

Tom Morrison: Admiral Sails Far, Steering “People, Money, and Facilities”



Tom Morrison, L'77, says that he learned a lot of lessons he might not have expected in a career as a lawyer for the U.S. Navy and as associate dean at George Washington University Law School. Here's one very pertinent example:

Don't put the mechanicals inside the building. Put them on the roof.

That was his firm advice when Dean Joseph D. Kearney invited Morrison to stop in at a meeting with Marquette University Architect Thomas P. Ganey and Professor Michael K. McChrystal during a visit to Milwaukee a few years ago. Morrison looked at the plans for what is now Eckstein Hall. He had been deeply involved in renovation of the George Washington University Law School buildings.

“I got pretty good at it,” he says. “One thing I learned after eight years of renovation is that you never have enough room.” When he looked at the Eckstein Hall plans, he recalls, he realized that there wouldn't be any room to expand the building outward in the future because of the property it would be on. So he urged creating as much room as possible inside. At his strong recommendation, the heat, ventilation, and air conditioning went on the roof, even though this change of plans was expensive. And in the space where they were initially to go? That's the fitness center now. So

thank Tom Morrison, the many of you who benefit from that facility.

Morrison is a man with a ton of stories: How his advice helped shape the mid-1990s television series, *JAG*, based on the Navy's Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. About his work in Washington as a liaison between Congress and the Navy. How he was on the set for the filming of the famous scene in *A Few Good Men*, where Jack Nicholson says—to Tom Cruise's “I want the truth!”—“You can't handle the truth!” And many more.

Morrison grew up in the Chicago suburb of Maywood and got his bachelor's degree in 1969 from Marquette. He was also commissioned into the Navy through the ROTC unit at Marquette, and in 1974 he was invited to be in the first group of Navy sailors who could get their way paid to law school if they agreed to join the JAG Corps for six years. “It was the end of the Vietnam conflict, and lawyers were not coming into the Navy,” he says. Was Morrison interested in law school until then? “Absolutely not.” And it was already July. But Marquette Law School offered him the chance to enroll for that fall.

“What I got out of Marquette Law School was a tremendous education in the law that served me so well for the next 20-some years, which I spent as a Navy lawyer,” Morrison says. Early in his work, he was assigned as a special U.S. Attorney for Hawaii. On



• **Marquette law degree:** 1977

• **Professional status:** Retired after career in Navy JAG Corps and at George Washington University Law School

• **Family:** Married, three grown children, two grandchildren

Valentine's Day 1978, about nine months after graduating from law school, he argued several cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. Being able to do that at that stage of his career showed how well-prepared he was when he left law school—and how he had great opportunities as a Navy lawyer.

Morrison retired from the Navy in 1998 with the rank of rear admiral. His accomplishments included work as a trial and environmental lawyer, in the recruitment and assignment all over the world of hundreds of lawyers, and as a military personnel and operations expert. He had been, in essence, the managing partner in the JAG Corps, or the chief operations officer of a worldwide law firm with 43 offices.

Morrison then became associate dean for administrative affairs at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. He retired last year. What did the Navy and law school jobs have in common? In both, he said, he dealt a lot with “people, money, and facilities”—and he did things he relished.

One other aspect of Marquette's impact on Morrison: As an undergraduate, he met the woman who became his wife. He and Karen have been married 40 years and have three children and two grandchildren. The senior Morrisons live in Springfield, Virginia, south of Washington.

As for Eckstein Hall, Morrison plays down his role but says, “I think you've come up with a great law school. The end result is absolutely outstanding.” ■

1956

Claude Kordus has been elected to the board of directors for Cal-Bay Systems in northern California.

1961

Philip R. Brehm received the Brown County Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award at a luncheon in October in Green Bay.

1968



Frank J. Daily has been appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to serve a three-year term on the Wisconsin Judicial Commission. Daily is a retired senior

partner from Quarles & Brady, where he was part of the firm's product liability, toxic tort, and personal injury litigation practice group.

