I will have a lot of funny stuff in my introduction, and they’d better not miss a word of it,” quipped O’Connor. O’Connor is a former colleague of Ginsburg’s wife, Ruth, who gets this mention in his bio. “He moved to Arizona State University in 1980 when his wife obtained a good job in Washington,” Ginsburg explained. “A more accurate formulation, I hope to demonstrate, would be that if something can go wrong it will, sometimes, and if it does go wrong it will likely be in a way you might have predicted if you had not been so certain you were right. “What you will be far less able to predict is whether the going wrong ultimately is going to prove a good thing or a bad thing. I suppose that if Murphy had said all this, it would be called ‘Murphy’s Law and Regulations,’ but I am a tax lawyer and we are used to that.”

The annual lecture was established in 1997 by Pedrick’s family and has brought to the College of Law outstanding legal scholars, jurists and practitioners to enrich the intellectual life of the college and the community. Past lecturers include law professors Benjamin Barber, of Rutgers University; Robert Post, of the University of California, Berkeley; Kathleen M. Sullivan, of Stanford University; Lee C. Bollinger, president of Columbia University; and Mary M. Schroeder, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

A reception will follow the lecture. To RSVP or for more information, call (480) 965-6405.

Franklin E. Zimring, William G. Simon professor of law and chair of the Criminal Justice Research Program at the University of California, Berkeley, who addressed “The Great American Crime Decline;” and Rob MacCoun, professor of public policy, law and psychology at the University of California, Berkeley, who discussed “Sex, Drugs, and Skateboarding: Moral Outrage and Opposition to Policies that Reduce the Harms of Risky Behavior.”

BERCH RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Michael Berch, a law professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, recently received the Council of 100 Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service in support of the College of Law.

“He’s the Energizer Bunny of the law school,” said Paul Eckstein, co-founder of the Council of 100.

“His commitment to the College of Law’s biggest booster, and is out there selling the law school every minute.”

“Has been a professor for 35 years, and is by everyone’s account, an invigorating and exciting teacher, one of the top two or three professors over that time. The vast majority of ASU College of Law graduates have taken classes from Michael.”

And he works at recruiting quality law students, Eckstein said.

“I don’t know how he finds the time, but he’s always talking with the top prospects, persuading them to come to ASU.”

Berch said he was honored by the award, and gratified that Eckstein spoke so highly of his teaching.

“That’s the most important thing,” Berch said.

COHEN SCHOLARS CHOSEN

Paul Singleton, first-year law student at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law was recently chosen as the winner of the 2007 Cohen Professionalism Scholar’s competition, based on his essay on integrity.

Honor mentions were given to four other first-year law students: Joseph Sarcinella, Alba Jaramillo, Scott Seymann and Madeline Vera.

The awards are sponsored by Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Bruce R. Cohen, an alumnus of the law school, and his wife, Lore. Scholars receive a cash award ($350 for honorable mentions and $600 for the winner), a plaque and a trip to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles for a private tour.

“I am always inspired in reading your essays,” Cohen said. “You all are a great deal to offer from what I read. “Don’t lose the part of yourselves I saw fighting for a grade, fight for a job, to pass the bar or to land that client. You will learn that if you hold on to who you are, you will do all those things.”

Read the essays and hear the song at law.asu.edu.

‘CONVERSATIONS ABOUT JUSTICE O’CONNOR’ TOPIC OF ‘LAW JOURNAL’ SYMPOSIUM

After passing the Arizona bar exam in 1957, Sandra Day O’Connor set up a small law office with local attorney Tom Tobin. The pair would often go to the courthouse to seek appointment to represent indigent defendants for $25 a case, which they would split, according to O’Connor biographer Joan Biskupic.

Nearly 25 years later, O’Connor’s last name appeared on a list of possible Supreme Court
nominees prepared by U.S. Attorney General William French Smith. His aide, Ken Starr, had to ask who O'Connor was, but she would go on to become President Reagan’s first appointment.

These and other stories from Biskupic, a reporter with USA Today and author of Sandra Day O’Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice, will be part of the Arizona State Law Journal Symposium, “Conversations About Sandra Day O’Connor.”

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23, in the Great Hall.

The program features four sessions:

- Biography of Justice O’Connor: Biskupic and Barry MacBan, of the MacBan Law Offices in Tucson, moderated by Patricia White, dean of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.
- Panel discussion with O’Connor’s former clerks: Ruth V. McGregor, chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court; W. Scott Bales, Arizona Supreme Court justice; RonNell Anderson Jones, visiting faculty fellow at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona; and Charles A. “Chuck” Chadwick, a partner at Perkins Coie in Phoenix, moderated by Paul Bender, professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.
- Abortion Rights and Gender and Race Discrimination: “Ideologue to Pragmatist: The Evolution of Justice O’Connor’s Views on Abortion Rights” by Stewart M. Jay, University of Washington School of Law, and “Justice O’Connor’s Role in Gender and Race Discrimination Cases” by Paul Bender. Moderated by George Schatzki, dean of faculty at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.
- Politics and Judicial Independence: “Justice O’Connor and Judicial Independence,” by Arthur D. Hellman, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and “H’it Like a Monkey. Some Observations on the Politics of Recent Supreme Court Appointments,” by Lucas A. “Scott” Potts Jr., University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Moderated by Ira Ellman, Professor of Law and Willard H. Pedrick Distinguished Research Scholar at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.

