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GGU Grad Wins Bingham Aquittal

Sixty-seven jury trials over the last ten years proved excellent preparation for Susan Rutberg's ('75) defense work in the celebrated Stephen Bingham trial. A lawyer who always tends to view her cases with optimism, Rutberg used her voir dire experience to make eye contact, establish rapport and push luck in favor of the defense during jury selection. The small defense team, composed of chief counsel Gerry Schwartzbach, co-counsel Rutberg, research lawyer Bruce Cohen and law students Matt Menzer (Boalt) and Maxine Fasulis (USF) won an unanimous verdict of acquittal on the first ballot. Despite significant handicaps going into the case, Rutberg "always believed we would win this trial."

The case was 15 years old, and the San Quentin "seven," minus Stephen Bingham, had been tried as the San Quentin Six in 1975-1976. After Bingham voluntarily surrendered in 1984, a preliminary hearing was held, but was conducted by other lawyers before Rutberg and Schwartzbach were retained as defense counsel. Hostile prosecution witnesses, for the most part San Quentin guards, refused to meet with them. Cross-examination questions had to be prepared cold from reading transcripts of testimony and statements made over the past 15 years.

Significant advance preparation by the defense team, utilizing the services of the National Jury Project, was instrumental in jury selection. Questionnaires were developed to provide profiles on each of the prospective jurors. Questions measured media habits, family backgrounds, clubs and affiliations, employment histories, political attitudes, familiarity with the case and the legal system, and activities during the actual case events in 1971. Voir dire questions were then developed from the questionnaires. This methodology was supported by the court, largely due to its efficiency in minimizing voir dire time and speeding the jury selection process. The prosecution also continued on page 2
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had access to the questionnaires and the responses.

After voir dire and juror challenges had been completed, Rutberg "felt enormous reassurance." Many of her favorite jurors had made it through the selection process unchallenged by the prosecution. Ultimately, a 61-year-old retired teacher and writer, who had raised her children during the '60s, was selected as jury forewoman.

While each day held its tense moments, Rutberg feels the main turning point came early in the trial. A San Quentin guard made a statement on August 21, 1971, when the incident first occurred, that he had searched George Jackson's hair after Bingham's visit and had found no concealed weapon. Three weeks later, after intense and repeated grilling by his superior officers in the Department of Corrections, the same witness recanted his testimony. Under cross-examination by Schwartzbach in 1986, the guard revealed that he felt himself to be a Department of Corrections suspect in the case, as well as a victim of racism. At this point, Rutberg states, the jury began to regard this witness as someone who would say anything to save his own neck, and the prosecution's case "looked a little sick."

The defense team held Stephen Bingham's testimony for the end. Weeks before his appearance, however, the defense called several law enforcement officers who contradicted the testimony of other law enforcement personnel testifying on behalf of the prosecution. This was followed by a series of character witnesses who testified as to Bingham's past actions on behalf of peaceable social change and to his belief in the nonviolent tactics of the civil rights movement. When Bingham finally took the stand himself, he personified these qualities.

Although her arrival in the Bay Area in the early 1970s was a year after Stephen Bingham's disappearance, Rutberg had met many of his friends through her involvement with the National Lawyers Guild. Her personal observations of Bingham were reinforced by his demeanor and testimony during the trial. "Stephen is a very soft-spoken, intelligent, and somewhat hesitant kind of guy. He just came across as exactly the kind of person who could not smuggle a gun to a prisoner. He was the last guy you'd ever ask to do something like that."

From her past experience in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, Rutberg has found that " jurors always feel more comfortable if they think they're acquitting an innocent person than if they're acquitting a person on a technicality." Bingham's testimony reassured the jurors, who had already begun to perceive several holes in the prosecution's case, of his honesty and innocence.

For Rutberg, the Bingham acquittal served as a vindication of the concept of activism. In reflecting on the trial's significance, she commented that "to many people Stephen Bingham was a symbol of that spirit of idealism and caring about others that led people to try to make the world a better place to live in the '60s and '70s, and that spirit seemed to me to have gone underground shortly after Stephen did."

