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STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND SEPARATIONS

Faculty Additions:

Eileen Gauna joined UNM as a professor of law with tenure. Professor Gauna visited the law school the prior year from Southwestern University School of Law. She received her law degree from UNM and teaches courses in environmental law, environmental justice, administrative law, energy and property.

Erik Gerding joined the law faculty as an assistant professor of law. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School, and previously practiced law in New York and Washington, DC. He teaches business law courses, including business associations, business planning and commercial law.

Gary Conine was hired as a part-time research professor of law and the Judge Leon Karelitz Chair in Oil and Gas Law. Professor Conine has a J.D. from the University of Oklahoma and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. He previously taught at the law school as a visitor.

Chamiza Atencio-Pacheco taught in our legal writing program as a visiting lecturer. Ms. Atencio-Pacheco received her J.D. degree from Yale Law School. She taught advocacy and legal research, reasoning and writing.

Faculty Separations:

Professor Em Hall retired from the faculty at the end the 2006-07 academic year after twenty-five years of service with UNM.
Marilyn O'Leary, research professor of law and director of the Utton Transboundary Resources Center, retired in June 2007.

Adjunct Faculty:

The law school continued to strengthen its ties with the legal community. The following adjunct professors taught during the year: The Honorable A. Joseph Alarid, Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals; Mary Behm, Keleher & McLeod; Scott Davidson, Esq.; Hope Eckert, Esq.; James Fitzpatrick, Arnold & Porter, Washington, D.C.; Beth Gillia, Institute of Public Law; Gregory Griego, Judge, New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration; Rodina Cave, Stephen Greetham, and Daniel Rey-Bear, Nordhaus Law Firm; Jay Hone, Esq.; Albert Leon, Bauman, Dow & Leon; Robert Mead, University of Kansas Law Library; Karen Meyers, Aguilar Law Offices; John Myers, Myers, Oliver & Price; Stewart Paley; Mary Pareja; Brian Pori, Inocente, PC; Scott Gordon, Edward Ricco, Todd Rinner, and Andrew Schultz, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb; Samuel Roll; Maureen Sanders, Sanders & Westbrook; Steven Scholl, Dixon, Scholl & Bailey; David Stout, Carpenter, Stout & Ransom; Margaret Sanderson Vick, Esq.; Timothy Vollman, Esq.

Staff Additions:

William Uher was hired in September 2006 as the law school's director of development and alumni affairs. Mr. Uher was formerly executive director of the American Heart Association.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Admissions

Entering Students

The University of New Mexico School of Law received 1200 applications for the class that entered Fall 2007. Of that group, 264 were admitted; 112 enrolled. For the entering class, the 25th percentile LSAT and UGPA was a 152 and 3.09; the 75th percentile was a 159 and 3.72. The median age on entry was 26. The class of 98 residents and 14 nonresidents had 49 percent women and 39 percent minority students.

The law school also enrolled 6 transfer students and 2 visiting students.

Recruitment 2006-2007

The law school recruited students from New Mexico four-year institutions. Recruiteres 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, as well as attending the WAPLA annual meeting and educational conference. 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 Washington, DC Forum.

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 300 prospective applicants, arranging class visits and tours and answering the applicants’ questions. Recruiters responded to several thousand email 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. This year, the law school sponsored a Minority Mentorship Mixer. 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 sent note cards to 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.

Financial Aid

In 2006-2007, the school awarded scholarships, grants, and fellowships to 84 students or 24 percent of the student body. The total amount of aid awarded was approximately $675,000. The awards were supported primarily by law school endowment income and gifts and University Endowment Income and other funds. Need-based grant decisions were made by the law school financial aid committee based on information provided on the Access application. All law students were asked to include parental information as a part of the need analysis or provide a form certifying that they were not being supported by their parents. Non-need-based scholarships, fellowships and grant decisions were also made by the financial aid committee, or
in some cases separate committees.

Law school tuition has increased at a rate of approximately ten percent each year and was $9,566 for residents and $23,213 for nonresidents. In addition, students were charged $300 for computer and duplicating fees.

As the law school's limited funds do not meet the needs of our students, many students must depend heavily on loans. In 2006-2007, 278 law students borrowed a total of $4,667,805 from outside sources, (Federal Perkins, Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan programs, and private loan programs) to finance their law school education. The average amount borrowed for 2006-2007 J.D. graduates was $34,558.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The University of New Mexico School of Law Registrar's Office successfully managed student enrollment and maintained student records for 344 students. This enrollment represented 3% African American's; 12% Native American's; 3% Asian; 28% 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 112 third-year students for graduation (Dec. '06 = 11; May '07 = 98; July '07 = 3). The Class of 2007 turned in an 89% bar passage rate for the July '07 New Mexico bar examination.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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

- The one credit hour first year, first semester course entitled Practicum was reviewed by the curriculum committee to determine if it should be continued as a mandatory first year course. The committee recommended to the faculty that the course be continued for an indefinite period of time as a regular part of the core curriculum. The recommendation was approved by faculty vote.

- The advanced writing requirement was reviewed by the curriculum committee to address the time period in which it may be completed in relationship to the semester-long time limits, and to address the authority of the faculty member approving the seminar writing work product to require more from the final work product than what would otherwise qualify as a passing grade in the seminar. Appropriate revisions were recommended to the faculty and were subsequently adopted by faculty vote.

INDIAN LAW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Indian Law Certificate Graduates

The May 2007 graduation added eight more alumni who completed the Indian Law Certificate (ILC). With this cohort, 90 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 82 who have earned the ILC, 62 individuals are indigenous, including American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Chamorro from the Marianas.

American Indian Student Enrollment

In the 2006-07 academic year, 40 American Indian students representing over 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 promotes the success of Native American students. The relative 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

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 Jonathan Tsosie, a citizen of the Navajo Nation. The scholarship consists of a financial award in the amount of $7,500.

In addition, first-year law student Jacob Keyes received the Native American Economic Development Scholarship, in the amount of $15,000.

