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1948

Raymond E. Gieringer is a principal with CETS Tech, a company that sells, and offers consultation and operational support for, Phytotrons. These are chambers that provide controlled environmental conditions for growing plants and have been extensively used for research on how various environmental factors affect plant growth and development. Gieringer is a retired circuit court judge.

1965



Wylie A. Aitken was recently approved in a unanimous vote by the city council in Anaheim, Calif., as the lead negotiator to represent

Anaheim in stadium lease negotiations with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball team.

1970



Bernard F. Diederich had two articles in the Federal Bar Association's July magazine, *The Federal Lawyer*. The articles were "Air Ambulance, Rescuer

or Rescuer?" and "The ICC (Interstate Commerce Commission) from A to Z."



Thomas P. Krukowski has joined Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek in Milwaukee as a member of the firm's human resources law

practice group. In the employment and labor law field since law school, he has concentrated his practice on the legal and regulatory issues of concern to employers.

1971

David L. Jorling, who is now retired, is serving on the board of the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation. The foundation operates a rail museum and maintenance facility in Portland.

1983

Paul T. Dacier has been appointed by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker to the statewide Judicial Nominating Commission. The commission is a nonpartisan body composed of 21 distinguished volunteers, appointed from a cross-section of the commonwealth's diverse population. It screens applications for judges and clerk-magistrate positions.

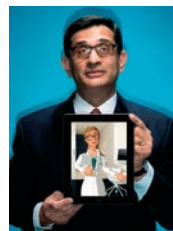
1985



Maxine A. White has been selected by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to serve as chief judge of the state's First Judicial Administrative

District, comprising the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

1988



Navroz ("Norrie") J. Daroga was the subject of a recent feature in *Milwaukee Magazine* regarding the company he cofounded, Geppetto Avatars.



Lynn M. Halbrooks has joined Holland & Knight as a partner in its Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia offices. She served as the acting

inspector general for the U.S. Department of Defense from 2011 to 2013.

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1989



Jack A. Enea, of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, Milwaukee, has joined the board of trustees of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee.

John T. Schomisch is now a member of the firm, Stelpflug Law, in Appleton, Wis.

1990

Arthur T. Phillips has been become special counsel with the employee benefits & executive compensation practice group at Foley & Lardner, Milwaukee.

1995

Bradley J. Kalscheur has been named to the board of Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin. He is a partner in the wealth planning services practice group at Michael Best & Friedrich in Milwaukee.

Andrew T. Phillips, who specializes in assisting local governments, school districts, and businesses, is now a member of von Briesen & Roper, Milwaukee. Previously with the Mequon law firm of Phillips Borowski, he also has served as general counsel for the Wisconsin Counties Association for the past decade.

John B. Rhode was elected Langlade County Circuit Court Judge (Wis.). He had been with the Antigo office of Sommer, Olk & Payant since graduating from law school.

1996

Deborah A. Krukowski has joined Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek in Milwaukee as a member of the firm's human resources law practice group.

1998

Peter M. Kimball served as a U.S. administrative law judge in San Juan, Puerto Rico, before returning this past June to the Social Security Administration's office in Minneapolis as an administrative law judge in the disability hearing office.

1999



Mary T. Wagner, assistant district attorney in Sheboygan County, Wis., has recently been added to the team of official bloggers of a multimedia company called "Growing Bolder," which targets an over-50 audience with messages of hope and inspiration.

2001



Michael Maxwell was elected to the Waukesha County Circuit Court. He previously was a Chapter 7 trustee in the Eastern District of Wisconsin and in private practice in Delafield, Wis.

Katherine Maloney Perhach was recently featured in a story in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* describing her role as managing partner at Quarles & Brady.

2002



Semhar Araia is launching a new leadership, diversity, diaspora consulting firm, Semai Consulting, in the Washington D.C. area. Founder of the Diaspora African Women's Network (DAWN), she has been an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Elliott School for International Affairs and an honoree of the White House Champion of Change award and is involved in the implementation of the Eritrea-Ethiopia peace agreement.

Patrick C. Henneger has joined the firm of von Briesen & Roper, Milwaukee, where he focuses on representing and advising local governments on employment issues—in particular, public records and open meetings, state and federal family medical leave acts, the Americans with Disabilities Act, workers compensation, and unemployment law.

