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STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND SEPARATIONS

FACULTY ADDITIONS:
Barbara Creel joined the law faculty in the fall as an assistant professor of law. She received her J.D. degree from UNM and previously taught courses at the law school as an adjunct professor and a visiting professor of law. Her prior experience also includes Native American tribal liaison for the Northwest Portland District of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Professor Creel teaches clinical and Indian law courses.

Megan Argo was hired as a Lecturer III to teach in the law school’s legal writing program. She received her law degree from Widener University School of Law and was a research and writing specialist with the Federal Public Defender’s Office in the District of Delaware.

Sanford Gaines joined the law school as a research professor of law and director of the Utton Transboundary Resources Center. He has a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Prior to joining UNM, he was a professor at the University of Houston Law Center where he taught courses in U.S. and international environmental law, international trade, and administrative law.

FACULTY SEPARATIONS:
Professor Michael Browde retired from UNM in spring 2008 after more than thirty years on the law faculty. Kenneth “Kip” Bobroff resigned from UNM at the end of the 2007-08 academic year to become community organizer for Albuquerque Interfaith.

ADJUNCT FACULTY:
The law school continued to strengthen its ties with the legal community. The following adjunct professors taught during the year: Timothy Atler, judicial law clerk, New Mexico Court of Appeals; The Honorable Richard Bustamante, Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals; Scott
STAFF SEPARATIONS:
William Uher, the law school’s development officer and director of alumni affairs, left the law school at the end of May to become senior development officer for UNM’s College of Arts and Sciences.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

ENTERING STUDENTS
The University of New Mexico School of Law received 1070 applications for the class that entered Fall 2008. Of that group, 268 were admitted; 118 enrolled. For the entering class, the 25th percentile LSAT and UGPA was a 150 and 3.04; the 75th percentile was a 157 and 3.61. The average age on entry was 29. The class of 103 residents and 15 nonresidents had 59 percent women and 50 percent minority students.

The law school also enrolled 6 transfer students and 1 visiting student.

RECRUITMENT 2007-08
The law school recruited students from New Mexico four-year institutions. Recruiters met with students at on-campus career days and made presentations to pre-law society meetings and to appropriate undergraduate classes and special programs.

The law school also participated in regional recruitment through the Caravan sponsored by the Western Association of Pre-law Advisors (WAPLA), visiting the University of Colorado-Boulder, the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, the University of Arizona, and Arizona State University. Individual visits were made to Northern Arizona University, Fort Lewis College, Colorado State University, Colorado College, Atlanta University, Morehouse University, and Spelman College.

Prospective applicants were also recruited at Kaplan LSAT review courses and at the Law School Admission Council’s forums held in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles.

In addition to on-campus visits, the law school held four open house programs for all prospective applicants, and one program for accepted applicants.
During the year, admissions representatives met with approximately 350 prospective applicants, arranging class visits and tours and answering the applicants’ questions. Recruiters responded to emails and phone inquiries from prospective and current applicants.

The law school also participated in UNM’s outreach programs, including high school visitation days. For the eleventh year, the law school participated in the Law School Admission Council’s National Minority Recruitment Month initiative. Given the success of the program, the law school again sponsored a Minority Mentorship Mixer with law school student groups. Interested high school and early college students visited the law school for a variety of workshops and a dinner event and met people in various areas of the legal field. The mixer provided students with helpful informational packets, and brief panels of speakers answered their questions and exchanged contact information with them.

Law student organizations continued to support law school sponsored recruitment efforts. Students called and emailed both prospective applicants and admitted applicants and helped staff tables at recruitment events. MALSA members conducted Mock LSATs for prospective applicants. Faculty members also emailed and called admitted applicants.

We continued to improve law school publications. Additional materials were created for high school and college recruitment, and updated promotional bookmarks and faculty brochures were printed. We also continued updating and redesigning the law school admissions website, adding student faces/profiles and “A Day in the Life.”

**REGISTRAR’S OFFICE**

The University of New Mexico School of Law Registrar’s Office successfully managed student enrollment and maintained student records for 347 students. This enrollment represented 3% African American’s; 10% Native American’s; 2% Asian; 29% Hispanic; 46% Caucasian; and 9% undeclared. In-house digital archiving of past student records continues on an annual basis. The office certified a total of 111 third-year students for graduation (Dec. ’06 = 17; May ’07 = 90; July ’07 = 4). The Class of 2008 turned in a 94% bar passage rate for the July ’08 New Mexico bar examination.

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

In addition to designing and staffing a curriculum that supports the core program of studies at the Law School, there are three other noteworthy developments:

- The Committee critically evaluated and revised the first-year Practicum course, which, upon Committee recommendation, was approved by the faculty as an integral and long-term facet of the curriculum in November of 2006. In its report to the faculty in January of 2008, the Committee stressed the vitality of the Practicum course as a vehicle for developing students’ practice-related and ethical competencies, alongside more traditional skills in legal analysis. We stressed the importance of the course as an expression of the faculty’s commitment to the Carnegie/Best Practices vision of legal education. In future years, a Practicum course leader will coordinate and teach the course as a half-load, and recruit Practicum instructors on a voluntary basis within and beyond
the first year faculty. In April of 2008, the Committee decided to test a new model for Practicum in 2008-09, in which Practicum will be linked to Contracts, and taught in three sections by the Contracts instructors, each of whom is enthusiastic about taking on this task. The drafting, ethical and legal analysis exercises of the 2008 course will be linked to concepts and cases from Contracts. In future years, Practicum may be linked to Contracts or another first-semester course, or, alternatively, return to being taught in nine sections by instructors across the curriculum.

- The Committee also considered options for increasing skills-based courses in the second and third year curriculum, in addition to our mandatory third-year Clinic. These courses have both classroom and practice components. For the 2008-09 year, such "hybrid" courses include Criminal Law and Practice, Clemency Law Practicum, and Immigration Practicum, a new course in which students work on removal defense cases in Immigration Court.

The writing faculty worked with the Committee on a long-range plan for further developing our advanced writing and communication curriculum. One course tentatively scheduled for 2010-11 is Appellate Advocacy and Communication, in which students will draft legal briefs and analyze judicial decisions from tribal, federal and state courts of appeals.

**INDIAN LAW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

**INDIAN LAW CERTIFICATE GRADUATES**
The May 2008 graduation added eight more alumni who completed the Indian Law Certificate (ILC). With this cohort, 98 graduates have completed the program since the first class graduated in May 1995. The certificate requires 21 hours of specialized study in Indian law. Of the 98 who have earned the ILC, 67 individuals are indigenous, including American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Chamorro from the Marianas.

**AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ENROLLMENT**
In the 2007-08 academic year, 34 American Indian students representing 20 tribal nations were enrolled at the Law School. The "critical mass" represented by these numbers facilitates a supportive climate at the Law School that in turn promotes the success of Native American students. The comparative lack of scholarship funds remains the biggest obstacle to enrolling American Indian students who are admitted to UNM, since many of these students are actively solicited for matriculation at other law schools with more generous offers of financial support.

**INDIAN LAW SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**
A committee consisting of representatives of the UNM Indian Alumni Council and UNM School of Law awarded the 2007-08 Toby Grossman Scholarship to first-year law student Sheldon Spotted Elk (Northern Cheyenne). The scholarship consisted of a financial award in the amount of $7,500.

In spring 2008, the UNM law faculty designated third-year law students Laura Oropeza Bird (Navajo) and Sean Saiz (Ponca) as joint recipients of the annual Mary Beth and W. Richard West, Jr. Award for Excellence in Indian Law.
**INDIAN LAW FACULTY, STAFF, AND CURRICULUM**

In 2007-08 the core Indian law faculty members at UNM School of Law were professors Kip Bobroff, Barbara Creel (Pueblo of Jemez), John LaVelle (Santee Dakota Nation), Gloria Valencia-Weber, and Christine Zuni Cruz (Pueblo of Isleta). In addition, Professor Sherrie Thomas (Pueblo of Taos) contributed to the Indian Law Program by serving on the Indian Law Committee and teaching a seminar on Indian law research. Professor LaVelle continued his tenure as chair of the Indian Law Committee, a position he assumed in spring 2006. Professor Valencia-Weber was on sabbatical leave during spring 2007.

Professor Bobroff taught a seminar, Indian Land Claims, in fall 2007. Professor Creel taught in the Southwest Indian Law Clinic (SILC) in fall 2007 as well as spring 2008. Professor LaVelle taught two seminars during the academic year, Natural Resources in Indian Country in fall 2007 and Conflicts of Indian Law in spring 2008. Professor Valencia Weber taught a section of Indian Law in fall 2007. Professor Zuni Cruz taught The Law of Indigenous Peoples in fall 2007 and Indian Law in spring 2008, and as editor of the Tribal Law Journal she supervised TLJ students during both semesters.

In addition to teaching by the regular Indian law faculty during the 2007-08 academic year, curriculum coverage was supplemented by Sherri Thomas (Pueblo of Taos), assistant professor of law librarianship, who taught Specialized Legal Research in Indian Law in spring 2008; and attorneys Daniel Rey-Bear and Rodina Cave (Quechua), who taught a seminar titled Indian Law Appellate Advocacy in spring 2008. Mr. Rey-Bear also taught the National Native American Moot Court Competition seminar that same semester.

Mitzi Vigil (Jicarilla Apache/Ohkay Owingeh), coordinator of the Indian Law Program, continued to provide superb administrative support for the Indian law curriculum and for all aspects of the Indian Law Program. In December 2007, Ms. Vigil resigned from the position of Indian Law Program Coordinator to assume an important administrative post at the UNM School of Architecture and Planning. During the spring 2008 semester, the Indian Law Program Coordinator position was upgraded to Indian Law Program Administrator, and the Indian law faculty developed plans for advertising and filling the vacancy during summer and fall 2008.

In spring 2008, Professor Kip Bobroff announced his resignation from the law faculty, effective at the end of that semester, to assume a professional career in community organizing. Subsequently the law faculty approved plans for conducting a nationwide search in fall 2008 for a new faculty member specializing in Indian law, with a projected hiring date of August 2009.

**SPECIAL INDIAN LAW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

- **Indian Law Program Welcome Dinner.** In August 2007, Professor Gloria Valencia Weber hosted a welcome dinner at her home for Native students entering the first-year class at UNM School of Law. The dinner gave students and their families a chance to visit informally with Indian law faculty members and to learn more about the various features and offerings of the Indian law Program.

