# ALUMNI | CLASS NOTES

### 1957

50-Year Class Reunion May 19–20, 2007

Chairs: Robert Peregrine and Ted Wedemeyer, Jr. Committee: Neil Hamilton, Arthur Labros, Alan Marcuvitz, John McFarland, Rudolph Mudroch, Jr., and James Ziperski.

1960



#### Kenneth E. Voss,

attorney and general counsel for the Greater Milwaukee chapter of the **American Subcontractors** Association, was recognized at the association's annual meeting in 2006 with a Meritorious Service Award. Voss resides in Brown Deer and practices at the Brookfield office of the law firm of DeWitt Ross & Stevens in construction law, real estate and land use, and estate planning and probate.

1963

Raymond S.E. Pushkar, along with his law firm, McKenna, Long & Aldridge in Washington, D.C., was formally presented with a Volunteer Recognition Award in May 2006 at the Archdiocesan Legal **Network Reception in** Washington, D.C., for longstanding dedication to serving the legal needs of the less fortunate in the D.C. community. The Archdiocesan Legal Network was established in 1989, with Pushkar playing an instrumental role in getting it started; he currently serves on its Advisory Board.

1966



Michael W. Wilcox, of the Madison office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens (trusts and estates), has been listed in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in* 

R Thomas Cane, Chief Judge of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, has had a distinguished career which began with a decision nearly half a century ago encouraged by his father. "When I was preparing to graduate from the University of Michigan in 1961, I initially intended to attend pilot training with the United States Air Force, as I was one of the eight student pilots in Michigan's Air Force ROTC program," he explained. When the Air Force told Cane that he would not be assigned to pilot training until the following spring, it gave him a deferment so he could go to law school—also one of his dreams.

Cane's father told him he could pick any law school—so long as it was a Jesuit school. "Because both my older brother (Arnold Cane) and sister (Dorothy Cane) graduated from Marquette, it seemed only natural that Marquette was where I would go," said Cane.

While at law school, Cane met Jane Fleming, who would become his wife the same month they both graduated (she with a bachelor's degree from Marquette University). Upon his graduation from Marquette Law School in 1964, the Air Force gave Cane a choice of entering either pilot training or accepting a position with the Judge Advocate General's Office. "Naïvely, I thought I could be both a pilot and lawyer with the Air

America. He has been listed in this publication for more than 20 years.

1967

40-Year Class Reunion June 8–9, 2007

Chairs: Terence Evans, C. Michael Hausman, and J.P. Stadtmueller.

Committee: Thomas

Bailey, Wayne Brogelman,

Michael Bruch, Thomas

Guszkowski, Michael

McClone, Bruce O'Neill,

Robert Penegor, Peter

Salza, John Savage, Dennis

Wicht, and David Werth.

# R. THOMAS CANE

Force. Wrong. I had to choose between the two, and going with the Judge Advocate General meant I would be a Captain within six months," he said. He chose the Judge Advocate General's Office and was assigned to Okinawa for three years, where he prosecuted and defended well over 100 courts martial (Air Force and Navy), participated in many administrative hearings on plane crashes, and was also assigned periodically during those three years to Thailand and Vietnam. "Fortunately, Jane was able to join me on Okinawa, where our first two children were born," Cane said.

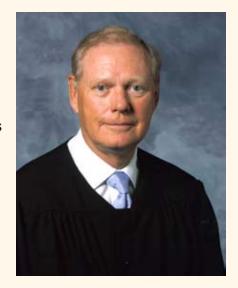
After the Air Force, Cane joined the law firm of McCarty, Swetz & Curry in Kaukauna. He departed for the Outagamie County District Attorney's office in 1969, when Jim Long, L'63, was elected District Attorney and asked Cane to come on board.

In 1972, Governor Patrick Lucey appointed Cane to the trial court in Outagamie County, where he presided over civil and criminal jury trials as well as the juvenile court. In 1981, Governor Lee Dreyfus appointed him to the Court of Appeals. The following year, his family moved from Appleton to Wausau, as the seat of the District was in Wausau. After he had served as Presiding Judge for District III for 14 years, the Supreme Court appointed Cane as the Chief Judge for the entire Court of Appeals in 1998, the capacity in which he serves today.

