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LSU PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER NEWSLETTER



*Presentation of a Special Distinguished Service Award to Stephen Perry by Chancellor John J. Costonis at the 2001 National Alumni Board Meeting. (April 27, 2001)*

## Two Exciting New Roles for LSU Law Center Proclaimed by State

The importance of the LSU Law Center's mission of producing the state's most outstanding lawyers is beyond dispute. But Steve Perry, Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office, has challenged the Law Center to assume leadership roles in two new missions as well: namely, securing LSU A&M's flagship status in the state and beyond, and, transforming the state's economy.

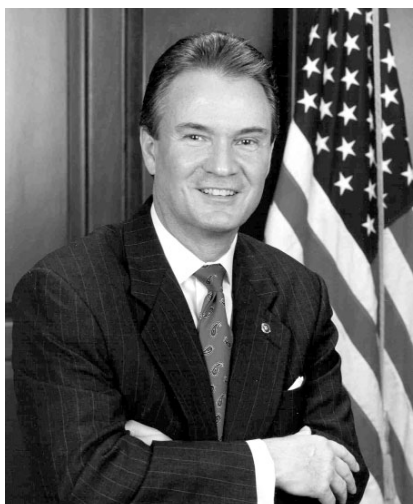
In his April 27, 2001 remarks to the Law Center's National Alumni Board, Perry declared that LSU not only must regain the excellence tarnished by a quarter-century of distressed budgets, but that it should position itself to challenge the University of North Carolina over the next five years as the Southeast's premier public university. Perry made these statements at the Law Center's Board meeting following its passage of a resolution commending him for his commit-

ment to improving higher education in Louisiana.

"The Law Center plays a phenomenally important role in this flagship vision," Perry advised. "We can never pretend to have a front-rank Southern flagship institution without a preeminent law school."

Perry noted that dramatic progress was "absolutely" within the Law Center's grasp because legal education "is an area in which we quickly can have a powerful impact. It does not have the huge capital costs of engineering or basic sciences. With [the state's] basic resource investment and with the caliber of the people we now have, with the Law Center's Alumni Board, with changes in fund raising and reach-

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*John Breaux  
Named  
Distinguished  
Alumnus  
of the Year*

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## Law Center's ABA Site Inspection Visit Set for April 2002

The American Bar Association's Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar will send a Site Inspection Team to the Law Center in April 2002 to assess the state of the Law Center's compliance with the ABA's Standards for Legal Education, the basis upon which formal ABA accreditation is determined. Such teams, which are typically assembled from deans, librarians, clinicians, law professors, and judges or practitioners, report to the Section's Accreditation Committee, which makes the ultimate determination on the law school's status.

The Law Center welcomes the site visit as an opportunity to obtain the views of disinterested experts on the Law Center's progress since the ABA's last site visit, which occurred in 1994. That visit called the Law Center's accreditation into question. Reflecting on the dismal state of the Law Center's finances over the preceding 15 years, the 1994 visit report resulted in findings that the Law Center flunked the ABA's three most fundamental sets of standards—those pertaining to the adequacy of the Law Center's physical plant, its library, and its financial resources.

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## Law Center's J.D./B.C.L. Joint Degree Program Approved

The State Board of Regents formally approved the Law Center's joint degree program in May 2001. With the prior approvals of the LSU Board of Supervisors and of the American Bar Association in hand, the Law Center will institute the program effective Fall 2001 for all students presently in the Law Center and those to be admitted in the future.

The joint degree program is the only one of its kind in the United States and, with the bi-jural Civil and Common Law program of McGill Law School (Montreal, Canada), one of only two such joint degree programs in the world. Under the program, all Law Center students will receive both the Juris Doctor (J.D.) and the Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) degrees in recognition of a seven-semester curriculum divided among a first year of mixed Civil and Common Law courses and a succeeding program of study in which courses must be selected from a menu of Advanced Civil Law, Advanced/Common Law, Global Law and Legal Theory, and Public Law options.

James Gordley, Professor of Law, University of California at Berkeley and an internationally distinguished student of comparative law, was asked by the Regents to serve as its outside reviewer of the joint degree program. He concluded that the program afforded a "unique opportunity."

"LSU has the resources in place to train its students in both common law and civil law without facing

[the problems] other programs are encountering," Gordley reasoned. "Students so trained will have an advantage both in finding jobs and in practicing law as the world becomes more global. The extra credential [the B.C.L. degree] is important because it tells the world what the student has in fact been trained to do. Those at the LSU Law Center who designed this program deserve the congratulations and support of the Board of Regents."

Next November, the Law Center will celebrate the inauguration of the program by organizing a *Canadian/LSU Law Center Bi-Juralism Conference*. The dual degree programs of LSU and McGill will be jointly assessed by invited conferees from Canada and from Louisiana. Canadian participants will include members of Canada's Supreme Court and Bi-Jural Commission, the deans of the Ottawa, Toronto, McGill, and Montreal law faculties, and distinguished comparativists of these and other faculties in Canada and abroad. Louisiana participants will include members of the LSU law faculty, members of the state and federal judiciary, and representatives of the Louisiana Law Institute and Bar.

