



## Saeks, Steiner To Receive Distinguished Alumni Award



**Allen I. Saeks** (vol. 38–39) is Senior Counsel at Leonard, Street and Deinard and has served as a leader in the Minnesota legal community for over 50 years. He has successfully guided clients through a broad range of complex issues in bankruptcy litigation, shareholder disputes, bank litigation, legal malpractice defense, trust and estate litigation, white collar crime, and professional disciplinary proceedings. Saeks has been recognized for excellence in the legal profession by his peers and legal publications.

Saeks has a long record of service to the profession, the community, and the indigent. He led an initiative that ultimately resulted in the Minnesota Supreme Court's adoption in 1982 of the Interest on Lawyers Trust

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The **Distinguished Alumni Award**, established in 2005, recognizes the accomplishments of past *Law Review* members.

Continuing the tradition, the Volume 95 editorial board has selected Allen I. Saeks and James D. Steiner to receive the award at this spring's annual alumni banquet.

This year marks the tenth, twenty-fifth, and fiftieth anniversaries of volumes 85, 70, and 45. All alumni are welcome as always, but attendance by staff and board members from the anniversary volumes is particularly encouraged.

### Annual Law Review Banquet Thursday, April 14, 2011

Windows on Minnesota, IDS Center  
Downtown Minneapolis  
Cocktail Reception 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner & Program 6:30 p.m.

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**James D. Steiner** (vol. 55–56) started building his admirable reputation as a litigator at Robins, Davis & Lyons (now Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLP.) in 1972. Steiner is a specialist in trial and appellate practice, including the areas of property insurance, catastrophic loss recovery, products liability, and commercial litigation. He managed the general litigation department of his firm from 1984 to 1991, and was one of Minnesota Bench & Bar's "Super Lawyers" from 1998 to 2000.

A dedicated mentor, Steiner conducted hundreds of in-house workshops and seminars for his and other Twin Cities law firms on basic trial skills and tactics such as negotiating, voir

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# Catching Up With...

## Willard Lee (Sandy) Boyd Volume 35

Willard (Sandy) Boyd is the Rawlings-Miller Professor of Law at the University of Iowa and President Emeritus of the University of Iowa and The Field Museum of Chicago. After graduating from the Law School in 1949, Professor Boyd obtained his LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. He has served at the University of Iowa since 1954, except for 15 years at The Field Museum of Chicago, a position for which the University of Iowa granted him a leave of absence.

Professor Boyd's scholarship focuses on the role of nonprofits in Iowa and the United States. To that end, he is one of the founders of the Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center, an interdisciplinary program involving departments and faculties from across the University who are interested in and engaged with non-profit organizations.

"Peripheral vision is good," says Professor Boyd, who believes that lawyers should be aware of and open to new kinds of opportunities. It should not be surprising, then, that Professor Boyd has served in such diverse roles as the Chairman of the American Association of Universities, Chairman of the National Museum Services Board, Chairman of the Council of the Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association, Chairman of the Center for Research Libraries (Chicago), member of the National Council on the Arts, member of the Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Opera, and on the Board of Directors of Americans for the Arts, Elderhostel, Illinois Arts and Humanities Councils.

Professor Boyd was one of the first winners of the Charles Frankel Prize awarded in 1989 by the National Endowment for the Humanities, honoring five Americans for their efforts to bring history, literature, philosophy and other humanities disciplines to general audiences. In 1996 he was selected as a Laureate by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois and received The Thomas & Eleanor Wright Award given by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations for individuals whose human relations efforts and activities have spanned all interest lines and for making The Field Museum a place where people of different backgrounds come together for a common reason. Professor Boyd also was the 1998 winner of the Award for Lifetime Services to the Public Humanities given by Humanities Iowa, the State Humanities Council, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Iowa City Human Rights Commission.

Professor Boyd remains grateful for his *Law Review* experience. He believes that writing is a lawyer's most valuable skill, because writing reflects the clarity of the underlying thought. He was thrilled to have a chance to petition for *Law Review*, which taught him to be the "consummate editor" and to be concise. He reflects that "the greatest experience in my life was the *Minnesota Law Review* in terms of giving me the wherewithal to do what I have done."