Cane believes that his career as a judge has allowed him an opportunity to contribute positively to the judicial system. "I also have been fortunate enough to serve not only as a judge, but also as a teacher for my colleagues at the Wisconsin Judicial College, judicial seminars, State Bar Seminars, and as a member of the Executive Board of the National Council of Chief Judges. I strongly believe that, to have a true democracy and healthy economy, there must be a strong independent judicial system that is impartial, fair, and timely. As I have traveled over the years and met with judges from other states, I can honestly say our judicial system—even with some of its shortcomings—is one of the important reasons our country has been so great. I am proud and grateful to have been allowed to participate

as a judge at both the trial and appellate levels in this wonderful system," he said.

Cane remembers with special fondness what could be considered a memorable moment in any judge's day, especially considering the circumstances as the



enforcer of the law: "One of the most rewarding times of my career was when I presided over the juvenile court as part of my responsibilities. It was very difficult to order a young person to Lincoln Hills School as part of the juvenile disposition. Consequently, one of the Appleton police officers and I would often go to Lincoln Hills School for the weekend and visit with the kids I had ordered to serve some time there. We would play ping-pong, pool, and just talk with them. I gained a better insight on what they were feeling and maybe how I could do things better as a judge. After a few years of these trips, I would chuckle when they would brag to their friends, saying, 'He's my judge.'"

Cane regards his career path as having gone as he had hoped. "The intellectual challenge and discussions with my colleagues are always stimulating. However, my first love has always been the trial court, where you have face-to-face contact with the lawyers and their clients," he said.

Cane will retire from the Wisconsin Court of Appeals this summer. Retirement will start a new chapter in his life, giving him the opportunity to return to the trial court through some reserve work. It will also allow him and his wife, Jane, to travel, golf, and go camping while, as Cane put it, "we are still healthy enough to enjoy it." They also plan on doing some volunteer community work.

The Canes live in Wausau and have four married adult children and four grandchildren. •

# LYNNE HALBROOKS



The steps from a small town in Minnesota to the nation's capital were more like giant leaps for Lynne (Solien) Halbrooks, L'88.

Halbrooks was born and grew up in Aitkin, Minn., and started law school in 1985 after earning her undergraduate degree in political science and philosophy from the University of Minnesota at Duluth. She applied to Marquette Law School sight unseen, on the advice of her prelaw advisor at UMD. "He thought it would be a good fit—and he was right!" Halbrooks said.

Upon graduation from law school, Halbrooks clerked for the Minnesota Supreme Court and then returned to Milwaukee to work for Hinshaw & Culbertson, where she had clerked during law school. In 1991, she accepted a position as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. As an employee of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Halbrooks prosecuted criminal cases and also represented the government in civil litigation.

During that time, Halbrooks had the opportunity to do a short detail in Washington, D.C., at the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. When a permanent position became available there, she applied and was selected. "I came to D.C. expecting, as do so many people, that I would spend a couple of years here and move on. Of course, that was 13 years ago now," she related.

Her career at DOJ was fascinating, according to Halbrooks. "I worked with the U.S. Attorney's Offices nationwide and on a variety of operational and criminal policy issues. I was deputy director of that office on 9/11 and was able to assist in the Department's response to the terrorist attacks," she said.

In May 2003, Halbrooks was appointed General Counsel for the Sergeant at Arms for the United States Senate and was selected as Deputy Sergeant at Arms in February 2005. She reported directly to the Sergeant at Arms, a retired Secret Service agent, and in his absence to the Majority Leader of the Senate.

The job of Deputy Sergeant at Arms involved no such thing as a "typical" day for Halbrooks. "The position was incredibly diverse and interesting," she explained. As Deputy Sergeant at Arms, she oversaw all aspects of the office and interacted daily with senators and leadership staff. "I also spent a significant amount of time on issues relating to security, policing, and emergency preparedness. I was directly involved in continuity of operations and continuity of government planning for the Senate," she said.

An especially unusual part of her job as Deputy
Sergeant at Arms involved protocol duties. The Office of the
Sergeant at Arms controls access to the Senate chamber,
enforcing rules relating to media coverage and visitors'
access to the Capitol. "Some of my specific protocol
responsibilities included leading the Senate to the State of
the Union and other Joint Sessions of Congress, greeting
the vice president and first lady during their visits to the
Senate, and escorting the Senate at other special events."
Halbrooks participated in the state funerals of Presidents
Reagan and Ford and attended, with members of the

Senate, the memorial service for Coretta Scott King.

Although a law degree was not required for this position, Halbrooks believes that having a Marquette law degree made her better at her job. "I was able to spot legal issues that needed to be addressed before policy decisions should be made," said Halbrooks.

