previous year. The time and talent that our alumni and friends give make a tremendous impact on the student experience and education. Thank you for your commitment to the College of Law.

Considerable care has gone into the preparation of this report. Each friend's time is valued and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the Annual Volunteer Report. Please bring any errors or omissions to the attention of Molly Brummond at 402-472-8375 or molly.brummond@unl.edu.

For this publication, we have honored individual requests from donors as to how they wish their names to appear on annual reports. If you would like your name to prefer in way different from how it appears in this report, please contact Denise Donovan at 1-800-432-3216 or denise.donovan@nufoundation.org.

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August 2016

August 4

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August 17-19

New Student Orientation

August 22

1st Day of Class

September 2016

September

On-Campus Interviews begin

September 1

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September 16-17

Alumni Reunion Weekend

- Tours – 2:00 p.m.
- No Cost CLE – 3:00 p.m.
- All-Class Cocktail Reception – 4:15 p.m.
- Honor Class Dinners – 6:30 p.m.

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