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Academy of Law Alumni Fellows

AWARDS

Law Conference Dinner

September 15, 1989

Indiana University School of Law
School of Law Alumni Association
Law Conference Banquet
Friday, September 15, 1989
Alumni Hall
IU Memorial Union, 7:30 p.m.

Program

Presiding Officer ................................ Clyde D. Compton
                                 President, Law Alumni
                                 Association 1988-89

Dinner

Welcome and Introductions ................. Clyde D. Compton

Remarks .................................... Bryant G. Garth
                                 Dean
                                 IU School of Law

Music ...................................... Barbershop Quartet
                                 The Legal Ease

Induction into the Academy
of Law Alumni Fellows .................... Bryant G. Garth
                                 Clyde D. Compton

Special Award ............................ Bryant G. Garth

Recognition of the Class of 1939 ......... Bryant G. Garth

Business Meeting ......................... Clyde D. Compton

Adjournment .............................. Daniel A. Medrea
                                 President, Law Alumni
                                 Association 1989-90
A Message from the Dean

It is a pleasure and an honor to recognize the achievements of five distinguished alumni of the Indiana University School of Law. These individuals have earned the highest respect of their peers. Throughout their careers they have shown extraordinary talent and dedication.

As we honor them tonight, we are acknowledging the success of the Law School in preparing individuals to attain a high level of accomplishment. The fellows of the Academy of Law Alumni demonstrate the very best results of the Law School's tradition of excellence.

Those who are inducted into the Academy tonight will know that the School of Law and the Law Alumni Association are extremely proud of them and their achievements. Portrait photographs of each new member will be framed and placed on our honors wall in the law building for all to see. These persons exemplify the distinction for which we hope all of our students will strive.

Sincerely,

Bryant G. Garth
The Indiana University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association honor the following graduates in recognition of their significant contributions to the profession of law.
ROBERT B. BENSON

Robert Benson is the exemplar of the lawyer as facilitator of technical innovation and scientific discovery. In the arena where the inventor, the financier and the industrialist clash over rights in intellectual property, he is the master of the rules that advance economic progress.

Born in 1928, he served in the Navy in the aftermath of World War II. He enrolled in Purdue University in 1948 for the combined curriculum with the Indiana School of Law that enabled him to earn both his B.S. in engineering and his LL.B. in 1954.

After the completion of his academic work, he was hired by Allis-Chalmers Company of Milwaukee, a firm with which he would remain for most of his career. Within ten years he was chief of its patent law section. He served as associate general counsel, as president of a subsidiary, U.S. Fluidcarbon, Inc., then as president and chief operating officer of the parent corporation. Recently, he guided his company’s fortunes during its difficult days of reorganization and liquidation.

Throughout his career, Robert Benson has been a leader in organizing patent attorneys into an established institutional force molding public policy surrounding rights in intellectual property. In 1978–79, he served as chairman of the American Bar Association’s section of Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law. During the Carter administration he participated in a cabinet level domestic policy review committee for industrial innovation.

He was president in 1984 of the American Intellectual Property Association formed to advise Congress and to submit amicus curiae briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court. He helped draft the Patent Cooperation Treaty that has facilitated international patent protection. He was a member of the U.S. delegation to the conference that approved the treaty and sparked a successful campaign to secure its ratification. He was a founder and early president of the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel formed to meet the needs of house counsel in patent law practice.

As the father of six children, he has been attentive to the needs of the young people in his community. He has served as president of his local school board, president of the board of the Catholic Youth Organization and president of St. John’s School for the Deaf.

Robert Benson is a leader of those lawyers dedicated to keeping open the channels through which discovery is translated into economic progress. It is now appropriate that this proficient counselor be honored by his alma mater, the Indiana University School of Law, and its Alumni Association by being named a member of the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows.
The Harriet Bouslog story is the stuff of history. As a young lawyer in the territory of Hawaii, she became the spokeswoman and defender of militants outside the established power structure. Today she is an elder stateswoman whose former clients now participate fully in the political and commercial life of the Islands.

