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## Garon and Schutz to be Honored at Banquet


Continuing its recent tradition, the *Law Review* will honor two respected Minneapolis attorneys, **Phil Garon** (vol. 55-56) and **Ronald Schutz** (vol. 65), with distinguished alumni awards at this year's annual banquet. The banquet will be held in downtown Minneapolis on April 16th.

Garon (left), a renowned corporate attorney, has practiced at Faegre & Benson for 35 years. Along with his extensive transactional practice, he has published a number of important articles and treatises. He and Professor John Matheson co-authored the *Minnesota Corporation Law and Practice*, the premier treatise on Minnesota corporate law. Garon has won two Burton Awards for his scholarship and chaired the management committee during Faegre's largest growth period.



Schutz's legal career began with four years of service in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. He currently chairs the Intellectual Property Litigation and Licensing Group at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi. He was recently named one of the "Top 10 Winning Litigators" by the *National Law Journal*. Schutz currently serves as the chair of the Minnesota Commission of Judicial Selection.

Garon and Schutz share a joint commitment to the Law School. Garon is the current chair of the Law School's Board of Visitors, while Schutz is a past chair of the Law School's Alumni Association. Both are members of the *Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board.

Details about this year's banquet will be sent out soon. Information can also be found by contacting the *Law Review*. 

### Annual Banquet

**Thursday, April 16**

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## Catching Up With...



**Michael Wright**  
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While retired from active law practice, **Mike Wright** is anything but retired. He serves on the boards of directors of five major companies, including Wells Fargo, Cargill, Honeywell, SC Johnson & Son, and the Canadian Pacific Railway. A native Minnesotan, Wright graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1961. While attending the University, he was captain of the Gopher football team and an Academic All-American. He then entered the Law School, playing professional football in Canada at the same time. After two professional football seasons, a Grey Cup Championship, and All-Star honors, he retired from football and graduated with honors and the Order of the Coif in 1963. He practiced for 13 years with Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis. He joined SUPERVALU in 1977, was elected president and chief operating officer in 1978, and became chief executive officer in June 1981. He assumed the additional responsibilities of chairman of the board in October 1982. In June 2001, Wright retired from the chief executive officer position, while continuing to serve as chairman of the board.

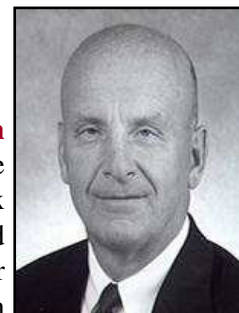
He serves as a trustee emeritus of the University Foundation and is on the Law School's Board of Visitors. He is a lifetime member of the St. Thomas Academy board of trustees. Wright received two top food industry awards this spring from the Food Marketing Institute and the Food Distributors International. Wright is also the 1999 recipient of the Horatio Alger Award. He is a past chairman of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank and of the Minnesota Business Partnership.

Wright and his wife now make their home in Florida but travel back to Minnesota each summer. He praises his time on the *Law Review* for improving his writing skills and helping him "think better," traits he exhibited well during his career. //



**Marisa Hesse**  
*Volumes 85-86*

If you believe life is a journey, then you must accept the fact you might not always know where life is taking you. That is certainly the case for **Marisa Hesse**, who, after five years with Dorsey & Whitney, headed back to her native Texas to become coach of the women's basketball team at her undergraduate alma mater, Austin College. Hesse was a four-year star at Austin College, winning numerous conferences awards – including player of the year – and serving as captain during her senior year. She was inducted into Austin College's athletic hall of fame in 2006.



**Thomas Moe**  
*Volumes 46-47*

Before attending the Law School, **Tom Moe** was a standout athlete for the University of Minnesota, earning six varsity letters in football and baseball and being named MVP of the 1959 Gopher football team. Following his graduation from the Law School in 1963, Moe remained active with University of Minnesota athletics. He was a founder of the Touchdown Club and has continually served on its board of directors for over 30 years. He has also served as a member of the University's Intercollegiate Athletics' Advisory Board since its inception.

Moe spent thirty-six years with Dorsey & Whitney, serving as Chairman and Managing Partner for ten years until his retirement in 1999. However, his retirement from the working world was brief as he served as Interim Director of Men's Athletics at the University from 2000-02. Moe has also served as a member of the University Alumni Association's Board of Directors. He is currently serving on various other boards of directors, including the Mortenson Company, Gopher News Company, The Cargill Foundation, and the Interlachen Country Club. He has served on several other boards, including Maxi-Switch Company, Montevideo Technologies, Strout Plastics, Byerly Foods, Young America Corporation, Minnesota Business Partnership, and the Minneapolis Club.

