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**Julio Zamagni**, Lakewood, Colo., goes to work every day in his private practice. *The Rocky Mountain News* ran an article on him two years ago, honoring him as the state's oldest attorney and saying that he "has been practicing law so long he could have been a paralegal for Moses."

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**Patrick T. Sheedy** is now retired and lives in Milwaukee.

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**James A. Hauer** specializes in probate at his own law firm in Sun City, Ariz.

**James C. Spangler** is retired and divides time between Elmhurst, Ill., and Delray Beach, Fla. He heads the 721 Club at the Union League of Chicago. It is a support group for *U.S.S. Chicago* (SSN 721), a nuclear submarine. Granddaughter, Erin Broderick, recently graduated from Marquette University's Diederich College of Communication.

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**W. Leo Keating** currently practices law in Warren, Ohio. He specializes in defense and health care at Keating, Keating & Kuzman. At the age of 83, he still loves going to the office every day.

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**Roger T. Nierengarten** is self-employed and does trial practice in St. Cloud, Minn. From 1984 to 1989, he served on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. He and his wife, Dolores, have four children: Therese Ann, Catherine Mary, Mary Elizabeth, and Carolyn Joy.

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**Ken Sippel** is retired and residing in Mt. Calvary, Wis., with his wife, Robbie. They have five children: three sons and two daughters—"all tax-paying adults."

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**Harold Barian** is president of a mortgage company, Challenge

Financial Investors Corp., in Madeira Beach, Fla. The company has grown to 350 offices in 25 states. He has been married for 53 years. His daughter is a grant writer in Milwaukee and has two children. His son is a Hindu Swami and the head of a major teaching center in New Jersey.



**Jerome Bandettini** is retired and lives in Whitefish Bay with his wife, Rita. They travel extensively and enjoy their three children and two grandchildren. Son Francis is a psychiatrist in Sioux Falls, S.D. Daughter Christine Peterson is in real estate in Forest Lake, Minn. Son Peter is the Chief of the Functional MRI Unit of the Brain and Cognition Laboratory at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

**Robert F. Kirst** is now semi-retired as a self-employed attorney specializing in estate planning, trusts, wills, and probate. His daughter Marcia Weinhoff is a real estate broker in Atlanta, Ga., where she lives with her two

children. His son Mark is a nuclear engineer in Honolulu, also with two children. His daughter Mona and her husband, Dr. Jerome Gildner, live in Mequon with their two children. His son Michael works for General Mills in Minneapolis, where he lives with his wife and two children.

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**Carl F. Schetter** is a self-employed attorney in Napa, Calif. He and his wife, Susan, have four children and six grandchildren. Susan is a retired teacher. Carl now serves on the Board of Catholic Charities in Napa Valley.

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**Bernard J. Lutzke** was a self-employed lawyer for 40 years. He retired and now lives in Shorewood, Wis., with his wife of 44 years, Isabelle. They have three daughters: Jeanne, Julie, and Jennifer. Jennifer is married to John Balistreri, the lawyer who took over Bernard's practice.

**Thomas G. Sazama** is a retired general practice attorney who

lives in Merrill, Wis., with his wife, Mary Jo. They have four children: two graduated from Marquette University, and one each from St. Catherine and from St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.

**Pat Snyder** is now retired and serves as a reserve judge and mediator. He received the Wisconsin State Bar Lifetime Jurist Achievement Award in 2003. He and wife, Luly, live in Waukesha County and enjoy their three children and nine grandchildren.

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**Edwin R. Ahrenhoerster** welcomed his ninth grandchild last summer. Edwin retired five years ago and has since been traveling, cross-country skiing, and doing railroad photography. He lives in Erin Township, Wis.

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**Janet P. Koerber** was certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a circuit court mediator. She is now semiretired and self-employed in Simpsonville, S.C.

She specializes in elder law and probate law.

**Michael W. Wilcox**, of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, Brookfield office, has been recognized for more than 20 years in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006 in the practice area of estates, trusts, and probate.

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**C. Michael Hausman** specializes in family and personal injury law at his own firm in Delafield, Wis. He was elected president of the Waukesha County Bar Association (2004–2005).

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**Frank J. Daily** was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. He specializes in tort law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.

**William A. Jennaro** of Cook & Franke S.C. has served as an arbitrator and mediator in numerous disputes in state and federal court proceedings since retiring from the Circuit Court of

Milwaukee County. He has also served as a reserve judge by appointment of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

### 1 9 6 9

**Patrick Ryan** was included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. He was noted for his practice involving financial institutions and transactions at Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee office.

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**William A. Wulf** is working at Ament, Wulf, Frokjer & Hersil, S.C., in Merrill, Wis. He specializes in personal injury, workers' compensation, and social security law.

### 1 9 7 2

**Durant Abernethy** was remarried, to Debbie Panones, on April 17, 2004. He lives in Kansas City and is self-employed at DSA Consulting.

### 1 9 7 3

**William H. Dippert** recently joined Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, in its New York office. He is a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property/Information Technology Practice Group.

**Bob Muren** was elected to a two-year term as president of the Wisconsin State Golf Association. He specializes in health care law at Davis & Kuelthau, s.c., in Brookfield, Wis.

### 1 9 7 4

**Michael Ablan** is the president of the La Crosse County Bar. He is also the president of La Crosse's Big Brother/Big Sister program.

