

BOYD ALUMNI NEWS

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Message From The Dean

By John Valery White
Dear Boyd Alumni,

As the year comes to a close I am required to prepare or review a variety of reports on the Law School and its progress. Occasionally, things I speak about regularly surprise me because they are starker than even I had imagined. Recently, I was struck by how great a year our faculty had even as they worked under the added burdens and uncertainty of seemingly ever-increasing state budget cuts. You have all heard me rave about the great faculty we have at Boyd, but rarely is that faculty strength memorialized in so succinct a period.

First, a number of our faculty members were recognized by peers for their contributions to the community and the academy. In January 2009, Professor Linda Edwards received the Blackwell Award for teaching in legal writing and Professor Nancy Rapoport was awarded the Public Service Counsel Award at the Media & Entertainment Counsel of the Year Awards. Professor Christopher Blakesley was named a Barrick Distinguished Scholar for 2009, UNLV's highest honor for a scholar. In the fall of 2009, the Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce named Professor Sylvia Lazos Educator of the Year. In February of this year, Professor Jeff Stempel was awarded the Liberty Mutual Prize, a national award for excellence in scholarship on insurance law. And this May, Professor Terrill Pollman was awarded the inaugural Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Award for contributions in the field of legal writing.

Faculty productivity in scholarship and teaching materials correlates closely with influence in the academy and in the bar. Our

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faculty continues to be especially productive, signaling current and future influence. In a Western New England College of Law study, the Boyd School of Law was rated as at least the 57th most productive faculty in the nation. Western New England's study actually rated the productivity of law schools outside the *US News* top 50, and we were seventh. It reasons that our faculty is more productive than several "top 50" schools and should be understood to be more productive still. For the second year in a row, we led other colleges at UNLV in the number of books published at the Lied Library's annual celebration of UNLV authors. These books ranged from heady explorations of interpretations to practical guides to practice, from collections of essays to case books. From every direction our faculty's influence promises to continue to grow.

To put this impressive faculty productivity in context, in 2009, the 21 members of our current faculty who are required to publish were responsible for an astonishing 37 articles, 9 book chapters, and 19 new books or new editions of existing books. Eight more books were updated or revised without a new edition. Moreover, two faculty members are correspondents for bar magazines, with one

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President's Corner

By Mike Lee, President, Alumni Association
Board of Directors

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

The Boyd Alumni Association is pleased to host the Rebel Rendezvous this August. The Rebel Rendezvous is a program aimed at providing the alumni with an opportunity to reconnect with their classmates, develop new professional and social connections, and attend a CLE course taught by Boyd professors and alumni. This year, it will take place in Lake Tahoe from August 12 to August 14th. The main focus of the Rebel Rendezvous is the "Litigation Toolbox" course on August 13th.

Distinguished adjunct faculty members will be presenting during the Litigation Toolbox course. We are pleased to report that Hon. James C. Mahan, Hon. David T. Wall, Hon. Elisa Cadish, Dominic P. Gentile, Tom F. Pitaro, and Stan C. Hunterton have accepted our invitation to serve as panelists. Each of these participants are masters of the courtroom. Thus, this will be an excellent opportunity to learn about litigation from their perspectives.

We are also pleased that several of our distinguished alumni will discuss several additional topics ranging from starting a law practice to developments in the state legislature. As we grow and mature in our professional lives, these courses will be invaluable to those who are interested in starting their own businesses. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn the foundation to creating a successful practice.

We aim to make the Rebel Rendezvous an annual tradition. Each of us shares a special connection as a graduate of Boyd. Through the Rebel Rendezvous, we hope to strengthen the bonds of collegiality throughout the alumni base. Furthermore, we strive to present a forum for alumni to present on topics that they feel passionate about. To learn more information about the Rebel Rendezvous, please visit

<http://law.unlv.edu/alumni2010retreat.html>.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your voice. Please contact me if you would like to serve on a committee, or have any comments or suggestions regarding future programming or events.

Development

Hello Alumni!

In October, the Class of 2005 will celebrate its five-year reunion. The success of the members of this graduating class and, indeed all of you, validates the vision of state leaders, founding faculty, and charter class members that a law school in Nevada and its graduates would be successful.

The Class of 2005, as part of its celebration, is creating a Reunion Gift Program. Reunion Giving Programs provide Boyd alums an opportunity to strengthen friendships, reacquaint with class members, and provide support to the Law School.