Professor Boyd's sons are also attorneys: Tom Boyd is a partner at Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A. in Minneapolis, and Willard Boyd III is a partner at Nyemaster, Goode, West, Hansell & O'Brien, P.C. in Des Moines.



## Stephen E. Lee Volumes 46–47

Stephen E. Lee practices at Jennings, Strouss & Salmon in Phoenix, Arizona, in the areas of federal, state, and local tax law, as well as general corporate matters. He was a Professor of Law at the College of Law at Arizona State University (now Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law) for thirteen years.



After law school, Lee clerked for Justice Roger J. Traynor on the California Supreme Court, who became Chief Justice during his clerkship. The clerkship provided an intense intellectual challenge and was a very personal experience for Lee. He and another clerk carpooled with Justice Traynor every day from their homes in Berkeley to chambers in San Francisco. Once a clerk drafted an opinion, it would be "Traynorized": returned from the Justice usually much shorter and in the Traynor literary style. Justice Traynor's editing bore out Mark Twain's adage about spending more time making writing shorter and better.

Lee returned to Minnesota after his clerkship to practice at Faegre & Benson LLP for four years. At the encouragement of then Law School Dean William Lockhart and Justice Traynor, Lee looked into a career in academia and in 1969 accepted a position at Arizona State University, where he joined Law School classmate **Jonathan Rose** (vol. 46–47) on the founding faculty of the ASU College of Law. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge **William C. Canby** (vol. 39–40) also was on the ASU law faculty. Canby, as an adjunct at Minnesota, was also Lee's first-year legal writing instructor. Lee taught tax law, contracts, and various constitutional law courses at ASU. He was also a Visiting Professor at Cornell University Law School and the University of Southampton in England. Later in his tenure at ASU, Lee was of-counsel to Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett in its Phoenix office.

Lee enjoyed teaching and found ASU to be an exciting place with a collegial faculty. But after over a decade in academia, he felt a need to "rejoin the real world" and accepted a position with Brown & Bain (now Perkins Coie Brown & Bain) in Phoenix. He joined Jennings, Strouss & Salmon at the beginning of 2001 and plans to remain in practice for the foreseeable future. Lee is a member of the American Law Institute, has long served as a Director and General Counsel to the ACLU of Arizona, and was on the National Board of Directors of the ACLU for almost 10 years.

Lee remembers *Law Review* fondly. The experience exposed him to team efforts on legal projects and taught him to write and edit with care, and usually with many revisions, skills that he uses daily. He also remembers *Law Review* for the camaraderie of its members and as the basis of personal relationships that last to this day.

**Send us your announcements and suggestions for the Fall 2011 issue today!**

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## Symposium Questions Synergism of Ethics and Post-Financial Crisis Regulation

The *Law Review* hosted luminaries in areas of corporate governance, government ethics, law and economics, securities regulation, and deal theory, as well as current and former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) leaders at its annual Symposium, "Government Ethics and Bailouts: The Past, Present, and Future" held at the Law school on October 15, 2010.

Vice President **Walter F. Mondale** (vol. 39) addressed panelists and *Law Review* members at the Symposium welcome banquet, noting the importance of transparency in government on both sides of the political aisle. William Black (Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law) and Jeffrey Lipshaw (Suffolk Univ. Law School) led by grappling with the question: Did capitalism fail? Black emphasized the criminogenic quality of capitalism and Lipshaw assessed how we delineate meaning from a financial system in crisis.

Government ethics, corporate governance, and securities regulation experts assembled to address the ethics of government bailouts. Paul Atkins (fmr. SEC Commissioner) discussed transparency as a fundamental regulatory principle. Jack Katz (fmr. SEC Secretary) "followed the money" to assess who really benefitted from the bailout. Kathleen Clark (Washington Univ. School of Law) analyzed what the U.S. Department of the Treasury got right and wrong in the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) in terms of bailout contractor ethics. Richard Painter and Claire Hill (both Univ. of Minnesota Law School) tackled ongoing questions about the limits of fiduciary duties in



shoring up conflicts of interest in government and business.

SEC Commissioner Troy Paredes engaged panelists and attendees during his keynote address, emphasizing that a bottom line question coming out of the financial crisis is: what makes an effective board of directors and, more specifically, what makes an effective independent director?