**William C. Gleisner III** was an honoree at the *Wisconsin Law Journal's* annual Leaders in the Law awards dinner on April 6, 2005.

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Michael O. Bohren is a Circuit Judge in Waukesha County. He currently serves in the Family Division. His daughter, Katie, is teaching school in Sumat Prakan, Thailand.

**Timothy R. Schoewe** works for Milwaukee County in the Office of Corporation Counsel.

**Rick Stack** specializes in commercial, banking, corporate, and estate planning law at Sigman, Janssen, Stack, Sewall & Pitz in Appleton, Wis. He was an adjunct professor during the 2005 Spring Semester at Marquette Law School, teaching a workshop in the negotiation of business transactions.

## 1 9 7 6

**Mary Pat Ninneman** was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. She specializes in labor and employment law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.

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**Patricia A. Pacenta**, of the law firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, in Akron, Ohio, was listed as a ten-year honoree in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. Her area of practice is trusts and estates.

**Mike Sand** is the secretary-treasurer of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association. He is also a staff member at Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyer College. He currently practices in Bozeman, Mont., specializing in personal injury law at Sand Law Office. His wife, Rita, is an advisor at Montana State University. Two sons, Matt and Peter, are at Montana State University, and another son, Jon, is a student at Bozeman High School.

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**Thomas D. Jacobs** has established his own practice in Old Wethersfield, Conn.

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**Randall D. Crocker** is the president and CEO of von

Briesen & Roper, s.c., one of Wisconsin's largest law firms. The firm recently celebrated a century of service to the Milwaukee community.



**Daniel T. Dennehy** of von Briesen & Roper, s.c., recently

authored the book *Wisconsin Wages and Hours Handbook* through the State Bar of Wisconsin. The handbook is a discussion of state and federal laws that govern employee compensation.

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**Scott Israel** continues to practice creditors' rights law at Rausch, Sturm, Israel & Hornik, S.C., in Milwaukee, Detroit, and Minneapolis. He represents national credit granters in consumer collections and bankruptcy cases.

**Richard R. Kobriger** is currently in general practice at Cramer, Multhauf & Hammes, LLP, in Waukesha. He welcomed a grandson in 2003.

**Casimir Laska** practices with Michael Best & Friedrich in Waukesha and specializes in intellectual property.

**John P. Macy** has been elected Vice Chair for the American Bar Association General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section. He is currently practicing municipal law at Arenz, Molter, Macy & Riffle, S.C. in Waukesha.

**Janis D. Roberts** is practicing at Durkin & Roberts in Chicago, Ill. She specializes in criminal law, attorney discipline, child welfare, and juvenile law.

**Mary Jan Rosenak** of Madison, Wis., is a legislative aide in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

**Gary M. Ruesch** was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. He specializes in labor and employment law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.



**Jon E. Anderson**, of Godrey & Kahn, S.C., has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. He is a shareholder of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group in the Madison, Wis. office.

**Julianna Ebert**, of Quarles & Brady LLP, was an honoree at the *Wisconsin Law Journal's* annual Leaders in the Law Awards dinner held in April 2005.



**Susan A. Hansen** is the president-elect of the

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. She is a partner of Hansen & Hildebrand, S.C. in Milwaukee. She specializes in family law, including mediation and collaboration.

**John R. and Catherine C. Orton** both practice in Mauston, Wis., at Curran, Hollenbeck & Orton, S.C. John is in general practice and

by Richard Knueppel, 3L

What do you do next when you have had a successful career in nuclear engineering, then a successful career in corporate business, followed by still another successful career in higher education? That problem faced Art Wasserman when he retired as Dean of the College of Business and Management at Cardinal Stritch University in 2001 at the age of 73.

Of course, he did find something interesting to do. He became a student at Marquette Law School. His wife, Sheila, had graduated from Marquette Law School in 1993. Art considered the part-time program but quickly decided that taking five or six years to graduate was too many. He switched to full time and graduated this past spring.

Born in Brooklyn of Russian immigrant parents, Art studied chemistry at Brooklyn Technical High School, taking extra college prep classes after school. Following a stint in the Army in 1946–1947, he was admitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned both a bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering and served as class president. On a Rhodes Scholarship, Art then went to Oxford University (1952–1954) where he earned a master's degree in physics, while also studying politics, philosophy, and economics in his first year there. The combination of both chemical engineering and physics later enabled him to contribute to the development of nuclear technology for power generation and for space exploration.

Did Art have any time left for a social life? You bet! While in Boston, he met Sheila Wharton through her brother, another MIT student. She was the daughter of a patent attorney (and the niece of a law professor at Syracuse). Sheila graduated from Radcliffe College with an A.B. in history and government and earned a master's degree in teaching at Harvard. Art and Sheila were married in June 1956.

"A five-day trip to Idaho was our honeymoon," Art says. In search of a dissertation topic for his doctorate, two of his MIT advisors with connections to wartime researchers in the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos helped Art obtain a position in Idaho with the Phillips Petroleum Company under its contract with the Atomic Energy Commission.

For two years, Sheila taught at the junior high school, initially staying one chapter ahead of the students in the study of Idaho history. She soon became a children's television local celebrity, as Romper Room's Miss Sheila, viewed in Idaho, Montana, and the Wyoming wilderness. In addition to serving as a section chief at the Reactor Safety Project in Idaho, Art completed his doctoral thesis in 1961 on work relating to design of control systems for nuclear reactors.

