

1940s

Daniel T. Flaherty '49, of counsel with Johns, Flaherty & Collins, S.C. in La Crosse, is now retired from the La Crosse Equal Opportunities Commission after serving for 37 years. Flaherty and fellow UW law alum **Peter Pappas '46** lobbied to form the commission in 1968 to enforce the city's fair housing ordinance. Flaherty became Chair in 1971, and remained the commission's leader until he retired.

1960s

Jon P. Axelrod '68, a partner at DeWitt Ross & Stevens, has been named a Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation. The designation honors members of the State Bar of Wisconsin who have achieved significant professional accomplishments and contributed leadership and service to their communities and the legal profession. Axelrod focuses his practice on civil litigation.

Daniel W. Hildebrand '64, an attorney at DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison, has been appointed by the president of the American Bar Association to its Amicus Curiae Briefs Committee. For his three-year term, he will participate in reviews of all amicus curiae briefs filed by the ABA with the U.S. Supreme Court.

1970s

Donald L. Bach '74 has been elected Vice-Chair of the Wisconsin Judicial Commission, a nine-member independent agency that enforces high standards of conduct for judges. Bach is a partner at DeWitt Ross & Stevens, where he concentrates his practice on business litigation.

Jan E. Kearney '76 has been appointed to a five-year term as Presiding Judge of the Pima County Superior Court in Tucson, Arizona. Kearney has been on the bench of the Superior Court since 2001. Previously she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Tucson and Milwaukee as a prosecutor, and practiced law with Cook and Franke in Milwaukee.

William Grant Callow II '77, who practices in Anchorage, Alaska, has been appointed by the Queen of Denmark as Honorary Danish Consul of the State of Alaska. Callow has also been named Outstanding Lawyer of the Year by the Anchorage Bar Association. We thank his father, retired

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice **William G. Callow '48**, for this news.

Gregg Herman '77 is Chair-elect of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association, for a term beginning in August 2007. He practices family law exclusively with the firm of Loeb & Herman, S.C., in Milwaukee.

Keith L. Johnson '78 is a new shareholder at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. Johnson, and is also Program Director of the Wisconsin Corporate Governance Initiative, based at the Law School. He heads Reinhart's Institutional Investor Consulting Services section. Previously he served for more than 21 years as Legal Counsel for the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB).

Attorney Donna M. Jones '78 is President-elect of the Board of Directors of the Non-Resident Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Wisconsin. She also serves on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin. An Atlanta resident, Jones is affiliated with the Lupus Foundation of America and serves on the state board of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

1980s

Erik Salvesson '82 has been named a shareholder at Halleland Lewis Nilan & Johnson in Minneapolis. Salvesson's field of expertise is in product liability and mass tort and commercial litigation practices. He has been an active trial lawyer since entering practice in 1983, and comes to the firm from Gray Plant Mooty, where he was Chair of the Product Liability and Tort Litigation Practice Team.

Linda Dawson '84 has been made a shareholder at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. She practices in the firm's Health Care Department in the Madison office. Prior to joining the firm, Dawson was Deputy Chief Legal Counsel for the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services from 1995 to 2006.

Michael Morgan '84 has been named Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), the most powerful agency in state government, by Governor Jim Doyle. As DOA chief, Morgan oversees development of the state budget and supervises day-to-day operations of state government.

Bette J. Roth '84 has been named Co-Chair of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee of the Boston Bar Association's Litigation and International Law Sections. Roth is a mediator and arbitrator who has devoted her practice to dispute resolution since 1992. She is co-editor of the two-volume text *The Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Guide*.

Regina Millner '85 has been named Chair of the Board of the Wisconsin Alumni Association for the 2006-07 term. Millner is the founder of RMM Enterprises, a firm that works with business and government on complex real estate projects. She has been an active member of the WAA Board for several years.

Vincent A. Thomas '86 has accepted the position of Assistant Dean for Student and Multicultural Affairs at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. He will also serve as an adjunct Professor of Law. Thomas continues to serve on the Law School's Board of Visitors.

Thomas F. Cotter '87 has joined the University of Minnesota Law School as a Professor of Law. Previously Cotter taught at Washington and Lee University School of Law and the University of Florida College of Law. His areas of expertise are intellectual property and antitrust law.

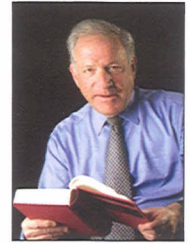
Vincent P. Lyles '87 has been named President of M & I Bank's Community Development Corporation, Milwaukee. The for-profit subsidiary sponsors, lends to, and invests in projects and businesses promoting the public welfare in communities served by M & I banking operations. Previously, Lyles was an investment banker with Robert W. Baird & Company.

1990s

Roberta J. "Bobbi" Cordano '90 has been named Assistant Dean of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. She was the university's Director of Disability Services from 2000 to 2006, and worked in Minnesota's Office of the Attorney General as Special Assistant Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General from 1990 to 2000.



