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Colonel Tom Elam was selected to receive a Citation for Outstanding Public Service Award, the form of a plaque, is awarded each year to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves and their profession by long-term contributions to their community, to the public, and to the legal profession.

Colonel Elam accepted the award at the fall meeting of the College of Law's Alumni Advisory Council and Dean's Circle on Saturday, November 2, 1991. The selection committee for the award was chaired by Somerville attorney Payson Matthews, Class of '59. Payson cited Colonel Elam's university leadership and outstanding civic leadership for 50 years as factors in his selection. Other committee members include: George Bishop, Class of '75; Carole Lynch, Class of '77; Joe Mont McAfee, Class of '60; and Judge Shirley Underwood, Class of '48. "Colonel Elam has given unselfishly of his time and talents to his alma mater, his community, and his profession," said Carole Lynch, chair of the Alumni Advisory Council. "He personifies our commitment to share our resources."

Colonel Elam, Class of '34, is a partner in the law firm of Elam, Glasgow & Acree. He was appointed to The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees in 1956 and has served as a member or chairman of several of its committees. He is a native of Obion County, Tennessee, and earned his undergraduate degree at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Colonel Elam has practiced law in Union City for 57 years and is a civic leader in the community, state and country.

Three College of Law alumni were honored with Alumni Leadership Awards. Houston Gordon, Class of '57, and Donelson M. Leake, Class of '62, were recognized for outstanding service to the College and the University as Trustees of The University of Tennessee. Richard L. Rose, Class of '74, was recognized for leadership in support of the College over a period of many years. Three deans have depended on Rick for advice and counsel during his four terms of service on the Alumni Advisory Council. Each received a marble paperweight in recognition of their extraordinary dedication to the College of Law.

Houston Gordon, a partner in the Covington law firm of Gordon & Forrester, serves as the Assistant District Attorney General for the 16th Judicial District and as a member of The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees. Houston has been recognized as one of the best lawyers in America in civil practice in 1984, 1987 and 1989 by Naifeh & Smith. He is a member of several local and state bar associations as well as many civic organizations.

Don Leake, a partner in the Knoxville law firm of Kramer, McVeigh, Leake & Rogers, was appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees in 1989 and to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee in 1990. He is a member of the Knoxville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations as well as many civic organizations.

Richard Rose, a partner in the Houston, Texas law firm of Coats, Rose, Yale, Holm, Ryman & Lee, P.C., has been a member of the Alumni Advisory Council since 1979 and the Dean's Circle since 1989. Rick is also a member of the Dallas, Tennessee and American Bar Associations.

Professor John L. Sobieski, Jr. was presented the Tennessee Bar Association's Outstanding Teaching Award by Gilbert R. Campbell, Jr., the TBA's Executive Director and member of the Class of '57. The award is the TBA's annual ethics and professionalism award. Honorees are selected by the TBA's Law-Related Education Committee, which was chaired by retired Tennessee Supreme Court Justice, William J. Harbison. "Of the many nominations, Professor Sobieski was selected on behalf of the many students whose lives and careers he has so richly influenced," said Gil Campbell. Professor Sobieski teaches Civil Procedure, Civil Rights Actions, Conflict of Laws, and Federal Courts, and is the Lindsay Young Professor of Law.
On January 17, in response to a letter from the Accreditation Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, a UT delegation appeared before the committee in San Diego to show cause why the College of Law should not be required to take remedial action, placed on probation, or removed from the list of accredited schools. The tone of the meeting was positive, due in substantial part to the alumni of the College of Law.

A joint team representing the ABA and the Association of American Law Schools made a routine visit to the school in 1983. Its report praised the College generally, but cited several problems. One problem was the physical facility, which the ABA Accreditation Committee subsequently found to be "inadequate to support the educational program and . . . not in compliance" with applicable ABA standards.

Another joint ABA-AALS accreditation team visited the school in 1990. The team's report again praised the faculty's teaching and scholarship, the student body, and the educational program. It noted, however, the persistence of the major problems cited in 1983: low faculty salaries, inadequate financial support for the program generally, the building, and shortcomings in library staffing, equipment and collections.

The January 1992 hearing before the ABA Accreditation Committee was the fourth such hearing for us since 1983. The University was represented by President Joseph Johnson, Chancellor John Quinn, and me. This was the first time the University appeared before the committee to place the prestige and power of his office behind the University's commitment to deal with the problems identified by the ABA. That point was not lost on the committee.

The delegation could report substantial progress concerning the building project. Two years ago the project was far down on the list of Tennessee Higher Education Commission priorities for public higher education construction. It was in 11th place last year. This year, the $700,000 in planning funds needed to begin the renovation and expansion of the law school building are number two on the priority list submitted by the THEC to the Governor. The Governor has recommended to the legislature that the funds for the law building be appropriated this year for expenditure in 1992-93.

In September the University wrote the ABA setting out a three-year plan to address the College's needs in the areas of faculty salaries, overall financial support, and the library. At the January hearing, Dr. Johnson summarized the Governor's plan for education -- which if adopted would enable the University to make substantial advances toward the targets in each category of the law-school plan -- and discussed candidly with the committee the alternatives if the Governor's plan is not adopted in full.

The committee asked probing questions. We are now waiting to hear from them.

The delegation could report substantial progress in a very tough year is attributable in substantial part to you. Many of you have contacted your elected representatives in Nashville to urge support for the building project and for prompt, effective action to put the funding of higher education on a solid footing.