Successful giving programs start with the generosity of alumni like you who engage in a common philanthropic endeavor. What better way to celebrate and commemorate the anniversary of your graduation than with a gift to the Boyd Law School!

In the coming years, I hope you will participate in your reunion class gift program. If you have questions regarding gift giving to Boyd, contact:

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Law School News For the full news story, visit <http://extranet.law.unlv.edu/NewsAndEvents/>

Saltman Center Keeps Busy During the Summer. The Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution at the Boyd School of Law is allowing two students to gain real-world experience with the creation of two fellowships. The fellows will help run the Center.

Saltman Center's 5K Run Gets Off the Ground. The Saltman Center for Dispute Resolution's 5k Running for Resolution event on March 13 brought 120 people to the William S. Boyd School of Law.

Boyd Law Partners with Parking Services for Parking Arbitration Program. Students at the William S. Boyd School of Law are getting a chance to gain real-life experience judging, thanks to the parking arbitration program. The program gives students who have violated the university's parking regulations a chance to appeal their tickets, with law students serving as arbitrators.

Rebecca Paddock '09 Selected as ACLU-NV's 2010 Prisoner Rights Fellow. The ACLU of Nevada (ACLU-NV) announced the selection of its 2010 Prisoner Rights Fellow, Rebecca Paddock. With Paddock's help, the ACLU-NV will engage in a ground-breaking effort to take a new approach in tackling serious concerns regarding Nevada's prisons by analyzing systemic problems and possible violations of human rights standards. The position is funded in large part by a grant from the national ACLU's Human Rights Program.

Pre-Graduation Job Offers Increase Again for Boyd Students. Despite the tough economy, the Boyd School of Law has seen an upward trend in the percentage of its students finding employment before graduation.

Professor Terrill Pollman Receives Inaugural Legal Writing Award. Terrill Pollman, Ralph

Denton Professor of Law and Director of the Lawyering Process Program at the Boyd School of Law, was honored with the inaugural Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Award.

Five Boyd Students Awarded PILA Grants. The Public Interest Law Association (PILA), after raising \$29,000 at its annual auction held in February, awarded grants to five Boyd students.

Law School Events

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CLE: The Top Ten Bankruptcy Decisions from the Past Twelve Months, Jul. 8, 2010, BSL Thomas and Mack Moot Court Facility. Approved for 3 CLE Credits, including 0.5 Ethics.

Admissions Information Session, Jul. 22, 2010, BSL Thomas and Mack Moot Court Facility. Information Session on Admissions Procedures for Prospective Students.

Film Screening: The Response, Sept. 24, 2010, BSL Thomas and Mack Moot Court Facility. Approved for 1 CLE Credit.

Saltman Center Speaker Babak Barin, Oct. 11, 2010, BSL Rm 102.

Poker and Negotiation, Nov. 5, 2010, BSL. Location to be announced.

Dean Irwin Chemerinsky on Constitutional Law, Dec. 14, 2010, BSL Thomas and Mack Moot Court Facility.

Class Actions Provide us news about engagements, marriages, births, and career changes to

alumninews@unlv.edu. The editorial staff of Boyd Alumni News reserves the right to determine the information included in the newsletter. Please, no advertisements. Remember to update your information, including address, phone number and e-mail, using the Boyd Law School Extranet at http://extranet.law.unlv.edu/auth_user.php.

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Jason Frierson - Over the past several months, Jason has been simply overwhelmed with the level of support from his Boyd family during the primary election cycle. With the help of volunteers and donors, Jason won his primary election for State Assembly District 8. He is looking forward to the general election!

Cory A. Santos - Cory and his wife, Theresa, are having a wonderful time with their new baby girl, Olivia Jeannette, who is now 7 months. Cory is an associate at the Law Firm of Joel A. Santos. He practices in workers' compensation, personal injury, criminal, family, and entertainment law. He handles all southern Nevada cases for the firm, as well as some cases in northern Nevada. He continues to be active with boxing, and sits on various boards in Reno and Las Vegas. Earlier this year, Cory was appointed Chief Legal Counsel to the Nevada State Republican Party.

Leon R. Symanski - Leon is now in his thirteenth year with Craig P. Kenny & Associates, practicing primarily in the areas of personal injury and workers' compensation.

