A Message from
Dean Mark Grady

As many of you already know, I have recently resigned as dean of our law school, effective August 15, 2004. I have now been dean for seven years, which is about twice the average term. I feel confident that the law school will be able to find an excellent replacement for me.

Our founding dean was John Brabner-Smith, who served for six years. Perhaps more than anyone else, he established the distinctive culture of our law school, which sometimes feels more like a family or a tribe. The argument for “tribe” comes from the fact that Brabner-Smith grew up on a Chippewa reservation in northern Minnesota and was later inducted into that tribe.

Dean Brabner-Smith was a brilliant lawyer, and he lived so long—he recently died at the age of 100—that he knew many of the great legal figures of the past century. He went to Yale law school in the 1920s and took classes from the great Robert Hutchens (who ultimately became the formative influence on the University of Chicago) when Hutchens was still very young and a beginning law professor at Yale. Brabner-Smith’s mimeographed advice to our first professors was explicitly based on what he had seen and learned in Robert Hutchens’s Yale classroom.

Our second dean was Ralph Norvell, who established our law school in Arlington and who also led the successful quest for ABA approval. Dean Norvell was a leading figure in real property law. During his era, he was active in the real property sections of the ABA and was responsible for writing the real property questions for the multistate bar examination.

Dean Norvell also established a tradition of allowing our students to take an unusually active role in the leadership of our university. The merger of our law school with George Mason University had to be approved by the Virginia General Assembly, and many down in Richmond were initially opposed. During this era (the late 1970s), bus loads of law student lobbyists would leave at 6:00 a.m. from in front of the old department store building. Each had a three-by-five card with background information on a particular Virginia senator or delegate. Each was charged with the responsibility of finding that legislator and convincing him or her to vote in our favor. Through

We did it again! With the arrival of spring came the good news that the law school had again climbed in the U.S. News & World Report annual rankings. The law school now ranks a remarkable 38th in the nation and remains, as it has been for the past four years, the youngest law school in the nation’s elite top 50.

Dean Grady attributes our breaking into the top 40 to “major increases in the quality of entering class, reputation among academics, resources invested in our students, and proportion of graduates employed.” The success is very much a team effort: “Our alumni have contributed tremendously to our success, as have our faculty, staff, and students,” says Dean Grady.

As many alumni already know, U.S. News ranks law schools by reputation (25% for reputation among academics and 15% for reputation among
judges and practitioners); acceptance rate, median GPAs and median LSATs of entering classes (25%); placement at graduation and nine months out (18%); expenditures (11.25%); and student/faculty ratio, bar passage rate, and size of the library (5.75%). In the last seven years, George Mason’s reputation among academics and practicing lawyers has improved more than the reputation of any other law school in the country except Michigan State, which acquired the Detroit College of Law a few years ago. “This improvement in reputation is strong evidence that the legal profession on a national scale is beginning to recognize the tremendous quality of our faculty and graduates,” says Assistant Dean Stephen Parr.

Several law schools in our region (and some of our closest competitors) suffered a drop in the rankings or saw no movement at all. American University, William & Mary, and Washington & Lee all saw their rankings drop, while Georgetown and the University of Virginia held steady. First tier schools George Washington and the University of Maryland and second tier schools the University of Richmond and Catholic University increased their rankings.

Not surprisingly, the pay off from the law school’s U.S. News success is obvious on campus. Over 5,000 candidates have applied to George Mason for fall 2004 admission, new employers already have signed up for the 2004 Fall Recruiting program, and increasing numbers of faculty candidates have expressed an interest in teaching at George Mason.

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**George Mason U.S. News Facts**

- Ranked 38th among all (177 ranked) law schools
- Ranked 15th among all public law schools
- Youngest school in the top 50
  - Created as ISL in 1972; accredited as George Mason in 1980
  - Brigham Young accredited in 1974
  - California—Davis accredited in 1968
- Ranked in the top 50 in both academic and judges/lawyers reputation surveys
- Cheaper in-state tuition than all but three schools in the top 40
- Cheaper out-of-state tuition than all but two schools in the top 40

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**Upcoming Events**

- **May 19**
  - Seventh Annual Judicial and Legislative Reception
  - School of Law
  - Arlington, VA

- **June 7**
  - VA Bar Swearing-In Ceremony and Breakfast Reception
  - Greater Richmond Convention Center
  - Richmond, VA