Daniel W. Hildebrand '64



Jon P. Axelrod '68



Donald L. Bach '74



Donna M. Jones '78



Erik Salvesson '82

CLASS NOTES



Roberta J. Cordano '90

Patrick Hyde '90, a Division Chief at the U.W. Department of Labor, is the author of *The Only Pure Thing*, a thriller set in Washington, D.C. (Beckham Publications Group, 2007). Hyde has served as counsel for more than 1,300 criminal cases, and has been President of the D.C. Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association. Hyde's fictional hero is defense attorney Stuart Clay, a seasoned D.C. defender much like the author.



Melissa De Groff '92

Don M. Millis '90 is a shareholder in the Tax Department of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. in Madison. He concentrates his practice in state and local tax litigation and planning. Prior to practicing law, Millis spent several years working on policy in the Wisconsin Senate.



Chad Taylor '96

Melissa De Groff '92 has joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP to serve of counsel in the firm's Indianapolis Office, in the Creditors' Rights Department and Financial Institutions Practice Group. She practices primarily in the areas of commercial litigation, bankruptcy, and commercial loan documentation.



Stuart Bray '06

Alexandra Klass '92 has joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota Law School as an Associate Professor of Law. She teaches and writes in the areas of environmental law, tort law, and property law. Previously Klass was a partner at Dorsey & Whitney LLP in Minneapolis and an Associate Professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul.



Nicholas R. DiUlio '06

Thaddeus Stauber '92 has joined Nixon Peabody LLP in Los Angeles as a partner in its Business Litigation Group. Stauber focuses his practice on complex business litigation and international disputes involving cultural institutions, universities, foreign entities, and major art collectors engaged in the collecting and trade of valuable cultural property objects.

Alfred Boll '93, a U.S. Foreign Service Officer in Amsterdam, has published the book *Multiple Nationality and International Law* (2006, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers). The foreword is by Judge Kenneth Keith of the International Court of Justice.

Beth Kransberger '93, former Director of Admissions at the UW Law School, is Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid at Thomas Jefferson School

of Law in San Diego. Kransberger and her assistant, **Tim Spearman '03**, hosted one of only two national CLEO Summer Institutes in 2006, bringing 47 students from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds for six weeks of intensive academic preparation for law school.

Beth Donley '94, Director of the WiCell Research Institute, was featured on the cover of the September 15 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The accompanying article, titled "The Tough Side of Technology Transfer," also pictures and quotes alumnus **Carl Gulbrandsen '81**, Director of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), a key player in the field of stem cell research.

Todd Martin '95 is a new shareholder in the Employee Benefits Department at the Madison office of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. He also chairs the firm's interdisciplinary Insurance Group.

Solomon H. Ashby Jr. '95 has been named a partner of the Crowther Law Firm in Atlanta. The firm's specialties include trial advocacy, litigation, product liability, medical malpractice, toxic torts, and nursing home litigation. Previously Ashby practiced as a trial lawyer at Evert & Weathersby in Atlanta and Willcox & Savage in Virginia.

Chad Taylor '96 has joined DeWitt Ross & Stevens, dividing his time between the firms' Madison and Metro Milwaukee offices. His practice focuses on government relations, environment, and real estate and land-use matters. He also practices in the areas of administrative, public contract, election, ethics, and campaign finance law.

Laura Krishnan '98 has been elected a partner of the law firm Parsinen Kaplan Rosberg & Gottlieb P.A. in Minneapolis. Krishnan practices in the areas including estate planning, probate, family business succession planning, and administering trusts and estates.

Kristine Ackerman Sperling '98 has been named the Corporate Counsel of Greystone Residential Funding, Inc., of Middleton, Wisconsin. Previously Sperling was an associate with Latham & Watkins LLP in Chicago, where she was a member of the Finance Practice Group.

Melissa Vaughan '99 has been promoted to Corporate Counsel at ALL Student Loan, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit student lender with \$1 billion in student loan assets. Vaughan previously served as the company's Director of Legal Affairs and Compliance.

2000s

Kristela Cervera '01 is one of two new Milwaukee Municipal Court Commissioners. She is the first Latina to hold the position. Cervera worked most recently as a legal counsel for the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Enforcement.

Kelly Cotter '02 has been named to the National Cancer Institute Director's Consumer Liaison Group. A survivor of childhood leukemia, Cotter is co-author of the book *Kids with Courage* and creator of the award-winning Web site www.outlook-life.org, which provides factual information, inspirational stories, and interactive chat rooms for children who have undergone cancer treatment.

Lori A. Leonovicz '02 has joined the Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division in Washington, D.C., as a trial attorney, primarily focusing on international fraud matters. She previously practiced with Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in the firm's Washington and Paris offices.

Nilesh Patel '02 is the author of "When Lovebirds Split: Dividing the Retirement Nest Egg at Divorce," the cover story in the October 2006 issue of *Wisconsin Lawyer*. Patel joined the Law School staff in January 2006 as a J.D. Advisor in the Office of Career Services.

Nathan J. Wautier '03 is an associate at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. He practices in the Real Estate Department of the firm's Madison office.