1979

Timothy L. Bailey was sworn in as a circuit court judge in Broward County, Fla., on January 18, 2013.

James A. Wynn, a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, has been named to the American Bar Association's Task Force on the Future of Legal Education. He has chaired the judicial division of the ABA and was one of the drafters of the 2007 ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct.

1981



Kay N. Hunt is chair of the appellate section at Lommen Abdo, Minneapolis. She also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law.



1982

Joseph S. Heino recently released a book titled *Intellectual Property for the Medical Professional*. He is a shareholder with Davis & Kuelthau in Milwaukee.

Kathleen A. Gray has been selected as a Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation. She is a partner in the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady and is a member of the firm's trusts and estates practice group.



Jerome M. Janzer has been reelected to Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren's board of directors for a three-year term. In addition to being CEO of the firm, Janzer co-chairs Reinhart's real estate

practice and is a member of the firm's business law practice.

1984

Tracey L. Klein, Milwaukee, has been named co-chair of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren's health care practice.

1985



Mark A. Cameli was honored as "Citizen of the Year" at the nineteenth annual Columbus Day Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Justinian Society of Wisconsin. He is a shareholder in the

Milwaukee office of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren and chairs the firm's white-collar litigation and corporate-compliance team.

Peter M. Roan has joined the Los Angeles, Calif., office of Crowell & Moring. He is a partner in the firm's health care group and focuses his practice on business litigation in the health care and insurance industries.

1987

Steven M. Biskupic has opened Biskupic & Jacobs in Mequon, Wis. The firm will concentrate on complex business disputes, government investigations, appellate work,

and white-collar criminal defense. Biskupic was with the Milwaukee office of Michael Best & Friedrich and previously served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

1990



Jeffrey A. Pitman, Milwaukee, has been elected president of the Wisconsin Association of Justice for 2013. His firm, Pitman, Kyle, Sicula & Dentice, focuses on representing victims of serious injury and nursing home abuse and neglect.

Paul F. Heaton has been elected a shareholder at Godfrey & Kahn. He is with the firm's Milwaukee office and is part of the litigation practice group.

1992

David Beine has been named general counsel of Hydrite Chemical Co., Brookfield, Wis. David and his wife, Paula (Vander Putten) Beine, Bus Ad '89, live in West Bend with their five children.



Christine Liu McLaughlin was named "Woman of the Year" by the National Association of Professional Women and a "2012 Woman of Influence" in the Inspiration category by

the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. McLaughlin is a shareholder in Godfrey & Kahn's labor, employment, and immigration practice group.

1993

Michael G. Goller, Milwaukee, has been named chair of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren's tax practice.

1994

Michael H. Doyle has been named vice president for institutional advancement at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. He has been part of the college's advancement division since 2007.

1995

Shawn M. Eichorst has been named athletic director at the University of Nebraska. Eichorst previously was athletic director at the University of Miami in Florida.

David B. Schulz, Milwaukee, has been named chair of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren's banking and finance practice.

1998

Michael P. Cotter and his wife, Julie, welcomed their son, Thomas Daniel Cotter, on June 25, 2012. Cotter is with the Walworth County Corporation Counsel in Elkhorn, Wis.

1999

Brian C. Randall has been named one of 2013's "Forty Under 40" by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. He is a shareholder at Friebert, Finerty & St. John.

2000

Lindsey Grady was sworn in as Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge for Branch 23 on August 1, 2012, and has been assigned to the misdemeanors division. Grady was elected to the position on April 3, 2012.

Phillip R. Rangsebsin has joined the Office of Legal Counsel for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as an attorney. He is also an officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army Reserves. He was mobilized in 2010–2012 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he served as the deputy regional counsel for the Office of Soldiers' Counsel, Region II, assisting soldiers with medical legal issues.

John Martin Yackel, Wausau, Wis., has been appointed to the Lincoln County Circuit Court, Branch 2, by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker.

Rebecca Cameron Valcq has been named one of 2013's "Forty Under 40" by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. She is regulatory counsel for We Energies.