After he spent seven years with Phillips Petroleum, the Astronuclear Division of Westinghouse Electric Company lured Art away to Pittsburgh, where he worked under the company's contract with NASA to develop a nuclear rocket engine for a manned mission to Mars. His principal office as Manager of the Nuclear Design Department was in Pittsburgh, but the experimental work was done in Jackass Flats, Nevada.



## art and sheila wasserman

As fate would have it, in 1968 a headhunter for the Allis-Chalmers Corporation brought the Wassermans to Milwaukee, presenting Art with the opportunity to move into commercial engineering management. The arrangement included the opportunity to earn an M.B.A. through the Executive Program at the University of Chicago, which he completed two years later. Art's career with Allis-Chalmers spanned 18 years. His assignments, heavily oriented to the minerals industry, took him to the open-pit mines of Montana and Arizona; to the Soviet Union, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and other Eastern European countries; and to England, Ireland, Sweden, and Israel.

The whole family was involved. Art recalls setting up an industrial exhibit at the Poznan Fair in Poland. His and Sheila's two young sons delighted in being given the job of keeping the small refrigerator stocked with cold beer for visitors.

Others involved themselves as well. In his 20 trips or assignments to Moscow, Leningrad, and the Ukraine, Art had the sense of being closely watched at all times by the KGB. His favorite story was told to him by the resident representative of another American firm. This man kept asking his Soviet hosts to make repairs to his Moscow apartment. All he got was promises, no action. So he wrote to his boss in America saying that if nothing was done in a week, he would give up his Moscow assignment altogether. He tore the letter into four pieces and put them in the trash. The workmen arrived the next day to make the necessary repairs. Obviously, Americans in the Soviet Union understood how the communication system worked in those days.

After a tour of duty in England, the Wassermans were transferred in 1981 to what Sheila smilingly calls "our first foreign assignment": Birmingham, Alabama. With a Boston background, living in England was less of a challenge than the move to Alabama, where people mistook Sheila's Boston accent for that of a foreigner from old England. Both Art and Sheila say that their earlier image of Birmingham as a city of rubber truncheons and fire hoses was fully erased from their minds in the time they lived there.

Art retired from Allis-Chalmers in 1986. Then, while serving as President and Chief Operating Officer of Brauer Engineering and Manufacturing Company, a small entrepreneurial heating systems company in Milwaukee founded by Bob Brauer, a tennis colleague, Art began to teach a few business courses in the evening

at Cardinal Stritch College and Marquette University. He found that he enjoyed teaching very much, particularly the adult students, and in 1988 he accepted an offer to head up Stritch's Programs in Management for Adults. He says he "enjoyed every minute of directing that growth and the quality enhancement measures that went with it."

The size of the program almost tripled in the following 13 years, both in enrollment and in geographical reach, and Stritch included Business and Management as one of its four colleges when it became a university. Art's last position before retirement was Dean of the College of Business and Management.

As their two sons grew to independence, Sheila also wanted more challenges.

In 1989, while Art was at Stritch, she did what she had always wanted to do: she took up law study, at Marquette. Full time was the only option then, and there wasn't the variety of courses offered today. Always the innovator, Sheila was one of the first students to use her laptop computer in class. She says that she had earlier thought of Marquette as a small, undistinguished Midwestern school, but, as a student, she realized, "This place is great!" She says that she began to see why the Law School commands the respect it does for its teaching and care for students.

Sheila practices today, taking appointments from the State Public Defender at the Children's Court Center in Wauwatosa and, more recently, serving as an advocate for elders who are being declared incompetent and asked to move into group homes. Sheila says she truly enjoys working with vulnerable people in need of help in the court system.

This past spring, at age 77, Art graduated from the Law School. The oldest Marquette Law graduate? Not clearly so, but at least close. Asked how he plans to use his law degree, Art states that he hopes to use his talents especially to help the elderly, both in estate planning and in medical assistance planning. He and his wife work together in their practice.

Other mountains left for Art and Sheila to climb? Every reason to think so. Aubrey de Grey, a gerontologist at the University of Cambridge in England, was cited in a recent issue of the *Marquette Elder's Advisor* as stating that "the first person to hit 150 . . . is already 50 now." In all events, given their propensity to find new ways to grow in service to the community, there's plenty of time for the Wassermans to conquer new worlds.

Catherine specializes in estate planning.

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**Michael J. Gonring** was included in a list of *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. Michael also received the Career Pro Bono Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project/Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. He practices at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.

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**Dean P. Laing** practices at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, De Jong, S.C. He was an honoree at the *Wisconsin Law Journal's* annual Leaders in the Law Awards dinner in April 2005.

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**Robert H. Duffy** was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. He specializes in labor and employment law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.

**Charles G. Maris** joined the Brookfield office of Davis & Kuelthau, s.c., as a shareholder on February 4, 2005. He was also recently elected president of the Waukesha Estate Planning Council.

## 1 9 8 5

**M. Angela Dentice** lives in Oconomowoc, Wis., and practices in Milwaukee and surrounding counties. Her practice is in personal injury and medical negligence law. Her son, eight weeks old when she started law school, is now in graduate school.

**Mark A. Kircher** was included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005–2006. He practices at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.