The saddest outcome, in her opinion, is the failure of the trial and the acquittal to shift public focus from this individual case to the Adjustment Center, to San Quentin, and to the California Department of Corrections as a whole. Conditions inside San Quentin, already found to be unconstitutional by two judges, are "just as abominable now as they were in 1971." To her disappointment, it will take more than Stephen Bingham's victory to reawaken the prison reform movement. Nevertheless, three months after the jury's verdict, Susan Rutberg is still celebrating her victory.

—Gary Wishniewsky

New Law Placement Director Appointed

Anthony L. "Tony" Bastone has been appointed director of Career Planning and Placement for the School of Law, effective August 1986. Bastone comes to GGU from the University of Tulsa College of Law, where he served as director of placement since 1978. He was promoted to assistant dean at Tulsa University in 1981, and in addition to his placement responsibilities, was also named director of law alumni affairs there. While placement director, Bastone developed the law placement office from almost nothing, establishing a major legal career resource library, a legal employers recruiting pool and a comprehensive on-campus interview program for law graduates.

In his other role as law alumni director, Bastone initiated a Spring Reunion Dinner for all graduated classes, and pioneered a champagne reception program in the state capital to commemorate the swearing-in of Tulsa law graduates by the State Bar of Oklahoma.

From 1973 to 1978, Bastone served as executive director for On The Bricks, Incorporated, a Tulsa post-release treatment center for ex-offenders. In May 1976, he was given the Presidential Citation by Gerald R. Ford for outstanding service in the field of criminal justice.

Bastone received his master of arts degree in criminology and correction from Sam Houston State University. He also served as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Criminal Justice at Tulsa University.
'76 and '81 Hold Largest Reunion Ever

The level of interest among the classes of '76 and '81 was the highest ever of any law class, as over 100 members and guests from both groups gathered on May 31 at the Four Star Restaurant in San Francisco’s Embarcadero Center. Much time and effort were volunteered by past and present class leaders, particularly during the phone follow-up phase after the invitations were in the mail. Assisting the Alumni Office this year were: Ted Bayer, '76; Richard Harmon, '76; Alan Lagod, '76; Sandra Bovetti Snyder, '76; Paula Fancher, '81; Carol Kingsley, '81; David Leland, '81; Nicki Skovronski, '81; Ann Hardgrove Voris, '81; and Paige Wickland, '81. Special recognition is due Ted Bayer for arranging the location and for his intuition that a downtown restaurant might draw more attendance than a get-together at the University.

Unfortunately, limited response from the classes of '61, '66 and '71 required the cancellation of their 25-
and 15-year get-togethers originally planned for May 17. Nevertheless, thank you’s go to the class volunteers who helped the Alumni Office plan and organize the program. They are: Bessie Dreibelbis, '61; Bill O'Malley, '61, Larry Mayer, '66 and Tom Lewsader, '71.

For the third consecutive year the Reunion program drew Law School alumni from distant locations. Those who traveled the farthest include Daryl Dobashi, '76, a surprise guest from Kauai; Stephen Winter, '76, heretofore lost in Detroit but luckily contacted by a classmate in time to join the event; and Nancy Lashnits, '81, and her husband Eric Ostrovsky, '81, who commuted in from Washington, DC.

Faculty interest was also high this year, and all of the graduates present enjoyed catching up on old times with Roger Bernhardt, Larry Jones, Jan Kosel, Judy McKelvey, Les Minkus, Tony Pagano and Bernie Segal. Next year’s Reunion program will feature a combined reunion for the classes of '62, '67 and '72, and a second joint event for '77 and '82. Class members interested in volunteering may contact Alumni Director Gary Wishniewsky.

Copies are still available from the GGU Bookstore (415) 442-7277. A collection of faculty and staff photos. Alumni may inquire at the directory features mailing addresses. This effort, combined with the Telethon, will hopefully increase the amount of alumni support for the School of Law, and provide administrative departments such as Law Placement and Alumni Relations with valuable demographics on the professional choices and achievements of the University’s Law graduates.

“Careers in Law” Seminar

Golden Gate will be holding a free seminar in “Careers in the Law” for prospective law students on November 8, 1986. The program includes morning sessions in Criminal Law, Family Law, Corporate/Commercial Law, Public Interest Law, Real Estate Law and Civil Litigation as well as meetings with law professors and practicing attorneys. The afternoon program features a sample law school class and a discussion of the issues involved in an assigned legal case.

