Law School Library Enters 21st Century
Alum John Necci ‘77 to Head Library

In fall 2000 the law school announced the appointment of one of its own—John Necci ‘77—as library director. Necci possesses the rare combination of skills necessary to run a law library in the 21st century. With an undergraduate degree from Temple University, Necci went directly to law school. Aware of the dramatic impact computers were having on libraries in the early 80s, Necci enrolled and took courses at night in Drexel University's masters program in information studies, and acquired an M.S. in 1984. While working full-time at Temple Law as a reference librarian, Necci was promoted to head of acquisitions, a position he held from 1984-86. Next came a foray outside the law school, when Necci served for five years as deputy director of the library of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In 1991, Necci was lured back to the law school as assistant director under then-director and law school professor John Lindsey.

Law Library taps technology to expand collection

“...the concept of a law library as just a collection of books—or the bricks and mortar model—is no longer true. Today’s library should connect people with information at any time, day or night, wherever you are,” says Shyam Nair ‘97, Temple Law School’s assistant dean for computer and information technology. With over 511,000 volumes, Temple’s law library is one of the largest in the country. New technologies have caused the complexity of librarianship to grow exponentially. In addition to its extensive print collection, the law library provides access to a wide range of on-line and web resources, CD-ROM collections, audio and video tapes, DVDs and other digital media. The library has also expanded its facilities to easily convert materials to digital format.

Last year the law library catalog was added to the new integrated Temple University Library system (http://diamond.temple.edu). The new system allows the law library to provide electronic reserves, materials booking, accelerated acquisitions, ordering, cataloging and interlibrary loans. The integrated library system also provides law library patrons easy access to additional resources of the university’s Samuel Paley Library and the Health Sciences Center Library. Nair and Necci noted that the both serve on the five-member university library director’s executive council, which oversees university-wide library policy.

Less than a decade ago, Nair says, the goal of the library was to be “completely wired.” By 1993 the library boasted “cutting-edge” technology with vast study carrels wired for network access. Today with many students coming to school with notebook computers, the demand for access points is steadily increasing. In keeping with the goal of “any time anywhere” computing, the library will provide wireless continued on page two

Professor Boss Chair of ABA Business Law Section and Newly Elected Member of ALI Council

On August 7, 2000 Professor Amelia H. Boss, Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government, became chair of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association. With 59,000 members, it is the largest section of the ABA. Previous chairs include a former FBI Director, a Delaware Supreme Court justice, and a former general counsel for the Securities and Exchange Commission. Boss is the first law professor to head the section, and only the second woman.

As chair, she is bringing the section’s spring meeting to Philadelphia from March 22 to 25. With the theme “clock in Philadelphia,” the meeting is hosted by major firms and companies throughout the area. An emphasis is being placed on attracting law students and young lawyers to the meeting with special events and programs.

Named one of the top 50 women lawyers in the U.S. by the National Law Journal for her work in electronic commerce, Boss is nationally and internationally recognized for her achievements. She has consulted with the White House Task Force on Electronic Commerce, and has been a member of the Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code and its executive subcommittee since 1992.

Boss has been a pioneer in the emerging field of electronic commerce since the dawn of electronic data interchange. When she began her work and publications on the legal implications of paperless trade, they were often dismissed as being purely academic with no practical application. The exponential growth of the Internet and the implementation of electronic technologies have thrust those issues into the limelight.

The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, for which Boss served as the ABA adviser, is complete. It has already been passed in 23 states, and is pending in another 12 state legislatures. She helped draft the ABA’s groundbreaking report and model agreement on electronic data interchange, and her book Electronic Data Interchange Agreements: A Guide and Sourcebook, was published by the International Chamber of Commerce.

In the international arena, she has served on the U.S. delegation to the United Nations’ Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as they consider the topic of electronic and digital signatures. Boss is also the U.S. delegate to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, a body concerned with the need to establish internationally accepted laws for trade of all kinds, including electronic commerce.

In November the Philadelphia Bar Association business law section presented her with the 2000 Dennis H. Replasky Memorial Award in recognition of her many significant contributions to the business law community.
Another year of teaching excellence

Temple law faculty members continue to be prolific outside the classroom. The year 2000 was a productive year for the faculty, as measured by scholarship and participation in professional organizations on state and national levels. But it was also a year when Temple law professors were conspicuous in their frequent appearances in the media—commenting on a multitude of issues. Whether it was the presidential election, Elian Gonzalez, lawsuits against gun manufacturers, or AIDS prevention, Temple law professors were out in front as experts.

Professor Alice Abreu was featured on National Public Radio’s “Radio Times,” a syndicated show on which she discussed the marriage penalty and the House-passed bill that purports to fix it. In fall 2000 she chaired and spoke on a panel at the Philadelphia Tax Conference, which presented an overview of international tax. Last May Professor Abreu spoke as part of the opening plenary panel at Lat Crt V on “Political Economies of Subversion in Latin Cult as Perspective: Piercing the Veils of Class and Identity in Traditional Culture.” Later in May she spoke at the Penn State Tax Conference on “Highlights in Corporate Taxation Over the Past Year.” Professor Abreu is serving as deputy editor of the newsletter of the ABA tax section, and will assume the editorship in the fall. She has also accepted a position on the board of visitors of Brigham Young University School of Law.

