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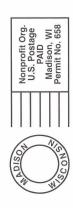
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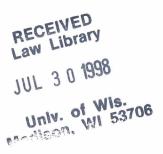


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Cover Photo: Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson (SJD, '62) speaks at the dedication of the new and improved University of Wisconsin Law School building, April 1997.

# Meet the Law School's New Dean: Kenneth B. Davis, Jr.

enneth B. Davis, Jr., who was named Dean of the UW Law School in December by Chancellor David Ward, brings to his new post a background in both legal practice and legal education. Davis, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1947, attended the University of Michigan as an undergraduate and earned his J.D. degree at the Case Western Reserve Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Case Western Reserve Law Review and ranked first in his class throughout all three years.

After his law school graduation in 1974, he worked for one year as clerk for Chief Judge Richard H. Chambers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in San Francisco. His next career move took him to the East Coast, where he was an attorney with the firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. for three years.

In 1978, Davis came to Madison to join the UW Law faculty. He thus is celebrating twenty years this year (1998) as a member of the UW Law Community. During these years, in recognition of his excellence in teaching, he has won both the University's and the Law School's Distinguished Teaching Awards. His specialties in teaching include Business Organizations and Securities Regulation.

In 1996, Davis was named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and continued to serve in this capacity when he was also chosen Interim



Dean upon the resignation of former Dean Daniel O. Bernstine in July 1997. Also in 1997, Davis was named James E. & Ruth B. Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law. Three times during his career at UW he has served as a visiting professor at other law schools: at U.C.L.A., the University of Pennsylvania, and Case Western Reserve. He is a co-founder of the UW Law School's popular Summer Program in United States Law and Legal Institutions (an annual five-week program for foreign lawyers, for which he has been a faculty member since 1983). In other community-oriented service, he has been a speaker at various continuing legal education programs in the areas of corporate and securities law.

During his tenure on the Law School faculty, Davis has been an active participant in work on several committees of the American Bar Association's Section of Business Law: the Corporate Laws Committee (serving as Chair of the Task Force on Interested Director Transactions); Federal Regulation of Securities Committee; Legal Education Committee; and U.C.C. Committee's Subcommittee on Investment Securities. In the Wisconsin Law School tradition, he has also made significant contributions to the state's legal system. As coreporter of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Corporate and Business Law Committee from 1985 to 1996, he helped draft the complete revision of the Wisconsin Business

Corporation Law, enacted in April 1990. In June 1990, he received the President's Award of Excellence from the State Bar of Wisconsin.

In addition to his book Wisconsin Business Corporation Law (co-authored with Berry, DeGuire and Williams), Dean Davis has published numerous articles of legal scholarship, the most recent being "Corporate Opportunity and Comparative Advantage," forthcoming in the Iowa Law Review.

Davis and his wife Lindy, a Madison native, have three schoolaged children — Peter, Mimi and Tripp. In his spare time, Davis says, he enjoys "reading, golf and tennis, only one of which I can do at all well."

# A Conversation With Dean Kenneth B. Davis, Jr.

- Q. After 20 years on the faculty, what led you to consider becoming Dean of the Law School?
- A. I really saw this as a critical time in the life of the Law School. The building was completed, and that had been the focus of our attention for several years. We found ourselves both free-and challenged—to think seriously about our direction over the next couple of decades. We were free to address the issues of programs and curriculum which had crept up over the last few years, and which had been put on hold pending completion of the building.
- Q. As a professor who has repeatedly earned awards for excellence in teaching, do you feel that you miss being in the classroom?
- **A.** That's an easy one: I do miss teaching a lot. I don't think there's anything I've done in my life that matches it in the immediacy of the feedback. The feelings you get when you teach a good class, or lead students to see things in a new light, or to master new skills are exceedingly gratifying—you can see it on their faces. But being Dean of a major Law School involves a significant component of travel and external relations, and having had a mixed schedule of teaching and traveling while I was Interim Dean, I know that the rescheduling burdens on the students made it practically unworkable. One thing I won't miss, though, is the time and effort I spent on grading exams!

- Q. Were you surprised by the work of the Dean once you took over the reins?
- A. I knew it would be a difficult and challenging job, and for that reason I talked a lot with my family before undertaking it. What I found was that the good parts of the job are much more rewarding than I had expected, while the bad parts were no worse than I thought they would be.
- Q. And what are those "good parts"?
- **A.** A favorite part of the job for me is getting out and seeing alumni-many of whom are my former students whom I haven't been able to see for the last few years. I am really impressed by the extent of the warm feelings that our graduates everywhere have about their experience at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and the pride they feel in this institution, and their sense of it as playing a special role in U.S. legal education.
- Q. And the "bad parts"?
- A. Well, as Dean, I'm dealing with a community of roughly 1,000 people when you count the students, faculty, staff - all of whom regard the Dean as something of a "court of last resort" for their concerns and grievances. As a practical matter, given the limits on our resources, it means that I'm often in the position of having to say no to a variety of worthy projects and proposals.

- Q. Obviously, one of the biggest challenges today in education generally and legal education specifically is limited funding. What is the situation that you find here in Wisconsin?
- **A.** As demonstrated by the popular ranking of law schools, we always excel in terms of our reputation within the legal community, but that is offset by the fact that we score quite poorly in available resources. I think the building project, in which we were required to match the state's contribution of \$10 million with \$6.5 million of private funds, may well be representative of what we can expect in the future. Right now, state funds represent only about 60% of our overall budget, and I don't think we can realistically expect that to grow. That means that if we are to maintain our stature as a truly national law school, we're going to have to be more aggressive in exploring additional sources of funding, including enhanced alumni giving.
- Q. Deans sometime have the reputation of saying that every problem is attributable to not having enough money. Are resources really the issue here?
- A. Like so much else in the world, including the legal profession over the last few years, we see increased competition for the best faculty and for the best students. Typically, the resources of the schools that we're competing against give them a competitive edge, in terms of higher faculty salaries, increased support for research, and more student scholarships. I regularly hear stories

about other schools—and we're not just talking about Ivy League schools—that are offering substantially in excess of what we can offer. Right now, our junior faculty is as strong, energetic and talented as at any point in the life of this School, and not surprisingly, these people are increasingly attracting attention and offers from other schools, so retention of them is going to be a major challenge in the years ahead.

