

**1939**

**Frank DeLorenzo** is a retired captain of the U.S. Navy now living in Pensacola, Fla.

**1958**

**Michael Patrick Murray**, of South Riding, Va., does pro bono criminal and civil trials. His wife, Allene, children, Bryan and Laura, and five terrific grandkids collectively keep him young. In May 2008, Michael returned to Marquette to take part in the 50th reunion of the Class of '58 and to reconnect with one of his favorite teachers, Prof. Emeritus James D. Ghiardi.

**1959**

CLASS REUNION:  
MAY 16–17, 2009

**Reunion Committee**

**Members:** Michael J. Barron and Steve Kailas, Chairs; Alfred A. Drosen, Jr., Robert Kauffman, Richard P. Perry, Eugene A. Ranney, and Robert A. Teper.

**1960**

**Victor Manian**, Reserve Circuit Judge in Milwaukee County, has recently been appointed by Governor Jim Doyle to the Government Accountability Board (GAB). The GAB was legislatively created in 2007 to serve as an independent, nonpartisan regulatory body administering and enforcing the state's election, campaign finance, and ethics laws.

**1964**

CLASS REUNION:  
JUNE 5–6, 2009

**Reunion Committee**

**Members:** John D. Finerty and David J. MacDougall, Chairs; Peter S. Balistreri, Robert H. Bichler, Paul J. Burbach, Arthur H. Fink, Jr., Frederick A. Muth, Jr., James F. Janz, James F. Parks, Michael J. Pfau, Harry G. Snyder, and James B. Young.

**1966**

**Michael W. Wilcox** has been listed in the third annual edition of *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*. He is with the Madison office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, practicing in estate planning.

**1968**

**John E. Feldbruegge** is a shareholder in the Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group at von Briesen & Roper, in Milwaukee. His practice is devoted to representing businesses and insurance companies in civil litigation. John and his wife live in Whitefish Bay, Wis.

**1969**

CLASS REUNION:  
JUNE 5–6, 2009

**Reunion Committee**

**Members:** Michael M. Berzowski and Larry B. Brueggeman, Chairs; Arnold P. Anderson, Thomas J. Arenz, Henry A. Gempeler, Michael D. Guolee, Martin W. Harrison, Michael G. Malmstadt, Terry E. Mitchell, Frank J. Schiro, and Thomas M. Strassburg.

**1970**

**William P. Croke** is a shareholder in the Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group at von Briesen & Roper, in Milwaukee. His practice consists of trial and appellate work in state and federal courts. He and his wife live in Mequon, Wis.

**1972**

**Timothy P. Crawford** has been nominated to the board of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

**Michael E. Hupy**, president of Hupy and Abraham, has been accepted into the Multi-Million

Dollar Advocates Forum. His work with motorcyclists recently earned him the title of "Sidecar Counselor" from *Milwaukee Magazine*. He frequently speaks at special events, including the Sturgis Rally in South Dakota and this past year's Harley-Davidson 105th anniversary celebration in Milwaukee.

**1974**

CLASS REUNION:  
JUNE 5–6, 2009

**Reunion Committee**

**Members:** J. Miles Goodwin and James T. Murray, Jr., Chairs; Kathleen Callan Brady, Timothy J. Elverman, Dennis J. Fitzpatrick, Thomas J. Flanagan, D. Michael Guerin, John W. Lohre, James P. Maloney, Michael J. Mulcahy, Thomas M. Olejniczak, Robert G. Pyzyk, William G. Schaaf, Lawrence A. Trebon, and Adrian T. Ulatowski.

**1976**

**John T. Bannen**, a partner with Quarles & Brady's estate planning team, has been appointed state chair for Wisconsin of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). ACTEC, a national association of leading estate-planning lawyers, has 53 members in Wisconsin and 2,700 members nationwide. John is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**2009 CLASS REUNIONS: SAVE THE DATES**

**Class of 1959: May 16–17, 2009**

**Classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004: June 5–6, 2009**

## ALUMNI | CLASS NOTES

**Patrick O. Dunphy** secured a \$35 million compensatory jury verdict award for a client in Walworth County, Wis. He recently served as chairman of Marquette University High School's capital campaign, which raised more than \$20 million. His firm, Cannon & Dunphy, is marking its 23rd year, and Pat and his wife, Ginny, celebrated 34 years of marriage this past August.

**Gregory M. Weyandt**, a partner at Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, Minn., recently received the Minnesota State Bar Association's Annual "David Graven Public Service Award," which is given to the lawyer who best exemplifies the high standards of the profession in combination with a commitment to public or community service. Greg's extensive pro bono legal work includes efforts on behalf of the Chrysalis Safety Project, an organization that provides legal representation to low-income, battered women seeking orders for protection

and others having a compelling need for legal assistance. Greg is a member of the Marquette Law Alumni Association Board.

### 1977



**Patricia K. Ballman**, a partner with the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady, has been recognized among the Top 25 Women Lawyers in Wisconsin by *Law & Politics* magazine. She focuses her practice on the area of family law, specializing in the issues of divorce, treatment of business interests, tax considerations, and drafting of premarital agreements. She also has substantial experience dealing with close corporations and trust interests.

## CENTENNIAL SYMPOSIA

Visit [law.marquette.edu](http://law.marquette.edu) to listen to a six-session series of symposia, led by Professor J. Gordon Hylton, addressing the Law School's incorporation into Marquette University in 1908 and its ensuing century.



**M**ike Jones's Milwaukee roots run deep and wide, and he's staying put. After almost 25 years with Miller Brewing Co., Jones was recently named vice president for corporate affairs for MillerCoors. Although the new conglomerate's corporate headquarters is in Chicago, Jones's new position will afford him the opportunity to stay in Milwaukee, the city he loves.

