

# CLASSnotes

## TO THE CLASSES of 1992 through 2000:

You may remember a wall of graduates' photos maintained here in the Law School. We are about to bring our collection up to date, and offer you a final chance to send us your photo to include. It may not seem important to you now, but 25 years from now you may want to show your photo to your grandchildren!

A print about 2" X 3" with your name and Class Year printed on the reverse should be sent by MARCH 31, 2001 to Asst. Dean Ed Reisner at the Law School.

Thank you!

### the 30s

**Clark Byse '38** has received the Harvard Law School Association Award in honor of his 60-year teaching career. Byse is considered by many to have been the inspiration for the Prof. Kingsfield character in the movie *The Paper Chase*.

### the 50s

**Albert C. Hanna '55** is undoubtedly the UW Law graduate who has risen to the highest level on earth! Hanna, the founder and CEO of Mid-North Financial Services, one of Chicago's largest mortgage banking firms, made it to just 320 feet below the summit of Mt. Everest on his third attempt last May.

### the 60s



**Richard G. Baumann '64**, a member of the Los Angeles firm of Sulmeyer, Kupetz, Baumann & Rothman, has been re-certified in creditors' rights law by the American Board of Certification.

**John Klotsche '67**, former chairman of Baker & McKenzie, has joined the eLawForum legal services exchange as managing director of international operations. Klotsche

retired after a 32-year career with Baker, specializing in international taxation and multinational corporate law.

**Harry V. Ruffalo '67**, recently retired from Arthur Andersen, is the author of *The Business of Practicing Law*. The book is based on the many lectures he has given at our Law School over the years.

**John F. Gherty '68**, president of Land O' Lakes, has been elected to a two-year term as chairman of CF Industries. CF Industries is one of the nation's largest producers of fertilizer products. Gherty is a former member of the Law School's Board of Visitors.

### the 70s

**Daniel R. Moeser '71** has been re-appointed as Chief Judge of Wisconsin's Fifth Judicial District. Moeser has been a Dane County Circuit Judge for 21 years and has been Chief Judge since 1994.

**James L. Brown '72** has been appointed to the Board of Overseers of the Institute for Civil Justice of the Rand Corporation. He is the Director of the Center for Consumer Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is a fellow of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers.

**Alan H. Frank '72**, a professor of law at the University of Nebraska College of Law, has received the Award of Appreciation from the Nebraska State Bar Association for outstanding



public service. For 27 years, Frank has served as the advisor to the Community Legal Education Project, which has helped create a better public understanding of the legal profession and the administration of justice.

**William J. French** '72 is a founding partner in the Dallas firm of Conant French & Chaney. The firm does complex class action, antitrust, securities and other corporate litigation.



**Douglas W. Lyons, Jr.** '72, a partner in the Houston firm of Lyons & Marek, has been elected president of the Klein School Board where he has served as a member for a number of years. His practice focuses on civil litigation.

**George E. Meyer** '72, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, has been elected the eighth president of the Environmental Council of States. The Council is a national, non-profit and non-partisan association representing state and territorial environmental commissioners.

**James Evenson** '73, a Circuit Court Judge in Baraboo, Wisconsin, has been re-appointed as

Chief Judge for Wisconsin's Sixth Judicial District. Evenson has been a judge for 14 years.

**Ron Suppa** '73, who has spent the past 13 years as a Senior Instructor for Screenwriting in the Writers Program at UCLA Extension, is serving as a Visiting Professor and Artist in Residence at the University of Miami School of Communications this year. His book, *This Business of Screenwriting*, was recently published.

**Charles B. Schudson** '74, a Judge on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, has received the Year 2000 Award from the Foundation for Improvement of Justice. The award recognizes Judge Schudson's contributions to the improvement of the justice system's sensitivity to children. Judge Schudson is also a lecturer at our Law School.

**Mary A. Brauer** '75, a shareholder in the Milwaukee firm of Reinhart, Boerner, Van Deuren, Norris & Rieselbach, has been inducted as a Charter Fellow in the American College of Employee Benefits counsel.



**Marie A. Stanton** '75 has

joined Hurley, Burish & Milliken in Madison after 25 years of practice in the Fox River Valley. A civil litigator and mediator, Stanton was the first Wisconsin woman admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1999.

**James B. Mohr** '76, Vilas County Circuit Court Judge for 17 years, has been re-appointed to a second term as Chief Judge for the Ninth Judicial District.