Alumni who know of individuals who may be interested in attending law school are asked to have them contact the School for full details (415) 442-7250.

Fund-Raising Telethon Announced

In a fund-raising first for the School of Law, a comprehensive telemarketing phone-mail campaign will be conducted during October and November. Each of the University’s law alumni will receive a personal call from a representative of the school. The goal of the new program is to generate increased contributions from alumni for the support of legal education at GGU, and to surpass the response rate achieved from past direct mail solicitations.

The campaign will be a combined effort between the School of Law and Teleconnect Company of Cedar Rapids, IA, a telecommunications services and systems firm. Teleconnect specializes in fund-raising programs and phonathons for colleges and universities in the United States, and has worked with institutional clients such as Carnegie-Mellon, UCLA, University of San Francisco, Cal State - Los Angeles, Baylor and the University of Georgia.

A Law School representative will contact alumni from Oct. 27-Nov. 7, and whenever possible will utilize office phone numbers for the program. Since many alumni only have home address information listed with the alumni office, calls will also be made to residence numbers.

Telethon ’86 will provide alumni an opportunity to continue their membership in one of the Law School donor clubs or to become a new member at a level of giving appropriate to their respective circumstances. The Clubs are: Chairman’s Club, $500 or more; President’s Club, $300-$499; Dean’s Club, $200-299; Professor’s Club, $100-$199; Lecturer’s Club, $25-$99. Alumni will also have a choice of designating their gift for scholarships, the Law School Library or providing an unrestricted gift.

Telethon ‘86 and your membership in the Clubs are vital to the future success of the School of Law. Alumni contributions to date have provided not only scholarship funds for currently enrolled students, but also computer equipment, new books and library furniture. Over the last six years, charitable giving from all sources to the School of Law has quadrupled. This fourfold increase has enabled the Law School to offer more than $300,000 in scholarships to over 160 law students for the academic year.

Nevertheless, the School’s needs will continue as the cost of legal education inevitably continues to increase. With the overwhelming number of mergers and acquisitions in the last two years alone, significant sources of corporate contribution have been cut back or eliminated altogether. In addition the new tax reform measures, which eliminate the charitable deduction for non-itemizers, could have a disastrous effect on educational fund-raising nationally.

The Telethon will also assist the Alumni Office in obtaining address changes vital to the successful completion of the Alumni Directory. In the past, the low response rate to the law annual fund mailing has been attributed to the large number of out-of-date addresses. In preparation for Telethon ‘86, administrative staff have updated 69 percent of all law alumni addresses. This effort, combined with the Telethon, will hopefully increase the amount of alumni support for the School of Law, and provide administrative departments such as Law Placement and Alumni Relations with valuable demographics on the professional choices and achievements of the University’s Law graduates.

So, please take a moment to speak about the Law School’s fund-raising objectives with your University representative, and do consider your contribution an investment in the future of the Golden Gate University School of Law, its reputation, and the intrinsic value of your degree.

Grad Photo Directory

Thanks to the efforts of several enterprising law students in the classes of ‘85 and ‘86, for the first time photo directories of the new graduates have been produced. The project was initiated in 1985 by Art Barbour, ’85, with assistance from class members Ellen Bastier, Sue Flageollet, Jeff Kricker and Tova Zeff. The ’85 directory features mailing addresses and photos of each graduate, as well as a collection of faculty and staff photos. Copies are still available from the GGU Bookstore at a cost of $8 plus postage and handling. Interested alumni may inquire at the GGU Bookstore (415) 442-7277.

The ‘86 directory has been coordinated by Bruce Roberts, ’86, working with Jostens, the leading supplier of collegiate caps, gowns, class rings and diplomas. Still in the production stages, the ’86 photo directory is expected to be available in early December. Class members may obtain an order blank by writing to: Bruce Roberts, SBA-86 Directory, Golden Gate University Law School, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Both directories provide an excellent reference for law school alumni who may be interested in employing members of the ’85 or ’86 classes.
Alumni Directory in Progress

All Law and LLM alumni should have received a request for essential information required for the timely completion of the new Law Alumni Directory. We sincerely hope that everyone contacted has been able to complete and return the questionnaire. The tentative release date for the directory is June 1987.