Leading corporate law scholars addressed long-term ramifications of government bailouts. Lisa Fairfax (George Washington Univ. Law School) called attention to new regulations that give part-time outside directors full-time responsibilities. Steven Davidoff (Univ. of Connecticut School of Law and DealBook's "Deal Professor") underscored the meaning of federal corporate ownership. Stephen Bainbridge (UCLA School of Law) characterized the Dodd-Frank legislation that followed the financial crisis as "quack corporate governance."

The Symposium Issue will feature articles by several panelists and Usha Rodrigues (Univ. of Georgia School of Law) in Volume 95's forthcoming Symposium Issue, due out in May.

### Remembering...

#### Douglas M. Head Volumes 39-40

Douglas M. Head, born in Minneapolis on April 14, 1930, passed away on February 2 at his home in Minneapolis. He is best known as Minnesota's last Republican Attorney General.

Before coming to the Law School, Head attended Minneapolis West High School and Yale University. Vice President **Walter F. Mondale** (vol. 39) was one of his classmates at the Law School.

Head served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1961 to 1964. He was also an alternate Minnesota delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1964.



Anderson.

He was then elected as Minnesota's Attorney General and held the office from 1967-71, the last Republican to hold the office. In 1970, he ran for Governor but lost to DFL candidate Wendell Anderson.

Head then went into private practice, partnering with former Minnesota Solicitor General Jerome D. Truhn to form the Head & Truhn (now Head, Seifert & Vander Weide) law firm. He stayed active in politics, however, and was influential in the political careers of many Republicans, including U.S. Representative Bill Frenzel, future

Governor Arne Carlson, and legislators John Yngve, Lyall Schwarzkopf, Gary Flakne and **Wayne G. Popham** (vol. 35). Head also served on the board of the Minnesota Society for Crippled Children and Adults (now the Courage Center).

### Editor's Desk

With Volume 95 coming to a close, and our centennial volume fast approaching, I stand in awe of what the *Minnesota Law Review* has accomplished. Every year the *Law Review* strives to build on the successes of the past to leave each volume better than the last. Volume 95 is no exception to that rule.



Building upon the alumni's amazing legacy, Volume 95 features the scholarship of some of our nation's leading scholars, including U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 7th Circuit Judge Richard Cudahy, Stephen Bainbridge, J.B. Ruhl, Randall Thomas, and the University of Minnesota's own Alan Erbsen, Claire Hill, Richard Painter, and David Weissbrodt. Furthermore, we are proudly publishing seventeen student Notes.

Additionally, through the leadership of our Online Articles Editor, **Kara Bovee** (vol. 95), our volume has worked tirelessly to expand *Headnotes*, our online companion, to keep pace in our Internet age. This year *Headnotes* will be publishing five response pieces, one book review, and a tribute to our former faculty advisor, now-Judge David Stras. Moreover, we have been developing and will soon release our new internet presence at [www.minnesotalawreview.org](http://www.minnesotalawreview.org), which will include a new design and functionality. Stay tuned!

Volume 95's successes have come through the hard work of its Board and Staff. These successes, however, would not have occurred without the substantial support of our alumni. Their selfless contributions have ensured the continued success of the *Law Review*. I am deeply proud of the work that Volume 95 has done and am honored to have been a part of it. I wish Volume 96 and all future volumes the best of luck, and I look forward to joining the alumni's ranks in the coming months.

**Reed Schuster** is editor-in-chief of Volume 95.

Governor Arne Carlson, and legislators John Yngve, Lyall Schwarzkopf, Gary Flakne and **Wayne G. Popham** (vol. 35). Head also served on the board of the Minnesota Society for Crippled Children and Adults (now the Courage Center).

In 1983, Head, his wife Martha, and business partner Ray Harris developed the Calhoun Square retail mall at Lake Street and Hennepin Avenue in Uptown.

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## Alumni News

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**Ryan Brauer** (vol. 86–87) and **Thomas R. Hipkins** (vol. 86–87) were each elected shareholders at Fredrikson & Byron LLP.