- **June 12**
  - Annual Alumni Picnic
  - Alexandria, VA

- **June 19**
  - Alumni Breakfast at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar
  - The Original Cavalier
  - Virginia Beach, VA

- **July 28**
  - Post-Virginia Bar & Roanoke Area Alumni Reception
  - Roanoke, VA

- **September 11**
  - Dean Ralph Norvell Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
  - Penderbrook Golf Club
  - Fairfax, VA

- **November 1**
  - VA Bar Swearing-In Ceremony and Breakfast Reception
  - Greater Richmond Convention Center
  - Richmond, VA

- **November 13**
  - Annual Law Alumni Reunion
  - All Classes Welcome

**The GMU School of Law On-Line Directory is finally nearing completion! Information on launch date and how to access it will be available soon.**

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The President’s Corner

by David A. Reed, ’89

Well, Spring is upon us once again and with it comes the annual rebirth in the natural world around us. It is also the time of year when law students are reborn into attorneys through the traumatic process called the Bar Exam. It is a right of passage that we are all glad we made, but would not care to repeat. This year we face yet another type of rebirth: George Mason is going to become a law school without Dean Mark Grady. As you know, Dean Grady submitted his resignation to the University recently and will return to his first love, active teaching and scholarly research and writing, in the fall.

As Dean Grady’s own comments and other articles in this newsletter illustrate, our law school has dramatically improved in almost every measurable category during the Dean’s tenure. His insight and leadership will be missed. However, now is not the time to mourn his departure, but to celebrate the law school’s accomplishments during his tenure! We are in a great position to continue to move forward in so many areas and even improve in the U.S. News rankings. There is tremendous optimism that the search process will attract top candidates from around the country. Your Alumni Association plans to be very involved in the search process.

Please join us in celebrating the Dean’s success at the school. We will be making a special presentation to him at the Judicial and Legislative Reception on May 19th and would love to see as many alumni as possible at the event. Other upcoming events include the Annual Meeting and picnic on June 12 and the golf tournament on September 11 at Penderbrook. Also, consider becoming more active with the association during these exciting times. We have information on all upcoming events as well as volunteer and committee opportunities on the alumni web pages at http://www.law.gmu.edu/alumni/index.php.

Have a great Spring and God bless you all.

Dean Grady to Graduate with Highest Honors

by Rich Kelsey, ’99

When Dean Grady finishes his term as Dean of the School of Law this summer, his legacy will be one where the numbers will truly tell the story of his success. I will let others point to the numbers, but invariably, one will be left asking, how did he do it? How did he take a school with few resources, many divisions, and a checkered history that found us sliding through the third-tier of schools shortly after our arrival, and close with us ranked 38th in the country? Two words best tell the story — vision and leadership.

When Dean Grady hit the floor running, he saw a vision of a law school, perched inside the beltway in one of the Nation’s most exclusive addresses. He saw a faculty with a growing national reputation. He saw a marked advantage in the price point for our service, and he saw an opportunity to take these ingredients and add to them. What he never saw was the negative. For it was smallness and myopathy that restricted our growth. We had pro-student deans, we had pro-faculty deans, we had pro-research deans, we had those with blind allegiance to narrow legal principles, and we sure had our share of infighting. The Dean realized that success was based upon achievement and improvement in every category. And he set his course to work on each.

This Dean’s greatest accomplishment, in my view, was his recognition that the School of Law needed to create not only academic excellence, but something far more difficult to achieve. We had to create a positive community for our students. We had to create a sense of community between the students and the administration. This Dean realized that every year, we graduate the future leaders of the business and legal community of Virginia. And in recognizing that, he came to realize that it will be the strong alumni base, armed with a great education and fond memories of their time at Mason that will make the difference moving ahead. It was a long-term investment that has already paid great short-term dividends. Each year, we grow our contributions, we raise our profile in the community, and each year we welcome home those who long ago graduated, but never before felt our sense of community. That took vision and courage, and we will reap the dividends for years to come.

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this student-run campaign, in which our alum Judge Jonathan Thacher ('80), was very much involved, and through the help of Senator Omer Hirst, whom we are honoring this year at the Annual Judicial & Legislative Reception, the student lobbying team prevailed, and the merger was approved. Many of our most distinguished alums attended our law school during the Norvell era, and they speak very warmly of him and praise his many contributions to our success.