Associate Professor Mark F. Anderson’s article, “The Prisoner as Lawyer” was accepted for publication by the SYRACUSE Law Review. Another article, “There’s No Business Like Show Business,” has been accepted by the Journal of Legal Education.

This winter, Professor Marina Angel gave a presentation on “The Glass Ceiling in the Newly Reorganized American Workplace” for the American Arbitration Association’s Labor Management and Employment Law Conference, and a presentation on “Female/Male Conflict in Ancient Greece and Modern Times” for the fall seminar in the Greek American Women’s Network. Last February Professor Angel organized and moderated the annual CLE conference for the American Bar Association’s Pennsylvania Women Lawyers. In July, she spoke at the American Association of Law Librarians annual meeting on “Sexual Harassment After Faragher and Burlington: Is Your Library Practicing Parallel Universe?”

In May, she participated in the Tel Aviv University Faculties of Law, Humanities and Drama interdisciplinary conference, “Common Threads: Susan Glaspell’s ‘Tyler’ and ‘Confessions of Art, Law, and Society in Addressing Violence Against Women.” In February, 2000, Professor Jane B. Baron was a panelist at a conference on health law studies held at University of Miami Law School.

Professor Scott Burris recently argued the case for needle exchange on “Justice Talking,” the nationally syndicated radio show. Burris published “Public Health Surveillance of Genetic Information: Ethical and Legal Responses to Social Risk” in Genetics and Public Health: Translating Advances in Human Genetics into Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, edited by Mun Khoury for Oxford University Press. The following articles were published for publication: “Unfunded Mandates: An Empirical Study of the Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act by the EEOC” (KANSAS Law Review); “Syringe Prescription to Prevent HIV in Rhode Island: A Case Study” (American Journal of Public Health); “Surveillance, Social Risk and Symbolism: Framing the Analysis for Research and Policy” (ADOIS); and “Streamlining the Process: The EEOC National Advisory Council on Employment Equity and Policy with Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities” (Psychiatric Services). Professor Burris received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct an empirical research project entitled “A Structural Analysis of the Role of Law and Human Rights in Preventing HIV.”

During the Presidential election dispute, Professor Burton Caine was a frequent guest on news shows, appearing twice with Jim Gardner on Channel 6 and twice on WHY’S “Radio Times,” and gave several interviews to both the Philadelphia Daily News and the U.S.—52 from Temple—and four Italian students.

In January 2000 Associate Professor Susan L. DeJarnatt was on the faculty of the 52nd Annual Education Forum of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference and gave a talk on composition theory and legal writing at the Pennsylvania and Delaware Valley Women Lawyers’ annual conference in February. She also spoke on bankruptcy reform at the Federalist Society’s conference, “Financial Services Meets E-Commerce.” In January she presented for the Legal Writing Institute, and in August was part of the faculty for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s fifth annual Bankruptcy Institute. Her article, “In re MacCrate: Using Consumer Bankruptcy as a Contest for Learning in Advanced Legal Writing,” appeared in the Journal of Legal Education.

Professor Jeffrey L. Dunoff, Director of the LLM in Transnational Law Program, has been an active participant on the EPA’s national advisory committee for a two-year appointment. The committee advises the government on environmental policy and its national commitment to the environmental issues, especially those arising out of the NAFTA treaty and the Environmental Side Agreement. He also gave the following talks this fall: “Does International Law Provide Solutions?” in November at the Pennsylvania State College of Law; and a presentation on “Ethics in and outside the Classroom” at West Virginia School of Law.”

In January, 2000, Professor William Goldfarb gave a keynote address at a conference in New York City. He participated in the Tel Aviv University Faculties of Law, Humanities and Drama interdisciplinary conference, “Common Threads: Susan Glaspell’s ‘Tyler’ and ‘Confessions of Art, Law, and Society in Addressing Violence Against Women.” In February, 2000, Professor Jane B. Baron was a panelist at a conference on health law studies held at University of Miami Law School.

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connections throughout the library, so a student with a wireless network card sitting anywhere in the library can have access to all resources in the library and beyond. Nair hopes to achieve this within the next two years.

This academic year, the law school saw major changes in the use of technology in and out of the classroom with the use of the “Blackboard” software system for the dissemination of course information for all classes and converting all classrooms to “smart-rooms.” And in a program developed by Director of Trial Advocacy Christi Charpentier in the spring 2001 semester, students will review their trial presentations with critiques on-line on computers in the new multi-media center in the library.

“Exploring ways to enhance a student’s advocacy competence and confidence is one of the ways to build our strong program,” says Charpentier. The trial advocacy faculty and administrators hope that the multi-media center in the library along with an on-line web library for trial advocacy materials will become a national clearinghouse for trial advocacy materials and information.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dean Robert J. Reinstein congratulates this year’s Beasley scholars at a January 24 reception.

