

1948

Wilfred J. Hupy died May 26, 2007, at the age of 91. He was a decorated combat veteran of World War II. After law school, Hupy established his practice in Menominee, Mich., and served as probate judge from 1956 until his retirement in 1979. Survivors include six children, two of whom are Marquette lawyers.

1949

Richard (Dick) E. Tyson died on March 24, 2007, at the age of 83. He was active in many bar association, civic, and real estate activities over his career. He retired in 1994 from the Minnesota Title Insurance Company to his home in Baileys Harbor, Wis., giving countless hours of pro bono service to the poor and clients who had no other voice.

1957

Robert B. Peregrine was presented with the Leonard L. Loeb Award by the Senior Lawyers Division at the State Bar of Wisconsin's annual convention in May

2007. The Loeb Award recognizes a senior lawyer who has improved the legal system and who has shown leadership in advancing the quality of justice for all. Peregrine continues actively to practice with Peregrine & Roth in Milwaukee, specializing in real estate, probate, estate planning, and corporate law.

1958

Richard J. Steinberg, who has presided in municipal court in the City of Brookfield for over 30 years, recently was honored for his benevolent works beyond the courtroom by the International Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was presented with the highest honor bestowed by the Eagles: induction into the International Fraternal Organization's Hall of Fame. He is only the third Wisconsin person to receive this honor in over 100 years.

1960

Ken E. Voss, of the Milwaukee office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, has been named in the 2008 edition of *Best Lawyers*

One small girl had a significant effect on the life and career of Peggy Zimmer, L'92.

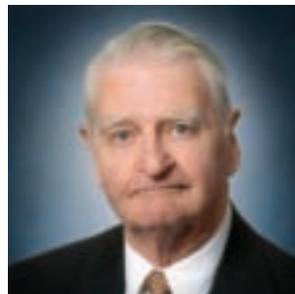
Zimmer attended Marquette University as an undergraduate, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in 1989 and concentrating on elementary education. While completing her practicum teaching, she met an eight-year-old girl and began to tutor her.

"She missed school a couple of days," explains Zimmer. "When she returned, her face and arms were bruised, and she remained silent when asked about how she became injured. I could clearly see that she had been abused and was too afraid to tell me."

As a result of that experience, Zimmer researched the laws about the mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse. Upon reflection, she realized that she enjoyed learning about the law and decided to attend law school to become a prosecutor to protect innocent victims such as her young student.

in America. His area of practice is construction law.

1965



Robert J. Moser has joined Howard & Howard in Kalamazoo, Mich. He concentrates his practice

in probate and trust administration, estate and trust planning, and business and real estate law.

1966

Michael W. Wilcox, of the Madison office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, is listed in *Best Lawyers in America*. He has been so listed in trusts and estates for more than 20 years.

1968

William A. Jennaro of Cook & Franke has

PEGGY ZIMMER

And she did. After graduating from Marquette Law School in 1992, Zimmer began her career as an assistant district attorney in Richland County, Wisconsin. Then came a move to the Waukesha County Corporation Counsel's Office, where Zimmer represented the interests of the public in CHIPS (Children in Need of Protection or Services) and termination of parental rights cases. This experience of dealing with the dynamics of child abuse prepared her well when she then became an assistant district attorney in Milwaukee, focusing on child abuse prosecution. Zimmer's next move was to Chicago, where she was appointed as an assistant attorney general for the State of Illinois.

"Throughout these various positions, I was very fortunate to work in the company of many skilled and dedicated prosecutors," recalls Zimmer. "Prosecutors at many times have a thankless job. They do not get paid for the real amount of work that they do, and they have to witness the many evil things people do to each other. Despite this—or maybe because of this—they continue to serve the public. I admire them."

During Zimmer's time in Chicago, an opportunity arose at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) in Washington, D.C., and she accepted the position that she now holds: Deputy Director for the NCMEC's Office of Legal Counsel. Zimmer provides technical assistance to prosecutors around the world who are battling against the staggering amount of child pornography and sexual exploitation. She also assists with and presents technical training seminars, supports the development and production of resource materials for prosecutors, and provides case-specific analysis and support.

"Being a prosecutor for so many years helped me develop an understanding of the dynamics of prosecuting crimes against children," notes Zimmer. "I am very fortunate to be part of NCMEC because it gives the victims of child sexual exploitation and others a voice and a mechanism to be heard by law enforcement officials,

prosecutors, judges, and legislators."