Until that action is taken, the College will remain under continuing scrutiny by the ABA, and rumors will persist. In the meantime, your letters and other contacts give our needs increased visibility, and generate support for interim measures to protect what everyone (including the ABA) recognizes to be a strong program of professional education operating in a proud tradition.

On behalf of the entire law school community: thanks to everyone who has stepped forward in support of the College in this critical year.

Richard S. Wirtz
Acting Dean
As a professor, what do you see as the most important issues facing the legal profession today?

I think the most important issues facing the legal profession are, number one, lack of confidence in the legal profession, and number two, poor access to competent legal representation at an affordable price. My job as a law professor is to deal to some extent with the issue of competence. I try to have students understand how important it is to do well, to set high standards, to take only those cases that can be handled competently. Basically, we lawyers need to set very high personal standards of excellence within the profession, to avoid everything that could be construed as being unethical, and to walk the higher road in those daily decisions that we have to make.

What are the factors that prompted you to become a professor of law instead of a practitioner of law?

I was always interested in teaching. When I was an undergraduate, I wanted to become a college professor in international relations and political science. I had that in mind when I went to law school and enrolled in a program that would have provided me with both a Ph.D. and a law degree. A law school professor helped me understand what it meant to be a law professor and the life that one could expect to live and the role that one could play. I also had an undergraduate professor who turned me on to academics and teaching. I learned from them the joys of teaching and learning and the lifestyle that accompanies a life in academe.

What kinds of freedoms has teaching law permitted you to have?

Wonderful ones. I basically have a lot of time to pursue my interests. For example, I have opportunities to write about legal and non-legal subjects, and fiction and non-fiction. I do not have the deadline pressure of practice. I can pursue things in depth if I want to. I am not stuck with clients that I am not interested in, cases that I do not want to be involved with, or motions that I have no interest in filing and are not intellectually interesting to me. That freedom also includes spending time with my family. My father was a pharmacist who worked night and day seven days a week in his drugstores and had very little time for the family. In all my years we took one family vacation. During that period, I decided I wanted to be able to spend quality time with my family and my hobbies. I am an avid tennis player and play several times a week. Music is important to me. I played a banjo in a Dixieland band, and I play the piano and am now learning the harmonica. I also compose. I composed the music for my wedding.

What is your view on the present status of the profession?

The status of the profession is disappointing in the sense that the public holds lawyers in low esteem. It is now a fact that being a "lawyer" is a dirty word as opposed to an honorable profession, even though so many lawyers are honorable professionals. Yet, somehow collectively we are perceived poorly. Some of us lawyers focus much too much on money and not enough on service. We lawyers are servants who help people with the many legal areas of their life. The concept of service is an important one that I talk about with my students.

What needs to be done now on behalf of the profession?

I think the profession needs to aggressively police itself. We need to exclude and keep out lawyers who are incompetent in terms of their work and ethics. I also think we need to bolster our expectations of the performance of lawyers. There are lawyers every day going into court unprepared. That is not acceptable. Our profession ought to treat that as unacceptable and judges ought to treat that as unacceptable. When a lawyer goes into court unprepared, the client is the one who may suffer, but the profession does too little about it. Specialization is also something the profession needs. Too often lawyers are handling cases they are not well qualified to handle. One reason they get those cases is because the public does not know who is well qualified. If we get into specialization, it needs to be taken seriously with high standards both in terms of entry and retention of specialization certification. Significant ongoing training and significant experience standards need to be established. Then let the marketplace take over and lead the public to specialists who are certified, qualified, and policed. I think we would gradually increase the quality of legal services.

What advice would you give a new attorney entering the profession?

I would tell them one thing. Set your personal standards very high and meet them. If you take a case, do it well. You will realize you can not do everything competently. You will begin to limit your practice, you will begin to limit the number of clients and, yes, you may also have to limit your income, but competence should be the first order of business. We lawyers should always perform at a high level of competence and should not sacrifice competence in order to increase the number of clients for whatever reason.

What are you most proud of at this stage of your career as to your accomplishments?

I have published six books and am working on a seventh and am very proud of them. I think the most recent books are quite good. I am also extremely proud of the work that I have done in assisting with the drafting of the Tennessee Rules of Evidence, the new Tennessee Criminal Code and the Tennessee Sentencing Code. Finally, I am honored to have been part of a team that trained some excellent lawyers who are making an important contribution to a just society.

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Legal Process has helped many first-year law students conquer writing inadequacies. The course is not a cure all and does not guarantee excellent writing skills after completion, but, like chicken soup, it doesn't hurt. Three law students have recently showcased their writing talents: Kelly Frere wrote a book, Martin Bailey won a writing contest, and Frank Lannom coauthored a brief. We congratulate all three.

Kelly Guyton Frere, a December 1991 graduate, has written a helpbook on elderly health care entitled, "Paying for Long Term Health Care: A Helpbook for the Elderly." The work resulted from an independent study project which was supervised by Professor Amy Hess, who said it was a remarkable accomplishment. "Anyone who has ever tried to translate a body of government regulations into simple English will not underestimate the difficulty of the endeavor," said Professor Hess.

The helpbook includes chapters on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and Insurance. The helpbook's easy-to-read style offers examples of real situations and a list of agencies to call for further assistance.

While attending the College of Law, Kelly worked as a paralegal, office manager and bookkeeper for the Knoxville law firm of Guyton and Frere, P.C. The Frere is for her husband and the Guyton is for her mother, Arline W. Guyton, Class of '71. Kelly will work for the firm upon graduation.