Jones is the ninth of 11 children, many of whom still reside or work in the Milwaukee area; their father, Robert Jones, who passed away last year, himself graduated from Marquette Law School in 1940. After studying history and philosophy at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, Mike Jones thought it would be interesting—and, regardless of his career path, beneficial—to study law. Though accepted by both Madison and Marquette, he relates, "being a Milwaukee guy, I thought Marquette the natural choice."

Jones entered law school in 1981 with an open mind and broad goals. "I didn't have specific plans about work or practice. I just knew that I wanted the knowledge and was open to where that would lead me," he says. It led him, rather quickly, to Miller Brewing Company.

"After my first year of law school, there happened to be an opening for a clerking position at Miller Brewery," Jones explains. "Wearing the only suit and tie I had (both of which I had borrowed from one of my brothers), I applied, interviewed, and was subsequently hired." Jones increased his

# MIKE JONES

work at Miller after his second year of law school and, upon graduation in 1984, accepted a full-time legal position involving regulatory work.

Throughout the ensuing quarter-century, Jones worked in a variety of capacities and positions in Miller's legal department. These included several-year stints, first handling the legal aspects of human-resources issues and internal investigations and then working with the sales group concerning relationships and legal questions with Miller-brand distributors. A five-year tour of duty with the international division took Jones to places in South America, Asia, and Europe. Most recently, Jones served as Miller Brewing Co.'s general counsel for eight years, before his appointment as vice president of corporate affairs following last year's merger with Coors Brewing Co. and the creation of MillerCoors.

In this new capacity, Jones will focus on MillerCoors's investment in its communities, its workers, and its heritage. The position enables Jones to remain primarily in Milwaukee, whereas many other top executives have had to relocate to Chicago. "This is ideal for me," he says. "After 25 years of suing and getting sued, the fun of that wears off. I was hoping to make a transition into a different career path at this point in my life, so this is especially serendipitous."



While Jones quips that his in-house work means that he has not himself had to be in a courtroom since the day he was sworn in, he has found his legal education to be invaluable not only in his employment but also in his volunteer work on boards and groups associated with a number of Milwaukee-area nonprofit organizations. These include Marquette Law School, where Jones is particularly excited about the construction of Eckstein Hall and what it will signify about the Law School to the Milwaukee region. "It will be, foremost, a highly regarded academic and intellectual center," he notes, "but it will also be an architectural showpiece, visible from the new Marquette Interchange."

Jones lives in Delafield and has three young-adult children. He also maintains a condo in Milwaukee's Third Ward—he is, after all, a Milwaukee guy. •

# BOB BERDAN AND RAY MANISTA

This past June, after 33 years as an attorney—the most recent 19 at Northwestern Mutual—Robert Berdan closed his files, packed up his armadillo collection (see sidebar below), and began the next phase of his life: retirement.

Berdan and his wife, Darlene, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and have three now-adult children. In the period between his undergraduate degree and the receipt of his J.D. from Marquette in 1975, Berdan served more than four years on active duty in the U.S. Army as a commissioned infantry officer, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He remained in the U.S. Army Reserves for an additional seven years.

Berdan achieved success while still in law school. During his third year, he and fellow classmates Barb Berman and Carolyn Burrell won the regional moot court competition and went on to New York City for the finals. They ultimately finished second in the nation, following an argument before Justice William Rehnquist. “For our brief 15 minutes of fame, we were local celebrities, having received accolades from many state and local dignitaries on account of our school’s strong finish,” says Berdan. “It was an exciting time for Marquette, eclipsed only (in our eyes) by the NCAA championship in basketball that followed a mere two years later!”

Before joining Northwestern Mutual, Berdan practiced for 14 years at what is now Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. In 1989, after much consideration, he resigned from the partnership and joined the law department at Northwestern Mutual as an assistant general counsel. “I worked with the investment departments on Northwestern Mutual’s real estate and securities portfolios, but quickly branched out to handle various corporate projects,” he explains. He soon raised his hand to help take public Northwestern Mutual’s then-single-biggest investment—Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Company (MGIC)—and later to head up a project team to help draft Wisconsin legislation concerning mutual holding companies.

While working and raising a family, Berdan nonetheless carved out time to serve his community and alma mater. In 1978, he was elected to the Brown Deer Board of Education, where he served for 16 years before stepping down from public service in 1994. He also has been a director of the Marquette University Law Alumni Association, the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club, Inc., Brown Deer Scholarships, Inc., and the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest.

After serving for a time as head of the company’s compliance department, Berdan returned to the law department as Northwestern Mutual’s sixteenth general

## **An Army of Armadillos—by Robert J. Berdan, L’75**

In 1978, while in the Army Reserves, I was at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, for a two-week summer encampment. Late one evening, several of my Wisconsin cohorts and I found ourselves overserved. While in an admittedly fuzzy state of mind, the group turned its attention to the ubiquitous armadillo, and a consensus emerged that there was a pressing need to capture one. Phase two was to surreptitiously relocate the creature to our commanding officer’s bathroom. Lost with sobriety and the passage of time is why either of these decisions was necessary or prudent.

To make a long story short, the mission was accomplished, but not without a physical confrontation with a rather large, agile, and uncooperative clawed creature, the tripping of a security alarm, and a pat-down search by the military police.

On my first full day of employment at Northwestern Mutual, I told the armadillo story to my new colleagues (considerably embellished with more particulars than time or space now permits) during Northwestern Mutual’s famous free lunch. Why? I don’t know. The next day, a stuffed armadillo inexplicably arrived in my office. Since that first armadillo, I have been the recipient of literally dozens and dozens of armadillos of all shapes and sizes.



counsel and secretary. He served as head of the 75-lawyer department for eight years before his retirement last summer.