**David J. Wambach** was featured on A&E's *American Justice* in June 2004. He is the District Attorney of Jefferson County, Wis. His wife, Debra, teaches art at Cambridge Elementary. His son, Bill, is attending University of

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Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and his daughter, Amy, is at Lake Mills High School.

## 1 9 8 6

**Debbie Goldberg Menashe** acts as the in-house counsel for Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc. She resides in Portland, Ore.

**Peggy L. Podell** served as Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Family Law for the 2004–2005 year. She practices family law at the law offices of Podell & Podell in Milwaukee.

**Paul R. Van Grunsven** was appointed to a judgeship of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court (Branch 9) by Governor

## joan ravanelli miller

Joan Ravanelli Miller's graduation from Marquette Law School in 1983 marked the end of neither her Marquette education nor her involvement with the Law School.

Initially, Joan's career followed a traditional course. She attended Marquette University for college, majoring in history and earning membership in Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating from the University with a bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, and simultaneously earning a certificate in secondary education, Joan went directly down Wisconsin Avenue to the Law School.

During her first year of law school, Joan argued in a moot court competition against fellow student Mark Miller, who turned out to be from a town 15 miles from her own hometown of Manitowoc. By the end of law school, they were married and now, 23 years later, are the parents of a 16-year-old daughter and twins—a boy and a girl—who are in eighth grade.

Joan's academic path at the Law School was traditional (and distinguished). She served on the *Marquette Law Review* and, upon graduation in May 1983, worked as a law clerk to Nathan S. Heffernan, Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Joan returned to Manitowoc to practice law and worked on appellate and insurance defense medical malpractice cases, leaving private practice after five years to go in-house. For five additional years, Joan was General Counsel for Heritage Mutual Insurance Co. (now Acuity) in Sheboygan.

Then came the divergence from the traditional route—and the return to Marquette University. "Because of the nature of the business, as well as the company's downsizing, I found myself providing not only legal counsel but also a lot of interpersonal counseling," explains Joan. "This was something in which I had always been interested, but hadn't been formally trained."

So in 1995 Joan decided to stop practicing law and to return to the University, this time to pursue a degree in clinical psychology. She earned her master's in 1999 and her Ph.D. in 2004. She maintains that four degrees from Marquette is sufficient.

But the psychology work scarcely marked a turning away from the legal profession. Joan's dissertation focused on the attitudes and beliefs that lawyers have about seeking psychological assistance. "Lawyers are under a tremendous amount of stress both professionally and personally," Joan observes. "In fact, the research demonstrates that lawyers are considerably more likely than members of virtually any other occupation to experience symptoms of depression."

Joan's contribution in her dissertation was to investigate what bar-

riers lawyers in particular might face in seeking psychological assistance. She conducted a random survey of 1,500 lawyers—some 10 percent of all licensed

attorneys in the State of Wisconsin—and was struck by the unusually high response rate (approximately one-third). Although the majority of the respondents indicated that they would be willing to seek treatment if they experienced distress, the results identified numerous barriers. Most striking was that 70 percent of the respondents identified as a barrier to seeking treatment their uncertainty of what symptoms would be severe enough to warrant treatment. Even beyond this, the lawyers responding said that they would be especially concerned about what others in their communities—including law firm colleagues, clients, and prospective clients—would think.

In fact, Joan's work in psychology has brought her back to the Law School. At the request of Dean Joseph D. Kearney last year, she served on a three-person ad hoc committee exploring the Law School's approach to the mental health needs of its students. This is an ongoing project, Kearney says, and he has been especially eager to be able to draw upon Joan's unusual dual perspective as a psychologist who has had a successful legal career.

Joan's involvement in the broader University continues as well. She is currently a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Marquette University Counseling Center, providing services to graduate and undergraduate students. After completing her fellowship, she plans on starting a practice in which she will offer counseling and psychotherapy for professionals.

"My hope is to understand where people are emotionally, help them set goals, and assist them in achieving those goals," says Joan. Her own legal training comes in handy in her current profession as well. "I know how to ask thought-provoking questions that encourage people to generate and discover their own answers," she says.

Throughout her professional career, Joan has learned that education is truly an ongoing process. "Individuals are works in progress. We all need to be willing to further develop our competencies and go where that may lead, even though it may not necessarily be where we initially thought that would be!"



## deborah mckeithan-gebhardt

Deborah McKeithan-Gebhardt, L'87, has a very full, interesting, and busy life—both personally and professionally. She and Jack Gebhardt married in September 2002, whereupon they blended their families and became the proud parents of six daughters, now ages 11 to 19. In addition to being part of that wonderful family, she also is an integral part of a family legacy at Tamarack Petroleum Company, Inc. in Milwaukee.

Tamarack was incorporated in 1956 by her maternal grandfather, Joseph Uihlein, Jr., for the purpose of engaging in oil and gas exploration and production. “Shortly after the incorporation of Tamarack, my father, Daniel F. (‘Jack’) McKeithan, Jr., met and fell in love with my mother, Gillian Uihlein, at Duke University, where they were both students,” says Deb. “My grandfather suggested that my father study geology and join Tamarack, which he did.” According to Deb, her grandfather hoped to find a qualified person with his own zeal for the oil and gas business and, more particularly, for Tamarack, so that he could have a successor in place once he was no longer able to run the company personally. He found that person in Deb’s father.