Zimmer's particular position provides her the opportunity both to offer legal advice and representation to the staff of NCMEC (from responding

to subpoenas to assisting in protecting intellectual property and proprietary interests) and to help the organization undertake new initiatives, all while protecting NCMEC's grant of immunity provided by Congress.

Looking back, Zimmer regards her career as a journey, guided by a bit of divine providence, the first step of which was her education at Marquette. Zimmer says that Marquette instilled in her a sense of justice. "To me, justice is not some lofty ideal that can never be obtained. It can be achieved in small ways by our making a difference in individual lives. I remember my first day at law school, when Dean DeGuire talked of being a 'Marquette lawyer' and how this spoke to such matters as developing a sense of personal responsibility to uphold the best aspects of the legal profession and the importance of public service."

During her career protecting the most innocent, Zimmer has learned that it is vital to have passion about one's undertakings, whether in a career or more broadly in life. "Being passionate about the issue of child sexual victimization has kept me going through the long hours preparing for trials, seeing so much victimization, and dealing with the frustrations of the criminal justice system. I feel that I contribute to making a positive difference in the lives of children and their families."

A Marquette lawyer, indeed. •



MIKE CRAMER



Michael Cramer, '78, has come full circle: back in school nearly 30 years after he graduated. But this time he is on the other side of the lectern.

Cramer recently joined the faculty as a full-time clinical assistant professor at the Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism, and Sports Management at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. "I am teaching what I know and what I have done," says Cramer. "When my students and I discuss some of my real-world experiences, we can talk not only about cases, but about outcomes, ethics, and both what was done and how it was done."

Working hard and taking advantage of the right opportunities at the right time, Cramer has had a wide-ranging career. Most recently, he was the executive vice president and chief administrative officer of Pinnacle Foods Corp., a multibillion-dollar food conglomerate. He joined Pinnacle in 2004 after a phone call from a former partner and longtime chairperson of a number of companies in which the two were involved. "The businessman-friend asked me if I was interested in participating in 'one more deal,'" Cramer relates.

At the time, Cramer had been in Texas almost six years, serving as president and chief operating officer of Southwest Sports Group, L.L.C., and Southwest Sports Realty, L.L.C. In those roles, he served at various times as president of the Dallas Stars hockey team and the Texas Rangers baseball team.

"This opportunity to return to a private-equity/distressed-business situation was appealing to me," Cramer explains. So, by joining forces with two strong private equity firms and an established company with impressive brands, he was able to help turn the ailing company around. The result was a \$2 billion company that was stabilized and recently sold to the Blackstone Group.

Cramer had experience in the field. He previously had been a founding partner of C. Dean Metropoulos & Co. (CDM), a private investment and management firm that operated and managed several publicly and privately held consumer companies. These included The Morningstar Group Inc., International Home Foods, Inc., Ghirardelli Chocolate, and Stella Foods.

This is not the way Mike Cramer started his career after law school. He began in the profession in Milwaukee, working for several years with Steve Enich, a 1949 Marquette Law School alumnus who had encouraged Cramer to apply to Marquette for law school. Then, in the late 1980s, Cramer opened a practice with several of his law school friends.

Although Cramer thereafter entered the corporate world, as sketched out above, he remains close to his classmates and is very involved in a number of the Law School's undertakings. He is on the advisory board of the Law School's National Sports Law Institute and is serving on his class reunion committee, happily sharing stories of bygone days with his fellow classmates (he says that you know who you are).

"We had a wonderful class full of great characters, and we had a lot fun together," says

Cramer. He would be remiss not to recall a certain Opening Day of the baseball season in Milwaukee, for which Cramer coordinated a classwide “field trip”—complete with pre- and postgame festivities that lasted days because of a delay of the game due to snow. Perhaps that was a foreshadowing of his love for and success in the sports law field.

Graduated from law school for nearly 30 years now, Cramer says that it is during the past 10 years that he has reconnected. “Dean Eisenberg initiated contact with me, reaching out, coming to see me and other alums in Texas,” he explains. “Until then, I hadn’t thought a lot about what I could do for the Law School.” Since he reconnected with the Law School, he has seen many positive things happen.

“It’s neat to see the growth of the school, the quality of people coming in, the programs, and especially the growth of the sports law program,” says Cramer. “And what a tremendous asset we have in Dean Kearney. He is tireless in reaching out to and communicating with alumni.”

