Terez, ’85: The Journey from Private to Public Sector

By Katie Vloet

Dennis Terez, ’85, knew what a lot of his colleagues would think when he decided to leave a lucrative law firm practice to become assistant federal public defender for the Northern District of Ohio: You’re crazy.

That was 1998, when he made the move to the public sector after working as a litigation partner with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. And maybe the move was crazy, but 14 years later, he’s still there—since 2006 as the head of the office. He says he loves every grueling, sleepless, frenzied moment of it.

“It was like opening up an entire new window on the world,” he says. “I can’t tell you how much it has opened my perspective. It is not a warm and fuzzy job, but I’ve gotten to meet so many people I never would’ve met.”

Some of those people are not exactly model citizens. No matter, Terez says. “Our obligation is to treat everyone the same. Someone so poor they don’t have two nickels to rub together, or a corporate leader.”

Or someone as notorious as John Demjanjuk, who was deported to Germany in 2009 and just last year was convicted in a German court of being a Nazi war criminal. Last year, Terez asked a U.S. District Court judge in Cleveland to be reappointed to the case because of documents that the prosecution had not turned over to the defense and, Terez argued, that could have helped in Demjanjuk’s battle to remain a citizen.

The documents included an FBI report from 1985 suggesting that Demjanjuk’s supposed Nazi ID card showing he had worked as a guard at a death camp actually was a fake made in the Soviet Union. Even so, a judge late last year rejected the claim that the document should lead to a reconsideration of Demjanjuk’s citizenship. Demjanjuk died in March at age 91, but, at press time, the case remained on appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The case, understandably, has received a lot of media and public attention, Terez notes, though it is similar in media attention to another high-profile case he continues to handle on appeal involving an Arab-American who was convicted of terrorism-related acts in Toledo.

He says, though, that the sentiments aroused by Demjanjuk’s case are complicated. The recent litigation has brought forward pro-Jewish and pro-Ukrainian voices, as one might expect. Terez also has heard support from those in the Jewish community and elsewhere who point to the difficult decision made in the mid-1990s by Israel’s Supreme Court to reverse Demjanjuk’s capital conviction and to restore his freedom because the defendant wasn’t the person the government said he was. And despite (perhaps because of) the significant media attention paid to this case, Terez also has heard plenty of voices sympathetic to his client’s plight simply because of his age.

Challenges like this don’t faze Terez, whose determination is evident even in the way he got a job in the public sector. Though he was a Fulbright scholar, first in his class at Georgetown, magna cum laude at Michigan Law, and had a strong track record in private practice, he struggled to get a government job. He applied to be a county public defender, a county prosecutor, a federal public defender, and a federal prosecutor.

“I could not even get the U.S. Attorney’s office to write a letter responding to my application,” he says. “I was turned down twice before getting the public defender job. It’s a good reminder that you really have to be persistent.”

Since he took over five years ago, he has doubled the size of the office, added a death penalty unit, and turned it into what Cleveland Scene magazine calls “one of Cleveland’s best law firms.”

In the midst of an already packed schedule, Terez also founded and teaches, along with another attorney from his office—Melissa Salinas, ’05—the Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic at Michigan Law. Students in the clinic manage an appeal from its inception in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

“I’ve learned a great deal from them,” Terez says. “It’s a great experience for the students, and a great experience for us.”
1952
Retired Judge John R. Milligan was honored as the second recipient of the Thomas J. Moyer Award for Judicial Excellence. Ohio State Bar Association President Carol Seubert Marx and Mary Moyer presented the award at the Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Legacy Celebration in December. The award was established by the OSBA in honor of the late chief justice to recognize a current or former Ohio state or federal judge who displays outstanding qualities of judicial excellence, including integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professionalism, ethics, creativity, sound judgment, courage, and decisiveness.

1962
The Class of 1962 reunion will be September 7–9, 2012.

1965
Joan Churchill was elected president-elect of the National Association of Women Judges. She is the first immigration judge and the first retired judge to serve in that post.

1966
Richard E. Rassel, chairman and shareholder at Butzel Long in Detroit, was one of four community volunteers honored during the 10th Annual PBS Premiere Night event in September. He received the John W. Porter Leadership Award.

1967
The Class of 1967 reunion will be September 7–9, 2012.

A. Vincent Buzard, leader of the Harris Beach Appellate Litigation and Advocacy Practice Group in Pittsford, New York, was elected chair-elect of the American Bar Association’s Council of Appellate Lawyers. He will serve as chair-elect until August 2012, when he will become chair until August 2013, and then become past-chair. As chair of the council, he also will become a member of the ABA’s Executive Court of the Council of Appellate Judges.

Randolph Fields has joined the Orlando office of GrayRobinson P.A. Most recently, he was a shareholder in the Orlando office of Greenberg Traurig.

John H. Stout of Fredrikson & Byron was appointed by the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association as chair of its 2,400-plus member Corporate Governance Committee. He has been a vice chair of the committee since 2008, and will serve a three-year term as chair, until August 2014.

1970
James R. Bieke has joined Sidley Austin LLP as a partner in the environmental practice in Washington, D.C. He will focus on environmental and natural resources law and policy, with a particular emphasis on complex scientific, technical, economic, and legal issues.

1971
Charles M. Lax, shareholder and attorney at Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C., served as co-chair and presenter at the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries Annual Conference in October. He presented with Internal Revenue Service Director of Employee Plans Examinations Monika Templeman, the second-highest official at the IRS in the retirement plan area. The topic, “A Frank Discussion with the Director of Employee Plans Examinations,” focused on issues of interest to retirement plan professionals.

1972
The Class of 1972 reunion will be September 7-9, 2012.

Thomas C. Brown has authored a book, How to Start a Business and Not Get Sued: A Simple Guide to the Essential Legal Questions Every Entrepreneur Must Ask Before Starting a Business in Order to Stay Out of Trouble (CreateSpace, 2011), that helps entrepreneurs understand the business world and its legal system. He addresses the fundamental legal issues faced by new business owners and educates them on the concepts that must be considered at the inception of their business.

Judge Gershwin A. Drain was nominated by President Obama to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He has been a judge on Michigan’s Third Circuit Court, based in Wayne County, since 1997, and has served in both the civil and criminal divisions of the court. At press time, his nomination was still pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee.
1973
Edward H. Pappas, chairman of Dickinson Wright PLLC, received the Champion of Justice Award from the State Bar of Michigan in September. The Champion of Justice Award is given to practicing lawyers and judges of integrity and adherence to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession, superior professional competence, and an extraordinary professional accomplishment that benefits the nation, the state, or the local community in which the lawyer or judge lives.

