Public Interest Scholars Program
Educates Future Leaders

Marcia Cohen, a psychology and music major from Long Island, New York, is an advocate for Hispanic women and children.

Rhonda K. Grubbs, a former Mormon from Euless, Texas, worked with disabled children and their families.

Donna Marie Johnson is a youth advocate from New Brunswick, New Jersey who once ate her meals at a soup kitchen.

Nancy C. MacEoin helped low-income people in Las Vegas secure their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and welfare and public housing reforms.

Although the backgrounds and ambitions of these four women differ, they share the desire to help others, and have chosen law school as the way to best achieve that goal. Together, Cohen, Grubbs, Johnson, and MacEoin comprise the first group of Public Interest Scholars at Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law. The program, launched this year, provides tuition support and special educational opportunities to outstanding students who demonstrate commitment to public interest work, exhibit leadership potential, and intend to pursue a career in public interest.

Temple’s first public interest scholars (from left): Marlo Cohen, Rhonda K. Grubbs, Nancy C. MacEoin, and Donna Marie Johnson, attended a lecture by Robert G. Schwartz ’75 (center), Director of the Juvenile Law Center.

Marcio Cohen

Five years after Marlo Cohen graduated summa cum laude from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and music, she was the leading expert on battered immigrant women’s legal rights in Iowa. The 30-year-old from Long Island, New York began her career teaching music and foreign languages at a California prep school and playing piano on weekends. She soon discovered that she wanted to remain a passion, not a paycheck.

After two years at Claremont Day School, Cohen joined the Peace Corps and traveled to Honduras, where she created and implemented a training program for rural teachers. She also formed a student music/theater/puppetry troupe that advanced social issues within the community. After returning from the Peace Corps, Cohen knew that she wanted to continue to work with Hispanic women and children. She moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where she spent 18 months working at the city’s only domestic violence shelter, the Family Violence Center. “I found my life’s passion—working as an advocate for victims of domestic violence, specifically immigrant women and their children,” Cohen says. While counseling victims of abuse, Marlo realized that the safety needs of Hispanic women were being virtually ignored. So she wrote, applied for, and received a federal grant to start the first Hispanic outreach program within the center. She worked with leaders in the immigrant community to educate these women on their rights and prepared her colleagues to better serve the women through cultural awareness workshops and Spanish language classes. Cohen also ran workshops for legal professionals.

After learning about an opportunity to teach English in Andorra, Cohen packed her bags. For the next year, she taught children and business people at the In Lingua/Associaçà de Dones Migrants Andorrans, while spending her spare time working on domestic violence issues with a women’s rights group.

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Renowned aviation expert Arthur A. Wolk is the newest member of the Law School’s Centennial Society. Founder of Wolk & Genter, Wolk is a gladiator of the blue yonder, who seeks redress for the victims of air crashes, including, most recently, Egypt Air 990 and Alaska Air 261. During the past 30 or so, he has generated verdicts and settlements for hundreds of millions of dollars.

But that’s only half of Wolk’s mission. He also pressures government agencies, airlines and airplane manufacturers to make changes which will prevent future air catastrophes. Wolk’s firm includes Temple Law grad Richard E. Genter ’79 and Catherine B. Slavin ’86. The firm works with a team of airplane experts who help investigate aviation accidents.

Wolk & Genter’s Philadelphia office would entrance any kid—or grown-up—in love with airplanes. Gleaming model airplanes line the walls. A large model of the Grumman F9F-2 Panther jet fighter Wolk used to own and fly in air shows is suspended over the receptionist desk. Cutaways of propellers sit on tables and airplane paintings hang in the entrance hall. They are hand-crafted complements to the charcoal, rose and cream decor. But each represents a case, and too often, what Wolk grimly calls “the horrible smell of death.”