- **14th Annual Indian People/Indian Law Convocation and Gathering of Communities.** The 14th Annual Convocation, a ceremony honoring students in UNM’s Indian Law Program and commemorating the Law School’s success in providing Indian law training to all
students, took place on October 4, 2007. The keynote address was delivered by the Honorable Joe Garcia, chair of the All Indian Pueblo Council, president of the National Congress of American Indians, and former governor of Ohkay Owingeh.

- **5th AILC/UNM Indian Law Symposium.** The 60th anniversary of the federal Indian Country statute was the topic for discussion by numerous panelists and presenters at a one-day conference held on Saturday, April 12, 2008, at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque. The conference was cosponsored by the University of New Mexico School of Law and the American Indian Law Center, Inc.

- **Indian Alumni Breakfast Meeting.** The law school also sponsored an annual breakfast meeting for the UNM Indian Alumni Council during the 2008 FBA Indian Law Conference. The breakfast meeting provided a forum for Indian alumni to socialize with one another and to hear about Indian law program developments, especially those related to fundraising for Indian law program scholarships.

- **2nd Annual Indian Law Clinics and Externships Symposium.** Professor Christine Zuni Cruz and Professor Barbara Creel organized and conducted UNM's second annual symposium on Indian law clinics and externships in June 2008, titled “Moving Towards Best Practices for Indigenous Representation: Listening to Our Communities, Assessing Our Past, Reframing Our Future.” The symposium took place at the Hyatt Tamaya resort, Pueblo of Santa Ana, and was jointly sponsored by the Southwest Indian Law Clinic (SILC) at UNM School of Law, the Tribal Law Practice Clinic at Washburn University School of Law, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

- **Indian Law Faculty Scholarly Presentations.** Indian law faculty members gave presentations on their scholarly endeavors at various symposia and conferences locally as well as around the country and abroad, including in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Taos, New Mexico; and at Harvard Law School, the University of Hawaii, the University of Cincinnati, and Al Fateh University in Tripoli, Libya.

- **Indian Law Program Retreats.** The Indian law faculty organized and participated in two retreats during the 2007-08 academic year for the purpose of further developing and strengthening the Indian Law Program. With the continuing support of the Law School administration, the faculty plans to continue these strategic retreats during the 2008-09 academic year.

### CLINICAL PROGRAMS

**CLIENTS SERVED**

We began the 2007 summer semester with 230 open cases. During the year we accepted 537 new cases and we closed 569 cases during that time period. Please see attached chart. These cases ranged in case type from Family Law, tax disputes, creating small businesses, reviewing contracts, Bankruptcy, Landlord/tenant and non-profits, to juvenile defense representation. The students also worked on approximately 90 community-education or other projects, including research and lobbying on payday lending. Each student worked on an average of 8 cases per semester. The Innocence and Justice Project received 215 letters from inmates during that time period. In addition, the clinic fielded 2047 calls.
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STAFFING
We continue to feel that the concept of creating “working groups” of faculty interested in working together to maintain continuity in our commitments to clients and community organizations strengthens our competence and our reputation in the community. We have developed this model for the Economic Development Section. Building on the Spring Faculty meeting at which faculty needs were discussed, we planned a retreat for the fall to engage in strategic planning and discuss upcoming faculty hiring needs in the clinic. With the upcoming retirements of several key faculty members, we have a strong need to plan for our hiring with a vision of the future of the clinic in mind.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE NETWORK
The Access to Justice Network, a group of attorneys committed to take referrals from the clinic increased by three last year. We have 150 attorneys who are members of the network. In collaboration with Law Librarian Carol Parker, we have developed a Native American Access to Justice Network to address the legal needs of Native American communities that we are unable to serve. The number of referrals we made to members of the network was 404. In addition, we referred 240 cases to Legal Aid, 460 to Law Access of New Mexico and 138 to other social or legal service organizations. Please see attached chart.

COMMUNITY LAWYERING SECTIONS
The Community Lawyering Clinic has continued to thrive. Professor Suzuki developed a relationship with Comunitario Enlace, a community service organization serving the needs of immigrants who have experienced domestic violence, and with an AIDS community service group. Professors Suzuki, Mike Norwood, Kip Bobroff and April Land continued the Child Advocacy Clinic in partnership with PB&J Community Services and with programs for families in crisis at the UNM Hospital. The Community Lawyering Clinic helped clients with some extremely challenging cases. And, the Clinic made about 12 visits to the Grants Women’s Prison to provide limited legal services to the residents.

INNOCENCE AND JUSTICE PROJECT
We offered the Innocence and Justice Project as a seminar and are continuing to work to capture the best educational value for students in a professionally sound manner.

LAW PRACTICE CLINIC/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
We implemented Professor Mathewson’s plan for an Economic Development Section of the Clinic. Evan Hobbs, who was hired with funding from the National Taxpayer Advocate and developed a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic separated from the University at the end of the Spring 08 semester after we received a cut in funding. Professor Pareja proved to be a very effective clinical teacher and the Small Business/ Economic Development clinic continues to develop. Professor Mathewson again served as Acting Director of the Clinic this summer while Antoinette Sedillo Lopez directed the Summer Law Institute in Guanajuato, Mexico. Professor Martinez covered as acting director in the spring while Professor Sedillo Lopez was on sabbatical and continued to develop and enhance the Clinic Practice Manual and supervised the Externship Program in the spring semester.
**Southwest Indian Law Clinic**

The Southwest Indian Law Clinic (SILC) received additional funds from the legislature to hire a second faculty member and we were able to hire Professor Barbara Creel who agreed to serve as co-director of the SILC with professor Christine Zuni Cruz. SILC continues to serve native clients and tribes. It expanded its court appearances in tribal courts and completed several important research projects on indigenous issues. It continued its development of the SILC library and addressed some challenging cases and projects.

**Externships**

Forty Seven students participated in externships in a variety of settings, ranging from the U.S. Attorney’s Office to the Public Defender’s Office to the State Engineer’s Office. Sixteen students participated in Judicial Externships in federal, state and tribal courts.

**Faculty and Staff Activities**

Antoinette Sedillo Lopez had her cultural competence paper accepted as part of Wash. U.’s symposium. She published an essay in the Seattle Law review about leading change in legal education. She directed the Summer Law Program in Guanajuato, Mexico and served as chair the Special Emphasis Subcommittee of UNM’s accreditation process. She continues her work on a project to persuade the ABA to take measures to address the fact the minority enrollment in law schools is declining despite the improvement in the qualifications of minority applicants over the last 10 years. She continues to edit her series on Latinos and the Law and presented a paper in Ireland about her collaboration with the Medical School using standardized patients to teach interviewing skills in the context of domestic violence. She was invited to serve as keynote speaker at the Mid-west Clinical Conference and asked to be an author on the Best Practices for Legal Education blog.

Professor April Land continued her work on the New Mexico Sentencing Commission.

Professor Carol Suzuki updated a chapter in a book on Family Law and AIDS. Her article on post traumatic stress and appropriate interviewing techniques was published. She served on the Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education and was nominated to serve as chair. She successfully chaired the planning committee for the 2008 Conference in Tucson, Arizona. Professor J. Michael Norwood presented at a plenary session and Professor Sedillo Lopez, presented at a concurrent session at the conference. She also had her paper accepted for the Clinical Law Review Legal Scholarship workshop.

Professor Zuni Cruz continues to speak at conferences on indigenous and tribal issues and was invited to several international conferences on indigenous issues. She also hosted an indigenous student from a Canadian law school and published a paper on the Tribal Law Journal’s role in chronicling and sharing information about indigenous law.

Professor Mike Norwood ended his term as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. He chaired the ABA self study committee and continues to work on grant funding for the Med/Law Alliance. Through his efforts we were able to hire Victoria Elenes to support the work of the Alliance.
Professor Creel was invited to attend the Clinical Law Review Legal Scholarship workshop and presented a work in progress at the workshop.

Professor Pareja taught in the Guanajuato Law Institute and had an article accepted by the University of Wisconsin.

Professor Nathalie Martin was a guest blogger on Credit Slips and continues her work on financial literacy both in and out of the clinic.

**FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CLINIC**
We will continue to implement our strategic plan and refine it to meet the needs of the community. As part of enhancing teaching skills, the clinic faculty is developing some teaching sessions to share insights from clinical legal education with all members of the faculty, particularly those members who will be new to the clinic. We are planning a series of reading group session on “collaboration” to enhance our ability to leverage resources. We are focusing on the vision of the clinic as a major legal service organization providing a full range of services in addressing the unmet legal needs of New Mexicans and addressing poverty issues.

We will continue to seek grant funding to supplement the support for all clinical law programs. We will reapply for the HUD grant to support the Economic Development section of the clinic. The LITC funding is going to be marshaled in support of this clinic under the direction of the Business and Tax group. We will continue our collaboration with the Anderson Schools of Management as part of this clinic and continue work on coordinating outreach and community education efforts.

We will continue to work with the law school consortium project on developing our Access to Justice Network. We will continue to offer courses that will expand the bar's competence in meeting the legal needs of low and moderate income individuals.
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**IJP NOTE:** During Sum '07, Fall '07 and Spring '08 the Clinical Law Programs received 215 letters from inmates seeking legal assistance.
2007 - 2008 CASES ETHNICITY

- HISPANIC = 20.49%
- BLACK = 1.51%
- ANGLO = 6.83%
- ASIAN = 0.95%
- NAT. AMER. = 16.89%
- CAUCASIAN = 6.07%
- UNKNOWN = 47.25%

2007 - 2008 CASES GENDER/LANGUAGE CATEGORIES

- FEMALE = 56.36%
- MALE = 43.64%
- ENGLISH = 96.77%
- SPANISH = 3.23%
**INCOMING CALLS FROM POTENTIAL CLIENTS**

NOTES: This graph represents the number of calls, from potential clients received by the clinic and how the receptionist handled the calls.

**Clinic Intake:** Represent the clients who called the clinic seeking legal services and cases were accepted. It also includes cases accepted at intake sites.

**Referred to Access to Justice Panel:** There are 150 attorneys participating on the Access to Justice panel. Potential clients are referred to 57 attorneys for pro-bono or reduced fee. Some of these attorneys have requested that only 2 or 3 potential clients be referred per month/year. However, there is no feedback as to how many of the potential clients referred to the Access to Justice panel actually receive legal services.

