Ben Herbert, a native of upstate New York, came to Arizona by way of Colorado and Washing- ton, D.C. After receiving his undergraduate degree in molecular biology from the University of Colo- rado in Boulder, he moved to Washington, D.C., to work in politics. While working as the deputy press secretary for the House Democratic Caucus, Herbert had the opportunity to work with several members of Congress from Arizona who sparked his interest in coming to Arizona for law school. Herbert chose the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law because of its Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology.

This summer, Herbert will be working as a summer associate for the law firm of Lewis and Roca.

“I feel extremely lucky as a 1L to have the opportunity,” Herbert said. “I look forward to working in diverse practice areas this summer, so that I can figure out what type of law really interests me.”

Herbert also is looking forward to having some free time to see what Arizona is really all about.

**LAW SCHOOL NAMES PRIZE FOR JUDGE MARY SCHROEDER**

Mary Schroeder, who is stepping down after seven years as Chief Judge for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Ap- peals, was honored March 27 as the College of Law awarded a $10,000 prize in honor to a law student committed to public service.

The prize, organized and funded in large part by Schroeder’s current and former law clerks, was given to Cheryl Kane, who will graduate in May.

“Im deeply honored,” said Kane, who will use the money to defray her law school debts. “It’s great to encourage top students to go into public service.”

Dean Patricia White said the award will carry on Schroeder’s legacy.

“We wanted to recognize and thank this extraordinary woman, public servant and judicial leader,” White said. “The country is in your debt.”

By making this the biggest award the College of Law gives, we are sending an important signal to students, that public service is deeply important. Mary’s legacy as the public service ‘queen’ will last a very long time.”

Schroeder said she was gratified by the prize.

“I’m surprised and pleased that people would actually contribute money for this,” Schroeder said. “It’s a wonderful idea, and the concept that I would be remembered for public service is great.”

The award was presented at Hohokam Stadium, where Schroeder, a Cubs supporter, watched the Cubs battle to a 10-10 tie with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Before the game, Schroeder laughed at the scoreboard report. “Congratulations Judge Mary Schroeder. Top of the 9th (Circuit Court of Appeals) for seven years.”

The College also gave Schroeder a bronze sculpture of a horse done by artist Cynthia Rigdon, a miniature version of one given to retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor on the naming of the College in her honor.

Schroeder, who had been a trial attorney with the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and served on the Arizona Court of Appeals, joined the 9th Circuit in 1979, appointed by President Jimmy Carter.

She was the youngest woman appellate judge in America at the time.

She became the first woman chief judge in 2000, when she took leader- ship of the 9th Circuit, the largest and busiest, which encompasses Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and the islands of Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Schroeder’s husband, Milt, a professor at the College of Law, said the award was a fitting tribute to his wife.

“It’s a great thing to celebrate and a wonderful thing for the law school to recognize the importance of public service,” he said.

Judge Schroeder said she was particularly pleased that the award was organized by her family of law clerks.

Kane, the recipient of the award, already has a long history of public service.

Before law school, she taught at-risk second- to eighth-graders at a Detroit public school for one year through AmeriCorps and taught English

as a foreign language to 60 high school students for one year in a rural village in Guinea, West Africa, through the Peace Corps.

“While I was teaching in Detroit, I lived in an inner-city neighborhood, and we were organizing the residents to turn some of the blighted areas into parks,” Kane said. “We needed a lawyer to deal with the permits and things, and I thought, ‘I want to be that lawyer some day.’ ”

After graduation, Kane will clerk for Judge Daniel Barker of the Arizona Court of Appeals, then perhaps do another clerkship. While clerking for Kane, did an externship with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Arizona; conducted research in housing law for the Community Legal Services program; was a judicial extern for Judge Michael Daly Hawkins on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; represented minors in representation cases; and taught immigration law classes at the University of Arizona Immigration & Policy Clinic; worked on wrongful convictions through the Arizona Justice Project; was a law clerk for the Arizona Corporation Commission; and worked on consumer fraud complaints in the Arizona Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division.

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**EXAM STRATEGIES OFFERED IN STATE BAR WORKSHOPS**

As part of its 75th anniversary celebration, the State Bar of Arizona is sponsoring three interactive workshops for students that will bring to the College of Law two leading experts on law school exams and the Bar exam.

The State Bar’s Diane and Julie Brewer Workshops were created to demonstrate its appreciation to Arizona’s law schools for the outstanding job they do in preparing tomorrow’s attorneys, said Patricia Giallanza, the State Bar’s Director of Communications. The State Bar was founded on March 17, 1933.