Dean Henry Manne was our third dean, who began his work in 1989. When the American Law & Economics Association was founded in 1987, the delegates named four founders of the law-and-economics movement: Ronald Coase, Guido Calabresi, Richard Posner, and Henry Manne. Dean Manne, who is now retired in Florida, though still writing editorials for the Wall Street Journal, was perhaps the first legal scholar to examine corporate law problems from an economic point of view. He also founded the Law & Economics Center, which he brought with him when he came from Emory Law School to be our dean.

Our Law & Economics Center, more than any other U.S. institution, established law and economics as an important branch of legal scholarship. Dean Manne’s seminars taught economics to law professors and federal judges. Many of his early students—Professor Robert Ellickson of Yale Law School is a good example—they themselves became leaders of the law-and-economics movement. In the federal courts, Dean Manne’s work, now ably continued by our own Professor Frank Buckley, has created a legal revolution.

As most of you know, when I arrived in June of 1997, our law school was fairly well formed. Our biggest problem then was a lack of funding and a lack of the services that a great law school requires. Then, for instance, we had only two professionals in our admissions office and only two in our career development office. None of our first year classes, except legal writing, was a class with fewer than 100 students. During the past seven years, we have been able to add funding, largely through investing in academic and outreach projects, in the area of law and technology and other promising areas.

Here are some of the accomplishments that our law school has made over the past seven years:

- By raising over $45 million of new public and private money, we have moved Mason Law from 167th in funding 7 years ago (7th from bottom among 174 ABA-accredited law schools) to approximately 40th from the top (resources invested in each student);
- We have moved our overall rank from U.S. News’s tier three and a rank of 116 to number 38, which has made us the youngest law school in the top tier and the fastest rising law school in America;
- We have hired at least 20 new faculty members, more than half of the present faculty, many with new money, and we have increased our support of their research;
- Our students have become much more able, and we do a much better job teaching them;
- We have strengthened our student institutions, such as the George Mason Law Review, the George Mason Moot Court, The Docket, the student newspaper, and many, many others, and increased the loyalty and commitment of our students to our law school and to our academic program;
- We have expanded our student support offices, such as our admissions office and our career development office, and staffed them with enormously talented and dedicated people;
- We have revolutionized our technology and technology-support programs and the operations of our library so that these programs, and the people who staff them, have become distinct strengths of our overall program;
- We have started three new degree programs (Juris Master in policy analysis; and LL.M.s in law and economics and in intellectual property) and recruited extremely able students for them;
- We have invigorated the law school’s alumni so that they know each other, meet with each other, help guide the law school, and support the law school in ways too numerous to list;
We have organized two new academic centers within the law school (National Center for Technology & Law and the Law & Psychiatry Center), and we have sustained and reinvigorated the Law & Economics Center;

- We have instituted a distinguished professor program in which three D.C. Circuit judges teach at GMU law school, as well as a former Senator and Governor of our Commonwealth;

- We have developed the Critical Infrastructure Protection Project to study public and private solutions to our nation’s cyberterrorism and homeland security problems;

- We have formed a strategic partnership with The Green Bag, an outstanding and noteworthy new journal, which is now published in cooperation with George Mason University School of Law by one of our faculty members; and

- We have developed a partnership with the University of Hamburg Graduate College in Law and Economics to exchange students and faculty.

Our alumni association has also prospered during this time, and our alumni have begun to fuel further improvements in our program, both through their personal involvement and through their financial contributions. With our active alumni board at the helm, the alumni have helped to establish and invigorate traditions that welcome alumni from all four distinct periods of the law school’s history, including the annual Richard S. Murphy Pool Tournament, our fall class reunions and golf tournament, our Capitol Hill Law & Economics networking receptions, and the highly successful spring Judicial & Legislative Reception, now in its seventh year. Every day, I pass alumni in the hallways who inspire our current students. These alumni serve as adjunct professors for upper-class courses, judge in more moot court competitions than ever before, participate in career workshops and semi-annual mock interview programs, recruit on campus in the fall and spring, and much more.