As for students, historically the University of Wisconsin Law School has been able to attract the best and brightest students in the state, as well as significant numbers from outside the state. With the decline of law school applications nationally, we're seeing more competition for good students. We're hearing about Wisconsin residents who might have readily chosen Wisconsin a few years ago, both for the quality education and the relatively low tuition, who are now getting all-expense-paid scholarships to a private school out-of-state. Without being able to make some kind of a matching award, it's very difficult to attract those students, even though Wisconsin may have been their first choice.

- Q. One of the strengths of the University of Wisconsin Law School traditionally has been its diverse student body. With the changing legal climate, what is Wisconsin's approach in the area of diversity going to be?
- **A.** Through the hard work of many people on our faculty and staff, Wisconsin has developed a national reputation for its commitment to diversity, through programs such as the Hastie Fellowship, promoting the careers of minority lawyers who are interested in teaching, and through the Legal Educational Opportunities program for our J.D. students. I am deeply committed to maintaining our commitment to diversity in the years ahead. In fact, with both the Hastie and the LEO program now in their thirtieth year, we have a substantial number of prominent graduates of both those programs around the country, and these alumni can be a source of opportunity for our new graduates.
- Q. What are the opportunities for new graduates, and how do you see these opportunities changing in the years ahead?
- A. The overwhelming majority of our graduates go into private practice, and we have worked hard to expand our Career Services efforts. The number of firms from within the state and out-of-state has increased annually since 1990, and we continue to be the principal provider of lawyers to both large and small firms throughout the state.

- Q. Do you see the Law School's role as training people for professions other than the practice of law?
- **A.** Definitely. It's always been the case that a number of our graduates go into public service or governmental jobs. But the one thing that I hadn't fully appreciated before I became Dean and got to know more about our alumni is the significant number of our alumni who've gone on to prominent careers in the business world. They include CEO's of several major corporations, both within the state and nationally. As one who specializes in business and corporate law, I'm very excited about this, and think we should explore ways to recognize in our curriculum that we are training people for leadership roles in a variety of professions in addition to the practice of law.
- Q. What changes do you see coming for the Law School curriculum?
- **A.** As someone who has been on the faculty for twenty years, and also spent a year as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs before being appointed to the Deanship, I've thought a lot about the curriculum in general. My sense is that our First-Year programs work very well. They are resourceintensive, because we give each student a small-section experience that provides them with direct opportunities to exchange and debate ideas with a faculty member and their fellow students, as well as direct feedback on their writing and exam papers. I also

think that our advanced courses offer an exceedingly broad and rich variety of opportunities for our students, taught by recognized experts in specific areas of law. No law school faculty can staff the level of expertise necessary for teaching focused courses on the whole spectrum of problems that lawyers face, and we are thus extremely fortunate to have the services of so many practitioners who come to the Law School to share their expertise with our students. We also have a tremendous investment in clinical education, where students can get direct supervision in a variety of areas including criminal law, consumer law, labor law, judicial internships. In addition, we take great pride in the General Practice Program, which has become a national model in terms of giving students some confidence and experience in handling the day-to-day work of a private practice.

Where I think we have a problem—not in the quality of our offerings, but in their scheduling—is in the general secondyear or "bar" kind of course, such as Commercial Law, Family Law, Business Organizations Law. In virtually every other state, students' course selections are dictated by what will be on the bar exam. That has never been part of our experience. So I think one of the things we need to explore is what are the ways to standardize

our scheduling of some of the basic courses so that students have some guidance on what to take, and we need to sequence the courses on a regular basis so that students will be able to know when various courses will be offered.

Legal education has always been about teaching people to think analytically rather than to memorize a set of rules. Certainly with the current pace of technological change and globalization, that is now truer than ever. And you can see that in the makeup of law school faculties and legal scholarship. Today's leading legal scholarship is typically interdisciplinary—a tradition that Wisconsin has always had. Just as our legal scholars on the faculty can bring to the educational experience their expertise from other disciplines, we also need to add the skills and insights of people who have direct involvement with the practice of law. We've always been successful in including outside practitioners in our curriculum as instructors in the General Practice course, and we continue to explore new avenues to enhance our partnership with the profession, to give our students exposure to people with substantial experience and insights who can help them understand what they're likely to encounter in the practice of the law.

- Q. This is always a difficult question to ask, but what do you think the greatest weakness of the school has been?
- A. We haven't been active enough in telling people what we've been doing. We've made a lot of valuable contributions to the national body of legal scholarship, and to both the state of the law in general and to the Wisconsin legal system, that have practically gone unnoticed just because we didn't think to actively promote our role. As I mentioned earlier, I see legal education as a much more competitive environment today, and it is incumbent for us to try to get our story out there, so one of the things I'm going to be emphasizing in my deanship is a greater investment in publications, and in outreach to the state in terms of faculty speakers who can address various groups.

But on the whole, the Law School's strengths significantly exceed its weaknesses. One of the challenges for any Dean is not to let the immediate problems of the day obscure the "big picture." And when we look at the big picture, I think the Law School's future is quite exciting.

# Report of the Board of Visitors-April 25, 1997

he Board of Regents and the University Chancellor recently mandated that each School at the University engage in a strategic planning process designed to assure that the University's high standards of academic excellence continue into the new millennium. At the same time, the Law School is required to prepare a "self study" in connection with the ABA accreditation visit scheduled for the Spring of 1999. Preparation of the "self study" was expected to begin at a faculty retreat planned for next year. In the past, the faculty has had little material at their disposal to serve as a starting point for preparation of the "self study."

Both to meet the strategic planning requirements of the Chancellor and Board of Regents and to give the faculty a focal point for preparing their "self study" for the ABA, outgoing Dean Dan Bernstine directed the preparation of a Strategic Plan for the U.W. Law School, under the direction of Associate Dean Peter Carstensen. A draft of the Strategic Plan, vetted within the Law School, was available for review by the Visitors. The primary objective of the visit was to provide helpful comment and the Visitor's perspective on the strategic direction the Law School should be taking in the years ahead. Work on the Strategic Plan is expected to be a dynamic process with ongoing review and update of the plan over time.