**Referred to Lawyers Care, Legal Aid and Other:** Represent the number of callers that didn't meet the clinic guidelines for legal representation or the nature of their case was not appropriate for the clinical services and were referred to other alternative legal resources, i.e., Public Defender, Catholic Charities of NM, Lawyer Referral for the Elderly, Child Support Enforcement Division, Children's Court.
## Externships Enrollment

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### Externships Enrollment

![Bar chart showing enrollment for each semester and department]
GUANAJUATO SUMMER PROGRAM

The Summer Law Institute in Guanajuato is sponsored by a consortium of law schools, which includes UNM, Texas Tech University, Southwestern University, and the Universidad de Guanajuato. It is administered in cooperation with the Latin American and Iberian Institute. In Summer 2008, the program enrolled 48 students. Of the students who attended the program 7 were from UNM, 16 from Texas Tech, 4 from Southwestern, 3 from the Universidad de Guanajuato and 17 were students who attend other U.S. law schools. One person who attended was an academic from Austria working on her advanced degree.

In addition, the 2008 Guanajuato Summer Law Institute offered a two-week externship program for students already enrolled in the four-week program. Eight students participated, two of whom were from UNM Law School.

The Consortium deans met at Texas Tech University to review this year’s program and to plan for next year.

The 2009 program will be held from Sunday, May 30th to Sunday, June 27, 2009. The externship program dates are June 28-July 11, 2009.

The following courses will be offered:

Overview of Mexican Business Law
NAFTA and Trade in the Americas
Impact of Economic and Social Issues on Mexican Legal Systems
Latin American Law
Global Issues in Financial Institution Regulation

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez is stepping down as director and Professor Sergio Pareja will serve as director in 2009. We are thinking about a rotation of the directorship in future years. Additional future plans include enhancing recruitment of students from other countries and Mexico and continuing and strengthening the simultaneous interpretation. The program has generated income to UNM which we have used for scholarship support for students from UNM to attend.

LAW LIBRARY

During 2007-08, the Law Library continued to support the curricular and research functions of the Law School community and citizens of the State of New Mexico.

ACCREDITATION

The Library prepared a self-study as part of an ABA accreditation process and was visited in November 2007 by a site inspection team comprised of ABA and AALS representatives. The Library fared well in the ABA and AALS reports, aside from the AALS visitor noting our lack of shelf space on the lower level.
PERSONNEL

Faculty
Ongoing searches were wrapped up to fill three vacant library faculty positions. Marcia Baker was hired on August 1st, Ernesto Longa on September 1st, and Theresa Strike on December 1st. All of the new faculty members were appointed to tenure-track positions. Sherri Thomas, who had been with us on a Visiting Librarian appointment, also accepted a tenure-track position on November 15th. At the close of the academic year, all of the Library’s faculty positions were filled. The Library faculty created a faculty handbook and revised its orientation procedures. A new Promotion and Tenure policy was adopted by the Library faculty and approved by the Law School Faculty Affairs Committee. All of the Law librarians participated widely in training and professional/career development activities throughout the year.

Staff
Two new part-time staff positions were created to assist with serials in Technical Services, and to assist with circulation in Access Services. Andrea Lujan and Moses Moya were hired as Library Technical Assistants to fill these respective positions. In 2007, Jeanette Hennie completed a career ladder and was promoted to an LIS 2, effective December 1, 2007, in recognition of her increased responsibilities within the Access Services Department. Adam Byrd completed a career ladder and was promoted to an LIS 3, effective November 1, 2007, in recognition of his increased responsibilities for web and electronic services. In May 2008, Carolyn Kelly was promoted to Technical Services Coordinator; she was formally promoted a grade by the University’s Human Relations Department, effective June 2008, following a review of her new duties. All of the staff participated widely in training and professional/career development activities throughout the year. A special emphasis was placed on emergency procedures training, and the staff worked diligently to revise our emergency procedures manual.

SERVICE, INSTRUCTION, AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES
The Library was open to the public an average of 90 hours per week. The Library gate counted 117,417 patron visits, which was consistent with the number in recent years. The Library checked out or renewed 11,251 items and loaned 264 items to other libraries around the country. The Library Circulation Desk continued to be staffed by a mix of permanent Library staff and part-time Law student employees.

The Law librarians provided reference service from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mondays- Fridays, and from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays, for a total of 49 hours. Law student employees also assisted patrons with their research requests. A program to provide reference service once weekly from within the Law School Clinic was continued throughout the year. The breakdown of the reference questions taken at the Reference Desk was as follows: 695 Law students (21%), 1,604 members of the public (49%), 507 bar members (16%), and 463 other (14%), for a total of 3,269 questions answered at the Reference Desk.

Services provided to Law faculty away from the Reference Desk were separately counted. The Law librarians completed 221 requests for faculty research assistance. Librarian-supervised Law student research assistants assisted the librarians in this work. The Law Library also delivered 877 books and articles to Law faculty during the year. This work was supported in part by the
Law Library interlibrary loan (ILL) team, which placed requests for 448 items for Law faculty and students. When added to the 591 other ILL requests received this year, the ILL team processed 1,039 requests.

Law faculty assistance, ILL work, and general reference questions totaled at least 5,406 instances of support provided by the Law librarians and the Library staff in 2007-08, not counting instruction.

The Law Library continued to offer a range of research instruction opportunities for Law School faculty and staff and for other groups. The Law librarians taught two sections of Advanced Legal Research classes in the Law School during 2007-08. The librarians also offered separate classes in International Legal Research, Indian Law Research, and Natural Resources Law research. In addition, the Library director taught Wills and Trusts. The Law librarians provided research instruction on New Mexico practice and primary materials as part of the Law School Clinic orientation. Training sessions also included tours and informal classes for paralegal students from CNMCC and for undergraduate and graduate students from other programs at the University. In their role as educators, the Law Library faculty provided a total of 136 distinct training sessions in 2007-08, for a total of 1,367 attendees.

The Law librarians held a legal research instruction retreat, which they try to do each summer before school begins. It provided them with a forum to exchange teaching ideas and to discuss ways in which legal research instruction services could be improved. Following a decision reached at the retreat, the librarians submitted a successful proposal to the Curriculum Committee to begin offering one-credit legal research classes, and to make them available to first year students who complete Legal Research, Reasoning, and Writing in the fall semester.

Although the Law Library provides many services for citizens who come to the building to use the collection and databases, the Library also continued its community outreach program in 2007-08 to increase citizen access to legal information. In providing these services, the Law librarians continued to work together with the Law librarians at the Supreme Court Law Library in Santa Fe, who also have an outreach program, to maximize the effectiveness and impact of both programs. As part of this program, Eileen Cohen provided four training sessions for non-law librarians and community groups in areas outside of Albuquerque and around the state. These efforts maximize the State's investment in the Law Library by making its resources and services available to greater numbers of New Mexico citizens.

The Law librarians also continued to participate in the State Bar's Access to Justice Program, which develops standardized forms for pro se patrons to use in the local Metro court system. These forms are available to the public from the Law Library and Court Clerk offices.

**COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND PRINT PRESERVATION**

The UNM Law Library continues to house the largest academic legal research collection in the State of New Mexico. In 2007-08, the Law librarians continued their collaborative development of the collection, and the Library staff continued to maintain the collection and make it available to legal researchers. The Library added 4,056 new volumes in print and microform formats to the
collection. At the end of the fiscal year, the Library held 431,576 volumes in print and microform formats, placing it in the “large” library category under ABA accreditation standards.

The librarians made plans in 2007-08 to undertake a collection shift in the next academic year. The current treatises will be moved to the upper floor, which will help alleviate the lack of shelf space on the lower floor.

The librarians continued to work with the Desert States Law Library Consortium to plan for cooperative collection development on a regional basis. The Desert States group continued to pledge to share collection resources among the Desert States libraries. In addition, the Desert States group started an ambitious initiative to preserve print copies of primary legal materials from the states represented by Desert States: Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. In 2007, Consortium members undertook the first step of the project and began to inventory the pre-statehood and primary legal materials from their six states. Ultimately, the Consortium members seek to use this information to establish print repositories of primary legal material, which will allow member libraries to safely lease electronic access to these materials without also having to individually maintain print copies. Such a repository will ameliorate the risk of loss of access to materials associated with relying solely on commercial database vendors for access.

Processing and indexing the Gov. Bruce King Archives was completed at the end of June 2008. The processing was done under a contract with the archivists at UNM’s Center for Southwest Research. The collection is now housed in the Law Library, where it can be accessed by researchers.

The faculty Library Committee approved an archives collection policy.

FACILITIES
New chairs for the Law Library were purchased, and the student study rooms received new carpet and furniture. Next year, the University is tentatively scheduled to replace the carpet on the lower level of the Library, as well as install a fire suppression system throughout the Library. The Library is also seeking funds for the installation of more compact shelving on the lower level.

TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES
The Law Library continues to be a leader among academic libraries nationally in spending on electronic legal information licenses, making 89 separate licenses available to library patrons in 2007-08. The Library continues to offer many public licenses for legal research databases, which are accessible via eight PCs for public access, as well as provide word processing and Internet access for the public. The Law Library’s licensed databases are also listed in the University Libraries’ database management system to ensure campus-wide—and in some cases branch library—access to these resources.

The Law Library redid its web page and continues to use it to provide remote access to databases for Law faculty and students. In 2007-08, the Law Library home page had 211,403 hits, which was a 60% increase over the previous year.
The Law librarians also continued to use its Faculty Research Requests Database to manage the faculty research and document delivery work reported in the Services section above. The librarians continue to report that the database is an integral tool in these efforts.

The Law Library continued to promote the use of UNM’s institutional repository (DSpace) as a means of preserving electronic scholarly and teaching materials created by the Law faculty. The Law Library and Law School together now have a total of 693 digital items archived in this repository. A growing number of faculty members are archiving their scholarship in the repository. Librarian Ernesto Longa has been instrumental in encouraging faculty to use the repository. The faculty Library Committee also approved a new policy governing Law student use of the repository.

Ernesto Longa is also collaborating with the New Mexico Office of the State Historian to digitize land grant materials. The project aims to make primary and secondary materials relevant to land grant research in New Mexico freely available through the Office of the State Historian’s Digital Project website. Items that have been or are in the process of being digitized by the Law Library include: J.J. Bowden, Private Land Claims in the Southwest (1969; 6 volumes); Matthew Reynolds, Spanish and Mexican Land Laws: New Spain and Mexico (1895); transcripts of the records and briefs for all New Mexico land grant cases appealed from the United States Court of Private Land Claims to the United States Supreme Court; and United States House and Senate documents that address private land claims in New Mexico.

**LIBRARY FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**


Librarian, Sherri Thomas, published *Premeditated Management: The Law Library as a Long-Term Project*, Chapter in *Inside The Minds: How To Manage A Law School Library*, Aspatore Books (Forthcoming Spring 2008); *I thought it was called “The Big Easy”*, RIPS Newsletter (Forthcoming Spring 2008); *Letter From the Chair*, Native Peoples Law Caucus Newsletter, Summer 2007, at 1; and *Indian Law on State Bar Exams*, Native Peoples Law Caucus Newsletter, Summer 2007, at 4.


**LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OF LIBRARY FACULTY**

Director, Carol Parker, served on the Curriculum Committee and chaired the Library and Instructional Technology Committee. Associate Director, Michelle Rigual, served on the
Academic Support Committee and chaired a Law Library Search Committee. Librarian, Eileen Cohen, served on the Natural Resources Committee. Librarian, Sherri Thomas, served on the Indian Law Faculty Committee, the Indian Law Certificate Committee, the Library and Instructional Technology Committee, and the Ulton Center’s Winters Centennial Conference Planning Committee.

**UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES OF LIBRARY FACULTY**

The Law librarians continued to collaborate with the librarians at the Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center and University Libraries System, and served on various University committees. Library Director, Carol Parker, served as the Law School’s representative to the Faculty Senate. She and Librarian, Ernesto Longa, served on the Planning Committee, 6th Annual UNM Scholarly Communications Symposium. Librarian, Sherri Thomas, provided legal research instruction on Indian law topics for special events, as requested by the University Libraries.

**OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF LIBRARY FACULTY**

Director, Carol Parker, hosted the semi-annual Desert States Law Library Consortium meeting which was held at the UNM Law Library in November 2007. She assumed responsibility for maintaining the Consortium’s website, and redesigned it with the help of Adam Byrd. She also attended the Desert States Law Library Consortium meeting held in Laramie, WY, in May 2008, and the AALS Law Library Directors Workshop in Cleveland in June 2008. Prof. Parker attended the New Mexico State Bar Probate Institute in September 2007, and continued to serve as a board member for the Association of Academic Research Libraries of New Mexico. Carol Parker and Law Librarian, Michelle Rigual, are co-chairing the Local Arrangements Committee for the SWALL 2009 Annual Meeting. In 2007-08, they began the work of bringing this conference to Albuquerque.

Associate Director, Michelle Rigual, attended the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) annual meeting in New Orleans in July 2007, where she coordinated and moderated an educational program entitled “When Nature Strikes.” She continued to serve as both Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor of AALL’s Research, Instruction, and Patron Services Special Interest Section. Also in July 2007, she provided legal research training for the Institute for Paralegal Education. She attended the semi-annual Desert States Law Library Consortium meeting in Albuquerque in November. In December 2007, Prof. Rigual provided two CLEs on the topic of legal research for New Mexico bar members--one in Santa Fe and one in Albuquerque. She attended the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) Annual Conference in April 2008 in Galveston, Texas, where she presented an educational session on "The Law of Cruise Ships" and an informational session on the 2009 Annual Meeting. She served SWALL as both Secretary and Public Relations Committee Chair.

Librarian, Eileen Cohen, attended the NMLA Conference in April 2008, where she presented “Finding New Mexico Legal Forms on the Web.” She also attended the MALL annual meeting in Fall 2007, and served on the SWALL Programming Committee for its 2008 meeting. She also served on the Desert States Law Library Consortium’s Resource Sharing Committee, and the New Mexico AARL Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Committees.
Librarian, Sherri Thomas, attended the AALL Annual Conference in New Orleans, and the Federal Indian Bar Conference in the past year. She served on the Federal Indian Bar’s State Bar Exams Committee. She also served on the State Bar of New Mexico’s Access to Justice Committee, and served as the Chair of the American Association of Law Libraries’ Native Peoples Law Caucus.

Librarian, Ernesto Longa, attended the Digital Preservation Conference in June 2008, and used a UNM Research Allocation Committee (RAC) grant to conduct research at the University of Michigan, May 25-31, and at the Humanities and Social Science Libraries of the New York Public Library, June 15-21, 2008.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Information Technology Department and Media Center major accomplishments during the 07/08 fiscal year can be broken down into the following categories: Hardware, Software, Service and Professional Development.

**HARDWARE**

IT staff installed 40 new computers, using a new rapid imaging solution (“multi-casting”), bypassing time-consuming setup procedures. 40 older model computers were re-imaged and redeployed to replace obsolete equipment. A computer was installed on the Law Library’s Fiche machine so fiche images could be saved electronically. A major project IT staff participated in was collaborating with various vendors for the successful implementation of a new Library copy and print system for public patron and law student use.

IT staff researched various digital signage solutions, collaborating with other UNM departments to determine if an Enterprise solution was available. As it was not, the IT department purchased two Samsung displays for installation at each of the law school entrances. The digital displays provide information on law school events and locations and are managed by IT staff.

IT equipment was installed in the largest lecture rooms, providing easier access to projectors and computers for classes and other events. A 47” flat panel TV was placed in one classroom, providing an alternative to a traditional projector setup.

**SOFTWARE**

Building maps were produced and posted on the law school’s intranet for internal use using drawings provided by Facility Planning. The Law Clinic’s case management system, Amicus Attorney, was upgraded to a newer version, providing significant stability in the underlying database.

Several improvements were made to the law school’s web site. The entire site was converted to run from one template, simplifying maintenance. Many new features and pages were added to both the intranet and the external-facing site.

An application was written to provide admitted students access to our web site in a secured area, satisfying an Admissions Department need. The Law Library’s web files were moved to the
Library’s storage server and the library’s web master began maintenance of their site. The law school set up a virtual server to provide synchronization against our Exchange email server for smart phones. The law school’s wireless network was reconfigured to be part of Enterprise wireless system.

A new version of the Lyris Listmanager software was installed, allowing targeted marketing for the Alumni/Development office. IT staff provided support and training to both the Technical Writer and the Development Director.

**Service**

The law school underwent an ABA Accreditation process during the 07/08 fiscal year. IT staff provided considerable user support to the faculty support staff responsible for collating data into a Self Study. The IT Manager wrote the Information Technology and Media Center sections of the report.

IT department staff negotiated with a local photographer to significantly reduce the price of photographing the entire first-year class and made all the arrangements for the in-house shoot. Faculty were also provided the opportunity to have their professional photos redone by the same photographer.

**Professional Development**

IT staff participated in various committees and presentations throughout the year. Staff attended presentations on Windows Vista and use of Office 2007 in the legal environment. One employee attended the national CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) conference in Nevada. Main campus committee participation included Information Architects, Identity Management, Active Directory Technical Committee (two staff), Enterprise Wireless Committee, IT Agents and IT UNM. The IT manager is the co-chair of the Active Directory Technical Committee and is chair of Enterprise Wireless Committee. The IT manager also participates in the law school’s Library and Instructional Technology and Clinic Technology committees. She attended the Law School Leadership retreat, attended by the Deans and other leadership staff.

**Media Center**

A 25+ year employee retired in the fall of 2007, leaving the Media Center with just one employee. Human Resources was consulted and a joint decision was made to reclassify the vacancy as a Multimedia Assistant, a job which better reflects departmental needs. That position was advertised in the fall. 47 applications were received and eleven were selected for interviews. The successful candidate was Tony Anderson, who was hired in January 2008.

The Media Center continued the transition from analog to digital recording. Arts Talk, the television show hosted by a law school faculty member, was completed transitioned to digital recording and title adding. A media server was installed for posting digital content for students, faculty, and staff. Years of analog footage is being converted to digital format and is being catalogued. The Media Center performed a thorough “house cleaning”, replacing obsolete and/or broken equipment with reliable new projectors, cameras, etc. An IP-based video conferencing system was secured for law school use.
FUTURE SHORT-TERM PROJECTS

The law school’s lack of technology in classrooms is an accreditation issue mentioned in the ABA report. Historically, funding has not permitted permanent equipment installation such as projectors and computers; equipment is placed on portable carts which are taken to classrooms upon request. The law school is currently working with main campus to procure additional funding for classroom technology. As part of that project, technology needs have been identified and prioritized. Quotes to remodel two moot courtrooms and to equipment them with courtroom technology, including real-time transcription, have been obtained. Other classes will be equipped with ceiling-mounted projectors and lecterns with computers/computer hookups.

Additional wireless access points are scheduled to be installed before winter break, providing better wireless coverage to various classrooms.

The calendar used for tracking events and published to the law school web site expires in 2009 and is no longer available. The law school hopes to use the SUB’s EMS scheduling program to solve this and other scheduling needs.

NEW MEXICO LAW REVIEW

During the 2007–08 school year, the New Mexico Law Review oversaw the publication of three issues for Volume 38: No’s. 1 and 2 contained articles from scholars around the country; No. 3 was a student-articles issue composed chiefly of case notes analyzing recent New Mexico court decisions.

Law Review articles in this period covered a wide range of pressing legal and public policy issues, including the death penalty, immigration, hazardous waste cleanup, intellectual property, consumer law, Indian law, and the protection of archaeological resources. They also addressed issues of particular interest to legal practitioners, including civil procedure, evidence, and criminal procedure. Some of these pieces were cross-disciplinary studies explaining the implications of recent developments in cognitive psychology for established legal doctrines. Of special note for this period, our second issue was dedicated to Professor Jim Ellis for his long career of work on behalf of individuals with mental disabilities.

For the student-articles issue, each Law Review staff member submitted a scholarly article of publishable quality. Working closely with two student editors and a faculty advisor, each staff member developed a theme, carried out a research plan, and completed a full-length scholarly work. These articles covered topics from constitutional torts to the financing of art; many were based on an analysis of cases decided in the state.

On other fronts, noting that the Law Review receives thousands of article submissions annually, this year we instituted a “paperless” article review system, eliminating the need to print every submitted article. Further, the Review organized, along with the Natural Resources Journal and the Tribal Law Journal, the second annual Journal Appreciation Reception. Finally, the UNM journals collaborated on 1L recruitment efforts, an endeavor that builds on the cooperative relationship the three journals’ participants traditionally enjoy.
The 2007-08 publications were the result of hard work on the part of the Law Review student members, as well as our faculty advisor, Michael Browde, our longtime publication administrator, Susan Tackman (now retired), our new administrator, Lynne Arany, and our business manager, Jessica Leary.

**NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL**

In the reporting period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, the *Natural Resources Journal* published four issues, Volume 47, Numbers 1 through 4. Each issue included an introductory essay showcasing innovative ideas in natural resource scholarship followed by several substantive academic pieces and reviews of recent natural resource literature.

True to the Journal’s mission of bringing together natural resources scholarship from many perspectives and disciplines, content varied greatly between issues. Articles addressed topics including climate change, tribal involvement in the management of the Great Lakes, methods for valuing ecosystem services, international criminal law as applied to resource exploitation in Africa, and collaborative forest management in New Mexico. Volume 47, No. 3, was devoted to the research presented at a symposium co-sponsored by the Natural Resources Journal and the Utton Center on the laws, policies, and management of the reservoirs along the Rio Grande River in New Mexico.