The alumni have stepped forward in increasing numbers not only to inspire, hire, and train our students, but also to assist them financially. Building on the major leadership gift of Bob Levy (’94) from 1995, several alumni have created student scholarships of their own. Greg Bedner (’83), Jason Smolen (’77), Alan Plevy (’77), Robert Doyle (’88), and family and friends of Mary Fisher Doyle (’89) have all established vitally needed scholarships for admitted students within the last five years. In addition, several prominent firms, including Kirkland & Ellis, Sterne Kessler, Oblon Spivak, and Banner & Witcoff, have stepped in to assist our students with scholarship money and moot court support thanks to the encouragement and persistence of alumni partners and associates. The number of law school graduates who have contributed at the President’s Circle Level ($1000 or more) has more than tripled in the past three years, and the unprecedented alumni response to the ground-breaking “We Help Each Other Fund” resulted in contributions of over $50,000 in one year.

Before coming here, I had been a law professor for almost 20 years, and during the last seven years I have put my writing on hold. I now want to get back to some projects that I had just started when I came here. In fact, I have an ambitious book project in mind. I have been thinking recently that I need to recognize that I am invested in every administrative detail about our law school. This might not be the best place for me to avoid distractions as I am trying to restart my scholarly agenda. I therefore may need to go someplace else in order to do this work.

If I do leave, it will not be until the end of this summer. I plan on serving as dean until August 15. If I leave, I will probably go back to UCLA where I was a law professor just before I came here. I hope all of you will understand how important you have been to me and what great friends I consider you. Being a part of the George Mason law school has been the most satisfying professional experience I have had, and I will miss all my colleagues and students here and will look forward to getting back together with you, regularly, at our law school reunions and at other times.

Our law school has a long tradition of success, and it has never been healthier. We have an extremely able faculty, a gifted administrative staff, and more funding than we have ever had. Based on good evidence, I am predicting further increases in our ranking in the coming year and in future years.

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The Dean showed leadership by surrounding himself with great support, and trusting those individuals to carry out his mission of broad-based excellence. From admissions to placement, our stature grew. The Dean quietly and effectively pushed for additional funding, and he stayed true to our focus of economic analysis, while not fearing to broaden our horizons. As a result, we continue to excel.

The Dean demanded excellence in recruiting new faculty, and he got it. He also demanded teaching excellence, and he got it. He bumped heads with some along the way, and he took fire as a good Dean will. Indeed, I am sure that this once former editor of *The Docket* had more than once worn out his welcome with the Dean on certain issues. But the Dean marched on and compromised where he could, built coalitions where he had to, but stayed focused on his vision. In the end, that’s leadership.

We will have many qualified candidates for his job. In fact, many who probably would not have considered us when Dean Grady applied, will likely now be asking us to consider them. As a graduate, I want to know just two things: what is your vision and how will you demonstrate the leadership to carry it out?

Whomever the School hires, he or she will have to work hard to make the grade. In the case of Dean Grady, it is clear he graduates with highest honors.

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**Make Plans to Attend the JLR!**

by Jennifer Hess, ’95

Are you looking for an event where you can relax and enjoy tasty Virginia food and smooth Virginia wines while meeting judges and legislators from the area and visiting with colleagues? Then do not miss the 7th Annual Judicial and Legislative Reception (JLR) on May 19, 2004, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the law school.

For the past six years, the George Mason University School of Law Alumni Association, along with the law school, has hosted the JLR, a signature event, in an effort to “show off” the law school community to the region’s judiciary and legislative delegates. The JLR also serves to thank the judges for their contributions to the law school, as many teach at George Mason and hire our graduates, and also to thank the legislators for assisting the school in terms of funding and support at the legislative level. Distinguished guests in the past have included, among others, the Honorable Charles S. Robb and the Honorable Kenneth Starr.

This year’s event will honor two special men in the law school’s history. We will recognize the accomplishments of Dean Mark Grady who will step down as Dean of the law school this summer. The JLR will also pay special tribute to the late Senator Omer Hirst, who, as many alumni from the 1970s and 1980s can attest, proposed and vigorously supported the bill at the Virginia General Assembly that allowed for the creation of George Mason University School of Law. Both gentlemen will be honored during a brief presentation.

The JLR has grown so large that over the last couple of years, the JLR committee has sought sponsorship for the event. Reed Smith, McGuireWoods, Hunton & Williams, Apple Federal Credit Union, Albo & Oblon, Global Education Resources, Ltd., and New Point Oyster Company are among the early confirmed sponsors this year.

