1957

50-Year Class Reunion
May 19–20, 2007

*Chairs:* Robert Peregrine and Ted Wedemeyer, Jr.

1960

Kenneth E. Voss, attorney and general counsel for the Greater Milwaukee chapter of the American Subcontractors Association, was recognized at the association's annual meeting in 2006 with a Meritorious Service Award. Voss resides in Brown Deer and practices at the Brookfield office of the law firm of DeWitt Ross & Stevens in construction law, real estate and land use, and estate planning and probate.

1963

Raymond S.E. Pushkar, along with his law firm, McKenna, Long & Aldridge in Washington, D.C., was formally presented with a Volunteer Recognition Award in May 2006 at the Archdiocesan Legal Network Reception in Washington, D.C., for longstanding dedication to serving the legal needs of the less fortunate in the D.C. community. The Archdiocesan Legal Network was established in 1989, with Pushkar playing an instrumental role in getting it started; he currently serves on its Advisory Board.

1966

Michael W. Wilcox, of the Madison office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens (trusts and estates), has been listed in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He has been listed in this publication for more than 20 years.

1967

40-Year Class Reunion
June 8–9, 2007

*Chairs:* Terence Evans, C. Michael Hausman, and J.P. Stadtmueller.
*Committee:* Thomas Bailey, Wayne Brogelman, Michael Bruch, Thomas Guszkowski, Michael McClone, Bruce O’Neill, Robert Penegor, Peter Salza, John Savage, Dennis Wicht, and David Werth.
Force. Wrong. I had to choose between the two, and going with the Judge Advocate General meant I would be a Captain within six months,” he said. He chose the Judge Advocate General’s Office and was assigned to Okinawa for three years, where he prosecuted and defended well over 100 courts martial (Air Force and Navy), participated in many administrative hearings on plane crashes, and was also assigned periodically during those three years to Thailand and Vietnam. “Fortunately, Jane was able to join me on Okinawa, where our first two children were born,” Cane said.

After the Air Force, Cane joined the law firm of McCarty, Swetz & Curry in Kaukauna. He departed for the Outagamie County District Attorney’s office in 1969, when Jim Long, L’63, was elected District Attorney and asked Cane to come on board.

In 1972, Governor Patrick Lucey appointed Cane to the trial court in Outagamie County, where he presided over civil and criminal jury trials as well as the juvenile court. In 1981, Governor Lee Dreyfus appointed him to the Court of Appeals. The following year, his family moved from Appleton to Wausau, as the seat of the District was in Wausau. After he had served as Presiding Judge for District III for 14 years, the Supreme Court appointed Cane as the Chief Judge for the entire Court of Appeals in 1998, the capacity in which he serves today.

Cane believes that his career as a judge has allowed him an opportunity to contribute positively to the judicial system. “I also have been fortunate enough to serve not only as a judge, but also as a teacher for my colleagues at the Wisconsin Judicial College, judicial seminars, State Bar Seminars, and as a member of the Executive Board of the National Council of Chief Judges. I strongly believe that, to have a true democracy and healthy economy, there must be a strong independent judicial system that is impartial, fair, and timely. As I have traveled over the years and met with judges from other states, I can honestly say our judicial system—even with some of its shortcomings—is one of the important reasons our country has been so great. I am proud and grateful to have been allowed to participate as a judge at both the trial and appellate levels in this wonderful system,” he said.

Cane remembers with special fondness what could be considered a memorable moment in any judge’s day, especially considering the circumstances as the enforcer of the law: “One of the most rewarding times of my career was when I presided over the juvenile court as part of my responsibilities. It was very difficult to order a young person to Lincoln Hills School as part of the juvenile disposition. Consequently, one of the Appleton police officers and I would often go to Lincoln Hills School for the weekend and visit with the kids I had ordered to serve some time there. We would play ping-pong, pool, and just talk with them. I gained a better insight on what they were feeling and maybe how I could do things better as a judge. After a few years of these trips, I would chuckle when they would brag to their friends, saying, ‘He’s my judge.’”

Cane regards his career path as having gone as he had hoped. “The intellectual challenge and discussions with my colleagues are always stimulating. However, my first love has always been the trial court, where you have face-to-face contact with the lawyers and their clients,” he said.