Wolk believes many terrible air crashes are caused by negligence or mechanical defects. He cites the Boeing 737 rudder as one example, starting with the 1989 crash of United 585 in Cokesbury Springs. Two hours after the plane crashed, Wolk appeared on “Larry King Live.” “They asked me what I thought the cause of the accident was. I said, ‘It’s the rudder.’”

After Wolk was hired by a woman whose husband was killed in the crash, he bought pieces of a 737 rudder and had his experts test them to failure, and confirmed his theory about the rudder.

“I tried to communicate with the federal authorities to say, this is a flaw, this is a problem, you need to fix it.” Wolk says. “But because I’m a lawyer, they ignored me.”

When USAir #427 crashed in Pittsburgh for “precisely the same reason,” Wolk continued to warn the National Transportation Safety Board. He says, “Now the Federal Aviation Administration has ten years later ordered that Boeing change the rudder design for all Boeing 737s, which will take three to five years. It’s going to take 15 years to fix an airplane that every moment it flies, risks the lives of everybody on it!”

The son of Russian immigrants, Wolk grew up in the Oxford Circle area of Philadelphia. He was crazy about airplanes and dreamed of becoming a pilot. It was an unlikely dream, given the family finances.

After graduating from Northeast High School, Wolk took pre-law studies at Temple University, graduating cum laude in 1965. He became a day student at Temple Law School that fall, but remembers it as a difficult time.

“I went to school from 8 until 11 or 12 noon, and then I ran down to the subway and to work until 9 p.m. Then I went home and studied until 3 in the morning—and back again . . . I ran myself ragged,” Wolk recalls.

The late Ralph Norvell had just become dean. “Ralph was a very tough guy. But he had some standards that I admired. For example, he required all students to wear a jacket and tie . . . he said, if you’re going to be a lawyer, you should act like a lawyer.”

That was fine with Wolk, who was too poor for a fancy wardrobe. “I was wearing hand-me-down suits from my brother who was in business. So for me, a jacket and tie was de rigueur—that’s what I had.”

After graduation, Wolk went to work for the Defense Department, doing procurement. Next he was hired by an attorney to do plaintiff’s personal injury work, but found he didn’t like the work. “I decided to become a pilot,” he says.

“When I became a pilot, I figured I could put the two together and be a lawyer doing aviation kinds of things.”

That opportunity came when Wolk was hired by the family of an airport owner who was killed in an accident. He says, “I investigated and got the National Transportation Safety Board to change their probable cause of the accident. That was my first aviation case—Horman vs. Piper Aircraft Corporation.”

“After that case, everybody started to send me work. I realized then that the only way I could really do this was to refuse to do any kind of work.”

By 1980, Wolk & Genter was able to concentrate solely in the area of airplane cases, or “aero,” as Wolk puts it. Clients come mostly from referral from other lawyers, but also from Wolk’s many appearances as an aviation expert on national and local television, from interviews in other media and from the firm’s web site. Wolk has also written numerous articles on aviation issues.

During a typical day, Wolk works, often at home, on his computer. He studies thousands of documents, talks to experts or goes out into the field, checking and testing airplanes. He says, “I’m out there taking depositions—and finally I basically structure the case and then to the extent necessary, I try them.”

Wolk, who holds an airline transport pilot’s license, continues to fly, although he no longer appears in air shows. He has always flown abroad, he says, adding, “It’s been a healthy respect for the consequences of either the machine failing or you failing the machine.”

Despite his knowledge and caution, Wolk broke his back and arm in September, 1996, when his horse fell on his back and arm in September, 1996, when his horse fell. He argued that the WTO is in a time of fundamental transition and that the strategies used to address this transition have been ineffectual if not counterproductive, and suggested strategies that the WTO might employ to successfully manage the transition era.

Each fall a member of the law faculty is selected to receive the Friel/Scanlan award in recognition of superior scholarship. Dunoff, this year’s recipient, is Director of Temple’s Transnational Law Program. He will receive research support from the Friel/Scanlan Scholarship Fund, one of the first funds in the country to provide grants to law faculty engaged in significant research.