Early planning has also begun for a similar conference involving representatives of Central and South American law schools, judiciaries, and bars. This conference, which will occur in 2002, will be jointly sponsored by the LSU Law Center and the Inter-American Bar Association. <<<

## Law Center Reforms Legal Writing Program



Grace Barry

"*They don't know how to write*," is perhaps the most frequent complaint made by lawyers about graduating law students.

The Law Center has taken vigorous steps to meet this criticism and, in the process, to bring excellence to a Legal Writing Program that has been severely underfunded and understaffed for decades.

Just three years ago, three legal writing associates struggled to offer one-point credit courses in each of the first-year semesters to more than 300 students, and an appellate advocacy program, assisted by adjunct instructors, to a first-semester, second-year class of another 200 students. The effort was a legal writing program in name only because the three instructors could not possibly provide a student group this large with the intensive, individual attention needed to develop the students' writing, research, and advocacy skills. The instructors, who lacked faculty rank and were among the poorest paid in American law schools, were scattered throughout the Law Center's 1936 building in cramped and unattractive quarters. Not surprisingly, this state of affairs met with the disappointment and anger of the students, who felt acutely disadvantaged by their sub-par training.

It's a different picture today, and will be even brighter tomorrow.

Next fall, five writing instructors under the direction of a full-time Legal Writing Director (who will also have a Legal Writing section) will be teaching approximately 230 first year students. With less than 40 students per instructor, the program will feature the intense one-on-one exchange and editing of student work that are staples of the nation's best programs. The program, moreover, will be offered entirely in the students' first year, in one two-credit course per semester. Appellate Advocacy will no longer be offered as a competition, but rather taught as a course in persuasive writing. A unified syllabus and problem-set will be used in all Legal Writing sections.

Legal writing instructors will become full-time faculty (non-tenure track), and, depending upon experience, will be titled as Assistant, Associate, or [Full] Professors of Professional Practice. They will qualify for multiyear contracts after an initial trial year, and will earn salaries comparable to those of peer institutions. The Program's Interim Director will be Associate Professor of Professional Practice Grace Barry. She will have recourse to a three-person Faculty Advisory Group, Professors Corbett, Murchison, and Church. In those aspects of the program bearing upon issues of Legal Bibliography and Information Technology, she will collaborate with Professor Herbert Cihak, who joined the faculty as Law Library Director in May 2001. The Law Center's ongoing renovation project will provide the Legal Writing staff with a suite of six attractive offices and a conference room.

Future Law Center graduates may yet mangle a sentence or two. But theirs will be a Legal Writing Program that will engender pride in the entire Law Center community—students, faculty, and alumni alike—while equipping them with a powerful set of professional skills to commence law practice. <<<

## Law Center Welcomes New Faculty



**Michael McAuley**  
*Clarence W. Edwards Associate Professor*

*B.A. 1974, University of London, King's College, B.C.L., 1977, McGill University, D.E.A., 1979, Université de Paris 2*

Prior to joining the LSU Law Center faculty in 2001, McAuley was a senior trusts attorney at Appleby Spurling and Kempe in Bermuda (1998-2001) and practiced in Montreal and London (1979-1998). McAuley is a member of the Bar of Quebec, Canadian Bar Association, and International Bar Association where he is currently vice-chair of its Discrimination & Gender Equality Committee. He has lectured in legal history, property and trusts at a number of Canadian universities, is an academician of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, and is a member of many other professional organizations.



**Christopher M. Pietruszkiewicz**  
*Assistant Professor*

*B.S., 1989, University of Scranton, J.D., 1992, Loyola University School of Law, LL.M., 1997 Georgetown University Law Center*

Prior to joining the LSU Law Center faculty in 2001, Professor Pietruszkiewicz was an adjunct professor at the George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, Virginia, teaching Corporate Tax. Pietruszkiewicz was employed as a trial attorney in the Civil Trial Section of the Southern Region for the United States Department of Justice-Tax Division since 1997. Prior to working at the U.S. Department of Justice, Pietruszkiewicz was an attorney and advisor to the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C. from 1992 to 1997. <<<



# Renovation . . . Revitalization . . . Rebirth

**A**pril 3, 2001 marked the groundbreaking ceremony for the \$11.6 million state-funded renovation of the Law Center's 1936 and 1969 buildings. After decades of neglect and deterioration, the Law Center building exteriors will be restored and its interiors transformed into first-class facilities. Slated for completion in 2002, the renovation will create an environment that will greatly enhance student life.

Representatives from the Governor's Office, the LSU System, the Law Center Alumni Board, the Student Bar Association, Group Contractors, Inc., Gill Industries, Ltd., Meleton-Bacque' Group, faculty, staff, and students were welcomed by Chancellor John Costonis and thanked for participating in the important celebration.

Charles S. Weems, president of the Board of Supervisors and 1968 Law grad, addressed the

guests. He stated, "I am pleased to be present at the rebirth of the Law Center. The buildings need renovation; time has taken its toll. Chancellor John Costonis has revitalized the culture of this law school. He has built sup-

port in the legal community; he has earned the support of the professors; he has the support of Governor Foster. We are poised to see the Law School rise."

