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1938: Isaac Hecht is working with Kenneth J. Bossong and Frederick Miller, the Counsel and Directors of the New Jersey Fund and the New York Fund, to form the National Client Protection Organization, Inc., a corporation dedicated to bettering Client Security Funds.

1939: George W. White Jr., Towson, Md., announced the merger of White, Mindel, Foard & Miller to form the firm of White, Miller, Kenny and Vettori. Both John Kenny ’70 and Paul Vettori ’70 are former litigation partners of Frank, Bernstein, Conaway and Goldman.

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1943: Dr. Charles T. Dubin has again been elected vice-chair of the Senior Lawyers Division, FBA publication and newsletter editor FBA Senior Lawyer.

1947: Charles O. Fisher completed 11-1/2 years as chairman of the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

50s

1950: Thomas E. Bracken visited his son Joe Bracken ’79, who is serving in the ambassador's office in Manila, the Philippine Islands.

1951: Robert C. Murphy retired after nearly 30 years; he served five years as judge of the Court of Special Appeals and 25 years as Chief Judge of Maryland Court of Appeals.

1952: The Hon. Lloyd L. Simpkins retired in 1990 but is still trying cases as a retired judge.

1953: Paul A. Pumpian has been elected to a two-year term as president of National Association of Retired Federal Employees. This organization has a membership of seven chapters consisting of 2,000 members. William H. Sandy is serving as mayor of the city of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

1957: Robert M. Hyman was involved in Social Security disability law for nearly 40 years. He is now a consultant and advisor to the law profession.

60s

1960: Thomas D. Ranck retired to Zolfo Springs, Fla., where he and Nancy invite friends to drop in during the winter months. The remainder of the year they travel.

1961: Herbert J. Belgrad, a partner in the Baltimore law firm of Kaplan, Heyman, Greenberg, Engelman & Belgrad, was elected a member of the American Bar Association Board of Governors at the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. He is serving a three-year term on the board representing the ABA’s Sixteenth District, covering Maryland, South Carolina, Delaware and Mississippi.

1965: Arthur S. Alperstein has one son who is assistant state’s attorney for Baltimore County in the Circuit Court and another who is assistant state’s attorney for Baltimore City in the District Court Division. William H. Holden Jr. retired from practice in 1997 as the result of a spinal cord injury.


1967: Edward P. McGreevy retired from the federal government and has gone into private practice. He has been involved in cases in D.C., Bar. Golf and classical music occupy much of his time. Of his three children, one is a practicing attorney, one is in law school and the third is applying to law school.

70s

1970: John Kenny and Paul Vettori, both formerly litigation partners of Frank, Bernstein, Conaway and Goldman, have merged with White, Mindel, Foard & Miller to form White, Miller, Kenny and Vettori.

1971: Howard G. Goldberg and Deborah K. Besche ’84 formed Goldberg, Pike & Besche P.C., a firm consisting of seven attorneys who specialize in construction law and commercial surety and insurance litigation. Goldberg is counsel to the American Institute of Architec’s Documents Committee.

1968: John P. Corderman returned to Hagerstown, Md., after serving 15 months as the attorney general for the Republic of Palau.
1972: Susan Leviton received the University of Maryland, Baltimore 1997 Founders Day Award for Public Service at the Founders Day Dinner in October. John C. Nason, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Life Crisis Center, Inc., an organization that assists persons in need, including battered women, sexually abused teenagers and suicidal individuals. Harvey L. Okun was appointed civil mediator by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. Cecil H. Underwood, the governor of West Virginia, appointed Shirley J. Stanton, appellate judge, to the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board in May 1997.

1974: Gary E. Klausner joined the firm of Troop Meisinger Steuer & Pasich, L.L.P. as partner. He chairs the firm's new bankruptcy and insolvency group.

1975: Merle Ann Beck (Achinstein) is associate city solicitor, chief of the Legal Counsel Division of the Baltimore City Solicitor's Office, which is responsible for writing advice and opinions of the city solicitor and reviewing local and state legislation. She has been with the city law department since 1976. Charles A. Stark was appointed as U.S. administrative law judge in the Baltimore Hearing Office of the Social Security Administration.

1976: Powel B. Welliver (Gorman) announced his recent marriage and will continue his practice in Baltimore as an attorney and mediator at Powel B. Welliver.

1977: Joyce V. Seumine returned late in 1996 to the United States to work at the State Department after serving three years in Lima, Peru and two years in Mexico City as consul at the U.S. Embassies. Anne F. Sirota was named partner in the Syracuse, N.Y.-based law firm of Bond Schoeneck & King, L.L.P. She is a member of the firm's business department, where she concentrates her practice in all areas of employee benefits law, including both pension and welfare benefit plans.