**Steven A. Morely** '76, a partner in the Philadelphia firm of Bagia & Morley where he practices immigration law, recently won his first case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The case involved the scope of the Fifth Amendment in criminal sentencing matters.

**Nancy K. Splain** '77 has returned from two years in Ukraine as a liaison with ABA/CEELI working with Ukrainian judges, lawyers and bar associations. She taught business law to law students, conducted continuing legal education for lawyers, and helped foster contacts between the Ukrainian and Polish legal professions.

**Sandra L. Perkins** '79 has opened a solo practice in Seattle. She will continue to do estate planning and probate law, including prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, charitable transfers and family law.

**Janice K. Wexler** '79 has opened a Madison law firm with her business partner, Mark T. Scheffer. Wexler,

who teaches legal writing at our Law School and serves on the Board of Directors of the Dane County Bar Association, limits her practice to family law.

## the 80s

**Joseph M. Troy** '80 has been appointed Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District in Wisconsin. Troy has been a member of the Outagamie County Circuit Court in Appleton, Wisconsin, since 1987.

**William L. Lahey** '82, partner and chair of the litigation department at the Boston firm of Palmer & Dodge, is advising the Kingdom of Bhutan on environmental policy matters during a sabbatical from his firm.



**Kimberly A. Shaul** '82 has been appointed Assistant General Counsel in the Corporate Legal Division of American Family Insurance, Madison, Wisconsin.

**Thomas W. Paterson** '84, a partner in the Houston firm of Susman Godfrey, recently served as lead counsel in a successful arbitration case in Texas that is expected to cause the restructuring of the natural gas business in East Texas.



**Ruth Robarts '84** has been named Assistant Dean for Students at our Law School. Robarts came to the Law School after a career in education, including service as principal at Malcolm Shabazz High School in Madison. After graduating she served as a clerk to Justice William Bablitch on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and practiced employment and labor law.

**Phillip D. Sasso '84** has joined the San Francisco firm of Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass. Sasso joins with 16 years experience in transactional real estate and development law.

**Steven Thompson '84** has joined the Litigation Practice Group of the Chicago office of Jenkins & Gilchrist, a Dallas based national firm. Thompson focuses on complex commercial and antitrust litigation.

**Noah Paley '87** has recently released his first music CD, *Sticks & Stones*, and is working on a second. Paley practiced law in Vermont, developed real estate on Hatteras Island, and has been performing with Molasses Creek, an Americana band recently heard on *A Prairie Home Companion* on National Public Radio.

**David J. Ceci '88** is serving as Vice President of Northfield Savings Bank, Staten Island, New York. After briefly working in politics, Ceci practiced with two small firms on Staten Island and worked as an Assistant District Attorney

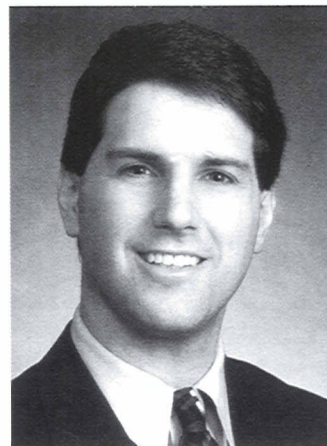
in Brooklyn, then entered the economic development field before joining the Bank.

### the 90s

**Lynne Boehringer '91** has joined the management consulting firm of Egon Zehnder International in their Chicago office. Boehringer previously practiced with Winston & Strawn and Abbott Laboratories. She will focus on senior level executive search primarily for medical and biotech corporations.

**F. John Podvin, Jr. '91** has been named partner at Bracewell & Patterson in Dallas. Podvin joined the firm's Washington, D.C., office before moving to Dallas in 1995 as an associate in the Financial Services Group.

**Daniel J. Schlichting '91** has been named a shareholder in the Madison firm of Hurley, Burish & Milliken. Schlichting practices estate planning, business and family law.



**Michael Lappin '93**, an associate at Quarles & Brady in Milwaukee, has been honored with the 2000 Young Men's Leadership Award

from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. The award recognizes those who demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership and community involvement. Lappin's practice focuses on corporate and business law.

**Carl W. Gilmore '94** has been elected president of the McHenry County (Illinois) Bar Association. Gilmore practices family law with Mohr, Mangiamale, Bruce & Gilmore in McHenry. He is a member of the editorial board of the ABA's *Family Advocate* magazine, and a member of the Illinois State Bar Association Committee on Law-Related Education for the Public.