Publication of the directory will be handled by Harris Publishing Company of White Plains, NY, the sole authorized agent for production and marketing of the directory. Harris assumes all financial obligation, including the compilation, editing, billing and distribution of the volume, and will cover its costs through individual book sales to alumni only. This plan will assure the professional publication of a high-quality directory.

During the next several months alumni will be contacted by telephone for verification of their directory information. At that time, and at that time only, alumni will be asked if they wish to purchase a copy. The number of directories printed will be based on the number of advance orders received via the phone calls.

Alumni who have not returned their questionnaires and are not reached by telephone by the Harris firm will be listed in the directory with the information provided by the Alumni Office, as long as the address is current. So, be sure to complete your own information and send it in right away!

1989 Class Highly Qualified

Over 1,100 applicants competed for 140 seats in the 1986 first year class at GGU. The new class is the most highly qualified group to enter the School in three years. Over 75 percent of its members have LSAT scores above the 1985 class average.

In addition, the 1986 entering class is substantially smaller than those that preceded it. Although the number of applicants to Golden Gate Law School increased slightly over 1985, the size of the first year class was again deliberately decreased to improve the caliber of the student body. The number of admission offers decreased in 1986 by 13 percent compared to 1985 while the number of deny letters more than doubled. A smaller, but more highly qualified, class should contribute significantly to the quality of the School.

A number of other internal changes have been implemented as well, such as more rigorous academic standards and a series of seminars dedicated to preparation for bar examinations. These changes have been made without sacrificing the size of the faculty or the availability of any program or curricular offering. Indeed, the number of designated specialty areas at the School has increased. According to the American Bar Association, our dispute resolution program and others are planned for the coming year.

I have other items of good news to relate which can be stated succinctly. For one, of particular interest to a dean, the Law School budget continues to be in balance, and this year our enrollment significantly exceeds our preliminary projections. For another, faculty scholarship has increased; a half-dozen members of the faculty have completed books within the last couple of years, and two of them—Professors Neil Levy and Michael Golden—published six volumes on California Tort Law, placing them among the leading authorities in this state on that subject. For yet another, the previous pattern of strong support for the Library has been reinstated, and during the last two years funding for the Library has risen an average of 11 percent per year. Lastly, I am pleased to report that the level of giving to the School has quadrupled in the last six years. This money has allowed us to expand considerably the grants we make to students. The number of scholarship recipients has increased from 111 last year to 152 this year, and the amount allocated has increased from $225,580 to $280,890.

All of our alumni will be contacted soon by a representative of the School to ask for your help in annual giving. I hope you will respond affirmatively and share with us our sense of confidence in the future.

—Dean John P. Wilson
Due to space limitations, Classes of '77, '76 and '75 notes will run next time.

Class of 1985

Melodie Bankers has been admitted to the Colorado and Washington Bars and is currently working for the Washington office of the Insurance Commissioner in Consumer Affairs. She is looking for an environmental organization that needs pro bono help, especially in wildlife or wilderness preservation.

Class of 1984

Jan M. Witkin became an associate with the West Los Angeles firm of Sacks, Rivera & Solomon, specialists in worker's compensation defense and subrogation. Classmates can reach her at 1849 Sawtelle Blvd., Ste. 700, West LA 90025.

Class of 1983

Paul F. Handleman writes that he is giving taxpayers hell as a lawyer with the Chief Counsel's Corporation Division, Internal Revenue Service, in Washington, DC.

Leslie Tick is an associate with Post & Kellman in Oakland. She is also working part time with Maya Hanks in San Francisco.

In March, Randy Barrow joined the Sacramento firm of Weintraub, Genshele, Hardy, Erich & Brown.

Since February, May Tong has been a law clerk for Justice Cruz Reynoso of the California Supreme Court.

William Robbins is on the 1986 Marin County Grand Jury.

Phyllis Berenson is a tax attorney with Schwartz and Lane in San Francisco. She received her LL.M. Tax from GGU in 1983.

Andrew S. Blumen has left the law firm of Jimmerson & Combs to open up the Law Offices of Andrew S. Blumen CHTD.