## Structure of the Draft Strategic Plan

The draft Strategic Plan is entitled "A vision for the Future: Challenges, Goals and Initiatives for the UW Law School." It begins with a vision statement, followed by benchmarks for measuring the success of the Law School, a set of goals to be achieved and an action plan for achieving those goals and fulfilling the stated vision. Six challenges to achieving the goals are then identified, addressing issues of curriculum, scholarship, faculty/staff, students, relationships with alumni and other external constituents of the Law School and internal administration of the Law School. Specific initiatives to address those challenges are identified, with responsibility for each initiative assigned and the current status of each initiative noted. It was obvious to the visitors that significant thought and effort have gone into the draft Strategic Plan.

## Visitors Contribution to the Strategic Planning Process

A Strategic Plan should state a clear vision of what the University wants its Law School to be, clarify goals and objectives to accomplish that vision and then identify how to achieve those goals and objectives.

The Visitors believe that a short vision statement evidencing a passion to be the best is most appropriate. It was the overwhelming sentiment of the Visitors that the UW Law School should aspire to become *the* top public law school in the nation. Any "vision" less lofty, is unacceptable. Only by striving to be the best of the best can the Law School expect to

remain  $\alpha$  nationally recognized preeminent public law school. This is particularly true in light of fiscal and other constraints that have and will continue to make challenging the achievement of excellence at Wisconsin.

It is unfortunate that the most widely recognized and cited indicator of national Law School prominence is the U.S. News & World Report ("USN&WP") annual ranking of law schools. The Wisconsin Law School has consistently ranked among the top seven public law schools in terms of reputation/prestige both among legal scholars and the bench and bar. It ranked 18th and 20th in those categories in 1997, among all law schools. Yet it ranked only 38th overall in 1997, due primarily to its low rankings in faculty resources, i.e., money (ranked 61st). While not believed to be the best indicators of law school excellence, the USN&WP rankings cannot be ignored. The Visitors are of the view that the "benchmark" section of the Strategic Plan should emphasize the positive aspects of the USN&WP rankings and establish strategies and initiatives designed to improve the Law School's ranking in those categories where it has lagged. Specifically, strategies to increase both State funding and private donations should be addressed, the latter in recognition of the fact that the Law School is no longer a State supported institution (only 25% of all funding comes directly from the State) but a State assisted school.

The Visitors agree that other measures of quality are better indicators of excellence than the USN&WP rankings. In particular, feedback from the principal constituencies served by

the Law School is extremely important. Surveys and personal interviews of students, the bench and bar, prospective employers of new graduates and alumni can provide the necessary feedback and should be among the initiatives proposed in the Strategic Plan. Periodic self assessment by the Faculty is also critical to the maintenance of a quality and progressive curriculum worthy of national recognition. Other periodic law school rankings should also play a role in evaluating the quality of the UW Law School education. For example, in 1995, the National Jurist, ranked Wisconsin as the 7th best option among all law schools both public and private— for women law students.

The Visitors believe that among the goals of the Strategic Plan, should be a goal to better market the Law School to all of its constituencies. It is critical that the Law School continues to communicate effectively with its constituencies both as a check on the School's effectiveness and as a means of keeping each constituency knowledgeable concerning the achievements of the Law School and interested in continuing to support it. Thus, greater outreach efforts should be proposed with respect to current and recently graduated students, prospective employers of Wisconsin graduates and Alumni. Effective marketing of the Law School to prospective students and faculty is also critical to assure that (a) the most qualified students in Wisconsin and elsewhere choose to

attend Wisconsin and (b) a diverse and qualified faculty can be recruited and retained despite a level of "faculty resources" below what might be available at another school.

The Visitors applaud efforts to date to better integrate adjunct and clinical faculty into the Law School's activities and encourage the establishment of strategic goals to enhance such integration even further. One of the strengths of the Wisconsin curriculum that has set it apart from other law schools has been its clinical programs. The Law School should build upon that strength in the future.

Perhaps most important, the Law School's Strategic Plan must anticipate where the world and the law are going and develop goals and initiatives that will prepare its students to deal with that world and body of law. Are we really moving to a global economy and what effect will that have on the development of the law? To what extent will businesses in Wisconsin be players in the global economy? To what extent will changes in technology drive the practice of law in the future? What areas of the law will not be radically changed by changes in the world economy and technological advances? The Law School's International Law initiative and its longstanding criminal law programs seem designed to meet these challenges. Further analysis of these cutting edge issues and the development of goals and initiatives to deal with them must be part of the strategic planning process.

#### Conclusions

The draft Strategic Plan is a great start to the strategic planning process mandated by the Board of Regents and the University. The Visitors hope that our comments have been helpful to the process. We stand prepared to continue to assist in the process through our comments, review of drafts or otherwise. We hope that other constituencies of the Law School will do likewise as the development and maintenance of a world class law school at Madison will bring the State distinction and better prepare Wisconsin students to provide high quality legal service in a changing and ever more complex world.

This year, Wisconsin dedicated a wonderful new building that puts the Law School's physical facilities on at least a par with any law school in the nation. That new building is located in a City which provides unparalleled support to the University and offers a high quality of life to students and faculty. The Wisconsin Law School has a dedicated and nationally recognized faculty. This happy combination of circumstances should provide the Law School with additional impetus to develop a Strategic Plan that will propel Wisconsin Law School to the top.

James N. Roethe 1997 Chair Board of Visitors

he Association of American Law School announces that Prof. Jane E. Larson will chair its Remedies Sections and Prof. Peter C. Carstensen the Antitrust and Economic Regulation section.

Former Dean Daniel O. Bernstine is completing his first year as President of Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. Bernstine finds the pace at the 15,000-student school to be even faster than at the Law School during construction!

Prof. R. Alta Charo has received a 1998 Romnes Award. These University-wide awards are given to new faculty who are making an immediate mark on their fields. Charo has a joint appointment in Law and Medicine and is a leading scholar of bioethics and public policy on biotechnology. In 1996 she was named to the President's National Bioethics Advisory Commission. Last July she was featured in a half-page, glowing article in the New York Times.