1977
The Class of 1977 reunion will be September 7-9, 2012.

Martha Haines retired as chief of the Office of Municipal Securities and assistant director in the Division of Trading and Markets of the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission in June 2011. She and her husband, Dave Meyer, plan to move to Bloomington, Indiana, in July 2012.

1978
Morley Witus of Barriss, Sott, Denn & Driker P.L.L.C. was appointed to the board of directors of The Ark in Ann Arbor, which is dedicated to the presentation, preservation, and encouragement of folk, roots, and ethnic music and related arts.

1979
Beverly Hall Burns, Miller Canfield principal, was elected to serve as chair of the board of directors of the Michigan Humane Society, a private, nonprofit animal welfare organization that cares for more than 100,000 animals each year.

Sarretta McDonough is on the board of directors at the nonprofit NephCure Foundation and has helped to grow it into one of the leading kidney disease foundations in the world. It comprises patients, their families and friends, researchers, physicians, and other healthcare professionals. In October she met with members of Congress to discuss additional funding for research.

John Vento authored an article titled “The Admissibility of Dispute Resolution Boards Findings and Recommendations: Issues and Implications,” published in the Journal of the American College of Construction Lawyers. He is a shareholder in Trenam Kemker’s Tampa office and chairs the firm’s Construction Law and Government Contracting Practice Group.

1980
Jill Ann Coleman, partner at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP in Chicago and chair of the firm’s Finance Practice Group, received the Interlawyer of the Year award during Interlaw’s 2011 Annual Global Meeting. She was recognized in connection with her work on the Women Lawyers of Interlaw Special Business Team, which she co-chairs.

Judy O’Neill, partner in Foley & Lardner LLP’s Detroit office, has been accepted as a member of Leadership Detroit Class XXXIII. Leadership Detroit is a yearlong community program established to enhance leadership skills and create awareness of key regional issues among senior-level executives in southeast Michigan.

1981
Mikel R. Bistrow was made a partner at Foley & Lardner LLP in its San Diego office. He is the western regional co-chair of the Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice.

Charlie M. Denton II, a partner in Barnes & Thornburg’s Grand Rapids, Michigan, office, has been re-elected chairperson of the NSF International Strategic Registration’s advisory council and to another three-year term. NSF International is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides standards development, product certification, auditing, education, and risk management for public health and the environment. He also has been named chair of his firm’s Environmental Law Department.
Professor Teaches and Writes Civil Rights Law and History

By Sandra Svoboda

Students are her captive audience in University of Iowa College of Law classrooms, and she has published plenty of law journal articles for attorneys and scholars.

But Angela Onwuachi-Willig’s latest work is aimed at a more general audience. Even so, the professor and Michigan Law alumna, ’97, didn’t pick a commonplace topic for her book, According to Our Hearts: Lessons on Race, Family, and Law from Rhinelander v. Rhinelander, due out in fall 2012 and published by Yale University Press.

She chose a sensational 1920s New York trial that involved a white man from one of the area’s wealthiest families, Leonard Rhinelander, who married a former chambermaid, Alice Jones. Pressured by his family, Rhinelander sought an annulment when it was revealed Jones was of mixed race.

“When the trial was happening, it was on the front pages of The New York Times and newspapers across the nation,” Onwuachi-Willig says. “But it was forgotten over time.”

The trial involved first establishing Jones’s race—her father’s “mixed blood” made her black—and then whether her husband knew of her heritage and married her nonetheless. No one questioned whether knowledge of Alice’s race was sufficient grounds for an annulment that would save the wealthy family support payments. The nature of the legal arguments, media coverage, and public interest reflect a shameful episode in American social, legal, and cultural history, Onwuachi-Willig believes.

In her forthcoming book, she places Rhinelander in the modern context of law and race by reviewing the trial as well as interviewing interracial couples and integrating her own experiences into the book.

“I wrote it with a lay audience in mind. But in terms of looking at the case, I write about some of the lessons we can take from it,” she says.

For Onwuachi-Willig, those lessons about the intersection of race and law began in her Ann Arbor years. Feeling like discussions on the topic were missing in the classrooms, she and other students became part of a reading group about critical issues involving race and the law. From there, they founded the Michigan Journal of Race & Law.

“At the time, there weren’t very many journals that were really focused on race and civil rights, race and the law,” she says. “Luckily I was at Michigan when there was a group of students who were really integral in shaping the discourse about race and law at the Law School.”

She noticed the ongoing results of work she was involved with when she returned to U-M in 2009 as a visiting professor. She saw slightly better faculty diversity with a few more women and minorities among the ranks than when she matriculated.

Recently named a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and honored as one of the National Law Journal’s 2011 “Minority 40 under 40,” Onwuachi-Willig also was recognized by officials in Iowa in 2010 when she was on the short list of nominees for the Iowa Supreme Court. She wasn’t named to the bench, but says she learned much about the process and the need for diversity in the legal system.

“I think it helps to bolster confidence and trust in the courts if the body looks like the population they are serving,” she says. “I think it’s really important in terms of role-modeling for young women and young people of color to look at the bench and see that it’s possible to sit there.”
By John Masson

Martha Bergmark—honored in October 2011 by the White House’s Champions of Change—has worked for decades to ensure that poor and marginalized people have access to justice.

Bergmark said she went to law school in part because she thought her home state needed more skilled advocates. So once she graduated, she returned home and established a civil rights and poverty law practice, then founded Southeast Mississippi Legal Services. Later she went to Washington, D.C., where she served as executive vice president and president of the Legal Services Corporation, and as senior vice president for programs at the National Legal Aid and Defender Association.

"Public interest law was something I went to law school for," Bergmark said. "I had grown up in Mississippi with parents who had been active in the civil rights movement, so I knew I needed to go to a top-tier law school."

As at almost all law schools at the time, Michigan’s commitment to public service was more philosophical than practical—until the establishment of the school’s first clinic, in which Bergmark participated. The clinic was so popular, she recalled, students had to be selected by lottery.

"Since then, Michigan has obviously come a very long way in terms of promoting and supporting public interest careers," she said. And so it has. From the Dean’s Office down, the Law School today encourages public service with a multitude of clinics and programs.

The Champions of Change event (which Michigan Law students are watching in photo below) in the fall, at which Bergmark was honored, helped illustrate the progress that’s been made since Bergmark started her work in Mississippi. She has built on the foundation of her earlier work in Mississippi with the 2003 opening of the Mississippi Center for Justice, which has grown into a 30-person office with a $3 million annual budget and which Bergmark helped to found. The organization helps people who otherwise wouldn’t have access to high-caliber legal talent protect themselves in the aftermath of devastating natural disasters and the calamitous BP oil spill—all while continuing to fight civil rights problems that still crop up in the region.

"This is my crowning chapter, to come back home to Mississippi and start the center in 2003. We’ve grown it from a gleam in the eye of the founding board members. It’s very gratifying to take all those years of public service experience and connections and put all that experience to work in its creation."
Douglas B. Levene is now a professor from practice at Peking University School of Transnational Law in Shenzhen, China. He is teaching a variety of business law classes, including Corporate Finance, Business Associations, and Deal Documentation, and is researching regulation of credit derivatives.

Stewart L. Mandell, a partner in the Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP Tax Appeals Department, spoke at the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants 2011 Michigan Tax Conference in November. He co-hosted the session “Working with the Michigan Tax Tribunal: A How To” with Michigan Tax Tribunal Chairman Kimbal R. Smith III, and covered a variety of topics concerning tax appeals in the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Kathy E. Manning, the first woman chair of the board of trustees of The Jewish Federations of North America, was selected by Jewish Women International as a 2011 Women to Watch honoree for her leadership in enhancing the well-being of Jews worldwide. In addition to appearing in the fall 2011 issue of Jewish Woman, she will be honored at the annual Women to Watch.

Judy Weintraub, principal and founder of three Philadelphia-area business ventures, was selected as a Pitch Winner in the latest Make Mine a Million $ Business event, held in September in Philadelphia. The pitch competition invites women business owners with at least $85,000 in annual business revenues and who have been in business for two years or more to present their business in a two-minute “elevator pitch” to a panel of small business experts and judges. The event is the largest business pitch competition for women in the United States.

1982

The Class of 1982 reunion will be September 7–9, 2012.

James R. Sobieraj, a shareholder at intellectual property law firm Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in Chicago, has been selected to become the firm’s president.

Daniel J. Stephenson was appointed director of Dykema Gossett PLLC’s Litigation Department. In this role, he will have responsibility for more than 170 litigators practicing in areas including business and commercial litigation, automotive and product liability, pharmaceutical and medical devices, financial services, and employment and class action defense. He was most recently a member of the firm’s executive board and also was the managing member for the Los Angeles office.

1983

David B. Alden and Mark Herrmann have coauthored a legal treatise, Drug and Device Product Liability Litigation Strategy (Oxford University Press, 2011). The book provides strategic advice for lawyers litigating pharmaceutical and medical device product liability cases.

1985

Arnold Brier was named vice president and general counsel for Yardi Systems Inc. Yardi is a provider of real property and asset management software, with approximately 2,200 employees in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia, and has its headquarters in Santa Barbara, California. He was most recently a shareholder in the Santa Barbara office of Denver-based Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP.

H. Joel Newman has established H. Joel Newman PLLC, a law firm specializing in complex business litigation. Its new office is in Birmingham, Michigan.

1986

Richard Drake has joined Nexsen Pruet’s Charlotte, North Carolina, office as a member (partner). Drake is the former chair of the Business Law Section of the Mecklenburg County Bar and currently serves as an advisory board member of the Charlotte chapter of The Entrepreneurship Institute.
Michael A. Lisi has been selected to serve as the chairman of the International Trademark Association Publications Committee. He also serves as an editor of INTA’s online publication, Trademark Cancellations: International Practice and Procedures, and is the author of the U.S. cancellations section. He has more than 20 years of experience in assisting clients in trademark and copyright clearance, registration and enforcement matters, and in trademark and copyright licensing, purchases, and sales in the United States and internationally. He is a partner with the Intellectual Property and Technology Practice Group at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Kevin Tottis has been named to the Board of Directors of the American Intellectual Property Association. Tottis, who previously chaired the association’s Copyright Law Committee, heads up a small boutique in Chicago that focuses on commercial and intellectual property litigation.

1987

The Class of 1987 reunion will be October 13–14, 2012.

1988

Ed Rice is a name partner at Hopenfeld Singer Rice & Saito, a new IP boutique law firm with offices in San Francisco, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., along with James Hopenfeld, ’92, and Benjamin Singer, ’02.

1989

Kiren Kaur Dosanjh was promoted to the rank of professor in the College of Business and Economics at California State University, Northridge. She teaches management and business law courses.

Victor King has been appointed by Governor Edmund (Jerry) Brown Jr. to the California Law Revision Commission. He has been university legal counsel for California State University, Los Angeles, since 2002. He previously was a litigation partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard and Smith LLP.

Nancy L. Little of Bernick, Radner & Ouellette, P.C., Lansing, Michigan, has been selected as one of 20 honorees for Michigan Lawyers Weekly’s Women in the Law. The honorees were recognized in a special section and at the Women in the Law luncheon held in September 2011.

Rob Pallitto published his second book, Torture and State Violence in New Jersey: A Short Documentary History (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011). He is an associate professor of political science at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. His first book, which was coauthored with a colleague, was featured on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Mark A. Stelter, a professor at Lone Star College in Houston, recently published The Gospel According to Christ: The Message of Jesus and How We Missed It (Wipf & Stock, 2011). The book is a complete examination of every word spoken by Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. He holds that a careful review of the words of Jesus reveals that his message has been greatly misunderstood by millions of people—Christians and non-Christians alike.

1990

Jeff Brown has joined TeLeTech in Denver as vice president and assistant general counsel. He previously was senior counsel at Hewlett-Packard.

Sanford E. Perl, board member and Kirkland & Ellis LLP partner, has been awarded the esteemed Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award by the American Jewish Committee in recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution to the legal profession and philanthropic and cultural endeavors.

James R. Rowader Jr. was appointed to the Hispanic National Bar Association Legal Education Fund’s Board of Directors. The organization is dedicated to promoting and facilitating educational programs, exposing underrepresented students and professionals to the benefits and opportunities in the legal profession, providing scholarship and financial support to individuals from underrepresented communities to pursue legal careers, and supporting the charitable and educational mission of the Hispanic National Bar Association. Rowader is vice president and general counsel, employee and labor relations at Target Corporation.

