

## IN *the* NEWS

The completed book contains thirteen of Mary's intaglio prints. Apart from the content, the physical book is in and of itself a work of art, demonstrated by the selection of the weight and quality of the acid-free paper, the distinctive font style, the tone of the sepia ink used, the page design, margins, layout, and pagination, to the manner in which the book was bound and slip-cased.

Two hundred and fifty copies of the book have been printed. Each has the authors' signatures and thumb prints in ink on the signature page. 📖

*Right: Mary Farrell and John Maurice*



## LIFE *in the* LIBRARY

by Linda McLane  
Director, Chastek Law Library

The past few months have brought many changes to the Chastek Library. I became the director on June 1, 2007, after seven years at the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall Law Library. Before you dismiss me as just another Californian moving to the Inland Northwest determined to drive up the price of housing, I'd like to emphasize that I am returning home, not fleeing the Bay Area (although that's true too). I spent many years in Moscow attending the University of Idaho for both my undergraduate and law degrees, clerked for the Idaho Supreme Court, and attended the University of Washington library school (now The Information School). My family has lived in the Northwest for generations—my father was born in Seattle in 1916 (when Nordstrom was just a shoe store) and my mother's family still farms in southern Idaho. Being able to see the rolling hills of the Palouse again is a delight to the eyes and a balm for the soul.

Having worked as a law librarian for fifteen years in other institutions (University of Michigan, University of Washington, and University of California, Berkeley), it is with the appreciation that only perspective can bring when I say that I am thankful to have landed here. Even though it meant an end to my westward bound, "University of" pattern, when I came to interview (snow!) it was

obvious that the faculty, staff, and students at Gonzaga combine to form a community that goes beyond the shared goal of providing a legal education. There is evident here a generosity of spirit and a strong commitment to the institution and its members which seems to me, remarkable.

I'd like to introduce Patrick Charles, our new Associate Director and Assistant Professor of Law. He also attended the University of Idaho law school and the University of Washington library school, so we've known each other twenty years. The faculty and library staff went through a long and arduous interview process and we were successful in luring him away from Creighton University. He's an extremely talented teacher and librarian with many years of experience. He has, as they say, hit the ground running, is full of ideas and already actively working with faculty and students.

Those of you who use the law library will, hopefully, notice some positive changes in the coming months. Our primary goals are to make the library as user-friendly as possible by using technology to offer more services and to make sure that the library provides easy access to resources. Changes in the information world have drastically impacted the nature of research, and it takes a knowledgeable, nimble staff to look to the future, make decisions and implement changes. We are fortunate to have such a staff in the Chastek Library. Patrick and I will also be reintroducing an Advanced Legal Research course to complement the Legal Research & Writing program and enhance our graduates' practical skills.

I look forward to meeting many members of the extended Gonzaga law school community in the future. 📖

## CLINIC NEWS

During the University Legal Assistance (ULA)'s thirty years of existence, the organization has evolved in both its mission and its scope. Responding to community needs and student interest, the ULA has increased its focus on consumer law problems. In part fueled by the housing bubble and subsequent collapse of the housing and mortgage industry, consumers have been put under increased pressure and often receive opportunistic attention from people willing to take advantage of their vulnerable situation.

Consumer law cases are generally built around one or more statutory violations. These cases provide excellent vehicles for teaching students how to build the framework of a law suit. The students receive an immense sense of gratification as they successfully represent clients against what seems at first to be insurmountable odds.

Consumer law issues are found in every area of our lives and are familiar to many people. Billing errors that lead to wrongful collection efforts from debt collectors, debt buyers who attempt to collect a debt without the legal ability to prove the debt, these are just some examples of the issues.

One recent case we took was defending a grandmother from \$1500 in towing charges incurred by a grandson who had illegally registered the car in her name. The collection company refused to drop the case so it went to trial and then an appeal before we were able to prevail. We would not be able to take cases like this without the possibility of an attorney fee award.

