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## Annual Banquet Highlights Volume 91, Alumni, History

*For third straight year, Law Review honors distinguished alumni*

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Despite a new venue and format, the *Law Review*'s annual banquet continued its dual showcase of highlighting another successful volume while celebrating its alumni.

The banquet – held for the first time at the Minneapolis Marriott – again honored the work of the journal's current members. **Stan Efron** (vol. 36-37) and **Allen Saeks** (vol. 38-39) presented writing awards to volume 91's top student publications. The volume's leadership received special recognition, and, as is becoming a custom, its members awarded outgoing editor-in-chief **Amy Bergquist** with a commemorative gift. For the third straight year, the *Law Review* also recognized three members with distinguished alumni awards: Judge **Myron Bright** (vol. 31), **Sam Kaplan** (vol. 43-44), and **John Mooty** (vol. 27-29).

But, in departing from tradition, the banquet dispensed with a keynote address. Instead, each honoree spoke about the attorney's role in civic engagement. Judge Bright reflected on his civic role from the bench, all the while keeping the 250-plus attendees laughing with his humor. Mooty and Kaplan each spoke about involvement through politics, perhaps marking one of the few political areas in which the former state Republican Party chair and long-time Democratic fundraiser agree. Kaplan even had Congressman Keith Ellison present as his special guest. //



*Top: John Mooty reminiscing with a friend.*

*Middle: Sam Kaplan and Jessica Johnson.*

*Bottom: Judge Myron Bright and David Brink (vol. 26).*

## Symposium to Address Rights of Low-Wage Workers

Fall brings two constants to the *Law Review* – a fresh crop of staff members and the annual symposium highlighting a cutting-edge legal trend. On **November 2, 2007**, the *Law Review* will host “The Low-Wage Worker: Legal Rights—Legal Realities” at the Law School. The symposium is co-sponsored by the Labor Law Group, a group of legal academics and practitioners dedicated to justice for workers.

Among other things, the overall theme of low-wage workers and legal protections will address domestic work, immigration, collective action, the international human rights implications of denying labor protections to undocumented workers, regulation of big-box retailers, and effects of minimum wage laws. Participants include legal counsel for the AFL-CIO, an economist from the Federal Reserve, and nationally recognized legal scholars in labor law.

For more, visit the symposium website at [www.law.umn.edu/lawreview/symposium.html](http://www.law.umn.edu/lawreview/symposium.html) or contact Symposium Editor Bryan Seiler by calling 612-625-9330 or sending an email to [seile026@umn.edu](mailto:seile026@umn.edu). //

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## Remembering...

### Charles Dale

*Volume 1*



*Law Review* alumni have a long history of political involvement. The names of **Mondale, Freeman, Fraser, and Stassen** have influenced politics on the national stage. More recent alums like **Rob Hogg** (vol. 78-79), **Jeff Jacobs** (vol. 63-64), and

**Ryan Winkler** (vol. 84-85) serve at the state and local levels.

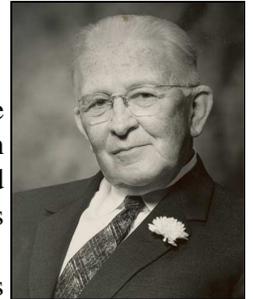
But before any of them, there was **Charles Dale**, the seventy-sixth governor of New Hampshire. Dale grew up in the Red River Valley between Minnesota and North Dakota. He attended the University of Minnesota, then graduated from the Law School in 1917. He served as Note Editor of the *Law Review's* first volume.

Dale began his law practice in Minnesota but enlisted in the Army during World War I. He was stationed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and opened his own practice there after the war. He was first elected city solicitor in 1921, then served as mayor from 1926-28. He resumed his law practice but was elected to the New Hampshire state senate in 1933, where he served as its president. He was elected to the Governor's Council in 1937, then returned to the state senate. From 1943-44, he again served as Portsmouth's mayor.

In 1944, Dale won the Republican primary against incumbent Governor Robert Blood, then went on to win the general election. Two years later, Dale survived his own primary challenge and handily won reelection. He retired from politics in 1948 and embarked on careers in banking and radio in New Hampshire. He died in 1978. //

### William Prosser

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No *Law Review* alumnus is more recognizable in the legal profession than **William Prosser**. The academic legend wrote the book on torts. And he got his start as Note Editor of the *Law Review*.

Born in Indiana, Prosser completed his undergraduate at Harvard, returned ten years later for his first year of law school, then transferred to and graduated from the Law School in 1928. On the *Law Review*, he worked alongside Minnesota Governor **Harold Stassen**, Congressman and federal appellate judge **George MacKinnon**, and civil-rights attorney **Hyman Edelman**.