1991

Michael B. Stewart, partner at Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC, has been appointed to serve as vice chair of the Public Education Committee by the American Intellectual Property Law Association. Stewart is a founding partner at Rader, Fishman & Grauer and works out of the firm’s Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, office. His practice includes
By Sandra Svoboda

When a teacher at a small suburban Detroit Lutheran school told James Roach about her firing, he thought it was a straight-up workplace discrimination case.

As an employment lawyer at the firm Vercruysse, Murray & Calzone in Bingham Farms, Michigan, Roach’s normal caseload deals mostly with contracts and labor law for the management side. But he felt for the teacher, fired after she tried to return to work following successful treatment for narcolepsy.

Roach had no idea the case would wind through the federal courts and eventually be heralded as one of the most important religious freedom cases to reach the U.S. Supreme Court in decades. In the unanimous decision announced in January, the justices for the first time weighed in on the “ministerial exception” that had been created in federal appellate courts.

That’s the provision that allows certain religions, for example, to hire only men as leaders—Catholic priests, Orthodox rabbis, and Islamic imams. It’s part of the free-exercise-of-religion clause of the First Amendment, courts have said. But Roach’s case centered on whether the exception extended to his client, a teacher at a religious school who had mostly secular duties. She did, however, hold a title suggesting ministerial duties.

The justices decided in January that the exception does exist and applies to the teacher and others at religious schools who have such religious duties.

“It is rare and unusual for a case to go up to that level. Notwithstanding the verdict, it was a wonderful experience,” says Roach. “To be there in person, to watch how it works was quite interesting. It’s a completely different flavor from reading the transcripts or even hearing oral arguments on the Internet.”

Roach’s law career was his second vocation, although not unexpected looking at other branches on his family tree. His father, Thomas Roach, earned his law degree in 1953, practiced in Ann Arbor, and served as a U-M Regent from 1975 to 1990. Brother Steven received his Michigan Law degree in 1986 and now is a partner with Miller Canfield in Detroit.

But James Roach came to Ann Arbor a bit later. He was 34 years old, had a career as a farmer, worked at an experimental station for Texas A & M University, and operated a cotton gin. Having met his wife in Texas, he followed her to Idaho, where she headed up a research and development department for a potato packing plant. Roach completed his undergraduate studies, earning degrees in philosophy and economics with straight As.

His father’s and brother’s legal careers appealed to him, and he applied to law schools. Cornell University offered him a full scholarship, but when the acceptance letter came from Ann Arbor, his decision was made.

“With the reputation of the University of Michigan as a prominent law school and my family ties there, that was it,” Roach says. His two daughters also have attended the university for undergraduate studies, and one earned a master’s in engineering.

Being a 34-year-old law student made him among the oldest of the 1Ls, he says. “It was quite humbling. Most of the students were much younger, and I’d see just how smart they were.”

Law school taught him to think more analytically, to step back and look at the overall picture before diving into specifics of individual cases. “I think it was those skills that helped most in this case. Where you have in-depth questions with constitutional input, it’s needed for you to have those skills,” Roach says.

From law school he joined Butzel Long, and when a group broke away in 1996 to form Vercruysse, Murray & Calzone, he was invited to join them and has practiced at the suburban Detroit firm since then.

Roach’s foray into the world of the U.S. Supreme Court was unexpected, he says. And the biggest lesson he learned was to “take your ego out of your cases.” While some lawyers yearn for a chance to argue a case in front of the highest bench, Roach sought the counsel of a Washington, D.C.—based firm with extensive Supreme Court experience and allowed one of its attorneys to speak on his behalf. Because the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was also a party against the school, attorneys for the U.S. government and the teacher shared the 30 minutes of oral argument time. Roach sat nearby and says he learned much about the process of litigating at that level.

“You’re better off to partner up with somebody who really knows what they’re doing,” Roach says. “It turned out we lost anyway, but I think that it allowed us to actually be heard in the unusual circumstance of our case. Partnering up with some higher-powered guns allowed us to have more of a voice. It wasn’t a matter of just abdicating; it was a partnership.”
The Ulterior Epicure, Finding His Place

By Rick Gershman

Not everyone with a law degree, even one from Michigan, chooses to practice law as a career. Bonjwing Lee is one of those people—though his experiences here ultimately set him on his current career path.

“I met great people, and I feel bad that I couldn’t appreciate it more at the time. I don’t regret going to U-M at all, even though it was a tough, emotional time,” says Lee, ’06. “One thing law school did was really help me find out what interested me.”

It turns out what actually interested Lee was food. The 34-year-old is far better known as the Ulterior Epicure, a moniker that might ring a bell if you’re a foodie. Lee’s passion has taken him around the world, visiting restaurants far and wide and blogging about his experiences at-ulteriorepicure.com.

Lee makes a point of noting he doesn’t consider himself a food critic; he just provides personal impressions of what he likes, though that comes with best-of lists and similar constructs.

His Best Dishes of 2011 post lists his picks from the “thousands of plates I’ve had at over a hundred restaurants in over a dozen cities in eleven countries this year.” Lee says: “What you have here is nothing more than a very unscientific list of the best dishes as I received them, wherever and however I was at the time. File this list under opinion; it is neither authoritative nor comprehensive.”

His posts gained such a widespread following that he left his law firm gig at the end of 2010 to focus on food and travel, though he does make ends meet with some legal work on the side. Lee recently coauthored Bluestem: the Cookbook (Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2011) with two chefs in his native Kansas City, where he lives when he’s not traveling.

In December, he and celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain taped a segment for Bourdain’s television show No Reservations. It’s scheduled to air in May on the Travel Channel. “I’ve had an amazing year,” Lee says. “I’m just beside myself the way things have fallen into place.”

Getting there wasn’t easy. An early plan to be a screenwriter also landed on the back burner. He majored in film as an undergraduate at Northwestern, but then he got to Hollywood.

“I was there for a couple of years, and I absolutely hated it,” Lee says. “I hated Los Angeles. I realized I hadn’t had enough life experience to write a story I could expect people to spend two hours watching.”

Lee obviously isn’t shy about expressing his feelings, a fact that has attracted him both a fervent fan base and some just-as-fervent detractors: “I’ve had marriage proposals, and I’ve had death threats.” That’s one reason Lee kept his identity secret from 2004 to 2011, only revealing it publicly last September to the website Eater.com.

The revelation was preceded by some frankly strange scrutiny in the form of “Who Is the Ulterior Epicure,” a blog that appeared in spring 2009. Its sole purpose was to out Lee as the Ulterior Epicure, along with taking occasional potshots at him. The blog’s creator remained anonymous.