Phase I of the renovation is currently underway with exterior building cleaning and

repair, gutting the auditorium in the Old Law Building, and construction in the 1969 building of an administration suite on the fourth floor and an escalator from the ground floor to the Daggett Courtyard.

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Law Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, left to right: Glenn Morris, Scott Simoneaux, Bob Hairford (SBA President), Cheney Joseph, Gordon Gill, John deGravelles, Greg Vincent, John Costonis, Pierce Meleton, Charles Weems, William Jenkins, and Mark Drennen.



Discarded law auditorium chairs; it's begun!



Renovation of the future administrative suite.



## 2001 Commencement Speaker Honorable Catherine D. "Kitty" Kimball

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is your future. You are destined and you will be the next generation of judges, legislators, governors; the next leaders of our state and our nation."

So stated the Honorable Catherine D. "Kitty" Kimball, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana and 1970 graduate of the LSU Law Center in her address to the Law School's 228 candidates for the Juris Doctor degree at their commencement ceremony on May 24, 2001.

Chancellor John J. Costonis presided and Perry Segura, past chairman, LSU Board of Supervisors, conferred degrees.

Recognized as Members of the Order of the Coif were: William Raley Alford III, Kelly Brechtel Becker, Renee Zeringue Berard, Taylor Stephen Carroll, Allison Louise Duncan, James Houssiere Dupuis, Jr., Mark Joseph Fernandez, Andrew Christopher Fertitta, Charles Glasscock Fitzgerald, Mary Ashley Bell Frey, Amy Leigh Garrity, Joseph Ignatius Giarrusso III, Philip Thomas Hackney, Jaime Elise Hurley, James Edward Lapeze, Charles Donald Marshall III, Sharon Lynn Berle Morris, Kenneth L. Roche III, Martha Elizabeth Rundell, Philip Ritchey Sims, James Edward Appell Slaton, Tiffany Cecelia Sues, and Shelley Marie Sullivan. <<<



Members of the Order of the Coif 2001



Commencement 2001

## Hargrave Honored at Louisiana Law Review Banquet

Approximately 100 guests attended the annual Louisiana Law Review Banquet held March 30, 2001 at the Camelot Club in Baton Rouge. The Baton Rouge law firm Jones-Walker sponsored the event.

Law Review's Volume 61 Editor-in-Chief, Mark Fernandez, served as master of ceremonies and Chancellor John Costonis addressed the group. Professor Wendell Holmes was the keynote speaker and W. Lee Hargrave was the guest of honor.

Amy Lewis Champagne, Louisiana Law Review Associate, was presented with the Vinson & Elkins 2000-2001 award for the best student article. Her paper will appear in a future issue of the *Louisiana Law Review*. Membership certificates were presented to William Raley Alford, III, Allison Louise Duncan, William Reed Huguet, Marianne Rabalais, and Amy Leigh Garrity. <<<

## Law Students Take Firsts in Moot Court Competitions

The LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center held the **Robert Lee Tullis Moot Court** Finals on February 22, 2001. The competition, named in honor of the late Dean Emeritus of the Law School, provides advanced development of appellate advocacy skills for third-year students who excel in Appellate Advocacy. The semifinalists for the 2001 competition were Appellant, Brian C. Shartle & Philip R. Sims and Appellee S. Dale Cronin & Sacha A. St. Amant. The winners were S. Dale Cronin and Sacha A. St. Amant. This year's judges were Honorable Luther F. Cole, Associate Justice (retired), Supreme Court of Louisiana; Honorable Melvin A. Shortess, Chief Judge (retired), Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal; and Honorable Robert D. Downing, Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal. The problem this year was written by Professor Randall Trahan and concerned reasons for disinheritance of a forced heir.

Following the competition, a reception was held at the LSU Faculty Club to honor the year's participants and all previous Tullis winners. Mr. Victor Sachse III ('55) presented Chancellor Costonis with a silver cup that had been given to Dean Tullis by the first graduating class of the Law Center in 1908.

The Law Center's **Tax Moot Court Team** took home the First Place Champion Overall Competition at the 30th Annual Albert R. Mugel National Moot Court Competition held at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law February 22-24, 2001. Team members consisted of Dayne Freeman, Betty Raglin, and Leslie Strahan. Freeman, Raglin, and Strahan wrote the brief and Freeman and Raglin gave the oral presentation.

Fifteen teams from 12 law schools participated in the competition. Awards were granted for the best overall competitors, the best brief, and the best orator. Dayne Freeman placed fifth in the best orator competition. Todd A. Rossi and Mark A. Marionneaux coached the team.

The Law Center's **National Moot Court Team** also took first place, winning best brief overall at regionals. Coached by Professor John Devlin, the 2000-2001 team consisted of Scott Hawkins, Charlie Chauvin, and Maleshia Brown.

The LSU Law Center's **Environmental Moot Court Team** advanced to the quarter finals of the competition in White Plains, New York in February 2001. The team, consisting of Louise Morrison, Wes Raborn, and Kristi Husher, advanced after the initial round involving more than 50 teams. Charles Ellis served as the team's coach. The judges selected the LSU law team's brief as the Outstanding Appellant's Brief. The *PACE Environmental Law Review* will publish the brief in an upcoming issue.