In this issue of Temple Esq., I am pleased to present a current list of law faculty achievements in our graduates and friends. Because of your generosity, we are retaining and hiring the most sought-after scholars in the country. Members of the Temple law faculty are recognized nationally and internationally for their work in such emerging fields as cyberlaw, e-commerce, global trade and public health.

It is a special pleasure to acknowledge the work of Professor Amelia H. Boss and Associate Dean and Professor JoAnne A. Epis., who were featured by the Philadelphia Legal Intelligence in their issue on Women in the Profession. Their contributions to the profession are significant.

New faculty members included in this issue are Assistant Professor Melissa Jacoby and Assistant Professor Sahil Mehra. Their presence this year has strengthened our curriculum and our reputation as a center of academic excellence.

Temple’s outstanding law faculty contributed to the leading the list in the number of new associates and summer interns at major law firms in Philadelphia for the second year in a row. (See article page one.)

It is with great sadness that I note the death of Benjamin F. Levy ’66. Ben served as the president of the Law Alumni Association from 1997 through 1999. His commitment to the law school and its mission provide a great role model for our students. He is missed but his contributions to the progress of the law school continues.

The number of student scholarships has grown significantly in the past two years. Thirty entering students this year received full scholarships from the Beasley Endowment. Our new Public Interest Scholars Program, funded by Leonard Rubin’s estate and contributions from other graduates and their families, is creating opportunities for students to have public interest careers without the burden of educational loans.

Morris and Sylvia Barrack Hall is currently under construction, and we expect to move our admissions and career planning offices there next fall. The lecture halls and classrooms will be ready by January 2002. The renovations of Shusterman Hall and the first and second floors of Klein Hall have created exceptional changes in the quality of life here for students and faculty.

We look forward to the further enhancements that Barrack Hall will provide.

Finally, I am pleased to report that our international programs are thriving. Last summer, about one-quarter of our first-year students attended our summer programs in Rome, Athens and Tel Aviv. Our law program in Tokyo continues to be the only semester-abroad program offered by any American law school in Asia. And this spring we will witness the first graduates of our unique Masters of Law program in Beijing for Chinese judges, government officials and lawyers.

With full adherence to our mission and with the support of our graduates and friends, the future of the law school promises to be exciting and bright.

Robert J. Reinstein

Temple University Beasley School of Law for alumni and friends.

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Professor JoAnne A. Epp, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, was among the Temple Law School’s 18 professors for the academic year this year. She appeared on CNN’s “Burden of Proof,” broadcast live from the Republican National Convention, was featured in an ABA Journal article on the role and use of expert witnesses; and authored an opinion piece published in the National Law Journal on August 28, 2000.

Professor Epp was also appointed to a second three-year term as a member of the ALL-ABA committee on professional education, which functions as an ALL-ABA committee on professional education. She will serve on the Philadelphia Bar committee designed to plan the Bar Association’s bicentennial celebration in 2002 and, along with Professor Phoebe A. Haddon, has been appointed to the committee to promote fairness in the Philadelphia court system. She participated in a panel on racial profiling for a CLE program jointly sponsored by the Barristers’ Association of the Philadelphia chapter of the Howard Alumni Association, and, along with Professors Louis Natali and David Stanchi, taught a CLE course on evidence for criminal litigators.


Professor Associate Professor Theresa Glennon presented “OCR and the Misplacement of African-American Students in Special Education: Conceptualizing the Role of Racially Exclusionary Barriers to Effective Enforcement,” co-authored with Megan Whiteside Shaiter, at the Minority Issues in Special Education conference sponsored by the Civil Rights Project at Harvard Law School. Glennon also presented at a continuing education seminar for teachers, school administrators, psychologists and lawyers at Mercy Catholic Medical and Educational Health System. Glennon has agreed to join the Institutional Review Board for Public/Private Ventures.

Professor Richard Greenstein spoke on a panel at theABA Business Law Section’s meeting at the ABA annual meeting, held in New York in July. The panel, arranged by Professor William Woodward, was titled, “Deregulating Choice of Law: The Ups and Downs of Changing the Contractual Choice of Law Rule in UCC Article 1.”


Professor Frank M. McClellan was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the U.S. Department of Defense for his contribution to the drafting and revision of the United Nations’ peacekeeping rules of engagement. He was also elected to the executive committee of the Yale Law School Association, and has just completed two years of service as chair of the Association of Yale Alumni. Professor Porta-Doria recently received the Thinking Like a Lawyer award from the St. Thomas More Society.

Associate Professor David G. Post was the keynote speaker at the Technology Institute of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute in February. Also in February, he spoke at a symposium on the Internet at Drake University. Post has also presented at a number of conferences concerning the legal issues raised by Napster, most recently the “Future of Music” conference held in Washington, D.C. He is currently writing a book on Napster and the Internet.

