Dear Fellow Law Alumni,

With optimism and some trepidation, I accepted the honor of serving as President of the Marquette Law Alumni Association Board of Directors for the 2005–2006 term. Such acceptance was based upon an innate desire to “give back” something to the Law School in partial return for that which the Law School has given to me.

One of the objectives of my “administration” will be to extend to all of you an opportunity to “give back” to the Law School, whether it be in talent, time, participation in Law Alumni sponsored activities, or monetary contribution. The Law School has need for all of us to “give back” in those categories. No particular category is more important than the others. The important category is to become involved. For information on Law Alumni activities, see http://law.marquette.edu.

My greatest hope is that, at the end of my term, the Law Alumni Association and the Law School administration will say, “2005–2006 was an outstanding year.” Your volunteering to help in achieving Law Alumni Association goals and attending Law Alumni Association events will contribute greatly to accomplishing Association goals for the 2005–2006 term.

It will be extremely difficult to duplicate the outstanding job performed last year by then-President Catherine A. LaFleur. She was a virtual dynamo of energy, setting high standards that we will attempt to meet.

It will be a pleasure to work with Christine Wilczynski-Vogel, our Assistant Dean for External Affairs, who seems to be on duty 24 hours per day, planning Law School alumni events, attending fund-raisers, and providing administrative assistance to the Law Alumni Board of Directors and the Law School. She is also at your service at any time. Simply e-mail her at christine.wv@marquette.edu with any suggestions or criticisms. She will promptly respond.

Beginning with my law school days in the late 1960s, I heard frequent mention of the Marquette University Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. However, until first serving on the Board of Directors back in the 1970s, I was not aware of the nature or extent of its dedication and service to the Law School alumni and the Law School. After functioning as a board member a number of times, I have become increasingly apprised of its importance to the Law School alumni and the administration of the Law School. You can enhance this importance by becoming involved.

Committee chairs for the 2005–2006 term have been appointed and have started work. The committees range from Diversity Recruitment to Basketball Reception Greeters. You will receive e-mails describing the product of committee work and requesting your attendance at various functions. We hope you will participate.

Major goals of the Association Board for the 2005–2006 term are to:

1. Encourage alumni to recommend Marquette Law School to qualified prospective students.
2. Assist the Law School admissions office with minority recruitment.
3. Encourage alumni to hire Marquette Law School graduates.
5. Encourage alumni to remember that the Law School is in need of their continued and increased support in these days of spiraling costs of education.
While all Association activities are deemed important, two categories should be given your early attention. The first is the process for selection of the Alumnus of the Year Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Howard B. Eisenberg Service Award (this last is given to someone within 15 years of graduation). The process is beginning now for the 2006–2007 term. We need your help in two respects. Please supply Christine Wilczynski-Vogel with the curriculum vitae of your nominees (if possible) and, in all events, your nominations (you can begin the process simply with an e-mail to her). Time is of the essence.

Second, the next awards reception, scheduled for April 27, 2006 at the Alumni Memorial Union, should immediately be placed on your calendar. The reception presents a wonderful opportunity to meet the new honorees as well as to reacquaint yourselves with previous honorees and old friends. It is a service to the Law School simply to attend the awards reception.

Dean Joseph D. Kearney is a quintessential supporter of the Law Alumni Association. The Association looks forward to his continued guidance and counsel.

The Board of Directors enthusiastically anticipates your participation in our many and varied activities. If you ever have any questions regarding the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, any suggestions, or any comments, feel free to contact me at any time at lbb@previant.com.

Very truly yours,

LARRY B. BRUEGGEMAN, L’69
President, Marquette Law Alumni Association Board of Directors

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If you have any alumni or fund-raising questions, contact either Christine Wilczynski-Vogel, Assistant Dean for External Affairs (christine.wv@marquette.edu, 414-288-3167), or John Novotny, Director of Law School Advancement (john.novotny@marquette.edu, 414-288-5285). If you are traveling to Milwaukee for business or to see family, please contact us if you would like a tour of the Law School.