The **Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition** was represented well by LSU law for the 2001 competition. LSU members included Greg Bordelon, Peter Derouen, Kim Ramsey, and Keith Grant. The team prepared both respondents and applicants memorials and held oral pleadings at the Eastern District Courthouse in New Orleans. The problem concerned such international law issues as law of the sea, use of force, and sovereign boundary delimitations. <<<



Moot Court Reception



# LSU Law Center Awarded the “Key” of the 13th Circuit!

The LSU Law Center was awarded the “Key” of the 13th Circuit for the American Bar Association-Law Student Division in March at the spring conference in San Antonio, Texas. Bob Hairford, SBA president, Greg Bordelon, ABA representative, and Chuck Cusimano, candidate-liaison positions represented the Law Center.

Greg Bordelon was presented with the Bronze Key for LSU Law’s increased membership in the ABA-

LSD (up 45 percent from last year’s numbers) as well as LSU Law’s commitment to continued involvement in the ABA through the Law Student Division. Bordelon was also presented with an individual award for his commitment to further integrate LSU law students into the ABA-LSD. LSU Law has not previously won a key and was one of four out of a total of 13 schools to receive it. <<<

## ABI awards

# Medal of Excellence to Law Center Senior



Chancellor Costonis presents the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence to Law Center Senior Kenneth L. Roche, III. Roche received the annual award from the ABI, a national organization of bankruptcy professionals, in recognition of his top score in Professor Jason Kilborn’s Bankruptcy course in Fall 2000. Roche was chosen from among all students enrolled in bankruptcy-related courses at the Law Center offered during academic year 2000-2001. The Law Center congratulates Roche for his outstanding performance!

## Exciting New Roles...continued from page 1

ing out to the private sector and the alumni, the vision of what this Law Center can be is greater than anyone dreamed of even five years ago.”

Perry then observed that Louisiana now views its funding of higher education as an investment in transforming the state’s economy from its former near-total reliance on industry, agriculture, and energy production to an information-based economy dominated by the digital sciences, technology, and the biological and biomedical sciences.

“LSU A&M,” Perry stated, “will be the driving force in health care and research, including such areas as gene therapy and cutting edge molecular biology. If we are going to be that type of preeminent research institution, our Law Center must be there with [LSU A&M]. It must be at the forefront of health law...and in our digital sciences

initiatives. It must be there in intellectual property related fields.” He added that Louisiana’s links in Central and South America are profound. “If we are going to be a center of international commerce, [the Law Center has] to be an internationally distinguished center in the study of civil law systems.”

Perry concluded with the observations that “the Law Center cannot effect these changes by itself. We will assist the Law Center by increasing its resources and reinforcing its vision of [an expanded] strategic mission. If we can deliver and if the Law Center’s Administration can deliver, the progress we seek both in higher education and in the state’s economy lies fully within our grasp.”

The full text of Perry’s remarks appears on page 11 of this newsletter. <<<

# Chancellor Emeritus Hawkland Awarded Honorary Degree

Chancellor Emeritus and Boyd Professor of Law William Hawkland was the recent recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Minnesota. The honorary degree recognizes individuals who have achieved acknowledged eminence in cultural affairs, in public service, or in a field of knowledge and scholarship. Hawkland came to the LSU Law Center as chancellor in 1979 and resigned as chancellor in 1989. He received his B.S. and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota. <<<

# LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Website (www.law.lsu.edu)



The LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center website has been designed to serve as the Law Center’s principal communication vehicle. <<<

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The Law Center looks forward to the upcoming site visit as an opportunity to reflect on its vision, its strengths and weaknesses, and the steps it must take to achieve its vision in view of both. The vehicle for this exercise is an institutional Self-Study, required of all law schools as a component of the accreditation process. A retreat is envisaged next winter in which the Law Center faculty, students, LSU System officials, and members of the bench and bar will participate in the self-study’s formulation.

The 2002 Site Inspection Team Chair will be Rick Matasar, whose current deanship at the New York Law School was preceded by deanships at the University of Florida and Chicago-ITT/Kent Law Schools. Other team members will be named shortly. Dean Matasar’s selection was welcomed by Chancellor Costonis, who described him as “one of the most innovative and thoughtful legal educators in America today.”

In a preparatory visit to the Law Center in May 2001, Matasar previewed the Law Center’s library, physical plant, and finances, the three areas that were the trouble spots for the 1994 team. At a faculty dinner during this visit, he stated that while he obviously could not speak for his eventual Site Team, his impression from this preview is that the LSU Law Center “is one of perhaps five or six law schools in the nation today that not only can progress quickly from Point A to Point B, but from Point A to Point D.” <<<



## Receptions and Events >>>>

### Chancellor's Council Dinner at Hemingbough

Hemingbough's Hemstead Hall provided a spectacular atmosphere for the Chancellor's Council Black Tie Dinner held April 20, 2001 at Hemingbough in St. Francisville. The dinner honored all members of the year 2000 Chancellor's Council, a group of alumni and friends who contribute \$1,000 or more annually in unrestricted funds to the Law Center.