During November and December, Professor Mark Rahdert, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, did a series of radio and newspaper interviews, including two appearances on WHYY’s “Radio Times,” concerning the various judicial challenges and appeals in the aftermath of the election. In October, he moderated a citizens’ forum on the Philadelphia police department’s handling of protesters during the Republican National Convention. Last summer, Professor Rahdert taught constitutional law to the visiting Chinese LL.M. students. His op-ed piece, “Say It’s a Cliché, Just as Long as You Say It,” responding to the Supreme Court’s decision in United States v. Dickerson, was published in the National Law Journal in July. He gave a presentation on legal education at Temple University to a group of visiting Fulbright Scholars, and wrote an article entitled “Do College Students Have a First Amendment Right Not to Support Student Activities?” for the March 2000 edition of Deans’ Desk News.

Dean Robert J. Feinstein appeared twice on CNN. In his first appearance he discussed Temple Law School’s unique program in China, in his second the possible effects of the election on the Supreme Court.

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The new millennium continues with three Temple law grads succeeding one another as chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Albert S. Primavera ’78 took over the office on Jan. 1 from Doreen S. Davis ’78. He will be followed in 2002 by Allan H. Gordon, a partner in the Philadelphia firm of Blank, Glassman, Cohen, Belfrage & Pultoff.

Primavera, a soft-spoken leading land-use practitioner, is a partner in Kiebler, Harvey, Brandt, Pultoff & Ellers. He notes that Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street ’75, a former member of the firm, is just one of many influential Temple alumni who are now land-use lawyers in Philadelphia. “I think it is because we try harder,” Primavera says. “A lot of us didn’t come from real privilege. We were maybe the first lawyers in our families. That gave us a certain drive, a certain edge to want to achieve. . . . If you make that kind of commitment and you have that kind of drive, sometimes you will achieve great things.”

The south window in Primavera’s own fourth floor office looks out on a scene of busy construction, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, new home of the Philadelphia Orchestra. The space and sights are of interest to Primavera, not only because he specializes in zoning and land use, but because he comes from a family of musicians.

“My father, Joseph Primavera, is a musician,” he says. “He played in the Philadelphia Orchestra as a violinist and then he retired and went into teaching. He still conducts the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra.”

Both of Primavera’s grandparents came to America from Italy. His paternal grandfather was a violin maker, who established a violin-making shop off Rittenhouse Square. “People were always interested to see if I would pick that up,” he says. “I played the violin and piano as a young person, but I just didn’t have the talent.”

Instead, Primavera was influenced by the brilliant and influential author Jerry Mason, who passed away earlier this year. “Jerry was a great influence on me,” Primavera says. He began an active involvement in Philadelphia Bar Association and Bar Foundation activities. He was chair of numerous bar committees before being elected to the Association’s Board of Governors in 1996, and serving as a trustee of the Foundation. Always interested in his Italian heritage, he was a chancellor of the Justinian Society, and also served as a board member of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

The new chancellor and his wife Christina are parents of Andrew, age 9. “I’m kind of the new age father,” he says. “I take my son to school, so we have a little bit of time together in the morning. Then I’m in the office running between business and the bar. I usually get home in time to read him a story.”

Primavera adds, “A lot of our life, like most parents today, revolves around Andrew. A lot of the things that I do with clients or the bar, I include my family.”

This is one of the reasons why he would like to work with young lawyers. He hopes they will “look at ways to kind of bundle together family, friends, law networking—that kind of thing.”

One of the programs he plans to implement during his year as chancellor involves efforts to keep young lawyers in Philadelphia after they graduate. “We lose a lot of young lawyers to New York and Washington,” he says. “What we are hoping is that the young people who come out of local schools realize that we have as much opportunity here as anywhere. Our firms are excellent, and Philadelphia is just a great city to live in.”

The initiative is a variation on the Russell Conwell “Acres of Diamonds” theme of finding treasure in your own backyard—and a nice reflection on the success of so many Temple law graduates who have returned to Philadelphia.

“If you make education available and affordable, you’re going to strengthen society and make the city and area more attractive by adding so many new people and so much depth and breadth to the city,” says Primavera.

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—Janet Bloom Shea

Professor Charles H. Rogovin has been appointed to the advisory board of Project RISE, the anti-organized crime and anti-corruption project of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Professor Peter Sevearid attended Gonzaga Law School’s Institute for Law Teaching conference entitled “Reflecting on Our Teaching” for two days in January in Seattle, Washington.

Over the past few months, Professor David A. Sonenschein has conducted seminars on evidence and professionalism for the Montana State Bar, and Judge Gerald Tjoflat of the 11th Circuit, and for the New Mexico bar. In addition, he lectured on evidence to the Colorado and Washington bar associations.

Associate Professor Kathryn M. Stanchi was appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Legal Writing and the Legal Writing Institute plagiarism committee. Her article, co-authored with Professor Levine, “Women, Writing and Gender: Breaking the Last Taboo,” will be published by the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law. A second piece, also co-authored with Professor Levine, “Gender and Legal Writing: Law Schools’ Dearth of Little Sisters,” will appear in the Berkeley Women’s Law Journal.

Professor James Strazzella, James G. Schmidt Professor of Law, has been re-elected for a new term on the Council on Legal Education Opportunity.

Professor Jan Ting, Director of the Graduate Tax Program, emerged as a popular legal spokesperson during the last few years. Ting’s comments have been published on the op-ed page of the New York Times in April.