Prof. Howard Erlanger can now relax while Gov. Tommy Thompson has signed into law his 100-page rewrite of the Wisconsin Probate Code. The Code was recently passed by the Wisconsin legislature and approved by the governor. It is the first major change in probate law here since the early 1970's and is the culmination of five years of effort by Erlanger.



Former Dean Daniel Bernstine

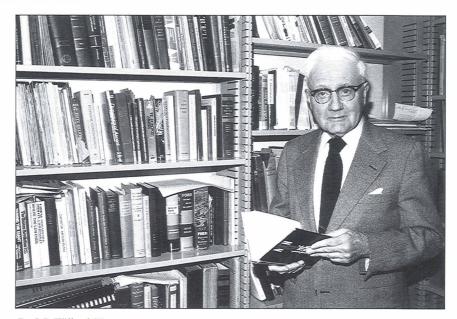
Michele Cammers Goodwin has taken up residence as a Hastie Fellow at our School. She has a law degree from Boston University and will focus on the emerging problems of ethical and legal obligations in relation to the new managed health care systems. The Hastie Fellowship program is designed to increase the

number of minority law faculty and features a number of distinguished alumni including former dean Dan Bernstine.

Emeritus Prof. J. Willard Hurst passed away last June. He was 86 years old. Hurst joined the faculty here in 1937, after clerking on the U.S. Supreme Court. The most recent issue of the Wisconsin Law Review includes a tribute to the remarkable career of Prof. Hurst.

Prof. Neil Komesar is currently on a year-long research sabbatical funded by Quarles & Brady, Milwaukee.

Clinical Faculty members Katherine Kruse, Michelle LaVigne and Stephen Meili all were invited participants in the recent Conceptual Paradigms in Clinical Legal Education conference sponsored jointly by the University of California-Los Angeles and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London. Kruse also recently presented a law and society paper at a conference at the University of Arizona Law School.



Prof. J. Willard Hurst



Prof. Jane Schacter

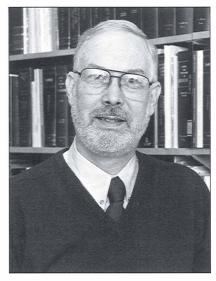
Prof. Jane Larson recently traveled back to her former school, Northwestern University Law School. The purpose of her trip: to pick up her second Teacher of the Year award from that school. She also recently gave a highly praised talk on sexual harassment at a conference hosted by Yale University Law School.

Klaus Lange, who has been a visiting faculty member at our School twice, has been elected President of the Constitutional Court of Hessen, Germany, similar to chief justice of a state.

Prof. Beverly I. Moran has become of counsel to Boardman, Suhr, Curry & Field, in Madison. She will practice taxation law.

Prof. Thomas Palay, who recently finished chairing the Law School's building committee, has now taken on the duties of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Prof. Jane Schacter has won the campus's Distinguished Teaching Award. An honor by itself, we are particularly proud that Schacter has been honored so early in her career.



Prof. John Kidwell

She is also the 1996 recipient of the Law School's Teacher of the Year Award.

Prof. John Kidwell is the winner of the 1997 Law School Teacher of the Year Award.

Gretchen Viney ('78) has joined the General Practice Skills Program as assistant director. She will assist Ralph Cagle ('75) in administering and teaching this popular and important course.

Many of you remember Dean George Young (1957-1967). Some will remember his widow, Lillian Young passed away in the spring of 1997. In the years after George's death, Lillian still faithfully attended Law School events, including the Benchers Society dinners. Lillian's estate has



Prof. Jane Larson



Dean Davis and 1997 Convocation speaker Steve Glynn ('70)

made a major contribution to the School which will be used to endow a professorship and add to the George Young Scholarship fund.

The Board of Regents recently confirmed the following faculty appointments to named-professorships: Gordon B. Baldwin and

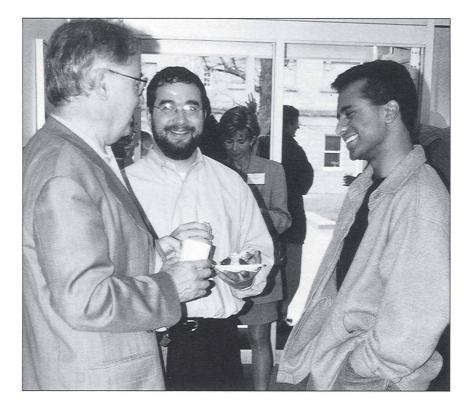
Walter J. Dickey, Evjue-Bascom Professors of Law; Ann Althouse, Robert W. and Irma M. Arthur-Bascom Professor of Law; Richard B. Bilder, Foley & Lardner-Bascom Professor of Law; Peter C. Carstensen, George H. Young-Bascom Professor of Law; Kenneth B. Davis, James E. and Ruth B. Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law;

Marc Galanter, John and Rylla
Bosshard Professor of Law; Leonard
V. Kaplan, Jackson Professor of Law;
Neil K. Komesar, Burrus-Bascom
Professor of Law; and Arthur F.
McEvoy III, J. Willard Hurst
Professor.

Profs. Walter J. Dickey and Michael Smith are managing a grant from the National Institute of Justice. The project involves a partnership among the Law School's Remington Center, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and the state judiciary, examining Wisconsin's criminal sentencing system.

Jessica Palmer and John Horneck, current law students here, recently won the Ruby R. Vale Corporate Moot Court Competition. To win the competition, they had to beat teams from NYU and Brooklyn.

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Marc Galanter, John & Rylla Bosshard Professor of Law, and his son, Seth Galanter, speak with Jay Krishnan, Honorary Fellow of the Institute for Legal Studies, at a recent conference which assessed the scholarly impact of Galanter's article "Why the 'Haves' Come Out Ahead?", the most widely cited article ever published in the Law and Society field.

# A Letter from the Gargoyle

## Dear Alumni:

It is my pleasure to write that I have returned home after three years of travel and rest. I have been told that, during my absence, many of you inquired about my location and health. Your concern is touching. Now that I have resumed my post as "watch person" of the Law School, I am happy to fill you in.

