

PRIDE OF OLYMPIC PROPORTIONS

JOHN ISBISTER '77

Like millions of people around the world, many Americans watched the 2002 Winter Olympics. We took great pride in the tremendous and surprising success of athletes from the United States. Few Americans participate in winter sports—particularly some of the wilder and crazier events—and fewer still



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knew anyone who competed at the games. Yet it was natural to feel good about the success of those with whom we share the bond and affiliation of nationality. Similarly, though we are separated by years and distance from the University of Maryland School of Law, all of the School's alumni have celebrated its recent accomplishments.

In particular, we felt great pride when *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the School of Law as one of the top law schools in the country. (Most of us were proud of the law school before it achieved that ranking—but it was nice to

see that those keeping score also recognize the excellent legal education that the School provides.) This ranking considers the School's current reputation, and the LSAT scores, GPAs and bar passage rates of current students.

Although they may never have the opportunity to visit it, alumni around the country also are excited about the new School of Law building that is almost completed. While I (hopefully) will not have to take classes in the new facility, I cannot wait to see the state-of-the-art classrooms and ample common areas in use. Legal educators around the country will talk about the law school with envy, and many will want to teach here because of the facility. Scholarship and learning will thrive in the new building, and top-notch students will be drawn to our School to study here. All alumni will be pleased to know that their School is housed in a building designed to provide the best legal education in the 21st century.

I have no doubt that the value of every alumnus' degree has increased in value as the reputation of the law school has grown and spread. I invite all alumni to do more than just bask in the reflected glory of what is going on at the School of Law. Some alumni simply recommend that a good student apply to the law school. Others teach at the School, participate on panels about the legal profession, mentor individual students, host student events, and contribute to the Building Campaign or the Annual Fund. There are many other ways that alumni can support the activities of the School and its students.

Please contact the Alumni Association office and ask how you can support the law school. It may not be as exhilarating as skiing down an icy hill at 70 miles per hour, you may not earn any medals, and you probably won't be on television. However, you will be part of making the University of Maryland School of Law one of the finest law schools in the country. You can contact the Alumni Association office at www.law.umaryland.edu or 410-706-2070. ■

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1950s

1955

LEONARD A. ORMAN is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

1960s

1963

THE HON. J. FREDERICK SHARER was elevated to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. Previously, he served on the Allegany County Circuit Court.

1964

THE HON. EDWARD A. DEWATERS retired from the Baltimore County Circuit Court after nearly 30 years.

1965

RICHARD B. TALKIN was named chairman of the Board of Trustees for The Maryland Academy of Sciences, the Maryland Science Center's governing body.

1968

THE HON. JOHN P. CORDERMAN was selected governor-elect for the Rotary Club's District 7350, which includes central Pennsylvania, western Maryland and the eastern panhandle of West Virginia.

1969

THE HON. ROBERT H. MASON received the Anselm Sodaro Civility Award in recognition of the dignified and respectful manner with which he conducted his professional career.

1970s

1971

WALLACE KLEID joined the firm of Hassan, Hassan, & Tuchman, PA, in Baltimore. His practice includes workers' compensation, personal injury, DWI/DUI and mediation. **MARDON WALKER** is a learning community mentor at Baltimore City Community College, where she teaches success strategies to underprepared and at-risk students from the city's public schools.

1972

THE HON. SUZANNE S. FOX is executive director of the State Ethics Commission. She previously worked at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

1973

THE HON. CLIFTON J. GORDY JR., a 17-year veteran of the Baltimore City Circuit Court, was reappointed to another term in office, pending re-election in November.

1974

REAR ADM. MICHAEL LOHR was promoted to deputy judge advocate general for the U.S. Navy. **STEVEN VANGRACK** is the chairman of the Maryland Real Estate Commission.

1975

ALAN C. KESSLER, a partner at the Philadelphia office of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen, LLP, is a member of the transition team for New Jersey Gov.-elect James E. McGreevey. **RICHARD E. LEVINE**, a tax and real estate attorney, joined Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe, LLP, in the Baltimore office. **MERLE A. SIEGELMAN** retired in September 2000, after serving the City of Baltimore for 24 years as assistant, chief and associate city solicitor. She is CEO of Knit Knacks, a sole proprietorship for instruction in the needle arts. She can be contacted at maknitknacks@yahoo.com.

1976

JOANNE K. GLASSER, former vice president for institutional advancement at Towson University, is president of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky. **THE HON. CLAYTON GREENE JR.** was appointed to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals by Gov. Parris N. Glendening. Previously, he served on the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court bench. After serving as general counsel for the District of Columbia Housing Authority, **JO ANN BRADLEY JONES** was appointed assistant general counsel for Drexel and MCP Hahnemann Universities in Philadelphia.

GEORGE P. STAMAS has joined the Washington office of Kirkland & Ellis as a senior partner in the corporate practice group. Prior to that, he was vice chairman of Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown.