Jack McKeithan and Gillian married and moved to Oklahoma, where Jack earned an undergraduate degree in geology from the University of Oklahoma. They then moved to Henderson, Kentucky. “My memories from my early childhood include long drives on Saturday mornings with my Dad and my two younger sisters, Cathy and Geni. Dad would pull the car onto a one-car ferry, and we would stand on the deck with the wind blowing our hair back as we crossed the Green River on our way to a Tamarack oil well. Once on land, we could hear and feel the pump jack rhythmically moving up and down and smell the oil as the car drove onto the lease. We’d then run up the stainless steel stairs of a tank battery and wait for Dad to come up the stairs, lift us up, and open the hatch so we could look down into the tank and see the oil.

“Tamarack grew, as did the very deep and special friendship and business relationship between my father and his father-in-law,” explains Deb. “In 1971, our family moved to Milwaukee, and in 1973, my father became President of Tamarack.”

After college, Deb chose to attend Marquette for law school. “I was raised with a heavy emphasis on living a moral, kind, and responsible life, and the fact that these same values were emphasized at Marquette Law School felt familiar and important.

Marquette, very subtly, but very definitely, wove into my education the importance of becoming a serious, zealous, ethical, and competent lawyer, and it was made clear that each student was individually charged with becoming a positive addition to the ranks of Marquette Law School alums and attorneys.”

After earning her law degree, Deb first went to work for Cannon & Dunphy, S.C. When expecting her first child, she decided that she needed to be able to devote more time to motherhood, so Deb left that firm in 1988 to become a partner of Sullivan & Stevenson, a boutique law firm practicing corporate immigration work. After four years of successfully growing that business with her partners—one of whom was her best friend from law school, Mary Corbett Stevenson—her father took her out to lunch and made her the proverbial offer she couldn’t refuse. “He asked me to join Tamarack Petroleum Company, Inc. I joined Tamarack as General Counsel and Vice President in October 1991 and have been there ever since (14 years).”

The position Deb assumed in 1991 covered a large range of responsibilities, including transactional work, employment matters, liability insurance, title issues, and general corporate work. “I spent many hours and weeks learning the business and the vernacular associated with life in the oil patch, which is not used on the sidewalks of Milwaukee. As the years progressed, it became clear (and remains true) that transactional work is the area in which I face the largest challenges and in which I make the largest contributions to the company. I work very closely with Tamarack’s Senior Vice President, Robert E. Liem, to negotiate and draft documents covering drilling and development deals in which the company participates in its capacity as operator and as a working interest owner. On the opposite side of a given transaction, I have been blessed with many opportunities to work with excellent lawyers and executives who drive a hard bargain, but do so professionally, respectfully, and honestly.”

Deb is also happy to note that many of the lawyers with whom she has worked are women. “They are dynamite,” she says. “They are smart, strong, articulate, and they write well. They exude a real sense of confidence—one that permits compassion, humor, and an exchange on a personal level. I am very glad that my daughters are growing up in a world with so many wonderful female role models.”



Deborah McKeithan-Gebhardt and her father, Daniel F. ("Jack") McKeithan, Jr.

hours to the 'father-daughter' sit-down discussions in which topics including morals, kindness, critical thinking, philosophy, self-determination, individual responsibility, overcoming or challenging fear to achieve personal potential, and the like were taught and then reinforced. He believes in achieving excellence through hard work and focus, and he challenges his daughters to do the same," says Deb.

"I have read and heard about familial working relationships that are filled with tension, resentment, and control issues. Happily for us both, that is not our reality. In my early years at the company, my father taught me about Tamarack's business specifically and about many applicable business principles in a more general sense. He did, however, raise a very strong and independent thinker in me, and there are times, although they are rare, where we see matters differently, but those exchanges are respectful and professional and, at the end of the day, if I cannot persuade him, he is the boss," she notes.

Those who know Jack McKeithan find him to be very bright, hardworking, strong, compassionate, loyal, kind, and generous. He shares these wonderful characteristics with the community of Milwaukee (including as a long-standing member and former Chair of the Board of Trustees of Marquette University), with his wife and soul mate, Patti, with his daughters, and, last but not least, with the team at Tamarack.

"I am very aware that I have been blessed, not only with a challenging and interesting job, but with the rare experience and privilege of working alongside my father, a man I love and admire deeply and that, as a result, I have enjoyed the addition of an entirely different and wonderful dimension to what is already one of the most special relationships in my life," says Deb. "By equipping me with a solid, practical legal education and reinforcing my individual ability to be self-directed and motivated enough to seek out additional information needed to become competent in a new area of the law, Marquette significantly and positively influenced my ability to personally participate in and contribute to the legacy that is Tamarack."

Working side by side with her father also offers unique professional and personal situations. "My father has been one of the most constant and important influences throughout my life. In addition to protecting me and providing for me when I was young, he devoted numerous

James E. Doyle in November 2004.

## 1 9 8 7

**Robert Blazewick** lives and practices in Washington, D.C. He was recently selected for promotion to Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, and transferred from his position as Staff Judge Advocate, Navy Region Europe, to a new position as Deputy Director, U.S. Navy Office of General Litigation. Son, Brian Mitchell Blazewick, was born in September.

