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Mitau and Strangis To Receive Special Recognition



Ralph Strangis (vol. 44–45) is a founding member of Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan, P.A., a firm specializing in corporate business and transactional law. During his 50

years of practice, Mr. Strangis has had extensive involvement in the airline industry, banking and sports. Mr. Strangis has worked with Republic Airlines, Flying Tiger Airlines, United Airlines and U.S. Airways. He currently serves on the Boards of TCF Financial, Cooper State Bank and as Chairman of OptumHealth Bank, a

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The **Distinguished Alumni Award**, established in 2005, recognizes the accomplishments of former *Law Review* staff and editors.

Continuing the tradition, Volume 94's editorial board has selected Ralph Strangis and Lee R. Mitau to receive the award at the annual banquet this spring.

Annual Law Review Banquet Thursday, April 8, 2010

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Lee R. Mitau (vol. 55–56), is Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of U.S. Bancorp, parent company of U.S. Bank, the 5th



largest commercial bank in the United States. Mr. Mitau serves as a member of U.S. Bancorp's Managing Committee and, since December 2008, has also been responsible for the company's mutual fund business, with \$100 billion assets under management.

Prior to joining U.S. Bancorp, Mr.

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Catching Up With...

Timothy P. Glynn Volumes 77–78

His experience as editor-in-chief for Volume 78 gave Timothy Glynn the opportunity to interact with various legal scholars from around the country. Those interactions sparked an interest in academia that led now-Professor Glynn to Seton Hall University, where he is the Miriam T. Rooney Professor of Law. After *Law Review*, Professor Glynn clerked for the Honorable Donald Lay on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and worked as an associate at Leonard Street and Deinard for two years. He then clerked for the Honorable **John R. Tunheim** (vol. 63–64) at the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota before joining the faculty at Seton Hall in 1999, where the student body named him Professor of the Year for 2002–03.



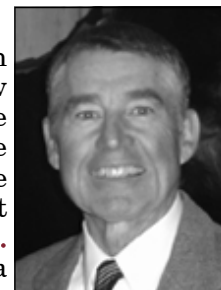
Thinking back on his time as editor-in-chief, Professor Glynn recalls a number of memorable conversations with professors from around the country who were less-than-pleased that their articles were not selected for publication. With his role in the market reversed, he has more empathy for those on the other end of the line, although he will stick with his claim that the editors of Volume 78 never made a mistake. Nonetheless, he appreciates the stakes. Despite the rise of alternative outlets for legal scholarship, particularly in electronic media, law reviews remain influential and law review placements still matter. Because student editors can and do have an impact on the development of legal thought, the *Law Review* experience continues to be an extraordinary opportunity for students (and one unique among academic disciplines). As his own experience shows, the *Law Review* also can be the starting point for a career devoted to scholarship and teaching.

Professor Glynn has written primarily in the areas of corporate and employment law. In 2007, he published a casebook, *Employment Law: Private Ordering and Its Limitations* (with Rachel Arnow-Richman and Charles Sullivan), which introduces students to the employer-employee relationship by exploring the tension between privately ordered terms and public mandates. His other recent scholarship focuses on the allocation of responsibility and decision-making authority within the corporation as well as the impact of choice-of-law doctrine and interjurisdictional competition on different corporate stakeholders. Thus, from a variety of perspectives, he addresses how prevailing legal norms in the corporate context affect not only shareholders and managers, but also employees, creditors, counsel, and society.

Professor Glynn lives in Northern New Jersey with his wife, **Crystal Olsen Glynn** (vol. 77–78), and their two children, Alexander and Maya, aged 8 and 4 years old, respectively. //

Loren Tucker Volumes 55–56

The Honorable Loren Tucker, a managing editor for Volume 56, is believed to hold the distinction of being the only *Law Review* alumnus to leave the practice of law twice to pursue ranching, then go on to become a district court judge.