Chancellor John Costonis, his wife Susan, Alumni Board President John deGravelles and wife, Jan, and Cliffe F. Laborde, President of the Chancellor's Council and wife, Margaret, greeted guests on the terrace outside Hemstead Hall.

Kelley Smith Toney and the Campanile Quartet provided classical and modern instrumental music. The 150 guests enjoyed each others' company, an elegant dinner, and shared their enthusiasm for the LSU Law Center.

Chancellor Costonis greeted the guests, thanked them for their generous support, and welcomed them to this celebratory event. In his remarks to the guests, Laborde acknowledged the donors to the nine professorships established in the year 2000-2001: The James Carville Professorship, Holt B. Harrison Professorship, Frank L. Maraist/LADC Professorship, C.E. Laborde Professorship, Sam D'Amico Professorship, Ernest and Iris Eldred Professorship, Harvey Peltier Professorship, Louis B. Porterie Professorship, and the G. Frank and Winston Purvis Professorship. <<<



Chancellor's Council members and spouses enjoy the Chancellor's Council Dinner at Hemingbough on April 20, 2001. Left to right: Diane McKernan, Jerry McKernan, Milton Womack, Margaret Womack, Charles McCowan, and Mary McCowan.



E. Theodore Laborde and Clare Laborde Condon at the Chancellor's Council Dinner.



John W. deGravelles, president of the 2000 National Alumni Board and wife, Jan, Chancellor John J. Costonis and his wife, Susan, and 2000 President of the Chancellor's Council, Cliffe F. Laborde and his wife, Margaret.



Chancellor's Council members Pat Ottinger and his wife, Cheryl, and Cliffe E. Laborde and Claudia Lipton at the Chancellor's Council Dinner.



Bill McClendon and wife, Genie, Molly and Shelby McKenzie, Holt B. and Anne Harrison, Susan Costonis, Chancellor John J. Costonis, and David and Linda Cohn enjoy Hemingbough.



## Perdido Alumni Reception

More than 100 LSU Law Center alumni and their families and friends gathered at a special reception at the Baton Rouge Bar Association Conference held at Perdido Beach, Alabama in April. The event was co-sponsored by Sweeney and Miller Law Firm of Baton Rouge and the LSU Law Center. The event provided a great opportunity to relax after a day of continuing education courses and to catch up on Law Center activities. <<<



West Group representative, Brian Muth, and Chancellor John Costonis at Sandestin Sounds of the Beach Alumni Reception

## Sandestin, Florida — Louisiana State Bar Association

The annual LSU Law Center Alumni Party at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort was held in June in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Convention. The sounds of the beach and the Harmon Drew Super Group attracted over 500 LSU law alumni. Many alumni contributed their time and effort to make the party a success. West Group sponsored a limbo contest and a hula hoop contest. The Grand Prize was a Palm Pilot won by Brad Schlotterer from Lemle & Kelleher in New Orleans. A special thanks to West Group for generously sponsoring the event. <<<



Susan Galligan, Catherine Maraist, Frank Maraist, Susan Costonis, Tom Galligan, Katherine Spabt, and Susan Davis at the Sandestin Alumni Reception

## Baton Rouge Bar Association Officers Sworn In

In January, the following LSU Law Center graduates were sworn in as officers of the Baton Rouge Bar Association:

- Wade Shows ('75)**  
*president*
- Leo Hamilton ('77)**  
*president-elect*
- David A. Hamilton ('74)**  
*secretary*
- Mathile Abramson ('88)**  
*treasurer*
- Amy E. Counce ('81)**  
*past president*
- Directors at Large*
- Greg Bodin ('88)**
- Michael Ferachi ('89)**
- Jay Jalenak ('90)**

The Young Lawyers Section is chaired by *Joe Mengis ('92)*. He is assisted by *Melissa Cresson ('96)*, secretary-treasurer. The 2001 Council includes *A. Edward Hardin, Jr. ('97)*, *Kelsey Kornick, ('97)*, and *Lisa Prater, ('97)*. YLS past-chair is *Keely Scott ('95)*. Deborah Gibbs, chair, Family Law section; *Jeff Wittenbrink ('87)*, chair-elect, and *Lorraine Andresen McCormick ('93)*, secretary-treasurer. <<<



## John Breaux Named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Senator John Breaux, LSU Law Class of 1967, native of Crowley, Louisiana, and a leader in national politics, has been named the LSU Law Center's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for 2000. Breaux will be recognized at the LSU Law Center's Distinguished Alumni Breakfast to be held November 10, 2001.

Senator Breaux was elected to the House of Representatives in 1972 at the age of 28. At the time of his election, he was the youngest member in the U.S. Congress. Senator Breaux represented the 7th District of Louisiana for 14 years before being elected to fill Senator Russell Long's seat in 1986.

Senator Breaux is widely recognized as a leader in the Senate. In 1993, his Democratic colleagues elected him to serve as Chief Deputy Whip, a position he has held for three congressional terms and will continue to hold through the 107th Congress.

A senior member of the Finance Committee, Senator Breaux serves as the ranking Democrat of the Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy. He

serves on two other Finance subcommittees: Health Care, and Taxation and IRS Oversight.

Senator Breaux is the ranking Democrat on the Special Committee on Aging. He has used this position to highlight the importance of protecting and strengthening Social Security, Medicare, and other programs that are essential to the health and well-being of older Americans.