Indian Law Faculty and Curriculum

In 2006-07 the core Indian law faculty members at UNM School of Law were professors Kip Bobroff, John LaVelle (Santee Dakota Nation), Gloria Valencia-Weber, and Christine Zuni Cruz (Pueblo of Isleta). Professor LaVelle continued his tenure as chair of the Indian Law Committee, a position he assumed in spring 2006. Professor Bobroff was on sabbatical leave during fall 2006.

Professor LaVelle taught Natural Resources in Indian Country in fall 2006 and both a section of Indian Law and Conflicts of Indian Law in spring 2007. Professor Valencia Weber taught a section of Indian Law in fall 2006. Professor Zuni Cruz taught The Law of Indigenous Peoples in spring 2006 and conducted both a Southwest Indian Law Clinic (SILC) course and a Tribal Law Journal (TLJ) course in spring 2007.

In addition to teaching by the regular Indian law faculty during the 2006-07 academic year, curriculum coverage was supplemented by Visiting Law Librarian Sherri Thomas (Pueblo of Taos), who taught Specialized Legal Research in Indian Law; Steven Greetham, who taught Indian Gaming; and Tim Volmann, who taught Indian Water Rights.

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 spring 2007, Barbara Creel (Pueblo of Jemez) was selected to join the law school as a tenure-track assistant professor of law. Professor Creel will begin teaching in the Southwest Indian Law Clinic curriculum and other Indian law-related courses in the 2007-08 academic year.

**Special Indian Law Events and Activities**

- **New Native American Admits Dinner.** In July 2006, Professor Laura Goméz hosted a dinner at her home for Native American applicants to UNM School of Law who had been admitted into the fall entering class. The dinner provided newly admitted Native students and their spouses and partners an opportunity to meet and visit with faculty members who teach in the first-year curriculum as well as deans and other key administrators at the law school.

- **Indian Law Program Welcome Dinner.** In August 2006, 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.

- **13th Annual Indian People/Indian Law Convocation.** The 13th Annual Convocation occurred on September 14, 2006, a ceremony bringing together Indian communities and commemorating the Law School’s success in providing Indian law training to all students. The Convocation also extended special recognition and appreciation to Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber and UNM Regent Sandra Begay-Campbell (Navajo) for their respective roles in providing exemplary academic leadership benefiting the Indian Law Program.

- **4th AILC/UNMIASU Indian Law Symposium.** The 40th anniversary of the American Indian Law Center's Pre-Law Summer Institute (PLSI) was celebrated in Albuquerque on Saturday, April 21, 2007, with an all-day retrospective and symposium followed by a banquet for PLSI alumni/ae, friends, and supporters. This celebration was sponsored by the University of New Mexico School of Law, the American Indian Law Center and Arizona State University College of Law.

- **4th Annual Indian Law Attorney Recruitment Program.** UNM School of Law conducted an Indian Law Attorney Recruitment Program on April 19 and 20, 2007, during the Federal Bar Association’s 32nd annual Indian Law Conference. The Indian Law Attorney Recruitment Program facilitates interviews of law students by potential employers from tribal, federal, and state governments as well as the private sector.

- **Indian Alumni Breakfast Meeting.** The law school also sponsored an annual breakfast meeting for the UNM Indian Alumni Council during the 2007 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.

- **Indian Law Clinics and Externships Symposium.** Professor Christine Zuni Cruz, founder
to the Southwest Indian Law Clinic, organized and conducted a symposium on Indian law
clinics and externships in June 2007, the first Indian clinical conference in the nation.
Clinicians from around the country participated in the symposium, which is intended to
be an annually recurring event at UNS School of Law.

- **Recruitment and Pipeline Activities.** Faculty members and the Indian Law Program
Coordinator participated in a number of recruitment and pipeline related activities during
the 2007-07 academic year, including a tribal career fair on the Jicarilla Apache
Reservation; presentations and mock law classes for Indian high school students at the
National Johnson O’Malley Conference in Albuquerque and at Dulce High School on the
Jicarilla Apache Reservation; a luncheon panel presentation at the American Indian Law
Center’s Pre-Law Summer Institute; and recruitment trips to Northern Arizona University
and Fort Lewis College.

- **Indian Law Faculty Scholarly Presentations.** Indian law faculty members gave
presentations on their scholarly endeavors at various symposia and conferences around
the country, including Cornell College, the University of Hawaii, and the Association of
American Law Schools Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

- **Indian Law Program Retreats.** The Indian law faculty organized and participated in two
retreats during the 2006-07 academic year for the purpose of developing and
strengthening the Indian law program. The faculty intends to continue these strategic
retreats during the 2007-08 academic year.

**CLINICAL PROGRAMS**

**Clients served**

We began the 2006 summer semester with 226 open cases. During the year we accepted 564 new
cases and we closed 559 cases during that time period. These cases ranged in case type from
Family Law, tax disputes, 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.

**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. I am very pleased that we were
able to hire Barbara Creel.
Access to Justice Network

The Access to Justice Network, a group of attorneys committed to take referrals from the clinic declined by two last year. We have 147 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 have made to members of the network average over 46 a month.

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 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. In addition the Juvenile Omsbudman project served 107 juveniles during the period. And, the Clinic made about 15 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

Professor Mathewson developed a plan for an Economic Development Section of the Clinic. Evan Hobbs, who was hired with funding from the National Taxpayer Advocate, developed a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. However, we received a cut in funding and are re-evaluating whether this grant is worth the burdens imposed on the institution. Professor Pareja proved to be a very effective clinical teacher and the Small Business/ Economic Development clinic is developing. Professor Mathewson worked on his project to train law students and lawyers about the appropriate legal entity for developing unusable land parcels, particularly in Hispanic and African American Communities, and s again served as Acting Director of the Clinic this summer while Antoinette Sedillo Lopez directed the Summer Law Institute in Guanajuato, Mexico. Professor Martinez continued to develop and enhance the Clinic Practice Manual and supervised the Externship Program in the Spring.

Southwest Indian Law Clinic

The Southwest Indian Law Clinic received additional funds from the legislature to hire a second faculty member and we were able to hire Professor Barbara Creel. 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.

Exterhips

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 directed the Summer Law Program in Guanajuato, Mexico and chaired a Hate Crimes Task Force. She also was appointed to 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 London with Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber.