1977

STEVEN KARLTON KOP is chief legal officer and general counsel of Aegis Medical Systems Inc., one of the nation's largest systems of drug abuse rehabilitation clinics. He is also chairman and CEO of LexMatrix Corp., a start-up Web-based legal publishing company.

1979

EMERSON L. DORSEY JR. is a principal in the general business group of Semmes, Bowen & Semmes and continues to practice in the area of general real estate.

1980s

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THE HON. GARY GILBERT has authored the book *Compensatory Damages and Other Remedies in Federal Sector Employment Discrimination Cases*, published by Dewey Publications.

1982

MARK P. ALBRIGHT has joined the Allentown, Pa., office of White & Williams, LLP, as a senior associate in the litigation department. He focuses his practice in the areas of casualty, labor and employment, Orphan's Court, real estate and commercial litigation. **LOIS A. FENNER MCBRIDE** received the second annual Cultural Diversity Award, given by the Baltimore County Office of Fair Practices and Community Affairs and the Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival.

1983

KAREN STAKEM HORNIG has joined the firm of Brown, Diffenderffer & Kearney. Her practice concentrates on education and employment issues as well as general litigation. **BONNIE A. KIRKLAND** received a 2001 Kathleen Kennedy Townsend Award of Excellence

to Outstanding Women in Government Services (WIGS) sponsored by Maryland Women for Responsive Government. She serves as the special secretary for the Governor's Office of Children and Youth.

1984

MARY ELLEN BARBERA was appointed to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals by Gov. Parris N. Glendening. Previously, she was a deputy chief of the criminal appeals division of the Attorney General's Office. **NANCY COHEN** was appointed to Baltimore County District Court. Cohen was formerly with the Office of the Public Defender in Annapolis. **H. RICHARD DUDEN III** has joined the Annapolis firm of Hyatt, Peters & Weber, LLP, as an associate. His areas of practice include insurance defense, juvenile and administrative law, and general civil and criminal litigation.

1987

SUSAN D. BONFIELD, a corporate attorney for Fox Rothschild O'Brien & Frankel, LLP, is a member of the New Jersey Pain Management Policy Advisory Council. **VIDETTA BROWN** received a 2001 Kathleen Kennedy Townsend Award of Excellence to Outstanding Women in Government Services (WIGS) sponsored by Maryland Women for Responsive Government. Brown works for the Office of the Baltimore City State's Attorney.

1988

KATHRYN W. BRADLEY teaches research and writing as an associate professor at the University of Virginia School of Law. **LYNN K. STEWART** was appointed to the Baltimore City Circuit Court bench. Pending wins in both the primary and general elections, she will serve a 15-year term. **RACHEL A. WOHL**, executive director of Maryland's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office, was presented with the 2001 Mary Parker Follette Award for outstanding contributions in the field of conflict resolution.

1989

TIMOTHY J. BLOH, a shareholder for the firm Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in Philadelphia, was a speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's CLE seminar "Handling the Failure to Disclose Case" in December 2001.

1990s

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DOROTHY WILSON was appointed a judge in the Baltimore County District Court. Prior to the appointment, Wilson served as an assistant attorney general and deputy counsel/chief of litigation for the Maryland Insurance Administration.

1991

PATRICIA GILLIS COUSINS joined Amtrak as associate general counsel, where she continues to practice labor and employment law. **SARAH MORTENSON DUCKHAM** practices immigration law in Washington, D.C. **JOHN F. HOPKINS JR.** and his wife, Lisa, have three children: Kate (10), Sarah (7) and Echo (6). He enjoys an in-house career that allows him to assist indigent immigrants with political asylum and other INS applications.

1992

MARTIN H. SCHREIBER II is a partner at Brown Goldstein Levy, LLP, in Baltimore. His practice includes diverse civil and criminal litigation, including ERISA, First Amendment, insurance and civil rights cases.

1994

TIMOTHY K. DOLE and his wife have returned to Baltimore after six years in Seattle, where he practiced with Browne & Ressler and served a yearlong clerkship for the Supreme Court of Washington. He is an associate at Schulman, Treem. **ANDREW V. JEZIC** is an assistant state's attorney in Montgomery County (Md.). **DAVID E. RALPH** joined the Baltimore office of Saul Ewing, LLP, as special counsel in the litigation and labor and employment departments.

1995

JAMES M. CONNOLLY is a partner in the firm of Kramer & Connolly in Owings Mills, Md.

1996

DOUGLAS A. LEVY ran his third marathon in less than 1½ years. He has completed marathons in Portland, Ore., London and Honolulu as fund-raisers for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He can be reached at douglevy.com.

1999

CAPT. ROBERT G. BRACKNELL is on active duty in the U. S. Marine Corps and serves as a special assistant U.S. attorney for Camp Pendleton in California. **CAPT. YOSEFI SELTZER** married Michelle Appelrouth, of Atlanta, on April 22, 2001. He is an active duty captain in the U.S. Army and the special assistant U.S. attorney for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia. **JASON STOOGENKE** is a news reporter for the NBC-affiliate WRCB-TV in Chattanooga, Tenn.