As a member of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, Senator Breaux has taken a leadership role on a wide variety of issues, including telecommunications, consumer protection, fisheries, shipping, tourism, and aviation. He is now the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space. The Senator also serves on four additional subcommittees: Aviation, Communication, Oceans and Fisheries, and Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine.

Senator Breaux is a graduate of Southwestern Louisiana University in Lafayette and the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in Baton Rouge. <<<



Reunions >>>>

A Tradition Begins...  
Class Reunions

The LSU Law Center has begun a reunion program to reconnect with and create a sense of community among its alumni. We encourage you to join us at your reunion. We will communicate with you throughout the year regarding your reunion activities.

> The **Classes of 1951, 1961, 1976, 1981, and 1991** will hold their reunions Friday, October 5, 2001. More information will be mailed in August regarding specifics.

- Class Reunions**
- 1951 LSU Faculty Club
  - 1961 Home of Ben R. Miller, Sr.
  - 1976 Baton Rouge City Club
  - 1981 De La Ronde Hall
  - 1991 TBA

> The **Class of 1971** will hold its 30th reunion September 14, 2001. The class will meet at the Baton Rouge Country Club the evening of September 14 and a brunch will be held on Saturday, September 15, at Winston Rice and Barbara Gay's Plantation (St. Louis Plantation).

Check the LSU Law website for details! [www.law.lsu.edu](http://www.law.lsu.edu) <<<



Standing left to right: Mary Banister (widow of D. Ross Banister), Virginia deGravelles, Mina Armentor, Minos Armentor, Catherine Martin (widow of Julian "Big Skipper" Martin), Sarah Bolton, George Bolton, Richard A. Kent, Jr. Seated are Ursula Kent and Charles deGravelles at the 1936 reunion.



The LSU Law Center Class of 1936 held its 65th reunion April 21 at the home of Guynette Carley. Participating in the celebration were, left to right: Richard Kent, Jr., Minos Armentor, Chancellor Costonis, Charles deGravelles, John deGravelles, and George Bolton.

### Let Us Hear From YOU!

*(Update your information, volunteer for activities, provide us with news and comments).*

The LSU Law Center Office of External Relations and Communications wants to hear from you. Please stay in touch by using the form below or by e-mailing [bcannon@lsu.edu](mailto:bcannon@lsu.edu)

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Alumni News & Comments:

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Class Notes >>>>

*Jane H. Barney ('93)*—named partner in the litigation practice group of the Baton Rouge office of Phelps Dunbar LLP.

*Jose Canseco ('84)*—currently MD Technologies' chief executive officer. The company is a high-tech Baton Rouge company that develops practice management software for physicians. The product Med Topia Mobile is a device, similar to a palm pilot, which will allow a doctor to access patients' medical history, order tests, assemble bills and forward them to the insurance company as well as sending prescriptions to the pharmacy with the tap of the screen.

*David Clark ('95)*—accepted a one-year teaching position as an interim professor at University of Florida. This honor is only offered to those finishing in the top 10 percent of the LL.M. program at University of Florida's Law School.

*Kevin C. Curry ('94)*—was certified as a tax law specialist and estate planning and administration specialist by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization.

*Robert J. David, Jr. ('92)*—named a shareholder at Onebane, Bernard, Torian, Diaz, McNamara & Abell. He represents employers in labor and employment law matters.

*John W. deGravelles ('74)*—named a Fulbright Scholar and awarded the prestigious Fulbright scholarship to teach law courses at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki School of Law in Thessaloniki, Greece. The Fulbright Scholars Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs and grants awards to outstanding scholars to participate in university lectures, advanced research, and other educational activities in foreign countries. During the fall semester of 2001, deGravelles will teach courses in International Maritime Law and the American Judicial System.

*Judge Robert Downing ('75)*—elected to the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal. Previously, Downing served as judge with the 19th Judicial District Court.

*Alicia Hoover-Richards ('94)*—appointed as the chair for the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Section for 2000-2001. Hoover—Richards also was appointed to the Louisiana State Bar Association Interprofessional Committee consisting of physicians and attorneys.

*Jay Jalenak ('90)*—recipient of the fifth Judge Keogh Memorial Award given in honor of the late Judge Keogh. Recipients are chosen by the Young Lawyers Section Council based on the charitable and pro bono activities of the nominee and the nominee's involvement with the association.

*Mary Terrell Joseph ('70)*—named to the board of directors of Hollins University. Joseph is currently with McGlinchey Stafford in Baton Rouge.

*John M. Kantrow ('90)*—named a member of Cozen and O'Connor's Chicago office. Kantrow was formerly a partner at Blatt, Hammesfahr & Eaton in Chicago. Kantrow was also named secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association's Maritime Law Section Council.

*Jeffrey W. Koonce ('94)*—named partner in the commercial transaction practice group of Adams & Reese LLP Baton Rouge office.

*Gene W. Lafitte ('52)*—named chair of the New Orleans, Louisiana firm of Liskow & Lewis and received the 2001 American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals presented the award on May 1, 2001 at the Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference in New Orleans.