Attorney fee awards are an interesting side benefit of consumer law work—virtually all the statutes provide for them. While many of these fees are modest, they can accumulate over the course of a year, sometimes adding up to significant sums. This spring ULA, along with local attorney Jeffery Finer as co-counsel representing separate clients, spent two weeks in Federal Court in the trial of a fair housing act discrimination claim. Legal interns Jennifer Hendrickson and Chris Berhow persuaded a jury to award their clients over \$80,000 in damages. They then convinced the court to order the defendants to pay \$68,000 in attorney fees to ULA for successfully prosecuting the case. The defendants are currently appealing.

Another trap for the economically unsophisticated is payday loans. These lending practices can cause financial ruin. One ULA client was threatened with jail and the loss of her child to the state foster care program unless she paid her debt to a payday loan company. In order to pay her debt, she missed her mobile home payment and her loan went into foreclosure. A long period of depression followed

the loss of her home. ULA and its legal interns were able to provide significant relief for the client and obtain attorney fees as well. This case is reported at 116 WnApp 833 (2003), and provides insight into the business practices common to payday lenders.

The rapid rise of real estate values over the past few years has left many homeowners of modest means with more equity in their homes than they realize. This enhanced equity is a tempting target for scammers of all types.

ULA has successfully represented over two dozen clients who were threatened with the loss of their home through the unscrupulous acts of family members, home repair con artists, or home equity loan brokers and lenders. Foreclosure rescue scam artists are presently busy at work convincing homeowners facing default to entrust their homes to them in order to avoid the repercussions of a foreclosure. The homeowner does avoid foreclosure, but loses their home and whatever equity they had accumulated.

As a result of six years of focused efforts to represent consumer interests, ULA recently received two Cy Pres awards totaling over \$100,000. Cy Pres awards are the product of class action law suits and the funds that were awarded but unclaimed by members of the class. Attorney and Gonzaga graduate Mike Kinkley was the local attorney who led the effort to procure these funds for Gonzaga Law School's consumer law program.

We hope to build on our efforts and continue to improve and expand our program since these amounts can sometimes reach millions of dollars. Attorneys often litigate extensively over the distribution of Cy Pres money and the court must approve the disbursement. The money can only be used to promote economic justice through similar consumer-oriented efforts, including litigation. Only nonprofit organizations can be considered and they must have shown an ability and willingness to represent consumer law clients.

For the past two years this Cy Pres money has also allowed Gonzaga Law School to present a two-day-long CLE program designed to provide knowledge, advice, and inspiration to attorneys who want to include consumer law work in their practices. We anticipate making this a yearly event.

Including consumer law representation, ULA has provided many benefits to students, the law school, and the community. Consumers will continue to need attorneys to represent them and student interest in this avenue of legal practice continues to increase. 📖

**Sarah Schreck Receives ABA Award**

Sarah Schreck was presented the ABA Student Scholarship and Leadership Award by Dean Earl Martin. This award is given to a third-year law student who demonstrates outstanding leadership.

**Kathleen Morris Given Morey-Maurice Award**

Kathleen Morris is the 2007 recipient of the Morey-Maurice Award for Service and Leadership. This award is made each year to a graduating law student who has made an "extraordinary contribution of both service and leadership while attending the Gonzaga University School of Law." This award was established in memory of Wanda Morey



**Above:** Sarah Schreck and Dean Earl Martin  
**Left:** Dean Martin presents award to Kathleen Morris  
**Opposite, top:** Taking a break at 1L Student Orientation  
**Opposite, L-R:** Dean Earl Martin, Judge Neal Rielly, Judge Tari Eitzen, Brett Venn and Brian Sniffen.

Maurice and John Wyk Maurice, the parents of Professor John Morey Maurice.