“I have no idea who it is, and I don’t really care,” Lee says. “It’s just so pathetic. I’m not a tabloid-worthy celebrity.”

These days, he couldn’t care less. Lee has accepted no longer being anonymous, and he’s enjoying his travels and cuisine, though he’s not quite sure what lies ahead. He is still interested in eventually writing a screenplay: “It was Los Angeles I hated, not necessarily the field. My interests have always been in the arts—film, photography, painting, drawing, writing.” To that end, he just launched his own photography website, bonjwing.com.

What’s next for this man of many interests? Over the past year, Lee says, “I ate at so many spectacular restaurants where I never thought I’d get a chance to eat, so many travel opportunities. I don’t have any really solid plans for 2012, which kind of worries me… but I didn’t have a plan for 2011, and it worked out spectacularly.”
domestic and foreign patent prosecution, e-commerce and information technology, patent opinions, intellectual property litigation, and more.

1992
The Class of 1992 reunion will be October 13–14, 2012.

Charles A. Bieneman, partner at Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has been elected to serve as the 2011–2012 chair of the State Bar of Michigan Information Technology Law Section. Bieneman uses his expertise in computer software to prepare patent applications and to litigate for clients in a variety of sectors.

Clarissa Cerda, senior vice president, general counsel, and secretary of LifeLock, received the Intellectual Property Attorney of the Year award at The Association of Corporate Counsel Awards ceremony in January. Cerda serves on the executive leadership team and manages the legal, compliance, government affairs, and human resources functions of LifeLock, an identity-theft-protection company based in Arizona.

Greg Gulia has been named co-head of the newly formed Trademarks, Copyrights, Trade Secrets, and Unfair Competition division of Duane Morris’ Intellectual Property Practice Group. Gulia, a partner in the firm’s New York office, has counseled clients about a broad range of intellectual property issues; negotiated trademark licenses, purchases, and consent agreements; and litigated numerous trademark, copyright, anti-counterfeiting, domain name, unfair competition, and other types of cases.

James Hopenfeld is a name partner at Hopenfeld Singer Rice & Saito, a new IP boutique law firm with offices in San Francisco, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., along with Ed Rice, ’88, and Benjamin Singer, ’02.

1994

John C. Blattner has joined Dickinson Wright’s Intellectual Property Group. He was hired as a member in the Ann Arbor office. He specializes in the areas of trademark counseling, registration, maintenance, and enforcement in the United States and overseas.

Julia L. Ernst has joined the faculty of the University of North Dakota School of Law, teaching Constitutional Law, Legislation, Health Law, and Gender and the Law. She previously was a visiting associate professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, where she also served as executive director of the Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program.

1995

Greg Stanton was elected mayor of Phoenix, Arizona. He assumed office on January 3, 2012. He previously served on the City Council.

1996

Jennifer Zbytowski Belveal has been named associate general counsel for Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. Her responsibilities include advising the firm regarding legal and ethical matters. She is a partner in Honigman’s Litigation Department and co-chair of its White Collar Criminal Defense and Investigations Practice Group. She also has been elected to the Board of Trustees for Detroit Public Television, the viewer-supported Public Broadcasting System member station in Southeast Michigan.

G. Paul Glunt has joined PwC as a tax principal in PwC’s International Tax Services Practice, based in Los Angeles. Prior to joining PwC, he served as director in Deloitte’s International Tax practice in Los Angeles. He has more than 15 years of experience serving multinational clients, including Fortune 500 manufacturers and middle-market companies in manufacturing, technology, consumer goods, and service industries.

1997
The Class of 1997 reunion will be October 13–14, 2012.

Chad Readler, a partner at Jones Day in Columbus, Ohio, traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, to participate in an eight-day Lawyers Without Borders program focused on improving trial skills of Kenyan prosecutors and private practitioners who litigate cases involving victims of gender violence. Four U.S. federal judges were among the international team of volunteers.

1998

Ashley Bauer was promoted to partner at Latham & Watkins LLP in San Francisco. She is an antitrust and competition litigator who specializes in global cartel cases and non-cartel antitrust matters. She has played an integral role in recent antitrust victories for clients related to issues such as pharmaceutical products and air cargo.
Christopher James Burke was appointed a federal magistrate judge for the District of Delaware in August 2011. Prior to his appointment, he had distinguished himself as a Seventh Circuit clerk, an associate at Covington & Burling, and an assistant U.S. Attorney.

Nathan R. Mathews was elected to partnership at Quarles & Brady LLP. He is a member of the firm’s Corporate Services Group in the Milwaukee office. He focuses his practice on representation of private equity, publicly held, and middle-market companies and their owners and investors in acquisitions and divestitures, and in leveraged buyout transactions. He also advises clients regarding the negotiation and drafting of complex commercial agreements.

Jeffrey D. Talbert has been named partner at Preti Flaherty. He practices with Preti Flaherty’s Environmental, Litigation, and Climate Strategy Practice groups based in Maine and Massachusetts. He represents clients in New England and nationally in matters involving a wide range of federal and state environmental laws in environmental litigation, permitting, compliance, and environmental aspects of corporate transactions.

David L. Young has joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP’s Minneapolis office as an of-counsel member of the Litigation Department. He has experience handling complex commercial disputes, including securities litigation matters. He previously was a shareholder at Lane Powell PC in Seattle.

Erica Fitzgerald of Barris, Sott, Denn & Diker P.L.L.C. in Detroit was appointed to the board of trustees of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

She specializes in business litigation and immigration.

Jared Genser authored The Responsibility to Protect: The Promise of Stopping Mass Atrocities in Our Times (Oxford University Press, 2011), co-edited with Irwin Cotler, former Canadian Minister of Justice. The responsibility to protect was cited as a leading justification for the Security Council’s intervention in Libya, and the book analyzes that situation and its implications for the development of the doctrine. Genser is managing director of Perseus Strategies, a law firm whose practice focuses on international human rights. Independently, he is the founder of Freedom Now, a nonprofit organization that works to free prisoners of conscience worldwide.

Moheeb H. Murray has been made a partner at Bush Seyferth & Paige PLLC, a leading boutique litigation firm in Troy, Michigan. He will focus his practice on commercial and insurance litigation. He advises and represents clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to individual business owners in all stages of litigation.

Robb D’Ambruoso recently cofounded D’Ambruoso & Freed LLP, a boutique law firm based in downtown Boston, representing individuals and businesses in connection with their corporate, real estate, and estate-planning needs. He also married Ellen Coghlan in May 2011 on Cape Cod.