Moe has recently become an advisor to The International Center for Responsible Corporate Governance in the College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University. The Center's purpose is to deliver research and educational programs in corporate governance geared towards educating those who will provide governance oversight to the next generation of leading corporations and not-for-profit organizations, thereby aiding in the process of responsibly restoring investor and citizen confidence. //

Those stops along life's journey helped Hesse realize a couple of things. She really wanted the intellectual stimulus that her career in the law had provided, but the fun and excitement of being a head basketball coach was not going to last a lifetime. In February, she moved to Washington, D.C., to pursue a career in international development. She hopes to use her legal background to serve third-world countries that struggle with basic rights and the rule of law. Hesse believes her time on the *Law Review* will stand her in good stead as it taught her discipline, organization, and management skills. She remains grateful for the people she met, the challenges she faced, and the legal training that carries over to life. Hesse sees the road ahead as an exciting challenge and a quest to discover what she is meant to be "when she grows up." History indicates that she will find that meaning. //

## Law Review Strikes Timely Accord at Recent Annual Symposium

On October 17, 2008, the *Law Review* hosted its annual symposium, "Law & Politics in the 21st Century." The event took place between the Republican National Convention in St. Paul and the 2008 presidential election. The discussion examined how political factors increasingly affect the development of the law. Two keynote speakers – the Hon. Brett Kavanaugh of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and *New Republic* columnist Benjamin Wittes – highlighted the morning and afternoon discussion.

Several of the country's most distinguished scholars participated in three different panel discussions. Professors Tom Brennan (Northwestern), Ward Farnsworth (Boston University), and Tim Johnson (Minnesota) first addressed issues relating to the politicization of the judiciary in the panel "Politics and the Judiciary." Discussion topics included justices who dissent against their typically characterized ideology, the political economy of judging, and the factors that cause U.S. Supreme Court justices to dissent from the bench.

The second panel, entitled "Current Issues in Election Law," consisted of Professors Heather Gerken (Yale), Ellen Katz (Michigan), Nate Persily (Columbia), and Terry Smith (Fordham). The panelists tackled several important issues in election law, including Professor Gerken's proposal to create shortcuts to election reform, Professor Katz's observation that the Roberts Court is retreating from election law cases, Professor Persily's suggestion that "as-applied" challenges will become increasingly prevalent in election law, and Professor Smith's discussion of a recent North Carolina case concerning minority vote dilution.

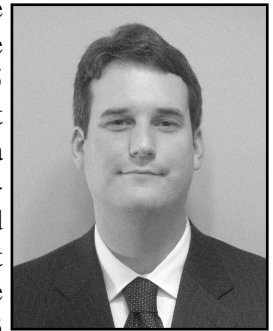
Finally, in a panel entitled "Beyond Bush: The Future of Executive Power," Professors Steven Calabresi (Northwestern), Charles Cameron (Princeton), William Howell (Chicago), and Heidi Kitrosser (Minnesota) addressed both the descriptive and normative scope of executive power. Professors Kitrosser and Calabresi analyzed unitary executive theory and engaged in a normative debate about its validity. Professors Howell and Cameron, the panel's political scientists, provided empirical assessments of executive power.

All these scholars will be featured in Issue 5 of Volume 93, 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.



## The Editor's Desk

As Volume 93 nears its completion, and as I prepare to file away my formatting manual for the last time, I have been reflecting on our volume's successes over the past year. Volume 93 features the scholarship of some of our nation's greatest legal scholars: Jack Balkin, Steven Calabresi, Lee Epstein, the Hon. Brett Kavanaugh, Orin Kerr, Pamela Samuelson, Stephen Schwarcz, Fred Zacharias – the list goes on! Alongside these luminaries, we are publishing 15 student notes. Last October, we hosted a world-class symposium on law and politics in the 21st Century. All the while, the Volume 93



officers have worked tirelessly to streamline our processes and promote efficient production practices.