Cane will retire from the Wisconsin Court of Appeals this summer. Retirement will start a new chapter in his life, giving him the opportunity to return to the trial court through some reserve work. It will also allow him and his wife, Jane, to travel, golf, and go camping while, as Cane put it, “we are still healthy enough to enjoy it.” They also plan on doing some volunteer community work.

The Canes live in Wausau and have four married adult children and four grandchildren.
The steps from a small town in Minnesota to the nation’s capital were more like giant leaps for Lynne (Solien) Halbrooks, L’88.

Halbrooks was born and grew up in Aitkin, Minn., and started law school in 1985 after earning her undergraduate degree in political science and philosophy from the University of Minnesota at Duluth. She applied to Marquette Law School sight unseen, on the advice of her prelaw advisor at UMD. “He thought it would be a good fit—and he was right!” Halbrooks said.

Upon graduation from law school, Halbrooks clerked for the Minnesota Supreme Court and then returned to Milwaukee to work for Hinshaw & Culbertson, where she had clerked during law school. In 1991, she accepted a position as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. As an employee of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Halbrooks prosecuted criminal cases and also represented the government in civil litigation.

During that time, Halbrooks had the opportunity to do a short detail in Washington, D.C., at the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. When a permanent position became available there, she applied and was selected. “I came to D.C. expecting, as do so many people, that I would spend a couple of years here and move on. Of course, that was 13 years ago now,” she related.

Her career at DOJ was fascinating, according to Halbrooks. “I worked with the U.S. Attorney’s Offices nationwide and on a variety of operational and criminal policy issues. I was deputy director of that office on 9/11 and was able to assist in the Department’s response to the terrorist attacks,” she said.

In May 2003, Halbrooks was appointed General Counsel for the Sergeant at Arms for the United States Senate and was selected as Deputy Sergeant at Arms in February 2005. She reported directly to the Sergeant at Arms, a retired Secret Service agent, and in his absence to the Majority Leader of the Senate.

The job of Deputy Sergeant at Arms involved no such thing as a “typical” day for Halbrooks. “The position was incredibly diverse and interesting,” she explained. As Deputy Sergeant at Arms, she oversaw all aspects of the office and interacted daily with senators and leadership staff. “I also spent a significant amount of time on issues relating to security, policing, and emergency preparedness. I was directly involved in continuity of operations and continuity of government planning for the Senate,” she said.

An especially unusual part of her job as Deputy Sergeant at Arms involved protocol duties. The Office of the Sergeant at Arms controls access to the Senate chamber, enforcing rules relating to media coverage and visitors’ access to the Capitol. “Some of my specific protocol responsibilities included leading the Senate to the State of the Union and other Joint Sessions of Congress, greeting the vice president and first lady during their visits to the Senate, and escorting the Senate at other special events.” Halbrooks participated in the state funerals of Presidents Reagan and Ford and attended, with members of the
L. Mandy Stellman has been featured in *Feminists Who Changed America—1963 to 1975*. Once described as “probably the most active and outspoken legal advocate in Wisconsin for equal rights for women,” she has a long history in Wisconsin (from the 1970s through the 1990s) of efforts to prevent discrimination against women.

1972

35-Year Class Reunion
June 8–9, 2007
Chair: Leah Lampone. 
Committee: James Beer, Tom Healy, Vincent Howard, Michael Judge, William Kulkoski, Harold Lessner, John Maloney, Nancy Phelps, Carl Ricciardi, Thomas St. John, and Wilbur Warren, III.

1977

30-Year Class Reunion
June 8–9, 2007

1978

Roy E. Wagner has joined von Briesen & Roper s.c., in Milwaukee. He focuses his practice on representing businesses and individuals in business formation and construction law matters.

1981

Susan A. Hansen, of Milwaukee, a founding member of the Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin, Inc., was recently named the President of the International
Academy of Collaborative Professionals. IACP is a worldwide interdisciplinary organization whose members include attorneys, mental health professionals, financial specialists, and mediators.

William E. McCardell, who practices construction law and labor and employment law in the Madison office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, has been named in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

**1982**

25-Year Class Reunion
June 8–9, 2007


Kathleen A. Gray, a partner at Quarles & Brady, serves as Chair of the Board of the State Bar of Wisconsin’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, which consists of nearly 1,600 members. Gray concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning for executives, professionals, and business owners and probate and trust administration.