The following Marquette lawyers have joined the law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart:

Timothy G. Costello, L'80

Robert J. Bartel, L'81

Kevin J. Kinney, L'82

Mark A. Johnson, L'92

Dean F. Kelley, L'98

Brian M. Radloff, L'00

Timothy C. Kamin, L'01

Keith E. Kopplin, L'05



A Distinguished Career, Definitely Not in Politics

Grant Langley shrugs off questions about his political views. He doesn't discuss that with people; he doesn't get involved in politics.

In fact, that's central to how he came to be the city attorney of Milwaukee. Except for a brief stint in private practice, Langley went straight from Marquette Law School in 1970 to a position as an assistant Milwaukee city attorney in 1971. Real estate, labor negotiations, zoning, claims against the city—the range of legal work for a municipality, especially one the size of Milwaukee, is wide, and Langley says he got great legal experience in the following years.

But, after a dozen years, he had had enough of one thing in the city attorney's office: politics. "I found the office to be highly politicized," he said. The then-city attorney was close to then-mayor Henry W. Maier. Langley felt that this was influencing the office's work.

The city attorney in Milwaukee is elected to four-year terms. Langley decided to run against his boss in the 1984 election. Langley's campaign centered on a theme: "I wanted to eliminate the politics from our legal work." He won with 56 percent of the vote, even as Maier was winning his seventh term in office.

Now it is Langley, in his eighth term, who is the veteran officeholder. His record of accomplishments, large and small, earned Langley the Jefferson B. Fordham Award for Lifetime Achievement, given annually by the American Bar Association Section for State and Government Law and presented in Chicago this past July.

If "no politics" was Langley's first theme as city attorney, his second has been to furnish "the best legal services we could provide," not only to the city government but to the Milwaukee Public Schools and the city pension fund, both of which are also represented by the city attorney's office. To be praised as a fine attorney is a major compliment from Langley, and he says that often about members of his staff.



Langley has led Milwaukee through quite a few major legal matters during his tenure, with some high-impact successes. To name several:

- In 1999, the city reached a "global pension settlement" with unions, retirees, and other parties, resolving many years of litigation. The settlement gave immediate increased benefits to retirees, and long-term stability to the pension fund, which Langley called "the best-funded pension fund in the country." He calls the agreement his most significant accomplishment.
- He oversaw the resolution of a massive number of claims against Milwaukee after cryptosporidium, a parasite that caused hundreds of thousands of illnesses, contaminated the city's water supply in 1993.
- Langley helped end the longstanding "sewer wars" among many local governments, state agencies, and others over pollution, particularly of Lake Michigan, caused by sewage overflows.
- This year, Langley is working for the second time on the complex agreements to build a new basketball arena in downtown Milwaukee. He represented the city in work related to the Bradley Center's construction in the late 1980s.

At 70, Langley has wrestled with whether to run again in 2016. If his wife, Gail, were alive, he is sure he would retire. Sadly, she died in 2009. And now? Langley likes to golf and fish, he reads a lot, and he is close with his two sons, both of whom live in the Milwaukee area. But he loves his work. It's so much of his life—and the new national honor underscores how much he has accomplished.

To run again? It's a tough decision. But it's one he certainly won't make with politics in mind. ■

Old-Fashioned Typing Sparks Success in Corporate Law

It wasn't that long ago when there was no such thing as a personal computer and typewriters were used to produce academic papers and the like. Some people turned their typing skill into paid work, producing clean documents for other people with less time or less skill with typing.

When Kathie Buono was an undergraduate at the University of Dayton in Ohio, she made money typing on weekends. She worked mostly for students at the university's law school.

getting things done. She switched to transactional law, with one of the firm's leaders, the late Patrick Ryan, L'69, as her mentor.

She worked on private equity/venture capital and public company securities. That led to a strong relationship with the private equity arm of M&I bank, and then with Mason Wells, a firm created in a spinoff from M&I. Buono headed up the efforts of 20 to 25 lawyers and others working with Mason Wells. She said she valued the long-term relationships and liked the work itself, especially mergers and acquisitions.

After 28 years at Quarles & Brady, Buono was approached by Briggs & Stratton, a large Milwaukee-area manufacturing firm. The firm's general counsel, Robert Heath, was planning to retire. The chance to do something different and reenergizing appealed to her, so Buono joined Briggs & Stratton in early 2015; she holds the titles of vice president, general counsel, and secretary of the corporation.

So how's it going?

"Great. I love it," Buono said. She left a place with good people and a good work culture, and she joined a place with good people and a good work culture, she said, and she has learned a great deal about the industry she is part of now.