*Patrick Regan Richard ('93)*—named partner in the business practice group of the Baton Rouge office of Phelps Dunbar LLP.

*Michael H. Rubin ('75)*—named president-elect, Louisiana State Bar Association, June 2001-2002. <<<

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A Final Salute to Two LSU  
Law Grads and Army  
Colonels

—taken from the Morning Advocate April 25, 2001 and April 29, 2001.

U.S. District Judge Lansing L. Mitchell ('37), often known to his colleagues as "The Colonel," died Tuesday, April 24, 2001. Mitchell was appointed to the federal bench by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 after a career as an admiralty lawyer. He also worked as an FBI special agent, served in World War II in the Army and retired from the Army reserve with the rank of colonel.

*Carlos Spabt ('31)*, the senior member of the Baton Rouge Law Firm Kantrow, Spaht, Weaver & Blitzer died Sunday, April 29, 2001 at the age of 94. Spaht practiced law for more than 70 years. He began practicing in 1931 and continued until 1941 when he was called into active Army service. He rose to the rank of colonel in World War II and was sent to Asia. When he returned from the war, Governor Jimmie Davis appointed him state district judge in Baton Rouge in 1946. He was elected to the post without opposition in 1948. Spaht unsuccessfully ran for Governor in 1952. When the election was over, John McKeithen, the winner, named him his executive counsel. Spaht went on to serve on the LSU Board of Supervisors and the State Ethics Board. <<<

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\*The Class of 1971 will reunite September 14, 2001.






Upcoming Events >>>>

2001		
September 14	1971 Reunion—Baton Rouge Country Club	
September 15	1971 Reunion—St. Louis Plantation, White Castle	
October 4	LSU Law Center Board of Trustees Dinner—Pennington	6 p.m.
October 5	LSU Law Center Board of Trustees Meeting—Pennington Continental Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.	8 a.m.
Free Continuing Legal Education		
Class Reunions (1951, 1961, 1976, 1981, 1991)		
	1951 LSU Faculty Club	
	1961 TBA	
	1976 Baton Rouge City Club	
	1981 De La Ronde Hall	
	1991 TBA	
November 9	All Alumni Reception—De La Ronde Hall	6-10 p.m.
November 10	Distinguished Alumnus Breakfast—De La Ronde Hall John Breaux honoree	8 a.m.
November 12	Supreme Court Swearing in Ceremony Reception— <i>The Monocle</i> on Capitol Hill	
November 13	Supreme Court Swearing in Ceremony— U.S. Supreme Court, Washington D.C.	
2002		
January 15-17	Chancellor's Duckhunt	
April 3-6	Baton Rouge Bar Conference—Perdido Alumni Reception	TBA
April 11	LSU Law Center Board of Trustees Dinner— Mike Anderson's Side Porch	
April 12	LSU Law Center Board of Trustees Meeting Chancellor's Council Dinner—Hemingbough	
June 27-30	LA State Bar Conference—Sandestin Florida *LSU Law Center Alumni Party*	TBA

If you have questions regarding the above events, contact Bunnie Cannon, 225/578-8452, or email bcannon@lsu.edu <<<



CLE Schedule—2001		
September 7-8	Family Law	Baton Rouge
September 14-15	Estate Planning	Baton Rouge
September 21-22	Recent Developments	Baton Rouge
October 4-5	Recent Developments	Lake Charles
October 12-13	16th Institute on Real Estate Law	Baton Rouge
October 18-19	Recent Developments	Monroe
October 26-27	Recent Developments	New Orleans
November 1-2	Recent Developments	Shreveport
November 8-9	Bankruptcy Law	Baton Rouge
November 16-17	Recent Developments	Baton Rouge
November 29-30	Recent Developments	Metairie
December 5	CLE By The Hour	Baton Rouge
Tentative Plans:	Title Examination in Louisiana	Baton Rouge (Spring 2001)
	Trust Drafting	Baton Rouge (Spring 2001)
	UCC 9 Changes	Baton Rouge (Fall 2001)
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Stephen Perry, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

# The LSU Law Center: Its Role in Louisiana Higher Education and in the Transformation of Louisiana's Economy

*The Foster Administration has committed to supporting exciting developments at the Law Center and in Louisiana higher education generally.*

*Part of this task has been redefining what Louisiana can be. We know that Louisiana for many years has accepted being mediocre. But, we believe that we have the potential to be tremendously better at a wide range of areas frankly than we have been.*

One of these areas is post-secondary education. It's our belief that post-secondary education drives the economy. If you look at every progressive society, every diverse economy, and every rich cultural and artistic environment, each has one common denominator: a powerful post-secondary education system.

Over the last 15-20 years, the funding of Louisiana's universities, including our graduate and professional schools, has declined precipitously causing a brain drain in the state, hindering the flow of intellectual capital into Louisiana, and damaging the reputation and performance of our economy.

The world that we live in is radically different than it was 30 years ago. The tone for Louisiana's economy, for example, was shaped by the aftermath of the Industrial Revolution, the advent of the oil and gas industry, and the development of modernized agriculture. But the 21st century offers a different universe. It's a knowledge-driven economy. The university is the one place where knowledge is manufactured, discovered, disseminated, taught, and applied.

