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State Alumni Association Executive Committees are Elected in Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, and Texas

Several of the first states and regions to organize local alumni associations elected their Executive Committees in 2000. Modeled on the National Alumni Association's Board of Governors, the local alumni associations' Executive Committees consist of the offices of president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and members at large. The Executive Committee manages the day-to-day business of the Alumni Association by holding regular meetings and by scheduling the meeting of all association members. Further, the Executive Committee members are the contact people for new members and report on the group's activities in the *Benchmark* alumni magazine, through mailings, and Web sites. These first Executive Committees' memberships are listed below.

The Florida Alumni Association Executive Committee is President Michelle Reddin (Flannigan Class, 1999) of Sarasota; Vice President David Oaks (Clark Class, 1979) of Punta Gorda; Treasurer Scott Devore (Adams Class, 1997) of West Palm Beach; and Secretary Peter J. Frommer (Stone Class, 1996) of Miami.

The National Capital Area Alumni Association Executive Committee includes the states of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia. Its officers are President Connie M. Angle (Fead Class, 1999) of Germantown, Md.; Vice President Kamal M. Nawash (Black Class, 1996) of Falls Church, Va.; Treasurer Edythe C. Katz (Williams Class, 1994) of Columbia, Md.; and Secretary Chip Lipscomb (McDonald Class, 1998) of Rockville, Md. The members at large are Kimberly A. Karcewski (Black Class, 1996) of Alexandria, Va.; Philip C. Strother (Fellows Class, 1997) of Richmond, Va.; and John H. Dodds (Sharpe Class, 1998) of Washington, D.C.

The New Jersey Alumni Association Executive Committee is President John A. Patti (Turner Class, 1991) of Union; Vice President Ron Bar-Nadav (Black Class, 1996) of Hackensack; Treasurer Christopher L. Garibian (Adams Class, 1997) of Morristown; and Secretary Dorreen L. Neggia (Kuhn Class, 1995) of Stanhope.

Joining these officers of the earliest state and regional alumni associations are the Executive Committees for the states of Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, and Texas. These new Executive Committee officers were elected by the members of their state alumni associations during Trinity Term, 2001.

The office holders of the Illinois Alumni Association are President John F. Nocita (Turner Class, 1991) of Chicago; Vice

President Marcia Nawrocki Verburgt (Lawrence Class, 1991) of Naperville; Treasurer George Leynaud (Chandler Class, 1983) of Peru; and Secretary Richard Fonfrias (Stone Class, 1996) of Chicago.

The Pennsylvania Alumni Association Executive Committee is President George A. Gallenthin III (Douglass Class, 1989) of Doylestown; Vice President Jeffrey J. Wood (O'Hara Class, 1983) of Harrisburg; Treasurer Warren A. Hampton (Douglass Class, 1989) of Uwchland; and Secretary Cynthia M. Philo (Wilson Class, 1990) of Philadelphia.

The New York Alumni Association Executive Committee members are President A. Joseph Catalano (Snow Class, 1998) of Niagara Falls; Vice President Bruce Teperman (McAlvay Class, 1984) of New York; Treasurer Daniel Gair (Stone Class, 1996) of New York; and Secretary Gary Young (Fellows Class, 1997) of Bellmore.

The Texas Alumni Association Executive Committee is comprised of President William D. Cox III (Witherell Class, 1990) of Dallas; Vice President Frank A. Denena II (Durant Class, 1992) of Dallas; Secretary Nonye (Jude) Menes (Fellows Class, 1997) of Dallas; and Treasurer William G. Shaw (Johnson Class, 1989) of Richardson.

The service of these alums is greatly appreciated as they have been instrumental in getting the state and regional groups off to a good start. New association members are welcome to join. For contact information for the officers in any of the associations mentioned above, use the Alumni Directory Search function on the Cooley Law School Web site <www.cooley.edu> or call the Alumni Relations Office toll free at (800) 243-ALUM.

Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Governors

Alumni Class Representatives are invited to attend the event on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing, Michigan. Cocktails will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, then the annual meeting will be held.

Christianity Class Silver Anniversary Reunion

Members of the 1977 Isaac Christianity Class will be invited to the Silver Anniversary Celebration of their graduation on Saturday, January 19. The event will take place at the law school's Classroom Building and the Cooley Center from 2 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m. The Christianity Class alumni will be invited to participate at the graduation ceremony for the current Thomas Johnson Class, followed by a reception and dinner. Christianity Class members will receive more information as the reunion date draws nearer.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Silver Anniversary Reunions Continue with the James V. Campbell Class Reunion

The Silver Anniversary Celebration of the graduation of the Campbell Class was observed on May 19 in partnership with the graduation ceremony for the 2001 John Blair, Jr. Class. The Silver Anniversary alumni marched in the procession, attired in silver sashes over Cooley graduation robes. The alums were seated in the front row of the auditorium, and President Brennan recognized each person with an anecdote of the alum's achievements. Special Silver Anniversary Graduation Programs were prepared for the Campbell 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 that the Campbell Class members can continue to keep in touch with their friends. The Campbell Class took special pleasure in the graduation address of their classmate, Mike Stakias, to the assembled graduates and alumni.

