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Richard F. Verstegen '97 has joined DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison, where he will focus on civil and appellate litigation as well as labor, employment and school law.



Matthew D. Webber '97 has joined the Boardman Law Firm in Madison as associate in the areas of municipal law and real estate law. Webber was a visiting clinical assistant professor at the University of Michigan Law School's Legal Assistance for Urban Communities Clinic.



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Gregory M. Wesley '97, been named a partner in Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan, Milwaukee. The firm is one of the nation's largest minority-owned practices. Wesley focuses on equal opportunity and employment law, and Indian and government relations law.

Kate A. Thompson '98, of the Eugene, Oregon firm of Gleaves Swearingen Potter & Scott, has published the article "State Immunity for Copyright Violations on the Horizon?" in the ABA's Intellectual Property Law Newsletter (Vol. 20, No.2, Winter 2002).

Heather A. Rippl '98 has joined Bryant, Barnes & Moss in Christians ted, St. Croix. Rippl had spent the last two years clerking for Dane County Circuit Judges Patrick Fiedler and William Foust.

Donald (Del) Laverdure '99, has been named Chief Appel-

late Judge of the Crow Court of Appeals, the Crow Nation's highest tribal court. Laverdure, currently a Hastie Fellow at the Law School, is teaching Federal Indian Law and writing an LL.M. thesis on Indian Tax Law.

Joe Jian Zhou '99 (LL.M.) is establishing a China law practice team at Zhang, Gush, Gao & Associates in Houston, Texas.

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Rhonda Frank-Loron '00 has joined the Madison firm of Julian, Musial & Friedrich.

Stacy Leeds (LL.M. '00) is the first woman to be named a justice on the Cherokee Nation's highest court, the Judicial Appeals Tribunal.

Glorily A. Lopez '00 has opened a solo practice in Madison, where she will focus on immigration and nationality law matters.

Andy Voight '00, an associate with the Portage, Wisconsin firm of Miller and Miller, is serving as a volunteer with STAR, Students Talking about Respect, Inc. STAR is a non-profit educational corporation that provides free violence-prevention materials and program structures to high schools.

Colin L. Fairman '01 has joined DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison. Fairman, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii School of Medicine, will focus on intellectual property matters in the biotechnology field.

Shailaja Reddy '01 has joined Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek in Milwaukee, where she is a member of the technology team.

Melissa A. Abbott '02 has joined Solheim Billing & Grimmer, Madison, where she will practice estate planning, probate and tax.

Karl A. Bekeny '02 has joined the litigation/trial practice group of Arter & Hadden in Cleveland, Ohio.

Daniel]. Chanen '02 has joined the Milwaukee office of Davis & Kuelthau. Chanen is in the labor and employment section, where he will focus on school law. •

IN MEMORIAM

Carl W. Thompson '39
in Stoughton

John P. Frank '40
in Phoenix, Arizona

James H. Plier '41 in
Oconto Falls

Joseph A. Sullivan '41
in New York, NY

Thomas Anich '42
in Ashland

Joseph A. Romig '46
in Duluth

James F. Clark '47
in Madison

Robert W. Feuer '49
in Fairfax, Virginia

Jerome H. Kuypers '52
in Bonita Springs,
Florida

A. Glenn Epps '56
in Southfield, Michigan

Frank J. Pelisek '58
in Milwaukee

Zigurds L. "Zig" Zile '58
in Monticello, WI *

John M. Langer '60
in Baraboo

Thomas S. Brenner '61
in Waukesha

Jonathan I. Charney '68
in Nashville

I. Douglass Cofrin '68
in Green Bay

Warren Kenney '69,
in Madison

Charles "Nick" Egan '72
in Green Bay

Thomas N. Akey '74
in Minocqua

Robert Dietz '84 in
Fort McCoy

" The next issue of *Gargoyle* will share remembrances of Professor Zile, who died November 26, 2002.

UW Law Alumna

Editor's Note:

Nancy Splain '77 is an example of one of our many alumni who have found a way to combine their "stateside" career with an international law-related experience. Splain spent two years in Ukraine, volunteering her services for the ABA's CEELI program, which works to develop and implement legal reform projects in Central and Eastern Europe. Here she shares her experience with *Gargoyle* readers. Another alumna who participated in the CEELI program is Hannah Dugan '87, who wrote on her month-long stint in Ukraine in the Milwaukee Bar Association's newsletter, *The Messenger*.

By Nancy Splain

AS I WAS sitting in my law office one day approaching my 20th year since graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School, the question popped unbidden into my mind "Is this all there is?" Surprised, I immediately pointed out to myself that I had a successful law practice, participated in interesting civic projects and had a loving and supportive family—a rich life, what more could one want? Maybe a midlife crisis was looming. Or maybe it was the residual effect of having observed that every corporate executive client who had come to my office shocked at having been "invited" to retire early, recovered and embarked on new projects, in effect finding a "second life" every bit as fulfilling as the first.

Whatever it was, I was intrigued when an announcement addressed to me as President of the Scottsdale Bar As-