During the past year, the Journal continued its recently established pattern of sponsoring one conference per period. On April 12, 2008, the Journal presented “New Mexico’s Land Grants & the Law,” a symposium on the contentious legal histories of the state’s Spanish and Mexican land grants. Speakers included both national experts and new voices in the field, and the event drew an audience of over 90 people from across the state. Videos and materials from the symposium are available on the Journal’s webpage, and the papers are being edited for publication in Volume 48, No. 4, of the *Natural Resources Journal*, which will be issued during the next publishing period.

Making many of the symposium materials available online is an initial step toward re-establishing the Journal’s prominence in the rapidly changing world of academic publications. As we move forward, the Natural Resources Journal is committed to maintaining its longstanding tradition of excellence among academic natural resource publications while finding a niche in which its unique vision will thrive. Working with an international array of authors, including experts and leaders in a wide range of disciplines, the Journal continues to recruit and receive essay and article submissions across the growing body of critical natural resource topics.

Finally, during the last reporting period, long-time Faculty Editor Em Hall and Managing Editor Susan Tackman retired from their posts, and the leadership of the Natural Resources Journal passed to new Faculty Editor Reed Benson and Managing Editor Lynne Arany.
The mission of the Utton Transboundary Resources Center is to promote equitable and sustainable management of natural resources that are shared or that cross political jurisdictions or tribal boundaries. To this end, the Utton Center applies impartial expertise, multi-disciplinary research and analysis, and preventive diplomacy by bringing parties together in neutral forums for discussion and consideration of collaborative approaches to management of shared resources. We work with communities sharing resources through collaborative processes and a multi-disciplinary approach. In addition, we engage in creative scholarship on effective resource management and disseminate our research and experience through conferences and publications. Our work on transboundary issues applies to water and other resource management issues both within and beyond the State of New Mexico, including work that is interstate or international in scope.

**SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING 2007-2008**

**New Mexico Water Law & Policy**

**Joe M Stell Water Ombudsman Program**

The Joe M Stell Water Ombudsman Program is a statewide program that provides information and procedural guidance about the adjudication of water rights to individual owners or claimants across the State of New Mexico. Established in 2005 with a small amount of funding from the New Mexico State Legislature, in 2007 the Program was significantly expanded and named in honor of long-time State Representative Joe M Stell.

Having started out in the Lower Rio Grande adjudication, the Program expanded this year to four additional adjudications in areas around New Mexico, in both state and federal courts: the San Juan, the Nambe/Pojoaque/Tesuque, the Zuni, and the Jemez adjudications. It expects to begin work in the Red River, the Chama, and the Pecos adjudications before the end of the 2008 calendar year.

The main purpose of the Program is to encourage non-responding claimants to participate in adjudications and to answer claimant questions about the adjudication process and progress. The Program provides Spanish and English telephone support through toll-free numbers and outreach telephone calls to designated populations. The Program also produces and distributes thousands of instructional flyers and post cards, and assists courts in editing documents, which are directed in part or in whole, to claimants. To date the Program has contacted a few thousand claimants.

The Program expanded its website to include a page for each major adjudication. These web pages provide adjudication information in Spanish and English, and hyperlinks to other relevant websites, forms and other resources. Each adjudication page also includes instructions for understanding and completing documents sent to claimants by the Office of the State Engineer. The website has entertained several hundred hits this reporting year.

In the spring of 2008, the Ombudsman Program developed and implemented a pre-mediation service for the San Juan and Lower Rio Grande courts. The first court referrals under this service arrived from the Lower Rio Grande court the end of June 2008, and the first referrals from the
San Juan court are expected in the fall of 2008. Over one hundred mediation contacts through the pre-mediation service are expected in the upcoming year.

The Lower Rio Grande court also asked the Ombudsman Program to develop a training program for court-assigned water adjudication mediators. The Program worked with the court’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Department and implemented quarterly mediator training sessions conducted by the Ombudsman Program Director. The Program has also been asked to assist the San Juan adjudication mediator.

**Land and Water Connection**
The Utton Center is a participant in a group of experts meeting monthly to explore the nexus between land use and availability of water in New Mexico. The group is planning to develop and strengthen state and local legislative policy by preparing information for elected officials and other policy-makers.

**Land and Water Planning in the Middle Valley**
The Utton Center convened a planning committee for a one-day workshop on the land-water connection and ways to integrate land use and water planning, particularly in the Middle Rio Grande Valley growth corridor. The workshop is scheduled for October 17, 2008. A workshop report will be prepared and distributed widely, which will summarize the presentations and discussions of the group. It is hoped the outcome will provide guidance for future legislation and policy initiatives.

**Law and Policy of the Rio Grande Reservoirs**
Working with the staff of the *Natural Resources Journal*, the Utton Center completed compilation and editing of papers on reservoirs that were published in the *Natural Resources Journal* in late 2007 (Summer 2007, Vol. 47, No. 3). This culminated the Utton Center’s work, organizing a groundbreaking symposium on this topic at the UNM School of Law the preceding year. The *Journal* is circulated to approximately one thousand people in the academic and legal communities throughout the United States.

**Upstream-Downstream Project**
The Utton Center continues to act as a partner to the New Mexico Water Dialogue and Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) in promoting coordination among the three regional water-planning units along the Middle Rio Grande. This complex project involves elected and appointed officials, water management agencies, sustainability advocates, and planners. The Utton Center provides neutral expertise towards integration of some aspects of the regional plans. This work is essential because the Middle Rio Grande Basin contains one-half the population of the State, in both rural and urban communities, and potentially faces severe future water deficits.

In 2007-08 the Utton Center served as a communications link between the ISC and the planning groups in developing a state contract for analysis across the three regional plans. The State may pursue full integration of the water budgets in the regions based on this initiative. Basin-wide representatives continue to explore opportunities to jointly pursue implementation of plan policies and resolve inconsistencies among the plans.
National Projects

Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program
The Associate Director continued to represent the University of New Mexico on the Species Water Management Standing Workgroup of this Program. The Program is made up of representatives of federal, state, tribal and other interests. It is intended to address water supply, science, and habitat restoration in the Middle Rio Grande so that progress can be made in the recovery of endangered species while not impairing water rights and use. The workgroup funds studies and improved water management and operations programs in the Middle Rio Grande. The Utton Center continues to advocate for improved reservoir management and has been instrumental in encouraging the state and federal agencies to examine improved reservoir storage options.

"Winters" Centennial Conference
The Utton Center, in cooperation with the American Indian Law Center, Inc., convened a major national conference June 9-12, 2008, marking the 100th anniversary of the landmark Indian water rights case Winters v. United States. The conference, held at the Pueblo of Santa Ana’s Hyatt Tamaya Resort, reviewed the legal and cultural history of the Winters decision, assessed the contemporary consequences of the decision (both nationally and internationally), and projected the impact of Indian water rights settlements into the 21st century. With a distinguished lineup of speakers from federal and state government, Indian tribes, and leading scholars and engineering firms, the conference drew 208 participants from all over the United States, including approximately 70 pueblo and tribal leaders and senior New Mexico state officials, including the State Engineer and the Attorney General. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne addressed the conference via video. The proceedings of the conference were video taped and are available on a set of DVDs. Two conference-organizing committees are collecting papers from conference participants and others, which will be published by the UNM Press.

International Projects

Border Governors Conference Water Table
The Utton Center continued to serve as the New Mexico representative to the water table of the Border Governors Conference (BGC), which deals with water issues of mutual interest to the U.S. and Mexico. The Associate Director presented a bi-national map of border water resources at the September 2007 BGC, held in Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico. The map was developed in cooperation with the four U.S. and six Mexican border states with the assistance of the UNM Water Resources Program. The Utton Center Director participated in several conference calls and a meeting of the water table in preparation for the August 2008 BGC.

Dividing the Waters Conference
The Utton Center is a partner in planning the Dividing the Waters conference to be held in El Paso, Texas in November 2008. Dividing the Waters is an organization for judges and special masters who are responsible for many of the water adjudication proceedings in the West. The Utton Center is collaborating with Dividing the Waters in developing the conference program and in planning field education activities related to U.S.-Mexico issues. This project utilizes the Utton Center’s expertise in border affairs, and also provides an opportunity to introduce the work of the Utton Center to the western states water judges and water masters.
New Mexico/Chihuahua Border Commission
The Utton Center Director and Associate Director continue to represent New Mexico on the Water Work Table of the New Mexico-Chihuahua Commission. One goal of the Water Work Table is to facilitate dialogue between New Mexican and Chihuahuan agricultural groups and to highlight new technologies in the hopes of improving techniques for conserving water. In October 2007, the Utton Center organized a 3-day educational visit to the Middle Rio Grande region for irrigators and government officials from Chihuahua. This involved many participants, including the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, the Alcalde Research Station and the New Mexico Acequia Association. The Utton Center also coordinated a meeting in Juarez, Mexico between New Mexico water officials and their counterparts from Chihuahua and Ciudad Juarez to become better informed about Mexico’s plan for development of groundwater in the Mesilla Bolson just south of New Mexico near Santa Teresa.

Universities Partnership for Transboundary Waters
The Utton Center continues to be a member of this international consortium of universities, providing training to stakeholders in issues regarding transboundary management.

Transboundary Preventive Diplomacy
Model Interstate Water Compact
The Utton Center developed and completed work on this model compact during 2006-07. In this year of reporting, the lead drafter submitted a manuscript for a UNM Press book publication of the compact and commentary. Discussions continue with academic institutions and experts around the country concerning how to use the model compact to assist in resolving interstate water controversies.

Education
Annual Water Policy Conferences
The Utton Center in conjunction with the New Mexico State Bar offers Continuing Legal Education courses on transboundary resource law and policy. This year the Winters Centennial conference described above took the place of a standard CLE program.

Decision-Makers Field Guide Collaboration
The Associate Director contributed an article to New Mexico Tech’s Decision-Makers Field Guide 2007: Water Resources of the Middle Rio Grande. The Associate Director is also a key participant in shaping New Mexico Tech’s Decision-Makers Field Guide 2009 on Albuquerque area natural resource issues and policy. This is an important conference and publication, aimed at New Mexico State legislators, the Congressional delegation, and other officials in the State. The Associate Director will also contribute an article on water administration.