Christiane Freund joined Deutsche Bahn AG, Berlin, as a lawyer with a focus on compliance law and white-collar crime at the firm’s Corporate Security Department, International Economic Crime Investigations. She worked previously at Mayer Brown LLP, Berlin, with a focus on corporate law, M&A, and compliance law.

Nicholas B. Gorga, a partner in Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP’s Litigation Department, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Detroit Historical Society. Gorga’s practice focuses on the representation of companies and their directors and officers in investigations by government agencies, in disputes with competitors, and in class action lawsuits, often by the company’s shareholders.

Elizabeth Khalil edited and authored Financial Institutions Answer Book 2012 (Practising Law Institute, 2011), a treatise on banking regulation. She wrote and edited the treatise while a senior associate at Hogan Lovells US LLP in Washington, D.C. She recently joined the FDIC in Washington, D.C., as a senior policy analyst.

Benjamin Singer is a name partner at Hopenfeld Singer Rice & Saito, a new IP boutique law firm with offices in San Francisco, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., along with Ed Rice, ’88, and James Hopenfeld, ’92.

The Class of 2002 reunion will be October 13–14, 2012.
Nicholas A. Smith has been elected partner at the international law firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP. He is a member of the firm’s Corporate Group and leads the Technology and Outsourcing Practice in New York.

2003

Alissa M. Raddatz was made partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Minneapolis. She joined the firm in 2004 and focuses her practice on counseling and advising employers on employment issues, including international employment matters and affirmative action compliance.

Jeffrey C. Totten was elected to the partnership of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP in Washington, D.C. He practices patent litigation, counseling, and prosecution, with a focus on litigation before U.S. district courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission.

2004

Seth A. Drucker has been named partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. He practices in the Commercial Law, Bankruptcy, and Reorganization Department in the firm’s Detroit office. His practice focuses on advising clients in commercial negotiations and disputes, including litigation, and secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, and landlords in commercial bankruptcies. He is also an active participant in the firm’s pro-bono program, providing legal services to underrepresented individuals.

Torresen, ’87, Maine’s First Female on Federal Bench

By Sandra Svoboda

Nancy Torresen is the first woman to be chosen for Maine’s federal bench in the 223 years since it was established. It is, she says, a “huge honor.”

“But it’s also significant and important for other women and law students and lawyers to see a woman in the position,” says Torresen, a native of western Michigan who attended Hope College for undergraduate studies. “I know that I would have been excited about it if it had been another woman.”

Of course, she puts it in perspective, too. Only 17 judges have been on the northeastern-most state’s judiciary. “I don’t want people to think Maine is a Neanderthal state,” she says. “It’s just that this position doesn’t open up very often. For years there was only one judge.”

Torresen’s path from law school to her presidential, lifetime appointment wasn’t one she crafted for herself after graduation. “I didn’t really have a plan like I’ve got to get from Point A to Point B to Point C,” she says.

The self-professed “nerd” loved her law school courses and sang with the Headnotes a cappella group. When she left Ann Arbor she headed to a clerkship with then-U.S. District Judge Conrad K. Cyr before joining the law firm of Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., about a year later. In 1990, she joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office, handling civil matters involving federal agencies, and four years later she moved to the Appellate Section of the Criminal Division of the Maine Attorney General’s Office. In 2001, she returned to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Maine.

Her varied career was valuable preparation for the federal bench. Still, with the steep learning curve for the new position, she and other new appointees went to “baby judge school” in Washington after her Senate confirmation in October. “They brought in top-notch law professors from all over the country and essentially taught the courses that we probably didn’t remember from law school,” she says. “It was as fast as I’ve ever had to take notes.”

Maine’s federal courts see a pretty typical caseload of employment discrimination, contract disputes, some immigration and environmental cases, as well as drugs, child pornography, and white-collar crimes on the criminal side, Torresen says.

Her law school experience continues to help with her work. “The whole Socratic method is just so good for teaching a person how to think and analyze a problem, how to break things down,” she says.

Other reminders of Michigan Law are apparent in chambers. Torresen’s clerk, Phoebe Fischer-Groban, graduated in 2011. Just a few hours before the judge’s interview with the Law Quadrangle, the two jurists were working on a difficult legal issue as they might have for a class discussion.

“We were hashing it out and breaking it down just as we would a problem in law school,” Torresen says. “I credit the education I got in law school for being able to do that.”
Letting Kids Be Kids

By Lara Zielin

Ruth Brammer Johnson, ’79, remembers the day when a camper—we’ll call her “Jennifer”—showed up to the Roundup River Ranch. “She arrived in a wheelchair, very sick and weak from chemo,” says Johnson, “but by end of week she could walk with a cane. She enjoyed meals with new friends and gained weight, and even climbed up a 30-foot climbing wall.”

While it’s nowhere stated that individuals will get better if they come to this free, year-round camp designed to serve kids just like Jennifer—those between the ages of seven and 17 with chronic or life-threatening illnesses—what is certain is that camp gives them the opportunity to experience a slice of childhood that their sickness normally would restrict. Johnson is the CEO of the nonprofit, which opened its Gypsum, Colorado, camp in July 2011 and served approximately 250 campers in its first season.

“People say to me all the time, ‘It sounds so simple; you’re just opening a camp, right?’ but medically serving these kids, and making sure they can do all these activities safely, is such a complicated thing,” Johnson says.

Roundup River Ranch, which is affiliated with the late actor Paul Newman’s Hole in the Wall Camps, hosts 60 kids at a time and has a two-to-one adult-to-child ratio. Nurses and doctors are on staff around the clock, and additional volunteer doctors and nurses are on site. The campers are routinely checked, given treatments, and monitored to help determine whether they should go horseback riding or maybe just help groom the animal.

Johnson says it was her diverse law path that prepared her to run all aspects of the organization—from ensuring the kids are safe and as healthy as possible, to overseeing the $2.5 million budget, to negotiating the camp’s water rights contracts.

“I just kept following clients and their work and changing specialties, and anyone who knows the legal area knows that’s not what the normal path of an attorney is,” Johnson says. Her career highlights include serving as an attorney with a major law firm and a Fortune 50 company, heading her own practice, and volunteering actively.

She also carries a nugget of wisdom with her from her days at U-M. In her Trial Advocacy class, where public speaking was a key component, Johnson says her professor, John Reed, told her nervous, younger self, “If you believe in what you’re saying, that’s the most important thing.” She recently spoke in front of the Colorado House and Senate on behalf of Roundup River Ranch, about which she is indeed sincere, without a hitch.

