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Banquet Once Again Cause for Celebration

The 2008 *Law Review* Annual Banquet will be held on April 10th at Windows on Minnesota (IDS Center) in Minneapolis. The banquet will include a short program with remarks from the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge **Diana Murphy** (vol. 57-58) and Senior United States District Court Judge **David Doty** (vol. 44-45). New Law School Dean David Wippman is scheduled to attend.

The banquet will also commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of volume 42 (1957-58), the twenty-fifth anniversary of volume 67 (1982-83), and the tenth anniversary of volume 82 (1997-98). Members from those years will be invited to celebrate their anniversary with fellow members.

The banquet will again kickoff the Law School's Alumni Weekend (April 10-13). Details about the weekend can be obtained from Anita Foster, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving, at (612) 626-5363 or anitac@umn.edu, and online at <http://www.law.umn.edu/alumni/index.html>. #

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Thursday, April 10th

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Catching Up With...



John Sampson

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Professor Jack Sampson (vol. 49-50) grew tired of the practice of labor law at a large San Francisco firm, comparing it to “sitting around the firehouse” waiting for an employment dispute to ignite. So he let then-Dean

William Lockhart know that he was interested in teaching. Soon, Sampson was on his way to Washington, D.C. to serve on the staff of the U.S. Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, which Dean Lockhart was chairing. After a 15-month stint in Washington, Professor Sampson began his teaching career at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

Professor Sampson is now a leading expert on Texas family law. Most recently, Professor Sampson served on the U.S. State Department delegation to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, which drafted the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and other Forms of Family Maintenance. On November 23, 2007, the U.S. became the first country to sign the Convention. Professor Sampson also served as reporter for the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, which every state has adopted. More recently, he became the reporter for the Uniform Parentage Act.

Professor Sampson thanks the *Law Review* for drafting skills that he acquired while serving as its president, and for the midnight runs to Jim’s for a malt beverage with his *Law Review* colleagues before the 1:00 A.M. closing. While certain facets of the *Law Review* have changed significantly, other things have not – and probably never will. ■

And Introducing Dean David Wippman...



He is not a *Law Review* alum. In fact, he is not even a University of Minnesota alum. (Gasp!) But certain events require even the *Fletcher Files* to lift the lid on its *Law Review*-only policy. The naming of **David Wippman** as the Law School’s tenth dean is one of those events.

A native of Minnesota, Dean Wippman is currently Vice Provost for International Relations and Professor of Law at Cornell University. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton and earned a master’s degree from Yale. He graduated from Yale Law School and was editor-in-chief of the *Yale Law Journal*.

After clerking for Chief Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Dean Wippman began a ten-year career in private practice in Washington, D.C. He represented several foreign governments in litigation in the U.S. and internationally. He also lobbied and consulted on both public and private international law issues.

Remembering...

Maynard Pirsig

Volumes 8-9

With the naming of the Law School’s new dean (see below), it is the perfect time to remember one of its greatest deans, **Maynard Pirsig** (vol. 8-9). Dean Pirsig graduated from the Law School in 1925. He was a Note Editor on the *Law Review*, where he served with the likes of **John Fesler**, a successful midwestern businessman; **Charlotte Farrish**, a trend-setting female attorney in southern Minnesota; and **Robert Kingsley**, dean of the University of Southern California’s law school and a judge of the California Court of Appeals. Dean Pirsig began his career as an attorney and director of the Legal Aid Society of Minnesota. He joined the Law School in 1933 and was appointed its third dean in 1948. He returned to the classroom in 1955, where he taught until his retirement in 1970.

Retirement, however, was short-lived, as Dean Pirsig began teaching at neighboring William Mitchell College of Law. Over his long career, he taught a full gamut of courses, including pleading, actions and equity, criminal law and procedure, insurance, and professional responsibility. And, like the namesake of his second law school, Dean Pirsig served as a justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court (a one-year appointment in 1942). When he re-retired in 1993, Dean Pirsig had taught longer than any other law professor in the United States and was the oldest teacher at any law school.

Dean Pirsig died in 1997. He had two children, including a son, Robert, who penned the popular book “Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance” in 1974. ■



Dean Wippman joined the law faculty at Cornell in 1992 and became Vice Provost in 2005. He has taught several courses in international law, including human rights, public law, criminal law, and ethnic conflict. Not surprisingly, he is an authority in international law, human rights, and ethnic conflict. He also served as a director in the National Security Council’s Office of Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs in 1998-99.

“I am confident that we have chosen one of the very finest deans in the country to lead our law school forward locally, nationally, and internationally,” said University of Minnesota Provost E. Thomas Sullivan, himself a former dean of the Law School. **Walter Mondale** (vol. 39), who served on the search committee, said that Dean Wippman “has a unique blend of leadership that will inspire and engage our alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends. He’s simply remarkable on so many levels.”

Dean Wippman officially begins his tenure in July. But he is scheduled to attend the *Law Review*’s annual banquet on April 10 and the Law School’s alumni weekend (April 10-13). ■

On the Forefront: Annual Symposium Again Tackles Cutting-Edge Legal Issues

On Friday, November 2, 2007, the *Law Review* hosted an empirical and interdisciplinary symposium entitled “The Low-Wage Worker: Legal Rights—Legal Realities.” The *Law Review*’s annual symposium was co-sponsored by the Labor Law Group and invited the Minnesota legal community to the Law School to hear leading scholars discuss many of the legal issues that affect low-wage workers.

