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Another Banquet Success

With the highest attendance in recent memory, volume 90 celebrates the Law Review.

The *Law Review* recognized another year of its storied history at its recent annual banquet. More than 250 current and former *Law Review* members, Law School faculty, and representatives from the legal community filled The Grand Hotel for the event, the largest in recent memory.

“It was another great volume,” said **Matt Kreuger**, editor-in-chief of volume 90. “We were excited that so many joined us for our end-of-year celebration.”

Former Law School Dean **Robert Stein** (vol. 44-45) headlined the event. Stein, who recently stepped down as executive director of the ABA and has returned to teach at the Law School, delivered the evening’s keynote speech. He commented about the significant changes he has observed in his 45 years as a lawyer, including the number of and diversity among attorneys. Stein also spoke about the



Robert Stein delivers the banquet keynote speech.

legal field’s challenges as societies continue to globalize.

Continuing a practice started at least year’s banquet, the *Law Review* again honored alumni with distinguished alumni awards. Along with Stein, **James Hale** (vol. 48-49), former executive vice-president and general counsel of Target Corporation, and **John Tunheim** (vol. 63-64), a judge for the U.S. District Court in Minnesota, were honored for their contributions to the legal field, the Law School, and their communities. The awards were

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Dean Alex Johnson and the 2006 recipients of the Law Review’s Distinguished Alumni awards: James Hale, Robert Stein, and John Tunheim.

Annual Symposium to Focus on Sept. 11th

On **October 13, 2006**, the *Law Review* will host its annual symposium. “**9/11, 5 Years On: A Comparative Look at The Global Response to Terrorism**” will examine the way that governments of different countries have shifted their policies since Sept. 11. The discussion will focus on contrasting current U.S. policy with worldwide practices. Panelists will speak about the practical and ethical implications surrounding the use of torture and detention and the current state of government secrecy and individual privacy.

Issues surrounding Sept. 11 have reappeared in the news and academic scholarship. The recent Supreme Court decision concerning military tribunals at Guantanamo Bay has sparked heated discussion. Experts anticipate even more news between now and October.

Several of the world’s leading scholars will participate, and the May 2007 issue of the *Law Review* will feature their articles. Members of the Minnesota legal community are invited to attend, and CLE credit will be offered.

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Seema Shah
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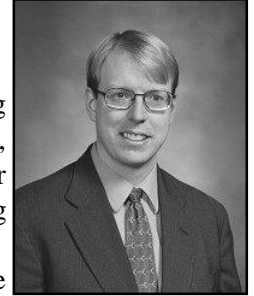
When former Dean Robert Stein spoke at that last *Law Review* banquet about the impact of women and diversity in the practice of law, he must have had someone like **Seema Shah** in mind. Seema has dedicated herself – and now her professional career – to diversity.

Before attending law school, Seema worked for the National Council for International Health (now the Global Health Council) in Washington, D.C., a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving global health. After graduating from the Law School in 1997, Seema worked in Faegre & Benson's intellectual-property group and then in General Mills's law department as a trademark counsel.

During her time in practice, Seema was active in several diversity-related efforts and committees. In 2005, Seema took on those efforts full time, when she was hired as the first executive director of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, a collaboration of law firms and corporations committed to enhancing diversity in the Twin Cities legal community. The group's mission is two-fold: to support its corporate and law-firm members in their diversity efforts and to promote the Twin Cities as a great place for attorneys of color.

"We all need to make sure that our legal community continues to live up to its promise," Seema noted, "to be a place where attorneys of color advance, succeed, and flourish. I've had tremendous opportunities and support here. My hope is that more attorneys of color have a similar experience." p

Rob Hogg
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As a politician, and with an upcoming Presidential race only two years away, there is no place **Rob Hogg** would rather be than Iowa. And he isn't even running for the White House.

Currently serving his second term in the Iowa General Assembly, Rob is also enjoying his state's prominent role – or as he refers to it, the "Super Bowl of Presidential Politics" – in vetting aspiring presidential candidates. Over the span of one week, Rob and his family met 2008 Democratic hopefuls John Edwards, Evan Bayh, and Mark Warner. As Rob can attest, the race for the presidency is well underway.

A look at Rob's family tree reveals that a career in law and public service was never any surprise. His grandfather Mason Ladd was the dean of the University of Iowa College of Law for 37 years, and his great-grandfather Scott Ladd served as a justice of the Iowa Supreme Court for 24 years.