Harriet Williams was born in 1911 to Hoosier parents who instilled in her the ethic of hard work and an abiding hunger for knowledge. As an undergraduate at Indiana University, her studies of contemporary American Literature sharpened her social conscience. In the School of Law, her dedication to the cause of the underdog was focused by Professor Fowler Harper for whom she worked as a research assistant.

By her graduation in 1936, she had met and married an aspiring English teacher, Charles Bouslog. With him she went first to Harvard, then to Hawaii, pursuing her own development as a lawyer in Boston and in Honolulu. After Pearl Harbor, she went to Washington, D.C. and to a position first with the War Labor Board, then as a lobbyist for the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

In 1946, the I.L.W.U. in Hawaii became immersed in a bitter strike that challenged not only management, but the entire established order. Harriet Bouslog returned to Honolulu to undertake the defense of the Union and its embattled members. Her cause carried her throughout the Islands, into courtrooms, work places, and meeting halls. She and her law partner became unofficial public defenders, representing often without fee, clients charged with crimes ranging from disturbing the peace to murder.

In 1951, she undertook the defense of six men accused of conspiracy under the Smith Act. She also took to the stump in attacks on what she viewed as abuses in the enforcement of that Act. She was charged with impugning the integrity of the court that heard her clients' case and was suspended from the practice of law. The review of that decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in In re Sawyer, 360 U.S. 622, resulted in the restoration of her standing at the bar and definitive statements of the rights and responsibilities of lawyers in criticizing courts.

In 1950, she divorced Charles Bouslog and married Stephen T. Sawyer, who for the past four decades has been not only her husband, but her constant companion and unceasing admirer. His patience and loving care helped immeasurably in hastening her recovery from two serious automobile accidents, that badly injured and still affect her body, but not her indomitable spirit. Together, they have been partners in many successful real estate ventures that Mr. Sawyer oversees as part of his real estate business.

Harriet Bouslog is now honored by awards from the Women Lawyers of Hawaii and the YWCA of Oahu. Resolutions of the city of Honolulu and the Legislature of Hawaii recall her achievements and praise her defense of constitutional and civil rights in her adopted state. Now her alma mater, the School of Law, and the Law Alumni Association add their own highest accolade to this woman of courage.
PAUL J. DeVault

For over five decades Paul DeVault has guided many of the financial institutions of the state from their depression-born debility to the vigorous prosperity of today.

A native of Logansport, he enrolled in Indiana University in 1925. A brilliant student, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received his baccalaureate degree with high honors. In his senior year in the School of Law, he was the legal research assistant to Herman B. Wells, then on leave from the faculty to direct the recodification of the statutes governing the financial institutions of Indiana.

Upon graduation in 1932, this experience and the strong recommendation of Professor Wells won him an opening, coveted in depression times, in the small firm he now serves as a senior partner. In an early assignment he gave legal guidance to the agency charged with liquidating the insolvent banks and thrifts in central Indiana. He was named the first general counsel of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis in 1934. His growing practice and his reputation as an expert in the law and operation of thrifts and banks was interrupted by World War II and his service as a combat naval officer.

After his return to his law firm, Paul DeVault broadened his practice in a wide spectrum of civil litigation. He won significant remedies for clients injured by monopoly practices in the corrugated container industry. His briefs for an airport formed the basis for the law of condemnation of air rights in Indiana. He represented the receiver of a union pension fund in recovering funds thought lost through corrupt and incompetent management.