Becoming general counsel meant a dramatic shift of responsibilities. “It meant knowing a tiny little bit about everything going on, but no longer having the luxury of delving deeply into any single issue,” explains Berdan. “I describe the practice of law as a general counsel as being rather like Wisconsin’s very own Lake Winnebago—some 30 miles long, but only 15 feet deep,” he quips. “But the opportunity to nurture and develop the skills and talents of other lawyers replaced the satisfaction I previously derived from the depth and variety of case or transaction work. It was truly rewarding to have a hand in helping others grow and achieve their goals.”

It is this kind of helping hand and mentoring from Berdan that prepared his successor and fellow Marquette lawyer, Ray Manista, to take the reins as the company’s new general counsel and secretary. “Filling Bob’s shoes is a bit daunting,” Manista says, “but I’m honored to accept the challenge.”

Manista comes well prepared. In 1990, he received his law degree from Marquette, where he had previously graduated from college. Manista, too, left a partnership at a prestigious Milwaukee law firm to join Northwestern Mutual; he practiced commercial litigation at Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., from 1990 to 1998.

“The decision to move from private practice to an in-house position wasn’t an easy one,” says Manista. “I enjoyed private practice, and the firm had provided me with many opportunities to grow as a young lawyer. But I looked down the street and saw one of the world’s most-admired companies with a very sophisticated law practice. Once I took a closer look, I found people and a culture that suited me, and so I decided to make the move.”

Manista joined Northwestern Mutual as assistant general counsel. While in this role, he managed both insurance and investment-related litigation matters involving the company. His next position, from 2001 through 2003, was as director of planning and projects, coordinating Northwestern Mutual’s strategic and annual planning processes, and he also acted as secretary to the company’s management and strategic planning committees.



Bob Berdan and Ray Manista

Subsequent positions followed in the law department and elsewhere, and Manista assumed the role of head of the law department and the office of the corporate secretary upon Bob Berdan’s retirement in summer 2008.

One of the most valuable things Manista has learned during his career is that having a proper mind-set is vital. “It’s important to maintain a positive, constructive approach to problem solving, regardless of the circumstances,” he says. “We as lawyers are in a unique position to help our clients maintain perspective and to see opportunities in any situation, not simply the risks or obstacles.”

Manista and his wife, Dawne (an alumna of Marquette University with a degree in physical therapy), have been married for 19 years. Manista spends a great deal of time with their three children, including coaching Little League and basketball teams. But, like his predecessor, he finds time to give back.

“I served on two school boards, spent nine years on the Marquette Law Alumni Association Board, and recently joined the Law School Advisory Board. It’s been wonderful to see first-hand the progress that the school has made since I graduated,” says Manista. “I enjoy talking with others about this progress and seeing alumni reconnect with the school as it has been gaining new momentum over the years.” •

## ALUMNI | CLASS NOTES

### 1979

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#### Reunion Committee

**Members:** Christine K. Nelson and Lee A. Riordan, Chairs; Virginia M. Antoine, Randall D. Crocker, Blaise Di Pronio, Judith M. Hartig-Osanka, Patrick J. Hudec, Nicholas A. Kees, Dennis E. Kenealy, Thomas J. Nichols, Kevin P. Reak, John A. Rothstein, and James A. Wynn, Jr.



**Daniel T. Dennehy** has been elected to serve as legal counsel to the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Society of Healthcare Human Resources Administration. Dan's practice focuses on advising health-care providers on all aspects of employment, personnel, and labor matters. Dan is a shareholder at von Briesen & Roper, in Milwaukee, and resides in River Hills, Wis.



**William J. Katt** has been named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The

induction ceremony took place during the 2008 spring meeting of the college in Tucson, Ariz. Bill is a partner in the firm of Leib & Katt in Milwaukee.

**Kenneth L. Kutz** was appointed by Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle to the Burnett County Circuit Court, as of August 2008 until July 31, 2009. Ken served as the Burnett County District Attorney for the previous 21 years. Ken and his wife, Patricia, live in Grantsburg, Wis., with their three children, Brian, Sean, and Brendan.

**James A. Wynn, Jr.**, was elected this past November to a new term on the North Carolina Court of Appeals and recently concluded his term as Chair of the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association. He also has 30 years of military experience and served as commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Judicial Unit and as a captain in the Navy Reserve.

### 1980

**John P. Macy** received the 2008 Distinguished Member Award from the Waukesha County Bar Association. He was recognized for his years of service to not only the Waukesha County Bar Association but also the State Bar of Wisconsin and the American Bar Association. John is a shareholder in the law firm of Arenz, Molter, Macy & Riffle.

**Timothy M. Schultz** is a solo practitioner in Milwaukee, Wis. He relates his notable accomplishment as "surviving" his three daughters. Aurelia recently worked for the Nigerian

government in Africa and has returned to graduate from Vanderbilt Law School in May 2009; Wendy recently interned at the Field Museum in Chicago and will receive her master's degree in paleontology from the University of Colorado in May 2009; and Katrina is attending Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky.

**Daniel G. Vliet**, a shareholder in the Milwaukee office of Davis & Kuelthau, was appointed employer cochair of the Membership Development Committee for the Labor & Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association (ABA).

### 1981

**William E. McCardell**, an employment and labor attorney with an emphasis in construction law at the Madison office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, has been named in *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*.

### 1982



**Kathleen A. Gray** has been recognized among the Top 25 Women Lawyers in Wisconsin by *Law & Politics* magazine, as well as listed among the Top 50 Lawyers in Wisconsin. She is a partner at the Milwaukee office of

Quarles & Brady. Kathleen focuses her practice on trusts and estates and family and domestic relations, including estate planning for executives, professional and business owners, probate and trust administration, estate, gift and fiduciary income taxation, as well as marital property.