Carol Suzuki was promoted to associate professor. She 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, and was appointed to Chair the planning committee for the 2008 Conference.

Professor Mathewson served as acting director of the clinic.

Professor Zuni Cruz’ continues to speak at conferences on indigenous and tribal issues. She served as a commentator and a presenter at the SE/SW People of Color Conference and was invited to several international conferences on indigenous issues. She also hosted an indigenous student from a Canadian law school.

Professor Mike Norwood served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and presented his paper on a “virtual clinic” was accepted for presentation at a conference on Interviewing and Counseling at UCLA. 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.

Future Plans for the Clinic

We will continue to implement our strategic plan. 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 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.

We will continue to work on the Economic Development Section of the clinic and have set up planning meetings to develop this project; we have applied for a continuation of the tax grant. 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.

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 2007, the program enrolled 59 students. Of the students who attended the program 3 were from UNM, 8 from Texas Tech, 5 from Southwestern, 18 from the Universidad de Guanajuato and 23 were students who attend other U.S. law schools. One Mexican student attended from the Universidad de Irapuato. In addition, one attorney attended the program. Two positive articles about the program were published in local newspapers.

In addition, the 2007 Guanajuato Summer Law Institute offered a two-week externship program for students already enrolled in the four-week program. Nine students participated, two of whom were from UNM Law School.

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

The 2008 program will be held from Sunday, June 1-Sunday June 30, 2008.
The externship program dates are July 1-July 13, 2008.

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
Comparative Constitutional Law
International Business Law

Future plans include augmenting the cultural components of the program 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 2006-07, the Law Library continued to support the curricular and research functions of the Law School community and citizens of the State of New Mexico.

Personnel

Faculty

In July 2006, Michelle Rigual was promoted to Associate Director. During 2006-07, one-half of the Law library faculty turned over due to the resignation in August 2006 of Ron Wheeler, who took a new position at Georgia State University, and the retirement on June 30, 2007, of Lorraine Lester and Barbara Lah. Searches to fill the vacant positions were undertaken. Offers were extended to and accepted by Marcia Baker and Ernesto Longa, who will start in August and September of 2007; a search to fill the third vacancy will occur in the fall of 2007. All of the Law librarians participated widely in training and professional/career development activities.

Staff

In September 2006, the Law Library created a new staff position to assist with various digital preservation initiatives and other technological needs. Adam Byrd was hired to fill the position. In mid-year, the Law Library promoted Ramona Garcia from LIS I to Administrative Assistant II to reflect new responsibilities within the Library Administrative unit. The need for an Administrative Assistant in part reflected increased event planning and support occurring within the Law Library as a result of the April 2006 opening of the Gov. Bruce King Archives and Reading Room. The Room has proved to be a very popular space for law school and alumni meetings and events. The Law Library staff participated widely in training and professional/career development activities. The process for revising individual Law Library job descriptions and developing written standard operating procedures that reflect reorganization undertaken in the previous two years also continued in 2006-07.

Service, Instruction, and Outreach Activities

The Library was open to the public an average of 90 hours per week. The Library gate counted 128,068 patron visits, which was very similar to the number counted the previous two years. The Library checked out or renewed 9,753 items and loaned 128 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: 631 Law students
(16.68%), 1,753 members of the public (46.35%), 772 bar members (20.41%), and 626 other (16.55%), for a total of 3,782 questions answered at the Reference Desk.

Services provided to Law faculty away from the Reference Desk were separately counted. The Law librarians completed 351 requests for faculty research assistance. Librarian-supervised Law student research assistants continued to assist the librarians in this work. The Law Library also delivered 1,047 books and articles to Law faculty during the year. This work was supported in part by the Law Library Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Department, which placed requests for 410 items for Law faculty and students and received 623 requests from other libraries. Overall, the ILL Department processed 1,033 requests.

Law faculty assistance, ILL work, and general reference questions totaled at least 6,213 instances of support provided by the Law librarians and the library staff in 2006-07, 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 four sections of Advanced Legal Research classes in the Law School during 2006-07. The librarians also offered classes in Indian Law and Natural Resources Law research. In addition, the Law Library 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 120 training sessions in 2006-07, for a total of 1,170 attendees.

In August 2006, the Law librarians held a legal research instruction retreat. It provided the Law librarians with a forum to exchange teaching ideas and to discuss ways in which legal research instruction services could be improved. The librarians typically hold at least one such meeting each year.

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 2006-07 to increase citizen access to legal information. Librarians provided eleven training sessions for non-law librarians and community groups in areas outside of Albuquerque and around the state. Communities visited in 2006-07 included: The Raton Public Library, Highlands University in Las Vegas and also Rio Rancho, Aztec Public Library, Bloomfield Public Library, UNM-Los Alamos, Los Alamos Public Library, Chama Public Library, Dona Ana Community College, Lordsburg Public Library and Silver City Public Library. All but one of these outreach presentations were provided by Law Library Professor Eileen Cohen. In September 2006, the Law librarians also agreed 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. 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 Library also continued to provide access to licensed legal databases for the Native American Access to Justice Practitioner Network. Under this program, which began in July 2005, volunteer attorneys and tribal court advocates provide pro bono or reduced-fee representation to Native American clients whose cases the Southwest Indian Law Clinic cannot accept. In return, Network volunteers receive free access to Loislaw (an Internet-based database of federal & 50-state primary law), and four Aspen Publishing online libraries with forms (family law, elder law, personal injury, and general litigation).

In 2006-07, the Law librarians also continued to participate in the State Bar's Access to Justice Program which is developing standardized forms for pro se patrons to use in the local Metro court system. These forms are made available to the public from the Law Library and court clerk offices.

**Collection Development and Print Preservation**

The UNM Law Library houses the largest academic legal research collection in the State of New Mexico. In 2006-07 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 4,925 new volumes in print and microform formats to the collection. At the end of the fiscal year, the Library held 433,064 volumes in print and microform formats, placing it in the "large" library category under ABA accreditation standards.

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 initiated a plan to preserve print copies of primary legal materials from the states represented by Desert States: Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The UNM Law Library plans to participate in this initiative in the coming year.