**Kathleen A. Austin** (vol. 86–87) became a partner at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP.

**Nicholas S. Boebel** (vol. 83–84) is of counsel in the Minneapolis office of Hagens Berman LLP.

**Jessica C.K. Boelter** (vol. 85–86) was elected partner at Sidley Austin LLP.

**Kristina L. Carlson** (vol. 85–86) was appointed a partner at Dorsey and Whitney LLP.

**Margaret A.T. Cronin** (vol. 79–80) joined Leonard Street and Deinard’s Estate Planning practice as a shareholder.

**Chad Drown** (vol. 85–86) was named as a partner at Faegre & Benson LLP.

**Susan E. Gaertner** (vol. 63–64) joined Gray Plant Mooty as a principal.

**Lucinda Jesson** (vol. 67) has been appointed by Gov. Mark Dayton as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

**Richard Kyle Jr.** (vol. 45–46) was recently appointed to the MN Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board.

**Jeannine L. Lee** (vol. 64–65) joined Leonard Street and Deinard’s Business and Commercial Litigation practice as a shareholder.

**Mary Ranum** (vol. 66–67) was recently elected chair of the board of Fredrickson & Byron LLP.

**Anne T. Regan** (vol. 86–87) is a new partner at Zimmerman Reed.

**Patrick D. Robben** (vol. 81–82) was appointed to the Minnesota Fourth Judicial District bench by Gov. Tim Pawlenty on December 21, 2010.

**Amy Salmela** (vol. 86–87) was named a partner at Patterson Thuente IP.

**Robert Stein** (vol. 44–45) recently became co-chair of the American Bar Fellows, MN chapter.

**Andrew E. Tanick** (vol. 69–70) has been appointed office administrative partner of Ford & Harrison LLP’s Minneapolis office.

**Julian Zebot** (vol. 86–87) was elected partner at Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP.

## In Memoriam

**Douglas M. Head** (vol. 39–40)  
February 2, 2011 — Minneapolis, MN

**James S. McClendon** (vol. 24)  
January 7, 2011 — New York, NY

**Hon. John F. “Jack” Thoreen** (vol. 24–25)  
January 4, 2011 — Stillwater, MN

## New Alumni Advisory Board Members

Congratulations to **Mary Ranum** (vol. 66–67) on her appointment as President of the *Minnesota Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board and to **Rachel Hughey** (vol. 86–87) on her appointment as Vice President.

The following alumni agreed to serve three-year terms as members of the Alumni Advisory Board, effective January 1, 2011: **Jeannette Arazi** (vol. 82–83); **Morgan Holcomb** (vol. 85–86); **Clinton Schroeder** (vol. 38–39); **Andrew Shoenthal** (vol. 86–87); and **John Tunheim** (vol. 63–64). **Ronald Schutz** (vol. 82–83) agreed to serve a second three-year term.

Special thanks to **Mary Pat Byrn** (vol. 86–87); **Ann Huntrods** (vol. 64–65); **Ryan Miske** (vol. 88–89); **Diana Murphy** (vol. 57–58); and **Madge Thorsen** (vol. 60–61) for their previous service on the Board.

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Accounts program, which pools interest from lawyer trust accounts to provide civil legal aid to the poor and to support improvements to the justice system. Additionally, he has served as a board member for the Fund for the Legal Aid Society, as a board member for the initial Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board, as President of the Hennepin County Bar Association, as the chair of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Advisory Counsel, and on the *Law Review*’s own Alumni Advisory Board.

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dire, and closing argument. He invited prominent lawyers and judges to attend and participate. In 1980, Steiner established the Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi Trial Advocacy program, which received national recognition as a model for in-house advocacy training.

Steiner has extensive trial and appellate experience in both state and federal courts in complex litigation. This includes major catastrophic recovery actions on behalf of insurers and their insureds; matters involving construction litigation, food contamination litigation, and fire cause and origin; complex property and liability insurance claims; and boiler and machinery claims.

During his career, Steiner’s achievements include a multi-million dollar recovery in the Schwan’s salmonella litigation in Minnesota in 1997, and a multi-million dollar recovery on behalf of insurers in the One Meridian Plaza Fire litigation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1994. He served as lead counsel in the Pontiac Silverdome roof collapse litigation in 1988, and for the Norwest Bank fire cases again in 1986, which resulted in the largest office building subrogation recovery to date.

Retired since 2000, Steiner now resides in Florida with his wife Gwyn, where he continues to be active in community affairs.