Breakfast will be served. The symposium is free without CLE, $100 with CLE credit. To RSVP or for more information, go to www.law.asu.edu/Symposium07.

A research paper co-written by Leslie A. Pardo, Head of Access Services in the law school’s Ross Blakley Law Library, has been listed on the Social Science Research Network’s (SSRN) Top Ten download- loaded list for “Legal Education.”

The paper, “The Evolving Nature of Faculty Publications,” was jointly written with Jan Ryan Novak, Assistant Director for Public Services at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library.

The paper explores the library's role in managing, preserving and facilitating access to scholarly publications as new technology develops. According to the paper, more scholars use digital publishing to disseminate their ideas in a timely manner and to a wider audience, librarians help develop systems that provide easy access for research and are flexible enough to accommodate new forms of technology, even those not yet imagined.

The authors also examine the benefits of electronic repositories and archives available without a subscription. The paper will be published in the Spring 2007 issue of Legal Reference Services Quarterly and as a chapter in an upcoming book, Public Services in the 21st Century. To read or download Pardo’s paper, go to www.law.asu.edu.

Former Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods will speak on “Personal Courage in the Practice of Law,” at 12:15 on Thursday, March 22, in Room 105. Lunch will be hosted by the Clinical Program at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, which organized the presentation.

As attorney general, Woods led the civil rights and U.S. Supreme Court efforts for the nation’s attorneys general. He successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in a landmark case that allowed states to discontinue law libraries in prisons across the country. He also was a chief negotiator in the states’ successful battle against tobacco companies.

Woods returned to private practice in 1999, has a successful government relations practice, and handles antitrust, fraud, breach of contract, wrongful termination, medical malpractice, and toxic tort cases.

He is currently appointed as special prosecutor and assistant attor- ney general and assistant deputy county attorney to investigate public corruption in Apache County. He also is currently appointed as special deputy Maricopa County attorney to prosecute murder cases in the Phoenix area.

The law firm of Snell & Wilmer will conduct a panel discussion on suc- cessful summer employment at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, March 28, in Room 105. Five Snell & Wilmer attorneys with varying levels of experience and backgrounds will offer something for everyone — those heading for summer positions at large or small firms and public interest or government agencies.

DEAN WHITE HOLDS BROWN BAG SESSION

Dean Patricia White will hold her semi-annual brown bag session at noon on Wednesday, March 21, in Room 116. Dean White will give a summary of the events happening at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law and will answer questions. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP through the calendar.

COURTS HEAR ARGUMENTS AT COLLEGE OF LAW

The Supreme Court of Arizona and the Navajo Supreme Court will each hear oral arguments in the Great Hall during the month of March.

Supreme Court of Arizona, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 20
Navajo Supreme Court, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 27

CANBY SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

Helen Burtis, 3L, has been awarded the Canby Scholarship, created in honor of Judge William H. Canby by his former clerks. The Canby Scholarship recognizes a third-year law student who demonstrates an interest in Indian law and is in good academic standing.

ELLMAN QUOTED IN ‘THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC’

An article in the March 14 ‘The Arizona Republic’ about collaborative divorce, titled “Unhitched without a hitch: Team approach promises more amicable split,” featured comments by Ira Ellman, a professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.

Ellman was quoted by reporter Barbara Yost as saying most divorces can be resolved without litigation. Because a majority of divorces in Maricopa County don’t involve lawyers, Ellman said, collaborative divorce is “solving a problem that doesn’t exist.”

You can read the article at law.asu.edu.

SILENT AUCTION BENEFITS SHELTERS

The Women Law Students’ Association will hold its annual silent auction from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, in the Rotunda. Proceeds will benefit domestic violence centers in the East Valley. Special items include Latin dance lessons from Professor Charles Calleros, six suite tickets for a Diamondbacks game, a hike in the Superstition Mountains for six people with “the Bobs,” courtesy of professors Bob Bartels and Bob Dauber, a $120 gift certificate to Dolce Salon and Spa, courtesy of the spa, and 70 other items.

The Association thanks the following for their generous donations: Charles Calleros, Jonathan Rose, James Nickel, Sandeep Gopalan, David Kaye, Joe Feller, Catherine O’Grady, Chad Noreuil, James Belanger, John Becker, Howard Cabot, Mary Sigler, Michael Berch, Bob Bartels, Bob Dauber, Alan Matheson, Jennifer Barnes, Judy Stinson, Amy Langenfeld, Art Hinhavai, Gary Birnbaum and Patricia White.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration information sessions, which will provide details about the new registration system, are scheduled for Monday, March 19; Wednesday, March 21; and Thursday, March 22. Sessions are from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. in Room 114, and students are encouraged to attend.

MANULANI MEYER ON ‘HAWAIIAN EPISTEMOLOGY’

Manulani Meyer, an associate professor of education at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, will speak on “Indigenous and Original: Hawaiian Epistemology and Meaning Making,” at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 23, at Murdock Hall on the ASU Tempe campus.

The Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law is a co-sponsor for the lecture, which is free and open to the public. The lecture also is sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Studies Program at Arizona State University and the Center for Creative Writing.

Meyer will discuss her work on indigenous ways of viewing intel- ligence, knowledge, knowing, research and life from a Hawaiian perspective. Meyer argues that ethnic Hawaiians have a unique style of learning and experiencing the world through cultural practices and family relationships.

Meyer will also hold a discussion with students at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 23, in Coor 4403.