You are probably aware that, as a young Gargoyle in 1893, I was placed atop the original Law building. From my perch over the main door I observed the comings and goings on Bascom hill for almost seventy years. Then, in 1962, some careless construction workers upset my world. I sadly remember my brother, who shared a post atop the Law building, who fell to his death on that black day. I too fell from my post but, fortunately, fell into the soft grass and, even more fortunately, was rescued by the kind Dean George Young. He had me installed next to the front door of the second law



building. For another thirty years I looked students and faculty eye-to-eye as they entered the building.

Then, in the fall of 1994, a University crew arrived with a forklift to take me on my first vacation in over 100 years! How's that for devotion to the law? I spent about a year in a cozy warehouse on the south edge of the campus. Funny, for a century I faced north. I didn't even know that there was a south side to this campus. Then, one day, a crew arrived again, muttering something about the "Kohl Center", whatever that is, and I was traveling again. I don't know about you, but travel for me is both thrilling and terrifying. And I always seem to arrive without something essential, like a tooth-

Anyway, I spent the third year of my vacation outside on the west end of the campus. After a year inside, however, I was no longer all that happy with the exposure. Several times, someone from the Law School appeared with a tape measure. I thought maybe I was going to get a coat. How pleased I was when I learned that, instead of an outside post at the new building, I was going to be inside the atrium! Even better, I would resume my gaze to the north, near the south entry.

From my new location, I look forward to another century of guarding the best interests of our School! I pledge to remain "rock solid" in my support!

Go Badgers.

Your faithful servant, The Gargoyle



Philip S. Habermann ('47) received the 1997 Goldberg Award from the State Bar of Wisconsin. The Award recognizes lifetime contributions to the legal profession and public in this state. Habermann also won the 1994 UW Law School Distinguished Service Award.

David Beckwith ('52), senior partner with Foley & Lardner, has been honored by the Wisconsin Alumni Association with its 1997 Distinguished Alumni Award for contributions to the legal profession and to the university.

A. Glenn Epps ('56) has been honored by the Flint, Michigan, Common Council for his efforts to advance civil rights. Epps is a retired administrative law judge who now maintains a private practice.

Warren L. Kreunen ('61), a partner in the Milwaukee firm of von Briesen, Purtell & Roper, has received the George Tippler Award for distinguished service in school law from the Wisconsin School Attorneys Association.

Chief Justice Shirley S.

Abrahamson (SJD, '62), of the
Wisconsin Supreme Court, delivered
the 1997 Louis Caplan Distinguished
Lecture in Law at the University of
Pittsburgh School of Law.

Bernard R. Fredrickson ('63) has joined the Menomonie, Wisconsin, firm of Schofield & Higley.

James Roethe ('66) has been appointed General Counsel of BankAmerica Corp. He had been serving as interim general counsel. Roethe is also the chair of the Law School's Board of Visitors.

Joel Hirschhorn ('67), practicing in Coral Gables, Florida, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation. Hirschhorn is a member of the Law School's Board of Visitors.

**Todd J. Mitchell** ('68), a partner in the Milwaukee based firm of Meissner Tierney Fisher & Nichols, has opened a branch office for the firm in Hartland, Wisconsin.

Paul J. Cherner ('68), a senior partner with Michael, Best and Friedrich's Chicago office, has been elected Chairman of the Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Network's Board of Directors.

Paul Eggert ('68) has been appointed Regional Director for the National Labor Relations Board office in Seattle, Washington. He moves from the NLRB office in Oakland, California, and has been with the agency since graduation.

Steve Cohen ('69) is a Senior International Tax Partner at Deloitte & Touche in San Francisco. He advises multinational corporations around the world.

Ellen M. Kozak ('69) has authored the second edition of "Every Writer's Guide to Copyright Law." Kozak is the author of several fiction and non-fiction books.

William J. Keppel ('70), retired partner at Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis, has been appointed Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at Hamline University School of Law. He also recently receive the Lifetime Distinguished Service Award from the Minnesota Justice Foundation for his career commitment to pro bono work.

John W. Rowe ('70) has been selected a Chairman and Chief Executive of Commonwealth Edison Co., Chicago. Rowe comes from a similar position with New England Electric System.

Margaret Dadd ('70), formerly practicing law in Attica, New York, has been appointed to the three-member Civil Service Commission in New York state.

Christopher Hexter ('72) has been elected chair of the American Bar Association's Developing Labor Law Commission. Hexter practices in St. Louis.

**Bradford Dewan** ('72) has joined the San Francisco office of Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro, where he will concentrate in estate planning. Dewan previously practiced in Oakland, California.

Bruce Kerr ('72) has been named Contracts Manager—
Technology Licensing & Commercial Transactions for Sun Microsystems
Computer Company in Mountain
View, California.

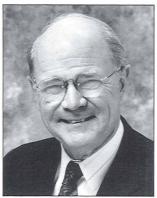
Francis L. Kenney III ('73), an alderman in the St. Louis suburb of Clayton, is a candidate for mayor of that city.

David Ullrich ('73) has been appointed acting Regional Administrator for Region 5 of the Environmental Protection Agency. Ullrich has been with the EPA since graduation.

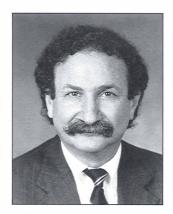
Kay Oberly ('73) was recently featured in the National Law Journal as the vice-chair and General Counsel of Ernst & Young in New York and as one of the most important female attorneys in the United States for 1998.

**Donald Leo Bach** ('74) has been appointed chair of the Bench and Bar committee of the State Bar of Wisconsin. The mission of the committee is to review, evaluate and recommend changes to the state justice system.

Donald J. Barry ('74) has been appointed Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the U.S. Department of the Interior. He has spent his career in the Department of the Interior after beginning with the Office of the Solicitor.







Joel Hirschhorn



James Koebl



Jane Clark

**Peter M. Weill** ('74) is serving a term as chair of the Los Angeles Planning Commission. Weil practices real estate law in Los Angeles.

Paul J. Papak ('75) has been appointed Federal Public Defender in Iowa. A senior litigator with that office since 1994, Pepak will head a staff of seven expected to handle more than 500 cases each year.