“Graduates of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law rank among the finest members of our state’s legal profession,” Gial- lanza said. “We hope that most of these graduates will choose to remain in Arizona after graduation, and we look forward to welcoming them into our organization.”

Corie Rosen, the College of Law’s Director of the Academic Support Pro- gram, said the free sessions will provide students strategies for approaching, reading and writing exams.

“We are incredibly lucky to have this exciting sponsorship from the Arizona State Bar,” Rosen said. “This program will not only integrate the interests and goals of the law school and the bar association, it also will offer students the unique opportunity to acquire valuable information.”

The first workshop, “Deconstructing Legal Analysis: An Academic Suc- cess Workshop,” will be held on Thursday, April 3, by Peter Wendel, a professor at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, Calif. Wendel will talk with first-year law students at 9 a.m. in the Great Hall and with all students at 11:15 p.m. in Room 105.

“The key to clear and effective legal writing is clear and effective legal analysis,” he said. “The first half of the workshop will teach students how to think like a lawyer,” and the second half will help them take that abstract understanding and use it to write better outlines and law school exams.

Wendel will use workshops for students in the most successful students’ understanding of the process of legal analysis.”

“Most law students begin law school with little idea of what they have gotten themselves into academically,” Wendel said. “All have been successful academically before entering law school and assume that the learning techniques that worked for them in grade school, high school and college will work for them in law school.”

Rosen said Wendel’s workshops have helped hundreds of law students around the country improve their work.

“His presentations address the challenges implicit in the law school envi- ronment and give students a unique, practical system by which those chal- lenges can be met,” Rosen said. “His ideas have clarified and deepened even the most successful students’ understanding of the process of legal analysis.”

The second workshop, “Breaking Down the Bar: Strategies for Success on the Arizona Bar Exam,” will be given by Paula Manning, Associate Dean of the Institute for Student and Graduate Academic Support at Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa, Calif. The session is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Satur- day, April 5, in Room 114.

Manning will discuss ways students should prepare for the Bar and provide information on the Multistate Bar Examination and the essay portion of the exam. Her presentation also will include an interactive exercise in which students can try out and go over actual exam questions.

For more information, contact Rosen at Corie.Rosen@asu.edu or call (480) 727-8766.

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SUPREME COURT VISITS WITH LAW STUDENTS

The Arizona Supreme Court spent about 90 minutes listening to attorneys argue the facts of two cases and questioning them about parts of the law during a visit on March 25 to the College of Law.

After the oral arguments, the justices took the time to candidly answer questions from the audience, including the proper preparation of cases, grooming for a judicial career and the perks of being on the state’s highest court.

“I like being called ‘Your Honor,’” quipped Justice Michael Ryan (Class of 1977).

“I look great in black,” added Justice Andrew Hurwitz. The five judges, three of whom are alumni of the ASU law school, seemed to enjoy this annual exchange with the mostly first-year law students. This time, a delegation of judges and attorneys from Kyrgyzstan, visiting the U.S. for the first time to learn more about justice, also attended.

“Being on the Supreme Court is an opportunity to work with people who care deeply about researching facts and fairly deciding interesting cases, said Chief Justice Ruth McGregor (Class of 1974). But there is more than case law, McGregor said, noting the justices also work on programs that help ensure victims’ rights and improve the efficiency of the juvenile courts, among others.

“It’s a really great job,” she said.

The Arizona Supreme Court is a unique animal, said Justice Scott Bales. “We sit together and are small enough to operate in collegial fashion, which is unique to our court system,” Bales said. “Every week is like a seminar dealing with a very different legal question.”

Hurwitz, a former trial attorney, said maintaining neutrality behind the bench is “not for sissies.”

“A lot of times we decide cases in a way we wouldn’t if we were perfectly free to represent our own preferences,” he said. “It’s not a downside, but it’s ‘a hardship.’”

Hurwitz advised the students not to plan their careers to be judges. Justice Rebecca Berch (Class of 1979), former director of the Legal Writing Program at the College of Law, said clear writing stems from clear thinking.

“Explain your case to a friend,” Berch said. “Talk it through. Get a second opinion.”

The Arizona Supreme Court is a great broadening experience as a 1L,” she said. “I enjoyed hearing about the legislative changes that are going on, as well as the approaches that the law was taking.”

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Perez said she received good material about updates on major laws such as the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, and information about global warming, public lands and ethical issues. She came back with a renewed desire to work in environmental law.