Dunoff has written extensively about international law; his most recent publications include “The Death of the Trade Regime,” in the European Journal of International Law, “Economic Analysis of International Law,” in the Yale Journal of International Law, and “Border Patrol at the WTO” in the Yearbook of International Environmental Law. His scholarship has also appeared in several edited books and other legal journals, including the American Journal of International Law, Journal of International Economic Law, Harvard Environmental Law Review and Columbia Journal of Transnational Law.

Among his other professional activities, Dunoff is currently a member of the EPA’s National Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair of the American Society of International Law’s International Economic Law Group and Associate Editor of the Yearbook of International Environmental Law. In 1999, he was appointed a Visiting Associate Professor of Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. In 1998, Professor Dunoff served as a Visiting Fellow at the Center for International Studies at Princeton and, in 1992, was a Ford Foundation Fellow in Public International Law at Georgetown University.

A member of the law faculty since 1992, Dunoff received a B.A., magna cum laude, from Haverford College, a J.D., cum laude, from New York University, and an L.M., with distinction, from Georgetown University. At N.Y.U., he received the first Morton Geller award, and at Georgetown was awarded the Thomas Chetwood Prize for distinguished academic performance.

Following law school, Dunoff clerked for the Honorable Joseph S. Lord III. He then practiced law for several years in Washington, D.C. where he represented Latin American, Asian and African governments in a variety of international litigations, arbitrations and transactions.

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**ESQ SPOTLIGHT**

Arthur Alan Wolk ’68

Wolk wins record verdicts, seeks technical reforms in air catastrophe cases

Delivers lecture on global trade and the WTO

Professor Jeffrey Dunoff, one of the leading international law scholars of his generation, delivered this year’s Friel/ Scanlan lecture entitled “Global Trade and the WTO: Millennium: What’s Wrong with the WTO?”

In the November 16 talk Dunoff addressed the political and doctrinal pressures operating on the World Trade Organization (WTO) following last year’s “Battle in Seattle.” He argued that the WTO is in a time of fundamental transition and that the strategies used to address this transition have been ineffectual if not counterproductive, and suggested strategies that the WTO might employ to successfully manage the transition era.

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Rhonda K. Grubbs

Although Rhonda Grubbs left the Mormon faith behind after she graduated from Brigham Young University and moved to the east coast in 1990, she retained one central element of the Mormon way of life: service to others.

Growing up in Euless, Texas, Grubbs was considered an exemplary Mormon. “From a young age, I learned that fulfillment comes from service to others through speaking at church meetings, leadership in church organizations, labors in the church welfare system, teaching classes and providing child care,” says the 37-year-old. “I began to see service as a powerful vehicle for change in the lives of others, as well as in my own life.”

As a feminist, however, Grubbs had trouble with some of the tenets of the church, particularly the hierarchy. But she continued serving the church and at the age of 21 spent 16 months in Italy on a mission to introduce people to the values and principles of the Mormon Church.

When she returned to the United States, Grubbs attended Brigham Young University, where she majored in family science. She had an internship working with battered women and rape survivors. “That was the beginning of my thinking of law school as an option. As I accompanied women to court, I wanted to be doing what the attorneys were doing. It was a way I could really make a difference.”

During her college years, Grubbs realized that she was a lesbian, and she made a break with the Mormon Church. Eventually moving to Virginia, Grubbs spent nearly eight years helping families. There she worked at This Way House, a women’s shelter which provided services to a local military base, and later joined the Child Development Center of Northern Virginia, a non-profit organization that provided early intervention services to children and toddlers with disabilities.

For five years before enrolling at Temple Law School, Grubbs was a service coordinator at the Prince William County Community Services Board, which served children and families. Working closely with the parents of disabled children, she coordinated plans to meet the children’s developmental needs and provided continuing support services. She educated parents about their rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

“As I witnessed others utilize the law as a powerful tool to help people, I wanted to break the law school attendance barrier increased. Public interest law presents the greatest opportunity for me to make a direct, positive impact on the lives of others.”