**Michael P. Russart '94** has been elected to partnership in the Milwaukee office of Hinshaw & Culbertson. Russart's practice emphasizes defending professionals, including health care providers and nursing homes, in liability actions.

**Jodie Leigh Grabarski '95** has joined Krass Monroe in Minneapolis. Grabarski will focus on corporate and commercial finance and secured lending.

**Elaine Lee '95** has joined the patent department of the San Francisco firm of Schachter, Kristoff, Orenstein & Berkowitz. She previously practiced patent law in Chicago.

**James Bartylla '96** has been ordained as a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church and expects to be ordained as a priest next year.



**Stephen Lesavich** '96 has been elected partner at McDonnell Boehen Hulbert and Berghoff, in Chicago. Lesavich, who holds a Ph.D. in computer science, focuses his practice on intellectual property matters.

**Liz Larson** '96, formerly Reference Librarian at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, has become Reference Librarian and Lecturer in Law at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

**Joe Bollettieri** '96 is the president, chief operating officer and co-founder of QuoteCounsel, Inc., an online procurement center for attorneys and prospective clients founded this April.

**Dale T. Golden** '96 has joined the Tampa office of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, a regional defense litigation firm.

**Lynn Marie (Schug) Van Buren** '97 has joined the International Law, Commerce and Litigation Group at the Washington, D.C., office of Verner, Liipfert, Benhard, McPherson & Hand, where she will practice international trade policy law.

**Gregory M. Wesley** '97 has been appointed to the Board of Directors of World Festival, Inc. in Milwaukee. Wesley is a member of Gonzalez, Saggio, Birdsall & Harlan. World Festival operates Summerfest and other festivals.

**Wendy D. Calvert** '99 has

been selected as Co-chair for the State Bar of Wisconsin's Diversity Outreach Committee.

**John T. Knight** '99 has joined the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen in Minneapolis. Knight focuses on the tax aspects of employee benefits.

**Heather Mellem** '99 has joined the Boston office of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar in their Corporate Department.

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*In Business* magazine recently honored 19 of our graduates among others in its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Executive Register, listing the "top civic-minded executives in Dane County." They are:

**Sue Bauman** '81, mayor of Madison

**Joe Boucher** '77, vice-president of Neider & Boucher

**David Crass** '91, partner at Michael, Best & Friedrich

**Kathleen Falk** '76, Dane County Executive

**Rick Fetherston** '93, vice-president of American Family Insurance

**Gary Gorman** '80, president of Gorman & Co.

**James Haney** '72, president of Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

**George Kamperschroer** '75, vice-president of CUNA Mutual Group

**John Larson** '65, president and CEO of National Guardian Life

**Tod Linstroth** '73, managing partner of Michael, Best & Friedrich

**Ted Long** '61, partner at Lathrop & Clark

**Regina Millner** '85, president of R. Millner Company

**Tom Ragatz** '61, partner at Foley & Lardner

**Linda Roberson** '74, president of Balisle & Roberson

**Tom Rostad** '74, president of Dane County Title Co.

**Lynn Stathus** '88, shareholder at Reinhart, Boerner, Van Deuren, Norris & Rieselbach

**J. LeRoy Thilly** '74, president & CEO of Wisconsin Public Power Inc.

**Cynthia Van Bogaert** '82, partner at Boardman, Suhr, Curry & Field

**Cheryl Weston** '71, chair of Douglas Stewart Co.

## IN MEMORIAM

**GERALD J. RICE** '31  
in Milwaukee

**M. P. FRANK** '32  
in Laguna Hills, CA

**JOHN FRAMPTON** '37  
in Chippewa Falls

**LOREN K. OLSON** '40  
in Washington, D.C.

**ADELE LOUISE WEYMOUTH** '44  
in Austin, TX

**DANIEL J. DYKSTRA** '47  
in Davis, CA

**COLLINS H. FERRIS** '48  
in Rancho Mirage, CA;  
formerly of Madison

**HARRY HENRIKSEN** '50  
in Milwaukee

**WILLIAM A. LUBBERS** '50  
in Washington, D.C.

**BERNARD E. RESSNER** '53  
in Lakewood, NJ

**GRAHAM LEBARRON** '60  
in Eau Claire

**HOWARD C. JOHNSON** '75  
in McFarland

**CHRISTINE EBERT** '96  
in Boston