Light jazz provides the perfect atmosphere for networking in the Atrium. This year we expect to feature Virginia wines from White Hall, Rappahanock Cellars, Gray Ghost, and Farfelu. Each vineyard conducts tasting, and the wine is perfectly paired with delicious foods. For more information about the JLR, visit Upcoming Events at [www.law.gmu.edu](http://www.law.gmu.edu).

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**2004 First-Year Moot Court Competition**

Bernard Tomsa (1D), winner of the First-Year Moot Court Competition (second from left) and Gwen Rogers (1E) (on right), runner-up in the competition, pose with two of the three competition judges. The competition focused on trade secrets, and the finals took place in the inspiring ceremonial courtroom of the D.C. Circuit. On the left is Chief Judge Douglas Ginsburg, and second from right is Judge Raymond Randolph, both of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Missing from the photo is Judge Pauline Newman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
According to a recent study by Professor Brian Leiter from the University of Texas, George Mason’s law faculty is one of the most influential group of legal scholars in the country. Professor Leiter’s 2003-04 New Educational Quality Ranking of U.S. Law Schools ranks our faculty 23rd among all American law schools for scholarly impact and 26th overall in professional reputation. The scholarly impact ranking reflects the frequency with which other scholars cite a faculty member’s publications and books.

Over the past academic year, members of the law school faculty have amply demonstrated why they have achieved such influence among their colleagues thorough both the quantity and quality of their publications. Following is a sampling of their most recent books, editorials, speeches, and other activities. For a more complete list of current faculty news including their books, law review articles, and working papers, see www.law.gmu.edu/faculty.

David Bernstein authored a new book published by the Cato Institute, You Can’t Say That!: The Growing Threat to Civil Liberties from Antidiscrimination Laws and appeared on MSNBC’s “Scarborough Country” and Fox News’ “O’Reilly Factor” to discuss his book. He was listed as one of the “50 Most Cited Faculty Who Entered Teaching Since 1992” in a 2002-03 study by Brian Leiter.

Frank Buckley was named a George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law in October 2003. His new book on The Morality of Laughter was published in Fall 2003, and a reviewer from the Wall Street Journal wrote, “A serious contribution to social and moral philosophy masquerading as an entertaining anatomy of an under-appreciated human resource … at once a wise and highly amusing book…I laughed aloud, reading The Morality of Laughter.”

James E. Byrne published his Annual Survey of Letter of Credit Law & Practice and another new book entitled the ICC Guide to the eUCP. He has been selected by the graduating students to be the faculty speaker at the 2004 Law School Commencement.

Terence Chorvat participated in an American Enterprise Institute panel in March 2004, on When is a Tax Not Really a Tax? He has also written an article with Kevin McCabe and Nobel Laureate Vernon Smith entitled “Lessons from Neuroeconomics for the Law” (in The Law and Economics of Irrationality).


Ross Davies, editor-in-chief of The Green Bag, generated a lot of media buzz with the introduction of the journal’s second bobblehead doll, Justice John Paul Stevens. The first bobblehead doll of Chief Justice William Rehnquist has become a much sought after collector’s item. Some dolls have been auctioned off for close to $1,000.

Ernest Gellhorn published the 10th revised edition of his casebook, *Gellhorn's Cases and Comments on Administrative Law* (Foundation Press).


Bruce Johnsen participated in an American Enterprise Institute (AEI) panel discussion in January 2004, on *Mutual Fund Litigation and Regulation: Is the Cure Worse Than the Disease?* In October 2003, Professor Johnsen participated in another AEI panel entitled *Corporate Law: Demise of the Delaware Principle?*


Leandra Lederman authored three new books published by LexisNexis: *Federal Tax Practice and Procedure; Tax Controversies: Practice and Procedure; and Understanding Corporate Taxation*. She also moderated a panel discussion at the ABA Section of Taxation’s Midyear Meeting in January 2004, on *Filling the Regulatory Gap - What’s a Court to Do When Legislative Regulation Authority Has Not Been Exercised?*


Nelson Lund participated in an American Enterprise Institute book forum on *Supreme Court Gun Cases* in October 2003. He was also named one of the “50 Most Cited Faculty Who Entered Teaching Since 1992” in a 2002-03 study by Professor Brian Leiter.