**1L Student Orientation**

On Tuesday, August 14, 2007, Gonzaga University School of Law welcomed 207 incoming students for orientation. Through the organization of Professor Linda Rusch and Associate Professor Gail Hammer and the hard work of the faculty and staff, the 1L students had a very successful three

days. Introduction to the Legal Profession and Ethics, Introduction to Legal Study and the Focus on Jurisprudential Thought were just some of the sessions offered during the three days. Also included in the orientation was a service project at the Spokane Food Bank.

**Congratulations – Passing the Bar**

The law school's overall pass rate for the Winter 2007 Washington State Bar Examination was 78.6%. The state average for all exam takers was 76.2%.



**Lawless Scholarship**

Judge Tari Eitzen ('82) joined Judge Neal Rielly ('75) in his courtroom recently, to award Brian Sniffen and Brett Venn the Washington Judges Foundation Lawless Memorial Scholarships. The scholarship is named for the late James J. Lawless ('50), a highly respected Superior Court Judge from the Tri-Cities and is awarded to the student who achieves the highest academic average in their first-year law class. Brett



Venn was the highest ranking 1L student at the end of the 2005-2006 academic year, and Brian Sniffen was the highest ranking 1L student at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Brian, a University of Washington graduate originally from Grants Pass, Oregon, will become the second attorney in his family. His father Carl Sniffen, is the current Deputy City Attorney for Grants Pass, Oregon. Brian believes that his success thus far in law school is entirely a reflection of the support he's received from his family and his fiancé Claire.

Brett, whose parents are both educators, is originally from Everson, Washington, and obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Puget Sound. Now in his final year of law school, Brett is looking

forward to clerking for Chief Justice Alexander in Olympia next year.

Congratulations to both! 🎉



Above: Dennis Hottell; Right: Nancy Elliott

1976

**Dennis Hottell** and his firm Hottell Malinowski Group, P.C. has been chosen as the "Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year" by the Fairfax County Bar Association located in suburban Washington, D.C. The firm helped an immigrant win sole custody of her children, and successfully reunited a military wife with her minor children in a pitched custody battle. The firm represented both clients pro bono. Mr. Hottell has practiced family law in Northern Virginia for twenty years and is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Hottell and his partner, Chris Malinowski, crafted an alliance between local, experienced family law attorneys and the Family Legal Assistance Project (FLAP), which is a privately-funded organization that seeks pro bono representation for low-income residents with complex family law issues. Mr. Hottell obtained the commitment of other Virginia fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) to



1980

**Nancy Elliott** was recently hired by Helsell Fetterman LLP in Seattle, to expand their health care practice group. Nancy has more than twenty-five years' experience representing physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers in medical malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, and professional board and privilege disputes. Ms Elliott has tried more than fifty cases in her expansive career. She is a six-time "Super Lawyer" in Washington Law and Politics Magazine, and

was ranked among Seattle's top lawyers by Seattle Magazine in 2003.

Elliott is licensed by the Washington State Bar Association and the State Bar of Montana. She is also admitted to practice in the United States District Court Western District of Washington. Elliott is a member of the Washington Defense

provide free legal representation to at least one eligible FLAP applicant each year. The AAML is a national body of highly skilled negotiators and litigators who represent individuals in all facets of family law.

1978

After many years of study, **George Thomas (Tom) Masters**, has been ordained a Presbyterian Minister and retired from his Bellevue, Washington law practice. He is serving a congregation in Poulsbo, WA.

**Edmund F. Sheehy, Jr.** was awarded the George Bousliman Professionalism Award from the State Bar of Montana for 2007.

Trial Lawyers Association, Defense Research Institute, and the Washington State Society of Hospital Attorneys.

**John T. Hawley, Jr.**, has been appointed as a magistrate judge for Ada County, Idaho. Mr. Hawley has been a self-employed private practice attorney since 1994, specializing in adoption and termination of parental rights law, criminal defense law, business law, administrative law, probate, and general civil law. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. Hawley was in private practice with the law firm Orndorff, Peterson and Hawley, practicing in the areas of public utility law, litigation and appellate work in cogeneration, utility, and administrative hearings. From 1982 to 1991, Mr. Hawley was in private practice with the law firm Hawley, Troxell, Ennis and Hawley, specializing in civil litigation, appellate practice in state and federal court, construction law, insurance defense, and real estate foreclosure. Mr. Hawley was also a deputy prosecuting attorney in Ada County from 1980 to 1982, where he prosecuted juvenile, felony, and misdemeanor cases.

