

Paulette B. Siebers (J.D. '78) was recently appointed by Governor Earl to the seat on the Dane County Circuit Court that will be vacated by Judge **Bill Eich** (J.D. '63) when he moves to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals for the Fourth District.

Barbara A. Nieder, Thomas M. Pyper and Ted Waskowski, all of the class of 1980, have become partners in the Madison law firm of Stafford, Rosenbaum, Rieser and Hansen.

Carmen Alvarez (J.D. '80)—now Carmen Sciackitano since her marriage in December 1984—is an attorney with United Airlines in Chicago these days, specializing in employment litigation.

Cecile Rizzardi Faller (J.D. '82), formerly associated with the law firm of Dorothy Nelson Topel, S.C., in Marinette, Wisconsin, reports that she has recently joined the Recka and Joannes Law Firm in Green Bay, specializing in business

law, and partnerships and corporations through patent, trademark, copyright and bankruptcy law.

Faculty Briefs

Peter Carstensen has been named an editor of a part of a new series of microfilms produced by University Publications of America. The series will contain briefs and arguments in major cases in selected topic areas; Peter will head that which is to be entitled "Briefs and Arguments of Major Cases from U.S. Courts of Appeals, U.S. District Courts and State Supreme Courts: Antitrust."

Ken Davis is presently working on two articles, one of which deals with the economic aspects of various securities fraud remedies; the second is a survey of the law on corporate social responsibility and management's discretion to pursue and expand resources on goals other than shareholder gain. Of the latter, Ken hopes to make it a part of a long term project on the application of recent theories of managerial behavior toward certain traditional tenets of corporate law.

Howard Erlanger and Margo Melli will complete this summer a study funded by the National Science Foundation on the process of divorce in Dane County. The two indicate that they have found that very few cases go to trial, and that extra-legal factors in the negotiations process

are critical in determining outcomes. It also seems that satisfaction with outcome may be more dependent on attitudes towards divorce and the negotiations process than on the financial settlement received.

Marc Galanter has just released a book entitled *Competing Equalities—Law and the Backward Classes in India*, published by Oxford University Press in India. The American edition was handled by the University of California Press. The volume involved over 25 years of research by Marc, who is termed by the Indian Press as "a pioneer indologist on legal studies," and a "leading American scholar on Indian law." Just recently, Marc also participated in a colloquium at the University of Texas dedicated to "The Bhopal Tragedy: Legal and Social Issues."

As an authority on policing, **Herman Goldstein** attended and addressed an Executive Session on Community Policing, held in March at Harvard University.

Orrin Helstad reports that he is in the process of updating the roughly 1500 pages of text material used in the General Practice course.

Steve Herzberg and Joseph Thome are working to help organize a trip for lawyers, law school deans, members of the Supreme Court and "other legal figures" to Nicaragua. The trip is coordinated through W.C.C.N., the Wisconsin Coordinating Committee on Nicaragua, which has organized similar trips for doctors, state officials and farmers in the interest of promoting better relations between the United States and Nicaragua.

Charles Irish—something of a one-man band these days—has just finished a report on the proposed tax treaty between Nepal and India for the Government of Nepal. Recently, he took on an "of counsel" position in the Madison law firm of Stafford, Rosenbaum, Rieser and Hansen. And this Summer, after he completes the teaching of a course on U.S. law affecting international transactions at Giessen, West Germany, with UW Law Professors Church and Zile (see p.X), Chuck will head to Taipei, Taiwan, in August to instruct a class on tax reform in newly emerging industrialized countries.

John Kidwell is currently a member of the Legislative Council's Committee on

the Uniform Trade Secrets Law; he is also working independently on an article which will address the question of why it has been so difficult to create legal doctrine to deal with computer software.

Anita Morse is currently working on several articles which concern themselves with such topics as "Proposed Amendments to the ABA Standards for the Approval of Law Schools," and the legal issues surrounding the importation and migration of labor. She is also the editor of a forthcoming volume on law library reference for non-law librarians.