Jerome M. Janzer has been appointed the President and CEO of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. Janzer has a 25-year history at the firm, specializing in business, real estate, and finance law, and has served on its board of directors for seven years.

Rebecca Leair has been named a shareholder in the Real Estate Department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. in Waukesha.

David C. Sarnacki, a Grand Rapids, Mich., attorney and mediator with The Sarnacki Law Firm PLC, has become Chair of the State Bar of Michigan’s Family Law Section. The section serves lawyers, judges, and the community on matters of the family, including marriage, adoption, divorce, custody, and paternity.

**1987**

20-Year Class Reunion
June 8–9, 2007

*Chairs:* Barbara O’Brien and Paul Christensen. *Committee:* Robert Blazewick, Jeffery Davis, Deborah Fink Frederick, John Gelhard, Heidi Johnson, Laurie McLeRoy, Dean B. Richards is a shareholder in the Real Estate Department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. in Waukesha. He represents developers and landowners throughout Wisconsin, principally in connection with development, zoning, and land-division activities.
Deborah McKeithan-Gebhardt, Philip Miller, Peter Silver, Kevin Smith, Roberta Steiner, Kenneth Sweeney, Mark Thomsen, and Ted Warpinski.

**Captain Robert B. Blazewick** has been appointed Director of the U.S. Navy & Marine Corps Appellate Defense Division, Washington, D.C. He previously was the Deputy Director of the General Litigation Division of the U.S. Navy Office of the Judge Advocate General.

**1989**

*Margaret (Peggy) Anne Herlitzka,* partner (since 1995) in the law firm of Hale, Skemp, Hanson, Skemp & Sleik, has been appointed as La Crosse County Assistant Family Court Commissioner. Her duties include conducting hearings and enforcing orders related to child custody and placement, child support, spousal maintenance, and restraining and harassment injunctions.

**1991**

*Stephen D. Zubiago* has been appointed by Nixon Peabody LLP to be the managing partner of the firm’s office in Providence, Rhode Island. Zubiago was recently recognized on the “40 Under Forty” list published by *Providence Business News*; he is a frequent speaker on various health care law topics.

**1992**

*15-Year Class Reunion
June 8–9, 2007

**1993**

*Joseph T. Leone* was named in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America.* He practices intellectual property law with DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison.

**1994**

*Richard C. Rytman, Jr.,* has joined Veritas Global LLC, a business intelligence and global investigative firm, as general counsel and managing director of technical services. Rytman served as a special agent in the FBI’s Detroit field office, where he specialized in counterterrorism and cyber-criminal investigations.

**1995**

*Scott B. Franklin* married Amber J. Jacobs in June 2006. Franklin is a tax manager with Kohler and Franklin, Certified Public Accountants, in Glendale, Wis.

**1996**

*John R. Lagowski* has joined the electrical and computer group of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione of Chicago. Lagowski has over nine years of experience writing and prosecuting patent applications, particularly in the electrical and computer arts, including the telecommunications, signal processing, memory, semiconductor, and software industries.

**1997**

*10-Year Class Reunion
June 8–9, 2007
Meredith Wilson Ditchen is a real estate attorney with Ditchen and Associates Law Firm. She and husband, Rob, live in Marietta, Ga., with their children, Harris, Reilly, and Elise.

1998 Rebekah R. Syck was appointed municipal judge for the City of Harlingen, Texas, in May 2006. She and her husband, Steve, live in Brownsville, Texas, with their son, Erik, and daughter, Jillian.

1999 Emily C. Canedo is an associate in the Intellectual Property Department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.

Michael D. Cicchini, criminal defense attorney in Kenosha, recently published a law review article on the Confrontation Clause: Confrontation After Crawford v. Washington: Defining “Testimonial.”

2001 Elana Sabovic Matt has joined Perkins Coie’s Seattle office in its national Commercial Litigation practice as an associate focusing on patent litigation. She joins the firm from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps in Colorado Springs, where she was a Senior Trial Attorney.