1981

**Kevin Curtis**, a principal with the law firm of Winston & Cashatt, has been named president of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Mr. Curtis, who previously served on WACDL's Board of Governors, has more than twenty-five years' experience representing defendants in state and federal court. Curtis joined Winston & Cashatt in 1996 after beginning his career at the Spokane County Public Defender's Office in 1981. He worked from 1982 to 1996 in the felony division. He is also a board member of the Washington Defenders Association and Junior Achievement.

1982

**Elizabeth M. "Lisa" McBride** recently received the Attorney of the Year Award from the Spokane County Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Program.



Laura Cooper Fenmore

1984

**Laura Cooper Fenmore** received the 2007 Paul G. Hearne Award for Disability Rights from the American Bar Association's (ABA) Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law (CMPDL). The Paul G. Hearne Award is co-sponsored by the Starbucks Coffee Company and presented to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to furthering the rights, dignity, and access to justice for people with disabilities. The award was presented on Monday, August 13, 2007, in San Francisco, at a reception for lawyers with disabilities, sponsored by the commission.

WSBA Young Lawyers Division Elects 2007-2010 Trustees

The Washington State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division (WYLD) is pleased to announce new members of its Board of Trustees. Vancouver attorney **Daniel Gasperino**, '04, will represent the Southwest District. Gasperino is an assistant city attorney in the domestic violence prosecution center of the City of Vancouver. He received his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Washington University.

Spokane attorney **Elizabeth Mosey**, '05, will serve as the Greater Spokane County trustee. Mosey is in private practice, focusing on land use, zoning, real property, and contract dispute issues. Elizabeth received her undergraduate degree in Animal Science from Colorado State University. Mosey is the treasurer of the Spokane County Young Lawyers' Division (SYLD), and the chairperson of the SYLD Judicial Theater Committee, which sponsors an annual ethics CLE where local judges perform skits that present ethical dilemmas.

Seattle attorney **Michael Pellicciotti**, '05, is a new King County trustee, one of three King County seats. Pellicciotti received a master's degree in Economic Development from Brandon University, and an undergraduate degree in science from Alfred University. He has served as national chair (president) of the American Bar Association (ABA) Law Student Division, currently serves on the Board of Advisors of Gonzaga University School of Law, and was just appointed by the WSBA Board of Governors as a WSBA YLD delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

1987

**Madeline A. Gauthier**

Madeline recently wrote a book "Where There's a Will, There's a Way!" The book helps sort out the confusing information surrounding wills, living trusts, taxes, and planning. Ms Gauthier is an estate planning attorney in Bellevue, Washington, and has been in practice for nine years. Prior to private practice, she was an Assistant Attorney General for the state of Washington.

1988

**Madeleine C. Wanslee** recently became chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Arizona for the 2007-2008 term, following her service as chair-elect during the 2006-07 term. Ms Wanslee practices in the areas of creditors' rights and related litigation, including commercial and consumer bankruptcy, foreclosure, replevin, deficiency and guarantor actions, collections, and loan workouts. Wanslee is certified in consumer bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification, an American Bar Association-accredited program.



Dan Keefe

1995

**Dan Keefe** was recently hired by Helsell Fetterman LLP, in Seattle, to expand their health care practice group. Keefe's practice involves medical malpractice litigation and defense of actions before the medical, nursing, and dental quality assurance commissions. Keefe represents hospitals and doctors, and has particular experience in orthopedic and

general surgery. He also conducts appellate work. Keefe is a volunteer attorney at Greenwood Legal Clinic and is on the Board of Directors of the Theta Delta Chi National Educational Foundation. He has also presented at hospital risk management seminars and assists mental health counselors in a wide variety of risk management issues. Prior to joining Helsell Fetterman, Keefe was with Reed McClure for four years, first as a senior associate then as a shareholder. He has been named a four-time "Rising Star" by Washington State Law and Politics Magazine.