The *Law Review*’s distinguished symposium panelists included economists, historians, law professors from UCLA to Yale, and practicing attorneys from private law firms to the Federal Reserve. After a welcome from Interim Co-Dean Guy-Uriel Charles and introductory presentations, the first group of panelists critically examined the minimum wage paradigm as it affects low-wage workers. The presentations directly challenged two key assumptions underlying the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA): that minimum wage laws improve the economic circumstances of low-wage workers, and that the statute can effectively remedy violations. The second panel offered case studies testing the effectiveness of organizing as a tool to protect the legal rights of low-wage workers. The panel critically considered privatization of the federal government, immigrant workers’ centers, and the recent drive in many states to provide protections for home care workers.



The third panel focused on the diverse challenges arising from enforcing the legal rights of immigrant workers in today’s global economy. The panelists discussed the intersection of labor organization, globalization and transient jobs, and the future of immigration law in the context of looming federal reforms. The symposium’s final panel was perhaps the most applied, looking at recent attempts to regulate Wal-Mart and other low-wage retailers. The panelists evaluated the labor practices that prompted regulation, considered the social and legal consequences of regulation, and related the Wal-Mart experience to larger societal trends. As one speaker argued, “where Wal-Mart goes, debate over the labor practices of the world’s largest retailer seems inevitably to follow.”

The May 2008 issue of the *Law Review* will publish articles written by the symposium guests. ■



The Editor’s Desk

To date, Volume 92 has contributed hours of work and commitment to the *Law Review*, as well as five student Notes to the legal field (with more to come!). And the commitment does not end there—the *Law Review* alumni have shown similar dedication. Even beyond generous financial gifts (**James Hale** (vol. 48-49) recently contributed \$500,000 to the Law School), *Law Review* alumni epitomize loyalty.

There are currently three separate entities comprised of *Law Review* alumni who continue to contribute to our standard of excellence. First, the *Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board meets twice a year with the current volume’s editor-in-chief to discuss processes and maintain networks. Second, the Strategic Planning Committee is composed of the leadership teams from recent volumes of the journal, with a primary objective to create continuity in planning and goals between new volumes. Last but not least, another group of alumni recently started to plan for the one-hundredth anniversary of the *Law Review* and will be developing an authoritative history of the journal.

These past members’ selfless contributions mean that future members will inherit an institution with a strong legacy and positive momentum. The annual *Law Review* banquet is just weeks away, and while there is much work to be done, Volume 92’s habitation of the *Law Review* office is drawing to a close. It is an honor just to be associated with this institution, and you can expect to see Volume 92’s contributions continue in the years to come. ■



Kevin O’Riordan is the editor-in-chief of volume 92. He will spend the next two years clerking for Judge **John Tunheim** (vol. 63-64) – himself a former president of the Law Review – at the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

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Thomas G. Forsberg, vol. 35-36
July 15, 2007, Minneapolis

Alfred Nichol Smith, vol. 42-43
Sept. 23, 2007, Duluth, Minn.

Thomas E. Wolf, vol. 38
Mar. 29, 2007, Rochester, Minn.

Alumni News

Elizabeth Brama (vol. 83-84) has been named a shareholder at Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis.

Michele Brandt (vol. 79) is the director of the New York Representation Office and Constitution Building Project for Interpeace. She is preparing the first guidebook and website on constitution building processes in post-conflict and conflict settings.

Jeff Briggs (vol. 64-65) has opened his own solo law office on Hollywood Boulevard (www.jbriggslaw.com) and is chair of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Tracey Holmes Donesky (vol. 83-84) has been elected a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis.

Nicole Engisch (vol. 73-74) has been named the First Assistant U.S. Attorney to U.S. Attorney Frank Magill in Minnesota.

Ryan Miest (vol. 82-83) has been named a partner at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi in Minneapolis.

John Moaty (vol. 27-29) received the Marty Baskerville Philanthropy Award from the

Minneapolis Rotary Community Service Foundation.

Adam Morris (vol. 85-86) began serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Charlotte, North Carolina in July 2007.

Daniel Oberdorfer (vol. 75-76) has been named one of fifteen Attorneys of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer*.

Julie Oseid (vol. 69-70) won the Warren E. Burger Writing Competition sponsored by the American Inns of Court. She is a professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Jill Radloff (vol. 83-84) has been elected a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis.

Ryan Vandewiele (vol. 83-84) has been elected a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis.

Edward Winer (vol. 51) has again been chosen by *Worth* magazine as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in the United States. Ed is the co-chair of the family law group at Moss & Barnett in Minneapolis.

Columbia, as the keynote speaker. Other commitments include Professors Michael Gerhardt (UNC School of Law), Lee Epstein (Northwestern School of Law), Tim Johnson (University of Minnesota), Nathan Persily (Penn Law School), Ellen Katz (Michigan Law School), Heather Gerken (Yale Law School), and Chuck Cameron (Princeton University).

Second, Volume 93 solicited a lead piece for the new volume. Professor Erwin Chemerinsky (right) of Duke Law School accepted an offer to publish the first article in Volume 93.

Volume 93 has hit the ground running and looks forward to expanding its base of scholarship as the articles department re-opens for business this spring. ■



The symposium will center on three topics: judicial politics, election law, and executive power. With the assistance of Professor David Stras and the Minnesota Institute for Law and Politics, the *Law Review* secured Judge Brett Kavanaugh (left), Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of