Michael O’Neill continues to serve as a Commissioner of the United States Sentencing Commission. Professor O’Neill, along with Ronald Rotunda, participated in a Federalist Society conference on *Waging the War on Terror in the Supreme Court* in April 2004. He also participated in a panel discussion on *Congress & the Federal Courts* that was sponsored by the Supreme Court Judicial Fellows Program and televised on C-SPAN.

Francesco Parisi is spending the spring semester at the University of Milan School of Law where he holds a joint appointment as Distinguished Professor of Law and Economics. He recently co-edited a reader on *Economic Foundations of Private Law* (Elgar Publishing) with Richard A. Posner. He also coauthored a book on *The Law and Economics of the European Union* (LexisNexis) and co-edited the most recent volume of the *Supreme Court Economic Review* along with Dan Polsby.

Ronald D. Rotunda, along with Michael O’Neill, participated in a Federalist Society conference on *Waging the War on Terror in the Supreme Court*. He also wrote editorials for the *Washington Times* (3/28/2004) and *National Review Online* (3/30/2004) on the Cheney-Scalia recusal controversy and participated in a Federalist Society panel discussion on *Judicial Recusals: A Reprise of Recent Events at the Supreme Court*. Professor Rotunda was listed as number 11 on the “Most Cited Law Faculty” list in a 2002-03 study by Professor Brian Leiter.

Maxwell Stearns’ *Constitutional Process: A Social Choice Analysis of Supreme Court Decision Making* was reprinted as a paperback by the University of Michigan Press.

Todd Zywicki is on leave this year and is serving at the FTC as Director of the Office of Policy Planning. He will be a visiting professor at Georgetown University this fall.

Two new professors joined the faculty this year. They are Eugene Kontorovich and Ilya Somin.

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**Sixth Annual Richard S. Murphy Pool Tournament**

Once again, the Annual Richard S. Murphy Pool Tournament was a success. Each year, the tradition expands to new generations of alumni. This year, the tournament raised approximately $2,200 for the Richard S. Murphy Student Scholarship Fund.

Left to right are Kristen Moran (3D), SBA President, and tournament winners, Ali Benaoune (friend of the law school) and Richard Kelley ('99).
Alumni News

Jonathan H. Adler ('00), Assistant Professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, has been named the recipient of the Paul M. Bator Award. The award is given annually by the Federalist Society to a young academic whose life, work and ideals most closely embody the life, work and ideals of the late Paul Bator.

James Carroll, Jr. ('88) was appointed Deputy General Counsel of the Treasury Department in April 2004.

Chris Davis ('00) has been called to active duty by the Marine Corps and is presently serving in Iraq.

Todd Heflin ('01) graduated from the FBI academy in 2003 and began work in the FBI’s New Orleans office earlier this year.

Chuck Henter ('00) and his wife welcomed their second child, James Henry Henter, on November 28, 2003.

Ashley Jenkins ('99) (formerly Ashley Disque) and her husband welcomed a second child, William Thomas Jenkins, on July 18, 2003. Ashley and her husband have moved to Atlanta, Georgia.

Jonathan Klick ('03) has received a teaching position at Florida State University Law School and will begin teaching in the fall of 2004.

Tom McCarthy and Rachel McCarthy (formerly Rachel Reda), both of the Class of ’01, welcomed Samantha Williams McCarthy to their family on April 1, 2004. Samantha weighed in at 7 pounds and 10 ounces, and almost 21 inches long.

Matt McCormack ('00) and his wife had their first child on January 9, 2004 - Kelly Marie McCormack.

Libby Meares ('99) (formerly Libby Wilson) and her husband welcomed their first child, Maggie, in November 2003.

Faffi Moazzam ('02) was interviewed on Steve Forbes’ show, “World Business Monitor: Successful Business & Legal Strategies in the International Marketplace.” Other guests on the show included Jimmy Carter, Madeleine Albright, and Caspar Weinberger. The interview is expected to air on American Airlines and United Airlines throughout the summer of 2004.

Michael Nelson ('02) has secured a clerkship with Judge Manion on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Catherine Sevcenko ('03) has been chosen to fill the prestigious Supreme Court Fellowship at the United States Supreme Court beginning in the fall of 2004.

T. Stephen C. Taylor ('92) has been named a member of Bass, Berry & Sims. Taylor, a corporate and securities attorney in the firm’s Nashville, TN office, joined the firm in 2001.