2003

Jennifer (Linebarger) McDonald - After graduation, Jennifer became sisters-in-law to fellow Boyd alum Rena McDonald, when she married Rena's brother, Cory. Cory and Jennifer cannot wait to meet their first children, twins, who are due this Fall. In May of 2010, Jennifer joined Rena at McDonald Law Group, where they practice a wide-range of civil issues, including family law, bankruptcy, personal injury, real estate and general civil litigation. Earlier this year, Jennifer was appointed to the Governing Board of the Las Vegas Charter School for the Deaf.

Richard Litt, MD, JD - Richard continues to practice as an Ob-Gyn and as a part-time associate in the Law Office of William R. Brenske. They are plaintiff attorneys practicing in the areas of medical malpractice, wrongful death, personal injury, and bad faith.

Toni Powers - Toni is employed as a staff attorney at Huron Consulting Group in Miramar, Florida, doing litigation consulting in the area of E-Discovery. She will receive her Masters Degree in Accounting this Fall. Her son is in the Army, getting ready to return from Iraq. He will begin counter-intelligence training next year. Her daughter recently gave birth to Toni's third grandchild and her first grandson.

2004

Shane Jasmine Young - Shane is an attorney at Ballard Spahr. Her practice currently involves commercial litigation and some public finance/administrative law work. She is also developing a practice in entertainment law. Shane is married, and has four daughters (Caira, Shaira, Caylyn and Camryn).

2006

Angela Dows - Angela and her high school sweetheart, Nicholas Jess, are getting married in September. She is an associate at the law firm of Reade & Associates, and practices civil/real estate law and federal criminal defense, including white-collar criminal defense.

F. Peter James - Peter recently joined the Rocheleau Law Group. He practices in the areas of family law, civil litigation, and criminal law. He also has a solid background in appellate practice.

2007

Giovanni Andrade - Giovanni founded Andrade & Magaña Law Group, LLC in 2008 with fellow alum Maricar Magaña, practicing only in family law. He is now vice president of Ries Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), a member of the Las Vegas Aloha Lions Club, and is on the Advisory Board of Bamboo Bridges.

Maricar (Magaña) Andrade - Maricar recently changed her name to Maricar Andrade. She is a partner in Andrade & Magaña Law Group in Henderson. The firm practices in the area of family law. Maricar is of-counsel to Benson Lee & Associates and is the Vice Chair to a newly formed Nevada non-profit organization called Bamboo Bridges.

2008

Thaddeus J. Yurek III - Thaddeus just celebrated fifteen years of marriage. He has three sons. He works for the Henderson Police Department as a Criminalistics Lieutenant. Thaddeus has also opened a private law office, the Law Office of Thaddeus J. Yurek, III.

2009

Jamie Corcoran - Jamie recently passed the Nevada Bar Exam. He is currently living in California and studying for the California Bar.

Kerstan Hubbs - Kerstan is a mother of two, Isabella and Michael. She has lived in Las Vegas for over twelve years and in Nevada for the majority of her life. Her background is in biological sciences and environmental compliance. She graduated

this past December and passed the bar in February. Kerstan works for Ardys International Inc., as the in-house compliance co-counsel.

Eban M. Milmeister - Eban is a law clerk to the Hon. James M. Bixler in Department 24 of Eighth Judicial District Court, State of Nevada.

Nathan Reeve - Nathan is a partner in a small firm in southern Utah - the Law Offices of Sanders Ruesch & Reeve, PLLC.

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publishing 13 short articles in 2009 and the other seven. Still another faculty member published four articles in four different bar journals. And, during 2009 and the first months of 2010, there were an impressive 120 media appearances by various law faculty members, commenting on issues of significance to Nevada and the country.

As the State battles through difficult times, the Law School has been particularly stressed. We have cut staff and kept positions open; our staff has been furloughed even as they have taken up the slack for colleagues who were not replaced; and we have lost valuable faculty colleagues we have not yet been able to replace. Through it all, each of us at Boyd has held on to the goal of building a great law school. We have done more with less and still remained one of the most impressive faculties in the country. With a brutal legislative session on the horizon, we will need your help to ensure we can keep it all going. We are doing our part.

Alumni Spotlight

Boyd Alumnae Help Bring Legal Workshops to Asian-Pacific Community

With the Asian-Pacific American community growing in Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law alumna Kathleen Ja Sook Bergquist, a 2009 graduate, is working with the law school to help provide legal workshops designed for the Asian-Pacific American community.

Bergquist said that while the Asian-Pacific community is sizable, very little is being done to level the barriers they face.