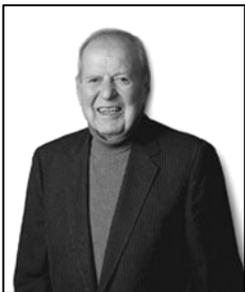
Prosser started his legal practice at what is now Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis. He left Dorsey in 1931 to return to the Law School as a professor, where he first wrote *The Handbook of the Law of Torts*. After nine years, Prosser left the Law School to become the Minnesota counsel to President Roosevelt's Office of Price Administration. He briefly return to private practice in 1943, then moved to Harvard in 1947.

Like his law school tenure, Prosser stayed at Harvard only one year. He moved to the University of California Law School at Berkeley in 1948, where he became its Dean. In 1961, Prosser stayed in San Francisco but moved to the Hastings College of Law. He taught there until his death in 1972.

Prosser's legacy, of course, lives today. His torts handbook, now known as *Prosser and Keeton's Hornbook on Torts*, is a mainstay in first-year law class. He received the University of Minnesota's Outstanding Alumni Award in 1955. //

### Leonard Lindquist

*Volumes 21-22*



Few people have left a greater impact on Minnesota's legal community than **Leonard Lindquist**. Born in Minneapolis, Lindquist left high school during his senior year and worked in a lumber mill after his father passed away to support his family. He graduated a year

later, then worked his way through the University of Minnesota and the Law School. Fresh out of law school in 1939, Lindquist took a job in Washington, D.C., with the National Labor Relations Board. It sparked his life-long involvement in labor law.

When World War II broke out, Lindquist joined the Navy. Afterwards, he returned to Minneapolis and formed the Larson Lindquist law firm with Earl Larson, a future federal district court judge. He was appointed chair of the Railroad Warehouse Commission and investigated racketeers. From 1955-59, Lindquist served in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

He later served on state and national civil-rights commissions.

In 1968, Lindquist formed Lindquist & Vennum, which today is Minnesota's fifth-largest firm. He was hired by the National Football League Players Association and helped transform it into a labor union. He "retired" in 1988, then spent 30 hours per week in the office as a mediator and arbitrator.

Lindquist's contributions to the legal profession and his community did not go unnoticed. The Minnesota Bar Association and the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union each honored him with awards for his public-service contributions. In 2003, the University of Minnesota gave him its Outstanding Achievement Award. He passed away the following year.

"Leonard was our leader," former Minnesota Chief Justice **Robert Sheran** (vol. 22-23) once said, reflecting on their time together in law school and private practice. Lindquist "devoted his professional career to advance the ideal that lawyers should do good for the community," recalled Congressman **Don Fraser** (vol. 31-32), another former law partner. //

## Alumni Fill Minnesota Hall of Fame Roster

Minnesota Law & Politics recently named the 100 most influential attorneys in Minnesota history. Twenty are *Law Review* alumni, including **William Prosser** and **Leonard Lindquist**:



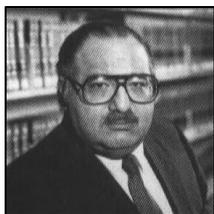
**John Simonett** (vol. 34-35)  
Minnesota Supreme Court



**Harold Stassen**  
(vol. 12)  
Governor of Minnesota



**Diana Murphy**  
(vol. 57-58)  
Eighth Circuit  
Court of Appeals



**Bernie Becker** (vol. 49)  
Minnesota Legal Aid



**Solly Robins** (vol. 20)  
Robins Kaplan Miller &  
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**Roberta Walburn**  
(vol. 66)  
Robins Kaplan Miller &  
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**Hyman Edelman**  
(vol. 11-12)  
Maslon Edelman  
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**Mary Coyne**  
(vol. 39-40)  
Minnesota  
Supreme Court



**Betty Washburn** (vol. 27)  
Minnesota's first female  
judge



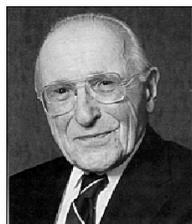
**Maynard Pirsig**  
(vol. 8-9)  
Dean of the Law School



**Sam Kaplan**  
(vol. 43-44)  
Kaplan, Strangis &  
Kaplan



**Walter Mondale**  
(vol. 39) Vice President  
and U.S. Senator



**Benno Wolff**  
(vol. 10-11)  
Oppenheimer Wolff &  
Donnelly



**Ben Deinard** (vol. 5)  
Leonard, Street &  
Deinard



**C. Paul Jones**  
(vol. 33-35)  
State Public Defender



**Charlotte Farrish**  
(vol. 9-10)  
Mankato attorney



**Robert Sheran**  
(vol. 22-23)  
Minnesota Supreme Court



**Orville Freeman** (vol. 25)  
Governor of Minnesota

## The Editor's Desk

Last March, the *New York Times* published an article, "When Rendering Decisions, Judges Are Finding Law Reviews Irrelevant," suggesting that law journals are losing influence in the judicial community. More specifically, the article noted that citations to law reviews in judicial opinions have decreased.