Lawrence E. Butler is currently working with the San Francisco law firm of Kornblum, Kelly & Herlihy as an associate attorney. He practices insurance defense.

Cindy A. Ossias has opened her own law office on Union Street in San Francisco. She will specialize in criminal defense and family law.

Leo Butler is the September Volunteer of the Month for the Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP) of the Bar of San Francisco. Practicing family and juvenile law, Leo takes at least four or five cases per year through VLSP's "no fee" panel system of individual case referrals. He is also on the Board of Directors of St. George Homes, residential treatment homes for adolescents in Berkeley.

Will Glennon has been hired as the legislative analyst for the California Trial Lawyers Association. He will commute to Sacramento from his home in Berkeley.

Stan Naparst spoke at the San Francisco swearing-in ceremonies for newly-admitted lawyers on June 10 as a representative of the California Young Lawyers' Association. He has also been appointed to the Fairmont Hospital Community Advisory Committee. Fairmont is part of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

Colette Joliecoeur and Katherine Maynard have relocated their law office to 1242 Market St., Fourth Floor, San Francisco.

Class of 1982

George H. John recently opened a practice in San Rafael, emphasizing estate planning and administration, syndications, business and real estate. He received his LL.M. Tax from GGU in 1982.

Elizabeth Voge is with the San Francisco firm of Morton, Bennett & Lacy.

Thomas P. Ross is now Vice-President—Tennis Division of Advantage International, Inc.

Thomas Keeler recently resigned from two years of practice with the office of the Attorney General, Territory of Guam, and has joined the law firm of Klemm, Blair, Sterling & Johnson in Agana, Guam.

Cheryl Merrick is currently teaching Business Law and Corporations at Canada College in Redwood City. She was also selected as District II Justice of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity to serve as administrator of all chapters and alumni chapters of P.A.D. in Law Schools in Northern California and Nevada.

Class of 1981

David Leland is now with the Kuvara Law firm in San Rafael, CA, and has just been admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

Eric Ostrovsky, formerly the legislative assistant to Senator Frank Murkoski of Alaska, has been named associate director of Human Resources for the State of Alaska. He will

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continue to be based in Washington, DC.

Julie Kai Barreto is opening a private practice at 515 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz, CA 91060.

Class of 1980

Nancy Erickson, a former academic dean of San Francisco Law School, has joined the staff of Tara Properties in Sonoma, CA. She will sell residential real estate. Before her eight years at SF Law School, Nancy worked at GGU, first as assistant director of admissions and then as registrar.

Charles R. Hendricks has left the firm of Lewitt, Hackman, Hoefflin, Shapiro & Herzoz to establish his own practice at The Law Center in Culver City, CA.

Susan Kleebauer now has her own law offices, Kleebauer & Nolan, at 405 14th St., Oakland, CA.

Bob Richardson has joined the Walnut Creek office of the Oakland-based law firm of Stark, Stewart, Wells & Robinson. Bob will continue his law practice in civil litigation with emphasis in the areas of construction, real estate and business law.

In solo practice since 1982, Alexander G. Van Broek specializes in computer-related law, wrongful termination and personal injury.

Class of 1979

Ellen M. Singer has her own law practice at 2721 Taraval St., SF, where she specializes in plaintiff personal injury cases.

Walter E. Switzer has been appointed city magistrate, City of Mesa, AZ, effective July 1, 1986.

Class of 1978

Steven McCarthy has announced his candidacy for the District 3 seat on the State Bar Board of Governors. An Oakland resident, Steven began his career as a solo practitioner in 1979 and has been active as a judge pro tempore in Alameda County Municipal Courts since 1981. He has also served on the Alameda County Bar Association Criminal Justice Committee, chaired the Legislative Subcommittee on Courts and Rules of Court and was a delegate to the Conference of Delegates in 1985. He is presently a member of the Legislative Subcommittee on Civil Procedure and Evidence.

Bonnie Maly has become an associate with the law firm of Linda De Bene, Inc., of San Ramon, CA.

Previously she had a one-year appointment as a research attorney and superior court judge pro tem for Contra Costa County.

Spencer Raff joined the law firm of Silver, Rosen, Fischer & Stecher which has recently relocated to 88 Kearny St., SF. Spencer specializes in civil litigation and business law.