Cramer is also very encouraged about the much-needed new building. “I’ve seen the plans and I’m delighted with the prominence of the building, the inside design, and resources it will provide,” he says. “The past ten years have been a period of remarkable growth and development of the Law School. It is a tremendous asset to the Milwaukee community and the entire state of Wisconsin.”

“I owe Marquette Law School a tremendous debt,” he observes. “I received a great education which, in turn, provided many opportunities to me. But I am excited about the future even more because of the promise it offers to future generations of legal professionals.” •

again been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*. The selection is in the category of alternative dispute resolution.

1969

John R. Kuhnmuensch, Jr., has been named Vice President, Human Resources, for Arandell Corporation, Menomonee Falls, Wis. His responsibilities include coordinating human resources programs and policies; overseeing the recruitment, training, and management of the company’s workforce; administering the company’s three collective bargaining agreements; and helping develop Arandell’s overall labor relations strategy.

Patrick M. Ryan, Chairman and Managing Partner of Quarles & Brady, died on August 22, 2007. He joined Quarles in 1970, was involved in management since

1985, and was elected as managing partner in 2002. Ryan was equally well-known for his commitment to helping women, minorities, and the disadvantaged.

1972

Thomas G. Healy was presented the 2007 Outstanding Pro Bono Award by Legal Action of Wisconsin in recognition of his nearly 20 years of service to the Volunteer Lawyers Project.

1974

Jolene L. Shellman has joined Magnetek, Inc., Menomonee Falls, Wis., as Vice President, Legal Affairs, and Corporate Secretary. Shellman was in private practice with the Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett law firm from 1997 until 2006.

1975

John W. Knuteson was elected in April 2007 as Municipal Judge for Wind Point/North Bay (Racine County) to serve a two-year

term. He had been elected and served as Village of Wind Point Trustee/Finance Chairman (1997–2001) and as Village President (2001–2007).

1978

Forrest Jack Lance, Atlanta, Ga., while at a conference in San Francisco, assisted the San Francisco police in capturing a fleeing bank robbery suspect. His tackle of the suspect resulted in a knee injury that required surgery. Lance has represented the Rockdale County Public School System for 24 years and has served as General Counsel for the last 6 years. He and his wife, Glenda, have three grown daughters, including Maria, a student at Marquette University School of Dentistry.

1980

Ann M. Kisting joined Special Olympics Illinois in February 2007 as Vice President of Marketing and Development. She lives in Chicago.

1981

William E. McCardell, of the Madison office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, is listed in the national publication, *Best Lawyers in America*. His areas of practice are construction law, labor, and employment law.

1982

Michael J. Gonring, III, a partner at Quarles & Brady, was selected as the “Lawyer of the Year” in 2007 by the Milwaukee Bar Association. Gonring was honored for his longtime commitment to providing pro bono legal services. He serves as the national pro bono coordinator for Quarles & Brady and has himself undertaken thousands of pro bono hours throughout his career.

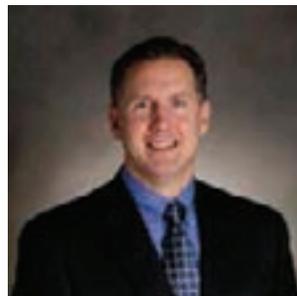


E.G. Schramka has joined Suby, Von Haden, of Madison, Wis., as principal and director of estate and trust services.

1984

Marie Darst Roes is employed as a self-help lawyer in the Stearns County Law Library located in St. Cloud, Minn. She fills a void that exists between the roles of a paid attorney and a county employee working at the courthouse’s service center. She has helped dozens with issues ranging from divorce to child custody/support to landlord-tenant matters.

1985



David C. Sarnacki, a family law attorney and mediator with the Sarnacki Law Firm, Grand Rapids, Mich., has been recognized as a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for family law.

David J. Wambach, District Attorney for Jefferson County, Wis., was recently honored by the

Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators as the 2007 Prosecutor of the Year for the successful prosecution of a 1987 cold-case homicide.

Christine M. Genthner has joined the law firm of Habush Habush & Rottier as an associate in the firm’s office in Kenosha.

1987



James B. Sherman was recently reelected as Chair of the Executive Committee of Wessels & Pautsch, in Minneapolis, Minn., leading the firm’s operations in all its offices in Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Indiana. He resides in the Twin Cities.

DON LEVY

At age 74, Don Levy has no plans to retire from his full-time law practice. “Well, maybe,” he says—when asked whether he might some day consider it—“if I get old!”