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Heather McBrern Bendit ’92 was named Director of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Bendit, who was director of development of the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia (PILCOP) for the past four years, will head the 36-year-old organization whose stated mission is the promotion of “equal treatment, equality of citizenship and equal access to justice by supporting the delivery of free legal services to Philadelphia’s most vulnerable citizens.”

Bendit brings considerable fundraising skills to her new position. As director of development for PILCOP, she was responsible for developing organizational and financial resources to support the delivery of free legal services to victims of abuse and discrimination. During that time, she increased annual non-fee revenues by more than a half-million dollars and obtained the largest foundation and government grants in the organization’s history.

Bendit says that her paramount goal as the new director of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation is expanding the foundation’s capacity to deliver legal services. “I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with one of the nation’s most prominent legal aid organizations in supporting one of the nation’s most vibrant public interest communities.”

Bendit is a member of the executive committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s public interest section and also a member of Leadership, Inc., class of 1998. She has served as a member of the program committee for the Center for Responsible Funding and as a volunteer instructor for Presidential Classroom, a leadership and civics training program for high school students.

Professor William J. Woodward Jr. was asked by the Third Circuit to serve on a merit selection committee to choose the next bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which made its recommendations in October. Also in October, Professor Woodward presented a paper, “Neoformalism in a Real World of Forms” at a conference on “The Real World of Forms.” The paper will be published in the University of Wisconsin Law Review. In the summer, he organized and co-mediated a program, Demystifying the Judicial Election Debate, and co-authored the paper “Changing the Contractual Choice of Law Rule in UCC § 1-104” for the ABA business law section of the New York portion of the annual meeting of the ABA.
Lewis R. Linet ’24

In the early 1950s, a group of Philadelphia firemen and policemen came to Lewis R. Linet’s office at Broad and Chestnut Street. They represented some 1000 police and firemen who couldn’t get promotions because of a law which gave preference in hiring and promotions to veterans. The law dated back 100 years to Civil War times.

Linet, who had a solo practice, was their third choice, he says. They’d already been turned down by two of the largest firms in Philadelphia, who said the discriminatory law could not be changed because it was constitutional.

“I said to the men, I know nothing at all about the law in this case, about what you have to pass to become a policeman and to become qualified for promotion,” Linet says. Still, he agreed to look up the law, at no charge. “I said, come back in two weeks, and I’ll either take the case or I won’t. If I feel I can’t win it, it won’t cost you a nickel.”

With the help of an assistant, Linet spent two days at the library in City Hall poreng over cases and reading the briefs already prepared by the big law firms. “Everything I read said the law was constitutional, in courts in California, in Michigan, everywhere. It’s constitutional so you can’t change it.”

But one case offered a sliver of hope. The President Judge of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court had written an opinion declaring the law to be constitutional, but added, “I personally feel that the public gets hurt. I looked at that and I said to myself, why do I have to argue constitution? This is public policy...if you don’t have a good fireman, it’s the public who suffers.”

Linet took the case, lost in the lower court, but won on appeal in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania which threw out the constitutional question. “It was a big thing,” Linet says. “I decided to come here.”

The family moved to Minneapolis, and then to Snyder Avenue in South Philadelphia. Linet recalls, “From the time I was a child—and I mean 8 years of age—from that time to the present day, I’ve always made up my mind about everything in my life. I would say to my mother, ‘This is what I want to do.’ ‘Fine, good.’ And we got along beautifully.”

When he was 8 years old, young Lewis said to his mother, “Why don’t you join the library so I can get books?” I went there every week by myself with my mother’s ticket and got books to read. That was the beginning.”

Linet began to read everything he could find about lawyers. In this way, he learned that Philadelphia had a special ruling which allowed graduates of Central High School to go directly into law school, after passing an exam. Ever supportive, his family sold their house and moved to North Philadelphia so Linet could attend Central.

At age 17, Linet was admitted to Temple Law School by Dean Francis Chapman. He attended classes in the Wilson Building at 16th and Sansom Street, and later at 5125 Locust, graduating first in his class. A month later, he opened his own office in Center City.

Over the years Linet has practiced almost every kind of law, with the exception of criminal law. His practice ranged from representing the Shamokin Coal Haulers Association and the four realty boards in Philadelphia, to serving as counsel to the Mexican government. Other activities included serving as a Masonic Master in 1937 and two-and-a-half years in the Coast Guard during World War II.

He says the best part of the law was “helping people,” and adds, “I liked it because it involved history and literature and travel and a mixture of things—people all over the world.” — Janet Bloom Sheu

1959

Martin M. Knizky has become special counsel to Greitzer & Locks, a firm that specializes in complex litigation, bankruptcy reorganizations, product liability, consumer fraud, and class actions. Knizky is an experienced trial lawyer specializing in medical malpractice, toxic litigation, product liability, and serious personal injury.

1964

Robert J. Coleman was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin.

Edwin L. Scherlis spoke at the CLE seminar “Educating Against Insurance Fraud,” held in Philadelphia in December. Scherlis is a shareholder at Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in their professional liability practice group.