But we're not done yet! Before we hand over the office keys to Volume 94, our online committee will launch our new online companion, *Headnotes*. Already, three scholars have agreed to write for the inaugural issue. These scholars will produce response pieces to three noteworthy articles in our print volume. Watch for *Headnotes* to arrive at a computer near you soon.

Volume 93's success comes only with substantial support from our alumni. The *Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board and the Strategic Planning Committee have been enormous resources for providing advice and guidance to the journal's current student leaders. Thanks to the selfless efforts of our alumni, future *Law Review* boards will inherit a better journal with an amazing legacy. I am deeply proud and honored to have led Volume 93, and I look forward to joining that great alumni tradition in a few short months.

**Kyle Hawkins** is the editor-in-chief of vol. 93. He will clerk next year for the Hon. Michael W. McConnell of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.



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## Alumni News

**Josephine Bachmann** (vol. 45) established the Professor Bruno H. Greene and Blanche Greene Scholarship Fund to fund scholarships at the Law School. Her father, Prof. Greene, taught at the Law School from 1960-73.

The Robina Foundation, created by the late **James Binger** (vol. 24-25), granted \$6 million to the Law School for efforts to transform legal education and research.

Prof. **Johanna Bond** (vol. 78-79) and Prof. **Susan Franck** (vol. 81-82) have joined the faculty of Washington & Lee University School of Law.

Prof. **Prentiss Cox** (vol. 73-74) testified before a U.S. Senate committee regarding unfair and deceptive practices by mortgage lenders. Cox is a clinical professor at the Law School.

**Walter Mondale** (vol. 39) received the Grand Cordon of the Order from the Japanese government – one of its highest imperial decorations – for his contributions to enhance goodwill and understanding between the U.S. and Japan.

The Hon. **Diana Murphy** (vol. 57-58) received the University of Minnesota Regents Award for her life-long contributions to the University. The Infinity Project has also created the Diana Murphy Legacy Award for Judge Murphy's achievements, contributions to equal justice, and support of women lawyers.

**Allen Saeks** (vol. 38-39) received the "Outstanding Service to the Profession" award from the *Minnesota Lawyer*. Saeks practices at Leonard, Street and Deinard.

**Arne Sorenson** (vol. 66-67) was nominated to the board of directors for Wal-Mart Inc. He is the executive vice president and chief financial officer for Marriot International Inc.

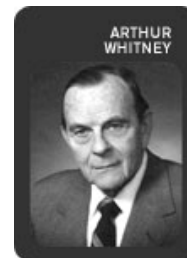
**Tom Vogt** (vol. 42) received the 2008 **Leonard E. Lindquist** (vol. 21-22) Distinguished Labor & Employment Attorney Award from the Minnesota Bar Association.

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

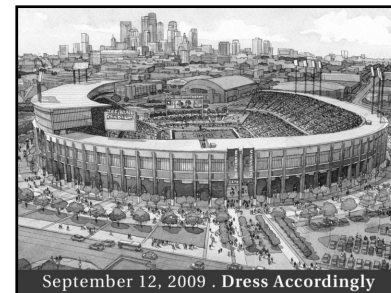
## The Dorsey Connection

*Fletcher Files's* choice of the three alumni profiled in "Catching Up" is no coincidence. It never is. But the connections between this issue's alumni, the legal community, and the University are multi-faceted:

- All three practiced at Dorsey & Whitney. "Whitney" is **Arthur Whitney** (right), editor of Volume 20. Over its long history, Dorsey & Whitney has been home to a large number of *Law Review* alumni, including two – **Walter Mondale** (vol. 39) and **William Prosser** (vol. 11-12) – who have been prominently profiled in previous issues of *Fletcher Files*.



- In September, college football makes its much-anticipated return to the University campus when TCF Bank Stadium opens (below). The new stadium replaces the old Memorial Stadium (with a 27-year layover at the Metrodome), at which both **Michael Wright** and **Thomas Moe** starred.



- It may be fair to say that the *Law Review* and athletic prowess are not always synonymous. Wright, Moe, and **Marisa Hesse** dispel that notion – or at least give hope to the 2,000-plus alumni for whom law was a better choice than athletics. (We do have a few other athletes in our ranks, including **George MacKinnon** (vol. 12-13), who starred on the Gopher football team, and **Jay Larson** (vol. 88-89), who played basketball at Minnesota State-Mankato.) //

*Special thanks to Bob Kleiber in Dorsey's marketing department for this issue's alumni profiles.*