Biography of Albert E. Utton
The Utton Center is continuing to assist with a biography of Professor Albert E. Utton, covering his life, career and intellectual contributions. This work is being researched and written by Michele Minnis, UNM Water Resources Program retired professor and former colleague of Professor Utton.
New Mexico State Bar (SONREEL)
The University of New Mexico School of Law faculty and Utton Center work jointly with the New Mexico State Bar Section on Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law (SONREEL) on its annual Continuing Legal Education Program. The Utton Center Director is a member of the executive committee of the section. In particular, the Director advised the planning committee for an upcoming October 2008 CLE program on climate change law.

Newsletter/Website
The Utton Center contributed a section to UNM Law, the alumni magazine for the University of New Mexico School of Law. The Utton Center also maintains a website which contains documentation of past projects, conference proceedings, and information about current projects at http://uttoncenter.unm.edu.

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
The Utton Center Director continues to serve as the UNM School of Law trustee for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

“Water Matters!”
The Utton Center compiles informative articles on a variety of New Mexico water law topics as a primer and quick reference for State legislators. The articles and maps are concise, yet illustrate the varying perspectives on New Mexico’s water challenges, ranging from urban supply and demand to the issues facing rural New Mexico. It is expanded and updated every year. The January 2008 edition was distributed to all State legislators and other officials, approximately 250 in total. It acknowledged the work of Senator Carlos Cisneros and added articles on Indian water rights and acequias, including other articles. Work also began during this reporting year on the 2009 edition of Water Matters!

Significant Plans for 2008-2009
Most of the projects and activities described above for this reporting year will continue throughout the 2008-2009 reporting year.

The Joe M Stell Ombudsman Program at the Utton Center continues to develop and expand to meet the needs of its constituents. Most of the projects and activities described above for this reporting year will continue throughout the 2008-2009 reporting year. In addition, the Program, with NMSU videography services, will begin production of a multi-part educational DVD that can be used throughout the state and is expected to take a few years to complete. As noted above, the Program expects to begin participating in three new adjudications in 2008-09. It will continue to develop the pre-mediation program, community outreach and mediator training program. To provide its services in multiple adjudications, the Program will work with the State Legislature to identify funding needs to support additional professional and support staff.

UNM Press will publish the proceedings of the Winters Centennial conference, with additional scholarly articles submitted in response to a call for papers. The videotaped proceedings will be distributed to interested parties. Other follow up to the conference will occur. For example, exchanges on natural resource issues may be planned among tribes from diverse geographic regions of the country and how to approach Indian water rights settlements.
In the upcoming reporting year, the Utton Center intends to use its expertise and preventive diplomacy in support of state and civic activities in New Mexico, studying and developing policy recommendations for adapting the management of the State’s resources to current and expected patterns of climate change. This work could also profitably include collaboration with Mexico on water resources management aspects of climate change.

The Utton Center has a proposal pending to work with a researcher at NMSU and other experts on developing a system of science advisory councils for U.S. and Mexican sub-basins of the Rio Grande. Another pending proposal is to organize a one-day symposium on the history, implementation, and future of the La Paz agreement for environmental cooperation between the United States and Mexico to mark the 25th anniversary of the La Paz agreement.

The Utton Center will continue to partner with the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and New Mexico Water Dialogue in efforts to coordinate water-planning activities in the Middle Rio Grande Basin. This will most likely be a long-term effort. It includes representation from most of the major water managers and jurisdictions in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. Security in future water supply is critical to sustainable growth and economic stability in the region.

The Utton Center will convene a workshop in October 2008 at UNM on the land-water connection and explore ways to improve integration of land use and water planning. It is hoped the outcome will provide guidance for future legislation and policy initiatives.

Staff attorneys at the Utton Center are sharing responsibility for teaching an advanced water law course at UNM School of Law in the spring 2009 semester. This will strengthen the law school’s Natural Resources Program and also provide a link to Utton Center projects that the students may be interested in working on.

**APPOINTMENTS TO/SEPARATIONS OF FACULTY/STAFF**

In 2006, the previous Director, Marilyn O’Leary, announced her intention to retire and retired effective June 30, 2007. After a nationwide search was conducted, Dean Scarnecchia appointed Sanford E. Gaines as the new Director of the Utton Center, effective July 1, 2007.

Additional legislative funding for the Utton Center allowed the creation of a Program Director position for the Ombudsman Program. Darcy Bushnell was hired for this position and joined the Utton Center staff December 2007.

Long-time Center Administrator Ruth Singer retired effective January 30, 2008. Pamela Phelan was hired as Administrator and joined the staff of the Utton Center in February 2008.

**PUBLICATIONS OF THE UTTON CENTER**

- Border Governors Conference - State of New Mexico report on critical water issues between the border states.
• “Modeling Reservoir Storage Scenarios,” *Natural Resources Journal* (Summer 2007, Vol. 47, No. 3).
• *UNM Law* - contribution of articles about the Ulton Center and Natural Resources Program.
• *Water Matters!*, Background on Selected Water Issues for Members of the 48th New Mexico Legislature 2nd session - 2008.
• *Winters* Centennial Conference Program, brochure, and proceedings DVD.

*Water Matters!* will continue to be updated. Additional papers and maps are being developed for the 2009 legislative session.

**OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF FACULTY/STAFF**  
Sanford E. Gaines, Director, is an attorney. During this reporting year, Mr. Gaines contributed to seminar teaching materials and was a member of the seminar teaching staff for a graduate seminar on wind energy development in coastal areas for the Masters in Energy and Environmental Law program of the University of Aarhus, Denmark, September 2007. He also presented a paper at a St. Louis University School of Law symposium, “The Changing Tide of Trade,” April 2008.

Susan Kelly, Associate Director, is an attorney and active in several professional organizations, including a member of the New Mexico State Bar, American Planning Association, American Institute of Certified Planners, and American Water Resources Association.

Darcy S. Bushnell, Program Director, Joe M Stell Water Ombudsman Program, is an attorney and a member of the New Mexico State Bar Association.

**OUTSIDE SPONSORED RESEARCH**  
**McCune Charitable Foundation**  
Amount: [Per the terms of the grant, the grant amount can not be disclosed.]
Duration: 1 year.
Purpose: Support of the *Winters* Centennial Conference held June 9-12, 2008.

**Healy Foundation**  
Amount: $15,000.
Duration: 1 year.
Purpose: Support of the *Winters* Centennial Conference held June 9-12, 2008.
New Mexico Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission

Amount: $10,000.
Duration: 1 month.
Purpose: To organize and present the Winters Centennial Conference June 9-12, 2008, promoting a better understanding of Indian water rights issues among lawyers, policymakers, and community members within New Mexico and the adjoining states.
Conference to foster dialogue between different communities with interests in these federal reserved water rights and related Pueblo water rights.

CAREER AND STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

The Career and Student Services Office (CSSO) at University of New Mexico Law School serves the career, professional development, and academic support needs of students and graduates of the law school as well as the employment needs of law firms, government agencies and non-profit groups in the state and beyond.

During the period covered by this report, the law school underwent a successful accreditation process by the American Bar Association, and the CSSO was integral to that outcome. Assistant Dean for Career Services John Feldman and Assistant Dean for Student Services Bonnie Stepleton contributed to the writing of the self study made available to the accreditation team in advance of their visit. Specifically, Dean Feldman wrote sections of the report about career services and pro-bono activity and Dean Stepleton wrote sections of the report about student academic support efforts. Both of them worked with members of the accreditation team during their site visit. The student comments made to the ABA accreditation team, and according to that team, showed an extraordinarily high level of student satisfaction with the CSSO in comparison with other law schools. This high student opinion of the CSSO was also reflected in the Princeton Review, a national publication ranking law schools.

Over the course of the last year, the CSSO has been involved in the lives of students and graduates in many ways. Some of the efforts of the CSSO are annual and continuing.

Examples of such continuing activity include: One-on-one career and academic counseling of law students; designing and implementing of academic support programs for students at risk; assisting students with disabilities; a formal On-Campus-Interview program; several mentoring programs, such as the State Bar Young Lawyers Division Mentorship Program; participation in local and regional career fairs; training and administrative support for student organizations and for students applying for judicial clerkships; graduation; and management of Orientation for incoming students, as well as bar exam preparedness. In addition, the CSSO continued to generate and post job opportunities for students and graduates, and to share that information with other law schools nationwide. The CSSO also has on-going information-gathering and reporting duties for the American Bar Association, the National Association for Legal Career Professionals (NALP), and numerous organizations like the National Hispanic Bar Association, and publications like U.S. News and World Report. UNM School of Law was named the top law school in the country for Hispanic students by Hispanic Business Magazine. The CSSO was
responsible for the reporting and interaction with editors of Hispanic Business before and after the rankings were made.

The figure for law graduates employed or in a full-time degree program as reported by NALP for 2007 was 94.2% for the country as a whole. This figure for UNM in 2007 was 96% employed or in a full-time degree program.

During the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, the CSSO held a number of large- and small-group workshops and panels. Some dealt with career matters and others with academic success and professionalism.

**UNDER THE HEADING OF CAREER MATTERS, THE CSSO:**

- Administered the Hugh Muir Oath Project for first year students. About half the first year class participated in this professionalism effort.
- Designed and administered an Externship Expo in conjunction with the UNM School of Law Clinic. In this program, attorneys from approximately 50 legal entities described the opportunities they had for law students to an audience of about one third of the law school student body.
- Advertised the Seth Montgomery Fellowship at the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty. The CSSO held an information session for students to hear from the Center’s legal director.
- Managed all aspects of On-Campus Interviews, from contacting and scheduling employers, to workshops for students, to arranging for interview dates, times and locations. In addition, this service of advertising postings, collecting applications and arranging for interviews on campus was provided for judges from the state Court of Appeals and Justices from the Supreme Court. Attorneys from firms were encouraged to hold information sessions about their communities and practice areas. New employers were recruited to participate.
- Prepared for the National Latina/o Law Student Association Career Fair connected with the NLLSA National Conference in Albuquerque.
- Held a seminar on applying for judicial clerkships featuring students who had successfully obtained federal clerkships for their post graduation jobs.

**EXAMPLES OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND SUCCESS EFFORTS BY THE CSSO INCLUDED:**

- Workshops on exam-taking techniques.
- Assistant Dean Stepleton advocated for and enabled the hiring of a part time English grammar and writing instructor who teaches a voluntary 8 week course in writing. In addition, Dean Stepleton facilitated coordination of the curriculum of this class with the Legal Writing supervising instructor.
- Training was formalized for tutors working with first-year students, and tutor activities were monitored.
- Several sessions on applying for and taking the New Mexico Bar exam, including representatives from the Board of Bar Commissioners. The CSSO continued to offer students to obtain fingerprints for their application at the law school. The CSSO, on behalf of the Dean, also offered coffee and food for those studying for the Bar. UNM
Law School graduates had excellent bar passage rates on the exams held during this reporting period, inside and outside this jurisdiction.