Martin B. Bailey, a third-year law student, authored the winning article in the 1991 Legal Writing Contest sponsored by the International Association of Defense Counsel. His article, "Pharmacist Liability for Failing to Warn Customers of Side Effects and Harmful Interaction from Prescription Drugs," won him $2,000, a plaque, and a one-year subscription to the Defense Counsel Journal. The Journal will also publish the article in its next issue.

Mr. Bailey earned a B.A. in Math from the University of the South in 1977 and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Columbia University in 1979. He worked as an engineer in Tennessee before starting law school.

At the College of Law, he has been on the Dean's List every semester and is a member of the Tennessee Law Review. Other honors include being a John W. Green Scholar for two years, an AmJur Award winner in six classes, and a recipient of two awards for having the highest first-year scholastic average. Mr. Bailey is the son of Allan B. Bailey of Manchester.

James A.H. Bell, Knoxville attorney and member of the Class of '73, and, Keith Stroup, the Executive Director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), have written letters to Dean Wirtz commending George Frank Lannom, a third-year law student, for his work on behalf of the NACDL. The NACDL worked on a case involving caseloads faced by public defenders. Mr. Bell, a member of the NACDL Board of Directors, and Frank worked on the brief, which was filed before the General Sessions Judges of Knox County, relative to an issue raised by Mark E. Stephens, the Knoxville Public Defender, regarding his office's enormous caseload.

As a law clerk in Bell's law office, Frank worked in excess of seventy-five hours on the brief. All of them uncompensated. "He has performed admirably," said Bell, "and beyond the call of duty." "Frank made a major contribution to the brief," said Stroup, "and we very much appreciate his work."

After earning a degree in political science and criminal justice administration from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Frank entered the College of Law in August of 1989. His expected date of graduation is May of 1992. He is a member of the student division of NACDL and the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and was a member of the 1990 and 1991 National Trial Moot Court Teams. Frank is the son of George B. Lannom of Lebanon.
Familiar Faces in New Places

Julie Hardin became the permanent Executive Director of the Center for Research and Development in Law-Related Education at Wake Forest University School of Law in June 1991. Julie, a member of the Class of '78, officially stepped down as the Associate Dean for External Affairs on June 30, 1991. She had been a member of the College of Law administration since 1980.

Susan Kovac has accepted a position as a staff attorney for the Tennessee Department of Human Services in Knoxville. She will concentrate on child abuse and neglect cases. Susan had been a teacher in the Legal Clinic since 1977, and an Associate Professor since 1984.

Nicki Russler is pursuing a graduate degree in library science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She ended her term of service as an Associate Professor of Law in the Legal Clinic on July 31, 1991. Nicki had been teaching in the Legal Clinic since 1976.

Faculty Activities

Gary Anderson ... has been appointed to the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' Public Defender Crisis Committee.

Bill Beintema ... is the fiscal Principal Investigator for a grant awarded to the Consortium of SouthEastern Law Libraries (COSELL) by the Department of Education for telefax machines. He also continues to provide a yearly compilation of law library statistics for COSELL.


Tom Eisele (left) ... coordinated the 1991 Alumni Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence. On September 6, 1991, University of Maryland Professor of Law Robin West spoke on "Reconstructing Liberty."

Grayfred Gray ... was a co-presenter with Professor Randal Pierce of the College of Education on "Computer Expert Systems as a Teaching Tool" and Douglas Stokes, Assistant Principal of Austin-East High School, on "Student Mediation of Disputes at School" at the East Tennessee Education Association's annual meeting on October 25, 1991, in Knoxville.

Bob Lloyd ... has written an instructional program for the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALL) entitled "Understanding Fixtures" which will be distributed to member schools.

Jerry Phillips ... and Geraint Howells edited the special products liability edition of The Anglo American Law Review. Professor Howells, who is from Sheffield, England, visited the College of Law during the summer of 1990 and taught Comparative Law.

... has been appointed by UT President Joe Johnson to serve on the Chancellor Search Committee for Dr. John Quinn's replacement.

Glenn Reynolds ... has been appointed by Vice President Dan Quayle to the Space Policy Advisory Board for a two year term.

... has been named Executive Vice President of the National Space Society.

... will have his article, "Taking Advice Seriously: An Immodest Proposal for Reforming the Confirmation Process," published in a special symposium issue of the Southern California Law Review, dedicated to the Supreme Court confirmation process.

... appeared on Larry King Live, January 7, 1992, to lend expertise to a lively discussion on ownership of property in space.

Dean Rivkin, (left) ... as Director of the Legal Clinic, organized a talk by Steve Bright on September 24, 1991 in the Moot Court Room. Mr. Bright, the Director of the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia, spoke on "The Death Penalty in the South: What the Future Holds."


... has a chapter on Tennessee Water Law included in Professor Bob Beck's eight volume treatise, Water and Water Rights (The Michie Company, 1991).

Barbara Stark ... reviewed Louis Henkin's The Age of Rights in the October issue of the American Journal of International Law.
December Hooding at the Bijou

One of Knoxville's most recognized and beloved landmarks was the site of the Hooding Ceremony for the December 1991 graduates of the University of Tennessee College of Law. Twenty graduates, faculty, staff, family, and friends attended, the event on Friday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m., at the Bijou Theater, 803 South Gay Street. The Bijou was decorated with poinsettias and potted plants for the occasion, and music, provided by two french horn players, filled the air.

Donald F. Paine, an Adjunct Professor of Law and member of the Class of '63, was the guest speaker. He spoke on mistakes lawyers make over the years and what can be done to avoid them. "Go out, do good," he said in conclusion, "and have a little fun while you're doing it." Mr. Paine is a partner in the Knoxville law firm of Paine, Swiney & Tarwater, has written a treatise on evidence, and teaches CLE courses throughout Tennessee.

Graduates Kelly Frere and Lee Ledbetter presented Mr. Paine with an autographed card and best wishes from Emmylou Harris, his favorite country singer, and a framed certificate of appreciation signed by all the December 1991 graduates. Law students Kurt Klaus, Donna Hackett and Michael King served as marshals. A reception in the lobby of the Bijou followed the ceremony.

The graduates were: Barry Lamar Abbott of Chickamauga, Georgia; C. Diane Anderson of LaVergne; Lance A. Baker of Parsons; Cheri Lynn Beasley of Smyrna, Georgia; Daniel Perri Berea of Knoxville; Roger Dean Brooks of Glade Valley, North Carolina; Kenneth S. Christiansen of Knoxville; Matthew Edward Davis of Gilbert, South Carolina; Janet Edwards of Corryton; Kelly Guyton Frere of Lenoir City; Lebaron Chris in Lenoir City. Knoxville will be associated with The University of Tennessee on December 21, 1991. As the bookkeeper/manager of the Tennessee Law Review, she has been a driving force behind its stability and success. Mickii is also an accomplished actress and likes to travel.
Scott Fountain accepted the position of Vice Chancellor of Alumni Affairs and Development at The University of Tennessee, Memphis on October 1, 1991. He became the College of Law's first Director of Development on May 2, 1988.

Suzanne Livingood assumed the duties of Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at the College of Law in January 1992. Her experience and accomplishments in the field of development are impressive. As the Director of Annual Giving for the Fort Sanders Foundation in Knoxville for the past three years, she developed programs which provided $250,000 to support all aspects of the Foundation. "She brings many things to the job," said Dean Dick Wirtz, "including a wealth of fund raising experience, exceptional skills in working with people, and high enthusiasm."

Suzanne earned a B.S. in Sociology in 1969 from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. As a fundraiser she has taken specialized training in computers and planned giving, as well as certification in how to administer the work of volunteers.

After founding the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Suzanne has served as its president and philanthropy chair. Recent honors include the 1991 Addy Golden Award (for her work with the Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center) and the 1991 Addy Silver Award (for her work with Hospice).

She lives in West Knoxville with her husband, a son, and a daughter. Suzanne's hobby of raising pedigree Pekingese has resulted in her first homebred champion.

Attention Alumni Employers and Job-Seekers:

Remember that Job Briefs, the alumni employment opportunities newsletter, can be an important resource when you seek to fill or find a lateral position.

Employers use Job Briefs to list positions for entry-level associates, as well as experienced attorneys. Listings may request that candidates respond directly to the firm by name, or they may be listed "blind," instructing candidates to respond through Career Services. Example below:

KNOXVILLE, TN. Firm seeks associate for tax/contract/estate planning work. Some litigation. High quality practice in a small firm environment. Submit cover letter and resume to Job No. 099, Career Services, The University of Tennessee College of Law, 1505 West Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1800.

Positions are listed at no charge to the employer. The charge for a 12-month subscription is $12.00. Contact Career Services at 615/974-4348 for more information or to request a complimentary copy.

Proceeds to benefit organization's activities. Thank you for your support!

Student Bar Association Pullover

Price: $15.00 plus $1 shipping each  
Size: Large or X-large only  
Style: White long sleeve with black design on front pocket

To order: (Please print) send name, address, city, state, and zip to:

Student Bar Association  
Attn: Kurt Klaus  
College of Law  
1505 West Cumberland Avenue  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1800

Please specify quantity and size, and make check payable to the "Student Bar Association."

Moot Court Board Sweatshirt

Price: $30.00 plus $3 shipping each  
Size: Large or X-large only  
Style: Grey with navy and orange design

To order: (Please print) send name, address, city, state, and zip to:

Moot Court Board  
Attn: Matt Ledbetter  
College of Law  
1505 West Cumberland Avenue  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1800

Please specify quantity and size, and make check payable to the "Moot Court Board."
A.C. MYERS has a private law practice in Knoxville.

Class of '53
DAVID L. COKER retired in 1986 after 30 years with the United States Small Business Administration in Atlanta, Georgia. He was counsel for their Southeastern region. David now serves as the senior consultant to the Washington, D.C. firm of Irving Burton Associates from offices in Atlanta.

Class of '55
WALLACE CRAIG practices personal injury and civil trial law in Hurst, Texas. His address is Wallace Craig and Associates, 1149 Precinct Line Road, 76053 and his telephone number is 817/284-9400.

Class of '57
ROBERT F. WORTHINGTON, Jr., of Knoxville, has been appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee.

Class of '58
JOSPEH G. BAGWELL has opened an office for the general practice of law with The Lee Group, Knoxville. Before moving to Knoxville, Joe lived in Cleveland, where he was a newspaper editor, corporate public relations specialist, advertising agency executive, and free-lance writer.

JAMES D. ROBINSON of Hixson became a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel in 1991.

Class of '60
Hon. JAMES H. JARVIS III of Knoxville became the chief judge of the Eastern District of Tennessee, November 22, 1991. He succeeded Judge Thomas Hull of Greenfield and during his seven-year term will assign cases and handle administrative matters for the court.

Class of '61
JOHN B. WATERS became a member of The University of Tennessee's Development Council in November 1991. The Council is a fund raising advisory group headed by UT president, Dr. Joe Johnson. John is a Director of the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville.

Class of '63
DONALD F. PAINE taught evidence at the College of Law during the fall semester and will teach remedies during the spring 1992 semester.

Class of '64
JAMES L. CLAYTON was named the top chief executive for 1991 in the manufactured housing industry by The Wall Street Transcript, a weekly financial publication. Jim, chairman of Clayton Homes in Knoxville, has won the award four out of the last five years. Jim also had his picture added to the American Marketing Association's Wall of Fame at the Stokely Management Center on The University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus in December 1991.

Class of '66
WALTER W. BUSSART became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers at their annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts in October 1991. The college's purpose is to improve the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession. Walter also serves on the Tennessee Bar Association's Board of Governors and the College of Law's Alumni Advisory Council. He maintains law offices in Nashville and Lewisburg, and has been practicing law for 24 years. Walt has been appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee.

Class of '67
THOMAS S. SCOTT, Jr., has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Tom also taught trial practice at the College of Law during the fall semester. He is a partner in the Knoxville law firm of Ritchie & Wise, P.C.

Class of '69
SHARON J. BELL was elected by the Tennessee Trial Judges Association to serve on their Executive Committee as the 1991-92 East Tennessee representative. Judge Bell of Knoxville serves as Chancellor for the 6th Judicial District.

Class of '70
CHARLES W. BONE, of Hendersonville, has been appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee.

Class of '72
JAMES W. ZIRKLE is an Associate General Counsel for the Central Intelligence Agency in their Washington, D.C. office.

Class of '73
JOHN D. AUSTIN, JR., announces the opening of his new law firm, Austin & Movahedi. The address is Suite 600, 2115 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20007 and the telephone number is 202/625-3142.

Class of '74
JAMES R. LaFEVOR returned to private practice with Rowland & Rowland, P.C., in Knoxville on September 17, 1991. Jim previously worked with the Knoxville Legal Aid Society.

Hon. ROBERT P. MURRIAN will teach pre-trial litigation at the College of Law during the spring 1992 semester. He is a Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court in Knoxville.

COURTNEY N. PEARRE will serve as the vice chairman for governmental affairs for the Greater Knoxville Chamber of Commerce in 1992. Courtney is a partner in...
JAMES L. PETRIE of Waverly has been serving as the Child Support Referee for the 23rd Judicial District since February 1988. He was selected for induction into the 1991 edition of Who's Who In Tennessee.

Class of '75
JOE F. BEENE was appointed in May 1991 as Program Head of the Administration of Justice Program at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale.

Hon. J. DANIEL BREEN was sworn in as the new United States Magistrate for the Western District of Tennessee on July 1, 1991. He was formerly senior partner of Waldrop, Breen, Bryant, Crews, Taylor & McLeary in Jackson.

PAUL CAMPBELL III has been elected vice president of the Tennessee Bar Association. He is a partner in the Chattanooga law firm of Dodson, Parker & Beene.

Hon. BILL SWANN was elected by the Tennessee Trial Judges Association to serve on their Executive Committee as secretary for 1991-92. Judge Swann serves as a Knox County Circuit Court Judge.

ALLAN J. WADE of Memphis has been appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee.

Class of '76
MARGARET L. BEHM was elected to the Middle Grand Division seat of the Appellate Court Nominating Commission. She out-pollled 13 other lawyers in the 41 county area. Margaret, a partner in the Nashville law firm of Dodson, Parker & Behm, is also a Lecturer of Law at Vanderbilt Law School and is vice-chair of the Commercial, Bankruptcy and Banking Section of the Tennessee Bar Association.

PATRICIA J. COTTRELL is Nashville's new Director of Law. She was appointed by Mayor Phil Bredesen in August 1991. Patsy previously was a Deputy State Attorney General.

Class of '77
E. CLIFTON KNOWLES, a partner in the Nashville law firm of Bass, Berry & Sims, was reelected to the American Judicature Society Board of Directors at the Society's annual meeting in Atlanta in August 1991. The Society works to improve the nation's judicial system. Cliff is also a member of the American Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee and Litigation Sections, the Nashville Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee, chair of the Litigation Section of the Tennessee Bar Association, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers in America, and president and chairman of the board of trustees for the Nashville Bar Foundation.

CAROLE Y. LYNCH was elected to a three-year term as an Assembly Delegate to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates at their annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in August 1991. On October 29, 1991 in Nashville, Carole was the featured speaker at the Lawyers Association for Women breakfast for new members of the Tennessee bar. She is a partner in the Chattanooga law firm of Grant, Konvalinka & Grubbs.

FLOYD NOLTON PRICE became a partner in the Nashville law firm of Williams & Dinkins on September 1, 1991. In July 1991, he was elected to the Board of Governors and appointed Assistant Treasurer for the National Bar Association.

National Bar Association.

Class of '78
JEFFREY H. BEUSSE is a trial attorney in Grand Rapids, Michigan, specializing in personal injury law, commercial law, and insurance fraud law.

JUSTIN M. CLOUSER became a litigation associate in August 1991 with the Law Offices of Larry H. Parker, Inc., Suite 100, 3605 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90807. His telephone number is 310/427-2044.

KENNETH A. CUTSHAW has joined the Washington, D.C. law firm of Miller & Steuart, P.C. His address is 400 International Square, 1825 Eye Street NW, 20006 and his telephone number is 202/429-2017. Before going into private practice, he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement.

CECIL W. LAWS has become associated with the law firm of Penn, Stuart, Eskridge & Jones in Bristol, Virginia. His address is P.O. Box 2009, 24203 and his telephone number is 703/466-4800.

CAREY S. ROSEMARIN is a partner in the environmental law department of the law firm of Jenner & Block in Chicago, Illinois.

Hon. BRENDA J. WAGGONER has been named to the 1991 Tennessee Leadership Program, which is dedicated to improving the political status of women.