Today, Johnson is working to help grow the ranch to serve up to 120 kids at a time and to expand its outreach programs to go directly into hospitals. “I’ve never had a position that has been so challenging and rewarding at the same time,” Johnson says, adding that her primary goal is to allow kids to be kids.

“Think of a child in a wheelchair on oxygen who has been told time and again what they cannot do. Think of the total joy you get when you see this child coming down the zip line, screaming, ‘This is the coolest thing I’ve done in my whole life!’ That’s just amazing.”


Bert Sugar, ’60, Dies at Age 75

Bert Sugar, ’60, whom The New York Times called “boxing’s human encyclopedia, a prolific writer and editor, and a flamboyant and ubiquitous presence in the world of the ring,” died March 25 at age 75.

Sugar wrote more than 80 books about boxing and was the editor of the magazines Boxing Illustrated and The Ring. In 2005, he was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

He was known for his prolific writing, but also his lively approach to boxing commentary on ESPN and HBO, his ever-present fedora and cigar, and his ability to access statistics and trivia about boxing and other sports from memory.

After law school, he practiced law for a short time, then went into advertising, before devoting himself to sportswriting.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, the former Suzanne Davis; two children, Jennifer Frawley and John-Brooks Sugar; a brother; and four grandchildren.
Elizabeth Fine is now the director of international relations and development for the Moscow (Russian Federation) Office of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. She was promoted to this position after completing a year-long JDC Fellowship in the Moscow office.

Maren R. Norton was elected partner at Stoel Rives LLP, based in the firm’s Seattle office. She has a broad range of trial and appellate experience representing clients in disputes involving complex commercial issues, environmental regulation, governmental litigation, mass torts, and products liability. She has handled administrative proceedings and all phases of litigation in both state and federal courts, including multiple trials.

Daniel Persinger was made partner at the firm of Warner Norcross in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He focuses his practice on public company securities law, mergers and acquisitions, commercial contracts, and general corporate matters.

Benjamin J. Roesch, Lane Powell attorney, has been elected shareholder in the Seattle office. He concentrates his practice in insurance coverage disputes for the London market and complex commercial litigation.

Justin H. Weyerhaeuser of the business litigation group at Davis Graham & Stubs LLP was elected to the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado’s Board of Directors. Weyerhaeuser represents clients in complex litigation matters in federal and state courts. He assists in all areas of business litigation, from drafting complaints and dispositive motions through pursuing post-judgment relief.

Yunxia (Kate) Yin joined the global law firm Ropes & Gray in its Hong Kong office. She focuses on providing anti-corruption advice and conducting related investigations for clients in China and the United States. She was most recently with the white collar criminal defense practice at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Hong Kong.

2005

Daniel Faggard has been appointed the felony division chief at the Office of the State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Adam Grant, an attorney at Dickinson Wright PLLC in Detroit, was elected member. He focuses his practice on the areas of tax litigation, estate and probate litigation, and commercial and business litigation.

Benjamin C. Stasa, patent attorney at Brooks Kushman in Southfield, Michigan, has been named a Top Patent Prosecutor by Patent Buddy and the Patent Research Review. He joins the top two percent of the approximately 30,000 registered patent attorneys who have been honored with this designation.

Melissa E. Manning has joined Quarles & Brady LLP’s Chicago office as an associate in the Commercial Litigation Group. She will represent clients in all areas of commercial litigation in state and federal courts, including class action, breach of contract, foreclosure, fraud, and securities litigation.

Steven M. Parks has joined Dickinson Wright’s Intellectual Property Group. He was hired as of counsel in the Lansing office. His practice focuses on various aspects of patent preparation, prosecution, and counseling, including freedom-to-operate, patentability, non-infringement, and validity opinions.

2006

Sylvia Lee and Michael Favretto were married in New York City in November 2011. Sylvia is an associate in the Finance Group at Shearman & Sterling LLP and Michael is a litigation associate at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. They met at Michigan Law and currently reside in Manhattan.

Anne E. Linder has been named an associate attorney at the Southfield, Michigan–based law firm of Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller, P.C. She focuses her practice on insurance coverage, reinsurance, and professional liability.

Maureen Pettibone Ryan recently left Quinn Emanuel after three years and cofounded a law firm with close friend Pamela Glazner. The firm, Glazner & Ryan, will handle general civil litigation with a focus on business disputes, high-tech law, privacy law, and civil and consumer rights.

Laura D. Yockey has rejoined Faegre Baker Daniels as an associate in the business and corporate finance group. She will practice at the firm’s 96th Street office in Indianapolis.
2007

The Class of 2007 reunion will be October 13–14, 2012.

Adam K. Keith was elected partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. He practices in the Commercial Law, Bankruptcy and Reorganization Department in the firm's Detroit office, counseling manufacturers and other businesses throughout the supply chain on their relationships with suppliers, customers, and lenders. He also counsels buyers and sellers of distressed and non-distressed businesses and assets with a special emphasis on automotive-related transactions.

Breanne Sheetz has joined Littler Mendelson, P.C. as an associate in the firm’s Seattle office. She advises and represents employers on a broad range of employment law matters arising under federal and state law, including wage and hour class and collective actions, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful discharge, and preventative employer training and counseling.

Shawn A. Strand was elected partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. He practices in the Tax Department in the firm’s Detroit office, advising clients regarding corporate and partnership taxation, mergers and acquisitions, tax-exempt entities, individual tax collection matters, and taxation of captive insurance companies.

Dustin A. Zacks of Ice Legal, P.A. in Royal Palm Beach, Florida, authored an article, “Standing In Our Own Sunshine: Reconsidering Standing, Transparency, and Accuracy in Foreclosures,” which appeared as the lead article in a recent edition of the Quinnipiac Law Review.

2008

Ian R.D. Labitue, an associate in Arnall Golden Gregory’s Real Estate Practice Group, is a recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Atlanta award, which recognizes exceptional community involvement. He is a member of the Georgia Aquarium’s community outreach committee and is a volunteer at the DeKalb Regional Youth Detention Center through the Great Debaters Program. He also is a member of the advisory board for KIPP Atlanta Collegiate and the steering committees for LEAD Atlanta Alumni and Georgia Aquarium Next Wave Society. He recently became a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta.

Jonathan Paul joined the Oakland County (Michigan) Prosecutor’s Office as an assistant prosecuting attorney.