Donna Marie Johnson

Donna Marie Johnson has been involved with soup kitchens for as long as she can remember—first as a recipient of her daily meals and then as a volunteer. As a child, she observed her grandmother and mother to Elijah’s Promise South Kitchen to eat. She learned the meaning of community service early.

“Even while we were eating at the soup kitchen, when we were finished, we would wash the dishes. My grandmother really stressed that we didn’t take things for granted; we had to work,” remembers Donna.

Once her family got back on its feet, Johnson and her grandmother continued to volunteer at the soup kitchen, a collaborative effort of Christian churches in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where Johnson grew up.

Today, the 22-year-old serves on the soup kitchen’s board. Throughout high school and college, Johnson volunteered at agencies and institutions that serve youth, senior citizens, people living with HIV, and the homeless.

The family of Rita S. Levine ’74 has established a scholarship to provide support for an individual identified as a public interest scholar.

A decade after losing her beloved sister, Heline and Edward Ross ’58 endowed Levine Band and Dr. Richard Band decided this opportunity for a committed student would be a fitting tribute to Rita’s passion and dedication to public interest law.

On July 18th, 1989, Rita Levine died from injuries she received from a terrorist bus attack in Israel. She was the first American to die in the conflict which started in December 1987.

Levine was a public defender in Philadelphia for 15 years, where she worked on behalf of the mentally ill and retarded. She had worked for the Defender Association since 1973, when she was in law school. Neil Levine, her supervisor at the time of her death, described Levine, saying: “She had one of the most outstanding reputations of justice that I had ever seen. She was against injustice wherever she saw it. She expected governments to perform to her expectations—the way a just government should perform.” An individual was being denied appropriate medical care because they were poor . . . she would use the law to see that the system responded in a fair way.”

Levine was also active in many religious and secular organizations.

MacEoin began to think about studying law as a way to effect social change. But first she spent four years working in the field. She earned a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, and was a staff attorney at the Asian Pacific Legal Process Service and then as a paralegal at Nevada Legal Services, both in Las Vegas. “Within a few weeks of beginning my position, I was convinced that I had made a proper career choice,” says MacEoin.

“While securing $10 in food stamps or an extra seven days in an apartment may not seem as important as other issues out there, they are extremely significant to the client. A law degree gives you the ability to effectively represent clients and in some way, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, do my part to make a difference,” says MacEoin.

The Program

The Public Interest Scholars Program is funded by generous gifts from two law school graduates: Leonard Rubinstein’49 and Henry J. Maxmin’37. Rubinstein left more than $9 million to the Law School for unrestricted use. He ran a general law practice in Philadelphia and was known for his lifelong commitment to the ideals of the legal profession. During his career, he represented many poor clients for free.

Maxmin also spent his career in private practice, counseling many successful entrepreneurial business leaders and professionals. Maxmin’s gift to the Law School was designated for a public interest scholarship.

Public Interest Scholars receive full tuition for the first year and half tuition for the second and third years of law school, and are provided with the following:

• A public interest seminar
• A faculty mentor
• Two summer public interest internships
• A public interest course focusing on high profile and landmark cases and taught by the lawyers involved in the cases
• Clinicals working with low-income clients
• Writing skills refinement
• A culminating group project that will benefit Temple’s public interest community

Scholars Choose Temple for Public Interest Study

In choosing Temple, Cohen, Grubbs, Johnson, and MacEoin were all attracted by the law school’s outstanding reputation and its commitment to public interest. “It’s nice to be in an environment where being a public interest lawyer is embraced,” says Cohen. “What we’ve been exposed to in two months is more than I could have expected in three years.”