1978: James L. Katz formed a new firm, Stahl & Katz, L.L.C. in Owings Mills, Md., concentrating in serious personal injury matters, defense of criminals, traffic prosecutions, family law and wills and estates. Ellen Scalettar is serving her third term as state representative in the Connecticut General Assembly while considering a run for Connecticut's secretary of state in '98.

1979: James E. Baker Jr. and David J. McManus Jr. '83 announced the opening of the newly formed firm, Baker, Baker, Sidle & Conn, P.A., in Baltimore. Randel Johnson left the Committee on Education and the Workforce, where he served for eight years, to join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to become director for congressional and public affairs.

1980: Arthur F. Appleton joined Lalive and Partners in Geneva, Switzerland, where he is working on international arbitrations and international trade matters. He completed his PhD at the University of Geneva and published a book on WTO law—“Environmental Labelling Programmes: International Trade Implications.” Gov. Mel Carnahan appointed Connie Murray (Masters) to a six-year term as a Missouri public service commissioner.

1981: P. Michael Cunningham retired from the U.S. Air Force in February 1997 and joined the office of the U.S. Attorney as AUSA in mid-March. Jack L. B. Gohn announced the formation of Gohn, Hankey & Stichel, L.L.P. with David Hankey and H. Mark Stichel. The firm will provide services in civil and administrative litigation and employment law from offices in Baltimore and Towson, Md.


1984: Deborah K. Besche is an elected member of the International Association of Defense Counsel and the Defense Research Institute. Anna Mary Coburn was promoted to corporate secretary and associate general counsel for Host Marriott Corporation and is also co-chairperson of the ABA's International Section's Joint Working Committee on Intercountry Adoption. The committee is involved with the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption—a multilateral treaty that creates rules of procedure and establishes institutions to monitor international adoptions. Martine Reed is enjoying private practice with her four partners in the firm of Brown, Hart, Reed, Golowich & Kaplan in Western Massachusetts. Marc B. Sherman was appointed to national partner at KPMG Peat Marwick, L.L.P., and is in charge of its litigation and forensic services practice and its ethics and integrity services

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A toast to the graduates

The University of Maryland School of Law Alumni Association hosted the annual reception for the Class of 1997 and their guests on Thursday, May 22, 1997, at the B&O Railroad Museum. This event is held to acknowledge the graduates’ successful completion of all degree requirements. More than 700 graduates, faculty, staff and friends enjoyed the evening’s festivities.

practice in the United States. He is also a representative on the KPMG International Forensic Committee.

1985: David S. Cade, promoted to the Senior Executive Service of the U.S. Government, serves as Director of Family and Children’s Health Programs Group within the Center for Medicaid and State Operations. Miriam L. Fisher is one of the three newly named partners in the 260-lawyer firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius L.L.P., Washington, D.C. Midgett S. Parker Jr. is a partner with Linowes and Blocher in their Prince George’s County (Md.) office. Cynthia L. Spell, former executive vice president and general counsel for Kiddie Academy International Inc., joined Shapiro and Olander as a principal. Barbara Welsh is assistant district attorney in Lancaster County, Pa.

1986: Andrea Chamlee, after four years in FDA’s commissioner’s office, joined the D.C. office of Reed, Smith, Shaw McClay. Toni E. Clarke was appointed by Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendenning to the new circuit court seat in Prince George’s County. She has been Of Counsel to Rockville’s Reichert, Nussbaum, LaPlace & Miller since 1995, and is president-elect of the Prince George’s County Bar Association. Michael Himes is skiing and backpacking in Seattle, where he still plays Lotto with a vengeance and is a partner at Perkins Coie, the Pacific Northwest’s largest law firm.

Theodore B. Cornblatt ’66, S. Woods Bennett ’77 and Patrick A. Roberson announced the formation of the law firm Cornblatt, Bennett, Penhallegon & Roberson, P.A.

Peter A. Woolson and Deborah L. Robinson ’80 announced the formation of Robinson Woolson O’Connell, L.L.P., specializing in product liability work with offices in Elgin, Ill., and Baltimore.

1987: Deborah A. Donohue transferred to the Maryland Department of Transportation as an assistant attorney general.

Jeffrey Y. Laynor recently joined the newly formed Baltimore law firm of Comblatt, Bennett, Penhallegon & Roberson, P.A. as Of Counsel. In Baltimore, Anthony L. Meagher is a partner in the commercial litigation group at Piper & Marbury. Maryland’s governor appointed Ronald W. Peppe II a member of the Frederick County Board of Education. Elisabeth Siegenthaler Rubin and her husband announced the formation of their own law firm, Ronald B. Rubin, chartered in Rockville, Md.

