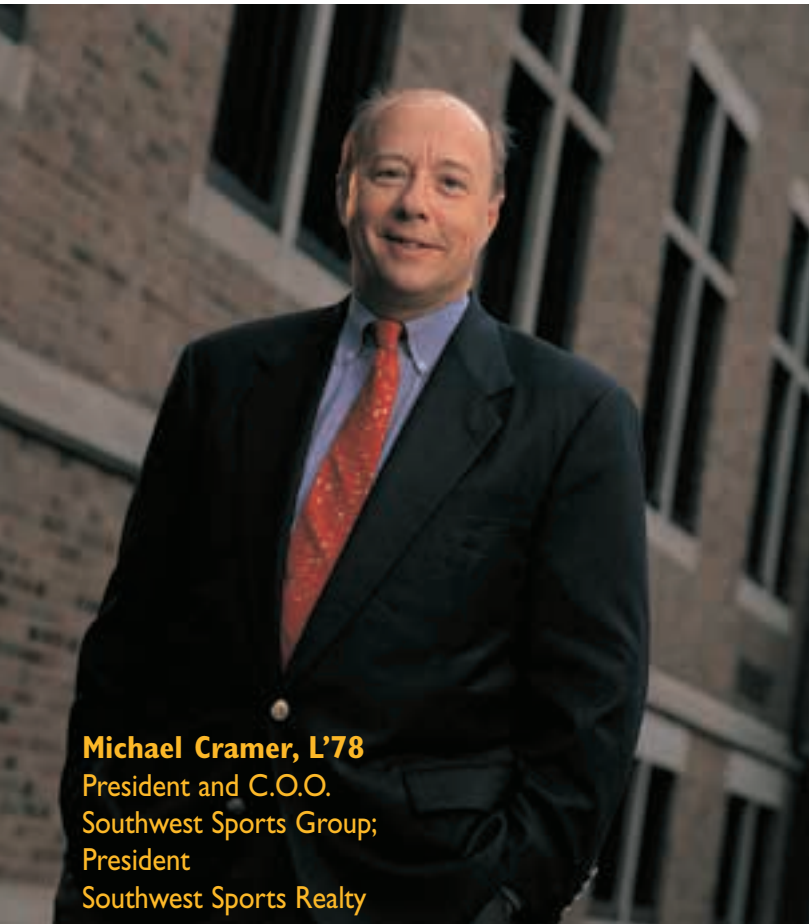


alumni notes



Michael Cramer, L'78
President and C.O.O.
Southwest Sports Group;
President
Southwest Sports Realty

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Ronald B. Sadoff founded Sadoff Management, LLC, in 1978. His sons Bryan (MBA, Northwestern) and Michael (MBA, George Washington University) have joined the firm. Married to Micky Sadoff for 38 years. Together they founded Marva Collins Preparatory School of Wisconsin. The school, in Milwaukee's central city, is chartered through the University of Wisconsin and is well renowned throughout the Midwest for excellence. He's traveled to more than 60 countries, is an amateur artist and golfer, and has three grandsons.

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Timothy P. Crawford, partner in the law firm of Stewart, Peyton, Crawford, Crawford & Stutt. Chair of the

Elder Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin. One of six attorneys in Wisconsin board-certified as a Certified Elder Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. Assists clients in doing Title XIX planning to get free nursing home care, wills, trusts, and tax planning.

Marquette alumni show up in some of the most unexpected places. While working as a manager of a hotel in upstate New York to help pay his way through grad school, **Michael J. Cramer, L'78**, got to know one of the patrons who frequently stayed there during business trips. As fate would have it, this gentleman, Steve Enich, a 1947 Marquette Law grad, had an office on Milwaukee's south side. "While I was applying to law schools, he encouraged me to apply to Marquette and said I could come work for him while I went to school," explained Mike. And that is exactly what happened. "I clerked for him while I was in law school and then worked as an attorney in his firm for seven years after I graduated."