Processing and indexing of the documents in the Gov. Bruce King Archives continued. The processing is being done under a contract with the archivists at UNM's Center for Southwest Research and the project is expected to be completed in June 2008.

**Facilities**

In December 2006, the carpeting on the upper level of the Law Library was replaced after the University Physical Plant Department committed to covering 90% of the installation costs. In the Spring of 2007 the Law Library also remodeled its 35-year-old Reference and Access Services desk and the front entrance area to better accommodate computer equipment and provide ergonomic work space for staff. The area also added new shelving for the Reference, Reserve and Pro Se collections, upgraded lighting, new carpeting, and new patron furniture and PCs. Two of the patron work stations are adjustable to accommodate wheelchairs. In addition, the Law School collection of class photographs were restored and reframed for display near the front desk. These upgrades have dramatically improved the overall appearance of the Law Library. New chairs for the Law Library are planned for 2007-08 and carpet replacement for the lower
level of the library is planned for 2008-09 which should complete renovations for the foreseeable future.

Technology and Electronic Resources

The Law Library purchased several online collections of U.S. government publications online from Lexis in 2006-07. The Law Library is a leader in spending on electronic legal information licenses, making 78 separate licenses available to library patrons in 2006-07. In the most recently released ABA ranking of academic law library spending, the UNM Law Library was in the top 6% of libraries in this category. The Law Library now owns more than 22,000 electronic books and in 2006-07 added catalog records for 1961 electronic treatises that are available through licensed electronic resources. The library also continued to offer public licenses for Westlaw and Shepard's online, both of which can be accessed from within the Law Library. The Library continues to provide eight PCs for public access to its legal research databases, for word processing, and for Internet access. The Law Library's licensed databases are also listed in the University Libraries' database management system to ensure wide access to these resources.

The Law Library staff continued to maintain and add to its web page, and continued to use it to provide remote access to databases for Law faculty and students. In 2006-07, the Law Library home page had 131,278 visits.

The Law librarians also continued to use its faculty research requests database to manage faculty support work. This tool gives all librarians access to information about pending faculty requests, facilitates work sharing, and generates statistics on the processed work requests. In 2006-07 the librarians use the database to track and count the faculty research support work described in the Services section above, and the librarians report that the database continues to be an integral part of their work process.

In January of 2007 the Law Library purchased a new server to ensure adequate storage space for digitization projects and web page files, as well as to provide adequate shared storage space for the library faculty and staff. At the beginning of 2006-07, the Law Library also fully deployed its new server-based public copier and printer system.

The Law Library continued to promote use of UNM's institutional repository, DSpace, as a means of preserving electronic scholarly and teaching materials created by the Law faculty. In 2006-07 the Law School and Law Library began publishing their annual reports in DSpace. The Law Library and Law School now have 709 digital items archived in this repository.

Publications of the Library Faculty

Library Director, Carol Parker's, new article was accepted for publication: Institutional Repositories and the Principle of Open Access: Changing the Way We Think About Legal Scholarship, forthcoming in 37:2 New Mexico L. Rev. (2007). She also became a Contributing Editor to the, Law Librarian Blog, writing primarily about the impact of the open access movement and institutional repositories on legal scholarship. Associate Director, Michelle

University Activities of Library Faculty

The Law Library continued to collaborate with the University Libraries System and other libraries in the LIBROS consortium. Law librarians served on various University and Law School committees. Law librarians, Michelle Rigual and Sherri Thomas, served as members of the LIBROS Advisory Board.

The Law Library Director served as the Law School representative on the Faculty Senate, and continued to serve ex officio on the Faculty Senate Library Committee. She also served on search committee for the Dean of the University Libraries, and the Planning Committee for the 5th annual UNM Scholarly Communications Symposium, which the Law Library co-sponsored with the University Libraries System and the Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center.

Outside Professional Activities of Library Faculty

Library Director, Carol Parker, attended the Annual Meeting, Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, Tempe, AZ (April 2007) where she presented on “Open Access Principles, Institutional Repositories, and Legal Scholarship.” She also served on the Supreme Court Law Library’s Director Search Committee, and continued to serve on the Board of the Association of Academic Research Libraries of New Mexico, co-organizing the August 2006 Association of Academic Research Libraries of New Mexico Summit Meeting, held at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, NM

Associate Director, Michelle Rigual, presented, “Find it Free and Fast on the Net: Advanced Internet Strategies for the New Mexico Legal Professional,” Continuing Legal Education for Attorneys, Albuquerque, NM (December 2006). She also served as editor of the AALL Research Instruction and Patron Services section newsletter; treasurer and secretary of the AALL Latino Law Librarians Caucus; Chair of the SW ALL Publicity Committee.

Law librarian, Sherri Thomas, attended the Federal Indian Bar Conference in the past year, and served on its State Bar Exams Committee. She presented, “When the State Bar Exam Embraces Indian Law: Teaching Experiences and Observations,” at the University of North Dakota Law Conference: The Pedagogy of American Indian Law, October 13-14, 2006. She also presented at
a Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals Meeting and Workshop (April 2007). 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.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Although budget constraints prevented major purchases during the ‘06/07 fiscal year, the IT and Media Center departments remained busy throughout the year. We spent considerable time performing “behind the scenes” network and application software maintenance. Data was reallocated on the file/profile servers and disk quota was implemented for law students. We researched application upgrades for our Clinical Law case management program, Amicus, and began a web site redesign in response to the UNM redesign project. Several printers and other peripherals such as scanners were purchased and installed.

IT staff participated in several main campus IT work groups including the Wireless Standards Committee, Information Architects, IT-UNM, IT Cabinet, and IT Agents. The Media Center began preparing for the retirement of the TV Production Tech II, who retired 10/2007 after 25+ years at the law school.

NEW MEXICO LAW REVIEW

During the 2006/2007 school year, the New Mexico Law Review (NMLR) focused not only on publishing articles, but also on collaborating with the other journals at the University of New Mexico School of Law and with members of the New Mexico Bench and Bar. NMLR teamed up with the Natural Resources Journal, the Tribal Law Journal, and the Law School to host the first annual Journals Reception. It is hoped that the Journals Reception will continue to be an event hosted by the Journals and the Law School in order to recognize the dedication and the commitment required to participate on a journal. More than 100 people turned out for a very successful CLE hosted by NMLR, in conjunction with Phi Delta Phi, and which drew upon the talents of local practitioners, judges, and law school faculty.