After graduating from Marquette Law School in 1960, Levy joined his brother already in practice to form the firm of Levy & Levy in Cedarburg, Wis. Levy focuses primarily on family law as well as real estate and business law. “There are rewards and challenges every day,” he says. “I’m privileged to have an opportunity to help people solve problems, to do things for them they can’t do for themselves.” He is humbled that this tradition has spanned nearly half a century and is proud that he even has some fourth-generation clients. “I have clients now whose great-grandfather was my client.”

Levy has been recognized for his expertise as an attorney. He has been listed annually in *America’s Best Lawyers* since 1987 and noted as well by *Milwaukee Magazine* as one of the metropolitan area’s best family lawyers. Levy has lectured on family law topics before state and local bar associations and is a fellow and past president of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

But Levy has interests beyond the law. He is especially dedicated to his local community. For example, he is currently chairing a committee to operate the Rivoli Theater in Cedarburg and to restore its 1936 Art Deco marquee and façade. In 1975, he helped to form the Cedarburg Landmark Preservation Society and now serves as its president. The group led the effort to ensure that Cedarburg’s historic Grist Mill (1855) was spared destruction. The mill is now the focal point of the historic downtown district.



Other interests include Cedarburg’s public library, the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center, and St. Mary’s Ozaukee Hospital, where he serves as board

president. Levy’s ongoing efforts within the community earned him in 2002 the Greater Milwaukee Foundation’s Frank Kirkpatrick Award, which honors individuals who enrich the lives of Milwaukee-area residents through physical and infrastructure development. Levy and his wife, Janet, were recently honored with the Cedarburg Foundation Civic Award for their volunteer and community service within the Cedarburg area.

Even so, Levy’s involvement in Marquette Law School as an alumnus well antedates the school’s own building initiative. “I am very appreciative of the Law School, and I owe a great debt of gratitude,” he explains. He has shown his appreciation in a variety of ways; he is a past president of the Law Alumni Association Board and is a longtime member of the executive committee of the Law School Advisory Board.

Levy has seen significant positive changes made at the Law School since his graduation in 1960. “There was just one female student in my class back then,” he remembers. “I have been impressed with the continual improvement over the decades with regard to the quality of education the school provides.”

But the biggest change, he believes, is yet to come. “The Marquette Law School is going top tier. We have outstanding leadership and now with a new facility planned, we have a great future ahead of us,” Levy says. “Upward we go!”

The Levys have three grown children and eight grandchildren. •



Michael C. O'Neill has joined the Hodgson Russ law firm in Buffalo as a partner in the Insurance & Reinsurance Practice Group. Before joining Hodgson Russ, O'Neill worked as a trial and coverage attorney in Buffalo for seven years and practiced for nine years in Chicago

Heidi L. Vogt has been appointed by von Briesen & Roper as a leader in the firm's Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group. Her practice focuses on insurance coverage litigation, commercial disputes, constitutional law, construction disputes, environmental litigation, and complex litigation.



1991



Luke A. Palese has joined Resources Global Professionals to lead the legal services business efforts in the Chicago office.

1992

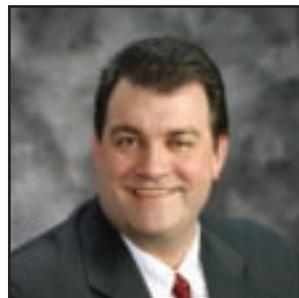
Joseph T. Leone is listed in *Best Lawyers in America*. He practices intellectual property law with DeWitt Ross & Stevens, Madison, Wis.

Lawrence A. Thomas has joined Nixon Peabody in Boston, as counsel in its business practice. He focuses his practice on all aspects of technology transactions, internet law, IP licensing, data privacy and security, technology-related dispute resolution, contract and business processes, revenue recognition, and regulatory compliance.

Steven J. Thomas was promoted to Senior

Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, for Kohl's Department Stores, Inc. Kohl's is a national retailer based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., with over 930 stores across 46 states.

1993



Steven R. Glaser has joined Quarles & Brady as a partner in the Corporate Services Group. He has significant experience in mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures, including leveraged buyouts, management-led buyouts, and employee stock buyouts. Glaser is a resident of Germantown, Wis., where he serves as the chairman of the Village of Germantown Board of Zoning Appeals and as a director of the Germantown Community Scholarship Fund, Inc.

