

Alumni Notes

George Hardy ('49) has been promoted to vice president and legislative counsel at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., Milwaukee. Mr. Hardy joined Northwestern in 1957 after practicing in Viola, Wisconsin, serving as Richland Co. District Attorney, and working for the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Terrance C. Mead ('81) has become a partner in the Phoenix, Arizona, law firm of Gust, Rosenfeld & Henderson. Mead practices general civil litigation with an emphasis on media law and defamation defense. Members of the Class of 1981 may remember Mr. Mead as "The Aluminum Bullet" of student politics.

Thomas H. Ploss ('60) has recently completed the second edition of his book, "The Nation Pays Again," a recollection of the death of the Milwaukee Road railroad. After a number of years with that railroad, Mr. Ploss became an Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration in 1980.

David C. Mebane ('60) has been elected senior vice president—general counsel of Madison Gas and Electric Co. Mebane joined MG&E in 1977 after a term as US Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Paul R. Gabriel ('86) has returned to Madison to become an Assistant Dean of the UW College of Letters and Science. Mr. Gabriel had been practicing law in Chicago. His new office is in South Hall, one building up Bascom Hill from the Law School.

Robert S. Apfelberg ('69) has organized Robert S. Apfelberg and Associates in Los Angeles, California. His company serves as business reorganization consultants to troubled real estate and financial entities, and has successfully worked out projects across the country.

Steven A. Felsenthal ('74) has been sworn in as the fifth Bankruptcy Judge in the Northern District of Texas. Mr. Felsenthal organized the Staff Counsel office of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, then served as the senior staff attorney for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans before moving to Dallas.

Patricia Lee ('81), an attorney with the Seattle, Washington, firm of Lasher & Johnson, has been recognized for her volunteer legal service, and has been named as one of the five outstanding volunteers

in Western Washington. Lee volunteers for the International Rescue Committee, which is responsible for housing, legal and medical care of political refugees. She has taught refugees English and has helped them with their legal problems.

James N. Roethe ('64), a partner in the San Francisco firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, has been elected as a member of The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Fellows represent members of the profession who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and the highest principles of the legal profession. Membership is limited to one-third of one percent of lawyers licensed in each jurisdiction.

Pat Richter ('71), vice president in charge of personnel at Oscar Mayer, Madison, Wisconsin, has been honored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association with its Silver Anniversary Award. The award is given to former student athletes who have led distinguished lives after completing college athletic careers 25 years ago. Mr. Richter was an All-American football player at Wisconsin in 1961 and 1962, and a member of the Rose Bowl squad.

James R. Cole ('69) and Carl E. Gulbrandsen ('81) have become partners of Haight & Hofeldt, a Chicago law firm, and have opened an office for their firm in Madison, Wisconsin. Richard L. Bolton ('83) joins the office as an associate.

John P. Wagner ('80) has been made a partner of Diepenbrock, Wulff, Plant & Hannegan, Sacramento, California. Mr. Wagner was Articles Editor of the Law Review and a member of Coif. Following graduation, he served as clerk to Judge Robert Sprecher, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Wagner emphasizes civil litigation.

N.F. Kelley ('48) is serving as a parish priest in Spokane, Washington. After practicing law in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Fr. Kelley was ordained in 1962. From 1966 to 1975 he served as a Chaplain in the US Army, with duty in Germany, Vietnam, and Thailand.

Robert V. Dewey, Jr. ('69) has been elected president of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, an organization of lawyers primarily engaged in the defense of civil litigation. Mr. Dewey is a partner in the Peoria, Illinois, firm of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen.