LAW SCHOOL’S PRESENCE IN CHINA GROWS: KAYE TO TEACH IN NANJING

Professor David Kaye is spending the academic year teaching international human-rights law and other subjects in a country often criticized for its human-rights practices.

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WARNE HONORED AS HEALTH-CARE HERO

Donald Warne, a clinical professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, was honored Aug. 23 as a finalist for the 2007 Health Care Heroes Award for his extensive involvement in health outreach projects in Arizona and around the United States.

Warne, who was nominated in the Community Outreach category, is extensively involved in health outreach in Arizona and around the United States, said retired physician Leland Fairbanks. Warne developed the “Model Tribal Health and Safety Code” for the Int’l Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. and has testified before Congress about urban Indian health needs.

A physician who comes from a long line of traditional healers and medicine men in the Oglala Lakota tribe, Warne often lectures and leads seminars about diabetes and other health-policy issues at conferences around the world and is a resource expert for the Indian Health Service and the Association of Indian Physicians.

Rebecca Tosie, executive director of the Indian Legal Program and a professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, said Warne is a skilled practitioner on the administration of health care to Native people at the federal, state, and tribal levels.

“Dr. Warne has worked tirelessly to achieve needed reforms in Arizona and throughout the United States.”

The Health Care Heroes Awards were presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona.

ADJUNCT HONORED NATIONALLY

Roxana C. Bacon, who has been an adjunct professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, is one of five women lawyers across the country recently honored with the prestigious Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award.

The awards were presented Aug. 12 at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

The award, named after the first woman lawyer in the United States, was established in 1991 by the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession to honor outstanding women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence within their area of specialty and have actively paved the way to success for other women lawyers.

Bacon’s biography in the awards booklet notes that her recent career has been a series of firsts, including being the first woman visiting professor at the ASU College of Law in 1979-80, where she taught immigration law and professional responsibility. She also was the first woman partner at Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, the first woman to serve as chair of the State Bar of Arizona’s Admissions Committee Character and Fitness Committee, to be selected by Arizona’s federal bench to serve as a lawyer representative to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and the first woman president of the State Bar of Arizona.

“The Arizona District of the U.S. Postal Service will unveil a stamp celebrating diversity at 3 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. The Mende v. Westminster stamp commemorates the 60th anniversary of the landmark civil rights lawsuit that challenged segregation of Mexican schoolchildren by several school districts in Orange County, Calif. The case foreshadowed the 1944 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education.

In the Mende case, Judge District Court Judge Paul McCormick ruled that segregation of Mexican schoolchildren was a clear denial of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the decision. Shortly afterward, Earl Warren, then governor of California, signed measures into law that repealed all California school codes that had mandated segregation.

Raul Castro, Arizona’s first and only Hispanic governor, will be the honored guest and keynote speaker at the unveiling.

CLE SEMINARS SCHEDULED

The Alumni Association of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law has organized two CLE seminars, one on DUI and one on Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SATURDAY BRUNCH SERIES

Professor Kevin Gover and adjunct professors Gary L. Stuart and Arizona Supreme Court Justice Andrew D. Hurwitz are featured speakers in a Saturday History Brunch Series organized by The Arizona Historical Society.

The series, titled “Stories from the Gavel: Arizona Case Law,” will include eight lectures, four at the Arizona History Museum in Tucson and four at the Arizona Historical Society at Papago Park in Tempe. Breakfasts start at 9 a.m.; lectures at 10 a.m. The series cost $25 apiece; $190 for four, or $150 for eight. A discounted rate of $15 per session is offered for students. To register, contact Brenda Brandt at (480) 929-0292, ext. 160 or at bbrandt@azhs.gov.

TUCSON


Nov. 17 – Judge David R. Cole, “In Re: Gault: Juvenile Justice”

TEMPE


Oct. 6 – Rob Ferrey, “The White Antelope Problem: Cultural Identity as the Core of Indian Law”

Nov. 10 – Kevin Gover, “Environmental Regulation on Indian Reservations”


DEADLINES

Spring 2008 Exchange Programs

Check out the College’s exchange programs with the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella School of Law in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the University of Victoria School of Law in British Columbia, Canada, and the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Universite Rene Descartes, Paris V University. The programs offer not only cultural and educational benefits, but also financial benefits because participating law students pay ASU tuition and fees only, not those of the exchange institutions. Program space is limited, so interested students should submit a letter of interest, law school transcript and recommendation letter to College of Law faculty member Leslie Mamaghani (Room 100) by 5 p.m., Fri., Sept. 7.

Moot Court competition

The College’s Executive Moot Court Board will hold its annual Client Counseling competition from 6-9 p.m. on Sept. 11-12, with finals on Sept. 13. Deadline to sign up is 5 p.m. on Aug. 31. To sign up, call the Moot Court office at (480) 965-7470 or email pamela.hostallero@asu.edu.

CAREER SERVICES EVENTS

Sept. 4: Interviewing Skills for On-Campus Interviews. Presented by the law firm of Gallagher & Kennedy. 12:15 p.m., Room 114.

Sept. 5: Mock Interviews (2L & 3L students must be pre-registered). Conducted by the Young Lawyers Division of the Maricopa County Bar Association, 2-7 p.m., Room 101, College of Law Library, second floor.

Sept. 6: Interviewing for a Judicial Clerkship Workshop, 12:15 p.m., Room 114.

For more information, call (480) 965-5808.

Contributions welcome – Please send news about student organizations, lectures or other events, or suggestions about interesting people to profile to DL.WG.LAW.Communications.