1994

Lee Anne N. Conta is a shareholder in the Litigation

and Risk Management Practice Group of von Briesen & Roper. She concentrates her practice in litigation and insurance coverage disputes, with a special emphasis on intellectual property, commercial, construction, and environmental coverage matters.



Michael E. Holy was elevated to shareholder in the Chicago law firm of Johnson & Bell, effective January 1, 2007. His practice focuses on product liability, pharmaceutical liability, medical liability, employment law, and other complex civil litigation.

Elizabeth Latham Leone and **Joe Leone** (1992) had their fifth child in spring of 2006. Elizabeth hung up her law hat some time ago and keeps busy raising and homeschooling the Leone brood, while Joe practices intellectual property law

with DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison. The family lives in Brooklyn, Wis.

Eric A. Schlam, Arlington, Va., has been named Director, Law Department, Assistant General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of the Airlines Reporting Corporation. He has been practicing as in-house counsel for the past 12 years.

1995

Arthur T. Phillips has joined the Milwaukee office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek in the firm's Human Resources Law Practice, advising clients on employee benefit matters. He serves as board chair of the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Foundation for St. Francis, a member of the Board of Directors for Clement Manor, Inc., and chair of the Administrative Services Committee for Gesu Parish in downtown Milwaukee.

Steven F. Stanaszak has been elected as an equity shareholder in the Milwaukee office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek.

1998

Jason G. Wied has been named Vice President

of Administration for the Green Bay Packers. Wied joined the Packers in September 2000 as corporate counsel. He will continue to oversee the team's corporate governance with the Board of Directors and manage shareholder relations. Wied and his wife, Melissa, have three children.

1999

Michael D. Cicchini published *Prosecutorial Misconduct at Trial: A New Perspective Rooted in Confrontation Clause Jurisprudence*, 37 Seton Hall Law Review 335 (2007). He was also named in *Wisconsin Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine (2006) in the field of criminal defense. Cicchini practices in Kenosha, Wis.

Daniel S. Galligan has become an equity shareholder in the Milwaukee office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek.

Amy E. Worden lives in Midland, Mich., where she is a litigation case manager for the Dow Chemical Company. Son, Xavier Harlan Wilson Worden, was born on November 29, 2006.

2000

Scott C. Baumbach has been elected to the partnership of Michael Best & Friedrich, practicing exclusively in representing management in various areas of employment law.

Carlo M. Cotrone, a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the Milwaukee office of Michael Best & Friedrich, has been elected to the partnership of the firm. His practice focuses on general intellectual property matters with an emphasis on electrical and computer-related patents and transactions implicating such patents.



Joshua B. Fleming has joined Locke Reynolds in its Indianapolis office. He concentrates his practice in product liability. He has experience defending manufacturers of heavy and industrial equipment, motorcycles, commercial ovens, firearms, computers, and other products.

Glen A. Weitzer is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group of Michael Best & Friedrich in the Waukesha office and is newly elected to the partnership of the firm. He focuses his practice on patent prosecution for the mechanical arts, including refrigeration systems, paper-manufacturing equipment, small internal-combustion engines, motorcycle engines, and motorcycles and related accessories.

Elizabeth A. Westlake practices at Davis & Kuelthau, Milwaukee, in the area of corporate law.

2001

Adam Omar Shanti has been named Vice President-General Counsel of Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank's Paradigm Investment Banking Company Limited. Shanti is based in Dubai.

James O. Sullivan, Jr., was elected Wisconsin State Senator (D-Wauwatosa) in 2006 and became the Majority Caucus Secretary in 2007. Sullivan started a term as a commissioner of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact on March 22, 2007, and will serve until January 1, 2009.

2002

Patrick M. Miller has joined Baker & Daniels in its construction, environmental law, and real-property litigation practice. He works in the downtown Indianapolis office.

2003



Erin K. Fay joined Boyle, Fredrickson, Newholm, Stein & Gratz in Milwaukee as an associate. She is licensed to practice in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, among other tribunals.



Eric J. Lalor is an associate at Boyle, Fredrickson, Newholm, Stein & Gratz. He is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Adrienne Olson and **Natalie Remington**, associates with Quarles & Brady and members of the firm's domestic-abuse injunction advocacy team, were recognized by Legal Action of Wisconsin's Volunteer Lawyers Project. They are part of a seven-member team involved with the Task Force on Family Violence and serve at the organization's courthouse clinic two afternoons a month. Olson is a co-captain of the team.