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**Faith Lleva Anderson** has been selected to

serve a three-year term on the Federal Reserve's Consumer Advisory Council. She is currently Vice President for Legal and Compliance and General Counsel for the American Airlines Federal Credit Union. She lives in the

Dallas, Texas, area with her husband, Dave, and their two children, Melissa and David.

**Michael D. Leffler** is on the Board of Directors for the Lao Family Community Center in Milwaukee. He practices law at Action Law Offices, S.C. in Racine. He specializes in personal injury law and recently prevailed in a soft tissue case. Michael lives in Milwaukee with his wife, Kathryn, and their three children: David, Alyssa, and Daniel.

**Nancy W. Machinton** is Assistant Regional Counsel for the Department of Social Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was recently promoted to Counsel II, Southeast Legal Region. She lives in Brockton, Mass., where she continues to breed and show collies. Nancy is the proud grandmother of two-year-old Cameron.



**Roger D. Strode** has been named to Nightingale's list of the country's Outstanding Healthcare Transaction Lawyers. He practices with Quarles & Brady LLP's Health Law Practice Group. Roger is the Vice Chair of the Business Transactions Group of the American Bar Association's Health Law Section.

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**John T. Schomisch, Jr.**, and his wife, Shellie, welcomed daughter Natalie Frances on November 23, 2004. John and Shellie also have two sons, John Paul and Nicholas, and live in Appleton.

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**Kathleen A. Finney** is self-employed in the area of general civil practice in Rantoul, Ill.

**John B. Joyce** is a partner at Grenen & Birsic, P.C., specializing in bankruptcy, litigation

## mark miller

Mark A. Miller, L'83, chose to attend Marquette Law School based upon the recommendation of a pretty special person—his father, Victor A. Miller. The elder Miller graduated from Marquette Law School in 1940, practiced law near Manitowoc, served as President of the State Bar of Wisconsin in 1973–1974, and (here of all places it should be recalled) was named Law Alumnus of the Year in 1982.

Mark says that his father's example and enthusiasm also had an impact on Mark's sister, Jane, who attended Marquette Law School and graduated in 1984. If law is a helping profession, Mark's other three siblings did not stray too far, either: they variously are an attorney (a graduate of Georgetown), a psychotherapist, and the director of a social-services agency in Madison.

"As long as I can remember I was going to be a lawyer," he says. "I don't ever remember really making a rational choice." Law school was challenging, as he expected it to be, but had its gifts, too. Mark refers in particular to meeting and marrying Joan Ravanelli, a classmate (see separate profile on p. 47). He corroborates Joan's rendition that they met while arguing against each other in a moot court case. He also admits, "She won the case." Mark recalls other aspects of his legal education, including "the Law School's commitment to caring for the less fortunate."

After Mark graduated from the Law School, he and Joan Ravanelli Miller lived in Madison for a year while Joan was a law clerk at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. He then went to

of secured creditors' rights, and business law. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., with his wife, Christine, and four children: Zach, John Leo, Clare, and (born October 4, 2005) Coleman Reid.

**Steve Strye** practices civil litigation at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, De Jong, S.C., in Milwaukee. He specializes in defending motor vehicle manufacturers and dealerships. He and wife, Sandy, have been

work in the family firm of Miller & Miller in St. Nazianz, although he never actually got to practice with his dad, who passed away in 1984. Mark stayed at that practice with his brother until 1992, when the agriculture economy began shrinking and he decided to move to Manitowoc and pursue business law.

In 1994, he joined Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, S.C., in Manitowoc as a practicing business attorney. Then he and Joan, along with their three children, moved down to Milwaukee. When the firm was restructured in 2001 and the management of the practice was reconfigured, Mark became the firm's CEO. In that capacity, Mark manages the firm, including recruiting clients, but he does not generally engage in practice.

"I make sure that we have things in place to get the work out and to take us to where we want to be over the next five years," explains Mark. "We have developed a business plan and it is my responsibility to insure its execution. Whyte Hirschboeck is a thriving firm, and this new management model is one adopted by very few firms in the country."

Mark believes that a law degree is absolutely necessary to run a firm. "Being a good practitioner is essential to lead others within a law firm and to garner the respect of other lawyers," he says. "But leading the firm also requires a blend of my father's entrepreneurial spirit and my mother's gentleness."

The best part of his job is also the most challenging: people. "The most important thing I have learned throughout the course of my professional life is to treat people fairly," he says, "regard-



less of who they are or on which side of the table they are sitting." In that particular sense, he notes, his job is not that different from the country-lawyer role of his father years ago.

Mark has maintained his connection with the Law School over the years. He and his siblings established a computer room in the library in memory of his mother and father, and Mark and Joan are members of the Woolsack Society. "My family has a lot of history within the school," says Mark, "but we are even more interested in its future."

married for eight years and have two children: Brooke and Spencer.

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**Debbie K. Lerner** has been made partner in Kalcheim, Schatz & Berger in Chicago, Ill. She specializes in family law.

**Luke Allan Palese** continues to practice in the area of complex litigation with Winston & Strawn LLP in Chicago, Ill. He was elected as a partner of the firm in 2002.

**Susan C. Schill** is City Attorney for Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. She also practices privately at Panek, Schill & Gebert LLP.

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### **Christopher J. McLaughlin**

currently is at August Technology Corporation in Bloomington, Minn., as Intellectual Property Counsel.

**Nora M. Platt** has joined the Law Department of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company as an Assistant General Counsel on the Products and Distribution Team.