TERRY A. VAISVILAS graduated from The Chicago Medical School in June 1991 and received a M.D. degree. He is now in his first year of residency at the University of Illinois Hospital, specializing in anesthesiology. Terry practiced law for eight years before going to medical school.

Class of '79
DONNA R. DAVIS was recently appointed for three years to the National College of Advocacy Board of Trustees by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. The Board oversees all continuing legal education sponsored by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Donna is a partner in the Knoxville law firm of Hicks, Arnold, Haynes, Sanders & Davis.

JAMES T. HIATT received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University on August 10, 1991 and was appointed Department Head of the Business Department of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, on August 16, 1991.

REBECCA O. JONES joined her husband, Tim, Class of '88, in partnership in the Greeneville law firm of Jones & Jones, P.C., on May 1, 1990. The firm's address is 100 West Summer Street, 37743 and the telephone number is 615/639-4444. Rebecca previously was with Kennerly, Montgomery & Finley, P.C., in Knoxville.

PAMELA L. REEVES taught trial practice during the fall semester at the College of Law. Pam is a partner in the Knoxville law firm of Watson & Reeves.

SARAH Y. SHEPPEARD taught family law during the fall semester at the College of Law. Sarah is a partner in the Knoxville law firm of Susano & Shepheard.

CHARLES W. SWANSON was elected a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation in October 1991. One of the foundation's purposes is to honor lawyers who have distinguished themselves in their profession. Charles is associated with the Knoxville law firm of Pryor, Flynn, Priest & Harber.

Class of '80
GEORGE T. 'BUCK' LEWIS III was appointed in September 1991 by Governor Ned McWherter to serve on the Tennessee Appellate Court Nominating Commission. The Commission makes appointment recommendations to the Governor for Tennessee's intermediate appellate courts. Buck was a law clerk for Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Frank Drowota in 1980 after receiving his law degree and Masters in Business Administration at The University of Tennessee. He is a partner in the law firm of Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Kirsch in their Memphis office, and serves as chair of their litigation department. Governor McWherter also appointed Buck to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee.

LARRY D. WILKS was elected President of the Tennessee Young Lawyers Conference of the Tennessee Bar Association for 1991-92 at the TBA's annual convention in Memphis in June 1991. He is a partner in the Springfield law firm of Wilks, Clark & Scott.

Class of '81
WOODROW M. HENDERSON has been named to The Knoxville 200 due to his volunteer work with various local civic and church organizations. Knoxville's Bicentennial Office and The Knoxville News-Sentinel honored 200 volunteers during the city's 200th birthday. For his volunteer spirit, Woody received a special medallion at a banquet in Knoxville on September 19, 1991. He is the Director of Planned Giving at The University of Tennessee.

SAM D. KENNEDY, JR., of Columbia, and JOHN J. KING, of Knoxville, have been appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee.

BARBARA J. KOLL was recently promoted to Major in the United States Army Reserve. Since leaving active duty with the Army JAGC in 1985, Barbara has been a staff attorney with the Fulton County Probate Court in Georgia.

BRENDA J. MORGAN, having received her diploma in International Studies at the Bologna Center of the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies in Bologna, Italy, married Alain R. Poirson on November 9, 1991 and is living just outside Paris, France.

Class of '82
JUDY M. CORNETT taught legal process during the fall semester at the College of Law. In March 1992, she will be a member of the Law and Literature panel at the annual conference of the
International Rhetoric Council in New Orleans, and present a paper entitled "Rhetoric's Particulars: Legal Rhetoric in the Life of Johnson." Judy will be a member of the Law and Literature panel at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies at their annual meeting in Seattle, March 1992, and will present a paper entitled "The Female Quixote as Female Juror: Women and Interpretive Authority in Eighteenth-Century Law and Literature."

TODD J. CAMPBELL and STEVEN L. GILL, both from Nashville, have been appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee.

THOMAS H. MCALAIN, JR., has been named a shareholder in the St. Petersburg, Florida firm of Fisher & Sauls, P.A.

VICKIE V. VALENTINE works as a staff attorney for the United States District Court, Eastern Division, in Knoxville. Vicky previously was associated with the Maryville law firm of Koella & Dixon.

Class of '83

CHRISTOPHER P. CAPP is a partner in the Morris-town law firm of Capps, Cantwell & Capps.

SHARON THOMAS DeSHAZO moved to Orlando, Florida, and joined the law firm of Moore & Peterson, P.A., where she continues to practice worker's compensation defense. Her new address is P.O. Box 356636, 32853 and her telephone number is 407/ 645-5000. Sharon and her husband, Dee, are the proud parents of a son, Wesley, who was four years old in January.

FLOYD S. FLIPPIN was appointed Gibson County Attorney on October 9, 1991. He is also a stockholder in the Humboldt law firm of Adams, Byal & Flippin, P.C.

BARBARA J. MUHLBEIER will teach a legal process class at the College of Law during the spring 1992 semester. She is with the First American National Bank in Knoxville.

OTIS H. STEPHENS, JR., a University of Tennessee political science professor and leading authority on constitutional law, has received the 1991 Tennessee State Victory Award. The award, which honors persons who have faced significant adversity and triumphed, was presented to Otis, who is blind, in recognition of his three books on constitutional law. During the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights on the Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee, he led the discussion on "Law and Order" on September 12, 1991. He is now a member of the board of trustees of the American Foundation for the Blind and serves on the Governor's Advisory Committee of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

MARI LYNN A. TUCKER and her husband, Thomas, are the proud parents of five children, two of whom are twin boys who were born in 1990. She is employed by the Tennessee Mental Health Care Association in Nashville as an attorney/lobbyist.