2004



Jane E. Appleby has been appointed to a three-year term on the State Bar of Wisconsin Committee on Professional Ethics. She focuses her practice at Quarles & Brady on general civil and commercial litigation. Appleby is a member of the Marquette Law Alumni Association Board and is involved in several other professional organizations.

Vivian Torres's route to the legal profession was scarcely typical. It began when her family escaped from Cuba in 1961 and came to the United States with only the belongings in their suitcase. Her father escaped first, disguised as a priest because Castro was expelling the religious. Torres, her mother, and sister followed shortly thereafter under the ruse of visiting a sick uncle in New York. They received a hardship visa and never returned. Those acts of courage and faith allowed—and required—Torres and her family to begin anew.

“Neither of my parents could speak English, and my sister and I were then just four and five years old,” explains Torres. Despite these obstacles, they not only persevered, they flourished. “We left behind everything we had to start a better life.”

Torres, a 1983 Marquette Law School graduate who is now presiding judge for the Medina County Court at Law in Hondo, Texas, recalls her early years. Her father (who recently passed away) worked three jobs to support their family, which first settled in Amarillo, Texas. “He worked as a typesetter, at a drive-in movie theater, and as a dishwasher at Pizza Hut,” she says. A diligent worker, he was soon promoted and accepted a position managing a Pizza Hut first in Amarillo and then was again advanced, this time to district manager in La Crosse, Wis., where the family then moved.

This move subsequently presented an opportunity for Torres's father to become a franchise owner. Eventually, he sold his interests to Pepsico, at which time his company

Dawn L. Drellos has a solo practice in Wauwatosa, Wis., in civil litigation, business, contracts, and employment law. She is admitted in Wisconsin, the District of Columbia, and Florida.

Daphne C. Roy is an associate at Davis & Kuelthau, practicing in Milwaukee in the firm's corporate law area.



VIVIAN TORRES

owned more Pizza Hut franchises than any other privately held entity in the United States.

When the family moved to La Crosse, Torres was 12 years old and still gaining fluency in English. Torres

gratefully recalls a teacher who kept Torres by her side and gave the young student extra attention so that she could learn English more easily. After graduating from high school in La Crosse, Torres attended Marquette University both as an undergraduate and for law school.

“When I graduated from law school in 1983,” Torres relates, “I had several opportunities available, but my dad’s company needed in-house help. So for several years, I worked in Del Rio, Texas, and then in San Antonio, helping him acquire overseas locations for Pizza Hut franchises.” The experience opened many doors for Torres and gave her an opportunity to work with many prominent and well-respected attorneys in various fields of the law.

In 1988, Torres entered private practice and joined a small firm in Texas, where she made partner quickly (indeed, within the first year). The firm eventually grew to five partners and six full-time staff. Torres decided to run for Texas County Court at Law and in 2003 won a seat. The jurisdiction handles a wide variety of misdemeanors

and all family-law cases in the area, as well as probate and some civil cases. In short, Torres is busy.

But the position offers many rewards. Chief among them is the opportunity to intervene in an appropriate way with children and families. “Every day I have a chance to assist in custody decisions and provide early intervention with juveniles in the criminal justice system,” Torres says. Torres is also very involved in the professional development of her colleagues and frequently speaks to the Texas State Bar Family Law section. “I concentrate on encouraging and training others regarding pro bono family service. We have such a direct need in our community,” she relates. There is no public defender program in her court, so judges rely on private lawyers to take court-appointed cases for those who cannot pay. Torres also has special interest in preventing domestic violence. “I hope that I am giving back to a country that has given me so very much.”

Although Torres is far away from Wisconsin and Marquette, she recalls her Marquette education often. “Ethics are such a significant part of practicing law,” Torres says. “My experience at Marquette taught me a lot in that regard.”

Torres is impressed with the Law School’s renewed efforts to reconnect with its alumni. “I am sure that this is also a reflection of how the school treats its current students,” she says. “This positive trend will serve to contribute to the Law School’s continuing success.”

Torres notes that she especially looks forward to connecting with her classmates at their 25-year class reunion in 2008. •

John J. Schulze, Jr., has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Energy and Telecommunications Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Schulze is employed by American

Transmission Co. of Waukesha and lives in Johnson Creek, Wis.

Jeanne E. Welcenbach is a partner at Welcenbach Law Offices in Milwaukee and heads

the Spanish-speaking litigation department; her languages include Spanish and Portuguese.

