

# CLASS | NOTES

## Words of Recollection and Reflection from **Marquette Lawyers**

**M**arquette Law School honored five individuals at the annual alumni awards ceremony this past April in Eckstein Hall. Because these men and women, as selected by the Law Alumni Association Board, help exemplify the ideals of the Marquette lawyer, we offer on the following pages edited brief excerpts from their remarks on the occasion. In addition, we begin with an excerpt from the remarks of Marquette University President Michael R. Lovell at the Eckstein Hall event and conclude with the remarks of Louis J. Andrew Jr., L'66, upon receiving the Service to Marquette Award from the university at a separate event in April. These remarks are interspersed with the class notes.

Receiving the Law School's honors were the Hon. Diane S. Sykes, L'84, judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Alumnus of the Year Award; Bill Staudenmaier, L'61, and Mary Staudenmaier, L'71, Lifetime Achievement Awards; Bernard J. Westfahl, Jr., L'04, Howard B. Eisenberg Service Award; and Brent Moberg, L'04, Charles W. Mentkowski Sports Law Alumnus of the Year Award. More information about the award winners is available on the Law School's website; here, we provide a glimpse into the ideals and spirit of the Marquette lawyer.



Law School Dean Joseph D. Kearney (left) and Law Alumni Association Board President Arthur T. Phillips (right) flank the award winners in Eckstein Hall on April 28, 2016: Diane Sykes, Bill Staudenmaier, Mary Staudenmaier, B.J. Westfahl, and Brent Moberg.

Congratulations to the following Marquette lawyers—and a Law School administrator—whom the *Wisconsin Law Journal* has honored as “2016 Women in the Law.” They were selected for their outstanding achievement in the law.

**Christine Nelson, L'79**

Nelson, Connell, Tallmadge & Slein

**Karen Flaherty, L'80**

City of Brookfield

**Tracey Klein, L'84**

Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

**Ann Barry Hanneman, L'89**

Simandl Law Group

**Ellen Nowak, L'98**

Wisconsin Public Service Commission

**Kelley Chenhalls, L'03**

Hochstatter, McCarthy, Rivas & Runde

**Kristen Scheuerman, L'10**

Herring Clark Law Firm

**Sheila Shadman Emerson, L'11**

Halloin & Murdock

**Angela Schultz**, Assistant Dean for Public Service, Marquette Law School

### 1972

**Michael F. Hupy** and his firm, Hupy & Abraham, received a “2015 Litigator Award” for outstanding representation in the category of “Dangerous Conditions: Slip and Fall.” The particular case involved more than six years of litigation and resulted in an award of \$22 million.

### 1979

**Randall D. Crocker**, president and CEO of von Briesen & Roper, has announced that the firm has opened offices in Appleton and Green Bay. **William S. Woodward, Jr., L'89**, and **Frank W. Kowalkowski, L'92**, are shareholders in the Green Bay office.

## 1981

**Susan Hansen** was featured in a story on Fox 6 News (Milwaukee), "Getting a Divorce? Why One Family Court Judge Advocates Mediation." She is a partner at Hansen & Hildebrand.

**Mark D. McGarvie** is a scholar-in-residence at the Institute of Bill of Rights Law at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary. He recently completed a Fulbright Scholarship teaching at the University of Zagreb School of Law, Croatia. His third book, *Law and Religion in American History: Public Values and Private Conscience*, part of the New Histories of American Law series, Cambridge University Press, was published in May 2016.

**José A. Olivieri**, a partner in Michael Best & Friedrich's labor and employment relations practice group, received the 2016 Executive Leadership Award from the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee.

## 1982



**Michael J. Goning** was honored as "Alumnus of the Year" by Marquette University's Father Danihy Alumni

Club of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society. He has been a partner at Quarles & Brady and was the inspiration for Marquette Law School's Mobile Legal Clinic, which helps extend legal counsel to underserved neighborhoods and areas.



**Donald W. Layden, Jr.**, received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the Three Harbors Council, Boy

Scouts of America. The award is the National Eagle Scout Association's highest honor. Established in 1969 to acknowledge Eagle Scouts with extraordinary national-level recognition, fame, or eminence within their field and a strong record of voluntary service to their community, it has been awarded to only one other Wisconsinite: Gov. Scott Walker.