The changeover in political control of the Senate that occurred this past January (as a result of the November 2006 elections) meant the appointment of a new Sergeant at Arms and thereupon the appointment of a new Deputy Sergeant at Arms. But in leaving the deputy's position, Halbrooks was appointed to a new, different, and equally interesting position.

Halbrooks now serves, by appointment of the minority leader of the Senate, Senator Mitch McConnell, as the Republican Representative to the Sergeant at Arms. "While I'm no longer managing people, the trade-off is that I am part of Leader McConnell's leadership office and closer to the political world on Capitol Hill. I will be representing Leader McConnell's interests on different projects as well as acting as the liaison for the Republican senators with the Office of the Sergeant at Arms. So while the change in the Senate meant I lost an amazing job, I think this will be challenging and immensely interesting."

Halbrooks and her husband, Kevin, together with his son, Charlie, live in Annandale, Va. She does manage to find time for a hobby even in the midst of the political world: Her husband is assistant superintendent of a local golf course, and Halbrooks related that she recently committed to becoming a better golfer and practices every chance she gets.

Halbrooks reflects one of the many different ways Marquette lawyers pursue public service. And she is grateful for the possibilities that she has found. "I feel very fortunate to serve in government at this level," Halbrooks said.

### 1970

L. Mandy Stellman has been featured in *Feminists Who Changed America—1963 to 1975*. Once described as "probably the most active and outspoken legal advocate in Wisconsin for equal rights for women," she has a long history in Wisconsin (from the 1970s through the 1990s) of efforts to prevent discrimination against women.

# 1972

35-Year Class Reunion June 8–9, 2007

Chair: Leah Lampone.
Committee: James Beer,
Tom Healy, Vincent
Howard, Michael Judge,
William Kulkoski, Harold
Lessner, John Maloney,
Nancy Phelps, Carl
Ricciardi, Thomas St. John,
and Wilbur Warren, III.

# 1977

30-Year Class Reunion June 8–9, 2007

Chair: Linda Vanden
Heuvel. Committee:
Patricia Kling Ballman,
Barbara Becker, James
Curtis, Raymond Dall'Osto,
Dean Dietrich, Kathryn
Westphal Foster, Patricia
Gorence, Victor Harding,
Raymond Jablonski,
Kevin Kukor, David

Lowe, James Pauly, Don Prachthauser, John Shiely, Steven Sorenson, and Tom Wolfgram.

# 1978



Roy E. Wagner has joined von Briesen & Roper s.c., in Milwaukee. He focuses his practice on representing businesses and individuals in business formation and construction law matters.

# 1981



Susan A. Hansen, of Milwaukee, a founding member of the Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin, Inc., was recently named the President of the International

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Academy of Collaborative Professionals. IACP is a worldwide interdisciplinary organization whose members include attorneys, mental health professionals, financial specialists, and mediators.



William E. McCardell, who practices construction law and labor and employment law in the Madison office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, has been named in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1982

25-Year Class Reunion June 8–9, 2007

Chairs: Robert Buikema, Michael Gonring, and Kathleen Gray. Committee: Kathy Anderson, Michael Ariens, II, Timothy Bascom, Dwight Darrow, Eric Eberhardt, Joseph Heino, James Jameson, Jerome Janzer, David Karp, Bruce Lanser, Donald Layden, Mary Lutzen, Gregory Ricci, Dean Richards, and Donna Schumell.

Kathleen A. Gray, a partner at Quarles & Brady, serves as Chair of the Board of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, which consists of nearly 1,600 members. Gray concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning for executives, professionals, and business owners and probate and trust administration.

Jerome M. Janzer
has been appointed the
President and CEO of
Reinhart Boerner Van
Deuren s.c. Janzer has a
25-year history at the firm,
specializing in business,
real estate, and finance law,
and has served on its board
of directors for seven years.



Rebecca Leair has been named a shareholder in the Real Estate Department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. in Waukesha.



Dean B. Richards is a shareholder in the Real Estate Department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. in Waukesha. He represents developers and landowners throughout Wisconsin, principally in connection with development, zoning, and land-division activities.

1985



David C. Sarnacki, a
Grand Rapids, Mich.,
attorney and mediator with
The Sarnacki Law Firm
PLC, has become Chair of
the State Bar of Michigan's
Family Law Section. The
section serves lawyers,
judges, and the community
on matters of the family,
including marriage,
adoption, divorce,
custody, and paternity.

