

BOYD ALUMNI NEWS

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Message From The Dean

By John Valery White

Dear Boyd School of Law Alumni,

I am extremely pleased to contribute to the Alumni Newsletter as we speed through the second year of my time here at Boyd. It has been an exhilarating time, highlighted by the wonderful alumni I have had the pleasure to meet. With a little perspective now I can confidently comment on several fantastic attributes of the Boyd family. I immediately noticed when I arrived in Las Vegas the camaraderie of Boyd alumni. Though I cannot know if you are aware how unusual your solidarity is, it was instantaneously apparent to me. Classmates have kept in touch and developed resilient and enduring collegial networks. For this reason Boyd's importance to the Nevada legal community is significantly magnified. Quite early in your careers, you have already begun to make a mark on the Nevada and regional legal communities. I'm not sure anyone could have imagined such a tremendous impact, from so small a group of alumni, emanating from so young a school. Similarly, I noticed right off that current Boyd students are incredibly active. I do not know how many of you have had a chance to be pressed into service by our motivated students, but that energy is very uncommon in law schools and acquits Boyd quite well. I can only suppose that your classes were every bit as active - what else explains your pro bono service, your rapid rise in your practices, and your support of one another?

What I am most interested in today is building out the infrastructure that will help a mature Boyd School of Law succeed for decades to come. A major part of that includes getting to know you better. That work, as time-intensive as it is enjoyable,

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will be more difficult as we endure the headwinds of the current national crises. However, I expect in the next years to listen to you and discover ways to incorporate you more thoroughly in the fabric of our community. As such, you will be the sail that harnesses the wind and propels us forward.

Dean White

Law School News

For the full news story, visit http://extranet.law.unlv.edu/NewsAndEvents/news_events_text.php

Paola Armeni Androvandi (Class of 2003) is the Boyd School of Law 2008 Alumnus of the Year. A leader in service to the legal community and to the law school, Paola is dedicated to helping others. From Christmas Toy Drives, to the Trial by Peers Program, to the Goldilocks mock criminal trial program and Alumni Association activities, Paola is always finding ways to serve the community. She is a remarkable role model for students and attorneys.

Boyd alum Dr. Stacey Hardy-Desmond is the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Nevada Chapter 2008 Social Worker of the Year. Dr. Hardy-Desmond was recognized for her strong commitment and dedication to the social work profession, her students and NASW.

Law School News (cont'd)

The Nevada Immigrant Resource Project Welcomes New Legal Director Angela Morrison. Angela joins the Nevada Immigrant Resource Project from the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission where she served as the first EEOC trial attorney in Las Vegas.

Law School Recognized for Faculty Scholarship Productivity. A 2008 study confirms the impressive productivity of the Boyd School of Law's faculty, placing the Boyd faculty in the top one-third of

nationally-accredited law school faculties in terms of scholarship.

Boyd School of Law Students Maintain High Success Rate on Nevada Bar Exam. Eighty-three percent of first-time student test takers passed the exam. This is the fourth consecutive year UNLV law school graduates, who took the Nevada Bar Exam for the first time, have passed the test with a higher percentage rate than the statewide average.

Law School Events

For additional information on any event, visit http://extranet.law.unlv.edu/NewsAndEvents/news_events_text.php

CLE Lecture: Persuasive Technology in the Courtroom. *Nov. 21, 2008, 1:30-4:45 p.m., Thomas and Mack Moot Courtroom, Boyd School of Law.* Co-sponsored by the William S. Boyd School of Law, State Bar of Nevada, and University of Nevada, Reno, Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies. This program is a hands-on introduction to PowerPoint 2007 and how to design presentations to sway jury, judges, and clients. Register online at www.nvbar.org/CLE/LiveCLE.htm.

Extreme Environmental Activism: Defensible? *Nov. 24, 2008, Room 112, Boyd School of Law.* Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. Larger issues of uncondonable conduct, civil disobedience, and history of legal defense of activists will be discussed.