Stephanie Lamarque joins Hiscock & Barclay LLP as an associate attorney in the Buffalo, New York, office. She will focus her practice in the areas of real property tax and condemnation and commercial litigation. Her experience as a yearlong legal fellow in the Seventh Judicial District at the New York State Supreme Court has provided a background for working with judges in both the commercial and criminal departments.

Hayley L. Nyeholt has joined Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as an attorney in its Litigation Department in the firm’s Detroit office. Nyeholt will concentrate her practice on a full range of commercial litigation matters. She joins Honigman after clerking for Judge John Feikens at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

2010

Amy M. Floraday has joined Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as an attorney in its Commercial Law, Bankruptcy, and Reorganization Department. She will be located in Honigman’s Detroit office and will assist clients in due diligence matters and drafting of transactional documents for the purchase of distressed and non-distressed assets.

T. Blake Finney has joined Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP’s litigation group in the Cincinnati office.

James M. Schleicher has joined Michael Best & Friedrich LLP in Milwaukee as a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group and Life Sciences Team.
IN MEMORIAM

1930s
Willard M. Avery, ’34 2/11/12
Frank R. Barnako, ’36 9/24/11
Frank Bush Stone, ’38 10/17/11
John C. McCarthy, ’39 8/2/11

1940s
Kenneth A. Cox, LL.M ’41 10/31/11
Paul Roger Roesch, ’41 10/28/11
Harold S. Streater, ’41 8/16/11
Nicholas M. Michaels, ’42 7/5/11
John P. O’Hara Jr., ’42 11/27/11
Carl M. Shinn, ’42 9/9/10
George W. Trendle Jr., ’42 1/11/10
George T. Schilling, ’43 1/25/12
John W. Riehm, ’47 8/26/11
Max Edward Wildman, ’47 9/16/11
Robert H. Bellairs, ’48 10/5/11
Alvin Fritz Grauerholz, ’48 1/2/12
Robert C. Lynch, ’48 6/13/08
Kenneth D. Plaxton, ’48 10/10/10
Roy Franklin Proffitt, ’48, LL.M ’56 10/2/11
G. James Williams, ’48 5/20/10
James M. Barrett III, ’49 9/22/11
The Hon. Joseph B. Gary, ’49 11/18/11
John Walker Hanlon, ’49 5/31/09
Gretel Schinnerer Robinson, ’49 9/28/11
Emanuel Rose, ’49 10/2/10

1950s
Omar S. Bruner Jr., ’50 10/26/11
Charles W. Davidson, LL.M ’50 8/29/11
Robert E. Dunn, ’50 12/24/10
Alan C. McManus, ’50 1/9/12
Cornel Francu, ’51 1/18/10
S. George Fukuoka, ’51 1/29/11
Stuart Dixon Hubbell, ’51 9/22/10
Curtis L. Mann, ’51 7/25/09
Howard VanAntwerp III, ’51 10/28/11
Martin B. Breighner, ’52 6/11/11

1960s
Richard E. Gilfillan, ’60 7/11/11
Lawrence Harold Gingold, ’60 11/3/11
Carl Roberts, ’60 12/12/11
Bert R. Sugar, ’60 3/25/12
The Hon. James John Wood, ’61 10/20/11
Frank G. Reeder, ’62 2/19/10
David A. Schechter, ’62 9/13/11
Daniel C. Turoff, ’63 10/7/10
Henry M. Ekker, ’64 9/17/11

1970s
Clifford C. Mack, ’70 10/11/11
Theodore F. Spearman Jr., ’71 1/3/12
Keith E. Swanson, ’72 7/30/11
Philip Joseph Ganz Jr., ’73 10/29/11
Dennis C. Trott, ’73 6/11/11
Gail Louise Ackerman, ’74 1/28/12
Robert Ersil Costello, ’74 2/13/09
George F. Heiden, ’74 10/24/11
Kemp Robert Harshman, ’75 4/11/10
Howard M. Bernstein, ’76 2/3/12
Judith Adams Cook, ’77 8/13/11
Franklyn D. Kimball, ’77 10/28/11
Allan N.L. Yee, ’77 8/29/09

1980s
Robert Whitefield Powell, ’80 3/15/11
David S. Inglis, ’82 8/7/11
Brian F. Donnelly, ’86 1/14/12
Gerrit Schohe, LL.M ’86 10/27/11
Maren L. Hed, ’87 11/27/10
Lance M. Keiffer, ’89 8/2/11

1990s
Lisa M. Strickland, ’90 6/8/11
Jeffry C. Clark, ’91 8/8/09
Dear Uncle,

I suppose you recognize this building. This is a beautiful town. . . . M.A.C. [Michigan Agricultural College, later Michigan State University] football game Sat. . . . Alfred sent the postcard to Mr. Edward J. Myers of Bucyrus, Ohio, on October 18, 1919, and invited his aunt and uncle to come up for a visit. On the front was a painted photograph of the old law building on the northwest corner of the Diag.

Myers was a 1905 graduate of Michigan Law, but we don’t know much else. Did Alfred go to the football game and watch legendary coach Fielding Yost lead his team to a 26-0 victory? Did Mr. and Mrs. Myers return to Ann Arbor for a visit? And how did that postcard eventually make its way to Jack Hunter, ’61, and his collection of Law School postcards? Who knows?

Decades before email became the most efficient way for people to stay in touch, postcards provided friends and family members quick glimpses into one another’s lives. Dash off four sentences, write the address (even shorter in the pre-ZIP code era), adhere the one-cent stamp, and done.

Today, these postcards are compact pieces of history beloved by collectors for the notes on the back and the often-beautiful artwork on the front (though it wasn’t always attractive; scalloped edges? Really?).

“Postcards are good for memory, reaching back for history, nostalgia,” says Karen Jania, head of reference at the Bentley Historical Library at U-M, which possesses a vast collection of vintage postcards. “Not everyone took photographs back then, so postcards are a great way for us to see how things used to look.”

As Michigan Law’s landscape changes with the new Aikens Commons and South Hall academic building, we thought it was a good time to look at a visual history of the school, through the lens of postcard artists from long ago. Enjoy.

For a future issue of the Law Quadrangle:
Please send us a photo and caption information from your days as a law student—you and your roommates studying on the Quad, you and a favorite professor on Senior Day, or anything else you would like to share with fellow alumni. Send to LQNGeneral@umich.edu or to Editor, Law Quadrangle, 701 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091. We will return photographs that are mailed to us.