1965

David T. Sykes has received the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Pidelity Award for his efforts to establish, nurture, and sustain the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project, which provides legal help to indigent Philadelphians. Sykes is a senior partner and vice chairman of the firm of Morris & Heckscher, and also serves as a federal court mediator and arbitrator.

1966

Robert Ryorner was presented with an award by the Temple University Board of Trustees for four years of distinguished service. Ryorner interviewed Temple President David Adamy on his radio show on WWRT 1540 AM.

1969

Martin Burman, a workers’ compensation judge, will serve as co-chair of the workers’ compensation section of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

1974


1978

Robert J. Coleman has been elected to serve on the board of the Trucking Industry Defense Association. TIDA is a national organization devoted to the defense of the trucking industry in personal injury, property damage, and workers’ compensation litigation.

B. Christopher Lee, a member of Jacoby Donner, has been elected to the board of trustees of the American Institute of Architects.

Arline Jolles Lotman recently discussed the presidential election controversy on WPVTV’S “Sunday Live” program. Lotman spoke about the Florida election dispute, absentee ballots, uncounted ballots, election law, and constitutional law. Lotman is special counsel to Greitzer & Locks.

Brian Bisney has been named general counsel at Victraulc in Easton, Pa., where he has been corporate counsel for 11 years.

Blaine C. Marles writes, “I have been elected as chairman of the board of Good Shepherd Home and Rehabilitation Hospital, a regional facility and one of two independent rehabilitation hospitals in Pennsylvania.”

1975

Mark S. Blaskey recently presented at the Conference on Planning for Closely Held Businesses, where he spoke on the topic of business, tax, and estate planning. Blaskey is chair of Cozen O’Connor’s estate planning and administration department in the firm’s West Conshohocken, Pa. office.

Daniel J. Sherry was a speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s medical malpractice seminar held in November 2000, in which he discussed ethics in medical malpractice litigation. Sherry is a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, and is a member of the firm’s health care liability practice group.

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Timothy Abeel, of Rawle & Henderson, has been elected to the board of directors of the Trucking Industry Defense Association. TIDA is a national organization devoted to the defense of the trucking industry in personal injury, property damage, and workers’ compensation litigation.

1977

The Honorable Nelson A. Diaz received the ABA commission on professional responsibility award. The new chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s criminal justice section is Stanley R. Krakower, a partner with the Philadelphia firm of Krakower & Mason.

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Kerry Kearney ended her term as past president of the American Bar Association. Kearney is a partner in the litigation group of Reed Smith where she handles technology-related cases.

Richard J. Woldow was named the recipient of the 2000 Richland Township Board of Supervisors Free Enterprise Award. Woldow is the third-generation family owner of the South Philadelphia Quakerorganized Farmers’ Market. Woldow previously worked for Chicago Sports Vision and CBS Television.

1997

Thomas R. Bond, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He has also been selected by his peers to be included in the 2001-02 edition of Best Lawyers in America. Bond is director of the firm’s workers compensation practice group.

1980

Anna Maria Faria has been inducted into the Hall of Fame in the professional leadership category, and was awarded the National Leadership Eagle Award in Washington, DC. Also, Faria was a spokesperson for the Bush presidential campaign.
A proud group of Temple Law classmate reciprocated that sentiment, joining the packed courtyard to watch the swearing-in. “My Temple experience was so positive and rewarding,” continues Linares, “that I encouraged my son Joseph, who is graduating from high school, to apply. He did and was recently accepted.” Linares, a Republican, has headed the New Jersey Hispanic Bar Association and served as vice chair of the Essex County civil bench bar committee. He was also a member of the Essex County Bar Association ethics committee and sits on the New Jersey Supreme Court board of trial attorney certification. Linares left the firm of Linares, Covelli and Santana, where he specialized in medical malpractice and product liability cases.

Howard M. Solomon, a shareholder with Abraham, Lavine, Kusterman & Bushman, recently received a Harvester Award from Philadelphia Bar Association. Solomon chairs the board of Philabundance, an organization which fights hunger in the greater Philadelphia region by reclaiming surplus food and distributing it to organizations serving those in need. He was also recently elected to the board of directors of Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program.

Janis L. Wilson, of Marshall, Denbo, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, was a panelist for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Ethics Poiputis.

Law Evangelidis and Mary Jude Pigely have moved to Holden, Massachusetts, with their daughters, Hannah, 5, and Lucy, 2. Evangelidisewith the firm of Pelligri & Seeley in Springfield, and Pigely is with the Department of Environmental Protection in New Worship. They welcome any visitor and the area.

Peter J. Schankowitz writes, “I was just named President of Television at Film Roman, Inc., producers of ‘The Simpsons,’ ‘King of the Hill’ and other shows. I am proud of my current work in medical malpractice, employment law, commercial litigation and personal injury litigation.”

Howard S. Meyers and his wife Judy are proud to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Harrison, in July 2000. Meyers was formerly a staff attorney and CPA with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s enforcement division in New York City, and is now a partner at Meyers & Hehn where he practices securities and corporate law and white collar criminal defense.