2005

Jeremy Westlake, Quarles & Brady, is part of the firm’s seven-member domestic-abuse injunction advocacy team, which was honored by Legal Action of Wisconsin’s

PAUL DACIER

Paul Dacier, L'83, is living his dream. As a child, he always wanted to be involved in the business world; his Marquette Law School education helped him get there.

Today, Dacier successfully melds legal expertise with business acumen, as he serves as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of EMC Corporation. EMC, a worldwide developer and provider of information infrastructure technology and solutions, has its headquarters in Massachusetts. It posted revenues last year of \$13.23 billion and has more than 37,000 employees.

Dacier looks back on the many stepping-stones that paved his way to his present position, beginning with his involvement in Boy Scouts. "I became an Eagle Scout as a teenager, which opened a lot of doors for me," he says. "I stayed involved as an adult and became president of the Knox Trail Council in Framingham, Massachusetts." The council was 10,000 strong and provided Dacier an opportunity to "be prepared" for leading a company three times as large.

Dacier also acknowledges his six years as an attorney with the former Apollo Computer, Inc. (later acquired by HP) and a prior year at a small Milwaukee law firm as vital building blocks for his present position at EMC. Dacier oversees more than 70 legal professionals and aggressively defends the company's interests regarding proprietary data storage technology. He joined EMC as corporate counsel in 1990 and was promoted to general counsel in 1992, to vice president in 1993, to senior vice president in 2000, and to executive vice president in 2006.

This Marquette lawyer's responsibilities with EMC are broad-ranging. He must be well versed in the legal aspects of the company, while also being savvy concerning its business operations. He is responsible for the worldwide legal affairs of the company and its subsidiaries, and he oversees the company's internal audit, real estate, and facilities organizations, as well

as its government affairs and aviation departments.

Dacier is committed as well to public service. In 2003, he was appointed by Governor Mitt Romney as a member of the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Commission for a three-year term. In 2006, Governor Romney also appointed Dacier as the presiding officer in the proceedings to de-designate (or remove for cause) the chairperson of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, who was in the hot seat for management of a tunnel project whose collapse killed a woman.

Dacier is involved in other community activities as well. For example, he is a trustee of the Social Law Library, one of the oldest law libraries in the United States, located in Boston in the John Adams Courthouse. He has received numerous awards, including being named one of the top ten Massachusetts lawyers in 2005 by the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. And Dacier and his wife, Kim, are busy parents of three children.

The legal education underlies the various professional undertakings. "My Marquette Law School education has served me well—it taught me how to analyze the facts, identify the most important issue, and advise accordingly," Dacier says. "It challenged me to develop my critical thinking and writing skills, which are necessary for every businessperson or lawyer."

Dacier looks to the future of the Law School with enthusiasm. "Marquette Law School is in very capable hands," he says. "Dean Kearney is vibrant, insightful, and strategic. I look forward to helping him continue his efforts with the Law School." •



Volunteer Lawyers Project for representing victims at permanent-injunction hearings. Westlake is an associate with the firm and focuses his practice on intellectual property.

Emily Nolan-Plutchak has become an assistant State Public Defender for Walworth County, Wis.



Sven E. Skillrud has joined the Tax Planning Practice Group in the Milwaukee office of Godfrey & Kahn. His practice will focus on tax law and executive compensation.

2006

Sara L. Harris is an associate in the Labor and Employment and

Compensation and Benefits sections at von Briesen & Roper.



David S. Kowalski joined the Madison law firm of Balisle & Roberson as an associate in January 2007. He works primarily in the areas of divorce, child custody litigation, nontraditional family issues, and appellate practice.

Emily A. Menn lives in Troy, N.Y., where she is the Director of Education and Professional Development for the New York State dispute resolution association.

Mathew D. Pauley received an M.A. in Bioethics from the Medical College

of Wisconsin in January 2007 and completed a master's degree in dispute resolution. Pauley is serving in a two-year post-graduate fellowship at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill., as the center's first Clinical Ethics Fellow.

Jessica M. Swietlik has joined von Briesen & Roper, as an associate in the Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group.

Christina L. (Votto) Ruud has joined Rose & deJong, a general practice firm in Brookfield, Wis. She married Matthew P. Ruud on June 16, 2007. The couple lives in Lake Mills, Wis.

Anne E. Wal is an associate at von Briesen & Roper, practicing in the Real Estate and Construction section and the Banking, Bankruptcy, and Business Restructuring section.