Jerome E. Barnett ('75) has been made a vice-president of Marubeni American Corporation in New York. Marubeni is a major Japanese trading company. Barnett continues to serve as Senior Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

Michael Simpson ('75), a share-holder with the Milwaukee firm of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren Norris & Rieselbach, has been appointed to the Wisconsin Small Business Environmental Council by Gov. Tommy Thompson ('66).

Kristine Euclide ('76), a member of the Law School's Board of Visitors, has taken a leave of absence from her firm, Stafford Rosenbaum Rieser & Hanson. She is working in the Office of the County Executive for Dane County.

**Daniel J. Mulvanny** ('76) is a founding partner of Hogan, Marren & McCahill, a Chicago health care firm. Mulvanny formerly practiced with Katten Muchin & Zavis.



Michael Gratz



Michael Hermes

**Kathleen Falk** ('77) was elected last fall as Dane County Executive. She replaces Rick Phelps ('71).

Thomas Pieper ('77), a former prosecutor and public defender, has been selected as a Waukesha County Court Commissioner.

**G. Stephen Long** ('77), formerly president and managing director of Coghill & Goodspeed, announces the formation of Long, Steese, DeGarlais & Beier, a new litigation practice in Denver.

James A. Koebl ('77), formerly assistant vice president and general counsel for National Guardian Life Insurance Company in Madison, has joined Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Milwaukee as assistant general counsel.

Thomas E. Bush ('77), practicing in Milwaukee, is the president of the National Organization of Social Security Claimant's Representatives. NOSSCR's 3,600 members practice Social Security law in all 50 states. Bush has been on the Board of NOSSCR for a number of years.

**Seward M. Cooper** ('78) has published an article on doing business in Africa in the January/February issue of Business Law Today, an ABA publication.

James J. Hoecker ('78) has been appointed chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. A member of FERC since 1993, Hoecker was previously a partner with Jones, Day, Kreavis & Pogue.

Mark E. Sostarich ('78) has joined the Milwaukee firm of Petrie & Stocking.

Susan Steingass ('78) has been elected President of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Steingass will take office in July 1998.

Michael Fox ('79) has received a MFA degree in Drama from the University of California-Irvine and is now a Professor of Theater at Long Beach City College.

**Brian L. Anderson** ('80) has joined the Madison firm of DeWitt Ross & Stevens where he will practice employee benefits law.

C. Scott Pryor ('80) has joined the Orlando firm of Zimmerman, Shuffield, Kiser & Sutcliffe. He will practice in the secured transactions and finance law areas.

Paul G. Kent ('81) is the President of the Dane County Bar Association. Kent is a shareholder at DeWitt Ross & Stevens.

Susan Bauman ('81) was elected Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin. Bauman replaces Paul Soglin ('72). Robert L. Gegios ('81), a share-holder in the Milwaukee firm of von Briesen, Purtell & Roper, has been appointed to a fourth term as Chair of the Civil RICO Subcommittee of the American Bar Association and as vice-chair of the Class Actions Subcommittee of the ABA Section of Business Law. Gegios also serves as Editor-in-chief of "Private Antitrust Litigation News", a publication of the Section on Antitrust Law.

Thomas H. Taylor ('82), formerly Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, has joined the Madison firm of DeWitt Ross & Stevens where he will practice business and employment law and litigation.

Maureen McGinnity ('82), a partner at Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee, has received the 1997 Community Involvement Award from the Wisconsin Association for Women Lawyers.

Barbara Cox ('82) has been named Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at California Western School of Law in San Diego. Cox has been on the faculty there since 1987. She will focus on faculty, student and curricular topics.

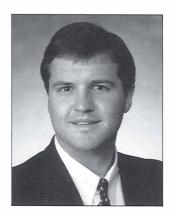
Paul S. Berg ('82) has received a Superior Honor Award from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Berg is a career member of the Foreign Service, most recently stationed at the Embassy in Mexico City. He will soon begin a new assignment as Political Officer in the Embassy at Hanoi.



Paul Berg (left)







Gregory Kult



Elizabeth McMeen



Todd Rowden

Narciso L. Aleman ('83) has joined the Milwaukee firm of Mallery & Zimmerman where he will engage in civil, criminal and immigration practice.

Cynthia Van Bogaert ('83) has joined Boardman, Suhr, Curry & Field in Madison where she will do ERISA and employee benefits law.

Richard L. Bolton ('84) has become a partner at Boardman, Suhr, Curry & Field in Madison where he will do business, employment and patent litigation.

James F. Koeper ('85), formerly a Wall Street lawyer, has recently published his first novel, *Exposed*, an adventure thriller. Koeper now lives and writes in Shorewood, Wisconsin.

Gregory P. Crinion ('85), formerly a partner with Jackson & Walker in Houston, announces the formation of Citti & Crinion which will focus on litigation.

Regina Millner ('85), founder of the real estate consulting firm of RMM Enterprises in Madison, has been named a director of the Wisconsin Alumni Association for a three-year term.



Barbara Cox



Kathryn Finn

Leny K. Wallen-Friedman, formerly with Furth & Anthony in Minneapolis, has opened his own firm there. He will concentrate on civil litigation with emphasis on commercial, securities and employment litigation.

Michael L. Hermsen ('86) has joined the Chicago office of Mayer, Brown & Platt, where he will do corporate law. Hermsen had been with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ann Novacheck ('86) has become a partner in the Minneapolis firm of Lindquist & Vennum. Novacheck concentrates her practice in tax law.

Eric W. Hoaglund ('87) has been elected a shareholder in the health care practice group of von Briesen, Purtell & Roper in Milwaukee.

Teresa J. Welch ('87), a partner in the Madison firm of Stroud, Stroud, Willink, Thompson & Howard, has been elected the first woman president of the Wisconsin Intellectual Property Law Association.

George W. Perez ('87) has become a Judge in the Minnesota Tax Court in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Michelle A. Behnke ('88) announces the opening of her law office in Madison. Behnke, a member of the Law School's Board of Visitors, will do general business, corporate, real estate, estate planning and immigration law.

Hiram E. Puig-Lugo ('88), formerly with the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, has joined the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. He will handle hate crimes and police brutality cases.