Judge Tucker grew up in the corn fields of Iowa before attending law school. He clerked for the Honorable **Phillip M. Neville** (vol. 16–17) at the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota and practiced at the Popham Haik law firm with **David S. Doty** (vol. 44–45), who is now himself a Federal District Court Judge. After a couple of years in private practice, Judge Tucker recognized that “you can’t take the country out of the boy” so he left the practice of law to move west and work on a ranch. Judge Tucker enjoyed ranching life, but after a while (in his words) “reality set in” so he passed the Montana bar and set up his own practice in a county of 8,000 people.

Haunted by his addiction to ranching, Judge Tucker leased part of a ranch in southwest Montana and again left the practice of law. After a short time, he returned to private practice and became a County Attorney of Madison County, Montana.

In 2000, Judge Tucker was elected to the Fifth Judicial District Court of Montana.



He is the only judge in a district that encompasses 3 counties, approximately 29,000 residents, and 10,761 square miles. He presides over civil, criminal, juvenile, probate, and all other matters. From 2006 to 2008, he presided over an ownership dispute between professional cyclist Greg LeMond and the millionaires-only Yellowstone Club in Big Sky, Montana.

Judge Tucker believes that judges provide people the opportunity to resolve problems they are unable to resolve on their own. He also believes that lawyers “are the grease and oil of society,” as they provide the lubrication to allow people to overcome obstacles and resolve problems. Judge Tucker is the Secretary of the Montana Judges Association and will serve as the Association’s President starting in 2012.

Not surprisingly, Judge Tucker and his wife, MaryAnn, currently live on their own ranch. //

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Annual Symposium Leaps into the Digital Age

On October 16, 2009, the *Law Review* hosted its annual symposium at the Law School. The symposium focused on three main areas including "Cybercrime," "Internet Privacy, Anonymity and Free Speech," and "Intellectual Property in Cyberspace." Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Alex Kozinski was the keynote speaker.

The first panel featured Professors Pamela Samuelson (UC Berkeley School of Law), William Fisher (Harvard), and Thomas Cotter (University of Minnesota Law School), who discussed the future of intellectual property in this digital age. Specifically, Samuelson addressed the future of books in cyberspace and Fisher explained why amateurism matters. Cotter presented on transformative use and cognizable harm related to copyrights.

Professor Jane Kirtley (University of Minnesota School of Journalism), and Sherrese Smith (Legal Advisor for Chairman Genachowski, Federal Communications Commission) led a second panel that addressed the interplay between privacy, anonymity, and free speech in an age of Google, YouTube,

Facebook, and blogs.

The third panel included Professors Orin Kerr (George Washington), Christopher Slobogin (Vanderbilt University), and Paul Ohm (University of Colorado Law School). They addressed issues surrounding crime in cyberspace and discussed the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act in the workplace; proportionality, privacy, and public

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opinion; and limitless probable cause.

In addition to the panelists, Dan Burk (UC Irvine) and Deirdre Mulligan (UC Berkeley School of Information) will be featured in Issue 5 of Volume 94, due out in May. The *Law Review* is proud to have hosted them at our law school. We all look forward to seeing them in print soon. //

Editor's Desk

In the world of law reviews, it seems to be the case that as soon as we learn to do something well, it is time to turn it over to our successors. And in keeping with that tradition, the Volume 94 Board is preparing to sign off, and join all of you as esteemed alumni. Perhaps before we do so, however, a brief reflection on this past year is in order.

Building upon an amazing legacy, Volume 94 features several of the legal world's most brilliant scholars: Jack Balkin, Richard Epstein, Herbert Hovenkamp, Orin Kerr, Jane Kirtley, Sanford Levinson, and countless (well, 46 actually) other scholars. In addition, we are proudly publishing sixteen student Notes.



