CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE

DAVID W. LOWSLEY II: 1944-2008

David W. Lowsley II, a retired international business executive and current student at the College of Law, died at his home in Tempe on April 14, 2008. He was 64.

David was a charismatic, ambitious, intelligent man who packed a lot into those six decades, said his son, David P. Lowsley, of Hanover, N.H., and Michael Lowsley, of Haverhill, Mass.

“At ASU, and especially at the law school, he followed a shared vision, energized the people around him, and made an environment that was engaging,” said his son, David, a senior systems manager for Liberty International, who was in business in Istanbul when notified of his father’s unexpected death.

The son of a cattle rancher/businessman, David grew up in Guatemala, Honduras and California, as well as in Missouri and Oklahoma, where he attended military school. He received a bachelor’s degree in international relations from the University of Southern California, then served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam before leaving the rank of captain.

After earning his MBA in International Relations from Thunderbird, the Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, David worked for Ford Motor Co. in Brazil, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Spain. After 14 years at Ford, he was recruited to join the Chrysler Corp. as Director of International Sales by then-Executive Vice President Robert Lutz. David was responsible for successfully re-introducing the Chrysler brand into the European market.

“His motto, for the most part, was, ‘Make it happen,’” said son Michael. “He never wanted to hear excuses for why something hadn’t been accomplished. He just wanted you to ‘Make it happen.’”

Dean Patricia White said, “David’s determination and courage were an inspiration to all who knew him. We shall miss him very much.”

Professor Betsy Grey said David was a dedicated student who never missed a class, despite his medical problems. “He was very engaged in the subject of our class, Neuroscience and Law, often staying after class to talk to us about it, and had begun work on an ambitious research paper for the course. He clearly enjoyed the study of law,” Grey said.

In addition to his two sons, David is survived by his wife, Martha, of Fort Collins, Colo., daughter, Kathryn, of Littleton, Colo., parents, David W. and Eleanor, of Fort Collins, daughter-in-law, Bayley, both of Haverhill, Mass., four sisters, Shar- lon Pierce, of San Antonio, Texas, Deline Kerstiens, of Golden, Colo., Kathy Johnson, of Fort Collins, and Lynn Hartley, of Austin, Texas, one brother, Thomas, of Kansas City, Mo., his Aunt Jeanne and Uncle Sandy of Bonita Springs, Fla., and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held by the family this summer in Fort Collins. Friends are invited to submit sentiments about David and condolences to his family at InMemoriamOfDavid@Lowsley.net

Read the rest of the article at law.asu.edu.

BARNES NAMED A TOP PRO BONO ATTORNEY

Jennifer Barnes, director of the Clinical Program and the Civil Justice Clinic at the College of Law, has been selected as one of the Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona, an award given annually by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education.

Barnes is a former trial attorney who represented clients in products liability, premises liability, toxic tort and wrongful death litigation for 14 years before coming to the College in 2001. She also is an alumna (Class of 1987) of the College. Barnes was nominated by the Volunteer Lawyers Program, a partnership of the Maricopa County Bar Association and Community Legal Services, Inc. (CLS). The award is a “tremendous honor,” she said.

“Pro bono service is critically important for the people who can’t afford legal services,” she said. “They are the victims of so many different opportunities, and the only way to obtain justice for them is to have lawyers who are willing to dedicate their time. I’m fortunate to be in a college that supports service to the community, and to have a dean that supports our efforts. I have incredible colleagues who deserve the award more than I do, and I absolutely share it with them.”

Read the rest of the article at law.asu.edu.

FERGUSON TESTIFIES IN D.C.

A delegation from the Indian Legal Clinic at the College of Law participated in a meeting of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Thursday, April 24, on Capitol Hill.

Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, the Clinic’s director, testified before the committee during a hearing on recommendations for improving the Federal Acknowledgment Process. Ferguson-Bohnee traveled to Washington, D.C., with Jennifer Acosta, Jerome Clarke, Tana Fitzpatrick, Chia Halpern and Sebastian Zavala, all students in the College’s Indian Legal Program.

The clinic was invited last fall by U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), who chairs the committee, to evaluate the complicated process by which Native American tribes may be recognized by the U.S. government. Such
FELLER TO SPEND YEAR AT NWF

Joe Feller will take a leave of absence beginning in June to work for a year at the National Wildlife Federation. Feller will serve as a senior counsel in the conservation organization's Rocky Mountain Natural Resource Center in Boulder, Colo.

The job is a perfect fit for Feller, a former physics professor at Columbia University who began teaching at the College of Law 20 years ago and is a Faculty Fellow in the College's Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology.

"I'm very excited and looking forward to the opportunity to focus on that advocacy work full time, to do some good for wildlife and to gain experience that will enhance my teaching and writing," he said.

Read the full story at law.asu.edu.

NEW BAR PREP VIDEOS POSTED

Three more Bar Prep videos have been posted. They are Criminal Procedure by Carissa Hesick, Criminal Law by Gary Lowenthal and Trusts and Wills by John Becker. Find them at law.asu.edu/barprep08.

ELLMAN PUBLISHED IN ‘HARVARD JOURNAL’

Professor Ira Ellman was quoted recently in the Christian Science Monitor in an article on the controversial raid on the Texas compound of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

In the April 21 article, "To regain kids, FLDS women try new tactic: Public Relations," reporter Faye Bowers wrote that "The two-day hearing in Texas late last week that resulted in the state keeping 456 children from returning to their communal home opened a rare window into the female side of a religious group that has long shut out contact with the outside world."

Mothers of some of the children attended the hearing, spoke to the press, and invited reporters to their ranch near Eldorado, Texas, Bowers wrote.

Ellman commented on the court’s order that members of the sect must provide DNA samples for maternity and paternity tests, which could help identify which children belong to which parents, but could also help build cases for criminal charges.

BRENT ROAM A SUN DEVIL STAR

Brent Roam, 3L, has been chosen as a 2008 Sun Devil Star, an award given to students who "have positively impacted the campus community through their involvement in various leadership roles."

KOehler on the move

Professor Jay Koehler spent part of spring semester delivering talks that centered on the role that error and error rates can and should play in the interpretation of traditional forensic evidence, such as fingerprints and bite marks.

Koehler addressed the "Psychology and Economics Colloquium" at the University of Illinois College of Law on March 13; the "Faces of Forensics Conference" at Hastings College of Law on March 21; a Northwestern University Faculty Workshop on April 8; and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Behavioral Economics Colloquium on April 8.

"Error and error rates can and should play a role in the interpretation of traditional forensic evidence," Koehler wrote. "The two-day hearing in Texas late last week that resulted in the state keeping 456 children from returning to their communal home opened a rare window into the female side of a religious group that has long shut out contact with the outside world."

"These are the biggest numbers in the three years I have participated in VITA,” Fischer said. “A special thank you to all of the volunteers that donated time to impacting such a massive amount of people.”

The students spent 18 nights and three Saturdays in February helping more than 50 people, mostly international students, research scholars and faculty, per night, Fischer said. The taxpayers received an average refund of $270 from the federal government and made an average payment of $36 to the state government.

PRO BONO AWARDS EVENT

Students and community attorneys who’ve provided outstanding community service this year will be recognized at the Pro Bono Awards Reception at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, in the Great Hall. For more information, contact Kristine Reich at Kristine.Reich@asu.edu.