John M. Chmura ('88) has been elected to a four-year term as District Court Judge for Warren and Center Line Counties in Michigan.

James F. Killian ('88) has become a partner at the Minneapolis firm of Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand. Killian concentrates on construction law.

Tomislav Z. Kuzmanovic ('88) has been awarded the Order of the Croation Crest from the Republic of Croatia. The awarded is the highest civilian honor and is given for outstanding individual contributions to Croatia's independence. Kuzmanovic is a partner in the Milwaukee office of Hinshaw & Culbertson.

**Todd A. Rowden** ('89) has been elected to partnership in the Chicago firm of Wilson & McIlvaine. Rowden practices in the areas of commercial litigation and business disputes.

Charles Hoslet ('89), former executive assistant in the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and chief legal counsel to Governor Tommy Thompson, has been named special assistant to the Chancellor for State Relations at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Joan L. Eads ('89) and Roberta F. Howell ('89) have been elected to partnership in the Madison office of Foley & Lardner. Eads practices intellectual property litigation. Howell does general business litigation with a focus on distribution-related matters.

Dorothy Bain ('89) has been appointed as a Circuit Judge for Marathon County, Wisconsin. Bain had practiced with Ruder, Ware & Michler in Wausau, Wisconsin.

David M. Simon ('89) has been elected to partnership in the Chicago firm of Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon. He practices in the areas of commercial and environmental litigation.

Laura M. Brown ('90) and Scott J. Geboy ('90) have been elected shareholders with von Briesen, Purtell & Roper in Milwaukee. They will practice in the health care practice group. Laura Brown has also receive the 1997 Mentor Award from the Association of Women Lawyers.

Elizabeth A. McMeen ('90) has been elected chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Young Lawyer Section. The Section includes 12,000 young lawyers, more than half of the total lawyers in the Chicago Bar Association.

Adam Levitsky ('90) has joined Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco in Troy, Michigan. He practices in the firm's litigation group.

Nicholas P. Wahl ('90) has been elected a shareholder in Godfrey & Kahn, Milwaukee. Wahl does real estate and corporate law.

Kathryn A. Finn ('91) has been named a partner at Bell, Boyd & Lloyd, Chicago. She works in the real estate department.

Joseph Patrick Shea ('91) has begun his own practice in Chicago. He continues as a litigator.

Cristen L. Kogl ('91) has been selected as Senior Counsel for Spyglass, Inc., which provides software and services to make devices work with the World Wide Web. Kogl had been a counsel for Andersen Worldwide. She will concentrate on intellectual property practice.

Michael L. Hermes ('92) has joined the Green Bay firm of Metzler & Hager. A native of Green Bay, Hermes will practice in the areas of business, commercial and other civil litigation as well as general corporate and business law.

**Robert J. Diaz** ('93) has joined the Milwaukee office of Mallery & Zimmerman, where he will work in the commercial bankruptcy area.

Paula Gani ('94) has joined Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon in California. She specializes in labor and employment law.

Michael Gratz ('94) has joined Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek in Milwaukee. He is concentrating his practice in the area of intellectual property law. Gratz has also been appointed co-chair of the Milwaukee Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section.

Gregory P. Kult ('94) has joined the Milwaukee firm of von Briesen, Purtell & Roper. He will practice in the labor and employment law section.

Marcus Falk ('95) has joined the staff of The Phoenix Clinic in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He specializes in divorce, child custody mediation and budget counseling.

Luis Torres ('94) has joined the staff of the National Voting Rights Institute in Boston after three years as a trial attorney with the US Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

L. Stuart Rosenberg ('95) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Environmental Law Section. He also serves on the Small Business Environmental Council of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and on the Board of Directors of the AIDS Network. Rosenberg practices in Madison.

Tamara Louzecky McNulty ('95) is now associated with the newly merged firm of Becker, Hicks, Irving & Hadeed in Springfield, Virginia.

Jane Dragisic Clark ('95) has joined the Madison firm of Balisle & Roberson where she will practice family law, estate planning, probate and appellate litigation.

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Betty J. Ulmer ('95) has joined the Milwaukee office of von Briesen, Purtell & Roper.

Susan L. Campbell ('96) has joined Axley Brynelson in Madison. She is practicing worker's compensation, insurance defense and real estate law.

Matthew L. Goska ('96) has joined the Michigan firm of Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart.

Mario D. Mendoza ('96) has joined Boardman, Suhr, Curry & Field in Madison.

Nancy K. Lynch ('96) is now Associated University Legal Counsel in the University of Wisconsin's Office of Administrative Legal Services. She will concentrate on employment law, student affairs, public records and open meetings issues. Anne M. Skilton ('96) has joined the Lansing, Michigan, firm of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith. She has joined the firm's government & commerce and labor & employment law departments.

Ronald C. Gorsche ('97) is now associated with Banner & Witcoff, where he will practice intellectual property law.

Christopher W. Williamson ('97) has joined the Milwaukee office of Mallery & Zimmerman.

Bryan C. Esch ('97), Amy C. Heckmann ('97), and M. Elizabeth Winters ('97) have all joined DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison.

## IN MEMORIAM

Bernard F. Mathiowetz ('28), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Earle Munger ('35), Wooster, Ohio
Fred W. Rusch ('38), Rumford, Rhode Island
Byron J. Villwock ('37), Winter Park, Flordia
Bernard J. Hankin ('37), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
J. R. Dickerson ('39), Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin
Morris Slavney ('39), Madison, Wisconsin
Emmett W. Terwilliger, Sr. ('41), Lancaster, Wisconsin

Beatrice Lampert ('24), Madison, Wisconsin,

Richard W. Bardwell, Jr. ('46), Madison, Wisconsin William D. Krebs ('47), Potsdam, New York,

and Asheville, North Carolina
Francis V. Hoffman ('48), Madison, Wisconsin

Harold K. Geyer ('48), Platteville, Wisconsin

Trayton L. Lathrop ('48), Madison, Wisconsin Robert D. Marth ('49), West Bend, Wisconsin