Wendy Selig-Prieb: Life After the Brewers



“What woman doesn’t want to meet a woman who sells great clothes?” So meet the woman who said that: Wendy Selig-Prieb, president of Worth New York, which sells high-end clothes to “women of influence” online and through trunk shows.

Yes, that’s the same Wendy Selig-Prieb who was CEO of the Milwaukee Brewers baseball club in the late 1990s and early 2000s, years in which, on the one hand, Miller Park was constructed but, on the other hand, the team consistently had losing seasons. She has no regrets about what she did then or what she is doing now.

“I am really fortunate because I love what I do and I really love where my life is at,” Selig-Prieb says. “I wouldn’t trade a day of any part of my life.”

After leaving the Brewers, Selig-Prieb, L’88, her husband, Laurel Prieb, and their daughter, Natalie, moved in 2005 to Scottsdale, Arizona. Selig-Prieb said that she had few friends in Arizona upon her arrival, had been a happy customer of Worth New York, and thought that selling clothing in the personalized manner the company uses would be a good way to meet women. The work also matched what she calls her entrepreneurial streak, and it allowed her to lead a “more balanced” lifestyle, including a lot of time with her daughter, who is now 14 years old and in ninth grade.

Selig-Prieb developed one of the most successful Worth businesses in the country. She was approached in 2012 by executives of the parent company, the Worth Collection, Ltd., to become president of the brand. The brand operates through about 300 agencies across the country and has revenue approaching \$100 million a year.

“I did a lot of soul-searching,” Selig-Prieb said. She didn’t want to give up a life that she thought well balanced, but she loved the business and the clothes. She felt that the company was helping provide opportunities empowering women—“which has always been a passion for me.” So her answer was “Yes.” She continues to live in Scottsdale but travels often to New York.

Her passion for baseball remains strong, as is no surprise not only in light of her own past but given

that she is the daughter of baseball commissioner Allan H. “Bud” Selig and that her husband is the Vice President for Western Operations for Major League Baseball. She said she watches almost every

Brewers game on television or, occasionally, in person. “I’m so excited about where the franchise is today, the success both in terms of attendance and on the field,” she says. During her time as CEO, Doug Melvin was hired as general manager, and the franchise’s minor league farm system was revitalized. The farm system has produced players such as Prince Fielder, Rickie Weeks, and Corey Hart.

“My heart and soul will always be with the Brewers,” she said. Selig-Prieb played an important role in the building of Miller Park, the retractable-roof stadium that opened in 2001. The effort was highly controversial and the politics intense. How does she feel about the stadium now? “I love it,” she says. “It is absolutely the right ballpark for Milwaukee and Wisconsin.”

Now 52, Selig-Prieb practiced law at Foley & Lardner before becoming general counsel for the Brewers. She says, “I absolutely believe that my legal training, my legal background, even though I am not practicing, is something that helps me all the time in business. One of the great things about law school is, whether ultimately it’s in private practice, whether you go into politics, whether into business, it truly provides a background that you benefit from every day.”

Selig-Prieb says that one of the things she learned from the tough times she went through heading the Brewers was the courage of her convictions. “If you do the right thing, in the long run it will turn out,” she says. “In the short run, sometimes you go through pain. But you have to have that vision and that conviction.” ■

• **Marquette law degree:** 1988
 • **Professional status:** President, Worth New York
 • **Family:** Married, one daughter



Jim DeJong: A Life Well Founded

- **Marquette law degree:** 1978
- **Professional status:** President, O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing
- **Family:** Married, two grown children

“I grew up a P.K.,” Jim DeJong says. A preacher’s kid. Son of the pastor of Presbyterian churches in Portage and then Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in the 1950s and 1960s.

Certain values tend to become ingrained in you with that background: Family and church, for sure. A general sense of doing things that will last, that are solid and good. A deliberate, careful approach to the path of your life, both professionally and personally: DeJong (pronounced “dee-young”) calls this following “the law of the harvest—don’t decide to plant a seed on Friday and expect to harvest on Monday.”