Following the graduation ceremony, the Silver Anniversary Campbell Class alums, the Blair, Jr. Class graduates and their guests mingled at a reception in the Cooley Center Lobby. Then, the Campbell Class and their guests 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 class representatives Ray Buffmyer and Norm Gaffney, and addresses from President Brennan, Dean LeDuc, Alumni President Jeff Haarer (Copeland Class, 1989), and Reunion Chair Judge Thomas Brennan Jr. (Marston Class, 1978).

The Campbell Class alums were glad to see the early faculty members who continue to hold positions at the school: President Brennan, Dean LeDuc, and Professors John Fitzgerald and Ron Trosty. Alumni Director Darryl Parsell (Wiest Class, 1979) served as master of ceremonies for the program.

The Campbell Class members at the Silver Anniversary Reunion (some from places as distant as New York City) were Judith Blin, Judge Terrence Bronson, Ray Buffmyer, Judge Douglas Dosson, Judge John Fields, Norm Gaffney, Michael Hocking, Peter Kenney, Judge Jeffrey Martlew, Juliana Miller, Sherman Mowbray, and Mike Stakias. After an appeal for contributions to the Campbell Class Gift from Judge Jeffrey Martlew, the total of the donations

made by class members stands at \$12,450. Cooley Law School appreciates the support of these alumni.

The next Silver Anniversary, for the graduation of the 1976 William A. Fletcher Class, will be held in conjunction with the graduation ceremony for the current James Iredell Class on September 15, 2001. Since there are only 11 Fletcher Class graduates, the goal is to have them all attend.

Grand Rapids Area Alumni Celebrate Law Day 2001

The annual Law Day Alumni Luncheon was held on May 1 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

Seventy-one graduates, faculty, and staff gathered in the Grandview Room of the Amway to enjoy a luncheon with friends and colleagues and receive an update about activities at Cooley Law School.

Cooley's president and founder, Thomas E. Brennan, addressed the Law Day luncheon guests and encouraged them to continue to support the law school. Associate Dean Ann Miller followed with a presentation describing the steps Cooley is taking to broaden the legal educational experience to humanize the practice environment. Alumni guests included members of the following classes: Wiest 1979; Bushnell 1980; Kavanagh, Dethmers, and Long 1981; Brooke 1982; Chandler and O'Hara 1983; Carr and McAlvay 1984; Morell and Whipple 1985; Mundy and Sherwood 1986; Morse and Champlin 1987; Green and Pratt 1988; Copeland 1989; Bacon and Wilson 1990; Lawrence 1991; Durand and Montgomery 1992; Hooker and Moore 1993; Ostrander 1994; Bird 1995; Moody and Stone 1996; Adams and Voelker 1997; McDonald and Snow 1998; Fead and Weadock 1999; Rutledge, Cushing, and Jay 2000; Wilson 2001.

The guests were also joined by a number of Cooley's faculty and staff, including Associate Deans John Nussbaumer and Bobbie Studwell. Professors Mark Dotson (Wilson Class, 1990), Elliot Glicksman, and Terry Cavanaugh were the faculty guests. Also, administrators and staff from Alumni Relations, Career Services, and Events Offices were on hand to welcome the alumni, along with Alumni Association President Jeff Haarer (Copeland Class, 1989).

As has been the case with previous years' Law Day Alumni Luncheons in Grand Rapids, the guests enjoyed having an opportunity to reminisce about their law school days as well as learn the current news from their *alma mater*. The 2002 Law Day Alumni Luncheon in Grand Rapids has been tentatively scheduled for noon on Wednesday, May 1, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

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Cooley's Toronto Summer Program Hosts Second Canadian Krinock Lecture

Cooley Law School hosted a Krinock Lecture and Reception in historic Osgoode Hall, located at the Law Society of Upper Canada, in Toronto, Ontario. The event was held on June 15 and began with a tour of Osgoode Hall. The lecture was delivered by the Hon. Charles Harnick, former Attorney General of Ontario. A reception for the 36 guests followed the presentation.

Professors from Cooley and their guests included Professor Bill Weiner, Professor Peter Jason and Sandy Jason, Professor John Scott, Professor Charles Palmer, and Chris Palmer.

Professors/directors from the Toronto program and their guests included Professor James Morton, Professor Ian LeBane and Andrea LeBane, Professor Jamie Flagal, Professor Paul Paton, Professor Laura Nemchin, and Professor/Director Robert Bejesky (Bird Class, 1995).

Cooley alumni also attended the program, including Melisa Gust (Fead Class, 1999), Mary Marafioti (Sharpe Class, 1998), Valentina Iadipaolo (Stone Class, 1996), Alvaro Queijo (Snow Class, 1998), Jeff Shiekh (Fead Class, 1999), Robert Baldori (Champlin Class, 1978), and Sue Chen (J. Wilson Class, 2001).

Students and guests from Cooley's Toronto Program in attendance were Joseph LoPresti, Natasha Radovanovic, Karim Hamir, Harla



From left, Paul Paton, co-director of the Toronto Program; the Hon. Charles Harnick, former Attorney General of Ontario; and Rob Bejesky, co-director of the Toronto 2001 Program.