2004 Daniel M. Foutz lives in Atlanta and practices in the area of sports law with Turner Sports. Son, Brady Dane, was born on December 29, 2005.

According to Barbara Graham, L’93, her circuitous route to law school—through Madrid and Paris (as a gourmet cook, no less)—takes a little bit of explaining, but is quite a natural sequence of events.

With a hint of teasing in her voice, Graham explained that there should really be a tuition monument erected at Marquette in her honor. “I not only earned my bachelor’s and master’s and law degrees from Marquette, but I think I hold the record for attempting the largest number of different undergraduate majors,” she quipped. As an undergrad, she ended up majoring in Spanish and was able to study abroad at Madrid University, immersing herself in the language and culture for seven months. While a senior in college, she volunteered at the Spanish Center one night a week. After earning her undergraduate degree in 1981, she decided to pursue a master’s degree in journalism. Upon completion of her second Marquette degree, Graham spent a year in Paris earning a gourmet cook diploma and certificate from Le Cordon Bleu in 1986. When she returned to the United States, Graham owned and operated a catering business and then taught demonstration and participation cooking courses and co-wrote instruction manuals for diploma courses.

All this while, thoughts of law school were simmering and the timer was winding down on Graham’s ability to use the LSAT score she had received several years previously. In 1990, Graham decided it was time to begin her law school education. She recalled very much enjoying it.

Robert W. Habich is an associate in the Real Estate department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.

John J. Schulze, Jr., Pewaukee, Wis., is in-house counsel for American Transmission Company. He authored the lead academic article in the Spring 2006 issue of the
“Law school was like a big logic puzzle for me, and I met some very interesting people,” she said.

Graham views the progression from the culinary arts to law school as a very natural one. “I’m not even the only person in my class who came from a cooking background, and there is more crossover between law and cooking than one might think,” she said. “Law can be very creative, as can cooking. It is not dry and dreary.”

During law school, Graham volunteered for a law school clinic and was involved in a task force for battered women. She also worked as a law clerk for the Milwaukee County Circuit Court for Judge Frank T. Crivello.

When she graduated in 1993, Graham wanted to use her Spanish skills and was fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time. “My roommate from Marquette’s Study Center in Madrid had a friend who was looking for an attorney to provide Spanish-speaking people free workers compensation representation and called me to see if I was interested,” she explained. Graham accepted the position and became Director of Legal Services for Esperanza Unida, Inc., a social services agency on Milwaukee’s south side. During her five years there, a successful immigration program was instituted by a colleague. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee eventually assumed the work of this agency, and Graham was able to carry on the mission.

In 1999, Graham, again able to utilize her multilingual skills, joined Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as a staff attorney. Her job and the agency have grown over the years, and she is now a director and an immigration attorney. Graham oversees a five-person staff which provides legal services for low-income families, with a special emphasis on family-based immigration. “We also do a lot of asylum and representation of immigrant victims of domestic violence—two areas in which Marquette law students have been invaluable to us,” said Graham.

“We currently have people from 44 different countries in our program, and while we provide our services at a minimal fee, we never turn people away because of an inability to pay,” she said. The agency continues to grow and now has two staff attorneys, three paralegals, one person from the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and a Marquette law student who helps out in various capacities. The newest hire is Erin Murphy, L’06. Plans are underway to welcome a PILS fellow over the summer (see PILS article beginning on p. 16) as well as one volunteer student.

“The Law School has been very supportive of us, providing student interns to our program,” explained Graham. “They help make it possible to do what we do.” Currently, two third-year students are at Catholic Charities as part of the Law School’s curricular internship program, and three are simply volunteering. They all have a great mentor in Graham, who provides an example of how to make a career in public interest law, even if there is no one recipe.

Jill M. Carland was married to Michael A. McCanse on October 7, 2006 in Paradise Valley, Arizona. The couple lives in Scottsdale. Both are working at Bowman and Brooke LLP, a corporate defense litigation firm in Phoenix.

Scott T. Kelly joined von Briesen & Roper, s.c., as an associate in the Business Practice Group.

He focuses on transactions, mergers and acquisitions, governance, and tax issues.

Jamie J. LaVora became an associate with Kirchner & Buchko Law Office, S.C., in Sheboygan in August 2006. LaVora lives in Grafton, Wis.