1938: Isaac Hecht served as moderator for a panel that discussed “Investing the Fund’s Reserve” at the 14th National Forum on Client Protection, held by the American Bar Association. For the past 13 years he has been honored as either a speaker or moderator for this event.

1955: Stanford G. Gann Jr. has become a principal in the firm Levin & Gann, concentrating in areas of corporate, commercial and construction litigation.

1960: Michael J. Schwarz joined Hodes, Ulman, Pessin & Katz, P.A., to lead the Debtor/Creditor Department, concentrating in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency, collections, creditor’s rights, debtor’s estates and landlord remedies.

1963: Ted Baumgardner is general counsel of ECC International Corp., Orlando, Fla. ECC International Corp. is one of the world’s leading designers and manufacturers of military training simulators and simulation systems. Donald Sharpe and Holly Butler were recognized by the Pro Bono Project as May 1998 Pro Bono Attorneys of the Month. Raymond J. Kane Jr., administrative judge for Howard County, was awarded the first Maryland State Bar Association Judicial Civility Award; he was nominated by the Howard County Bar Association as a “model of judicial courtesy and civility... who is fair, evenhanded and respectful of all participants in the legal system.”

1964: Edward A. DeWaters, chief judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, was honored by the Justinian Society at their Annual Law Day Luncheon. Michael Trias is a partner in Rodriguez, Mejia, Falcon, Trias and Padilla located in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

1967: Leslie J. Polt, formerly of Smith Somerville & Case, LLC, has joined Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP in Baltimore, as well as the firm’s Washington, D.C. office, where he concentrates in the areas of commercial lending, equipment leasing, workouts and bankruptcy reorganization. He works in conjunction with the firm’s Financial Services Department. Alan Richard Sachs, P. A. announced that he has become counsel to the firm Rosenberg Proutt Funk & Greenberg, LLP and will continue his practices in corporate and business law, federal and state securities law, commercial law, health care law, commercial litigation and real estate law.

1968: Benjamin Rosenberg, the managing partner in the firm of Rosenberg Proutt Funk & Greenberg, LLP has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, an organization that identifies and recognizes outstanding trial lawyers and improves the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession.

1970: Richard T. Samson was appointed vice chair of the Employment Law Committee of The Defense Research Institute (DRI), a 21,000-member group of civil litigation defense attorneys. He is a partner at Semmes, Bowen & Semmes, where he is head of the firm’s labor and employment law practice group and represents management in all areas of labor and employment law.

1972: Robert L. Ferguson Jr., principal in the law firm of Ferguson, Schetelich & Hefferman, P.A., is president of the Bar Association of Baltimore City. William Robinson has joined Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, in Somerville, N.J., as a partner in charge of the Intellectual Property Law Department. He was previously managing partner of Brooks Haidt Haffner & Delahunty, an intellectual property law boutique in New York City. He now resides in Far Hills, N.J., with his wife and five children. Steven D. Silverman was elected president of Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service, a statewide organization of Maryland lawyers providing pro bono services to low-income citizens.

1973: Donald F. Burke is one of five new attorneys at Baltimore’s Ober, Kaler, Grimes, & Shriver. Formerly with McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boote, Burke focuses on employment law for national business, as well as local employers. John Addison Howard has become counsel to the firm Francomano and Karpook, P.A. and will continue to engage in general civil litigation concentrating in commercial and insurance matters. Deborah A. Vollmer, a Chevy Chase, Md. resident, has filed to run in the Democratic primary for Maryland’s Montgomery County 8th congressional seat, currently held by Constance A. Morella. John B. Watson, associate general counsel for policy and legislation of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, has a daughter.
in her first year at Johns Hopkins. He is also an amateur radio operator, callsign NY3K.

1974: L. Paige Marvel was sworn in as a federal judge on the United States Tax Court. Alexander Wright Jr. was appointed as Baltimore County’s 16th circuit court judge, the first African-American judge appointed to the Baltimore County Circuit Court. For five years, Wright served on the county’s lower court and previously worked for the State Attorney General’s Office representing several state agencies.

1975: Sally D. Adkins, formerly a Wicomico County (Md.) Circuit Court judge, was appointed to the Court of Special Appeals. The Fellows of the Maryland Bar Foundation, at the Sixth Annual Professional Legal Excellence Awards Reception, awarded Professor Joan O’Sullivan “The Advancement of Public Understanding of the Law Award.”

1976: Jane F. Barrett has joined the law firm of Dyer Ellis & Joseph in Washington, D.C., as a partner heading the white-collar practice group. Barrett has practiced in the public sector for 21 years, most recently as assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland. Russ White is serving his second year of a two-year appointment as city attorney for the city of Oakland Park, Broward County, Fla.; population 28,000.

1977: Gregory M. Gill terminated his counsel relationship with Evans & Stierhoff to join Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan & Silver, where he will provide strategic advice and counsel for the firm’s lobbying and legal practices.

1978: William M. Davidow Jr., a business and tax lawyer, joined Whiteford, Taylor & Preston’s three-member management committee, along with Ward B. Coe and Albert J. Mezzanote Jr., who were both re-elected to the committee.

1983: Philip J. Ritter is vice president of public affairs for Texas Instruments Inc.

1984: Lee Baylin has joined the firm Levin & Gann as a principal concentrating in areas of commercial and business matters and litigation and medical malpractice.