1998

**Eugene Wong** recently became a principal of the firm Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson PLLC in Seattle. As chair of the firm's business department, Eugene focuses on real estate, business, and tax matters for individuals and privately held companies. Mr. Wong is a native of Washington State and holds a master's degree in taxation, which broadens his ability to advise and assist clients effectively. Mr. Wong also advises on trademarks and copyright.



*Above: Eugene Wong;  
Right: Marty Pujolar*

& Vanderslice, LLC, in Seattle. The firm's area of practice includes construction defect, insurance coverage/insurance bad faith, and personal injury. Marty and his wife, Tina Gustafson Pujolar, a 2002 graduate of Gonzaga

1999

**Marty Pujolar** recently started up his own firm, Pujolar



School of Law, have three daughters, Lauren 4, Avery 2, and Isabel, who was born on June 25, 2007.

**Jennifer Larson** married Matt Mantas on February 24, 2007. Jennifer is an attorney at Johnson Law Group and Matt is a surveyor for RFK in Spokane.

2001

**Elizabeth Hill** is now working for the Arizona Ombudsman - Citizens' Aide as Arizona's public access counselor. Prior to that she served three years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division, and spent two years working with the Arizona Department of Revenue as a tax analyst and tax counsel. During the past five years she has been very active in the State Bar of Arizona's Young Lawyers Division as well as the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. She recently received the State Bar of Arizona's 2007 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. This particular award recognizes a young lawyer for outstanding efforts in law-related service to the community or the bar.

In January 2007, **Travis Hill** was made a partner of the Phoenix firm Carson Messinger Elliot Laughlin and Ragan, PLLC. He has been with the firm for six years.

**Nicole McGrath** was appointed to the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington's (LBAW) Board of Directors at the June/July board of directors meeting. Along with Nicole the board welcomed two other newly appointed directors: Stephanie Thorpe and Jesse Valdez. All three new members will serve a two-year term, from 2007 to 2009. Nicole McGrath is a native of Los Angeles and was admitted to the Washington bar in 2002. She graduated with a B.A. from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana in 1994, and received her J.D. from Gonzaga University in 2001. Ms McGrath then worked as a public defender for five years at The Defender Association. She practices in the areas of professional liability and professional licensing. Prior to joining the board, Nicole worked with LBAW's Judicial and Banquet Committee.

2002

**Megan Arbour Long** has recently joined Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR) in Houston, Texas, as the in-house immigration attorney in the company's employment law group. KBR is a leading global engineering, construction and services company supporting the energy, petrochemical, government services, and civil infrastructure sectors. This May, Megan will complete her LL.M. in International Law from the University of Houston. Megan lives in Houston with her husband, Wesley, and their son, Carter.



Dean Martin with Shelley Ajax

**Shelley Ajax '04, Named WSBA Pro Bono Award Recipient**

**Shelley Ajax** received the 2007 WSBA Pro Bono Award given by the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors. Ms. Ajax, a solo practitioner who focuses her practice on family law, is being honored for her extraordinary service to her community through pro bono work.

Shelley opened her own law firm in 2005, and immediately began volunteering her time for community service. Ajax also serves as the current editor of De Novo, the Washington Young Lawyers Division newsletter.

Ajax is the founder and president of the Benton-Franklin Young Lawyers Division. She is an active member of the Benton Franklin Legal Aid Society Board and has facilitated a weekly clinic for legal aid clients, and recently instituted the "We the Jury" program in Benton and Franklin counties. In addition, she has coordinated blood and food drives to benefit domestic-violence shelters and others in the community, and participated in YMCA mock trials.