- Individual counseling and academic plans for students on probation.
- Service to alumni was expanded to include personalized assistance for people re-taking the New Mexico State Bar Exam.
- Automatic doors were installed for people with disabilities to be able to access the snack bar from the forum and the clinic entrance from the law school parking lot. Assistant Dean Stepleton has been part of the planning committee and has input regarding planned renovations which will ensure full ADA compliance and improvement of the facilities for people with disabilities.
- A series of academic support experts were invited to the law school to address faculty and to identify areas for improvement.
- Work with faculty on formalizing academic success and support programs.
- Assistant Dean Stepleton attended two conferences on Academic Support put on by the LSAC committee for Academic Support.

**Examples of on-going duties by the CSSO included:**

- Collecting and reporting data for the National Association for Law Placement, the American Bar Association, *US News and World Reports*, the *Princeton Review*, EqualJusticeWorks, and *Hispanic Business Magazine*.
- Interaction as requested by the Admissions Office with prospective students with career questions. Participation in Admissions Office open houses by putting on an hour long seminar to prospective applicants regarding the services of the Career and Student Services Office.
- Preparation of an annual budget.
- Administering various career fairs in which our students participate, including EqualJusticeWorks, Sunbelt and, this year, the NLLSA conference mentioned above.
- Assistance with recruitment efforts by military, as well as amelioration efforts by faculty and students.
- Support of 30 student organizations including helping with event planning, budgeting, meetings, dispute resolution and accounting.
- Coordinating activities of 8 moot court teams including assistance with travel, team selection and other logistics.

During the past year, the CSSO has had three full time staff members, and there has been a solidification of office duties. Coordinator Nancy Huffstutler took on additional responsibility for the detailed and time-intensive task of managing the flow of judicial clerkship applications, including the highly technical on-line application system used by the Federal judiciary. In addition, she has taken on a role in support of student organizations by being the contact person for purchases using the University's Purchase Card system.

Assistant Dean John Feldman continued to serve as the designee for the Dean on the committee of the New Mexico Department of Higher Education that administers the state Loan Repayment Assistance Plan (LRAP) for public interest lawyers. The LRAP provided assistance to public defenders, district attorneys and legal services lawyers. That state LRAP has proven to be a
success for recruitment and retention of new public service lawyers. Dean Feldman also held a seminar on the new Federal Student Loan legislation, including the public service provisions, for the wide community of public interest lawyers impacted by the new laws. He prepared a video presentation about loan repayment programs that appears on the law school web page and which provides links to resources about loan repayment programs. He added a section about fellowships to the Career Services web page. He served on various State Bar committees, and was active in supporting efforts of the State Bar to connect with law students. He participated in the Albuquerque Bar Association, and was the point of contact between the Albuquerque Chapter of American Inns of Court and the law school. He participated as a member of the Inn and assisted the Inn incorporate students as members.

Bonnie Stepleton continued to forge better working relationships with accessibility services at UNM to provide for the needs of students with physical and learning disabilities, meeting with students after their acceptance to help them from orientation forward. She also designed and managed orientation. She arranged for several students to have accommodations and met with all students on suspension. She was responsible for managing all aspects of law school graduation. She worked with student groups on organizing, fund-raising and elections issues. She worked with various outside organizations, including the Women’s’ Bar Association and the NM Bar Committee on Law Office Management. She served on the law school Academic Support Committee, helping the faculty to tackle issues of advisement and the structure of support programming.

John Feldman and Bonnie Stepleton have both worked at assisting students, staff and faculty with interpersonal, academic and workplace problems as brought to them by individuals, student organizations, or as assigned by the Dean. Both addressed accepted applicant and open house functions as requested by the office of Admissions.

Nancy Huffstutler handled a full annual cycle of on-campus interviews, judicial clerkship applications, mock interviews, and the State Bar Summer Program. This included handling of numerous calendars, arranging for space, assisting students and employers with recruitment, and she also posted information about jobs, fellowships and writing competitions. She assisted in the coordination of orientation, graduation, and the Honors and Awards ceremony.

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC LAW

The Institute of Public Law during 2007-08 continued to initiate and expand relationships with partners in government and within the university, with an emphasis on contributing to the development of sound public policy. Examples of IPL projects this year included:

- Reconstituting IPL’s Government Law Center, which this year drafted regulations and bills, and otherwise provided legal support for the Secretary of State, Public Regulation Commission, State Environment Department, Construction Industries Division and Department of Transportation;
- Publishing a new Sexual Assault Benchbook for judges and a DWI Prosecutors’ Manual;
- Organizing and hosting the Governor's Research Forum Series and the NMDOT Safety Summit;
- Contracting to provide services to support the Tourism Department's licensing responsibilities for off-highway motor vehicle instructors and guides;
- Producing a national web-based educational program for judges on the co-occurrence of domestic violence and sexual assaults, in conjunction with a national organization, Legal Momentum, with federal funding;
- In partnership with the Appleseed Foundation in Washington, D.C. developing training for parents on using the information and remedies available to them through the No Child Left Behind Act;
- Leading a university-wide effort to form a consortium of institutes, centers, faculty, students and staff to adapt the principles of collaborative governance to addressing public policy controversies; including conducting a series of workshops in the spring of 2008;
- Supporting the Health Policy Commission efforts to explore legal issues arising from proposals to protect midwives and obstetricians facing malpractice claims arising from childbirth;
- Publishing the 2007 New Mexico Child Welfare Handbook, the third edition of the bench and bar guide on child abuse and neglect, and developing and field testing a core curriculum for judges and attorneys handling abuse and neglect cases in Children's Court;
- Working with over 800 students in grades 4-12 through the Wild Friends program, a statewide voluntary, pipeline education program that integrates civics and wildlife education.
- Enhancing the scope and frequency of our orientation courses for new magistrate and municipal judges.

In addition, IPL was able to add the first new office space for our staff in over 15 years when the University remodeled the basement of the New Mexico Law Center.

IPL's continued growth this year led to our hiring additional staff and promoting others, while some staff moved on, as follows:

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Employee Classifications as of 6/30/08:

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New Hires:
- 1 Education Specialist: Judy Mondragon, 8/13/07
- 1 Administrative Assistant I: Jessica Frazer 9/05/07
- 1 Operations Specialist: Tony Cornay 9/10/07
- 3 on-call Senior Attorneys: Cristen Conley 9/17/07, Cynthia Hall 3/03/08, and Peter Klages 9/17/07;
• 1 on-call Professional/Technical Consultant: Martin Haagmans 11/14/07
• 2 Student Employees: Katryn Fraher 3/03/08, Joanna Chavez 5/14/08
• 1 Temporary Administrative Assistant I: Kristina Morgan 5/17/08
• 1 Temporary Administrative Assistant II: Megan McCarthy 5/19/08

Promotions:
• Danelle Callan, from Administrative Assistant 2 to Administrative Assistant 3 2/16/08
• Meg Kempert, from Administrative Assistant 3 to Program Specialist 7/01/07

Reclassifications:
• Krista Allen, from Unit Administrator to Sr. Program Manager 1/01/08

Separations:
• Jessica Frazer, resigned to move out of state 5/23/08
• Leslie Kryder, resigned to pursue work in another field 6/30/08 (retained at IPL as an on-call employee as of 7/01/08)
• Monique Rangel (student employee), assignment ended 5/15/08

The heart of IPL’s projects continues to arise from the hard work of our Centers. The following reports will highlight those efforts during the past year.

**CORINNE WOLFE CHILDREN’S LAW CENTER:**
The Children’s Law Center (CLC) was founded to provide training, education, and information services to judges, attorneys, and other professionals and volunteers who work with children and families in the abuse/neglect and juvenile justice legal systems. After years offering one-time programs on part-time funding, the CLC came into its own this year. A UNM legislative priority in 2007, the CLC received the funding it needed to begin building a staffed program that could begin offering comprehensive, high quality programming on an ongoing basis.

Some of the highlights for the Children’s Law Center were:
• Publishing the 2007 New Mexico Child Welfare Handbook in hard copy and making it available on the internet. This was the third edition of the popular bench and bar guide to civil child abuse and neglect proceedings.
• Presenting Two Systems, One Child: A Joint Training on Civil and Criminal Child Abuse, the first conference in New Mexico to focus on enhanced cooperation between the civil and the criminal child abuse systems. Two hundred and fifty judges, civil and criminal attorneys, social workers, law enforcement officers and investigators attended.
• Conducting cross-training programs around the state on best practices in Children’s Court that engage families and preserve connections for foster youth. Co-sponsored by the Court Improvement Project and the Children, Youth and Families Department, these programs were held in Gallup, Roswell, Las Cruces, Santa Fe and Albuquerque.
• Developing and field testing a core curriculum for judges and attorneys handling abuse and neglect cases in Children’s Court. This “core training” will now be offered on a regular basis.
• Expanding the CLC's programs and services for attorneys who represent children and parents in child welfare cases, maintaining active listservs for both groups of attorneys, conducting training for parents' attorneys, co-sponsoring an ethics roundtable on representing older youth, and sending attorneys to the National Institute of Trial Advocacy's intensive child advocacy training program.

• Co-sponsoring a symposium for tribal judges, attorneys, advocates and social workers on effective court orders and tribal-state agreements for foster care and adoption assistance payments.

• Playing an active role in the 2008 Children's Law Institute, which this year drew over 1,000 participants from around the state.

• Conducting a joint training program for prosecutors and defense counsel on delinquency practice, held in conjunction with the 2007 Juvenile Justice Conference.

• Co-sponsoring a day-long seminar for judges presented by Dr. Thomas Grisso, a leading expert on adolescent development and the juvenile justice system.

• Continuing to partner with the Children's Law Section of the State Bar in hosting and taping noontime programs on topics of interest to Children's Court practitioners and court staff.

Rozier E. Sanchez Judicial Education Center of New Mexico:
The Rozier E. Sanchez Judicial Education Center of New Mexico (JEC) accomplished the following activities during FY07-08:

• Produced or significantly supported 20 educational programs, including:
  o Annual conferences for every group of judges and court staff.
  o Annual seminars for water law judges, domestic violence commissioners and court supervisors.
  o In-depth training on high priority areas, e.g. regional community seminars on DWI and regional district court staff seminars on emergency preparedness in the courts.
  o Intensive education for new limited jurisdiction judges, e.g. week-long orientation program for newly-elected municipal judges, including a formal mentorship, and three-day refresher training for new magistrate judges six months after their initial orientation. These trainings included testing to ensure basic judicial competencies.