Walter Raushenbush and James MacDonald have just published their volume *Wisconsin Real Estate Law*, with the Extension Law Department. The co-authors are also involved with the C.L.E Real Estate Update, a program at which they will offer lectures to lawyers and real estate brokers in March and April in Appleton, Madison and Milwaukee. Mr. Raushenbush is in the process of revising his 1974 book, *Wisconsin Construction Lien Law*, and the 1974 edition of his volume *Real Estate Transactions: Cases and Materials*.

In May, **Gerald Thain** will address the National Society of Public Accountants annual convention in Chicago on issues of occupational licensing.

June Weisberger plans to attend the Third Oxford University Symposium on Comparative Industrial Relations from August 4-17. This summer she and Howie Erlanger will complete an article that discusses the new Marital Property Act from the point of view of the estate planner.

Wisconsin Law Alumni Association

Board of Visitors Report

The Board of Visitors of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association was created in 1957 "... for the purpose of assisting in the development of a close and helpful relationship between the Law School and the University of Wisconsin Law Alumni on all matters of mutual interest including Law School facilities, curriculum, placement, admission and public relations of the School and the Bar." The Board of Visitors continues a tradition started in 1969 to assume an active and visible role in the Law School by participating in law school visitations.

This year's annual visitation was held on Monday, October 29, 1984. On the evening prior to the visitation, October 28, the Board of Visitors sponsored a dinner meeting at the Inntowner Motel. Faculty members, law school administrative staff, members of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association and the Board of Visitors attended the dinner. The dinner gave everyone the opportunity to become better acquainted and to increase areas of communication between the alumni and the staff. The Board of Visitors appreciated the excellent faculty participation and the Board hopes to continue this event during future visitation sessions. The dinner was followed by three brief, informative presentations by faculty members. Summaries of the faculty reports are as follows:

1. Advances in Technology are Expected to Have A Significant Impact on the Law Library (Anita Morse)

Ms. Morse reported that the Library faces a great deal of change in the next decade due to advances in technology.

The American Bar Association is considering new accreditation standards permitting a refocus of law school libraries from book form materials to automated legal information systems. The proposed standards delete any reference to specific, countable volumes and, instead, refer to a core collection "reasonably necessary to the school's program." These changes will radically affect access to law school materials and librarian responsibility for instruction. Automated information systems will:

- 1) require the integration of the law librarian into law school programs;
- 2) pose both a challenge to defining the law school program and a threat to a reliance on using number of volumes to justify financial support. It will mean large initial investments, although it may produce long term savings; and,
- 3) offer the law school improved access but decrease public access to legal information. Westlaw and Lexis are privately owned and law school libraries have restricted use contracts. Increased substitution will mean decreased public access.

The ABA proposal encourages an increase in technology and high volume legal service, but it may create unequal library service based on ability to access. The ABA will be discussing these changes in January and February and a vote is expected in August.

2. The U.W. Law School Continues it's Important Research Role and Alumni are Thanked for Continued Support (Marc Galanter)

Even though the time allotted for the presentation did not allow Professor Galanter to identify and define the extensive research projects at the Law School, he addressed generally the important role of research for the efficient and effective design and operation of the institutions over which the profession presides, including those institutions which deliver justice to the public. An example of this research cited by Professor Galanter, was the recent UW Law School Study which attempted to dispel the notion that Americans are faced with a great litigation menace. Professor Galanter pointed out that the University of Wisconsin is one of the few law schools that has embraced its responsibility to be a center for systematic learning about the legal process. The UW Law School has recently received national recognition for its research but he noted that this work has been a tradition at the law school for over a quarter of a century. On behalf of the research community, Professor Galanter thanked the Alumni for its continuing support and hoped the Alumni would find it gratifying that the research it helped make possible has been so well received.