**Warren P. Kraft** has been named director of human resources/assistant city attorney for the City of West Bend, Wis. He remains affiliated in an of-counsel capacity with the Murphy-Desmond law firm of Madison, where he continues to practice municipal law on behalf of government clients. Warren is a commissioned lay pastor for the Winnebago Presbytery and an active scout leader in the Bay-Lakes Council.

**Donald W. Layden, Jr.**, recently received the Service in Administration Award from Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan during the annual Archdiocese of Milwaukee Vatican II Awards Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee. This award recognizes individuals who have assisted, enabled, or enhanced the mission of the Church through exemplary performance and service. As an advisor to leaders in Catholic education in southeastern Wisconsin, Don was cited for sharing his professional acumen with various initiatives, committees, and boards.

## 1984

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### Reunion Committee

**Members:** Tracey L. Klein, Chair; James F. Boyle, Carol L. Browne, John F. Callan, Brian G. Carroll, Linda C. de la Mora, Robert H. Duffy, John E. Flanagan, Michael T. Jones, E. Vanessa Jones, Peter B. Kelly, Stephanie S. Mares, Linda Swagger Maris, Philip R. O'Brien, Jill M. Rappis, Frederick C. Rosa, Alan E. Seneczko, Paul G. Sherburne, Diane S. Sykes, Stephen J. Tomassi, and Joseph R. Wall.



**Tracey L. Klein**, equity shareholder in the Health Care Department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, was named a "2008 Women of Influence" award-winner in the community-supporter category by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. Tracey was recognized for her efforts on behalf of her clients and the community at large. She has devoted substantial time and effort to numerous community service organizations over the past 20 years and has held leadership positions with many of them.

**Ramiro Manalich** has been appointed by Florida Governor Charlie Crist to the Judicial Circuit Court. He had served as Collier County Judge since 2003 and as assistant attorney and chief assistant attorney for Collier County between 1989 and 2003.

## 1985

**Kathy L. Nusslock** is president of the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association (EDWBA). She is a partner at Davis & Kuelthau and has been involved with EDWBA since its inception in 2002, where she has held various positions, including treasurer, member of the board of directors, and committee chair. The association is committed to improving the administration of justice and fostering professionalism, bench-bar relations, and civility among those who practice in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

## 1986

**George L. Glonek**, Circuit Court Judge since 2002 in Douglas County, Wis., recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Superior Academic Hall of Fame. He serves in numerous civic organizations, including volunteering as a Superior High School mock-trial coach.

**Richard V. Poirier** recently retired from the U.S. Naval Reserves after 23 years of service. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the President of the United States for his work as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Justice School,

Newport, R.I. Poirier is a division senior vice-president for the Wausau Insurance Companies.

## 1987

**Robert B. Blazewick**, Capt. JAGC, U.S. Navy, assumed command of the U.S. Navy Region Legal Service Office Hawaii in Pearl Harbor in July 2007. As commanding officer, he is the chief prosecutor for the region and staff judge advocate for the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii.

**Paul D. Christensen** has been elected municipal Judge for Whitefish Bay, Wis. He practices with Ziino, Germanotta, Knoll & Christensen.

**Ted A. Warpinski** is serving a three-year term as an at-large member of the board of directors for the State Bar of Wisconsin's Environmental Law Section. He practices with Friebert, Finerty & St. John, Milwaukee.

## 1988



**Patrick Cavanaugh Brennan** joined von Briesen & Roper as a shareholder in the Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group. He has tried numerous complex, multidefendant criminal-conspiracy cases to jury in both the state and federal courts and

also devotes a substantial portion of his practice to the defense of white-collar criminal cases. He resides with his wife and children in Wauwatosa, Wis.



**Peter L. Ramirez** recently joined von Briesen & Roper as a shareholder in the Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group. He has a broad range of commercial, civil, and criminal litigation experience. He resides in Milwaukee, Wis., with his wife and children.

**Ann M. Rieger**, a shareholder in the Brookfield, Wis., office of Davis & Kuelthau, has been named president of the firm. She is the first female president of the firm. Ann focuses her practice in corporate law, nonprofit law, estate planning, and health law.



# ROSALIE GELLMAN

Just about the time many people are figuring out how to retire, Rosalie Schlitz Gellman enrolled in Marquette Law School. “I decided to study law as an academic pursuit rather than to pursue a professional career,” she explains, “and I began classes very near to my 70th birthday.”

Gellman had previously earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English literature, at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, respectively. “I also studied dramatic art at New York University while working as a professional ventriloquist in New York City,” she says. For a matter somewhat more directly related to her decision to enroll in law school, Gellman also had obtained a sense of the study and practice of law because both her son and her daughter are attorneys and her brother is a retired trial judge.

When Gellman was accepted to Marquette Law School, she initially sought part-time enrollment but soon realized that she could study full time, while also helping to care for her husband, Edward, who was struggling with Alzheimer’s disease. He passed away eight months after Rosalie graduated from Marquette Law School in 2002.

Since graduation, Gellman has put her education to use, serving as an active volunteer in the chambers of a federal judge, at the American Civil Liberties Union, and currently with Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee in the area of elder law. Her career as a public service attorney and volunteer reaps many rewards for Gellman. This past Mother’s Day, she received an early-morning phone call from a former client for whom she had successfully advocated at Legal Aid. “She told me how grateful she was and vowed to call me every Mother’s Day for the rest of her life!”

Last winter, Gellman had fun in a different volunteer capacity, using another of her gifts. “I taught a weekly class in ventriloquism with the help of my friends, Jake and Cecil,” she explains. (They are pictured above with Rosalie.) “This was in a third-grade classroom in a Milwaukee public school. Some of my students became very proficient, and all of them honed their skills in articulation, projection, and presence.”