Cynthia Duncan has relocated her law office to 2140 Shattuck Ave., #401, Berkeley, CA.

Sherrie B. McLetchie (formerly McLeod) is senior litigator in the Office of Trial Counsel, State Bar of California. She recently participated in the successful State Bar attorneys' strike which was the first such strike in history.

Class of 1975

Anthony White is currently regional counsel for the central office of California Rural Legal Assistance in San Francisco.

Class of 1974

After a long absence, R. Alan Hedrick (formerly Roger H. Hedrick) has reopened a practice in Berkeley with his wife Joanne. Called Lionvale

We Need Your Help!

Please let us know when you have moved so that we will have your current address.

Also, the Admissions Office asks you to provide names and addresses of qualified candidates for admission.

If you are willing to be a member of the alumni network and to talk with prospective students about law school, please indicate that on the form; you will be contacted by the Admissions Office.

Finally, if you have a note for the Alumni Notes, kindly let us know.

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Alumni Director
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Golden Gate University School of Law
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Yes, I would be willing to talk with candidates for admission.
Legal Services, it will provide services to attorneys.

Class of 1973

Frederick Kearney is now with the San Jose offices of Tarkington, O'Connor & O'Neill.

Class of 1971

Donald Umhofer is running unopposed for San Luis Obispo County Municipal judge. He was appointed to the judgeship in 1983 by then-Governor Jerry Brown.

Class of 1970

Jerome Davi is running for the judgeship of the Walnut Creek-Danville Municipal Court. He is currently a Contra Costa County deputy district attorney.

In Memoriam

Gary Key, Class of 1978, passed away on February 25, 1986. He had been diagnosed as having AIDS in July 1984. He practiced law in Hayward and Fremont from 1979-1984. He was 33.

Stanley Ibler, Class of 1965, was killed March 31, 1986, when his car ran off the road on Highway 280. He was 48. A partner in the James Boccardo law firm in San Jose, he was also a musician and concert pianist. Called a legal scholar by his peers, Mr. Ibler was in charge of all appellate work for the Boccardo firm. A memorial fund for music has been set up by an associate in the Boccardo firm in his name at 222 Sunnyside Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611.

Faculty NEWS

Professor Michael M. Golden has taken his first leave of absence since he began teaching 22 years ago. Currently Michael is working full time for Professor Neil Levy, also on leave, writing and editing The California Tort Reporter and the Federal Litigator.

Professor Thomas M. Goetzl took a leave of absence last year to teach at the University of New Mexico School of Law. During his visit there, he gave talks on the Legal Rights of Visual Artists in over 15 places, including Kansas City, MO; Louisville, KY; Durango, CO; and all over New Mexico. He also authored HR-4366 which was introduced in the House of Representatives this past March by Congressman Tom Downey (D-NY). That bill would implement the ideas contained in the recent article entitled Copyright and the Visual Artist's Display Right: A New Doctrinal Analysis which appeared in 9 Columbia — VLA J of Law and the Arts 15.

In the spring, Professor Bernard Segal gave a lecture on “Evidence Problems in Connection with the Defense of Homicide Case,” to the Washington State Public Defender Association CLE Conference. More than 150 attorneys with public defense agencies in Washington State attended the lecture which was aimed at upgrading the skills of lawyers undertaking capital cases and other homicide cases.

While in Seattle, he met with a number of GGU alumni who attended the conference or who work in the Seattle area. Among the alums were Joseph Vincent II, '79, practicing in Seattle and Chris Hassenstab, '84, working with a public defender's office.

Wally Walker, law registrar since 1978, was elected to the Executive Board of Directors for the National Network of Law School Officers (NNLSO) at the organization's annual meeting in Baltimore, MD. Wally's term will run from April 1986 to April 1988, and his responsibilities will include: overseeing the creation of a Handbook for Law School Registrars, from its inception to its publication; serving as Northern California regional director for NNLSO; serving as editor of an upcoming issue of the National Network Newsletter, the organization's official news vehicle; and assisting the executive director in all policy-making decisions and new projects undertaken. The National Network of Law School Officers was founded in 1978 and currently serves all American Bar Association approved law schools in the United States.