CLE Lecture: The Future of the Economy and Tax Structure in Nevada (10 Year Anniversary CLE Program). *Dec. 5, 2008, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Thomas and Mack Moot Courtroom, Boyd School of Law.*

PILA Auction. *March 9, 2009.*

Phillip Pro Lectureship in Legal History. *March 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Thomas and Mack Moot Courtroom, Boyd School of Law.* Speaker John Witte Jr., Jonas Robisher Professor of Law and Director, Center for the Study of Law & Reform at Emory University School of Law.

Guest Features

By Matt Muldoon

Hello Boyd School of Law Alumni! It is my pleasure to have this opportunity to introduce myself to you. As the new Development Director, my primary goal is to support UNLV through fundraising efforts for the William S. Boyd School of Law. Prior to joining Boyd, I researched the school's history of philanthropy and quickly discovered that community members have and continue to provide significant private support. As you are aware, contributions of this level are impressive and have created highly recognized clinics and centers. In addition, to the Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic and Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution, the nationally-recognized Lawyering Process Program emphasizes professionalism which each of you embody. Since July, I have had the great fortune to meet many of you and hear about your experiences. I enjoy the Paradise campus stories; front row parking, little chairs and a basketball hoop that is described as 14' feet high. More recent stories shared with me highlight the

By Heather Procter

On October 17-18, 2008, the Boyd Class of 2003 celebrated its fifth year reunion in Las Vegas. The celebration began with a CLE program entitled "The State of Diversity in the Legal Profession," moderated by Dean White and featuring panelists Jennifer Carleton, Esq., Justice Michael Douglas, General Catherine Cortez Masto, Punam Mathur, and Bryan Scott, Esq. The event, held in the moot court building and was a great success.

Later that evening, we continued with a dinner at the Sam Fulton building. The evening served to recognize the fifth year reunion and honored the Boyd 10th Anniversary celebration by inviting the Boyd founding faculty and staff. A lovely night, topped off with the SBA Black & White Ball!

refurbished Dickinson Library into a first class legal academic facility with the Wiener Rogers Law Library and the school named for community leader William S. Boyd. Today, modern additions like the Thomas and Mack Moot Court Facility provide an unmatched training environment for Boyd students. Basketball is now enjoyed in the new recreation facility on Saturday mornings and I routinely experience the high energy of a ping pong game along the bridge connecting Boyd to the James E. Rogers Center for Administration and Justice. Facilities and the use of spaces have changed but the mission to educate and prepare legal professionals continues. The future of Boyd is bright and the nearly 1,000 Boyd Alumni will help lead the way from a start-up enterprise to an institution we can all be proud of.

I look forward to seeing you at future Boyd events and in the legal community for which you represent so well.

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The festivities concluded on Saturday, the 18th, with a picnic at the Paradise ball field. Many alums came with their families and enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, and catching up with old friends.

On behalf of the 2003 reunion planning committee, I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's reunion! For pictures and a wonderful PowerPoint presentation of photographs and music, visit the following websites:

Direct link to movie presented at the event:
http://www.law.unlv.edu/webcasts_movieClassof2003Reunion10-17-08.html

Direct link to web photo gallery:
<http://www.law.unlv.edu/WebGalleries/ClassOf2003Reunion10-17-08/index.html>

Class Actions

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Remember to update your information, including address, phone number and e-mail, using the Boyd Law School Extranet at <http://extranet.law.unlv.edu/auth user.php>.

2001

Katie (Miles) Armstrong - Katie is currently a Deputy Attorney General in the Government Affairs Division of the Attorney General's Office in Carson City. She married Tom Armstrong, a fellow attorney, three years ago. Tom currently works for Kummer, Kaempfer, Bonner, Renshaw and Ferrario. They have one lovely black lab named Dodger!

Joe Cain - Joe and his wife have baby #2 on the way, due to arrive in December. Their son, EJ, is now 2.5 and keeping them busy.