## 1983

**Paul T. Dacier** has been appointed by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker to a special commission to assist the governor with an

## Marquette University President Michael R. Lovell at the Law Alumni Awards

*It's very humbling for me to hear about the accomplishments of our alumni and the ways they are truly living their lives in the spirit of St. Ignatius—setting the world on fire. The individuals we honor make it very easy for me to be proud of Marquette University, and I deeply appreciate their leadership and service to others. They really do embody the mission of Marquette University. We have four pillars: excellence, faith, leadership, and service. Certainly, the individuals being honored tonight all are great examples of what we try to strive to produce in our students. . . .*

unprecedented number of vacancies in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Dacier, general counsel of EMC, a data-storage company, is co-chair of the SJC Nominating Commission, which helps recruit and screens candidates for three seats on the court.

## 1984



**Tracey L. Klein** was nominated by Gov. Scott Walker and unanimously confirmed by the state senate to serve on the University of

Wisconsin System Board of Regents. Klein is chair of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren's health care practice. >>

**1986**

**Sheila Hill-Roberts** has been appointed assistant family court commissioner by Milwaukee County Circuit Court Chief Judge **Maxine White, L'84**. Hill-Roberts was chief staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society's guardian ad litem division for its children's court office.

**1987**

**Mark L. Thomsen** has been appointed to the State Elections Commission by State Assembly Democratic Leader Rep. Peter Barca.

Thomsen is an attorney with Cannon & Dunphy, in Brookfield, Wis.

**1988**

**Peter M. Garson** was elected to serve on the executive committee of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, where he will join other

members in assisting with the governance and strategic direction of the firm. A member of the firm's Madison office, he practices in the areas of business, real estate, land use and construction, tax and tax advocacy, and trusts and estates.

**THE HON. DIANE SYKES***Alumnus of the Year Award*

*I am so proud to be a Marquette lawyer. My association with Marquette Law School has immeasurably enriched my life, and it's a very special honor to receive this award this evening. I came to the Law School with the goal of using my legal education in some form of public service, and here at Marquette I received not just an excellent legal education but also a strong sense of the vital role of lawyers and judges in sustaining our public institutions and the institutions of civil society. . . .*

*As Dean Kearney noted at my investiture in 2004, the very first judge to hold the seat on the Seventh Circuit that I now occupy was Judge James Jenkins, who later became the first dean of Marquette Law School after he left the bench. When I joined the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1999, I succeeded Justice Donald Steinmetz, another great Marquette lawyer. The Milwaukee County Circuit Court, where I served as trial judge for seven years, is well-populated with Marquette lawyers. It's an honor and a privilege to be part of this long and venerable tradition of Marquette lawyers serving in the judiciary.*

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLASS NOTES may be emailed to [christine.wv@marquette.edu](mailto:christine.wv@marquette.edu). We are especially interested in accomplishments that do not recur annually. Personal matters such as wedding and birth or adoption announcements are welcome. We update postings of class notes weekly at [law.marquette.edu](http://law.marquette.edu).



**Peter L. Ramirez** has launched his own firm, Ramirez Law, in Milwaukee. Ramirez is current president of the Marquette University Law Alumni Association Board.

## 1990

**Rodney W. Carter** was added to the real estate practice group of the Milwaukee office of Husch Blackwell, formerly known as Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek.

## 1991

**David L. Borowski** has become a member of the board of directors of Messmer Catholic Schools in Milwaukee. A 1984 Messmer graduate, he is currently the presiding judge of the probate division of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court and handles a combined civil/probate calendar.

**Jennifer Schmidt** is now a complex claims director for Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance. BHSI recently celebrated its three-year anniversary.

## 1992



**Kevin M. Long**, national chair of Quarles & Brady's litigation & dispute resolution practice group, has been inducted as a member of the

Greater Milwaukee Committee. The GMC is composed of 200 CEOs and CEO-level executives working to make Milwaukee the best place to live, learn, work, and play.

## 1993

**Timothy S. Trecek** has been selected to join the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee's board of directors. Trecek is a shareholder and a member

of the executive committee at Habush Habush & Rottier and serves as managing partner of the firm's Milwaukee and West Bend offices.

## 1994



**Jane Pribek Salem** is now a member of the Tennessee bar and was promoted to staff attorney at the Tennessee Court of Workers'

Compensation Claims in Nashville. She was formerly the editor-in-chief and editor-at-large of the *Wisconsin Law Journal*.