Davison, Janice May, Mitchell Thaler, Randal Schmid, Rick Schmidt, Leo Simmons, Jeffrey Minucucci, and JoAnne Lagoudis.

Cooley students John Reva and Charles Baker also attended the program, along with Professor Weiner's colleague John Richardson.

Mr. Harnick's lecture provided an informative presentation about the Attorney General's position in Ontario in terms very similar to the responsibilities of its United States counterpart. The Attorney General represents government Ministers and is the Chief Law Officer of the Crown. He advises and provides legal advice to government officials and institutions regarding their legislative, and regulatory roles and ensures that separation of powers is respected by the executive, legislative, and judiciary branches of government. It also exercises a judicial-like function as the "guardian of the public interest" and the protector of the rule of law.

Some of the roles of the Attorney General include administering the criminal justice system (without involving itself in politics), advising on the constitutionality of legislation,

and litigating cases when they are in the public interest. It administers the courts and ensures that they have adequate resources, and acts as the public trustee to protect the interests of the less fortunate.

In one of the most insightful sections of the presentation, Mr. Harnick related his efforts to improve the institution of the Attorney General in order to bring justice to the people and enhance the perception of the rule of law. Some of his successes included rebuilding the legal aid plan with a \$250 million program, modernizing the Law Society Act that governs the legal profession, building new courthouses, creating specialized domestic violence courts, and establishing an office to protect the interests of victims of crime.

He also reviewed the operation of criminal prosecution services; implemented mandatory mediation in all civil cases (now 40 percent of all cases filed are settled); and brought in a new system of case management using higher technology and costing \$200 million.

This presentation was the second Canadian Krinock Lecture.

Help Preserve Cooley History, Share Your Photos of the 'Good Old Days'

At most new schools, the history of daily life at the beginning is sketchy at best. The group of students and faculty involved was small and everyone was directly aware of the news, so people felt there was no need to maintain records of everyday activities. As time passes, systematic efforts are made to preserve records and photographs, but the material from the founding days is often lost.

At Cooley Law School, we are seeking to preserve this vital information now, so it will be available permanently. Everyone enjoys looking back at the spartan beginnings of our school, and photographs are the most immediate way to connect with those times. Please send Alumni Relations Director Darryl Parsell your Cooley photos from the period of 1973 through 1980. We are interested in your pictures of the facilities, the faculty and staff, and

your fellow students. Please furnish us with the negatives, and we will make copies and return your negatives to you. If possible, identify when and where the photo was taken, what is happening, and who is in it.

Mail the negatives and descriptions to Darryl Parsell, Alumni Relations Office, 300 South Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48901. Call Darryl at (800) 243-ALUM or e-mail <parsell@cooley.edu> if you have any questions. Thanks very much for your help with this project.



Alumni Appreciation Tuition Rebate Scholarship Awarded To Brian DeVries

Term 2001 Alumni Appreciation Tuition Rebate Scholarship awardee is Brian DeVries of the 1997 Voelker Class, in the amount of \$150. Mr. DeVries resides in Miami, Fla.

Cooley Law School appreciates the support of its alumni over the years. If you would like to become eligible for the Alumni Appreciation Tuition Rebate Scholarship Award, just call Alumni Relations Director Darryl Parsell at (800) 243-ALUM or e-mail <parsell@cooley.edu>.

Admission Ceremony for February 2001 Michigan Bar Examinees Hosted by Cooley

Successful examinees of the February 2001 Michigan Bar Examination were admitted as new attorneys at a ceremony held on Tuesday, May 15, in the Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Auditorium. Faculty, family, and friends were able to share the moment when these candidates became members of the State Bar of Michigan, and everyone socialized at a reception held by the school in the Red Room following the ceremony.

The program was provided with the assistance of the Ingham County Clerk's Office and the Ingham County Bar Association. Cooley's Dean Don LeDuc welcomed the admittees and their guests on behalf of the school and as host of the event. Lee Reimann, President-Elect of the Ingham County Bar Association, was responsible for the convening of the court while the Hon. William E. Collette, Chief Judge of the 30th Judicial Circuit Court, granted the motions to admit the new attorneys.

Many of the admittees were graduates of Cooley Law School. Sixteen new attorneys entered the legal profession at the ceremony, with nine of them being Cooley alumni. The Cooley graduates in the group were Joshua Penrod (Rutledge Class, 2000) sponsored by Professor Ronald Bretz; Michelle Williams (J. Wilson Class, 2001) sponsored by Professor Peggy Rostorfer (Hooker Class, 1993); Ryan Adwers (Cushing Class, 2000); D. Lee England (Cushing Class, 2000); Clarke Hagen (Cushing Class, 2000); Candy L. Keysor (J. Wilson Class, 2001); Melissa Redmond (Jay Class, 2000); Ivan Shaw (J. Wilson Class, 2001); and Geoffrey Upshaw (Rutledge Class, 2000).

It was a great honor for the faculty and staff of Cooley Law School to share this joyous event with these new attorneys and their guests. Congratulations and good luck in the practice of law!