A businessman and author, Jim Rohn, has been known to say, “Let people be surprised that it was more than you promised and easier than you said.” That is certainly what Robert A. Chadek did. With no promise at all, Mr. Chadek, a 1950 graduate who died in August 2001, surprised his alma mater law school with an estate gift of more than $490,000.

The Law School is ever grateful for Mr. Chadek’s generous estate gift and the positive impact it will have on the school and its students for years to come. Dean Eisenberg used a portion of the gift to establish the loan repayment endowment fund for students who accept public service positions after graduation. The fund, which was formally named the Howard and Phyllis Eisenberg Fund and enhanced by memorials after Dean Eisenberg’s death, pays part of a student’s loan if he or she enters a public interest law position. The other portion of Mr. Chadek’s gift was invested in a building endowment fund to assist the Law School in improving the facility for students.

Mr. Chadek, who was a 1942 graduate of North Division High School, served in the U.S. Air Force as a radio operator flying B24 bombers during World War II. He was a decorated war hero, receiving the Air Medal, three oak leaf clusters, a good conduct medal, and five battle stars. Mr. Chadek’s family and friends fondly remember his life and treasure the memories of times and places that they shared with him.

On August 22, the Gene and Ruth Posner Foundation presented its annual Posner Pro Bono Award to Barbara K. Boxer, Marquette Law School ’94. Ms. Boxer, who is a shareholder at Reinhardt Boerner Van Deuren SC, was selected for her pro bono work and community service. As has been the case for a number of years, the award was given at an event marking the conclusion of the orientation for new law students. In accepting the award, Ms. Boxer made remarks to the entering first-year class concerning the importance of community involvement and the different ways in which lawyers can make particular contributions. Gene Posner, Marquette Law School ’36 (left in photo), personally gave the award to Ms. Boxer (center) and also gave a $20,000 check on behalf of the Foundation to Dean Joseph D. Kearney (right). In thanking Mr. Posner for the check and for the Foundation’s involvement in the Law School, Dean Kearney stated that the contribution would be used to support public interest work by Marquette law students.
This past year has seen several positive changes in the Career Planning Center (CPC). The most notable change has been the addition of Erin Binns to CPC's professional staff as the new Assistant Director for Career Planning. The arrival of Erin, a former high school English teacher who practiced at Quarles & Brady after graduating magna cum laude from the University of Wisconsin Law School, has enabled CPC to enhance the level of service provided to students and to substantially increase the number of program offerings such as job search skills workshops and career panels.

Thanks to the Law School's new web page, most of CPC's job search guides and handbooks, forms, and handouts for students and employers, the CPC newsletter (The Sidebar), and myriad other valuable information and resources are now available on the web. For example, this fall, everything related to the On-Campus Interview Program (OCI) is accessible via the web, and employers can register for OCI or post a job simply by completing and submitting an online form via the Internet. You can check out the Career Planning pages by going to law.marquette.edu and clicking on the purple “Career Planning” tab.

Finally, CPC remains committed to the Alumni Career Assistance Network (ACAN). To date, 44 alums have registered to participate, and we strongly encourage others to join them. To learn more about ACAN or to obtain a registration form, please go to law.marquette.edu/jw/acan or contact Paul Katzman at (414) 288-5236 or paul.katzman@marquette.edu.

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**Alumni Authors Bookshelf**

Edward F. Hooper, L’96, and Andrew C. MacDonald, L’96, co-authored *Your Life, Your Legacy: The Fundamentals of Effective Estate Planning*, a book written about revocable living trust-centered estate planning and intended to assist people in finding a qualified attorney to help design and implement their estate plan.

Mark D. McGarvie, L’81, is a co-author of *Charity, Philanthropy, and Civility in American History*, which presents professional historians’ views on issues and theories offered to explain the history of American philanthropy and its role in society. Published by Cambridge University Press.


Jeffrey M. Weir, L’66, wrote *Winding River*, a novel about a law school graduate whose dreams of joining a big-city law firm are shattered when he goes to work for an older attorney in a small village in northern Wisconsin. This is Jeff’s first novel and is published by Grimgribber Books, LLC, Sturgeon Bay.
Part of the traditional welcome and orientation for entering Marquette law students is the Dean’s Address. In addition to delivering his own remarks to the new first-year students, in which he welcomed them to Marquette, to law school, and to the legal profession, Dean Joseph D. Kearney also invited the President of the State Bar of Wisconsin, R. George Burnett, to speak to the students. Dean Kearney came to this idea when Professor Thomas J. Hammer, L’75, recalled how impressed he had been in 1972 when State Bar President (and now-Judge) Thomas J. Curran, L’48, played a similar role in welcoming the new students. Excerpts of President Burnett’s remarks follow:

Remarks of R. George Burnett to Entering Marquette Law Students

Good morning. I consider it an honor to have been invited to speak to you today. This is a memorable day for you. It is the beginning of a new career in a new profession that hopefully last you for thirty, forty, or even fifty years into the future. At the same time, it puts considerable pressure on someone in my position, for I feel an obligation to say something commensurate with the occasion, something that will be memorable, something that you will think back upon in those future decades. I must confess, however, that that will probably not be the case. I expect that I will tell you nothing profound, and probably nothing that you have not heard before. Nevertheless, let us give it a try.

Your life in the next few days, weeks, and months—indeed, the next few years—will focus on parochial concerns. If you are like most, your thoughts will center on what you are doing one day and what you need to be doing the next. That is good, because you will be hon-