That is not the extent of Gellman’s civic involvement. She credits her Marquette Law School education with enabling her

to contribute to a number of philanthropic and other boards. “My understanding of how governments and courts operate helps me to be a more informed citizen of both my country and the world,” Gellman explains. “I especially value my studies in comparative law and international law.” She is an enthusiastic member of the American Constitution Society (Lawyers’ Chapter) and serves on the constitutional-issues task force of the Milwaukee Jewish Community Relations Committee. For the next two years, she will serve as the general chair of Wisconsin Israel Bonds.

Gellman has no intentions of slowing down and continues to turn to Marquette Law School for stimulation. “I appreciate the opportunities and try to attend the guest lectures on campus, including Mike Gousha’s ‘On the Issues’ interviews,” she says. She enjoys reunions with classmates and professors and meets monthly with four other Marquette law friends.

Gellman has been generous to the Law School. “I feel an attachment to the Marquette law community that I have never felt for other educational institutions,” she explains. “I am delighted with the plans for the new building and was happy to make a planned gift to support it.”

“Marquette Law School seems to me to have an important role in this wonderful community. Milwaukee is a fantastic city for entertainment and educational activities, and I enthusiastically take advantage of them,” she says. “I value the many surprises and special blessings that I am enjoying.”

And Marquette Law School values the special blessing of Rosalie Gellman. •





## 1989

CLASS REUNION:  
JUNE 5-6, 2009

### Reunion Committee

**Members:** Sonja Trom Eayrs, Virginia Regan Finn, George L. Glonek, Mary Polson Haefer, Ann Barry Hanneman, Patricia Johnston Hutchens, Joseph A. Kromholz, Patricia A. McGowan, Dale R. Nikolay, Francisco J. Olivera, Janeen Zimmer Olson, Irene Elizabeth Parthum, Ronald G. Pezze, Jr., Catherine S. Steinhafel, Michael W. Steinhafel, Cynthia Caine Treleven, Nicholas C. Zales, and Annette K. Ziegler.



**Sonja Trom Eayrs**, a family-law attorney with Lindquist & Vennum, Minneapolis, Minn., has been named a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Sonya cochairs the executive committee of the Hennepin County Bar Association Family Law Section. She also serves as a member of the Hennepin County judicial liaison committee and as a member of the planning committee for the Family Law Institute.

## 1990

**Rodney W. Carter**, has joined the law firm of Schott, Publitz & Engel, as a shareholder. He practices in the areas of corporate, real estate, and employment law, as well as related litigation. Rod and his wife, **Eileen Miller Carter**, L'90, who is a member of the Wauwatosa City Attorney's Office, have three children: Brent, Madeline, and Jack.

**Lisa A. Wiebusch** lives in Hudson, Wis., with her husband, Jon, and son, Jon James (JJ). She is a worker's compensation attorney and shareholder at Mudge Porter Lundeen & Seguin.

## 1991

**Jeffrey J. Femrite** has been elected a shareholder in the Madison, Wis., office of Godfrey & Kahn. His area of practice is real estate.

**Michael D. Golden** recently joined Derco Aerospace, Inc., Milwaukee, as vice president and general counsel.

**Matthew W. O'Neill** was recognized in June 2008 by the Volunteer Lawyers Project, a program of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., with an award for exceptional pro bono advocacy for his services to the low-income community in Milwaukee and Waukesha. Matt is a member of the firm of Frieber, Finerty & St. John in Milwaukee.

**John J. Prentice** has become a shareholder at Simandl & Murray in Waukesha, Wis. He represents employers in labor and employment matters.

## 1992

**Jason F. Abraham**, a partner with Hupy and Abraham, Milwaukee, Wis., has been accepted as a member in the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.



**Joseph T. Leone** has been ranked as one of the top three intellectual-property attorneys in the state of Wisconsin by the international guide, *Chambers USA*. He concentrates his practice on intellectual-property matters, particularly trial and appellate litigation, chemical and biotech patent preparation, and trademark work. He is a member of the executive committee of DeWitt Ross & Stevens, Madison, Wis.



**Kevin M. Long**, a partner at Quarles & Brady, has been named the national chair of the firm's commercial-litigation practice. He will oversee Quarles & Brady's 100-plus commercial-litigation attorneys across six offices. Kevin lives in Fox Point, Wis., with his wife and three daughters.

**Shawn G. Rice**, Sheboygan, Wis., who practices in business and corporate law, was recently recognized in *Wisconsin Super Lawyers* and *Milwaukee Magazine's 2007 Top Up-and-Coming Wisconsin Attorneys*.

## 1994

CLASS REUNION:  
JUNE 5-6, 2009

### Reunion Committee

**Members:** Lee Anne Neumann Conta and Richard M. McDermott, Chairs; Cassandra J. Crall, Michael H. Doyle, Elizabeth M. Estes, Donna J. Fudge, Therese M. Henke, Virginia H. Jones, Thomas D. Klein, Amelia L. McCarthy, Joseph C. Niebler, Jr., MaryNell Regan, Kelly Brown Watzka, and Christine E. Woleske.

**Norine C. Carlson-Weber** is founder and president of Alpha Source Inc., Milwaukee. The company is a "women's business enterprise" (WBE) providing diversified medical products to health-care institutions,

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the federal government, municipalities, and international distributors (a WBE is at least 51 percent controlled by women or, in the case of a publicly traded business, has at least 51 percent of the stock owned by women). The company's focus is on clinical-engineering departments and third-party maintenance organizations.

### 1995

**Bradley J. Kalscheur** has been elected to partnership with Michael Best & Friedrich, Milwaukee, Wis. He is a member of the Wealth Planning Services Practice Group. Brad is a certified public accountant whose practice involves such work as the transfer of closely held family businesses between generations.