**Ruth A. Shapiro** practices at Christensen & Jensen in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her emphasis is on defense of recreational entities such as ski resorts and Olympic winter sports.

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**Alyssa (Kornacki) Gallot** was elected partner of Baker & McKenzie SCP. She currently resides in Paris where she advises French and multinational companies in their crossborder acquisitions. She assists clients in venture capital transactions, both domestic and international

(including frequently in the United States and Canada).

**Cheryl (Lee) Mendelson** is self-employed, doing in-house consulting work in Deerfield, Ill.

## 1 9 9 4



**John Edward Hintz** has joined von Briesen & Roper, s.c., as Counsel. His health care practice focuses on managed care and provider contracting. He is a frequent author and lecturer in the areas of health care law, contract analysis, and reimbursement of health care professionals. John also is an adjunct professor at the Law School, teaching Managed Health Care.

**Angela C. Kachelski** opened a law firm in Mequon with her husband, **James Kalcheski, L'93**, The Kachelski Law Firm, S.C., in November 2004. Her focus is appellate and criminal law. In December 2003 the couple had their third child, Grace.

**Elisa M. Sacco-Allie** is a trust officer and vice president at J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. in Chicago, Ill.

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**James J. Eichholz** and his wife, Amy Gordon Eichholz, living in Milwaukee, Wis., with their two sons, Wyatt and Benjamin, welcome new baby Bethany Caroline born August 22, 2005.

**Scott B. Franklin** is the tax manager at Kohler and Franklin, a Milwaukee certified public accounting firm. He concentrates in the firm's tax, estate planning, business advisory, and litigation support practices. Scott is currently serving as the Treasurer for the Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association.

**Kristine L. Gerke** practices real estate, business, and estate and trust law. She opened her own law office and title company in 2004 in La Crosse, Wis.

**Thomas P. Kinney** is an attorney at Borgelt, Powell, Peterson & Frauen S.C. in Madison, Wis. He specializes in the law of negligence, property damage, and products liability.

**Brett J. Souza** has been named a partner at Bryan Cave LLP. He practices with the firm's corporate groups from its office in Irvine, Calif. Brett has co-founded a non-profit organization called UniReach International, Inc., which seeks to improve living and working conditions of needy people in developing countries throughout the world. He and his wife, Nancy Griffith, have three young children: Robbie, Joey, and Annie.

**Andrew Steimle** was elected as a shareholder of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. He concentrates his practice on business and real estate matters. Andrew and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Manitowoc, Wis., with their two daughters, Sophie and Elsie.

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**James A. Collins** has been made a shareholder in the intellectual property law firm of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in Chicago. He specializes in litigation, copyright, opinions, and patent prosecution in the electrical and mechanical arts.

**Greg Heller** is an attorney for the Atlanta Braves and Turner Sports. He lives in Atlanta, Ga., with his wife, Krista, and their three young children: Maddie, Charlie, and John.

**Kate Kanabay** specializes in business planning and litigation at Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered in Chicago. Son Jason was born on September 6, 2004.

**Keith H.S. Peck** specializes in civil/statutory rights and class actions in Honolulu.

**Neil B. Posner** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the old-

est migration and refugee resettlement agency in the United States. He is a partner at Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd., in Chicago, where his specialty is insurance coverage.

**Rachel (Stapleton) Burner** married Todd Burner in September 2004. The couple recently moved to Portland, Ore. from Milwaukee, Wis. Rachel continues to work (telecommute) as an attorney in the legal department of Johnson Controls, Inc.

**George C. Wilbur** is a self-employed general practice attorney in LaFarge, Wis. He successfully represented a third-party citizen-intervenor, twice to the Court of Appeals and ultimately to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, in the case of *Roth v. LaFarge School District Board of Canvassers*.

**Shannon Wittenberger** is an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Wisconsin. She is married and resides in Milwaukee with her young son, J.J.

## 1 9 9 7



**Jeffery K. Fields** is First Vice President and Senior

Legal Counsel at Countrywide Financial Corporation in the area of mortgage banking. He resides in Plano, Tex.

**Ellen Basting Dizard, Cynthia G. Fletcher, and Tony J. Renning** have been promoted to shareholders at Davis & Kuelthau, s.c. Ellen and Tony are members of the Labor and Employment Team and work with both private and public sector organizations, out of the firm's Milwaukee office. Cynthia is a member of the Business and Corporate Law Team, focusing on banking and commercial finance matters. Ellen and Cynthia practice from the firm's Milwaukee office, while Tony is in the Oshkosh office.

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**Kurt Dykstra** of Holland, Mich., is an attorney with

Warner, Norcross & Judd LLP. He concentrates his practice on litigation, including commercial, real estate, and trade secrets. He was appointed to the Holland City Council in February 2005 to fill the final year of a four-year term on the nine-person council. He and his wife, Leah, have two daughters, Juliana and Emma-Elisabeth.

**Peter Markham Kimball** lives in Milwaukee and works for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. He previously was in a general practice with classmate **Andres Velez** at Velez Moreno & Vargas LLC on Milwaukee's south side.

**Heather Pantoga** entered into solo private practice in July 2004, with a focus including criminal law. She is also an instructor at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she teaches Language and the Law. Heather's third child, Elizabeth, was born on Easter 2004.