NMLR held an end-of-the-year barbeque to thank everyone who supported its endeavors. Special thanks went to Professor Michael Browde, Faculty Advisor, Susan Tackman, Publication Administrator, and Jessica Leary, Business Manager.

NMLR oversaw the publication of the last issue of Volume 36 in late 2006 and prepared three issues of Volume 37 for publication. The second Issue of Volume 37 contained articles mainly written by New Mexico authors relating to New Mexico law. NMLR is currently working with Law Library Director Carol Parker to establish a Law Review Institutional Repository in which we will be able to compile some of the sources cited in our articles. This is a wonderful opportunity to utilize and to increase awareness about the Law School’s Institutional Repository.

NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL

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In the reporting period from June 2006 to June 2007 the Natural Resources Journal (NRJ) published four Issues, Volume 46, Numbers 1 through 4. Each Issue followed the format now established for the NRJ, opening with an essay, followed by several substantive academic pieces, and ending with reviews of natural resource literature of various lengths.

The Issues still varied greatly. Volume 46, Number 2, for example, was primarily devoted to articles focused on a new model for the federal trust obligations to Native Americans. By contrast, Volume 45, Numbers 1, 3, and 4 contained extremely diverse articles ranging from an essay on water in Senegal to a history of a 1905 Pacific northwest hatchery decision.

In the reporting period, the NRJ continued the recently established pattern of sponsoring one conference per period. This period the NRJ sponsored a conference on present day dam operations in the Rio Grande basin. The papers have been edited and will be combined in an NRJ Issue to be published in the next NRJ publishing period.

In addition, the NRJ continues to move forward in re-establishing and maintaining its long-standing tradition of excellence among academic natural resource publications. Working with many authors across numerous disciplines, the NRJ is now assembling a wide range of essays on subjects as diverse as grazing as a southwestern land use and the current issues in land grant management.

The NRJ continues to re-assess its place in a rapidly changing world of academic publications with an eye toward shaping its content to an appropriate niche. In May 2008 both the Faculty Editor and the Journal Managing Editor will leave their Journal posts.

UTTEN TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES CENTER

The Utton Transboundary Resources Center is committed to "preventive diplomacy" in the management of natural resources occurring in more than one jurisdiction. We work with communities sharing resources through collaborative processes and a multidisciplinary approach. In addition, we engage in creative scholarship on effective resource management and disseminate our research and experience through conferences and publications.

Projects and Activities

Collaborative Activities

- Upstream—Downstream Project

In collaboration with the New Mexico Water Dialogue and the Interstate Stream Commission, and with funding assistance from the McCune Foundation, the Utton Center participated in a series of three workshops during the year entitled the Upstream-Downstream project. The project strives for coordinated implementation of the three regional water plans that govern the most populous area of New Mexico between Santa Fe and Elephant Butte Reservoir. The workshops bring together public officials and
private parties to work toward common data, common methodologies, and consensus on plan goals and objectives. The Utton Center serves as an impartial adviser and discussant; the project is on-going.

• Border Area Water Tables

Associate Director Susan Kelly continued work as a representative of New Mexico with the Water Tables of both the New Mexico-Chihuahua Commission and the US-Mexico Border Governors Conference. This year the Water Tables pursued educational and information exchanges to better understand the situation of surface and groundwater. Ms. Kelly led a delegation of New Mexico irrigation officials to tour the state-of-the-art Delicias Irrigation District south of Ciudad Chihuahua, and she participated in an educational tour water projects in the Columbus, NM-Palomas, Chih. region. Both Water Tables continue to search for ways to better manage transboundary water resources along the U.S.-Mexico border and in particular along the border between New Mexico and Chihuahua. The Utton Center, in collaboration with UNM Water Resource Program students, helped prepare a digital map of border water resources from California to the Gulf of Mexico.

• Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program

The Utton Center (Susan Kelly) continued to serve as a member of the water subcommittee of the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program, which involves numerous federal, state, and local agencies. The subcommittee is charged with managing river flow in ways that help to protect endangered species and maintain and restore their habitat.

Legal Assistance

• Joe M Stell Water Ombudsman Program

The adjudication ombudsman project, begun the previous year as a pilot project to assist the courts in educating pro se parties who are water rights claimants in the Lower Rio Grande adjudication, was funded by the New Mexico State Legislature in 2007 on a recurring basis as the Joe M Stell Water Ombudsman Program. Utton Center staff developed an explanatory bilingual cover sheet for the legal packet sent to potential claimants by the court to explain the steps claimants must take to protect their interests. A toll-free helpline was established and we began receiving calls and answering questions in April 2007. The Utton Center, working with NMSU Media Productions, also produced an educational video in English and Spanish. The video is being widely distributed, and can also be viewed on the Utton Center website. Utton Center staff and a local part-time contractor coordinated our work with the court, the Office of the State Engineer, and other parties to the adjudication.
The Utton Center will continue to establish mechanisms to provide information to the hundreds of people who are parties to this adjudication. With the recurring funding, the program will be expanded to include other adjudications within the state and adjudications in federal court to which the State is a party. A full-time staff person dedicated to the ombudsman program will be hired, as well as additional local part-time contractors for other adjudications.

Research and Publication

- New Mexico Regional Water and Waste Water Authority Statutes Project

The Utton Center worked under contract with the Office of the State Engineer and with a management team of other state agencies to develop draft legislation for the 2007 legislative session to facilitate the creation of regional water and wastewater authorities. This project, carried out in response to House Joint Memorial 86 (2005), developed criteria for water system planning, performance, and conservation as a condition of funding. The goals of the legislation include protection of public health, economic vitality, and development of sustainable water service for all New Mexicans. The draft legislation is posted on the Utton Center website.