Lisa Thatch ('02) (formerly Lisa Lieberman) and her husband John welcomed baby boy Tyler on February 17, 2004. Lisa is now an attorney with Vandeventer Black LLP in Norfolk, Virginia.

Moin Yahya ('03) has received a tenured teaching position at the University of Alberta Law School.

Kimberly Gaines ('94) and her husband Joshua moved to Dublin, Ohio, with their two children in 2003.

Alexandria, Virginia welcomed the first child.

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Linda Jackson ('98) is now a partner at the law firm of Venable LLP in Richmond, Virginia.

Lauren and Thomas Cryan, Jr. (both of the Class of '97) are the proud parents of two children, Connor and Catie.

Kristian Gluck ('01) and his wife had their first child on August 15, 2003 – Katherine Lee Gluck.

Jeff Gore and Suzanne Schnell (both of the Class of ’99) were married in Duck, North Carolina in June, 2000.

Sue is currently pursuing a Masters of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University and will graduate in May 2004. Jeff is in his third year as a staff attorney to the Virginia General Assembly. They reside in Richmond with their two dogs, Seamus and Lucy.

Soo K. Scardina (formerly Soo Jin Kang) ('99) would like fellow classmates to know that she now has two wonderful children, Brooke and Miles.

Penny Rood ('84) is a member of the City of Fairfax School Board. Penny has served on the board since 1996 and was the board chairman from 1996 to 2000.

Daniel and Kristin Gray (both of the Class of ’96) welcomed their first child, Andrew Lee Gray, on November 1, 2002.

Laura Heltebran (formerly known as Laura Brody) ('89) and her husband are the proud parents of two children, John and Ava.

Have information to share?
Send your news to lawalum@gmu.edu.

In Memoriam

Jeanne Murphy ('90) passed away in early 2004.
Law School’s Tech Center News...

The Tech Center, founded at the School of Law in 1999, sponsors, co-sponsors, or supports a variety of conferences and panel discussions on high-tech policy controversies in conjunction with local technology companies, law firms, and public policy groups. Be sure to visit the website at http://techcenter.gmu.edu.

Upcoming Events

The Tech Center’s Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Project is hosting this conference, which will feature presentations that apply the theoretical tools of law and economics to the vexing problem of cyber security. Speakers will include prominent academics such as Yochai Benkler of Yale University, Jack Goldsmith of the University of Virginia, and Eric Posner of the University of Chicago. Topics will include “Internet Jurisdiction over Crime and Terrorism” and “The Dark Side of Private Ordering for Cybersecurity.” For more information, contact Amy Cobb at acobb1@gmu.edu or 703-993-8193. The conference agenda and registration form can be found online at http://techcenter.gmu.edu/programs/conferences.html.

The Tech Center is co-sponsoring the 32nd Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC), which focuses on “Communication, Information and Internet Policy.” Speakers will include prominent scholars and practitioners from a variety of fields, including computer science, law, economics, and public policy. Information about previous TPRC conferences and activities is available at the TPRC web site, www.tprc.org.

First Alumnae Networking Breakfast a Huge Success

The first Alumnae Networking Breakfast co-hosted by the Women’s Law Association and the School of Law was held Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at the law school and was a huge success. To the delight of the students and staff organizing the event, more than 75 women turned out for the 8:00 a.m. event. During the breakfast, Dean Grady and Melissa Glassman (’87), managing partner of the McGuireWoods Tysons Corner office, addressed the group. Melissa shared her experiences as a woman in a legal career.

Kim Huguley (’99) and Assistant Dean Kris McCord (’99).

Shirley Keisler (’90) and Judge Leslie Alden (’83).

Betty Stevens (’01), Judy Schretter (’83), and Lynda Erinoff (’01).
Law Alumni Association Scholarships Awarded

Annually, the School of Law Alumni Association awards two scholarships to deserving law school students. The Dean Charles Engle Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who exhibits exceptional academic achievement and dedication to the law. This year, K. Adrienne S. Binnall (2D) was awarded the Dean Engle Scholarship. The second scholarship awarded is The George Mason University School of Law Alumni Association Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student who exhibits dedication to the School of Law community through organizational participation and leadership. This year, Michael W. Brooks (2D) was the recipient of this award.

Pictured left to right are David Reed ('89), President of the Law Alumni Association, K. Adrienne S. Binnall (2D), Michael Brooks (2D), and Michael Barnsback ('91), Past President of the Law Alumni Association.

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