**Christine E. Woleske** was recently named chief operating officer of Bellin Health, in addition to her service as the company's executive vice president. She has been affiliated with Bellin, which is located in the Green Bay area, since 1998. ▶▶

## MARY STAUDENMAIER

### *Lifetime Achievement Award*

*My father, L. W. Staudenmaier, went to Marquette Law School during a very tough time—the early 1930s. He needed financial aid, and Marquette didn't have scholarships back then. He managed by working like crazy. Upon graduating from law school, he owed \$250, and they weren't going to write it off. But he managed to talk to some friends who had family who had gone to law school. They were wonderful people, and they said to my dad, "Well, don't worry about it—we'll take care of it." They wrote a check for \$250 so that he could graduate, with honors, from Marquette Law School. . . . He taught me how to make a difference, to take the opportunities that come forward and try to make them perfect.*

## BILL STAUDENMAIER

### *Lifetime Achievement Award*

*A little bit of history—ancient history. September 1958: I entered the Marquette Law School. I was astute enough to pick out the people who were the real brains in my class and sign on with them as a study group. I don't know whether the students still do that, but a half dozen of us stayed together for three years and studied, and it helped my grades. But, more importantly, I had some of the finest professors that one could imagine teaching the law. Some of you will remember Francis Darnieder; future dean, Bob Boden; Father Jim Orford, a Jesuit; Leo Leary; and, most importantly, a longtime friend, Jim Ghiardi, who passed away just a few months ago. It was a marvelous experience, and I am so grateful for that education.*

### 1996



**Gregory J. Heller** was recently elevated to the position of executive vice president and chief legal officer for the Atlanta Braves. He is in his 16th season

with the Braves, where he manages all legal affairs for the team and its wholly owned minor league affiliates.

### 1997

**Cynthia G. Fletcher** has joined the Milwaukee office of Husch Blackwell (formerly Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek) as part of its corporate and finance practice group.

**Daniel G. Radler**, a partner in the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady, will become the firm's managing partner, effective December 1, 2016. He currently serves as a section

chair of the firm, working directly with national practice group chairs and industry team leaders to help strengthen strategic areas of the firm.

### 2000



**Katie Maloney Perhach**, managing partner at Quarles & Brady's Milwaukee office, received a 2016 Philanthropic 5 award from the United Way of Greater Milwaukee

& Waukesha County. This award was created by United Way's Emerging Leaders Council to recognize five community leaders in their 20s, 30s, and 40s who have made extraordinary commitments of leadership, volunteerism, mentoring, and philanthropy to Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha's nonprofit community.

### 2001

**Robert R. Gagan** has opened an office in Green Bay for the law firm of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing.

### 2003



**Tara R. Devine**, a partner at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard, in Waukegan, Ill., recently obtained a \$1.6 million verdict on behalf of a client in a wrongful-death case,

a record in Stephenson County, Ill. She has become a member of the Lake County Bar Association Board of Directors.

**Kimberley C. Motley** was the subject of a *New York Times* article on her legal work in Afghanistan and a documentary highlighting her work there, *Motley's Law*.

## 2004

**Paul J. Krause** has joined Harley-Davidson Motor Company as senior counsel for compliance and employment.

## 2005

**Travis DeLucenay** has been named a partner at Zetley Law Offices in Milwaukee, where his practice continues to focus on tax law and representing clients in both state and federal tax controversies.

**Sara Elizabeth Dill** is the new director of criminal justice standards for the American Bar Association, Washington, D.C. She will oversee development and revision of standards for criminal justice reform, as well as work to implement those standards in state and federal jurisdictions through policy and legislative advocacy. She will also oversee the Supreme Court amicus brief project for the criminal justice section.

## 2006



involves complex commercial litigation.

**David B. Carr** is a shareholder in the Milwaukee office of Husch Blackwell (formerly Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek), where his practice



County and also is an adjunct professor at Marquette Law School.

**Cynthia M. Davis** has been appointed by Gov. Scott Walker to serve as a judge in Branch 21 of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court. Davis was an assistant district attorney in Milwaukee

**Kyle R. Hartman** and his wife, Kathy (Arts & Sciences '04), welcomed Hudson Michael to the family on November 6, 2015. Hudson joins brother Henry and sister Lucy. Kyle is a partner at Seyfarth Shaw in Chicago, with a national practice in labor and employment law.

**Anthony K. and Andrea (Neuman) Murdock** welcomed their daughter, Corinne Lila Murdock, on August 24, 2015. Big brother Ryan is excited to have a little sister with whom he can share his love of Legos and superheroes. Anthony and Andrea are both shareholders at Halloin & Murdock in Milwaukee, focusing on construction, real estate, and insurance coverage litigation.

**Trent Nelson** recently became a partner in Kummer, Lambert, Fox & Glandt in Manitowoc, Wis.

**Jeremy P. Shapiro-Barr** is a founding member of Health Sciences Law Group in Milwaukee, a boutique law firm formed in spring 2016 to work with health care and life sciences companies in order to promote and protect innovation.