**Doug Wheaton** of Mount Pleasant, Wis., was listed in the

2005 edition of *Who's Who in America*. He also received the 2004 Outstanding Service Award from the Kenosha Realtors Association. He is the Government Affairs Director for the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

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**Joshua T. Keleske** is an estate and corporate planning attorney in Tampa, Fla., having formed his own law firm in 2004. He and his wife welcomed the birth of their daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, on February 7, 2005.

**Karen Lescrenier Riemer** practices at Winner, Wixson & Pernitz in Madison, Wis., where her focus is insurance and defense/personal injury. In 2004, she was honored at the State Bar Convention as the coordinator for the Hotline Firm of the Year. The award was given by the Lawyer Referral and Information Service of the State Bar of

Wisconsin at the convention's Pro Bono Awards Ceremony.

**Heidi L. Vogt** has joined the Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group of von Briesen & Roper, s.c., in Milwaukee. Her practice focuses on insurance coverage litigation, commercial disputes, constitutional law, construction disputes, environmental litigation, and complex litigation.

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**Heather L. Cain** has joined the law firm of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., in its Corporate Practice Group in Milwaukee. Heather previously practiced intellectual property law and election law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.



**Joshua Fleming** has joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP as an associate in the firm's Indianapolis office. He practices in the litigation department. Joshua is a member of the Defense Research Institute.

**Nicole Jergovic** works in criminal prosecution for Multnomah County, Oregon. She resides in Portland.



**Jack Melvin** and his wife, Laura, welcomed daughter, Ava Rose, on September 4, 2004. Ava was baptized by Father (and Professor) Greg O'Meara, S.J., at Gesu Church. Jack has served on the Milwaukee County Elections Commission for the past two years. He has also been commissioned in the Wisconsin Army National Guard as a Judge Advocate.

**John M. Thompson** has joined the Law Department of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company as Counsel on the Corporate Team, focusing on employee benefit and labor and employment matters.

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**Greg Bollis** is a Corporate IP Counsel at JohnsonDiversey Inc. He and his wife live in Franklin,

Wis., with their young daughters, Mackenzie and Brooke.

**Daniel A. Kaminsky** recently joined the Milwaukee office of Davis & Kuelthau, s.c., as an associate. He works in the area of real estate law.

**Patrick D. McNally** and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their first child, Kealan Maria, into the world on August 21, 2003. He reports that Kealan has no immediate plans to sit for the LSAT. The family lives in Whitefish Bay, Wis.



**John T. Reichert** recently joined Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. He will be working with the financial institutions practice group in its Milwaukee office.



**Kelly Klick Smitsdorff** has joined the law firm of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., where she will be focusing on labor and employ-

ment law practice in the firm's Milwaukee office.

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**Thomas A. Kolpien** of Beloit, Wis., is a general practice attorney at Forbeck, Elliott & Monahan, S.C. He serves on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Rock County, and is an editor of the *Wisconsin Journal of Family Law*. He was married earlier this year to Andrea Newman, a third-grade teacher.

**Jacob R. Reis** and his wife welcomed the birth of twins on December 30, 2003: Maxwell Jacob and Alexander Marlene. The family lives in Green Bay, Wis. Jake is a personal injury attorney at Habush Habush & Rottier in Appleton, Wis.

**Michael C. Trudgeon** has joined Brennan, Steil & Basting, where he specializes in estate planning. Mike serves on the Board of Directors for the Rock County Humane Society and Voluntary Action Center. He and

his wife, Paula, reside in Janesville, Wis.

**Erin E. Walsh** currently works for Holmstrom & Kennedy, P.C., where she specializes in labor and employment and estate planning. She resides in Rockford, Ill.

**Clayton Wenger** is a general practice attorney at Glojek Limited in West Allis, Wis.

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**Nathan P. Cihlar** specializes in real estate and civil litigation at Swid Law Offices, L.L.C., in Mosinee, Wis.

**Robert W. Habich, Jr.** recently became an associate at Cook & Franke. His practice includes business, real estate, and estate planning law.



**Mark P. Manuel** has joined von Briesen & Roper, s.c., as an associate. He resides

in Franklin, Wis., with his wife, Jessica, and their daughter.

**Adam J. Sheridan** is a corporate and tax attorney at Cramer, Multhaupt & Hammes, LLP. He and classmate **Kathlene A. (Welch) Sheridan** married on June 19, 2004. Kathlene is a law clerk for the First Judicial District of Wisconsin.

**John Schulze, Jr.** was selected to serve as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the Wisconsin Republican Party. The resolutions committee is responsible for assembling the 2005 Wisconsin Republican Party platform.

**Brenda VanCuick** was inducted into the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Athletic Hall of Fame in February 2005, for her performance in women's basketball. She lives in Kenosha.

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**Keith E. Kopplin, Timothy R. Kraft, and Jeremy R. McKenzie** have all joined the

Milwaukee office of Davis & Kuelthau, s.c. Keith will practice in the area of labor and employment law, working with both public and private sector businesses; Tim in the areas of corporate law, real estate, and commercial finance; and Jeremy in commercial and civil litigation matters. No word on whether Tim has permanently retired his imitation of Dean Kearney, most recently seen at Law School Follies.



**Anne F.B. Weissmueller** has joined von Briesen & Roper, s.c. The focus of her practice is on banking and commercial transactions, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, business restructuring, and commercial litigation.