After law school, Rob clerked for Judge Donald Lay on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He briefly practiced in Minneapolis, then moved home to Iowa, where he clerked for the chief judge of a federal district court. In 2000, Rob started at Elderkin & Pirnie, a civil-litigation firm in Cedar Rapids.

Rob is currently running for the state Senate. But despite a family history of public service and presidential politics surrounding him, he has no plan to run for higher office. "I am focused right now on raising my children, doing a good job at my law firm, and doing a good job for the people of my district." p

Stacy Lynn Bettison
Volumes 82-83



Seven years after she graduated, **Stacy Lynn Bettison** is still in almost daily contact with the Law School. As the current president of the Law Alumni Association, Stacy's continued involvement consists of meetings, events, and emails with alumni, deans, and alumni-relations personnel.

For a short time following graduation, it appeared that Stacy's dedication would be limited to long-distance commuting. Graduating *magna cum laude*, she headed to North Dakota to clerk for **Judge Myron Bright** (vol. 31) on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She then found herself in Chicago, working for Jenner & Block. While there, Stacy accepted an invitation to join the alumni board. And in 2002, Stacy returned to Minneapolis and Greene Espel, where she had been a summer associate during law school.

For Stacy, giving back to the Law School is natural. "The

degree I received from the Law School has taken me on an incredible career path, and it has exposed me to a talented, bright, and ambitious legal and alumni community. So much of my intellectual and professional growth is due to my legal education and the Law School's faculty and administration. The education and experience were invaluable, and I feel duty bound to give back."

Stacy's commitment extends beyond the Law School. She has given her time to the Minnesota Women Lawyers, as a hospice volunteer, teaching English as a second language, and as an election observer in El Salvador. She has also published several legal articles.

In 2005, Stacy left private practice and joined the Landscape Plant Development Center in the Twin Cities as general counsel and director of communications and development. She provides legal advice on IP, real estate, and insurance issues, and develops strategies for public relations and fundraising. p

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again sponsored by Gray Plant Mooty.

In addition, the *Law Review* acknowledged the anniversaries of volumes 40 and 65, and several members of each volume attended. Current members were honored for excellent student scholarship, and five staff members were recognized for their outstanding performance in assisting with the volume's production.

Next year's banquet will be held April 12, 2007. More details will be sent to alumni by early 2007. **p**



Members of volume 40.

**Save the Date for Next
Year's Banquet:**

April 12, 2007

Doty, Saeks Join Board

David Doty (vol. 44-45) and **Allen Saeks** (vol. 38-39) have joined the Advisory Board. Doty is a senior judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Saeks is a shareholder at Leonard Street and Deinard in Minneapolis.

They replace **John Simonett** (vol. 34-35) and **Robert Stein** (vol. 44-45.) Simonett recently retired from private practice, while Stein has returned home from Chicago to teach at the Law School. **p**

**SYMPOSIUM, continued**

A simultaneous webcast is planned.

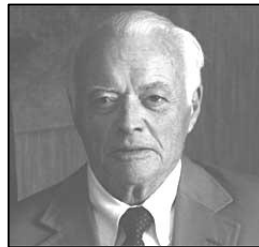
Last year's successful symposium attracted more than 200 attendees. More information is available on the *Law Review's* website or by contacting the *Law Review* at (612) 625-9330 or mnlawrev@umn.edu. **p**

Binger's Legacy Benefits Law School

Shortly before his death in November 2004, **James Binger** (vol. 24-25) created the Robina Foundation to potentially benefit the Law School, Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Yale University, and the Council on Foreign Relations. The multi-million-dollar estate will fund only the most creative, forward-thinking project(s) proposed by the four institutions mentioned above.

"James Binger's tremendous generosity to the Law School is characterized by anonymity and extraordinary vision," said Marty Martin, director of external relations. "It is a joy to witness the Law School undergoing the process he had in mind when he created the Foundation – engaging prominent thinkers in a process to move this great school forward in an unprecedented manner and actually transform delivery of legal education."

Born in St. Paul, Binger earned an economics degree from Yale University. Upon graduating from the Law School, he joined Dorsey & Whitney. In 1943, he moved to Honeywell, Inc., and became its president in 1961 and its chairman in 1965. Binger served on several executive boards including 3M, Northwest Airlines, and AT&T. A dedicated and passionate philanthropist, Binger served on the boards of The McKnight Foundation, International Peace Academy, and Guthrie Theater. He was the founder of Jujamcyn Theatre Company, which is currently the third largest theater company on Broadway in New York. He was also a part-owner of the Minnesota Vikings from 1988 to 1998. **p**

**The Editor's Desk**

National rankings identify each law journal's contribution to legal scholarship; rankings are based on the number of times academic publications and judicial opinions cite any article throughout the entire history of a journal. The *Law Review* is ranked anywhere from 12th to 16th, depending on the metric. Prior to the April 2006 banquet, in which we honored volumes 40 and 65, I researched the contributions of those volumes to our current national standing.