Other highlights of Volume 94 include our successful Cyberspace & the Law Symposium in October, and our continued work on *Headnotes*, the online companion to our print volume. This year's Board has worked tirelessly, and largely from scratch, to make the process of publishing *Headnotes* efficient and to ensure that the response pieces are of the highest quality. To that end, we have published two pieces thus far, and will publish two to three more in May. You can find the responses at www.minnesotalawreview.org. In light of the considerable effort this process requires, we have added a new position to our masthead: the Online Articles Editor (who functions as an Articles Editor as well). We pass this new feature of the journal on to Volume 95 in fine form.

The successes of Volume 94, on the printed page, online, and in the office, come only with the diligent work of this year's Board and Staff and with significant support from our alumni. Thanks to you, each Volume is able to leave the journal just slightly better than we found it—each time leaving behind a remarkable legacy.

My best, on behalf of Volume 94. //

Kristin Zinsmaster is the editor-in-chief of Volume 94. She will clerk next year for the Hon. James B. Loken of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.



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Alumni News

Alan C. Eidsness (vol. 56–57) was named Family Lawyer of the Year in the 15th edition of Best Lawyers in America.

Robert A. Stein (vol. 44–45) received *Minnesota Lawyer's* 2009 Outstanding Service to the Profession Award.

James R. Olson (vol. 49–50), **John F. Docherty** (vol. 69–70) and **Timothy C. Rank** (vol. 76–77) were each named 2009 Attorneys of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer* magazine.

Matt Wegner (vol. 85–86) co-founded Brown, Wegner & Berliner in California last October. Their practice is focused on business and intellectual property litigation.

James Poradek (vol. 81–82) **Jayna Paquin** (vol. 86–87) and **Ryan Stai** (vol. 88–89) each concluded their second terms as members of the *Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board.

David Potter (vol. 63–64), **John Hartmann** (vol. 70–71) and **Rachel Hughey** (vol. 86–87) were each elected to their first term as members of the *Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board.

Allen Saeks (vol. 38–39) and **David Doty** (vol. 44–45) were both re-appointed to serve second terms on the *Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board.

In Memoriam

Ernest W. "Ernie" Collins (vol. 50–51)

November 21, 2009 — Woodside, CA

Robert C. Lester (vol. 33–34)

January 9, 2010 — Salisbury, MD

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January 24, 2010 — Minnetonka, MN

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subsidiary of United-Health. Mr. Strangis' work with sports teams has included the Minnesota North Stars, the World League (now NFL Europe), and the Minnesota Twins.

Mr. Strangis is also active in the community and public affairs. He has served as Chairman of the Minnesota Racing Commission and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, where he also served as Chairman of the Board. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Thomas Law School, a Trustee of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and a Director Emeritus of Catholic Eldercare. //

Behind the *Fletcher Files*: A Tale of Two Ryans

For those who don't know, the *Fletcher Files* was originally the brainchild of **Ryan Stai** (vol. 88–89) and **Ryan Miske** (vol. 88–89).

In 2005, Ryan and Ryan led what became the first concerted effort to communicate with alumni through a means other than the published Issues of the *Law Review*.

Not surprisingly, the Alumni Advisory Board and Distinguished Alumni Award share the same birth year as the *Fletcher Files*, in large part due to the efforts of Ryan and Ryan, with the welcome support of the members of Volume 89 and many other dedicated alumni.

It is therefore appropriate, that we extend our heartfelt gratitude to both Ryan Miske and Ryan Stai for their immeasurable commitments of time and effort to the *Law Review* and its alumni. //

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Mitau was a partner at Dorsey & Whitney L.L.P. where he served as Chairman of the Corporate Department and as a member of the firm's governing committee.

Mr. Mitau is currently chairman of the boards of directors of two NYSE-listed companies, Graco Inc., and H.B. Fuller Company.

Mr. Mitau has been engaged in numerous community and charitable activities, including serving as a Trustee of The Minneapolis Institute of Arts and a Trustee of Macalester College. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Foundation and the Board of Governors of the Minneapolis Club, where he was also President from April 2006–07. He has been active in a number of professional organizations and has served as Chairman of the Business Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association. //

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