**Erik G. Milito** and wife, Beth, have welcomed their second child, Helen Caroline. The family makes its home in Alexandria, Va. Erik is a senior attorney in the Office of General Counsel of the American Petroleum Institute in Washington, D.C.

**Thomas M. Rose** is chief counsel for ING Reinsurance Group in Minneapolis, Minn. ING offers group life, accident and specialty risk reinsurance, group long-term disability reinsurance, and medical and managed-care reinsurance products. Tom recently assisted in founding and organizing two nonprofit ventures: the Twin Cities Youth Choral, which is a new select children's choir, and MG Road Runners, which sponsored the inaugural Maple Grove Half Marathon and 5K.



**Susan Minahan Ruppelt** has been promoted to shareholder at von Briesen & Roper in Milwaukee, where her practice is focused on the areas of trust and estate planning, estate and trust administration, charitable giving, retirement planning, and estate, gift, and generation-skipping tax. She has lectured on various estate-planning topics and is a contributing author on the topic of wills for *West's Wisconsin Methods of Practice*.

### 1997



**Derek R. Kritzer** has joined the Madison, Wis., office of DeWitt Ross & Stevens. His practice is focused primarily on mergers and acquisitions, contract negotiations, real estate, securities, and intellectual-property law. He has handled a number of transactions involving the acquisition of hotel properties, dental practices, and other professional practices.

**Debra E. Kuper** has been appointed vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary for the AGCO Corporation, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment based in Duluth, Ga. Debra has a broad range of legal experience in the corporate field.

**Brad C. Fulton**, DeWitt Ross & Stevens, Madison, has been named in the third annual edition of *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*. He is a litigator whose practice focuses on labor and employment issues, particularly in municipalities and the construction industry.

### 1998

**Bryan M. Becker** has become a partner at Howard, Solocheck & Weber, Milwaukee. Bryan practices creditors' rights law.

**Kurt D. Dykstra**, a partner with Warner Norcross & Judd in Holland, Mich., has been appointed to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners. He serves as the nonresident attorney on the 11-member board, which is appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. A native of Wisconsin, Dykstra is licensed to practice in Michigan and Wisconsin.

**Daniel J. Finerty** and wife, Christine, welcomed William Cornelius Finerty to their family in December 2007; the addition joins Daniel Joseph Jr. (2004) and Catherine Elizabeth (2006). Dan is with the firm of Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee, practicing in management-side labor and employment litigation.

**Werner E. Scherr**, recently joined Gruber Law Offices, Milwaukee, with a concentration in personal-injury litigation.

### 1999

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**Members:** Joanne Lipo Zovic and Lynn B. Martinec, Chairs; Scott D. Anderson, Jacqueline A. Beauprez, Steven M. Cain, Angela T. Champion, Jacques C. Condon, Kathleen M. Diedrich, Melissa L. Greipp, Jonathan R. Ingrisano, Daniel R. Johnson, Joseph T. Miotke, Jason E. Pauls, Brian C. Randall, Travis J. Rhoades, and Brian T. Vandervest.

**Michael D. Cicchini**, a criminal-defense attorney in Kenosha, Wis., has published two new law review articles on criminal law. *An Empirical Basis for the Admission of Expert Testimony on False Confessions* (with coauthors White and Chojnacki) was published in 40 *Arizona State Law Journal* 1 (2008). *Broken Government Promises: A Contract-Based Approach to Enforcing Plea Bargains* appears at 38 *New Mexico Law Review* 159 (2008). The full text of both articles is available at [www.cicchinilaw.com](http://www.cicchinilaw.com).

**Matthew J. Duchemin** has been promoted to partner at Quarles & Brady, in the firm's office in Madison, Wis. Matt focuses his litigation practice on commercial disputes involving intellectual property, insurance-broker malpractice, insurance-agent regulation, and various contracts for goods and services.

**Adam J. Forman** has joined the national intellectual-property law firm Woodcock Washburn, in Philadelphia, as an associate. He cofounded the Chicago law firm Lempia Forman and has 11 years' experience in patent and intellectual-property matters. In addition to his private-practice background, Adam also previously served as patent counsel for Procter & Gamble Company.



**Daniel R. Johnson** is now a full partner at Ryan Kromholz & Manion, in Brookfield, Wis. Dan does trial and appellate work in patent, copyright, and trademark litigation. He has been listed in *Wisconsin Super Lawyers* for three consecutive years.

**Tara Murphy Mathison** has been promoted to shareholder in the Milwaukee office of Davis & Kuelthau.



**Bradley W. Raaths** has become a shareholder with DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison, Wis. He concentrates his practice in the areas of business and franchise law, focusing on mergers and acquisitions, contracts, and commercial real estate. Bradley has been listed in the third annual edition of *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*.

## 2000

**Thomas L. Doerr, Jr.**, has relocated to the town of Esher, Surrey, in England with The Manitowoc Company, Inc., of Manitowoc, Wis. Tom serves as legal counsel with an emphasis on general corporate/commercial matters and global mergers and acquisitions. Tom and his wife, **Leslie Doerr, L'00**, have three young children: Will, Mackenzie, and Riley.

**Cathy Ritterbusch Grogan** is in her second year as a faculty member and chair of the Justice Department at Mount Mary College, a four-year liberal-arts institution on the northwest side of Milwaukee. Cathy is president of the Association for Women Lawyers and was recently elected to the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors.

**Jonathan P. Groth** was given the "BV" Rating by Martindale Hubbell Law Directory. This is the highest legal-ability and general-ethical-standards rating obtainable for attorneys practicing fewer than 10 years. Jon is currently an attorney with Pitman, Kyle & Sicola in Milwaukee, where he specializes in civil litigation.