*The university and the health of universities will determine whether or not Louisiana is going to be competitive in the 21st century.*

Louisiana has found itself in a position where LSU's position as the state's flagship university is in peril. LSU has got to be a major regional and national flagship university if Louisiana is going to be successful as a society, as an economy, and as a culture.

How do you determine whether a university is successful? Obviously, funding is a driving tool as it provides the resources to attempt to achieve excellence. But the truth is, as you look across the programs that universities offer in quality of faculties and quality of leadership, dramatic changes need to be made. We began looking five years ago, and changes began to take place in leadership of many of the universities and systems in Louisiana. We believe that LSU right now has the finest leadership in its history in the persons of its president and its A&M, its Agricultural Center, and its Law Center chancellors.

In trying to determine what level of excellence LSU is going to achieve, we know that we cannot truly be a preeminent Southern university without a preeminent Law Center. To that end, and in the face of tight state budgets, we made commitments to the Law Center and to Chancellor Costonis to do some things that hadn't been done in years. And, we are about to ratchet this support up another notch this year.

We believe that within five to seven years LSU can draw equal to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. That is our goal.

*The Law Center plays a phenomenally important role in this flagship vision. We can never pretend to have a front-rank Southern flagship institution without a preeminent law school. And that means on a level with the University of North Carolina Law School.*

Can we get there? The answer is absolutely. We can get there because the law is an area in which we quickly can have a powerful impact. Legal education does not have the huge capital cost of engineering and basic sciences. With basic resource investment and with the caliber of people we have now, with the Law Center's Alumni Board, with changes in fund raising and reaching out to the private sector and the alumni and graduates, the vision of what this Law Center can be is greater than anyone dreamed of even five years ago.

Something radically different is happening in Louisiana with our university investment. And it is directly related to what we need from the Law Center in this new 21st century world, which will be driven by knowledge and discovery and science. We are making a \$25 million initiative this year, the largest of its kind in the history of the United States in the technology-driven digital sciences field, to redefine Louisiana's economy as an information economy. This investment will be followed next year by a similar investment for biological and biomedical sciences. We know that much as the energy and agriculture industries and manufacture dominated the 20th century, the 21st century is going to be dominated by digital science, technology, and the biological and biomedical sciences.

*Louisiana's premier Law Center and what we hope to be one of the premier law centers in the United States must have driving power in intellectual property. It must also have driving power in health and medical sciences law. We expect this of the Law Center. We agreed three years ago with the Board of Regents and others that we would put incremental investments in the Law Center as we ratchet up student body quality and admission standards, restrict admissions, invest in faculty and infrastructure and in retention of our star faculty, and recruit a great national faculty.*

As the most important health care provider and research entity in the state, the LSU Health Sciences Center enjoys a commanding role in managing health care. In concert with this new role, the Law Center must both develop a premier law and medicine program and coordinate this program with emerging programs at the Health Sciences Center.

LSU will be the driving force in health care and research, including such areas as gene therapy and cutting edge molecular biology. If we are going to be that type of preeminent research institution, our Law Center must be there with it. It must be at the forefront in health law, medical law, areas of ethics, and in our digital sciences initiatives. It must be there in intellectual property-related fields.

Louisiana is in a unique position right now with the emerging markets in Central and South America. New Orleans, Houston, and Miami are going to compete for dominance over these markets. Our links in Central and South America are profound. If we are going to be a center of international commerce, we have to be an internationally distinguished center in the study of civil law systems. We look to the Law Center to fulfill this role.

In addition to exercising leadership in international law and civil law, intellectual property, and health sciences law, the Law Center must provide other services to the state. The Louisiana Law Institute is, of course, a tremendous service. Within the next ten years, we will need a recompilation of our Statutes. A Constitutional Convention is likely within five years. The Law Center's guidance and involvement is indispensable for the success of these efforts.

As we sought to identify areas in which we can truly be outstanding, the one element that leapt off the page was that we can achieve national excellence in law. And so we made a commitment. When Chancellor Costonis came down and was going through all of his interviews with alumni and other community and government leaders, he asked some very pointed questions. Were we willing, he asked, to commit to the financial and legislative support required to make the Law Center a source of pride for all Louisianans? I will tell you that in those interviews we made that commitment, and I think we have delivered on it.

Today, the Law Center is ready to explode. And, we have tremendously high expectations of the Law Center. We honestly believe that if we can just have patience and stay the course, the Law Center and this entire university will achieve the excellence and provide the boost to the state's economy that we demand from them.

We have and will continue to extend support to the Law Center. There is nowhere in the United States where a state prospers and its flagship universities lack. So our commitments to the Law Center and other LSU units are going to be enduring. We are going to ensure that they endure, and we are looking forward to new programs and new plans coming out of the Law Center.

Really what we seek is no less than a change in the culture of the LSU Law Center. The Law Center cannot effect these changes by itself. We will assist the Law Center by increasing its resources and reinforcing its vision of a new strategic mission. And, I think we are on the way. If we can deliver, and if the Law Center Administration can deliver in the three years ahead, the progress we seek both in higher education and in the state's economy lies fully within our grasp.

*Stephen Perry, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor  
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