In 2006, Ms. Ajax received an honoree award from Equal Access to Justice, representing Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties; an award of recognition for volunteer work as a Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem for Benton County Superior Court; and the Gene Schuster Award for pro bono legal services, presented by the Benton-Franklin Legal Aid Society.

## CLASS *action*



*Christopher P. Schlueter ('03) and Jennifer L. Zelko ('03)*

### 2003

**Christopher P. Schlueter** ('03) and **Jennifer L. Zelko** ('03) were married on October 14, 2006, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Several graduates of Gonzaga University's School of Law were members of the wedding party, including: Michael Schlueter ('03), Nicholas Kovarik ('04), Maureen Ryan ('04), Alisha Pritchard ('03) and Marriya Esterle ('04). Chris & Jennifer reside in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii. Chris is an associate attorney with the Law Offices of Steven D. Strauss practicing criminal defense and civil litigation. Jennifer is an associate attorney at Torkildson, Katz, Moore and Hetherington in Hilo, Hawaii.

### 2004

**Alejandra Mireles** has joined the firm of Bertolino Lorenzana LLP in Austin, Texas. Ms Mireles' practice areas include family law, mediation, and business law.

### 2005

**Christine Goodell** was recently hired by Gonzaga University Graduate School of Business as their alumni coordinator. Christine and her husband, Ryan Goodell '04, are expecting their third child in February.

### 2006

**Jessica Allen** is at the University of Florida getting her LL.M. in tax. She recently received a scholarship and is a graduate assistant.



*Jared King*

**Jared King** has joined McDonald Sanders, P.C. in Fort Worth, Texas, as an associate attorney. His practice areas will include labor and employment law, business and commercial law, and real estate law. Jared was admitted to the Texas State Bar in May 2007, and is a member of the Tarrant County Bar Association and Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association. He also serves on the ambassadors committee for the Fort Worth Club.

**Julia Harty** began work in August 2007 as a judicial clerk for the High Court of American Samoa. She previously clerked for Chief Justice Schroeder of the Idaho Supreme Court, in Boise, Idaho.

## WSBA Young Lawyers Division Elects Jaime Hawk 2007-2008 President-Elect

**Jaime Hawk** '04 is the new president-elect for the Washington State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division (WYLD) for the 2007-2008 term.



Hawk serves as an assistant

federal public defender for the Eastern District of Washington. Prior to this position, she worked as a public defender for the Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) as part of its pilot project in Grant County.

She received her undergraduate and law degrees from Gonzaga University. While at Gonzaga Law School, Hawk interned with the United Nations, Columbia Legal Services, and was later a judicial extern to Chief Judge B. Lynn Winmill of the United States District Court of Idaho. Following law school, she was an attorney fellow on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee staff of Edward M. Kennedy in Washington, D.C.

Hawk is the Washington Defender Association representative to the Washington State Bar Foundation Loan Repayment Assistance Program, serves as an executive committee member of the WSBA World Peace Through Law Section, and is a member of the WYLD Public Service Committee and Membership Committee. She has served as the chair of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Committee, and vice-chair of the Individual Rights and Responsibilities Committee for the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. She was co-president of the Grant County Volunteer Lawyers Program, and serves on the executive board of King County Washington Women Lawyers. An experienced public speaker, Hawk has given a variety of presentations throughout the state and internationally on topics such as women's human rights and juvenile justice.

## ALUMNI *events*



**Above:** Jerry Jager sharing memories with the Class of 1957  
**Right:** Jerry Jager, Ted Roy and Jerry Greenan  
**Below:** Patricia Roy, Robert Doaran and Ted Roy  
**Below Right:** Ted Roy, Bob Waitt, Diane Waitt and Patricia Roy

### Class of 1957

The following 1957 graduates attended their 50-year reunion this year:

Harold Clarke  
Robert Doran  
Jerry Greenan  
Richard Ishikawa  
Jerry Jager  
George McCabe  
Justin Quackenbush  
Ted Roy  
Ralph Turco  
Robert Waitt