**Andrew J. Warmus** has become a partner in the corporate and securities practice group of Baker & McKenzie in Chicago, where he advises clients on transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and strategic transactions.

## 2007



**Malinda J. Eskra** has joined the litigation practice of the Milwaukee office of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren. She spent the previous six years as a law clerk for Judge Kitty

K. Brennan at the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District I.

## B.J. WESTFAHL

### *Howard B. Eisenberg Service Award*

*It's an honor and a privilege—and very humbling—to receive an award named after the late Dean Eisenberg. I want to say thank you to the Law School, Dean Kearney, the teachers and staff for continuing Dean Eisenberg's effort in educating, training, and grooming the next generation of lawyers to be men and women for others. And I'm very grateful to the Marquette community. I spent a lot of time on Wisconsin Avenue—11 years in fact, from high school through college and law school. That community, like the community at large, has given me a great deal, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to give back the small bit that I can.*



## BRENT MOBERG

### *Charles W. Mentkowski Sports Law Alumnus of the Year Award*

*From my first days as a Marquette law student, I was continually challenged by great professors, great classmates, great alumni, and great mentors to be bold and to strive to achieve excellence in all things. All of those people helped me take on the world of intercollegiate athletics at the NCAA Division I level, with its exciting and ever-changing structure. My time at Marquette strengthened my resolve to embark on a career of continual service. In my world, that service is creating a culture of compliance, with strong relationships, so that I can serve institutions, colleagues, alumni, boosters, fans, coaches, and, most importantly to me, student athletes.*

### 2008

**Justin M. Mertz** has joined Michael Best & Friedrich as an attorney in the firm's transactional practice group.

### 2009

**Anna M. Kees** has joined the State Public Defender's Office.

### 2010

**Allison A. Markoski**, now living in Washington, D.C., has been named assistant parliamentarian of the United States Senate.

### 2011

**Nancy Morris** recently joined the guardian ad litem division at the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee.

**Erica N. Reib** has been appointed to the board of the Wisconsin State Bar's Labor and Employment Section. She is a member of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing's employment law practice group.

### 2012

**James D. Carlson** recently joined the Rockford, Ill., office of Hupy & Abraham.



**Aaron P. McCann** has joined Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee as a member of the firm's labor, employment, and immigration

practice group. His practice focuses on counseling and advocating for employers in all aspects of an employment relationship.

### 2013



**Charles A. Walgreen** recently joined the Chicago office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, a full-service creditors' rights firm.

### 2014



**Christopher K. Flowers** is one of the recipients of the 2016 Small Business Administration Wisconsin Awards. An associate in the litigation practice

group of Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee, Flowers was recognized for his extensive pro bono work with Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative.

**Bailey M. Larsen** has joined Fox, O'Neil & Shannon in Milwaukee as an associate. Larsen is part of the firm's taxation, estate planning, and corporate practice groups.

**Kyra K. Plier** is now an associate in the Madison office of Hupy & Abraham.

## 2015



**Alexandra K. Suprise** has joined the Madison office of Michael Best Strategies. Suprise assists clients in

identifying strategic opportunities to grow their business and provides services related to government relations, lobbying, strategic planning, and public relations.

## 2016

**James T. Hornstein** is serving as a law clerk for Judge Debra L. Olsson of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court in Providence.

**Ryan M. Spott** has joined the Milwaukee office of Davis & Kuelthau as an associate practicing in the areas of appellate, commercial, employment, and municipal matters.



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## LOUIS J. ANDREW

### *Service to Marquette Award*

*I want to thank a few people. Let me begin with Dean Joseph Kearney. His friendship and his willingness to listen to my ideas about the Law School have been very gratifying. I have really enjoyed participating. I also want particularly to thank Janine Geske, a professor, former justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and, for a while, acting dean of the Law School. She and her husband, Mike, have become our dear friends and in many ways have allowed us to be of service. I recall also Dean Howard Eisenberg, who showed us how to be people for others, and—if you want to go back 50 years—Dean Bob Boden, for his decency and friendship.*

*All of these people I thank for allowing me to participate in helping Marquette, and particularly the Law School, become a better institution for the benefit of the students, faculty, and others. I also want to thank my wife, Sue, who has been with me all the way. Both of us want to look forward and offer both Dean Kearney and Dr. Mike Lovell our help. We like giving service—truly, we believe you receive more than you give. Under Dr. Lovell's leadership, Marquette University is just going to keep getting better and better.*



Louis J. Andrew, left, with Marquette University President Michael R. Lovell at the ceremony during which Andrew received the Service to Marquette Award.