**Matthias D. Onderak**, while remaining employed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, is currently deployed through the Department of Justice on a one-year detail to Husayniyah, Iraq. He is embedded with the military on a forward operating base in Karbala Province and is assigned as the Rule of Law Advisor for the Karbala Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT). The PRT consists of civilian specialists, in several fields, who are charged with assisting in reconstruction and capacity-building in the province. Matthias is advising, assisting, and working with Iraqi judges, prosecutors, lawyers, and police.

**Katherine Maloney Perhach**, a partner with Quarles & Brady, Milwaukee, who focuses her practice on commercial litigation, was honored by the Association for Women Lawyers with the Pro Bono Award for her work as the firm's coordinator for the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic/Quarles & Brady site serving the Latino community on the south side of Milwaukee and at the Task Force on Family Violence's Restraining Order Clinic.

**Rebecca A. Cameron Valcq** and husband, Rob, welcomed their first child, Olivia Grace, on January 2, 2008. They are loving every exhausting minute of parenthood. Rebecca practices regulatory law at We Energies in Milwaukee.

## 2001

**Stephen A. Gigot** has been elected to partnership at Michael Best & Friedrich in Milwaukee. His practice focuses on all aspects of U.S. and international patent prosecution in various technical fields, including the heat transfer, security and safety, automotive, software, utility networking, residential ventilation, power tool, medical device, and financial transaction industries.

**Julie A. Haut** has been named a partner at Michael Best & Friedrich, Milwaukee. She is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group, with a practice that includes preparation and review of intellectual-property licenses.

**Michael F. Iasparro** has joined Hinshaw & Culbertson in Rockford, Ill. He served for six years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, where he had substantial trial experience. His practice focuses on complex litigation matters, including commercial law, environmental law, medical-malpractice defense, and white-collar crimes.



# CRAIG RANKIN

Despite relocation, extensive travel, and an evolving legal career, there are a few things that have remained constant (and closely intertwined) in the life of Craig Rankin—his dedication to his family, his love of the game of golf, and his gratitude to Marquette Law School.

Now living in Los Angeles, Calif., with his wife, Joan, their son, Jack, and Bella, their English Springer Spaniel, Rankin began in Wisconsin. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee in 1988, where he studied English, philosophy, and accounting, he was accepted to Marquette Law School. In addition to the rigors of his legal studies, Rankin also prepared for and met the requirements to become a certified public accountant. He thereupon set about finding positions in which he could merge his interest in law and abilities in business and financial matters.

Soon after his 1991 graduation from law school, Rankin headed to the West Coast—where he had known he wanted to live since visiting there with a friend during college—and began his career as a law clerk to a now-retired bankruptcy judge in San Jose. “Even in California, a Marquette law degree does open doors,” says Rankin.

Rankin’s two-year clerkship gave him the opportunity to get to know the bankruptcy judges in the Northern District of California, as well as to gain experience in a field that is one intersection between business and law. “After I had been in practice a couple of years, which included a few hotly contested cases where we were on opposing sides, my current firm hired me, and I moved to Los Angeles,” Rankin explains.

He is now a partner at Levene, Neale, Bender, Rankin & Brill, a 17-lawyer bankruptcy firm that focuses on representing debtor corporations and assisting them to reorganize in and outside of bankruptcy proceedings. “The practice is extremely challenging because if I don’t do my job well, companies fail and people lose jobs,” Rankin notes. On the other hand, Rankin says, “the most rewarding aspect is that I really can make a difference by devising a way to restructure an entity or winning legal battles that allow a company to survive.”



While his practice does not often take him to Milwaukee, Rankin’s desire to see family and friends brings him back at least every year (as do the “incredible public golf courses,” he admits). He maintains a relationship with Marquette primarily through his friendship with Don Kynaston, a long-serving development officer for Marquette who is also a friend of his father, Rankin’s golfing buddy, and fellow survivor of some memorable on-the-links experiences. Most recently, the two stood by as the others in their foursome (first Rankin’s father and thereafter his fellow 1991 classmate George Mistrioty) drove six straight balls into the water on one hole.

Rankin remembers fondly his law school days and is grateful for the good friends he made and the many things he learned—from mastering all levels of Nintendo’s Mario 3 video game with Mistrioty, he says, to other skills. On the latter front, Rankin especially remembers learning trial skills from Professor Thomas J. Hammer: “I still use the organization process that he taught to prepare for trials.”

Marquette left an impression on him, too, regarding the importance of providing pro bono work. “All Marquette lawyers have opportunities to use their professional skills to give meaningful help to those in need,” Rankin says. He pursues this work in his core areas of expertise, working with debtors or defendants who cannot afford representation. And it is apparent that Rankin takes a real joy in his work, whether of the pro bono sort or for paying clients. He concurs in this assessment: “The practice of law should be challenging and is at times stressful, but it can also be enjoyable. At least that’s my experience so far.” •

**Lori S. Meddings** was recently elected to the partnership of Michael Best & Friedrich in Milwaukee. She is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group, working closely with clients to protect and enforce their trademark rights and copyrights worldwide.

**Thomas J. Otterlee**, practicing in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's office in Waukesha, Wis., has been elected to the partnership at Michael Best & Friedrich. His practice focuses primarily on patent prosecution.

**Chad J. Wiener** has been hired as an associate at Quarles & Brady, Milwaukee, with the corporate-services team.

## 2002

**Shannon M. Elliott** recently completed a six-month secondment working in Sheffield, England, with DLA Piper US. Shannon returned to the firm's Chicago office in November 2008. Her practice focuses on construction litigation and contract matters.