1986: James B. Rutledge III, commercial litigation and criminal defense attorney, announces his new association with the firm Whiteford, Taylor & Preston. Kathleen A. Yodice has joined the law offices of Yodice Associates after spending 12 years with the Federal Aviation Administration. Her practice concentrates on aviation law matters, with offices in Washington, D.C., and Frederick, Md.

1988: James S. Aist has become a partner in the firm Anderson, Coe & King, LLP. Brian A. Balenson is one of five new principal additions made to Semmes, Bowen & Semmes. Katherine W. Bradley became a partner in the Denver office of Hogan & Hartson, LLP. Stephen L. Sprecher was hired as the director of the Downtown Housing Initiative, which involves converting older class-B office/commercial buildings in Baltimore City to apartments.

1989: Timothy J. Bloh joined Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, a regional defense litigation law firm, as a litigator in its Philadelphia office, where he will handle professional liability matters. Before joining MDWC&G, Bloh served as an associate with the Philadelphia firm of Margolis Edelstein. Leslie E. Goldsborough III is vice president of Alex. Brown Capital Advisory and Trust Company, and the father of son Dylan, who was born in 1996. Kerry C. Williams, vice president and general counsel for Global Industries, Ltd., the largest marine contractor in the world (NASDAQ:GLBL), was named a partner in the Houston-Atlanta law firm of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin, one of the 10 largest law firms in Texas. Her practice concentrates on maritime law, international law, construction law and oil and gas law.

1990: Steven F. Barley is one of five new additions made by Miles & Stockbridge. Robert H. Burrow joined the firm of Boulard & Brush as an associate. Dennis J. Gruneke is employed by the law offices of Peter Angelos, in Philadelphia. Charles J. Morton and Padraic McSherry Morton (’91)
announced the birth of their third child, Jack, who arrived December 31, and joins his sisters Bridget and Claire.

1991: Seth Green, former associate tax legislative counsel, United States Department of the Treasury, joined the law firm of Caplin & Drysdale. Susan Waysdorf, associate professor of law, was granted tenure at the University of the District of Columbia School of Law, where she co-directs the HIV—Public Entitlements Clinic and teaches health law and family law.

1992: Anna Jenefsky represents disabled children and their parents in special education matters in Washington, D.C., and Maryland. Her daughter, Dora Rose, was born on May 25. Keith Kolodgie was promoted to associate deputy director of the Maine State Retirement System, overseeing human resources, law relations and information systems management.

1993: Lynn K. Edwards joined Hodes, Ulman, Peskin & Katz, P.A.’s Employment Relations Department as an associate. She was a member of the Maryland Employment Lawyers Association and was active in Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Services and the Community Law Center. Edwards was admitted to the Circuit Court of Appeals of Maryland and U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

1994: Alston & Bird has named Dr. Anne Brown as counsel in Intellectual Property Patient Solicitation Group. Prior to joining Alston & Bird, Brown spent seven years at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein, & Fox in Washington, D.C., practicing intellectual property law. Karen Doherty is associated with the firm of Regan, Halperin & Long in Washington, D.C., where she will continue her practice in plaintiff’s medical malpractice litigation. Shannon Miller and her husband Andy Smock had a baby girl on March 7; they now live in Gainesville, Fla., where she is an associate attorney at Salter, Feiber, Yenser & Murphy, practicing in federal criminal defense, guardianship law and collections.

1995: Steven P. Anderson was hired by Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Holander to serve as firm co-librarian. Christopher R. Dollase announced his start at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, in October in the corporate and intellectual property sections. Jason C. Hess joined the firm Bodie, Nagle, Dolina, Smith & Hobbs, P. A., where he will focus on real estate and business transactions.

1996: Cherie J. Jones, after completing two years as a law clerk at the Office of Bar Counsel in Washington D.C., has joined the law firm of Luxenberg & Johnson, P.C., where she will focus on family law. Samantha D. Vanterpool opened a solo law practice that focuses on business law, labor law, landlord/tenant and personal injury. She also devotes “an extraordinary amount of time to non-profit community organizations.” Karen A. Vogel finished her year-long judicial clerkship for Judge Robert H. Mason and is an associate in the litigation department of McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan & Kim, P.A., in Greenbelt, Md.

1997: Venetia Bell, associate with Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver, was honored with the Pro Bono Attorney of the Month Award for February. Obi Linton, former clerk for Judge Cannon, is working with Baltimore Gas & Electric on regulatory matters. Stephen G. Swirnow was sworn into the New York Bar in April and is working as a benefits attorney at Laiken Associates, Inc., a retirement and employee benefits consulting firm in New York City.

New Student Journal Inaugurated

This year, the law school initiated a new student-edited journal for scholars, policy makers and practitioners: The Journal of Health Care Law and Policy. The first issue contains articles from a symposium on legal issues arising from medical research that involves decisionally impaired patients. The second issue will publish the papers from a fall 1997 symposium on emerging legal issues in genetics. The third issue, to be published this year, will include presentations from last spring’s Ward, Kershaw, and Minton Symposium on tobacco litigation, which was co-sponsored by the Law and Health Care and Environmental Law Programs.

Samuel I. Rosenberg Loan Assistance Fund

Since 1997, the University of Maryland School of Law has extended an invitation to its graduates who have entered public service. Sandy Rosenberg, a member of the House of Delegates, established the Samuel I. Rosenberg Loan Assistance Fund. Awards from this fund are presented to graduates who have chosen a career in public service. In 1997, the award was given to David McRae. In 1998, the award was presented to Alison Loughran. Those interested in applying for an award, please contact Trishana Bowden at 410-725-7070.