Lawrence M. Farman Jr, has joined the firm of White and Williams as an associate in commercial litigation and real estate. Howard S. Meyers and his wife Judy are proud to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Harrison, in July 2000. Meyers was formerly a staff attorney and CPA with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s enforcement division in New York City, and is now a partner at Meyers & Hehn where he practices securities and corporate law and white collar criminal defense.

Benjamin E. Leace, a shareholder with Rutter, Prestia & Weller, was a member of a three-person panel that spoke at the Forensic and Litigation Services Conference held in December in Philadelphia.

Janice Miller Staskin has been named vice president, legal and business affairs of Universal Studios Hollywood and Universal CityWalk Hollywood. Miller will serve as legal counsel regarding intellectual property rights, real estate, and other business and legal concerns. Miller was previously vice president, business and legal affairs for Sega Game Works.

Michael E. Fidelbin has joined the firm of Allen, Bernstein, Kaufman & Kuttner as a shareholder in the civil litigation section. Fidelbin concentrates his practice in the areas of medical malpractice and product liability, employment law, commercial litigation and criminal defense work.

SIDNEY H. WILLIG
Former Law School Professor

Noted jurist, community leader, and law professor Sidney H. Willig died November 17, 2000. A pioneer in the field of food and drug law, he was on the faculty of Temple Law School from 1967 to 1987. A scholarship was established in his name when he retired.

Willig earned a B.S. from Brooklyn College after entering at age 14, and went on to get pharmacy and law degrees from St. John’s University and Brooklyn Law School. A World War II veteran who evaded capture in occupied Holland for 148 days after his B-17 crashed, he was commander of the Jewish Veterans of Foreign Wars on Staten Island and active nationally in veterans’ affairs. He was also President of Temple B’nai Jeshurun.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sidney H. Willig Scholarship Fund.

HON. VINCENT A. CIRILLO ’55
Superior Court Judge

The Honorable Vincent A. Cirillo, a state superior court senior judge respected by his peers and the attorneys who appeared before him, died in November at the age of 72. A Montgomery County prosecutor from 1958 to 1962 and an assistant county solicitor, Cirillo was appointed to the county bench in 1971 by Governor Milton Shapp. He won election to a full 10-year term the following year. Before ascending to the bench, Cirillo was a trial attorney.

Cirillo was a 1951 cum laude graduate of Villanova University. After graduating from Temple Law School in 1955, he served in the Army in the Korean War. During his legal career, Cirillo received numerous awards, including the Legion of Honor of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in 1985, Man of the Year of the Catholic War Veterans in 1974 and Man of the Year of the Optimist Club of Norristown in 1978.

In 1997, the judge’s current and former colleagues, staff, colleagues and friends established a scholarship fund in his name. Contributions to the Honorable Vincent A. Cirillo Scholarship Fund assist a student who excels in the study of constitutional law.

BENJAMIN F. LEVY ’66
President, Law School Alumni Association

Benjamin Levy was “a person you could always call upon to help—whether with a legal problem, in the community or to work for Temple Law School,” says law school classmate Gordon ’66.

The entire law school community was saddened by Ben Levy’s death on January 11, 2001 at the age of 59. An active member of the executive committee and past president of the Temple Law Alumni Association, he was anticipating his upcoming 35th year reunion. A basketball enthusiast, Levy was often seen cheering the Temple Owls with friends from the law school.

Levy attended Temple University and graduated from the law school in 1966. He was a former member of the Philadelphia Bar Association Board of Governors and remained active in the bar association and Tau Epsilon Rho fraternity. In addition, Levy’s interest in folk music motivated him to become active and serve as president of the Philadelphia Folk Song Society and the 21 Jewel Square Club.

His family and friends ask that donations be made to the Temple Law Alumni Benjamin Levy Scholarship Fund. The annual TLAA basketball reception has been renamed in his memory.

IN MEMORIAM

_Shared Johnson Atkins_ has joined the Boston firm of Brown, Rudnick, Fried & Gesmer as an associate in their corporate litigation department.

_Deborah Jean DeNardo_ writes, “My solo practice with an emphasis on family law is keeping me busy and in December I was honored to receive the Northampton County Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award for 2000.”

_Sung Hau Hau_ has joined the Sanfil Accounting Corporation (Price Waterhouse/Coopers), the largest accounting company in South Korea, as its director for international tax-transfer pricing.

_Kelly Brick_ has left the National Association of the Deaf to set up her own solo practice in Laurel, Maryland, doing a variety of work including lobbying, business contracts, civil rights, and estate planning. Brick has co-authored _Legal Rights: The Guide for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People_, and is currently planning a 2001 campaign for the Greenbelt, Maryland, city council.

_Peter G. Erdely_ has joined White and Williams as an associate in their property department.

_Patrick J. Kelly_ has been named partner in Sycamore & Lechner. Kelly, who has a Ph.D. in molecular biology, specializes in intellectual property matters that relate to molecular biological developments used in pharmaceutical gene therapy and the waste treatment field.

_Susan Park_ writes, “I have been elected president for 2003 of the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley. The legal organization supports the fifteen Asian-Pacific Islander communities and the 250,000 Asian-Pacific Americans living and working in Philadelphia, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware.”