In 1986, Mike and several friends from Law School decided to start their own firm, where he practiced for several years. Over the course of the following years, he slowly phased himself out of private practice until 1992, when he became a partner in a firm that bought, sold, and operated both public and private food companies which owned brands such as Chef Boyardee, Ghiaradelli Chocolate, and Bumble Bee Tuna. In 1998, when Tom Hicks (whose firm structured many of the food deals) purchased the Texas Rangers, Mike transitioned into the sports industry, where he has been ever since. Together, they built Southwest Sports Group, a media and marketing organization whose holdings include Major League Baseball's Texas Rangers and the National Hockey League's Dallas Stars. Mike also serves as president of the Texas Rangers and President of Southwest Sports Realty, which builds mixed-use developments that use athletic facilities as their centerpieces.

Mike serves on the board of the National Sports Law Institute housed at the Law School and is an avid "fan" of Marquette law students. Southwest Sports Group sponsors internships each summer and fall in a special exchange program in which students get hands-on experience with player contracts, real estate developments, television agreements, labor issues, and how deals are made. Students attend Southern Methodist University and work part-time. Their studies apply toward their law degree at Marquette. In turn, SMU can send students to Marquette for a semester where they can take sports law courses that lead to a certificate upon completion.

Mike is grateful for his education at Marquette and credits his law degree, in part, for his successes. "The background is valuable for anyone in business. The training and the rigors of a law school regimen have served me well." •

Phyllis Josephine Hughes, L'35, has come full circle and is now practicing law in Manchester, Iowa—the very town in which she was raised some nine decades ago. An only child, Phyllis was nothing short of a prodigy and quite a pioneer. As a young teenager, she entered Marquette and began her undergraduate studies and six years later graduated with a combined bachelor's and juris doctor degree from Marquette University at the age of 20.

"When I started law school in the early 1930s, there were only two women in my class," explained Phyllis. "In fact, there were so few women altogether, that there were no dorms available to us. We had to stay with local host families." But minor obstacles like housing or major ones like the Depression or being a woman in a predominantly male field didn't stop Phyllis. Instead, these challenges were the wind in the sails of her esteemed career and contributed to the successful practice she still enjoys today. "I am so grateful for my Marquette education. Everyone who taught me shares in my professional success."

Soon after graduating from law school in 1935 she joined the law office of Catherine Williams in Milwaukee. Several year later, she joined Promerene Law Firm in Milwaukee. "I was then sent to Washington for what was supposed to be one week," said Phyllis, "to negotiate a ship-building contract." Determined to come home with a contract, Phyllis ended up camping out at the Admiral's office for eight weeks, leaving only after she obtained a signed contract for her client. Her negotiating abilities, combined with her downright gumption and tenacity, allowed her to secure war-time contracts with the government and Maritime Commission on behalf of her clients. Several years later, she was pursued by Curtiss-Wright in New York to establish and head its contract-termination department. Unaware that "Dr. P. Hughes" was a female, the company interviewed her. "You should have seen their mouths drop when I walked into the meeting all dolled up!" she quipped. Impressing them with her credentials, as well as her professional associations with generals, admirals, and the like, Phyllis was offered an interview with the Board of Directors (which included Orville Wright). She once again proved that being a woman was not a liability, and that being a bright, honest negotiator with moxie was an asset the company could not afford to pass up. She then established the Foreign Law Department at Starr Interests in New York. During that time, the U.S. government "borrowed her" from 1947 to 1949 and sent her to post-war Germany to help the country establish its Constitution and set up legal procedures for appellate courts. She returned to Starr Interests where she worked in the area of foreign law until her return to Iowa in 1950, when she came home, after her mother died, to help her father with his local department store, all the while continuing her legal work.

Along with a wall full of honors and awards (including one from the Pope extending special blessings for her work for the farmers), she has been inducted into the Iowa Hall of Fame, has held positions with and been recognized by the Democratic Party, the National Council of Catholic Women, and professional legal societies. An avid advocate for women's rights, Phyllis also designed a Tribute to Women bronze plaque that graces the governor's office in Iowa. She has been a long-time dedicated worker on behalf of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which was founded by Susan B. Anthony and Julia Ward Howe.