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Adam S. Bazelon has joined the firm of Meissner, Tierney, Fisher & Nichols, in Milwaukee.

Anissa M. Boeckman has been hired as an associate at Jeffrey Leavell S.C. of Racine, Wis.

Christopher J. Kukowski has joined the attorneys at Boyle, Fredrickson, Newholm, Stein & Gratz in Milwaukee.

Steven J. LaFore has joined the law department of Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee, as counsel on the Investment Products and Services Team.

Lauren A. Schwarz has joined von Briesen & Roper as a member of the Banking, Bankruptcy, and Business Restructuring section. Her practice focuses on commercial and business litigation, real estate, and construction law and litigation.

Molly J. Smiltneek has been hired as an associate with Grzeca Law Group in Milwaukee.

Andrea F. Whiteside has joined the Milwaukee firm of Meissner, Tierney, Fisher & Nichols. •

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JESSICA MARQUEZ MURPHY AND LINNEA MATTHIESEN

BY JESSICA POLINER, L'06



Jessica Marquez Murphy

While a law student and supervised fieldwork intern with Centro Legal on Milwaukee's South Side, Jessica Marquez Murphy, L'07, received her assignments and set out to accomplish them. Not an hour into her first day as an intern, she headed to the courthouse. Marquez Murphy submitted child support papers, filed a summons and petition for a divorce, and requested pretrial dates in two courtrooms. Nearing the end of her day, Marquez Murphy reunited with her supervising attorney, Linnea Matthiesen, L'03, for the most nerve-racking task of all. Under the watchful eye and guidance of Matthiesen, Marquez Murphy made her first appearance of record under the student practice rule in a stipulated-divorce case.

A little more than a year later, now a lawyer herself, Marquez Murphy works side-by-side with Matthiesen at Centro Legal, a nonprofit law firm providing legal representation in the two largest areas of low-income litigation—family law matters and misdemeanor criminal defense. Both Marquez Murphy and Matthiesen agree that the agency's principal differentiator is the firm's cost-sharing model, where in most cases the client pays a portion of the fee. "In two years and over 150 closed cases later, I have had only two clients fail to show up for a hearing, and both called to tell me beforehand," adds Matthiesen.

Marquez Murphy and Matthiesen credit Marquette Law School for providing them abundant opportunities for practical experience. Marquez Murphy explains, "I was fortunate to enroll in the substantive law classes that I wanted, including all of the family law classes, the child abuse seminar, the domestic violence workshop, and the restorative justice program. More than anything, though, the Law School allowed me to learn outside of its walls."

And learn she did. Marquez Murphy volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club, served as a Public Interest Law Society fellow at the Task Force on Family Violence, and interned at Legal Action of Wisconsin and, ultimately, at Centro Legal. While still a law student, Marquez Murphy

gained an understanding of the plight of low-income women and children, especially when domestic violence is present. Marquez Murphy knew that she wanted to combine her various experiences and her substantive legal knowledge to aid domestic violence victims. Centro Legal provided her the opportunity.

In her last semester at the Law School, Marquez Murphy helped to author a grant application to help fund Centro Legal's family-court representation of victims of domestic violence. "Unfortunately, because domestic violence is a common matter among our clients, there is an overwhelming need for this project," Marquez Murphy explains. United Way recently approved the grant.

Referrals are made to the project from the District Attorney's office and domestic violence support organizations. Nearly all clients are at-risk individuals who need a safer and more stable home life to avoid slipping into a crisis situation. Before she had worked for even six months with Centro Legal, Marquez Murphy could count 35 individuals as her clients, a reflection of the high caseload at Centro Legal.

Of course, Marquez Murphy is not alone at the project. As a family law attorney focusing on guardian ad litem appointments and divorce cases, Matthiesen works closely with Marquez Murphy to provide a variety of services to the project's clients. "With the United Way grant, we are now able to assist domestic violence victims through a divorce, if this is desired, help implement safety plans, and make referrals to other community agencies when necessary," relates Matthiesen. Both Matthiesen and Marquez Murphy also work with new supervised fieldwork interns from Marquette, who help Centro Legal tackle its large caseload. "I am eager to share my experience and knowledge with them," says Marquez Murphy.

Centro Legal's executive director, Chris Ford, feels the same way. "We need more folks, whether students or lawyers, like Linnea and Jessica," he says. "Some very fine individuals are emerging from Marquette Law School." •