He served on the Board of the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and as a member of the Civil Rights Commission and the Fire Prevention Commission of the State. Two governors named him a Sagamore of the Wabash. In his home community, he was chairman of the Indianapolis chapter of the Red Cross and a member of the Endowment Committee of the Museum of Art. As a devout lay leader of his church, he served as a member of the President's Council of Brebeuf School and of the Board of St. Vincent's Hospital. He was president of both the I.U. Club of Indianapolis and the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Paul DeVault can look back with pride on his accomplishments in building his law firm Krieg, DeVault, Alexander and Capehart, into an eminent institution of over fifty members and in guiding the banks and thrifts of the state for five decades. His are the rewards of unselfish service to state, city, church, and his school. Now the Indiana University School of Law and its Alumni Association demonstrate their high regard for the accomplishments of this eminent graduate by naming him a Fellow of the Academy of Law Alumni.
awarded his J.D. in 1949 with highest distinction and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

His teachers were grateful when graduate Nolan joined them as Assistant Professor Nolan, assuming responsibility for courses in property and related fields. In 1954, he, in collaboration with Professor Frank E. Horack Jr., wrote a pioneering treatise on land use control.

While still a student, Val Nolan had begun publishing the results of his acute and meticulous study of birds. His avocational avian studies were so impressive that in 1957 he was invited to join the faculty of the Indiana University Department of Zoology as a teacher and research ornithologist. Soon, as Professor of Biology as well as Law, he attained international stature as an author of a seminal work on the prairie warbler and of scores of other studies and monographs. Today, even in retirement, he continues to supervise doctoral candidates in ornithology.

He has demonstrated that the School of Law is his great love by twice serving as its Acting Dean. During one tenure, he directed the efforts that succeeded in persuading the General Assembly to provide funds for the library and classroom addition.

In honoring Val Nolan Jr., the School of Law and the Law Alumni Association honor themselves. There is no better way for friends and admirers who constitute these institutions to thank this graduate for all that he has done than to declare him a Fellow of the Academy of Law Alumni.
Charles Whistler continues to influence the development of his law firm, Baker and Daniels, and his city, Indianapolis, through the ideas and ideals with which he was identified. He believed the prosperity of his clients and the environment of a healthy community were intertwined and that his calling as a lawyer was to uncover and straighten the path to those correlative goals. Monuments to his success exist in contemporary Indianapolis with its unique governance and central city vitality and with the continued growth of his law firm as eminent counselors to commerce and industry.

Born in Warren County where he spent his youth, Charles Whistler is remembered as a bright student who grew into a man of integrity. After service in the Army Air Corps in World War II, he completed his baccalaureate at Indiana University with high honors and earned membership in Phi Beta Kappa. At the School of Law he was an editor of the Indiana Law Journal and was graduated in 1951 with high distinction and membership in the Order of the Coif.

As a young lawyer, he was encouraged to specialize in the law and administration of land planning and use. He witnessed the weakness of Indianapolis' municipal government and the absence of plans for future metropolitan development. He, and a small circle of like-minded lawyers, drafted the legislation that created "Unigov." He joined a dynamic corps that redirected the Republican Party into a broad coalition capable of governing a reconstituted city. He was president of the Metropolitan Development Commission of Greater Indianapolis from 1968 to 1972. He served as co-chairman of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee and of the Regional Central Planning Committee. He was chairman of the White River Park Citizens Advisory Committee and of the Urban Growth and Revitalization Task Force. His counsel was sought by clients wanting to be good corporate citizens and he sat on the boards of many corporations, including the Indianapolis Water Company. He served his profession as a member of the Houses of Delegates of both the Indiana and American Bar Associations.

After his death in 1981, the Charles Whistler Faculty Fellowship was endowed by gifts from Baker and Daniels, the Whistler family, friends, and clients. Awards are made annually to a distinguished professor at the School of Law to support scholarly research.