Her remarkable journey has led her back home where she continues her practice on a pro bono basis for thousands of farmers in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, which she says—despite her years of rubbing elbows with some of the most powerful people in government and industry—is the pinnacle of her career. "These are the people who put their dollars and cents in my father's cash register when he just started his yard goods business in 1915 and who provided the means for me to enjoy all of these wonderful opportunities, and this is my way of saying *thank you* to them." •

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Hon. Patricia S. Curley, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District 1, named one of the 10 exceptional women of law by *Wisconsin Law Journal*. Married to Stephen Jacobs; two sons, ages 19 and 21.

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Joseph L. Cook is a municipal court judge for the City of Waukesha and is also part-time at the Cook Law Office in commercial collections.

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John E. Kosobucki, a Colonel in the U.S. Army, was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster, at Fort Monroe, VA. He completed his tenure as Director for the Army School System Integration Element for a 14-state region and on June 1

was reassigned to Fort Snelling, MN as Deputy Director for Readiness, 88th Regional Readiness Command. Colonel Kosobucki married Ms. Noelle Bartorillo of Wilkes-Barre, PA in September.

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Mary K. Wolverton, Peterson, Johnson & Murray, named one of the 10 exceptional women of law by *Wisconsin Law Journal*.

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Hon. Ramona A. Gonzalez, La Crosse County Circuit Court, named one of the 10 exceptional women of law by *Wisconsin Law Journal*.

Phoebe Weaver Williams, Marquette University Law School, named one of the 10 exceptional women of law by *Wisconsin Law Journal*.



Phyllis Hughes, L'35
Attorney-at-Law



Kimberly (Kunz) Hurtado, L'87
Hurtado, S.C.,
Counselors at Law

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Patricia (Pat) Pellervo, tax attorney with PricewaterhouseCoopers in San Francisco, CA. Focuses on tax aspects of corporate mergers and acquisitions. Recently co-authored new tax guide entitled *The Consolidated Tax Return: Principles, Practice, Planning* (6th ed.), published by Warren Gorham & Lamont.

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Micabil Diaz-Martinez, Milwaukee. Received 2003 Latino Citizen of the Year Award in recognition of his work and advocacy on behalf of Milwaukee's Latino community. Newly appointed administrator of the Equal Rights Division, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

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David L. Borowski, elected Circuit Court Judge for Milwaukee County, Branch 12, April 1, 2003. Started his term with an assignment in Children's Court, August 11, 2003.

A woman of boundless energy, **Kimberly Hurtado, L'87**, runs her law firm like her life—she doesn't waste a minute. She works hard and plays hard, starting every morning with a half-hour of meditation on the Prayer of St. Francis that begins *Make me an instrument of Thy peace*. "It is the underpinning for all that I do," said Kim. And she does a LOT. The mom of five children ages seven to 25, Kim also is the managing shareholder of Hurtado, S.C., Counselors at Law, in Brookfield, a firm that focuses on providing construction, real estate, and public financing legal services. She is a former law clerk to the Honorable Roland B. Day, Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and worked with Michael Best & Friedrich heading its Construction Section before starting her own firm.

Kim is fiercely devoted to providing pro bono service to non-profit organizations. Her recent charitable work includes legal services for construction projects such as the Calatrava Addition to the Milwaukee Art Museum, Taliesin—a creation of Frank Lloyd Wright in Spring Green, Wis.—where she also serves on the Board, and the United Community Center Alternative Middle School. She leads by example and has high expectations for the other members of her firm as well. "As a mandatory part of employment here, every person spends at least one day a month—on the firm's tab—working for a charitable organization or disadvantaged business of his or her choice," said Kim. She does not direct where, but does insist that everyone find people in need and give of his or her time and expertise.