Amy Honodel - Last year, Amy formed a partnership with Peter Chasey (not a Boyd alum) to create the firm Chasey Honodel. They are located on the northwest side of Las Vegas, handling most types of civil litigation. Her son, Cameron, is now 5 and is making great strides every day with his autism.

Elda Luna Sidhu - Elda and her husband, Steve, welcomed their first child, Sherman Sidhu, on June 6, 2008.

2002

Marjorie Hauf - Since law school, Marjorie has been practicing in the areas of personal injury, wills and trusts. She opened her own firm in 2006, Ganz & Hauf, with a heavy concentration in litigation. She has two sons - Benjamin (4) and Brady (2).

Kevin Hedden - Kevin works for the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers, State of Nevada. They are court-appointed to represent injured workers in workers' compensation cases. His oldest son is now at UNLV in computer sciences. His youngest son is in high school and just starting to drive. Remember Aloha Fridays!!

Kristina (Americo) Weller - Kristina is a member of the charter night class. She now works with Christiansen Law Offices practicing in personal injury, medical malpractice and insurance bad faith. Her firm handles criminal cases and general litigation matters.

2003

Paola Armeni Androvandi - Paola recently had a baby girl, Francesca, now six months and a complete joy! She is an associate at Gordon Silver following the merger of her former law firm, Gentile DePalma.

Amber Craig - After spending almost three years as an Assistant District Attorney in Dallas, Texas, Amber returned to Las Vegas in 2005 to accept a position with the U.S. Attorney's Office. She continues to work as an Associate U.S. Attorney, prosecuting primarily narcotics and violent offenses. She also became a mom this year to two adorable puppies!

Martina (Bauhaus) Geinzer - Martina married in 2006. She is currently general counsel with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Stephanie Hardie Allen - Stephanie is working in the Las Vegas firm of Kummer Kaempfer Bonner Renshaw and Ferrario. She is in the firm's Government Affairs Department practicing in the area of land use and zoning. She married Patrick Allen in 2004.

Michael Hottman - Michael is an associate attorney with Stephenson & Dickinson, specializing in insurance defense. He is married with two children. His wife, Donna Miller, is the owner of a local fixed-wing air ambulance service.

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Kfir Levy - Kfir works for Kellogg Huber, a boutique Washington, DC firm. The firm handles all sorts of litigation and appeals, including a fair amount of Supreme Court advocacy. Although he does general litigation and appellate work, about half of his time is spent in patent litigation.

Bonty (Bonnie) Lonardo - Bonnie currently does civil litigation with the San Diego, California firm of Farmer Case & Fedor. The firm focuses on personal injury, construction defect, medical malpractice and real estate transactions.

Sophia Long - Sophia married Daniel Herrera in June, 2008. She now practices employment law at Morris Polich & Purdy.

Rena McDonald - Rena opened her own firm, the McDonald Law Group, almost two years ago. The firm does civil litigation, including family law, estate planning, bankruptcy and asset protection. She also married last year. They are the proud parents of a new baby boy named Dexter.

Boyd Moss - Boyd is a senior associate at Henness & Haught, practicing exclusively in personal injury. He started with the firm in 2002 as a law clerk with two attorneys. Today, the firm has eight attorneys.

Kelton Patten - Kelton is a full-time public defender in Utah 4th District Court, which he enjoys. His son, Shawn Patten, also a 2003 alum, is an active duty JAG attorney in the 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army. Kelton's daughter, SueAnn, graduated from Harvard Law School. She is in mergers and acquisitions with Skadden's Los Angeles, California office.

Heather Procter - Heather has been a deputy with the Nevada Attorney General's Office in Carson City for over four years. She recently began teaching in the paralegal program at Western Nevada College in Fall 2008. In 2007, her family expanded to include two great Mini Schnauzers.

Mariteresa Rivera-Rogers - This April, Mariteresa retired from Clark County after twenty-six plus years of service, with the last four and a half years with the public Defender's Office. In July, she entered into private practice with Cristina Evans. She practices in the area of criminal and family law. On the personal side, her beloved Hayward passed at the end of August.