Now, as a tribute to the life and career of this exceptional citizen whose contributions to his profession and his community have grown more manifest with the passage of years, the Indiana University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association offer their highest honor.
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Recipients of Past Awards

Recipients of the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows Award

1985
Shirley Schlanger Abrahamson  
Class of 1956  
State of Wisconsin  
Supreme Court  
Madison, Wisconsin
Jesse Ernest Eschbach  
Class of 1949  
United States Court of Appeals  
For the Seventh Circuit  
Chicago, Illinois
Carl M. Gray*  
Class of 1921  
Gray, Fleig, et al.  
Petersburg, Indiana
Earl Wilson Kintner  
Class of 1938  
Arent, Fox, Kintner, et al.  
Washington, D.C.
Sherman Minton*  
Class of 1915  
United States Supreme Court  
Washington, D.C.

1986
John Simpson Hastings*  
Class of 1924  
United States Court of Appeals  
For the Seventh Circuit  
Chicago, Illinois
Daniel James  
Class of 1929  
Cahil, Gordon and Reindel  
New York, New York
Juanita Kidd Stout  
Class of 1948  
Court of Common Pleas  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
James F. Thornburg  
Class of 1936  
Barnes & Thornburg  
South Bend, Indiana

*Deceased
1987
Theodore R. Dann  
Class of 1930  
Dann Pecar Newman  
Talesnick & Kleiman  
Indianapolis, Indiana  

S. Hugh Dillin  
Class of 1938  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Indiana  
Indianapolis, Indiana  

Hubert Hickam*  
Class of 1915  
Barnes Hickam Pantzer and Boyd  
Indianapolis, Indiana  

Willis Hickam*  
Class of 1918  
Hickam and Hickam  
Spencer, Indiana  

J. Keith Mann  
Class of 1949  
Stanford Law School  
Stanford, California  

1988
C. Ben Dutton  
Class of 1940  
Dutton & Overman  
Indianapolis, Indiana  

Bernard Harrold  
Class of 1951  
Wildman Harrold Allen & Dixon  
Chicago, Illinois  

Robert A. Lucas  
Class of 1949  
Lucas Clifford & Holcomb  
Merrillville, Indiana  

Jeanne Seidel Miller  
Class of 1948  
Miller & Miller  
New Haven, Indiana  

Wendell L. Willkie*  
Class of 1916  
Willkie, Farr & Gallagher  
New York, New York
The Indiana University School of Law
1842-1989

Nearly 150 years of growth and change have shaped the character and built the reputation of the Indiana University School of Law. The School of Law opened in 1842, the first state university law school in the midwest. In 1844, the school graduated its first class of five men. Followed later by the schools of medicine, dentistry, and business, the Law School was Indiana University's first step into professional education.

By the 1920s, the Law School was firmly established. It had been given its own building, Maxwell Hall, in 1908. The school had 12,500 volumes in the library and about 150 students. The Law Journal was begun in cooperation with the Indiana State Bar Association. A charter member of the Association of American Law Schools, the school was approved with a "Class A" ranking.

The School of Law experienced strong growth during the 1930s and 1940s. Curricular changes were adopted to train lawyers for the financial and social order created by the Roosevelt New Deal. With the end of World War II, an influx of veterans led to dramatic increases in enrollment, faculty, and library acquisitions. This expansion spurred the construction, in 1956, of the Law School's current building.

Student enrollment soared again in the 1960s, with a noted increase in women law students. By the early 1970s, the school had 26 faculty members and nearly 600 students. Growth brought crowded conditions but also instilled the school with great vitality. Joint degree programs with SPEA and the School of Business were established, new courses were developed, and the school began its first simulated and client-contact clinics.

A $12.2 million building project, completed in 1985, renovated the law building and constructed an addition to the law library. These changes solved the school's space needs, while also modernizing and enhancing the facilities. The renovated law building is a model for legal education, with state-of-the-art videotaping and computer equipment. The library now has the largest law collection in Indiana and is among the top 20% of American law school collections.

From its modest beginnings to its present stature, the School of Law has balanced tradition and innovation to provide the best in legal education. We are proud of our success in training talented and dedicated lawyers.