O’Connor College of Law into a world-class law school,” Napolitano said. “She’s an incredible lawyer, a fantastic scholar and a leader. Under her leadership, the faculty has grown, contributions to the school have flourished, and the school has increased in national stature,” Berch said. “But her most important accomplishment must surely be the renaming of the College with retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, for whom the College was renamed in 2006, praised White’s work. “Rising through the management ranks of a Fortune 100 was both exciting and professionally rewarding,” Ivan said. “But the love of law was still a flame I carried in my heart throughout this time.” When his former business-law professor and mentor from graduate school asked him whether he ever considered going to law school, he figured someone was trying to tell him something. And the rest, as they say, is history.

SUMMER EXPERIENCES

DEAN WHITE ANNOUNCES MOVE TO TEACHING

Dean Patricia White celebrates the renaming of the College, in which she served as Executive Director of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Patricia White has been the Dean of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in Arizona State University since 2006. Her contributions to the ASU community as dean will surely be missed.” White’s departure comes after 10 years as Dean and the renaming of the College, the first time nationally that a law school was named for a female dean. While White has been dean, the College of Law’s faculty has nearly doubled, its research and publications have gained national prominence, and there has been enormous growth in interdisciplinary programs in philosophy, science, technology, and international law. Its Indian Legal Program is renowned, the Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology is the largest and most comprehensive law and science center in the country, and several unique joint programs have been established, including the M.D./J.D. program with the Mayo Medical School, and the Master of Real Estate Development with three other ASU colleges and schools.

At the same time, the quality and diversity of the student body improved, with more than twice the financial aid and scholarships provided, a result of more than doubling the College’s enrollment and increasing annual giving 20 fold. The College’s community outreach has greatly expanded with four new clinical programs – the Indian Legal Clinic, the Immigration Law & Policy Clinic, the Lodziest Mediation Clinic and the multidisciplinary Technology Ventures Clinic – and a Pro Bono Program in which students last year contributed 73,000 hours, conservatively valued at $7.3 million, to low-income and underserved populations that otherwise would have no access to legal assistance.

“I feel privileged to have played this role for so long,” White said. “I have learned a great deal, had a lot of fun, and, together, with the help of many talented people, we have brought the school a long way.” Alan Matheson, who has been with the College since its founding in 1967 and has served as dean or acting dean five different times, called White “a phenomenal dean.”

“She has strengthened all aspects of the College: faculty, academic programs, connection to the community, student bodies and fundraising,” Matheson said. “Ernest Calderón, a member of the Arizona Board of Regents and head of Calderón Law Offices, said he is disappointed White is leaving the leadership of the College. “Look at everything she’s accomplished,” Calderón said. “She’s taken the College of Law to a higher strata than it’s ever been while enhancing its outreach to poor people and those less fortunate. She’s a national leader in that. She recruits people from less fortunate communities who go on to empower themselves and empower other communities.”

Patricia Lee Rebo, an attorney at Snell & Wilmer in Phoenix and co-chair of the College’s group, Arizona Women Lawyers Honoring Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, said White will be missed as Dean. “She made history with the renaming,” Rebo said. “Under her extraordinary leadership, the law school, its faculty and its students have flourished. And she has invited the legal community in this wonderful city – many, like me, with no connection to the law school – to be a part of this remarkable institution.

“We are thrilled that she will be here teaching,” Paul Eckstein, a partner at Perkins Coie Brown & Bain, called White, “inspired and inspiring”.

“Seeking permission from Justice O’Connor to name the school for her was inspired,” said Eckstein, co-founder of the College’s Council of 100, a group of attorneys who provide support and advice for the dean. “People will do anything for her. So when she asked us to form the Council of 100, she was inspiring enough that we did it.”

Marin Seymann, chairman and CEO of the International Institute of the Americas, who served as the College’s associate dean of development before leaving in June, said White created a strong partnership with the legal community. “She built significant bridges with the legal community,” Seymann said. “These groups have been a support to the law school, a source of job placement and faculty recruitment and a way to better understand the community’s needs.”

Rebecca Berch, Vice Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court and an alumna of the College, said ASU has been well served by White’s deanship. “Under her leadership, the faculty has grown, contributions to the school have flourished, and the school has increased in national stature,” Rebecca Berch said. “But her most important accomplishment must surely be the renaming of the law school in honor of retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.”

White, a nationally recognized expert in tax law and bioethics, is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel. In addition to her professorship at the College of Law, she is an affiliated professor in the Department of Philosophy. She is a national leader in legal education, is secretary/treasurer of the American Law Deans Association and a former long-term member of the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admissions Council. A national search will be conducted for White’s successor.
WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS EXPLORED IN FILM, DISCUSSION

A film about wrongful convictions followed by a discussion with an Arizona man wrongly imprisoned for eight years will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 27 in Room 105. In addition, a bill drafted by ASU Law students to compensate wrongful- ly convicted Arizonans will be discussed. The bill will soon be introduced into the Arizona Legislature.

The film, *After Innocence*, tells the story of seven men imprisoned for decades and their efforts to rebuild their lives after DNA evidence proved their innocence.