You can see that philosophy at work in DeJong’s career. He left Fond du Lac to go to Carroll College in Waukesha, graduating in 1973. He returned to Fond du Lac to work for a bank, and, after a couple years, enrolled at Marquette Law School, intending to return to Fond du Lac.

In 1976, in his second year of law school, he got a position as a clerk at a small Milwaukee law firm specializing in serving businesses. After graduating in 1978, he stayed on at the firm. Thirty-five years later, he is president of what is known as O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing, a firm with 36 attorneys. It’s been a lot of fun, he says, partly because of the firm’s insistence on observing a “no-jerks” policy in hiring.

The firm’s “sweet spot,” as DeJong puts it, is working with closely held companies of all sizes. DeJong’s own practice has focused on would-be buyers and sellers of businesses. Even if that means,

by definition, that he is involved in situations in which people are going through big changes, his approach is to help them do it in a way that is steady and carefully grounded. His advice for those selling a business starts with having your house in order and having a realistic handle on the value of the business. The fewer surprises there are, the better.

His personal life is also marked by steady commitment to good principles and goals. His wife, Patty, is also originally from Fond du Lac. They are strongly involved in their church, Crossroads Presbyterian in Mequon, where Jim was elected an elder 10 years ago. They have lived in Mequon for many years, and it was there that they raised their children—twins, who are now in their mid-20s. Their daughter got married at Crossroads; their son plans to be married there.

As volunteers, Jim and Patty have been involved in civic arts efforts, including the Lakefront Festival of the Arts, Friends of Art, and the United Performing Arts Fund. Jim is a trustee of his alma mater, now known as Carroll University.

At 61, DeJong is not looking to retire, but he says he might change his work style a bit. A priority now: Making sure he and his partners have built something that will last. “We couldn’t be happier with where the firm is positioned,” he says, and from the way he speaks of his work, his family, and his life in general, there is no doubt that he would say the same for all of it. ■

2001

Michael P. Maxwell co-presented a national webinar, "Bankruptcy Basics Boot Camp," sponsored by National Business Institute. He is a Chapter 7 trustee in the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

2002



John T. Reichert has been elected a shareholder at Godfrey & Kahn. He is with the firm's Milwaukee office and is part of the banking and financial institutions practice group.

2003

Kevin Kreuser has been named assistant general counsel of P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Inc., based in Scottsdale, Ariz. His work focuses on international development, intellectual property, contracts, and data privacy and security. He and his wife welcomed their second child, Hudson Thomas Kreuser, on July 16, 2012.

Kirk L. Deheck has been elected shareholder at Boyle Fredrickson in Milwaukee. He has been with the firm since 2006 and focuses his practice on the preparation and prosecution of patent and trademark applications and on intellectual property opinions and enforcement.



Michelle R. Pierce has been promoted to vice president, managing attorney at Assurant Health in Milwaukee. She has been with Assurant Health since 2003.

Patrick J. Fleis has become a partner at Ryan Kromholz & Manion in Brookfield, Wis. His practice focuses on the medical and chemical arts, mainly directed toward patent procurement and client portfolio management.

Natalie R. Remington has been appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Appointment Selection Committee. She is with the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady.

2004



Robert W. Habich has been named a shareholder at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren. He is part of the firm's office in Waukesha, Wis., and focuses his practice on real estate law.

David A. Strifling has rejoined the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady as of counsel in the environmental practice group.



Maria L. Kreiter has been appointed to the Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation Board of Directors. Kreiter is a member of the litigation practice group at Godfrey &

Kahn's Milwaukee office. Her practice focuses on complex business litigation.

Rachel Monaco-Wilcox has been named one of 2013's "Forty Under 40" by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. She is an assistant professor and chair of the Justice Department at Mount Mary College.



Paul M. Ratzmann has been named a senior attorney at the Bloomfield Hills, Mich., office of Rader, Fishman & Grauer. His practice focuses on patent prosecution with an emphasis on

mechanical and electromechanical components. Ratzmann was a patent attorney in Milwaukee and, previously, a product development engineer with General Electric, where his research in medical equipment and components resulted in 11 patents.