• Developed and distributed a new Sexual Assault Benchbook for judges; developed and distributed a new DWI Prosecution Manual for prosecutors; and as necessary updated and distributed eight other judicial benchbooks on topics such as DWI, domestic violence, traffic citations and judicial ethics.

• Continued to update and add resources to JEC's comprehensive web site, http://jec.unm.edu/.

• Provided financial support for 76 judges and court staff to attend out-of-state educational programs not offered in-state, such as courses at the National Judicial College in Nevada, as well as several in-state non-JEC programs.

• Provided financial support for 90 court staff to take Judicial Studies courses at Central New Mexico Community College.
• Continued to provide financial support for the Navajo Interpreter Certification program at the University of Arizona National Center for Interpretation Testing, Research and Policy to ensure the availability of Navajo language interpreter services in the New Mexico courts.

• Received funding from the Traffic Safety Bureau of the NM Department of Transportation to provide DWI training for the judiciary, from the Crime Victims Reparation Commission to prepare a sexual assault benchbook, and from the Administrative Office of the Courts to produce a water law seminar and a warrant enforcement clerk conference.

**GOVERNMENT LAW CENTER:**
The Government Law Center was reconstituted late in this fiscal year under the direction of Senior Attorney Beth Gillia. It performed research and drafting work for the following state agencies:

**Environment Department**
- Revised rules for the Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau
- Represented the Bureau in stakeholder meetings and rulemaking hearings before the Environmental Improvement Board
- Drafted a bill for the 2009 legislative session that would amend the Hazardous Waste Act and the Ground Water Protection Act
- Developed presentations for the Bureau on regulatory and legislative changes for use in stakeholder meetings and legislative committee hearings
- Prepared legal memoranda for the Bureau and the Environment Department on various issues

**Office of the Secretary of State**
- Drafted new rules and revised existing rules that implement the Election Code
- Researched and prepared legal memoranda for the Secretary of State

**Public Regulation Commission**
- Revised rules and forms for the Title Insurance Bureau and consolidated procedural rules, including electronic filing rules, for the Commission.

**Regulation and Licensing Department**
- Drafted a new rule and revised an existing rule for the Construction Industries Division
- Researched and drafted a legal memorandum on the interstate commerce clause

**CENTER FOR WILDLIFE LAW:**
The Center for Wildlife Law continued to publish the Wildlife Law News Quarterly as well as the Wildlife Law News Weekly Alerts, both of which report on the latest developments in state, federal and international wildlife law and policy. Subscribers include the state fish and wildlife agencies, law schools, attorneys and nongovernmental organizations.
With the assistance of impressive law students from the School of Law, the Center for Wildlife Law is updating the content of the book, "State Wildlife Laws Handbook," that was first published in 1993 by Government Institutes, Inc. The book contains summaries and analysis of all of the 50 states' fish and wildlife laws.

Ruth Musgrave, CWL Director, gave a presentation to the UNM main campus in January on climate change in New Mexico, as part of the UNM Climate Change Teach-In. She published a chapter in the new book, *Wildlife and Society in the Twenty-First Century*, published in summer 2008 by Island Press. Her chapter is entitled "Legal Trends in Fish and Wildlife Management." [She will be giving a talk on her chapter at Colorado State University in October 2008, at the conference "Pathways to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fish and Wildlife Management."] Ruth also attended the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, where she reported to the Legal Committee of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

CWL continues to develop proposals and projects in the fast-growing area of climate change and wildlife, and is developing expertise in that area. Several proposals for projects relating to climate change and wildlife are under consideration by foundations.

Wild Friends has been a program of the Center for Wildlife Law since 1991. This statewide voluntary, pipeline education program integrates civics, wildlife science with language arts and implements state education standards to help students in grades 4-12 understand the democratic process, develop good citizenship skills, and contribute to wildlife conservation by involving them in public policy projects of their own choosing.

Wild Friends students chose the topic of recycling for their 2008 legislation, Senate Joint Memorial 20, which was sponsored by Senator Michael Sanchez. The memorial called for expanding recycling in the State Capitol and requested all state agencies to submit recycling plans to the Solid Waste Bureau by January 2009. SJM 20 was passed unanimously.

During the 30-day session, approximately 400 students from around the state participated in 13 field trips to the Capitol to meet legislators and other students contacted legislators by fax and phone. Several students also testified in House and Senate committee hearings. Because of the success of the memorial, Wild Friends received the New Mexico Recycling Advocate of the Year award at the biennial New Mexico Recycling Conference on June 3.

In September 2007, New Mexico received a national award for the Tijeras Canyon Wildlife Safe Passage project, which was recognized as an Exemplary Ecosystem Initiative by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The project was undertaken as a direct result of the Wild Friends 2003 memorial requesting the state to act to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.

**Transportation Safety Center Education Unit:**
The Institute continued a long-standing relationship with the New Mexico Department of Transportation's Aviation Division and Traffic Safety Bureau in the production of newsletters, other printed brochures and materials, and program coordination. IPL also assisted in the
development and facilitation of meetings and conferences for a variety of audiences. The following highlights of our work with the NMDOT occurred this fiscal year:

- The Governor's Research Forum series presented Acting Surgeon General Dr. Kenneth Moritsugu on September 26, 2007. IPL worked closely with the staff at the New Mexico Department of Health to facilitate both the presentation and the panel for a post-presentation discussion. Dr. Moritsugu spoke to an audience of 325 people, including a large contingent of middle school students, the ideal group of listeners for safety messages on underage drinking. This was the fourth in a series of forums providing information and research to enhance New Mexico's efforts against DWI.
- IPL conducted a multi-state research project that identified states with drug per se laws similar to alcohol per se laws. Staff provided an overview of current statutes and case law to the Department of Health and the NMDOT Traffic Safety Bureau, pursuant to a legislative mandate.

Institute staff hosted the NMDOT Traffic Safety Summit on March 11 and 12, 2008 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque. An outstanding turnout of over 250 traffic safety professionals from New Mexico and other states attended the Summit's many presentations on a variety of topics, including occupant protection, pedestrian safety, emergency medical services, impaired driving, and ignition interlock. Keynote presenters addressed particular areas of concern, including alcohol advertising and youth, media and marketing, and highway engineering.

**Transportation Safety Center Licensing & Monitoring Unit:**
During the past year, the Licensing and Monitoring Unit of the Transportation Safety Center continued their regulatory work on behalf of the NMDOT, Traffic Safety Bureau (TSB). The Unit:

- Reviewed and processed 272 traffic safety applications for licensure and certification before the July 1st deadline. These included original and renewal applications for the driver education, driver safety and DWI school programs, and affiliated instructors.
- Reviewed and processed 429 requests from parents for their students' participation in a correspondence driver education program.
- Conducted 132 monitor site visits to evaluate traffic safety school programs and instructors, and to review TSB records for federal compliance. Site visit reports were written for each site and submitted to the appropriate staff for follow-up work with the provider.
- Susan George and Richard Bustamante served as the Unit's legal counsel and guided staff in the regulatory process.
- The proposed rule revisions prepared by Ms. George were presented at the Transportation Commission in November 2007. Since then a formal hearing for the ignition interlock program was held, with a second hearing pending. Two hearings were held for the traffic school programs; the work will be presented at the Transportation Commission in Winter 2008.
• Contracted with NM Tourism to license off-highway motor vehicle training centers, instructors and guides.

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**
IPL staff contribute their time and skill to their University and local communities. Examples of some of our outside professional activities include:

IPL Director Paul Biderman co-taught a seminar in Santa Fe through the School of Law entitled: “Effective Representation of Public Clients.” He has served occasionally as a pro tem Municipal Court Judge for the City of Santa Fe. He serves on the Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct, and provided training in public ethics for several state and local government conferences.

CLC director Judy Flynn-O’Brien continued to serve as chair of the Children’s Court Rules Committee for the Supreme Court. She also represented the NM Court Improvement Project’s training initiatives at the national CIP meeting and served on the Program Improvement Plan (PIP) Team convened by CYFD for the federal Child and Family Service Review.

JEC Director Pam Lambert:
- Earned a certificate in Building Managerial Excellence, a 30-hour program offered by the UNM Anderson School’s Management Development Center.
- Graduated from the FBI Citizen’s Academy, an 8-week program offered by the Albuquerque Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

IPL Administrator Krista Allen successfully completed two credited, sixteen-week courses through the Anderson School of Management at UNM. These courses, *Legal Issues for Managers* and *Organizational Behavior and Diversity*, supported Krista in her work as IPL administrator.

All JEC staff attained FEMA certification in IS-00700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), Introduction.

**DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI AFFAIRS**

**HIGHLIGHTS**
The Alumni’s “14th Annual Distinguished Achievement Awards Dinner” was a great success. This year’s dinner honored three recipients, including Michael B. Browde, Randi M. McGinn, Andrew G. Schultz and Walter K. Martinez (posthumously). Over 400 people attended the dinner. The event net $18,266 which is a 26% increase over last year.

The Alumni Association’s 5th annual Summer Golf Classic was held at the University Championship Golf Course in July. Over 92 players participated helping to raise $8110.

Funds raised from these two events will be used to support such things as the Dean’s Fund, scholarships and professional lectures.
**FUNDRAISING**
During FY 2007-2008, the School of Law raised $833,994. Our “Dean’s Circle” of giving remains strong, with membership continuing to see strong growth. FY 2007-2008 saw giving to the Dean’s Fund total $87,700. The circle was established so that the Dean would have resources available to fund the school’s top priorities.

FY 2007 – 2008 also saw changes in our development staff. Bill Uher resigned as the College of Development Officer of the law school.

**STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS**
Currently a search is being done to fill the College Development Officer position. The position should be filled by October 20, 2008.

**JUDICIAL SELECTION**
During the 2007-2008 fiscal year twelve judicial vacancies were filled through the judicial selection process. The Judicial Selection Office at the UNM School of Law convened ten Judicial Nominating Commissions (and reconvened three Commissions) to recommend nominees to the Governor to fill the vacancies. The chart below shows the dates of the Commission meetings, and the persons appointed:

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The Dean of the School of Law, as Chair of the Judicial Nominating Commissions, performed the following duties in carrying out the constitutional responsibilities charged to the Chair:

• Advertised vacancies, Commission meetings, applicant lists and nominee lists;
• Solicited and reviewed applications;
• Duplicated and distributed applications to Commissioners;
• Communicated with Disciplinary Counsel regarding disciplinary history of applicants;
• Convened and Chaired the Commission meetings; and

18. Carried out the various Commissions’ decisions by drafting and adopting new rules, and forwarding the names of recommended nominees to the Governor.

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