As the newly elected editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*, I was admittedly disheartened. After all, seventy-five of the brightest young legal minds at the Law School would be working to turn out 1800 pages of scholarly work over the next sixteen months. It can be tough to find motivation when even the *New York Times* doubts our effectiveness.

Rest assured, the *Law Review* understands its purpose. In April, Judge **David Doty** (vol. 44-45), a highly regarded *Law Review* alumnus and a senior federal district court judge, wrote an e-mail to his colleagues explaining his concern about the lack of citations to law reviews in judicial opinions. Just this September, I received an e-mail from **Amy Bergquist**, volume 91 editor-in-chief. Amy informed me that she had come across a citation to a 2005 *Law Review* article in a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals slip opinion. The same month, CNN.com posted an article about the murder trial of music executive Phil Spector, suggesting that a defendant's courtroom demeanor may play a significant role in a jury's criminal trial deliberations. CNN.com relied heavily on the content of Professor Laurie Levenson's upcoming piece in volume 92 of the *Law Review*, "The Theater of the Courtroom."

We all understand that the work we have done and the work that we continue to do for the journal is not always publicly appreciated. Despite the *New York Times's* opinion, however, it is clear that the *Law Review* is making an impact, and we will continue to do so.

**Kevin O'Riordan** is the editor-in-chief of volume 92.



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## Alumni News

**Stacy Bettison** (vol. 82-83) has joined Rotenberg Associates LLC, an attorney-led communications firm.

For the second time, **Phil Garon** (vol. 55-56) received a Burton Award for professional legal writing.

**Jim Hale** (vol. 48-49) received a national Legends in the Law Award from the Burton Awards for Legal Achievement. He was one of five recipients.

**Bill Luther** (vol. 53-54) has joined the Minneapolis office of Fleishman-Hillard as a senior government-relations adviser.

**Todd Olin** (vol. 90-91) received a Fulbright Fellowship to study energy policy in Norway.

**Dan Robinson** (vol. 90-91) continued the *Law Review's* dominance and received a Burton

Award for student legal writing. It is the second straight year that a member took home a student award, and third in six years.

**Eileen Scallen** (vol. 69-70) received the 2007 Everyday Hero Award from Twin Cities Pride.

**Lisa Stratton** (vol. 76-77) has been named an associate professor at the Law School.



Judge **David Doty** (vol. 44-45) poses with **Jessica Johnson** (vol. 90-91) and **Megan Healy** (vol. 90-91) at the *Law Review* banquet in April.

**BELOW:** *Law Review* alumni and partners of the Larson Lindquist firm (now Lindquist & Vennum) gathered in this early-2000 photo. Back, left to right: **Jerry Magnuson** (vol. 37-38), **Don Fraser** (31-32), **Lee Loevinger** (19-20), and **Orville Freeman** (vol. 25). Front: **Leonard Lindquist** (21-22) and **Earl Larson**. Only Larson, a federal district court judge, did not serve on the *Law Review* – proof that our selection process is not quite perfect.



## In Memoriam

**Hyman H. Cohen**, vol. 30  
June 2, 2007, Minneapolis

**Gene W. Halverson**, vol. 30-31  
May 29, 2006, Duluth, Minn.

**Theodore L. Hall**, vol. 43-44  
June 4, 2007, Mahtomedi, Minn.

**Eugene Hames**, vol. 33-34  
Nov. 23, 2006, Denver

**C. Harold Peterson**, vol. 33-34  
Apr. 2, 2007, Tucson, Ariz.

**It is never too early to start planning.**

Even though volume 92 has just kicked off, the *Law Review* is less than eight years from its 100th volume.

In preparation for this historic event, we are preparing an authoritative history of the *Law Review*.

But we need help.

If you are interested in helping memorialize the journal's history – or merely willing to share your stories – please contact Ryan Miske at (612) 766-8236 or [rmiske@faegre.com](mailto:rmiske@faegre.com).

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