“The opportunity to talk with attorneys was completely enjoyable and always interesting, and lunches and breaks were filled with stories of how they found themselves interested in environmental law, or a memorable story about a case,” she said. “A universal thread was that no one ever really planned to get into environmental law, but once they found themselves there, it felt like being a child in a candy store with so many options and plenty of issues with which to wrestle.”

Bryant, who was unable to attend, viewed the conference's webinar. She was able to combine the conference with her doctoral research which focuses on biodiesel as a renewable energy source, and its potential environmental benefits and concerns.

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WRITING COMPETITION

Don’t miss the chance to hone your writing skills and win cash at the same time.

The 2008 scholarly writing competition of the Indiana Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona is open to all J.D. and LL.M. students. Up to two $1,000 scholarship prizes will be awarded at the banquet convention this summer, and the winning essays will be published in The Arrow.

For details go to www.myaabar.org/SecComm/Sections/ID or contact Amy Courson, ACourson@stricklandlaw.net or Bradley G. Bledsoe Downes, bdowens@al-kal-vcy.com

Auction a Success

Three domestic violence shelters in the Phoenix area will receive the proceeds from a recent silent auction held by the Women Law Students’ Association. About $8,680 was raised at the auction.

Bar Exam Prep No. 12

The next session of a new course designed to help law students improve their performance on the Arizona Bar Exam will be held from 1:30-4 p.m. on Friday, April 4, in the Great Hall. Adjunct professor John Becker will teach the session on Trusts and Wills.

Barrister’s Ball Tickets Now Online

Tickets to the April 12 Barrister’s Ball can be purchased for $30 a piece ($50 for couples) at aubarras.com/home.cfm. The event begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. in The Butter Marriott Resort in Tempe.

Save the Date

Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. will present “Race, Politics and the Drama of Obama” for the 2008 A. Wade Smith Memorial lecture on Race Relations at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 7, in Gammage Auditorium. Pitts is a syndicated columnist who has written about pop culture, social issues and family life. The lecture is free, but tickets are required, and are available at asu.edu/multimedialectures or at ASU Bookstores. For details, call (480) 963-1441.

Vote 08

Graduating law students have until this Friday, April 4, to vote for their choice of class speaker at commencement and the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award. Past winners include professors Gary Marchant, Alan Macpherson, Jay Stimson, Jennifer Barnes and Bob Rittig.

To vote, go to www.law.asu.edu/Vote08

International Commercial Law Lectures

Two guest lecturers will be at the College to talk about international commercial law.

Thomas J. Salerno and Jordan Kroop, partners at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P, will speak about the fundamentals of international commercial arbitration from 2:4 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, in Room 114. This is a make-up class for Professor Charles Calleros’ international contracts class, but it is also open to all students.

Professor Luc Grynbaum of the University of Paris V - René Descartes will talk about “European Law of E-Commerce” at 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Monday, April 7, in Room 118. For details, contact Calleros at Charles.Calleros@asu.edu.

Hungry for Knowledge

This time of year, there’s no shortage of noon-time meetings at the College of Law.

• Terrorism: Implications for Lawyers,” with Ken Leahman, a federal government counterterrorism and Middle East specialists and advisor to the Arizona Joint Terrorism Task Force/Az Counterterrorism Information Center, 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, in Room 114.

• Bryan Cave emPOWER lunch, with advice about minority attorneys practicing in large firms, 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, April 2, in Room 118. Lunch provided. Contact E Royal to register.

• Government Regulation: Corporate Lawyer’s Perspective,” featuring Michael Patten of Roskia DeWulf & Patten, 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, in Room 114. Lunch included.

• The Law of International Crises: Lessons in Corporate Governance and Federal Regulation,” with Professor Myles Lynch, 12:10 p.m on Tuesday, April 8, in Room 114. Lunch included.

Career Services News

A variety of programs for students have been planned by the Career Services Office, including:

• Fall OCI Recruitment Information Session, 12:15 p.m on Wednesday, April 2, in Room 105. Open to all 1Ls and 2Ls. Deadline dates, Symplicity vices Office, including:

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Wanted: Calif. BarBri Course Takers

Students at the University of Arizona’s James E. Rogers College of Law need a few more students interested in coming to Tucson to take the California BarBri prep course. It would be offered in late May and June, and housing opportunities may be available.

If interested, contact Robin Quarrier at rquarie@email.arizona.edu or call (617) 257-6613, as soon as possible.