Thomas J. Krumenacher has been elected to partnership at Quarles & Brady. He is with the firm's Milwaukee office and is a member of the intellectual property practice group.

2005



Andrew P. Beiffuss has been elected to partnership at Quarles & Brady. He is with the firm's Milwaukee office and is a member of the litigation and corporate services practice groups.

Beth Conradson Cleary received the Young Alumna of the Year Award from the Alpha Sigma Nu Danihy Alumni Club of Southeastern Wisconsin. She currently serves as deputy director of the retirement system for the City of Milwaukee.

Anthony Cotton was sworn in for a second term as a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the association's 54th annual meeting in San Francisco, Calif. He is a trial attorney at Kuchler & Cotton in Waukesha, Wis.

Sven E. Skillrud accepted the position of director, executive compensation, with Time Warner Cable Inc. and relocated to Charlotte, N.C. He previously was a senior associate attorney with Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee.

2006

Mathew D. Pauley has been accepted as a Fellow of the California Health Care Foundation's Health Care Leadership Program. He is the first clinical ethicist accepted into the fellowship program in the foundation's 12-year history. Pauley is the director of medical bioethics for the San Bernardino County Service Area at Kaiser Permanente.



Randall H. Green was recently named shareholder at Meyer Capel in Champaign, Ill. He focuses his practice on business and real estate transactions. >>

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2007



Sara (Scoles) and Todd Krumholz, Dallas, Tex., welcomed their first child, Harper Jeane, on August 6, 2012.

Jacob A. Manian has joined the firm of Fox, O'Neill & Shannon in Milwaukee, as an associate in its litigation practice. Manian was previously an assistant district attorney and principal assistant corporation counsel with Milwaukee County.

Susan M. Roth has been named a partner at Kohn Smith Roth in Milwaukee. She focuses her practice on criminal defense.

Laura S. Platt recently published an article, "Informed Consent: Taking the Medicine Out of Medical Malpractice," in *Risky Business*, the newsletter of the Wisconsin Society for Healthcare Risk Management. Platt is an associate in the medical liability and employment law practice groups at Cassidy Schade, in its offices in both Milwaukee and Libertyville, Ill.

2008

Peter B. Harbach has become a partner at Hooper Law Office in Appleton, Wis. His practice is dedicated to estate and wealth transfer planning, long-term care planning, and veteran pension planning.

Christopher J. MacGillis and his brother, **Ryan S. MacGillis**, L'10, announce the expansion of MacGillis Wiemer, with a new Wauwatosa, Wis., address.



Joseph F. LaDien has joined the Milwaukee office of Mallery & Zimmerman as an associate. LaDien practices with the office's litigation group and is president of the Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association.



Katherine Peckham has joined Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis, Minn. She is part of the firm's trusts and estates group and focuses her practice on minimizing estate, gift, and

generation-skipping transfer taxes for individuals and families.

2009



Stacy A. Alexejun has joined the Madison office of Quarles & Brady as an associate in the firm's commercial litigation group. Before joining the firm, she served as a law clerk to Justice

Annette Kingsland Ziegler, L'89, of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.



Allison Cimpl-Wiemer was appointed to the Association for Women Lawyers board of directors. She is an associate in the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady and a member of the firm's commercial litigation group.

Patrick J. Bodden has joined the Milwaukee office of von Briesen & Roper. He advises individuals and business owners in all aspects of personal and business planning.

2010

Danica Zawieja, Keshena, Wis., received the 2012 U.S. Attorney National Crime Victims Service Award for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. She is a domestic violence and sexual assault prosecutor for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

2012



Stephane P. Fabus has joined Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman as an associate in the firm's Milwaukee office. She is part of the health practice group.

Noelle A. Bobbe has joined the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady as an associate. She is with the firm's real estate practice group.

Rebeca M. López has joined the Milwaukee office of Godfrey & Kahn. She is part of the firm's labor, employment, and immigration practice group.