Buono said that Marquette Law School's emphasis on practical applications has served her well. A big reason for this is that Buono herself is a practical person. She said she's not the kind of lawyer who loves the law as an intellectual pursuit. But getting things done well? She's built her career on that, paired with her talent for building relationships.

As a practical person, Buono keeps track of what is going on around her. That is clear in her work. It's even clear from a big interest outside of work. Her husband, John, loves baseball and plays amateur hardball at a level that includes national tournaments. Buono is not a passive fan—she keeps the team's scorebook, logging everything that happens on the field.

Want to know what's happening? Ask Kathie Buono. That's true on a lot of fronts. ■



"I had no vision of going to law school whatsoever," Buono recalled. But she got to know the students and their papers, and she liked both the people and the subject matter.

"The rest is history," she said. She enrolled at Marquette Law School, which, among its advantages, was near a lot of family for Buono, who spent most of her growing-up years in Racine, Wis.

Buono joined Quarles & Brady in Milwaukee after graduation in 1986, starting out as a litigator. But she decided she didn't have the right personality for that—for one thing, there was too much gamesmanship, she said. For another, progress came too slowly. She likes

Three Marquette lawyers practicing in the intellectual property practice group at the Milwaukee office of Michael Best & Friedrich have been made partners: **Alan C. Cheslock, L'08**, who worked at Michael Best as a patent engineer before becoming a lawyer there; **Aaron K. Nodolf, L'08**, whose practice emphasizes acquisition and enforcement of U.S. and foreign patents in mechanical and electromechanical technologies; and **Kevin P. Rizzuto, L'09**, who focuses his practice on helping businesses obtain strategic patent protection for new technologies and navigate existing patents to avoid infringement risks.



Shannon Masson

has joined the law department at ArcelorMittal USA, Chicago, as senior counsel and compliance officer.

She is responsible for

the company's United States ethics and compliance program, as well as for handling a variety of corporate matters.

John T. Reichert was reported in the spring 2015 *Marquette Lawyer* as joining Godfrey & Kahn. He is now a member of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, having come aboard the firm's financial institutions practice group.

2003

Eric J. Lalor has been added as a voting shareholder with Boyle Fredrickson, Wisconsin's largest, full-service intellectual property law firm. Lalor has been with the firm since 2007, with a practice focusing on the mechanical arts.

2004



Camilla M. Tubbs

is now the assistant dean for library and technology at the University of Maryland. She joined the faculty in 2012 as deputy director of

the library after holding the positions of head of instructional and faculty services and lecturer in law at the Lillian Goldman Law Library, Yale Law School.

2006



Devan J. Bruea

was recently hired as the director of global tax and regulatory compliance for Spinnaker Support, a leading global provider of third-party software maintenance, based in the Denver, Colo., area.

Donna M. Wittig has joined the Las Vegas office of Akerman LLP, where she practices in the firm's consumer finance litigation & compliance practice group.

2007



Jason E.

Kuwayama was elected as a shareholder in the banking & financial institutions practice group of Godfrey & Kahn's Milwaukee

office. His practice focuses on bank mergers and acquisitions, asset purchases and sales, bank regulation and compliance, and general securities matters.



Nicholas J. Linz

has joined Hager, Dewick & Zuengler, in Green Bay, Wis. His areas of practice include business and civil litigation, employment law,

and landlord/tenant law.

2008

Thomas E. Howard has been reappointed as a member of the mental health law section council of the Illinois State Bar Association.



Steven W. Laabs

has joined the corporate & finance practice group of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, Milwaukee, as a member of the corporate transactions

team. His practice focuses on representing companies and business owners in connection with a variety of corporate, commercial finance, and real estate transactions.

2009



Farheen M. Ansari

has accepted a position as an assistant district attorney for Harris County in Houston, Tex. Before moving to Texas, she had a solo

practice in Madison, Wis.

David D. Conway has taken a position as assistant United States attorney in Madison, Wis., following six years at a firm in Washington, D.C.

John G. Long has joined Michael Best & Friedrich's expanding office in Austin, Tex., as senior counsel in the labor and employment relations practice group. He previously operated a Houston-based sports law firm.



Charles Stone has been named associate general counsel of the American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing, China. He is an associate at

Reed Smith, a limited liability partnership registered in England.