Class of '84

DANIEL B. BROWN has become associated with the Nashville law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant, Combs, Gilbert & Milom. He previously worked with the Tennessee Attorney General's office.

SARAH J. CLARK became a partner in the law firm of Baron & Bush, P.C., in November 1990. The Dallas, Texas firm specializes in toxic torts litigation. W. DAVID GRIGGS works as an attorney in the Federal Trade Commission's regional office in Dallas, Texas. He is also an Adjunct Professor in Business Law at the University of Dallas Graduate School of Management. As president of The University of Tennessee Alumni Chapter in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, David supports the "Big Orange" cause with enthusiasm and loyalty.

MARK E. HARRIS is now an associate with the law firm of Morrison & Hecker. His address is 2600 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64108 and his telephone number is 816/691-2452. He was formerly with the Kansas City law firm of Sherman, Wickens & Lyday.

Hon. PATRICIA HESS was sworn in as Juvenile Court Judge for Anderson County, Tennessee, on July 1, 1991. The position was created through a private act which separated the Trial Court and Juvenile Court judgeships in Anderson County. Patricia, the first woman judge to serve in Anderson County, had been a Juvenile Court Referee since 1987. She lives in Clinton with her husband, Gene, an engineer, and their 2 children, Garrett, 4, and Beth, 1. JOHN G. HUNDLEY has accepted a position with the Cardinal Group in Louisville, Kentucky, as Vice President and Director of Legal Services. The group is a multi-state operator of long-term health care facilities. Johnson and his wife, Lindsey, are the proud parents of daughters, Mary Hollis, 3, and Madeline, 1.

Class of '85

JUDY L. ANTHONY married Matthew Heiter on August 17, 1991, in Memphis. She is the Assistant Vice Chancellor in the Office of Planned Giving at the University of Tennessee, Memphis.

THOMAS J. GARLAND, JR., of Greeneville, has been appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Tennessee 2000 Education Committee.

JULIA L. HOPPER has joined the Jackson law firm of Hill, Boren, Drew & Martin, P.C. She was recently elected to serve as an at-large delegate on the board of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association.

MICHAEL B. KINNARD has become a member of the Chancellor's Associates at The University of Tennessee in November 1991. The group provides input to the university administration and advances university programs in the community. Mike is associated with the law firm of Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansberry & Woolf in their Knoxville offices.

CHERYL S. MASSINGALE has received tenure at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and was promoted to Associate Professor of Business Law for the College of Business.

RICHARD T. REDANO specializes in intellectual property litigation with the Houston, Texas firm of Rosenblatt & Associates.

AMELIA HUGHES HUSKINS became a partner in the Atlanta, Georgia law firm of Parker, Johnson, Cook & Dunlevie on July 1, 1991. She has also been elected to The University of Tennessee Board of Governors.


Class of '86

DAVID WILKS CORBAN transferred from the College of Law in 1984 and received his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1986. He is now practicing commercial and tort litigation with Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston, Texas.

T. KELLY DERRYBERRY is the chief attorney for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in their Nashville office. He also serves the Memphis office. His address is Suite 200, 251 Cumberland Bend Drive, 37228-1803 and his telephone number is 615/ 736-5740.

L. JEFFREY HAGOOD spoke to students at the College of Law on October 16, 1991 on "Sole Practice, You Can Do It!" The seminar was sponsored by the NACDL/TACDL. Jeff does criminal defense and personal injury litigation in Knoxville.

MARK P. JENDREK will teach legal process at the College of Law during the spring 1992 semester. He is associated with the Knoxville law firm of Gentry, Tipton, Kizer & Little, P.C.

JANICE K. KELL will teach legal process at the College of Law during the spring 1992 semester. She is associated with the law firm of Harwell & Baumgartner in Knoxville.

DEBBIE TANENBAUM MCCORMICK married Bill McCormick, Class of '87, on June 8, 1991. Classmates who attended the Memphis wedding include Jackie Dixon, Robert Meyers, Mike Patton, Steve Roth, Al Sutherland, Robin and Anita Thomson, and Anita Whisnant. They will live in Nashville where Debbie is associated with Stokes & Bartholomew, P.A.

TIMOTHY M. McLEMORE received an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University in May 1991. He served as the Graduate Editor of NYU's Tax Law Review during 1990-91. Tim will teach legal process at the College of Law during the spring 1992 semester. He is associated with the Knoxville law firm of Gentry, Tipton, Kizer & Little, P.C.

J. JEFFREYS MERRYMAN, JR., joined the Office of the Public Defender of Indiana as a staff
attorney in August 1991. His new address is Suite 800, One North Capitol, Indianapolis 46204. Jeff previously was associated with the law firm of Cowan, Landstreet & Finney in Elizabeththbon. N. DAVID ROBERTS, JR., became associated with the Knoxville law firm of Frantz, McConnell & Seymour on June 1, 1991. He was previously with Stone & Hinds.

Class of ’87
MARK A. BROWN, Executive Director of the Knoxville Area Urban League, was named chair of the President’s Association at Pellissippi State Technical Community College for 1991-92. He was featured in the High Profile section of The Knoxville Journal on March 22, 1991, as one of Knoxville’s movers and shakers. Mark and his wife, Marcia, are the proud parents of two-year-old son, Mark Antoine Brown II.

PHILLIP DEL GRISsom has been assigned as an Air Force Circuit Defense Counsel (senior criminal litigator) based at Andrews AFB, Maryland.