Her care for others, especially those most in need, is also reflected in her care for the environment. Nearly everything

in Kim's office is recycled and environmentally friendly, from the business cards and stationery that are printed with vegetable dye on 100 percent recycled stock to the desks that have bases made of a composite of wheat chaff and scrap wood held together with organic glue. Why does she do this? "Having a professional degree places me in a group of one percent of the most educated people on the planet. I feel I have a responsibility that flows from that to set an example. We need to engage in best practices for the good of the planet wherever possible." And she does. Her office, with its full-spectrum lighting, ergonomically correct furniture, and magnificent artwork from all corners of the world, provides a very creative work environment for her hard-working employees.

Kim takes very seriously how her professional decisions impact the world around her. "Give a correct articulation of law but not be attentive to the whole person, and you will fail to be of true service to that human being," she said. That is unlikely, though, with her kind spirit and obvious dedication to making every moment count.

What she likes best about being a lawyer is that she can use her creativity to resolve problems. "Law is constantly evolving," Kim explained. "At Marquette, I was early disabused of the notion that lawyers merely memorize rules. Practicing law, in its highest form, is more akin to a performance art. I look with single-pointed focus to find the piece that has come out of alignment and make adjustments so things can take their natural course, always first seeking ways of dispute avoidance." In doing so, she truly lives her prayer of being an instrument of peace. •

A Marquette law degree serves everyone differently. **Deb Beck, L'75**, utilized her legal education to propel herself through the business world rather than the courts. Upon graduating in 1975, she joined Northwestern Mutual as an attorney in the law department and during the past 28 years has been promoted through a variety of managerial positions to her current role in administration as executive vice president of planning and technology. "The legal department was a great place to start in this corporation," she explains. "It gave me a chance to see the strategic makeup of the company." In her current position, Deb is responsible for IT and strategic planning and calls on her legal skills daily. "Having a legal background allows me to assess risks and make good decisions."

Deb is grateful for her education while at Marquette and reflects on the "Marquette Difference." "The Law School really supports an ethical approach to law," she explains, "and reinforced to me that law is at its best when it is resolving, not enflaming, disputes." The school's dedication to educating the whole person (*cura personalis*) and its commitment to service also shaped Deb's choices. "The importance of giving back was integrated into everything we learned," she said, a lesson by which she still lives. In addition to the rigors of her career, Deb remains very active at and involved with Marquette University Law School. She serves on the executive advisory board for the Law School and is grateful for the opportunity to participate in continued improvement of the school. "Howard Eisenberg did a tremendous job at making great strides in increasing the academic excellence and in improving our student body, and I want to see that continue." She believes it is good for all alumni to have a law school with an excellent reputation. To that end, Deb personally funded the Deborah Torode Beck Scholarship because the quality of the student body is important to the future of the Law School. •



Deb Beck, L'75
Northwestern Mutual

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William P. Donaldson, awarded degree of Master of Public Administration by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh at the spring commencement. Counsel to the State of Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care since 1994.

Labor & Employment and Litigation practice groups. He is chair of the Civil Litigation Section of the Milwaukee Bar Association for 2003-04 and past-Vice Chair and a member of its Law Practice Management Committee. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Attorney on the Corporate Team.

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Thomas L. Doerr, Jr., joined von Briesen & Roper, Milwaukee, as an associate in the Banking,

Bankruptcy and Business Practice Group.

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James M. Bruss, joined von Briesen & Roper, Milwaukee, as an associate in the General Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group. Resides in Milwaukee.

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Michael H. Doyle, Certified Financial Planner, recently joined Richardson Financial Group, Inc. in Menomonee Falls as a financial advisor.

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Thomas M. Krupsky joined von Briesen & Roper, Madison, WI, as an associate in the Business

Practice Group. Resides in McFarland with his wife, Gina, and daughters, Alicia and Brianna.

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James O. Sullivan, Jr., is now an associate with von Briesen & Roper, Milwaukee, in its Health

Practice Group.



Carrie C. Joshi, joined von Briesen & Roper, Milwaukee, as an associate in the Health Practice Group.

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Steven F. Staszak, of Wauwatosa, joined the firm of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. in Milwaukee. He

concentrates his practice in civil litigation and joins the

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Michael J. Mazza, has joined the Law Department of Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee, as a Senior



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