Bernadette S. Roldan - Bernadette is not practicing law, but assists two great attorneys in their practice. She now has eighteen grandchildren. She continues to enjoy the friendship of several Boyd classmates, and may give the bar one more try. Bernadette is pleased her sister and brother-in-law recently moved to Las Vegas from Ohio.

Rick Savage - Rick married in June. He will receive his M.Ed. in May. He is currently student teaching U.S. History and Government at Reed High School in Sparks.

Ray Smith - Ray's retired, and is still retired.

Wesley Villanueva - Wes is with the firm of Palewitudo & Felix, practicing in creditor rights. His son, Martino Villanueva, was born in 2006.

Ann Ward - Ann is licensed in both Texas and New Mexico. She is completing her fifth year as an Assistant District Attorney for the 34th Judicial District, El Paso, Texas.

Nicholas M. Woolridge - Nick loves the Boyd School of Law!

2004

Richard Litt, M.D. - While still a practicing OB-Gyn, Richard works as a part-time associate attorney in the law Office of William R. Brenske.

Marissa Geffen Temple - Marissa married Jeff Temple (JD, University of Miami '04) who is employed as an associate with Richard Harris Law Firm.

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2005

Puneet K. Garg - Puneet finished his two-year clerkship with Justice Douglas in the Nevada Supreme Court in August. He then started working for Greenberg Traurig, LLP in Las Vegas. While his primary focus is on appellate work, his practice also includes working on all phases of business and commercial litigation.

Daniel "Danny" Reed - Danny practiced in California for a few years after graduation, but recently returned to his hometown of Las Vegas, sat for the Nevada bar in July, and last month discovered he passed the bar. He will start up his own firm in town soon along with his brother, Douglas Reed, a 2007 BSL graduate, focusing on estate planning, personal injury and criminal defense.

2006

Kimberly Lou - Kimberly works in Atlanta, Georgia as a federal staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Bryce C. Loveland - Bryce began working for Jennings Strouss in March of this year.

Karen A. Whelan - Karen works as a prosecutor in the Attorney General's Office in the Workers Compensation Fraud Unit. She prosecutes fraud by both employers and claimants. She is also a member of the Inns of Court, as well as a supervising attorney with Trial by Peers. In August 23, 2008, Karen married Peter J. Janangelo. They make their home at Mountain's Edge along with their two Schipperkes, Katie and Slugger.

Jebbie Whiteside - Jebbie is planning a 2-3 week long international vacation. Jebbie is working at the Maricopa County Legal Advocate's office.

2007

Dawn N. Gearhart - Dawn is engaged to John Stephenson, a California attorney. They are expecting their first child in April 2009. She currently clerks for Justice Saitta in the Nevada Supreme Court.

Brandon Kemble - Brandon currently practices in Salk Lake City, specializing in commercial litigation. Recently, he passed the Nevada bar and hopes to spend more time practicing with his friends from Boyd.

Maricar Magana - Maricar created Andrade & Magana Law Group. They are in-house counsel with American Family Mutual Insurance Company.

Homa S. Woodrum - Homa and her husband, Adam Woodrum (Class of 2006) just welcomed a baby girl to their family on August 26, 2008. They recently moved to Winnemucca, Nevada.

2008

Sara Dayani - Sara is currently a law clerk for Judge Jennifer Elliott in Clark County family court.

William Devine, II - William is presently a patent associate at Armstrong Teasdale, working with preparation and prosecution of patents in the electrical and computer fields. His wife recently began her own studies at Boyd this Fall. They are hoping to have a second attorney in the family in three more years.

Lisa Grew - Lisa works at Kenyon & Kenyon, LLP, an intellectual property law firm in San Jose, CA. Her focus is on patent prosecution and patent litigation.

Quinton R. Singleton - Quinton practices in gaming and corporate law.