_Dara A. Penn_ of Simon Higgins & Morgan is a candidate for the young lawyers’ division executive committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Last year Penn served as a member of the young lawyers’ division’s People’s Law School.

_James Shaw_ writes, “I have recently joined Shepherd, Finkelman & Gaffigan in its Media, Pa. office. I concentrate on consumer fraud and employment class action litigation."

_Chine-Pang Wu_ is head of legal advisory for Taiwan’s United World Chinese Commercial bank holding company, and is working on setting up an Internet legal consulting technology company.

_Melanie Renee Ellerbe_ of Germann Gallagher & Mutterah is a candidate for the young lawyers’ division executive committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

_Abbie F. Fletman, LL.M._, was recently elected to the board of trustees of the Women’s Law Project, for which she has also served as pro bono counsel."

_Michael B. Hayes_ has joined Montgomery, McCraken, Walker & Rhoads as an associate in their litigation department, after serving as clerk for the Honorable Judge Russell M. Nigris of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

_Brian M. Marriott_ has joined the Boston firm of Warner, Coleman & Goggin.

_ELIEZER RIVLIN LL.M. ’86

APPOINTED TO ISRAELI SUPREME COURT

An appointment in September 2000 made Eliezer Rivlin LL.M. ’86 a permanent member of the 12-member Israeli Supreme Court. Prior to his appointment, Rivlin sat on the District Court of Beer-Sheva for 17 years. Justice Rivlin is “honored and humbled” by his appointment to the highest court in Israel. “My work at the Supreme Court is challenging,” he says. “The present court is composed of some extraordinary individuals.”

Rivlin earned an LL.B. at Hebrew University in 1968 and an LL.M. from Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law in 1983 before entering Temple’s LL.M. program, which he completed in 1986. He remembers his time at Temple Law with great affection: “Professor Peter Sevareid (who was then director of the LL.M. program) did a lot for the students in the program. It was an excellent opportunity for me to meet lawyers from the U.S. as well as from all over the world.”

At Temple, Rivlin completed a thesis on the comparative right to freedom of speech under the U.S. Constitution and Israeli laws. His interest in constitutional law was spurred by a course taught by Professor Burton Caine, who later became his thesis adviser.

Rivlin has since taught constitutional law and torts at Ben Gurion University, Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University, and was a visiting scholar at Harvard University in 1997. He explains the significance of receiving an LL.M. from Temple Law School: “Temple gave me a huge advantage because of the exposure to American law. This has vastly contributed to my overall knowledge of law.”

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SPIN AUCTION MARCH 26 & 27

If you haven’t come to the annual SPIN auction before, here’s some advice: get there early and plan to stick around. There are lots of laughs and bargains galore. This year’s SPIN auction promises to be full of fun and surprises.

A sample from the long list of items last year’s bidders walked away with:

- massages
- yoga lessons
- salon services
- first-edition and autographed books
- fencing lessons
- dinner with a professor
- dinner without a professor
- autographed Eagles jerseys
- autographed Flyers packs
- admission to area museums

SPIN (Student Public Interest Network) supports students who are involved in public interest work while in law school.

LIVE AUCTION

Fox Club of the Liacouras Center
Tuesday, March 27
Reception 5:30 p.m.
Live Auction 6:00 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION

Klein Law Lobby
Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
and
Tuesday, March 27, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Liacouras Center Lobby
4:00-5:30 p.m.

To donate to SPIN or for more info: Gregory Miller at gmille01@astro.temple.edu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 24
Reception Honoring Professor Amy Boss
6:00-8:00 p.m., Philadelphia Museum Hotel

Tuesday, March 27
SPIN Live Auction
See above for times and locations

Thursday, March 29
Annual Law Day Reception
4:30 p.m., Mayor’s Reception Room, City Hall

Sunday, April 1
Evening Student and Alumni Brunch
11:00 a.m., Shusterman Hall

Thursday, April 5
Intellectual Property Symposium
12:00-5:00 p.m., Shusterman Hall

Thursday, April 5
BLSA Scholarship Reception
Honoring Judge Petrese Tucker
6:00 p.m., Pyramid Club

Tuesday, April 10
Sterne Moot Court Competition
6:00 p.m., Duane Morris & Hecksher Moot Courtroom

Saturday, April 28
Founder’s Day Reception
Honoring The Hon. Lowell Reed
Reception, 4:30 p.m., Shusterman Hall
Dinner, 7:00 p.m., Radisson Twelve Caesars

Friday, May 4
Class of 1996 Reunion
Thursday, May 10
Class of 1957 Reunion
6:00 p.m., Duane Colors Club

Thursday, May 17
Commencement
8:00 p.m., Liacouras Center

Friday, May 18
Class of 1976 Reunion
6:00 p.m., Penn Hyatt at the Bellevue

Sunday, May 20
Class of 1951 reunion
11:00 a.m., SugarLoaf Conference Center

Sunday, June 10 - Saturday, June 16
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FORMER MAYOR RENDELL VISITS LAW SCHOOL

Rendell recounts experiences as Democratic National Committee Chair during 2000 Presidential campaign

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