JOHN R. ‘RANDY’ MILES has become associated with the Knoxville law firm of Stokes & Fanimation. Randy previously worked for the Tennessee Department of Labor in Nashville.

MICHAEL W. SHERIDAN accepted a position as Associate General Counsel of Comdata Corporation on November 1, 1991. His new address is 5301 Maryland Way, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027 and his new telephone number is 615/370-7598. Before joining Comdata, Mike was associated with Stokes & Bartholomew, P.A., in Nashville.

JOHN MARK WINDLE has represented the 41st District in the Tennessee House since his 1990 election. His district office is in Livingston.

Class of ’88
GEORGE F. ALLEN has joined the Sacramento, California law firm of Livingston & Mattiesch. He clerked for the Honorable Steffan W. Graae of the D.C. Superior Court, and practiced with the Palo Alto firm of Irvine & Cooper. George’s work address is Suite 1100, 1201 K Street, 95814 and his telephone number is 916/442-1111.

ROBERT T. CARTER completed service with the United States Navy, passed the Florida Bar, and is associated with the admiralty law firm of Gabel, Taylor & Dees in Jacksonville, Florida. His address is 1600 American Heritage Tower, 76 South Laura Street, 32202-3450 and his telephone number is 904/358-1637.

GREGORY P. ISAACS is the new chair for the Knox County Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. Greg is associated with the Knoxville law firm of Kramer, Rayson, Leake, Rodgers & Morgan.

TIMOTHY W. JONES and his wife, Rebecca, have opened a law office in Greeneville. See Rebecca’s notice under Class of ’79.

JEFFREY D. NIETHAMMER and his wife, Monica, are proud to announce the birth of their second child. Mark Edward was born on May 26, 1991. Mark was also welcomed by older brother, Justin Duane who is two and a half years old. Jeff works for Alpha Industries in Knoxville.

LEONARD MADU keeps busy in Nashville with his lecturing and writing. Several of his articles on disaster relief, education in Tennessee, and African-American issues have been published in local newspapers and magazines. He is also a popular speaker on the Middle East and apartheid to local civic organizations. Leonard travelled to Managua, Nicaragua to attend the International Legal Conference on Autonomy in November 1991, and was elected chair of the Board of Clergy and Laity Concerned of Nashville.

CATHERINE A. QUIST joined the staff of the Knox County Law Director in August 1991 as a deputy law director who will handle school-related cases. She was previously associated with the Knoxville law firm of Lockridge & Becker. Cathy also teaches ballet and performs with the Appalachian Ballet Company.


Class of ’89
DAVID S. CLARK, formerly associated with the Nashville law firm of Stewart, Estes & Donnell, has joined the law firm of Wilks, Clark & Scott of Springfield and has opened additional offices at 2828 Stouffer Tower, 611 Commerce Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, 615/244-6658. He is married to classmate, Josephine Dicks Clark.

JOSEPHINE D. CLARK has been associated with the Springfield law firm of Wilks, Clark & Scott since 1989.

GREGORY F. COLEMAN has been selected for membership in Who’s Who Among Rising Business and Professional People. He is associated with the Knoxville law firm of Jenkins & Jenkins.

VALERIE W. EPSSTEIN and her husband, Eron, are proud to announce the birth of daughter, Eleanor Abeelson. Eleanor weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. at birth on August 27, 1991, and has an older brother, Harry Hitching, 3. Valerie works for Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company in Chattanooga.

MELVIN J. MALONE completed two judicial clerkships. He clerked for Judge Julia S. Gibbons, United States District Court in Memphis, from the fall of 1989 to the fall of 1990, and Judge Nathaniel R. Jones, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, in Cincinnati, Ohio, from the fall of 1990 to the fall of 1991. He has been associated with the law firm of Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Kirch in their Knoxville Office since September 1991.

D. RANDALL MANTOOTH completed a judicial clerkship with Judge Samuel L. Lewis, Tennessee Court of Appeals in Nashville, and is now associated with the law firm of Leiner, Warner, Moffitt, Williams, Dooley, Carpenter & Napoli in their Nashville office.

JAMES R. MILLER II has associated with the Nashville law firm of Brewer, Krause & Brooks.

F. SCOTT MILLIGAN and his wife, Karen, are expecting their first child in February 1992. Scott practices law with the Knoxville firm of Frantz, McConnell & Seymour. He will also teach legal process at the College of Law during the spring 1992 semester.

JUDITH O’DELL WOODS, formerly a law clerk to United States District Judge Thomas G. Hull in Greeneville, joined the firm of Knoxville lawyer Doug Trant on September 9, 1991.

Class of ’90
VIDA IVY BELL has joined her husband, John A. Bell, in the practice of law at Bell & Bell, P.C., in Newport. The firm’s address is 306 East Broadway, 37821 and the telephone number is 615/625-1439. Vida gave birth to son, John Luke Bell, on October 29, 1991.

ROBERTS J. BRADFORD, JR., has been an Assistant Public Defender in Dade City, Florida, since February 1991.

TAMARA L. DAVIS has become associated with the law firm of Hersherberg, Patterson, Jones & Roth in Wichita, Kansas. Her work address is 600 Hardage Center, 100 South Main, 67202-3779 and her telephone number is 316/263-7583. Her husband, Lloyd, and son, Austin, are also enjoying the move as it is close to family and the Kansas “scenic appeal” is spectacular.

J. ROSSON PEPPER, JR., had his comment, “Section 1981 In the Wake of Patterson v. McLean Credit Union: The Exclusion of Postformation Conduct From the Protection of the ‘Right To Make And Enforce Contracts’ Clause,” published in the

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