

## Five More State and Regional Alumni Associations Established

Alumni continue to organize new alumni associations in the states and regions where Cooley Law School has large populations of graduates. In addition to the existing alumni associations in California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, the National Capital Area (the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia), New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas; four more states and a regional alumni association have been established.

Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina (called the Carolina Alumni Association), and Wisconsin recently joined the family of state Cooley alumni associations. Additionally, a regional alumni association based in southeastern Michigan (consisting of alumni living or working in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties) has been created.

Officer elections have been held in the state of Georgia where Vaughn Fisher (Steere Class, 1995) of the Atlanta firm of Weizenecker, Rose, et al. PC was elected president, Karen D. Fultz (McDonald Class, 1998) of Lackland & Associates, LLC, Atlanta is the vice president, Michelle Pollok (Flannigan Class, 1999) of Pollok & Associates PC in Conyers is secretary, and Steven G. Weizenecker (Steere Class, 1995) also with Weizenecker, Rose, et al. PC was elected treasurer.

The Carolina (includes both North Carolina and South Carolina) Alumni Association Executive Committee consists of President Bob Scott, (Flannigan Class, 1999) with the firm of Scott & Lutz, LLP in Kernersville, NC, Vice President Tia Hartley, (Flannigan Class, 1999) of The Bailey Law Firm, PA, located in Charlotte, NC, Secretary Lisa Hatley, (Fead Class, 1999) an assistant solicitor in the 15th Judicial District located in Conway, SC, and Treasurer Roddy Brown, (Person Class, 1994) of the firm of Taft, Taft & Hagar in Greenville, NC.

The Southeastern Michigan Alumni Association membership elected the following officers: President Ron Lowe, (Wing Class, 1982), Judge of the 35th District Court located in Plymouth, Vice President Michelle Esperance, (Weadock Class, 1999) of the law firm of Trott & Trott, PC with offices in Bingham Farms, Secretary Bob Alpiner, (Mundy Class, 1986) of West Bloomfield, and Treasurer Thomas J. Borkowski, (Moody, Jr. Class, 1996) practicing with the firm of Asker, Chapp & Clos, PC of Westland.

The Wisconsin election returns are that Dr. Karen Alt Butler (O'Hara Class, 1983) of Sherwood is the president, the vice president is Bradley Stern (Rutledge Class, 2000) practicing in Hartford, the secretary is John Heugel (Bushnell Class, 1980), Liebmann, Conway et al. of Green Bay, and the treasurer is Mike Fitzpatrick (Ostrander Class, 1994) with the Fitzpatrick Law Office in Milwaukee.

Local alumni associations are a great way to keep in touch with friends from law school. The gatherings allow grads to meet needs that are important in their area. Alumni associations also offer an important opportunity for case referrals and employment

networking. Further, Cooley graduates working together are a strong force for service to the legal community.

All alumni are invited to contact Alumni Director Darryl Parsell to join the state and regional alumni associations in the areas listed above. Call (800) 243-ALUM or e-mail <parsell@cooley.edu>.

**1977 Class Reunion** All members of the 1977 Christianity, Felch, and Graves classes are invited to attend a reunion celebrating the 25th anniversary of their graduation. Reunion guests will be honored as a part of the dedication ceremony for the Thomas E. Brennan Law Library on the evening of Friday, July 12 and be invited to play in the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing taking place on the morning of Saturday, July 13. Class members will receive invitations with more detailed information regarding reunion events.

**Thomas E. Brennan Library Dedication Ceremony** Cooley Law School's founder and former President Thomas E. Brennan will be honored on the evening of Friday, July 12. There will be a formal dedication ceremony naming the school's law library the Thomas E. Brennan Law Library. Alumni, faculty, staff, and other guests will be invited to join President Emeritus Brennan, President and Dean LeDuc, and other distinguished participants at the ceremony and a cocktail reception at the library, followed by a dinner.

**2002 Alumni Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing** The golf outing will again be held at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course near Williamston, Mich. to raise funds for the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is granted, based on financial need and other factors, each Hilary Term to a current student in the amount of the tuition fee for a three-credit hour class. This year's outing is set for Saturday, July 13, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start; check in time is 7:30 a.m. \$75 per person covers golf, cart, steak dinner with beer, and hole-in-one contest entry. Call the Alumni Relations Office at (800) 243-ALUM, in Lansing 371-5140, ext. 2038 or e-mail <parsell@cooley.edu> for registration information.

**Alumni Reception at the Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Michigan** The alumni reception will be held in mid-September 2002 as part of the annual meeting of the Michigan State Bar. This year, the annual meeting will take place in Grand Rapids, on a Thursday. More information will be furnished to alumni as it becomes available from the State Bar of Michigan.

**Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association's Board of Governors** All alumni class representatives will be invited to the Annual Board of Governor's Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Cooley Center, 300 South Capitol Avenue, in downtown Lansing. More information and formal invitations will be sent later in the year.

COMING ATTRACTIONS IN 2002

## Isaac Christianity Class Celebrates Its Silver Anniversary Reunion

The silver anniversary of the graduation of the 1977 Isaac Christianity Class was celebrated Jan. 19, 2002, during the graduation ceremony for the 2002 Thomas Johnson Class.

The silver anniversary alumni marched in the procession wearing silver and blue sashes over Cooley graduation robes and were seated in the front row of the auditorium. Cooley President and Dean Don LeDuc recognized the alumni by relating tales of their student exploits and career accomplishments. Special silver anniversary graduation programs were prepared for the Christianity Class members and their guests. In addition to the information on the events of the day, the program also included current address and other contact information so the Christianity Class members can continue to keep in touch with their friends.

The 2002 Hilary Term graduation ceremony was unusually meaningful as it was the final appearance for Cooley Law School's founder and former president Thomas E. Brennan. He was honored with gifts and recognition from the law school's board of directors, staff, and graduates.

Following the graduation ceremony, the silver anniversary Christianity Class alums, the Johnson graduates, and their guests mingled at a reception in the Cooley Center lobby. Christianity Class members and their guests then had a special reunion dinner on the 9th floor of the Cooley Center, followed by dessert in the 10th floor Board Room.

The party included a welcome from founder Thomas E. Brennan and class representatives Haywood Julian and Phyllis Groenewoud. Since the group was relatively small, the program was very informal. President Don LeDuc, Alumni President M.

Carol Bambery (Morell Class, 1985) and Alumni Director/reunion host Darryl Parsell (Wiest Class, 1979) spent a few moments speaking with the class members and encouraged them to share memories of their days at Cooley.

The Christianity Class alums were glad to see some of the early faculty members that they had as professors. In addition to President LeDuc, professors Pete Jason, Ron Trosty, and John Fitzgerald attended the reunion.

The Christianity Class members attending the silver anniversary reunion were Phyllis Groenewoud, Haywood Julian, Bill Long, Marshall MacFarlane, Marianne Samper, and Lawrence Schneider. Haywood challenged all of the other class members to contribute to the Christianity Class Gift Fund. Cooley Law School appreciates the support of these alumni.

## Class Reunion for all 1977 Graduates coming in July

All Cooley alumni who graduated during 1977 are invited to a 25th anniversary class reunion this July. It will take place on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13. The guests will be members of the Isaac Christianity, Alpheus Felch, and Benjamin Graves classes. By scheduling this event for the entire year's graduates, the alumni will be able to become reacquainted with other former students who may have started law school with them but moved a class earlier or later by graduation time.

The activities for the reunion are being planned now, so contact the Alumni Relations office by calling (800) 243-ALUM (in the Lansing area call 371-5140, ext. 2038) or by e-mailing <parsell@cooley.edu>. Your ideas will help make this summer's 25th anniversary class reunion the best yet.

On Friday, July 12, the 1977 Class Reunion guests will take part in the dedication ceremony for the Thomas E. Brennan Law Library. There will also be an evening dinner at the law school for socializing with fellow graduates and Cooley's faculty and staff. Reunion guests will be pleased to see many of the same professors that they first met in class 25 years ago. Since Cooley has added several new buildings and substantially renovated the Temple Classroom Building since 1977, campus tours and classroom visits will also be offered.

Reunion golfers will be invited to play at the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing on Saturday morning, July 13. They can enjoy 18 holes of golf and lunch with other Cooley graduates, faculty, and current students. The golf outing also raises funds for the Alumni Memorial Scholarship, granted each year to a current student who demonstrates outstanding character, academic accomplishment, and financial need.

Other activities are also under consideration. Formal invitations will be mailed to the members of the Christianity, Felch, and Graves classes soon, so save Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 for the reunion.

## Access the Alumni Database on Cooley Law School's Web site

The Web site of Thomas M. Cooley Law School can be found at <[www.cooley.edu](http://www.cooley.edu)>. One of the most popular features of the Web site is the searchable Alumni Database.

Once you find the school's Web site, click on the word **Alumni** at the top of the home page. When you reach the specific Alumni section, you will see a directory of services on the left side of the page. Click on **Alumni Directory Search**. The next page will describe the services available and the proper use of the information. At the bottom of that page, click on **Search the Directory**.

Select your factor(s) and click on the **Search** bar at the bottom of the page. A pop-up security box will then ask for your user name and password. The user name will always remain the word **alumni**. The password changes each term will be disclosed in the current issue of *Benchmark*. The current password for this term is **bookz**. Please call the Alumni Relations Office at (800) 243-ALUM, or in the Lansing area call 371-5140, ext. 2949, if you have any problems.