1989: Burman Aaron Berger announced the opening of his law office in Rockville, Md. This is a general practice emphasizing personal injury, criminal and traffic defense, bankruptcy and wills and trusts. He also announced the birth of his youngest son, Eli Matthew Berger, in April 1997. Vicki A. Margolis has been elected to the partnership at Venable, Baetjer and Howard. She specializes in intellectual property law in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., offices. N. Scott Phillips has begun a new law firm, Phillips & Lane, L.L.C., in Baltimore.

1990: Susan Chang is working in the Social Security Administration office of hearings and appeals in San Jose, Calif., as an attorney/advisor. She and her husband, Laurence Huang, are the proud parents of Colin Timothy, and are expecting another child in March 1998. Wright, Constable & Sleen, L.L.P. announced Charles J. Morton Jr. was made partner at the Baltimore-based firm. He is a business lawyer representing clients in the areas of business planning, commercial transaction and commercial litigation. Hamilton F. Tyler continues to practice commercial law at Theibler, Ryan & Miller in downtown Baltimore. He recently completed his fourth marathon, the New York City Marathon, in three hours and 19 minutes. He and his wife LuAnne have a two-year-old son, Hamilton Jr.

1991: Jeanne M. Franklin is hearings and appeals analyst for the office of hearings and appeals, office of appellate operations of the Social Security Administration in Falls Church, Va. Lynn A. Kohen and Marshall announced the birth of their son, Jacob Z. Kohen on August 2. Sarah Mortenson left the department of justice to join the law firm of Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky in their business crimes section.


1992: Kenneth Abel announced his marriage to Jessamyn Bilton. David B. Berry is labor counsel for the American Trucking Associations in Aberdeen, Va. Kathleen Hoek Dachille and husband Mark welcomed their new son Dominic James, who weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 21 inches long, on April 29. Kathleen writes “the whole family is loving life together!” Andy Gray and his wife Lacia Preno had their first child, William Oland, in November. Elizabeth F. Karpas is living and working in Houston, Texas. Cynthia E Rodgers-Waire joined Whiteford, Taylor & Preston as an associate in the surety & fidelity/construction practice group.

1993: Mitchell M. Caplan finished his third full year in the insurance and financial planning business, ranking among the top 10 agents for the third year in the country for Northwestern Mutual Life. Leonard F. Feldman and Amy welcomed their beautiful daughter Madeline Emma on Nov. 7, 1996. Len is running the Insurance Fraud Unit of the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania DA’s office. J. Michael Harrison joined the newly formed law firm of Cornblatt, Bennett,

1994: M. Timothy Dole, an associate at Browne & Ressler in Seattle, worked on a Brazilian extradition case that took him before the Brazilian Supreme Court, the Washington State Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. Judgement on July 31 was in his client’s favor 5-4 (State of Washington vs. Martin Pauk). Susan Hunter Ferguson’s areas of focus include estate and health care planning and administration, elder law, domestic law and personal injury for the firm of Henault & Sysko, Chjd. Michael E. Field quit his job at the Department of Legislative Securities in Annapolis, Md., and moved to Hagerstown, Md., where his wife, a University of Maryland School of Medicine graduate, joined Potomac Neurology as an associate. He is currently looking for work. Norma Sharara left Piper & Marbury in Baltimore after three years to join the tax boutique of Silverstein & Mullens in Washington, D.C.


1996: Andrew D. Abramowitz joined the Philadelphia-based law firm of Spector & Roseman P.C. as an associate. Vivian Lee Adkins’ appointment to the position of associate was announced by the Baltimore-based firm of Wright, Constable & Skeen, L.L.P. Her areas of concentration include general civil litigation and insurance defense. Jessica B. Kaufman, after completing a one-year clerkship with The Honorable Judge John F. Fader II, joined the family law department of Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman Hoffberger & Hollander as an associate. James V. McFaul opened an office for the general practice of law in Towson, Md.

1997: Adrienne R. Moss’ paper entitled, “The Blame Game: The Liability of Internet and Online Service Providers for the Copyright Infringement of Their Users,” won first prize in the 1997 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition at the University of Maryland School of Law. Adam Hiller was selected as the second place scholarship winner in the nationwide Joseph Bernfeld Writing Competition for 1997 for his article “The Utility or Futility of Prepetition Waivers of Rights and Bankruptcies.” Samuel C. Steinbach joined the Seattle office of the international law firm of Graham & James L.L.P. As an associate, Steinbach practices intellectual property and corporate law and is a member of the firm’s intellectual property group.