“Tagalog is now the third most commonly used language in Las Vegas,” Bergquist said. “So many of resources in town focus on the Spanish-speaking community, and that’s great, but it makes a gap. We’re taking it on ourselves to fill the gap for [the Asian-Pacific American] community.”

The workshops will focus on immigration and family law. Bergquist and the law school are partnering with the National Asian and Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF), the Asian Bar Association of Las Vegas (ABALV), Bamboo Bridges and the Nevada Immigrant Resource Project (NIRP).



Kathleen Bergquist '09

The project has earned a grant from the State Bar of Nevada and will cost an estimated \$11,820, according to their LRIS Public Service Grant Program application.

Bergquist said their aim is to start this year two workshops per semester, one for immigration and one for family law. There would be only two workshops each during the fall and spring semester, but they hope to expand over time.

The curriculum for the workshops will be based on curricula used in the law school already, according to Maricar Andrade, a 2007 graduate of the law school and Vice Chair of Bamboo Bridges.



Maricar Andrade
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“We’re really happy about the law school being involved,” Andrade said. “For the family law portion, the curriculum is already there but in English, so we just have to translate it. We will be able to use the same format instead of reinventing the wheel.”

With these workshops, Bergquist hopes that the Asian-Pacific Americans who were not born in the United States will be able to learn that they have legal options in these types of situations.

“We’re focusing on these subjects for people who need services like pro bono legal counsel but don’t know it exists,” Bergquist said. “We will have forms there and we can make [pro bono counsel] more accessible.”

Ask Rebel Lawyer Mama/Little Litigators by Linda Norvell Marquis, Esq.

Once upon a time, the Rebel Lawyer Mama was an Aggressive, Type A, Litigator. Then she had a baby . . .

Dear Rebel Lawyer Mama:

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My daughter lost her Barbie's shoe once again. Legally speaking, is the Barbie shoe considered lost or simply mislaid?

Sincerely, Barbie Mom

Dear Barbie Mom:

Darling, I have blocked out every ounce of knowledge I briefly acquired during law school regarding property. Black Acre says what? I know it's a recession, but buy the kid a couple more Barbie shoes.

Love and Litigation,
Rebel Lawyer Mama

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Dear Rebel Lawyer Mama,

My three-year-old refuses to keep her shoes on. I spend at least 30 minutes per day putting shoes on her. That equals 100 hours per year, a cost of \$35,000. Can I bill her and charge interest? It should be noted that I am not including the 15 times per day she takes her shoes off and requests that I put them back on her or changes the shoes out with another pair.

Sincerely, Shoeless Joe Lawyer

Dear Shoeless Joe Lawyer:

I commend your conservative billing. As you know, the Rebel Lawyer Mama loves a reasonable fee. However, I am sorry to inform you that you will never recover a dime from the three-year-old based upon the well-settled legal principle commonly referred to as "you are screwed." Put said child on notice that you will only apply her shoes to her feet one time per day. Should said child take her shoes off, do not reapply the shoes to her cute little feet. She might have dirty feet for a couple days, but she will quickly learn how to put her shoes on and you will save some time and money in the long run.

Love and Litigation,
Rebel Lawyer Mama

Dear Rebel Lawyer Mama,

I, like you, am a hard working lawyer mama who spends tireless days at the office in order to provide the best of everything for my child. Recently, my six-month-old son has started to babble. Upon returning home after a 12-hour workday, it seemed to me that he "babbled" the word da-da and stretched his arms out to my husband after I picked him up. Do I have a cause of action for intentional infliction of emotional distress?

Yours truly, Long Hours

Dearest Long Hours,

As you know, your son and your husband have an absolute defense in any possible emotional distress suit you bring. You are a lawyer. You have no emotions. Now, buck up. Get back to work and start billing. Due to sleep deprivation, you will forget this ever happened.

Love and Litigation,
Rebel Lawyer Mama

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Hello Little Litigators:

Next Little Litigators Event - Saturday July 10th, 9:00 a.m., Paseo's Park in Summerlin, off of 215 and Charleston.

This is one of my favorite summer parks of all time. Great water fountains. No real sand box (Oh, how I hate sand). Shaded play area. Tons of grass. I know it is a bit of a drive for some, but really worth it.

Bring: sunscreen; towel; water shoes; bathing suit; blanket for mommy to sit on or lawn chair (sometimes the meanie moms take up all the benches or sometimes you just don't want to sit by them); serious snacks and water.

Please forward this message to other Alumni parents. Thanks!