Did **Tom Gallagher** (vol. 40-41) fathom that legal scholars in the 21st century would cite his "Nineteenth Century Judicial Thought Concerning Church-State Relations"? The most



frequently cited article in volume 40 is a note by **Ralph McCarthy** (vol. 39-40) on state sovereign immunity. A few years ago, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. Kelley* cited Professor **Maynard Pirsig's** (vol. 8-9) article from volume 40, "The Proposed Amendment of the Judicial Article of the Minnesota Constitution."

And volume 65? In the 21st century alone, then-law professor Timothy Muris's "Opportunistic Behavior and the Law of Contracts" has 30 citations, including references from two circuit courts. The Utah and Vermont Supreme Courts cited an anonymous student note on "The Right and Responsibility of a Court to Impose the Insanity Defense over the Defendant's Objection." Professor **Barry Feld** (vol. 52-53) published an attention-getting article entitled "Juvenile Court Legislative Reform and the Serious Young Offender."

What legacy will volume 90 leave? FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein recently advocated an approach to allocating unused rural spectrum that sounded suspiciously similar to **Lindsey Tonsager's** (vol. 90-91) novel adverse-possession proposal in her volume 90 note. This provides an early indication that the *Minnesota Law Review* will continue to play a leading role in the profession's scholarly dialogue. **p**

Amy Bergquist is the editor-in-chief of vol. 91.

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Alumni News

Matt Anderson (vol. 79-80) currently serves as chair of the Minnesota State Arts Board. He is vice president of regulatory and strategic affairs for the Minnesota Hospital Association.

Elizabeth Brama (vol. 83-84), an attorney at Briggs & Morgan, was named as one of 15 "Up & Coming Attorneys of 2006" by *Minnesota Lawyer*.

John Bursch (vol. 80-81) was appointed publications chair for the ABA's Council of Appellate Lawyers. He is a partner at Warner, Norcross & Judd in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Martin Cole (vol. 66-67) has been appointed director of the Minnesota Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility. Martin has been with the Office since 1984.

Michael Dolan (vol. 82-83) has joined U.S. Bancorp in Minneapolis as its Deputy Director of Enterprise Risk Management.

David Dormont (vol. 75-76) won two of Pennsylvania's 10 largest judgments or settlements of the year, as listed in *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*.

C. David Flower (vol. 79-80) now works for Ameriprise Financial Inc. in Minneapolis.

Susan Gaertner (vol. 63-64) is the president of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association. She has been the Ramsey County Attorney since 1994.

Morgan Holcomb (vol. 85-86) is on sabbatical from Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand while she teaches tax and agriculture law at the Law School.

Linda L. Holstein (vol. 66-67) has formed the Holstein Kremer law firm in Minneapolis, practicing business litigation and employment law. She was previously the first woman to

become a named partner at a top-50 Minnesota law firm.

Richard Kaplan (vol. 59-60) and **Madge Thorsen** (vol. 60-61), both former presidents of the *Law Review*, have formed their own firm in Minneapolis, Thorsen Kaplan LLC.

Oliver Kim (vol. 83-84) lives in Virginia and is a legislative assistant on health and welfare issues for Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan.

David Leishman (vol. 89-90) won a Burton Award, a national prize for excellent legal writing, for his student article that was published in volume 89. David is now clerking for the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Greg McAllister (vol. 82-83) has joined Merchant & Gould in Minneapolis.

Dan McDonald (vol. 68-69), a partner at Merchant & Gould, has been named a top intellectual property litigator in Minnesota by Chambers USA.

Lee Mitau (vol. 55-56) is the new president of the Minneapolis Club. He is general counsel for U.S. Bancorp.

Robert Phelps (vol. 65) has been named partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in San Francisco.

Peter Richardson (vol. 74-75) has joined the Investment Products and Advisory Services area of the law department at the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Milwaukee.

David Selden (vol. 84-85) has joined Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in New York and concentrates on a variety of investment-management and security-law matters.

Jake Townsend (vol. 78-79) now works for State Compensation Insurance Fund in California.

Mark Warren (vol. 60-61) is general counsel and an executive vice president of NCL Corp. Ltd., a Miami-based company that operates several ocean cruise lines.

Elizabeth Wefel (vol. 77-78) is the director of career and professional development at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis.

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