**1987** 20-Year Class Reunion June 8–9, 2007

Chairs: Barbara O'Brien and Paul Christensen. Committee: Robert Blazewick, Jeffery Davis, Deborah Fink Frederick, John Gelhard, Heidi Johnson, Laurie McLeRoy,

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Deborah McKeithan-Gebhardt, Philip Miller, Peter Silver, Kevin Smith, Roberta Steiner, Kenneth Sweeney, Mark Thomsen, and Ted Warpinski.

Captain Robert B.
Blazewick has been appointed Director of the U.S. Navy & Marine Corps Appellate Defense Division, Washington, D.C. He previously was the Deputy Director of the General Litigation Division of the U.S. Navy Office of the Judge Advocate General.

1989

Margaret (Peggy) Anne Herlitzka, partner (since 1995) in the law firm of Hale, Skemp, Hanson, Skemp & Sleik, has been appointed as La Crosse **County Assistant Family** Court Commissioner. Her duties include conducting hearings and enforcing orders related to child custody and placement, child support, spousal maintenance, and restraining and harassment injunctions.

1991

**Stephen D. Zubiago** has been appointed by Nixon

Peabody LLP to be the managing partner of the firm's office in Providence, Rhode Island. Zubiago was recently recognized on the "40 Under Forty" list published by *Providence Business News*; he is a frequent speaker on various health care law topics.

**1992** 15-Year Class Reunion June 8–9, 2007

Committee: Robert
Brill, Susan Engler, Mark
Johnson, Joseph Leone,
Kevin Long, Cynthia
Mack, Steven Mayer,
Christine Liu McLaughlin,
and Thomas Miller.



Joseph T. Leone was named in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He practices intellectual property law with DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison. 1993



Victor A. Lazzaretti
has joined von Briesen &
Roper, s.c., in Milwaukee.
He focuses on real estate
acquisitions, development,
and finance, including
private placements of
securities and tenant-incommon (TIC) investments.

1994



Richard C. Rytman, Jr., has joined Veritas Global LLC, a business intelligence and global investigative firm, as general counsel and managing director of technical services. Rytman served as a special agent in the FBI's Detroit field office, where he specialized in

counterterrorism and cybercriminal investigations.

1995

Scott B. Franklin married Amber J. Jacobs in June 2006. Franklin is a tax manager with Kohler and Franklin, Certified Public Accountants, in Glendale, Wis.

1996

John R. Lagowski has joined the electrical and computer group of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione of Chicago. Lagowski has over nine years of experience writing and prosecuting patent applications, particularly in the electrical and computer arts, including the telecommunications, signal processing, memory, semiconductor, and software industries.

1997

10-Year Class Reunion June 8–9, 2007

Chairs: Sean Bosack and Kelly Twigger. Committee: Jonelle Burnham, Lisa Cards, Michael Katarincic, Christopher McLaughlin, Patrick Nolan, Matthew Stippich, and Garth White. Meredith Wilson Ditchen is a real estate attorney with Ditchen and Associates Law Firm. She and husband, Rob, live in Marietta, Ga., with their children, Harris, Reilly, and Elise.

1998

Rebekah R. Syck was appointed municipal judge for the City of Harlingen, Texas, in May 2006. She and her husband, Steve, live in Brownsville, Texas, with their son, Erik, and daughter, Jillian.

1999



Emily C. Canedo is an associate in the Intellectual Property Department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.

**Michael D. Cicchini**, criminal defense attorney in

Kenosha, recently published a law review article on the Confrontation Clause: Confrontation After Crawford v. Washington: Defining "Testimonial," 10 Lewis & Clark Law Review 531 (2006) (with Vincent Rust).

2001

Elana Sabovic Matt
has joined Perkins
Coie's Seattle office in
its national Commercial
Litigation practice as
an associate focusing
on patent litigation. She
joins the firm from the
U.S. Army Judge Advocate
General's Corps in Colorado
Springs, where she was
a Senior Trial Attorney.

2002

5-Year Class Reunion June 8–9, 2007

Chairs: Shannon Elliott and Benjamin Menzel.
Committee: Aaron
Bernstein, Gregory
Bollis, Rebecca Coffee,
Tanner Kilander, Eugene
LaFlamme, Maureen
Lokrantz, Joel Mogren,
Erika Mielke, Tyler Qualio,
Karin Anderson Riccio,
Chad Richter, Gilbert Urfer,
and Joseph Voiland.