2010



Scott M. Butler was named the "2015 Wisconsin Young Lawyer of the Year" by the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of

Wisconsin. He is an associate with Fitzpatrick, Skemp & Associates, in La Crosse, Wis.



Sondra L. Norder was honored in June with the "Tomorrow's Leaders" Award from the Catholic Health Association at its annual assembly in Washington, D.C. She is president and CEO of St. Paul Elder Services, Appleton, Wis.



Vintee Sawhney has been named director of medical staff services and medical education at Wheaton Franciscan

Healthcare in Milwaukee.

The following Marquette lawyers were honored by the Milwaukee Bar Association at its 157th Annual Meeting & Luncheon in June 2015:

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Phoebe W. Williams, L'81**

Distinguished Service Award: **Michael F. Hupy, L'72**

Michael McCann Distinguished Public Service Award:

Norman A. Gahn, L'84, and Mark S. Williams, L'77

2011



Mary L. Ferwerda has been named executive director of the Milwaukee Justice Center, a collaborative endeavor of the Milwaukee Bar

Association, Marquette University Law School, and Milwaukee County to assist low-income and disadvantaged people who are unable to afford an attorney to represent them in civil court.



Rebecca López was honored as "Young Alumna of the Year" by the Father Danihy Alumni Club, a chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the

Jesuit Honor Society. She is an associate in Godfrey & Kahn's labor, employment and immigration law practice group, in Milwaukee.

2012

Grant Erickson is managing partner at Brooks, Kase & Erickson, a general practice law firm in Door County, Wis.

2013

Mitchell D. Lindstrom has joined the business law practice group of the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady.

2014

Deborah A. Long has become affiliated with the Law Office of Deanna J. Bowen in Gurnee, Ill.

2015



Jason D. Buckner has joined Brennan Steil in Janesville, Wis., practicing in the areas of business, intellectual

property, litigation, and real estate.

PROFILE: Jack Miller, L'78

Amazing Places, Amazing Adventures—and Some Legal Work, Too

Fortunately, Jack Miller found some time to be interviewed from his home in Alaska—but it had to fit in between his return from nine days of hiking in remote parts of the state's Denali National Park and his departure for three days of climbing in the Chugach Mountains on Alaska's southern coast. Right after the climbing trip? He was leaving for the red salmon fishing season in the western part of the state.

"I've dedicated my life to enjoying the wilderness in Alaska, and it's really worked out well," said Miller. It's a life in which Miller and his wife lived for a few years more than 50 miles from the nearest road; in which he has watched migrating caribou herds so large that they took all day to pass his tent; in which he has had numerous close-up encounters with bears; in which wolves and eagles and, in short, the most breathtaking sights have been parts of many of the Millers' days and parts of their many years.

Miller grew up in Milwaukee's Bay View neighborhood. He starred on the Bay View High School football team; his wife, JoAnn, was captain of the cheerleaders. They got married after his second year in law school and took a summer trip across Canada, having to return to Milwaukee (and law school) before reaching the Alaskan border. "We decided if we were going to look for a job, we were going to look for one only in Alaska," Miller said. Even before he finished law school, a firm in Anchorage offered him a position.

"I stopped being a lawyer after about 11 months," Miller said. The couple moved to a remote spot in the vast Alaskan wilderness, where they homesteaded a property. They had a son and eventually decided to move back to Anchorage. But legal work still took a distant second to involvement with nature. In many years, he did little to no legal work. But he did spend time as a commercial fisherman and hunting guide and in several jobs with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.



His legal work from the start has primarily involved energy companies. After the enormous Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989, Miller became one of the lead attorneys for the main contractor working on the cleanup. He has continued to work on large commercial transactions for oil and gas companies, including work around the world.

These days, Miller's wife, JoAnn, doesn't go on his wilderness trips often, but, at 64, Miller remains immersed in Alaska, usually traveling solo. Alaska, he said, is "still an amazing, amazing place." And to be alone in nature is "the most pure way to live in the moment. . . . It's almost the exact opposite of being a lawyer."

In addition to part-time work on commercial transactions, Miller does pro bono work at a clinic associated with a church in Anchorage. It's a largely Hispanic congregation, with many people needing help with immigration matters and debt problems. He finds it rewarding; he said that 2015 will be the third year he works more pro bono hours than billable hours.

The Millers have two sons who live in the Anchorage area. "We'll never be rich, we'll never have a big house, but none of that matters to me," Miller said. "I can't tell you what an amazing life I've had, what a privileged existence I've had." ■