After graduating from law school, Cohen plans to continue working with battered women. She will use her law school years to further three career tracks: criminal defense, community organizations, and the development of an international model of violence against women. Johnson wants to work for a public interest agency, helping homeless people or youth. Grubbs and MacEoin plan to use the program’s two internships and other program activities to explore their career options.
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Every effort has been made to avoid errors in the compilation of the 1999-2000 Development Report, which lists gifts made from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. If you notice any mistakes, call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (215) 204-8979, and please accept our apology.

The Honorable Phyllis W. Beck was one of nine women elected as Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge. Beck was the first woman elected to serve on Pennsylvania’s Superior Court.

Stewart M. Weintraukh, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, has been elected President of the American Jewish Congress for the Pennsylvania region. A member for 12 years, Weintraukh has been chair or co-chair of its commission on law and social action for six years. He is a member of Schnader’s litigation service department and the tax practice group, specializing in state and local tax law.

Thomas J. Buckman has been general counsel of Biogen, a leading biotechnology pharmaceutical company, since 1999. Prior to that he spent 16 years with Brown & Wood, and from 1999 to 2000 was general counsel and in charge of government and public affairs for DuPont Merck Pharmaceuticals before joining Biogen.

Terri N. Gelberg, president of Gelberg & Associates, was an invited speaker at the ABA’s annual meeting in London, England, in conjunction with the bar of England and Wales. The program was entitled “David vs. Goliath: Solo and Small Firm Practitioners against Global Law Firms.”

Robert Weinner, a counselor of New Castle County, Delaware since 1996, has been named chairman of the National Association of Counties’ subcommittee on land use and growth management. The subcommittee is dedicated to matters relating to comprehensive planning, coastal zone management, growth management, and energy facilities siting.

The Honorable Petresse Brown Tucker has been appointed by President Clinton to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Tucker is the first African American female to sit as a federal judge in Pennsylvania. Prior to her appointment she served 13 years as a judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

Christina M. Kane, a sole practitioner in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, has been appointed treasurer of the board of directors of DELARC, the Delaware County Association for the Rights of Citizens with Mental Retardation.

Mark L. Sillow has been reappointed chair of the committee on real estate and estates department at Fox Rothschild O’Brien & Frankel. Sillow is a partner in the Philadelphia office and concentrates his practice on business law and tax planning, corporate acquisitions and dispositions, real estate, estate planning, and employee benefits.

Mary Kennard, university counsel and vice president at American University, has been named “Telly” for a sexual harassment training tape that she coproduced and coanchored. The Telly Award is a national competition for projects that create commercials, films, and videos.

In October, Mary DeForaco Ochal received the Saint Thomas More Award, presented by the Saint Thomas More Society of Philadelphia.
The National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) awarded post-graduate fellowships to Emiko Furuya ’99, and Shirley Robinson ’95. They were chosen from a pool of about 2,300 applicants.

Furuya is working for Advocates for Basic Legal Equality in Toledo, Ohio, providing legal assistance to immigrants and migrant farmworkers, with an emphasis on helping them obtain the full benefits and privileges of U.S. citizenship.

Robinson is spending her fellowship at Covenant House New Jersey Youth Advocacy Center, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. At Covenant House, she represents older adolescents, who might otherwise face homelessness, in voluntary foster care placements.

In September, Mathias (Matt) A. Jaren, LL.M. in Trial Advocacy, presented a section of his doctoral dissertation, “In Search of a Legal Theory Engine—Methodological Considerations,” at Oxford University Law School’s Center for Socio-Legal Studies.

Brian M. Marriot has joined Rawle & Henderson, where he will concentrate on the defense of commercial motor vehicles.

Sonia Di Valenzano is an associate in the commercial motor vehicle group of Rawle & Henderson.

Linda M. Hee recently joined the AIDS Law Project as a staff attorney, where she will be specializing in bankruptcy and immigration.

Lisa M. Constance is an associate at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis and is a member of the litigation services department.

Han Nguyen is an associate at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis and is a member of the litigation services department.