**Michele A. Peters**, of Hawks Quindel Ehles & Perry in Milwaukee, received the Outstanding Pro Bono Participation Award in June 2008 from Legal Action and the Volunteer Lawyers Project.

**Jessica A. Zolp**, a member of the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic's Steering Committee, was selected for the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* 2008 "Forty under 40," which recognizes young leaders in the Milwaukee area. Jessica is employed at MillerCoors Brewing Company.

## 2003

**Lori J. Fabian** became a partner at Hippenmeyer, Reilly, Moodie & Blum, Waukesha, Wis., in July 2008.

**Cindy L. Fryda** has joined The Schroeder Group, Waukesha, Wis. Her practice experience is in labor and employment law.

**Kevin M. Kreuser** has been in-house counsel at Intel Corporation since 2005. He acts as sole counsel for Intel's global construction and various other activities. Kevin also leads Intel's pro bono activities in Arizona, which were recently recognized by the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. Kevin and his wife, Jessica, who were married in April 2006, recently welcomed their first child, a daughter named Brooklyn.

**Matthew E. Mountin**, a recipient of the National Sports Law Institute's sports law certificate, has been named interim athletic director at University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wis. Matt had

served as the compliance coordinator and athletic facilities manager at Colorado State University-Pueblo, where he managed a \$12.5 million renovation of the school's athletic facilities.

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**Brandan J. Pratt** has become an associate with Miller & O'Neill in Boca Raton, Fla. His practice is focused on the areas of estate, trust, guardianship, and fiduciary litigation.

## 2005

**Michael S. Gibbs** practices in civil litigation with Averbeck & Hammer in Fond du Lac, Wis. He and his wife are parents of three children.

### Denise Greathouse

practices in the Labor and Employment Relations Practice Group at Michael Best & Friedrich, Waukesha, Wis. Prior to joining the firm, she was an assistant district attorney with the Waukesha County District Attorney's office.



**Atheneé P. Lucas** has been appointed to the State Bar's Board of Governors as a Building Bridges Liaison. She is also the immediate past chair of the Bar's Diversity Outreach Committee. Atheneé works in the legal department of Manpower Inc., in Milwaukee.

**Laura M. Lyons** recently joined the Madison, Wis., firm of Bell, Gierhart & Moore as an associate. She practices primarily in the area of insurance defense, including general defense litigation, worker's compensation, and medical malpractice.

**Katharine A. Neugent** has joined the family-law firm of Burbach & Stansbury in Milwaukee, as an associate. She previously served as a staff attorney in the guardian ad litem division of the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee.

**Gesina M. Seiler** practices with Axley Brynerson, Madison, Wis., in the areas of litigation and labor/employment law.

**Eric R. Wimberger** lives in Kwakuni, Japan, where he is a Staff Judge Advocate with the United States Marine Corps.

## 2006

**Kathryn A. Harrell** has been hired as an associate with Bell, Glerhart & Moore in Madison, Wis. She concentrates her practice in insurance and medical-malpractice defense.

**Emily McNally Horsfield** has joined White and Williams as an associate in New York City. As a member of the firm's Life, Health, and Disability and Insurance Fraud Practice Groups, Emily focuses her practice on first-party insurance litigation, insurance fraud, disability law, third-party tort, products liability, and negligence litigation. She and husband, Nicholas, reside in New York.

**Andrea M. Knudson** is located at the United States Air Force base at Langley, Va., as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate with the United States Air Force.

**Jessica D. Poliner**, an attorney with Metavante Corp., received the "Future of Change Award" at the 19th Annual Commitment to Justice Awards event sponsored by Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee in September 2008. She is the youngest board member at Centro

Legal, where she also serves on the board-development and operations committees. Jessica has coached the Law School's Philip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition team and also mentors with Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

**Matthew J. Weiss** practices construction litigation with Cremer, Kopon, Shaughnessy & Spina, in Chicago, Ill.

**Donna M. Wittig** has joined the firm of Santoro, Driggs, Walch, Kearney, Holly & Thompson, in Las Vegas, Nev., where she practices commercial litigation. Donna recently completed a two-year clerkship with Chief Judge Roger L. Hunt of the United States District Court of Nevada.

## 2007

**Mary Kathleen Doyle** and **James B. Hanley** were married at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church near downtown Chicago. Rev. (Professor) Gregory J. O'Meara, S.J., presided.

**Amy K. Klockenga** is serving as a law clerk for Judge James T. Moody, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana (Hammond). Amy recently completed a clerkship with Justice N. Patrick Crooks of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.



**Lindsay Potrafke** has joined the firm of Faruki Ireland & Cox in Dayton, Ohio, as a business and commercial litigation associate. She is a member of the American, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Dayton Bar Associations, the Dayton Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, and the Carl D. Kessler Inn of Court.

**Andrew J. Sajdak** married Natalie Ford on August 11, 2007, in San Mateo, Calif. They live in Chicago, Ill., where Andy practices with Belongia & Shapiro and Natalie performs professional musical theater and opera.

## 2008

**James B. Barton** is an associate in the Litigation Practice Group in the Milwaukee office of Michael Best & Friedrich.

**Alan C. Cheslock** has joined the Intellectual Property Practice Group at Michael Best & Friedrich, Waukesha, Wis.

**Nadia Musallam** practices in the area of business transactions at Ruder Ware, Wausau, Wis. She advises clients on a wide variety of business transactions, including the formation of business entities and the negotiation of contracts documenting real-estate acquisitions.

**Colleen C. Nordin** is an associate at the Brabazon Law Office in Green Bay, Wis.

**Justin W. Pollnow** recently joined the athletics department at Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi, as compliance coordinator.

**Michael F. Tuchalski** is an associate at Nistler Law Office in Milwaukee.



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