Yu Li '04 has joined Vinson & Elkins LLP in Houston, Texas, as an associate. Li will join the firm's new International Trade Law Practice Group.

Carolyn M. McAllister '04 is an associate in the Employee Benefits Department at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. She is also a member of the firm's interdisciplinary Executive Compensation Team.

Bryan J. Cahill '05 has joined the firm of LaFollette Godfrey & Kahn in Madison, where he will be a member of the Litigation Practice Group.

Brian T. Larson '05 and **Sverre David Roang '94** are co-authors of "Life Partners, Legal Strangers: Estate Planning for Unmarried Couples," in the November 2006 *Wisconsin Lawyer*, the magazine of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Both Larson and Roang practice estate planning and business law at Stroud, Willink & Howard LLC, Madison.

Rebecca K. Mason '05 has joined LaFollette Godfrey & Kahn, Madison, where she will be a member of the Litigation and Political Law Practice Groups.

Amanda L. Rockman '05 has been named an Associate Judge of the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Rockman was sworn in on August 14, 2006, for a three-year term, in a ceremony attended by representatives of four branches of government.

Patricia L. Wheeler '05 is a new associate at the Madison firm of LaFollette Godfrey & Kahn, where she is a member of the Litigation Practice Group.

Robyn E. Arnold '06 has joined Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., Milwaukee, as a member of the Business Practice Group.

Debra L. Baesemann '06 has joined the Real Estate Practice Group of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., in the firm's Milwaukee office.

Stuart Bray '06 has joined the Madison offices of DeWitt Ross & Stevens as an associate. His practice focuses on intellectual property with a concentration on patents in the biotechnology and medical fields.

Nicholas R. DiIulio '06 has joined the firm of von Briesen & Roper as an associate in the Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group. He focuses his practice on insurance coverage, subrogation, commercial litigation, toxic tort, and general litigation.

Lindsay B. Fasula '06 has joined the Green Bay office of Godfrey & Kahn, where she is a member of the Corporate and Real Estate Law Practice Groups.

Chinekwu O. Iloabachie '06 has joined the Indianapolis office of Baker & Daniels LLP. She focuses her practice on business litigation.

Andrew S. Oettinger '06 has joined the firm of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., in Milwaukee. He will be part of the Litigation Practice Group.

Michele L. Racadio '06 has joined the Milwaukee office of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., as a member of the Securities Practice Group.

Brody Richter '06 has joined the Madison offices of DeWitt Ross & Stevens as an associate. His practice focuses on business, litigation, and real estate, with an emphasis on municipal law and land-use issues.

Allison Sell '06 has joined the firm of Baker & Daniels LLP, practicing in public and municipal finance from the firm's South Bend, Indiana, office.

Sara Spiering '06 has joined the Madison offices of DeWitt Ross & Stevens as an associate. Her practice focuses on litigation, including employment-relations litigation.



Chinekwu O. Iloabachie '06



Brody Richter '06



Allison Sell '06



Sara Spiering '06

In Memoriam

1930s

Walter M. Bjork '37

1940s

Marlin M. Volz '40
Hiram D. "Andy" Anderson '46
Edward G. Chambers '46
Albert P. Funk, Jr. '46
John Hofeldt '47
Edward Boone Miller '47
Warren Mullin '48
Sterling F. Schwenn '48
J. Richard Long '49

1950s

Stuart G. Gullickson '50
Harry O. Olson '50
Charles P. Seibold '50
Andrew J. Zafis '50
Drexel D. Journey '52
Gilbert S. Rosenberg '52
Duane H. Amundson '53
Gordon Giles '55
Richard J. Krueger '55

1960s

Russell J. Mittelstadt '60
Bruce K. Kaufmann '61
John P. "Jack" Morris '61
P. Charles Jones '63

1970s

James H. Schlender '78

1980s

Christopher D. Daniels '84
Mary Ann Gill '86

1990s

Thomas F. Heger '94
Matthew W. McVey '95
William J. Remington '95
Steven P. Van Hoof '99

Professor Stuart Gullickson, Founder of Skills Program

As the *Gargoyle* was going to press, we learned of the death of former Professor Stuart Gullickson, founder of the Law School's General Practice Course, on January 18, 2007. For more information, see the news column on our Web site at www.law.wisc.edu, and future Law School publications.

Former Admissions Dean James E. Thomas Dies

James E. Thomas, who served as the Law School's Director of Admissions from 1993 to 1998, died September 14, 2006, in Iowa City, Iowa, after a four-week illness. He was 55.

A native of Florida, Thomas was a graduate of Florida A & M University, and earned his J.D. degree at the University of Iowa. He served as Director of Admissions at the University of Iowa Law School before coming to Wisconsin.

In sharing the news of his death with the

UW Law School faculty and staff, Dean Ken Davis said, "Our student recruiting effort, and particularly our LEO Program, would not be what it is today without James's devotion and commitment. He truly touched many lives, and cared very deeply for the students he recruited to our school."

The address for contacting his wife, Sandra, and daughters is: The Thomas Family, 131 North 1st Avenue, Iowa City, IA, 52245.