- Model Interstate Water Compact

In this reporting year, the Utton Center completed and published its Model Interstate Water Compact, which can be used as the basis for forging new agreements between states regarding their shared water resources or for compact states to address issues not covered in current compacts. The Compact, with accompanying explanatory commentaries, was drafted by nationally recognized water law experts Jerome C. Muys and George William Sherk, with advice from a committee of 30 national water law experts. The Compact is the culmination of over three years of work by the Center including conferences on interdisciplinary approaches to interstate water issues and cross-cultural issues in water settlements. It was presented at a June, 2007 CLE conference organized by the Utton Center in cooperation with the State Bar of New Mexico. The Compact and commentaries was published in the 2007 Winter edition of the Natural Resources Journal.

- Energy-Water Nexus Roadmap

The Utton Center this year completed drafting and editing of parts of a larger report under its contract with the Sandia National Laboratories as part of an energy-water roadmap for the U.S. Department of Energy. Our contributions analyzed legal and regulatory issues that could affect roadmap activities. As part of the project, the Utton Center, through the services of the UNM School of Law Library, has compiled and continues to maintain and expand an Energy/Water Nexus Resources Database of bibliographic sources.
• Oral History Project—Water Matters!

The Utton Center is developing an oral history to preserve the legal, political, and philosophical thoughts of public figures presently making history. Themes will include New Mexico water legislation, water and culture, New Mexico water administration, water rights adjudication, alternative dispute resolution and water planning. In conjunction with the oral history, we prepared a workbook on current water issues for the New Mexico Legislature. The workbook, entitled Water Matters! A Primer on Water Issues for Members of the 48th New Mexico State Legislature was distributed to legislators in January, 2007. An updated and expanded version is being prepared for the 2008 legislative session.

Conferences

• State Bar CLE on Climate Change

In collaboration with School of Law Professor Denise Fort and the State Bar, the Utton Center organized a December, 2006 CLE program on the legal and policy implications of climate change impacts, with speakers from the offices of Senators Domenici and Bingaman among others.

• State Bar CLE on the Model Interstate Water Compact

As noted above under Projects and Activities, the Utton Center organized a two-day CLE program in June, 2007, around the key lessons learned and the potential applications of the Model Interstate Water Compact.

Sponsored Research

Sandia National Laboratories. Energy-Water Nexus Roadmap

• Amount: $162,000
• Duration: Last stage of a multi-year contract; 5 months effort in this reporting year.
• Purpose: As described above, the Utton Center provided legal and regulatory sections to a longer report prepared by Sandia National Labs for the U.S. Department of Energy on the water supply aspects of energy development and power generation.

McCune Foundation

• Amount: $10,000
• Duration: 1 year
• Purpose: To create a record of the history of western water policy through interviews with people active in water policy. The interviews formed the basis of part of the publication Water Matters! referred to above.
Office of the State Engineer (New Mexico)

- Amount: $63,000
- Duration: 6 months
- Purpose: To draft legislation on behalf of the state engineer for the establishment of regional water and wastewater authorities. A School of Law student research assistant did much of the basic research and drafting.

Outside Professional Activities

Associate Director Susan Kelly gave presentations on water issues to outside groups, such as the SAHRA Teachers Institute and the Rio Grande Seminar. She also created instructional materials for children on water rights and water issues, and presented those materials at the Children's Water Festival and the Tricentennial Water Festival. She is active in several professional organizations, including the State Bar and the American Water Resources Association.

Staff Changes

During the year, Utton Center director Marilyn O'Leary announced her intention to retire, effective June 30, 2007. Dean Scarnecchia appointed a search committee, chaired by Carol Parker, which undertook a nationwide search. In April, Dean Scarnecchia appointed Sanford Gaines as the new director of the Utton Center, effective July 1, 2007. Between April and June, Mr. Gaines made several trips to Albuquerque to work with Ms. O'Leary on the transition. As part of the transition process, the Center convened its board of advisors for an all-day meeting on June 15, 2007.

Plans for the Near Future

The wide range of issues that the Utton Center is addressing and the new responsibilities given to the Center through the adjudication ombudsman program have strained the resources of our small staff. Additional funding from the state legislature will allow the Center to hire a full-time staff attorney to assume principal responsibility for that program. The University has agreed to make a priority of our request for additional state funds to hire a program staff professional for our collaborative and research programs to give us staff depth and flexibility. Over the longer term, the Utton Center intends to become more actively involved in national and international projects on transboundary resources management, as funding may allow.

CAREER COUNSELING AND PLACEMENT

The Career & 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.
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 Law Placement, and numerous organizations like the National Hispanic Bar Association, and publications like U.S. News and World Reports. The figure for law graduates employed or in a full-time degree program as reported by the National Association for Law Placement for 2006 was 93% for the country as a whole. This figure for UNM in 2006 was 98.2% employed or in a full-time degree program.

During the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, 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:**

- Preserved and streamlined the Hugh Muir Oath Project for first year students. The CSSO took on the task of organizing this project, finding a judge, and incorporating this into the orientation of entering students.

- A panel of attorneys was provided to the Alternative Dispute Resolution group to give them insight about how they might work in this field.

- A Patent Law program was hosted with the National Executive Director of the leading patent law exam prep company. This was an event opened to the entire UNM community and students from the engineering and science graduate programs attended along with patent attorneys from the wider community.

- Three dozen students attended a program on the “Life of a District Attorney And Public Defender,” featuring two dynamic lawyers from Northern New Mexico.

- 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.

- A career panel on family law was offered.
- An environmental law panel was held.

**Examples of academic support and success efforts by the CSSO included:**

- A workshop on exam-taking techniques. This session was preserved on tape so that students could view it on demand.
- 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.
- Individual counseling and academic plans for students on probation. This 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.
- 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.

**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. (As a result of efforts to respond to the Hispanic Business survey by John Feldman, Assistant Dean for Admissions Susan Mitchell, and others, the law school would be ranked number one nationally for the second year in a row.)
- Interaction as requested by the Admissions Office with prospective students with career questions.
- Preparation of an annual budget.
• Administering various career fairs in which our students participate, including EqualJusticeWorks and Sunbelt.

• Assistance with recruitment efforts by military, as well as amelioration efforts by faculty and students.