Gwen Stern has returned to the Philadelphia office of White and Williams as a part-time associate in the firm’s sports law practice group. Stern is combining her passion for fitness and the law by focusing her client’s practice on the representation of athletes who suffer serious or catastrophic injuries in training or racing accidents. She is a triathlete, road racer and has been featured in many national and local magazines, television shows and newspapers for her motivational fitness business and inspirational exercise audiotapes.

Editor’s note: The September, 2000 ESQ inaccurately reported that Ms. Stern had given up the practice of law.

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Please send us news of your recent professional accomplishments or contributions to your community.

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Diane Gibbons has been appointed district attorney for Bucks County, Pennsylvania by the board of judges, filling a vacancy created when Alan Rubenstein became a judge. Gibbons has worked for the district attorney’s office since 1984.

George Greaney has recently joined Shivers, Spielberg & Gosnay as a partner in their Cherry Hill, New Jersey office. The firm concentrates in the areas of asbestos litigation, toxic torts, products liability, medical negligence, and MDL litigation. Last year Greaney was a featured speaker at the Asbestos Litigation Seminar in Chicago. He also practices in the area of homeowner’s/condominium association law. He lives in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey with his wife, Chrissoe, and two children, Emily and Casey.

Peter Brampton Kottle has a dual appointment in Spanish and Hebrew and Judaic Studies this semester at Bryn Mawr College where he is teaching a new course on Sephardic history.

William L. Foley Jr. has co-founded the firm of Foley & Gualasian in West Chester, Pennsylvania. The firm will concentrate on workers’ compensation.

Karen Lupuoff writes, “I joined the New York State Office of the Attorney General’s Medicaid fraud control unit in August, 1999. I hold one of two assistant deputy attorney general positions and assist the deputy attorney general in charge of the unit to oversee investigations and manage their 300 member staff.”

Susan Nicholas and her 10-year-old daughter Maggie traveled to the island of Crete with this summer with Global Volunteers, a non-profit organization that offers service projects in 18 countries. In Crete, the team of volunteers taught conversational English to local children.

Michael O’Rourke, the business administrator of York, Pennsylvania, and his wife Janet are the proud parents of 2-year-old Susie Amelia Lin O’Rourke, adopted from the People’s Republic of China.

Daniel G. Ronca has joined Rubin, Glickman and Steinberg as an associate attorney, working with a concentration in family law. Ronca was previously a trial attorney for Prudential Insurance, and was a deputy attorney general with the Office of the Attorney General from 1996-93.

Gary M. Tocci, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, spoke at the “Pennsylvania Payroll Basics” seminar in September. The seminar included the topics of Fair Labor Standards Act, Equal Pay Act, wage garnishments, and unemployment compensation. Tocci is a member of the firm’s labor and employment practice group.

Natalie Finkelman has joined Shepard & Associates in its Media, Pennsylvania office where she concentrates on consumer fraud and antitrust class action litigation. She was a panelist on “Consumer Class Actions: How to Challenge Business Misconduct” in June.

Patricia O’Malley, of Rymal & O’Malley, has returned from South Korea where she presented the master franchising agreement for the first home care company in the country. O’Malley is general counsel to Griswold Special Care, a home care enterprise that franchises national and international operations. O’Malley and her managing partner, Stephen M. Rymal ’89, concentrate in construction, commercial and intellectual property law in their office in Norristown, New Jersey, and Media, Pennsylvania. Rymal has also been appointed to the firm’s labor and employment practice group.

Steven Schildt has joined White and Williams as an associate in its commercial litigation department.

J. Christopher Erb writes, “I left Reed Smith Shaw & McClay in May to start my own law practice, the Eb Law Firm, concentrating on tax, corporate, and international matters.” Erb recently published an article, “Visa Alternatives for Business Travelers” in German American Trade Magazine, and “So You Want to Be an International Lawyer?” will be the cover story in the January, 2001 issue of Student Lawyer.