John T. Loughlin ('49), Park Ridge, Illinois Ernst John Watts ('50), Reno, Neveda Bruce P. Reid ('54), Naples, Flordia Russell G. Cleary ('57), La Crosse, Wisconsin David M. Quale ('59), Milwaukee, Wisconsin C. James Heft ('59), Racine, Wisconsin John E. Thomas ('62), Milwaukee, Wisconsin James Schwalbach ('68), West Bend, Wisconsin Paul S. Gratch ('72), Madison, Wisconsin George A. Northrup ('73), Madison, Wisconsin Thomas E. Martin ('75), Milwaukee, Wisconsin Katherine M. Frank ('76), Janesville, Wisconsin Evan Jay Cutting ('76), Bellevue, Washington Cindra Carson ('80), Eau Claire, Wisconsin Guy Courchaine ('91), Green Bay, Wisconsin Mark H. Holte ('93), Madison, Wisconsin

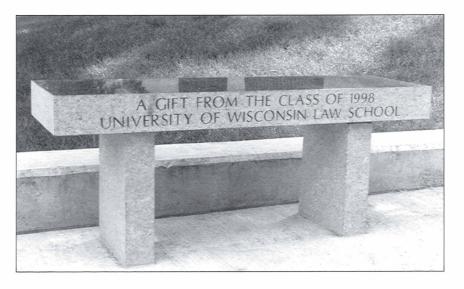
## Class of 1998 Leaves its Mark

hanks to the Class of 1998, future Law School students will have a place to rest on the Roger L. Boerner Plaza. As their Law School years came to a close, an attractive granite bench was dedicated by almost 100 members of the class at a reception hosted by the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association.

The class gift campaign was led by third-year students Sonja Larson and Stephen Mitchell — two individuals who possessed a strong desire to leave a Class legacy. "It was a pleasure to help in this campaign. After seeing the names of alumni throughout the building, we wanted to leave our mark on this School as well. I am

really pleased that so many of my classmates have joined in this effort. I am looking forward to coming back in twenty years and reading the names of my friends and classmates," said Larson. Stephen Mitchell also noted that the gift, in a sense, stands as a challenge to classes in the future. "We hope that this tradition will continue," said Mitchell. "Maybe first-year students sitting on the new bench will be motivated to think about what they can do to add life to the School."

The gift marks the first time in the School's history that a class gift has been made by a sitting class. Dean Kenneth Davis said, "We are thrilled by the initiative and thoughtfulness of the Class of 1998, and what this gift says about their feelings toward the School. Their efforts are an inspiration to the entire Law School community."



his reminds me of writing notes in Christmas cards: all those good friends and family that you meant to visit, call or write during the year! We hope you have noticed that there has been a gap in publishing the Gargoyle. About a year has elapsed since the last issue. With the end of construction, the big dedication party, and the necessity of paying the last bills, we were caught a little short. As things return to normal, we plan to publish another issue during 1998 and two or more every year thereafter.

The dedication was a huge success. More than 600 people — faculty, students, staff, alumni, dignitaries, university administrators and others — participated. The hit of the evening was the grand piano and dessert bar in the Grand Reading Room of the Law Library. Personally, I think it should have stayed there, but our librarians insisted that we clean it all out before classes resumed on Monday morning.

Our Board of Visitors conducted a "mini-visit" in conjunction with the Dedication and returned this April for a full scale review of the School. I would like to thank all the Visitors who took time out from their busy schedules to help us with this review. I would particularly like to thank the Chair of the Visitors, Jim Roethe ('67), whose schedule may have been a little busier than average: Jim is the General Counsel of Bank of America. You may have heard a small story recently



Reisner and Prof. John Conway

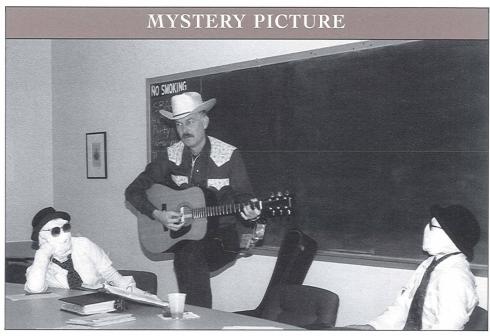
about his bank and another merging. Just a little business deal — a few billion dollars!

We also recently hosted five classes holding their reunions. While they did not get a chance to see a Big Ten football game (a staple at "normal" reunions), they did get to see the Spring Intersquad game, and the

Badgers won. This was my own Class's twenty-fifth reunion and I congratulate the Class of 1972 for completing its Class Gift: more than \$100,000 to the Building Fund, enough to get one of our computer labs named in the honor of the Class of 1972.

I also want to report that I recently had lunch with one of my professors, John Conway. When I began Law School, in the fall of 1969, the Law School had just initiated the "small section" program — a group of about 25 students who could become friends and support each other during the following three years. From what sec-

ond and third year students told us, Conway's Civil Procedure students would need a lot of support because Prof. Conway regularly "failed half of his class." Another goal of the smallsection program was to provide an early, intensive writing project that would be reviewed by your professor.



ith the comments of the senior students in mind, I fearfully approached John's office sometime that fall. I still remember how patiently and kindly John corrected my work (and taught me to spell judgment correctly!). I left with a new perspective on Prof. Conway and, while a senior, had the great good fortune to serve as a research assistant under John.

All that is mere prologue to my report on our lunch. John and his wife, Audrey, live in a retirement community in California. John met me at the door, introduced me to his wife and then escorted me to lunch. During lunch, and for an hour beyond, John proved that his 80-year-old brain is just as sharp as ever. He asked questions about faculty, staff and alumni and took me back almost 30 years.

You may have seen the announcement, in this issue, of the Law School's website (www.law.wisc.edu). We have also tried a list-server for the delivery of email to some 1300 alumni who had email addresses attached to their State Bar of Wisconsin files. Our goal was to send quick messages to our alumni about new faculty, lec-

tures or distinguished visitors. As with many types of new technology, our first effort went wrong. If you are one of the people who got hundreds of unwanted messaages, most of it replies that should have gone only to me, I apologize once again. We have corrected that problem and are working on an improved system.

This issue's mystery picture was taken in the Law building and the guy with the guitar and cowboy outfit is none other than the 1997 Teacher of the Year, John Kidwell. The question is: who are those two others in the picture and WHY??

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