During the past year, the CSSO has had three full time staff members, and there has been a solidification of office duties. In the spring and summer of 2007, the CSSO was asked by the dean to revisit the structure of the office in anticipation of Bonnie Stepleton moving from the role of Assistant Director to that of Assistant Dean for Student Services. Assistant Dean John Feldman facilitated a review of all functions of the CSSO and divisions of work were assigned to him, to Bonnie Stepleton, and to Coordinator Nancy Huffstutler, who completed her first full annual cycle in the office during this period of time.

Assistant Dean John Feldman continued to serve as the designee for the Dean on the committee for the Department of Higher Education that administers the state Loan Repayment Assistance Plan for public interest lawyers. The LRAP provided assistance to public defenders, district attorneys and legal services lawyers. He served on various State Bar committees, including Diversity, Professionalism, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and the Intervention and Mentoring subcommittee, and attended the State Bar Convention in Ruidoso. He wrote several sections of the ABA Self Study report prepared by the Faculty for the ABA Accreditation process. He served as an advisor to the students who generated the first “Disorientation” guide prepared for first year students. He attended the National Association for Law Placement annual education conference.

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 attended the NALP national education conference. 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 focused its efforts during 2006-07 on expanding and initiating 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:

- Analyzing legal implications of several proposals for providing universal health coverage for New Mexicans for the Governor's Commission on Health Coverage;

- Producing a report for the Department on Aging and Long Term Services on the Financing of Long Term Care;

- Working with the Health Policy Commission to explore legal issues arising from efforts to provide insurance coverage for midwives and obstetricians;

- In partnership with the Appleseed Foundation in Washington, D.C. and its local office, conducting research, including focus groups and telephone interviews with school officials, at three sites on parental participation under the No Child Left Behind Act, for a national report compiled and distributed by Appleseed;

- Assisting Appleseed in planning a symposium on fair lending practices, bringing together representatives of the financial industry and consumer groups to find means to protect low-income consumers against abuses in the payday lending industry;

- Working on 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, under federal grants;

- 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; a small grant obtained from the McCune Charitable Foundation in Santa Fe is funding a series of fall 2007 workshops.

IPL was honored to receive additional annually recurring appropriations totaling over $500,000 from the 2007 legislature to support the work of the Children's Law Center, the Judicial Education Center, and the Wild Friends programs, taking effect as of July 1, 2007.

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

Promotions:
Danelle Callan from Administrative Assistant 1 to Administrative Assistant 2 5/07/07; Marian Chavez, from Administrative Assistant 2 to Special Events Coordinator for Judicial Education Center, 3/26/07; Yolanda Rodriguez, from Program Specialist to Program Manager 5/01/07

New Hires:

Elizabeth Norris, Administrative Assistant 3, hired on 10/23/06 on temporary assignment to cover for Tracey Kincaid, who is on military leave for two years; Gabriel Baca, System Administrator, replaced Timothy Buck on 11/20/06; Danelle Callan, Administrative Assistant 1, hired on 11/06/06

Separations:

Jasmine Blue, Administrative Assistant 3, resigned 7/02/06 to move out of state; Timothy Buck, System Administrator, resigned 11/06/06 to accept a position closer to his home; Hilari Lipton, Special Events Coordinator, resigned 1/19/07 to accept a position outside UNM; Susan Page, Senior Attorney, resigned 9/08/06 to accept a position with the NM State Bar; Julia Heller, Senior Attorney, retired from UNM on 4/01/07.

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 was founded to provide training, education, and information services to the judges, attorneys, social workers and other professionals and volunteers who work in the abuse/neglect and juvenile justice legal systems. As a result of the University’s decision to prioritize increased legislative funding for the Center and the legislature’s support in the 2007 session, we have begun to build an enhanced program to provide high quality, consistent and ongoing training and information services.

In September 2006, the Center co-sponsored a day-long summit for close to 150 people from around the state on youth aging out of foster care. It also played an active role in the 2007 Children’s Law Institute, which was attended by over 650 people. During 2006-2007, the Center partnered with the Children’s Law Section of the State Bar to produce the Section’s Noon Knowledge programs, disseminating DVDs of the program to practitioners and court staff around the state. During this time the Center also participated in the development of a series of best practice bulletins, available on the Center’s website, on topics important to child abuse and neglect cases and the foster care system.

Originally founded by the Administrative Office of the Courts on behalf of the Court Improvement Project, the Center was the logical home for a new training project being funded in part by federal Court Improvement dollars. Under a memorandum of understanding with the AOC, the Center developed a strategic plan and began developing a core curriculum for judges
and attorneys new to Children's Court practice, as well as a series of regional cross-training programs scheduled for the fall of 2007.

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 FY06-07:

- Produced or significantly supported 27 educational programs, including annual conferences for every group of judges and court staff as well as domestic violence commissioners, court supervisors and designated water law judges.

- Provided in-depth training on high priority legal areas, including four regional multidisciplinary seminars and two statewide videoconferences on DWI, and a statewide seminar and two statewide videoconferences on sexual assault.

- Provided intensive education for new limited jurisdiction judges, including comprehensive orientation training for new magistrate judges and refresher training for new municipal judges six months after their initial orientation.

- Updated as necessary and distributed eight judicial benchbooks on topics such as DWI, domestic violence, traffic citations and judicial ethics.

- Continued to update and add resources, including advanced interactive training on DWI and a tutorial on consumer law, to JEC’s comprehensive web site, http://jec.unm.edu/.

- Continued to support mediation programs in magistrate courts by sponsoring local training for community volunteer mediators.

- Began comprehensive curriculum planning for municipal judges, to be followed by similar planning for magistrate judges.

- Provided financial support for 66 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.

- Provided financial support for 63 court staff to take Judicial Studies courses at Central New Mexico Community College.

- Continued working in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Association of State Judicial Educators to maintain and add resources to the National Online Resource Library for the Judiciary on Impaired Driving, http://nasjedui.unm.edu/.
• 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 interpreter services in the New Mexico courts.