2004

Daniel M. Foutz lives in Atlanta and practices in the area of sports law with Turner Sports. Son, Brady Dane, was born on December 29, 2005. A ccording to Barbara Graham, L'93, her circuitous route to law school—through Madrid and Paris (as a gourmet cook, no less)—takes a little bit of explaining, but is quite a natural sequence of events.

With a hint of teasing in her voice, Graham explained that there should really be a tuition monument erected at Marquette in her honor. "I not only earned my bachelor's and master's and law degrees from Marquette, but I think I hold the record for attempting the largest number of different undergraduate majors," she quipped. As an undergrad, she ended up majoring in Spanish and was able to study abroad at Madrid University, immersing herself in the language and culture for seven months. While a senior in college, she volunteered at the Spanish Center one night a week. After earning her undergraduate degree in 1981, she decided to pursue a master's degree in journalism. Upon completion of her second Marquette degree, Graham spent a year in Paris earning a gourmet cook diploma and certificate from Le Cordon Bleu in 1986. When she returned to the United States, Graham owned and operated a catering business and then taught demonstration and participation cooking courses and cowrote instruction manuals for diploma courses.

All this while, thoughts of law school were simmering and the timer was winding down on Graham's ability to use the LSAT score she had received several years previously.

In 1990, Graham decided it was time to begin her law school education. She recalled very much enjoying it.



**Robert W. Habich** is an associate in the Real Estate

department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.

John J. Schulze, Jr.,
Pewaukee, Wis., is in-house
counsel for American
Transmission Company.
He authored the lead
academic article in the
Spring 2006 issue of the

# BARBARA GRAHAM "Law school was like a big logic puzzle for me, and I met some very interesting people," she said.

Graham views the progression from the culinary arts to law school as a very natural one. "I'm not even the only person in my class who came from a

cooking background, and there is more crossover between law and cooking than one might think," she said. "Law can be very creative, as can cooking. It is not dry and dreary."

During law school, Graham volunteered for a law school clinic and was involved in a task force for battered women. She also worked as a law clerk for the Milwaukee County Circuit Court for Judge Frank T. Crivello.

When she graduated in 1993, Graham wanted to use her Spanish skills and was fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time. "My roommate from Marquette's Study Center in Madrid had a friend who was looking for an attorney to provide Spanish-speaking people free workers compensation representation and called me to see if I was interested," she explained. Graham accepted the position and became Director of Legal Services for Esperanza Unida, Inc., a social services agency on Milwaukee's south side. During her five years there, a successful immigration program was instituted by a colleague. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee eventually assumed the work of this agency, and Graham was able to carry on the mission.

In 1999, Graham, again able to utilize her multilingual

skills, joined Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as a staff attorney. Her job and the agency have grown over the years, and she is now a director and an immigration attorney. Graham oversees a five-person staff which provides legal services for low-income families, with a special emphasis on family-based immigration. "We also do a lot of asylum and representation of immigrant victims of domestic violence—two areas in which Marquette law students have been invaluable to us," said Graham.

"We currently have people from 44 different countries in our program, and while we provide our services at a minimal fee, we never turn people away because of an inability to pay," she said. The agency continues to grow and now has two staff attorneys, three paralegals, one person from the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and a Marquette law student who helps out in various capacities. The newest hire is Erin Murphy, L'06. Plans are underway to welcome a PILS fellow over the summer (see PILS article beginning on p. 16) as well as one volunteer student.

"The Law School has been very supportive of us, providing student interns to our program," explained Graham. "They help make it possible to do what we do." Currently, two third-year students are at Catholic Charities as part of the Law School's curricular internship program, and three are simply volunteering. They all have a great mentor in Graham, who provides an example of how to make a career in public interest law, even if there is no one recipe. •

American Journal of Trial Advocacy, the nation's oldest law review dedicated to the art of trial advocacy; the article, titled "Caveat E-Emptor: Solutions to the **Jurisdictional Problem** of Internet Injury," discusses international jurisdictional issues

created by the internet and attempts to fashion solutions for these issues.

2006

**Jill M. Carland** was married to Michael A. **McCanse** on October 7, 2006 in Paradise Valley, Arizona. The couple lives in Scottsdale. Both are working at Bowman and Brooke LLP, a corporate defense litigation firm in Phoenix.

Scott T. Kelly joined von Briesen & Roper, s.c., as an associate in the **Business Practice Group.** 

He focuses on transactions, mergers and acquisitions, governance, and tax issues.

Jamie J. LaVora became an associate with Kirchner & Buchko Law Office. S.C., in Sheboygan in August 2006. LaVora lives in Grafton, Wis. •