William C. Hussey II has joined White and Williams as an associate in its business department. Hussey focuses his practice in the areas of general corporate, tax, and estate planning.

W. Glenn Jensen and his wife proudly announce the birth of their daughter Lauren Grace. Jensen continues to concentrate in creditors’ rights and bankruptcy as an associate of the litigation department at Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson in Orlando, Florida.

Doneene K. Damon has been honored by the multicultural judges and lawyers section of the Delaware Bar Association. Damon is vice president and director at Richards Layton & Finger.

Helen R. Heffets has been named a shareholder at Barellan Less & Feldman, where she concentrates her practice in commercial litigation, insurance, and construction law.

Kamal Jafarnia has accepted a position with PPFC Worldwide, where he will be the vice president of sales and marketing, investment partnership, and hedge fund industry accounting and servicing.

Ronald Lebovits is a senior trial attorney in the nursing home litigation division of Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan O’Donnell & Schauer. Lebovits has represented victims of institutional elder abuse and neglect since 1998.

Edward Grieff writes, “In June I was elevated to junior partner at Hale and Dorr, where I am a member of the intellectual property department in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office.”

Chris and Analise Sondersgaard proudly announce the birth of Nicholas Randle on September 20. He joins a 3-year-old brother Christian Edward. Chris is with the special narcotics division of the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office, and Analise is with the family violence and sexual assault unit of the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office.

Matt Dickstein has joined the San Francisco firm of Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass. Dickstein is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, and will be focusing on transactions related to the People’s Republic of China.

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In 1991, Michael L. Kichline has been elected partner in the litigation department of Dechert Price & Rhoads, where he is a member of the complex commercial litigation and antitrust practice groups. Kichline and his wife, Michelle, has a 2-year-old daughter, Amanda, age 2.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Ominsky ’78
Arthur Harris’63
John R. Harris ’63
Pamela W. Higgins ’72

Dear Temple Law Graduate, Please send us news of your recent professional accomplishments or contributions to your community.

In the January, 2001 issue of Temple Law Quarterly, Pamela W. Higgins ’72 wrote, “I joined the New York State Office of the Attorney General’s Medicaid fraud control unit in August, 1999. I hold one of two assistant deputy attorney general positions and assist the deputy attorney general in charge of the unit to oversee investigations and manage their 300 member staff.”
An invitation... to alumni and students to write in support of the nomination of
Professor Nancy Knauer as a Great Teacher of Temple University

Are you one of Professor Nancy J. Knauer’s many fans? Do you count yourself among those who were happily surprised to find that tax could be interesting, even exciting? Maybe you took a class in Property, Trusts and Estates, or Sexual Orientation and the Law. Or perhaps you are an admirer of her cutting edge scholarship in the areas of same-sex domestic violence, heteronormativity and federal tax policy, or charitable organizations.

Professor Knauer is nominated by the law school for the prestigious Temple University Great Teacher Award. Letters written by graduates, students and colleagues in support of this nomination will have a great deal of weight in the selection process. Three professors will be selected university-wide in 2001. The selection committee is particularly interested in letters which evaluate the following qualities:

• mastery of subject area
• development of effective and innovative teaching methods and materials
• adaptability of teaching to changing populations and trends
• academic and professional achievements of students
• effective relationships with students, including accessibility
• leadership in activities outside the classroom, such as curriculum development, program planning, guest lectureships, conference participation, accreditation activities

All letters must be kept in confidence from the nominee, and should be sent by December 15, 2000 to:

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Funds from the Centennial Campaign were used to dramatically change the first floor lounge area for students. Students study, relax, and eat in an assortment of newly furnished alcoves.

The Centennial Campaign also enabled the law school to renovate lecture room JC, featuring network and power connections at each seat. The walls are covered with a neutral wall surface, the teaching area is paneled in wood, and acoustical panels were added in the back of the room.