**Government Regulation Center**

The Government Regulation Center performed research and drafting work for the following state agencies:

**Public Regulation Commission**

• Worked on rule revisions for the State Fire Marshal’s Office

**Taxation and Revenue Department**

• Worked on reorganization of the Motor Vehicle Code

• Drafted a bill revising the Motor Vehicle Code that was passed by the legislature and signed into law during the 2007 legislative session

**Environment Department**

• Worked on rules for the Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau

• Drafted a bill for the 2008 legislative session that would amend the Hazardous Waste Act and the Ground Water Protection Act

**Center for Wildlife Law**

The Wildlife Law News Quarterly, which summarizes state, national and international developments in law, regulation, and policy, continues to be published and disseminated by CWL to subscribers such as state fish and wildlife agencies, non-governmental organizations, attorneys and law libraries. In addition, the Wildlife Law News Weekly Alert is distributed online each week with a brief overview of new developments in the field of wildlife law.

The State Wildlife Laws Handbook, originally published in 1993, is being updated by CWL and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, with the assistance of law students at the University of New Mexico School of Law.

In March 2007, Director Ruth Musgrave made a presentation to the Legal Committee of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies on impacts of climate change on fish and wildlife and wildlife laws.

The topic the Wild Friends chose for their 2007 memorial, House Joint Memorial 12, was climate change. Over 400 students from around the state participated in 18 field trips to the
Capitol to meet legislators and to testify in committee hearings, while other students contacted legislators by fax and phone. Ultimately the legislation was enacted as House Memorial 64, introduced by Representative Mimi Stewart. The students' memorial was commended by the Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez during a public radio interview.

The legislative project was also included in a report written by Natalie Dawson in the March issue of the Journal of Mammalogy; Ms. Dawson is an American Society of Mammalogists—American Institute of Biological Sciences Public Policy Fellow, a UNM Ph.D. candidate in biology, and a Wild Friends volunteer. The November issue of Ranger Rick, a youth magazine published by the National Wildlife Federation, will feature a short article about the Wild Friends 2007 memorial.

Transportation Safety Center Education Unit

The Institute continued a long-standing relationship with the New Mexico Department of Transportation’s Traffic Safety Bureau and Aviation Division 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:

- AlcoEdu, an educational newsletter, began publication this year. The target audience, teachers at elementary and secondary schools in New Mexico, receive the newsletter quarterly. The intent of the newsletter is to provide usable information, lesson plans and activities about underage drinking and DWI for teachers, so that they are able to incorporate this information into their classroom activities.

- IPL staff assisted NMDOT in the facilitation of a working meeting in November to develop a Comprehensive Safety Plan for New Mexico and participated in the preparation of a draft document. IPL staff continued to participate in the action teams that developed the full Comprehensive Transportation Safety Plan.

- The fourth annual Motorcycle Safety Awareness Day was held at the Sandia Motor Speedway in Albuquerque in September, part of a three-day event. Thousands of people attended and were given entry wristbands and an agenda with safety messages and contact information. Attendees had an opportunity to pick up additional materials at the IPL tent, watch the races and sign up for rider courses.

- We facilitated the Governor’s Research Forums on DWI, a series of presentations by speakers with a wide range of expertise relating to DWI prevention. Topics included retailer responsibility, successful law enforcement efforts in other states, social norms and environmental strategies.

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 291 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 435 requests from parents for their students’ participation in a correspondence driver education program.

- conducted 160 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.

- With support from Senator John Grubesic and Representative Kathy McCoy, attained enactment of HB 1052, amending the Driver School License Expiration Law to allow staggering of licensing deadlines throughout the year among different types of licensees.

- worked with legal counsel on regulatory issues and to compile proposed rule revisions for the ignition interlock and traffic school programs, for presentation to the Transportation Commission for review and approval in fall 2007.

**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 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. Ms. Flynn-O’Brien also serves on the Supreme Court’s Court Improvement Project Task Force.

Pam Lambert was appointed to the State Bar’s Bench and Bar Relations Committee. Meeting and events planner Victoria Garcia has served on several committees of the New Mexico chapter of Meeting Professionals International.

Senior attorney Beth Gillia coached the Jessup International Law Moot Court team for the School of Law, attended the Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands, and participated in the Intimate Partner Homicide Review Team for Bernalillo County.
Yolanda Rodriguez applied to and was accepted into the UNM Management Academy in July 2006 and graduated as 'Most Diligent' in March 2007.

Ruth Musgrave is authoring a chapter for a book accepted for publication by Island Press, "The Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management," on recent legal trends in fish and wildlife policy. She also serves on the boards of several non-profit wildlife organizations, and serves as trustee of the Frances V.R. Seebe Charitable Trust.

DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Highlights

The Alumni’s "13th Annual Distinguished Achievement Awards Dinner" was a great success. This year's dinner honored three recipients, including Arthur O. Beach, Pat R. Bryan III, John E. Echowhawk and Toby E. Grossman (posthumously). Over 380 people attended the dinner which represents an increase of 18% in attendees. The event net $14,487 which is a 7% increase over last year.

The Alumni Association’s 5th annual Summer Golf Classic was held at the University Championship Golf Course in July. Over 100 players participated helping to raise $9,541. The is a 15% increase in net income over last year.

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 2006-2007, the School of Law raised $404,958. Our “Dean’s Circle” of giving remains strong, with membership continuing to see strong growth. FY 2006-2007 saw giving to the Dean’s Fund total $111,463. The circle was established so that the Dean would have resources available to fund the school’s top priorities.

FY 2006 – 2007 also saw changes in our development staff. Bill Uher was hired as the Development Officer at the start of the second quarter. No other staff additions or turnover has occurred.

Staffing Recommendations

Currently Dean Scarnecchia and Development Officer Bill Uher are looking at plans to add a development specialist to the staff. This plan would allow the specialist to focus on lower-level gifts. Allowing the development officer to focus more time on major and planned giving.
## JUDICIAL SELECTION

During the 2006-2007 fiscal years, 12 judicial vacancies were filled through the judicial selection process. The Judicial Selection Office at the UNM School of Law convened 12 Judicial Nominating Commissions (and reconvened 2 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 the Commission meetings; and
- Carried out the various Commissions’ decisions by forwarding their recommended nominees to the Governor.
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