“The men are thrust back into society with little or no support from the system that put them behind bars,” according to the film’s Web site. “While the public remembers these stories — wrongs that have been righted — *After Innocence* shows that the human toll of wrongful imprisonment can last far longer than the sentences served.”

The film features Harry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, founders of the Innocence Project, which has helped to exonerate more than 300 people freed through the use of DNA testing in the last decade. It also highlights the work of human-rights activist Dr. Lola Vollen, co-founder of the Life After Innocence campaign.

Following the film, Ray Girlder, a Prescott man who spent eight years in prison after being wrongly convicted of arson and murder in the deaths of his wife and daughter, will discuss his experience.

Girlder will be joined by his attorney, Larry Hammond, who eventually proved the fire was accidental, securing Girlder’s release. Hammond, of Osborn Maledon, and others founded The Arizona Justice Project in 1998, making it the fifth organization in the United States set up to help inmates overturn wrongful convictions. Today, there are more than 40 similar organizations throughout the country.

Professors and students at the College of Law work closely with The Arizona Justice Project, volunteering countless hours to work on cases of those believed wrongly convicted.

Thursday’s event, sponsored by the project, is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Professor Michael Saks, (928) 282-0813, or michael.saks@asu.edu.

SPEAKER TACKLES ISSUES IN TELECOM LAW

Danny E. Adams (Class of 1975), a partner and founding member of the Kelley Drye’s Telecommunications Practice, will discuss “Issues in Telecom Law: Consumer Protection, Internet Competition Policy and Broadband Regulation,” at 12:10 p.m. on Sept. 25 in Room 114.

Adams will focus on the telecommunications field for more than 30 years and represents Internet service providers, MVNOs (Mobile Network Virtual Operator), wireless carriers, information service providers, long distance companies, broadband companies and others on both federal and state regulatory matters, as well as in contract negotiations and related matters. He also assists clients in specialized telecommunications litigation, including defense of Federal Trade Commission and State Attorney General enforcement actions.

Adams will cover the jurisdictional wrestling match between the FCC, the FTC and the State Attorneys General over broadband service and consumer protection; the battle of the titans between Google/Yahoo vs. ATT/Verizon/Cox over “net neutrality,” and the constantly changing rules for competition in local telecom services that have undone most competition and destroyed billions of dollars of investment.

LIBRARY STARTS BLOG

The Ross-Blakley Law Library Blog is a way to keep you informed about library services and announcements without overburdening your e-mail boxes. It also provides research tips, news and reviews of legal information sources, library podcasts, online tutorials and more.

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BRETT ASPYE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Alane Roby, Class of 2007, is the first recipient of the Brett Aspey Memorial Scholarship. Aspey, who graduated from the College in 2003 and was a criminal prosecutor in the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, died of a gunshot wound at his Phoenix home on Dec. 18, 2004.

Roby, who works in the County Attorney Office’s Fraud and Identity Theft Enforcement Bureau, received the $700 scholarship, which is given to students who help human rights activism in some way, as Brett would have wished.

Alane Roby

Alane Roby, who has never lived anywhere but Arizona, earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from ASU and then worked at the Arizona Attorney General’s office, where she assisted crime victims by explaining to them their rights and the workings of the courts.

“One of the greatest things about the scholarship is the opportunity to do something compatible with free speech in a democratic society,” she said.

So, Roby came to law school, with an eye on returning to the public sector someday. She enjoys assisting not only victims, but also criminals, working to get them help “rather than just throwing them in jail.”

“I think you can make a difference by being reasonable,” said Roby, a single mother of one child. “Sometimes people have to get black and white, and it’s ‘our side or your side,’ and I don’t ever want to be like that. I want to focus on the work, rather than how much work I have to do.”

Brad Shaver, a classmate of Aspey’s who helped establish the scholarship, described him as a smart, personable young man who was always interested in public service.

“I think that always says something about people, that they are a bit selfless, they are willing to put others before themselves, and serve the community as best they can,” Shaver said. “We were all shocked and upset by Brett’s death, and we hope graduates will be willing to support the scholarship as a way of giving back to the school and, more importantly, keeping his memory alive.”

Roby, who put herself through law school while caring for her three-year-old daughter, Gabriela, said she will use the scholarship money to help pay for college.

To contribute to the Brett Aspey Memorial Scholarship contact Shaver at (602) 616-4820 or e-mail bhaver@fclaw.com, or e-mail Cindy Kelley, the College’s Director of Alumni Relations, at cynthia.kelley@asu.edu.

LST TO HOST IP CONFERENCE

The College’s Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology is co-hosting the 2007 Intellectual Property and Critical Information Conference, Oct. 2-3, in Armstrong Hall.

“The Center, which is also sponsored by the ONPEC Professional Societies, will be held in Rooms 105 and 118. It is free for students; $550 for practitioners, with 10 to 12 general CLE credits available. For details, go to www.aegisjournal.com or contact L. Burke Files at (480) 838-1728 or LBfiles@asu.edu or visit www.law.asu.edu. Students should contact Sandy Atkand at (480) 965-2465.