Dennis Farar’s Arizona roots go nearly as deep as those of his family tree. He was raised in Yuma (he’s only “Yuman,” he jokes), where his parents still live, and is the eldest of eight children, who all reside in the state.

Farar also is married to his sweetheart, Suzy, with whom he has four children, ages 11 to 2, and he credits her with his accomplishments.

Farar has an undergraduate degree in international business with an emphasis in Japanese, and a master’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in telecommunications management. Before coming to the College of Law, he was a systems engineer at Syntellect in Phoenix, where he installed and maintained integrated computer and telephone systems.

“In the course of employment, the scope of my responsibilities changed to eventually working with the most strategic partners and customers to facilitate contractual agreements,” Farar said. “It is through these experiences and some coursework in my undergraduate and master’s degrees that I became interested in law and decided to attend law school.”

Following graduation in May, he will join Syntellect as an in-house attorney, practicing contract law and intellectual property law, as well as merger, acquisition and employment law and litigation.

WHITAKER GIVES MORRIS MEMORIAL LECTURE

As a boy, Matthew Whitaker’s grandfather used to admonish him, “Don’t be eyeballin’ me.” It was years before Whitaker realized his relative was imparting a lesson in culture and not just being a grouchy old man.

“In many African American communities, it’s not looked upon kindly to look someone in the eye, especially if it’s a young person looking at an older person,” said Whitaker, an Associate Professor of History in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University. “Various cultures and groups have ways of communicating that outsiders don’t understand.”

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Barnes, Director of the Civil Justice Clinic, the students prepared for the two-hour trial for seven weeks, putting in 350 hours to defend a landlord who’d been sued by her two tenants. "They gave up their spring break," said Barnes, noting the trio dove into the case, prepared exhibits, planned cross examinations, rehearsed opening and closing statements and barely came up for air. "I sat behind them in court, in case they needed anything, but they were so prepared, they consulted one another, not me. They didn’t rely on their notes, their presentation was conversational and not rehearsed, and they knew the facts, the client and the case."

The judge must have agreed, because he ruled from the bench in the defendant’s favor, awarding $300 in damages, her attorneys’ fees and court costs.

“What impressed me was their dedication to their client, and that dedication paid off,” Barnes said. "I didn’t need to be there, and that’s what the training in the Civil Justice Clinic is all about.”

Baranaki complimented Garvey and White for their tenacity and Barnes for her dedication and guidance. Learning his way around a courtroom and feeling the gratitude of a victorious client were experiences he won’t soon forget, he said. “The unknowns and the fear you have of the court, it changes a little bit because you get your feet wet, but you have the support of a professor-attorney, so you are not so overwhelmed,” Baranaki said. “Every law student should have this experience.”

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RACE TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Support the fight to end domestic violence by joining a team from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at a runwalk sponsored by the Arizona Foundation for Women.

The college’s Hugo Black Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta will participate in the Walk to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, April 28, at Wesley Bolin Plaza in downtown Phoenix. You can register and join the team for $26 or help the team raise funds, which will be distributed to local domestic violence shelters.

Registration for the event starts at 5:15 p.m., with a kids dash for ages 3 to 8. The 3.5 mile run and walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. The 7.5 mile run will begin at 6:45 p.m. Visit www.dv-walk.com to register.

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DRESS PAYOFF

Phi Alpha Delta also is hosting its 2nd Annual Dress for Success Fashion Seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Nordstrom at Scottsdale Fashion Square. A panel of speakers, including Marilyn Seymann, Associate Dean of External Affairs, will discuss dress etiquette and court fashion.

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SPLASH ALERT

The annual dunk tank sponsored by the Pro Bono Board and the Black Law Students Association will be operating from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, in the area between Armstrong Hall and the Ross-Blakley Law Library.

The Native American Law Student Association will be serving tacos and 2L Rueben Reyes will DJ.

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WANTED: MENTORS

A meeting about a unique multilevel mentoring program that connects high school students with pre-law undergraduates, law students and local attorneys will be at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in Room 116.

Professor Charles Calleros will provide information and discuss possible expansion of the program.

The program was created by the Hispanic National Bar Association in September, and it was brought to Phoenix by Calleros. More volunteers are needed to expand it locally.

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JURY SELECTION EXERCISE FOR PRO BONO CREDIT

The Civil Justice Clinic is seeking first year law students to participate in a jury selection exercise from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, in Room 115. Participants must also attend a briefing from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, in Room 115. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the judicial experience. Each participant will earn 2.75 hours pro bono credit.

To participate, contact the Clinic by e-mailing karen.barnett@asu.edu or stop by her desk in Room 106 to pick up a brief jury form. An e-mail with an attached questionnaire will be sent to all 1Ls.

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IN THE NEWS

An article in the Los Angeles Times titled, “Grand Canyon Skywalk Opens Deep Divide,” included comments from Professor Joe Feller.

Feller was quoted by Times staff writer Julie Cart in an article about the Skywalk, a horseshoe-shaped glass walkway that extends 70 feet beyond the western edge of the Grand Canyon on the Hualapai Indian Reservation. The story detailed the Tribe’s plans to build further tourist attractions, which will require a water source, perhaps the Colorado River.

Feller said the Hualapais have rights to the water, but how much they may take hasn’t been determined. “Usually, you end up with a legal settlement, in which the state accepts less water than it wants in return for federal financial assistance to put the rights to use,” he told Cart.

A study of forensic science testing, which was published in 2005 by Professor Michael Saks, was cited in an Associated Press report printed March 25 in the East Valley Tribune. The article titled, "Crime lab boards fail to regain any cases," referred to the analysis Saks and Jonathan Koehler, a professor at the University of Texas, produced on exonerations of innocent persons imprisoned due to errors.

An article in the March 26 Arizona Republic about the risks of smuggling kids across the U.S./Mexico bor- der, titled, "Targeting child smuggling at entry ports may backfire," featured comments by Evelyn Cruz, associate clinical professor and director of the Immigration Clinic at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. Cruz was quoted by reporter Daniel Gonzales as saying most parents don’t want to send their children through the desert, so they are hiring people to bring them through a port of entry.

"Some of these kids are trying to reunite with a parent or a relative in the U.S.,” Cruz told Gonzales. “Others are kids (who), because of extreme poverty or gangs in their country are trying to get to the U.S. so they can help with the risks of smuggling kids across the U.S./Mexico border.

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Raffle tickets will be sold in the Rotunda during lunch next week, and proceeds will benefit the Walk to End Domestic Violence on behalf of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law team.

SYMPOSIUM ON DISABILITY LAW

The Disability Law Project’s third annual symposium will be 1-3 p.m. Friday, April 20, in Room 105 at Armstrong Hall. The program is an overview of the disability advocacy work by the Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Center for Disability Law and Arizona Bridge to Independent Living.

Speakers will include Franc Kahn, chief policy analyst of the governor’s council, who will discuss the new minimum wage law and its effect on the disabled community; Linda Fischer, who will talk about the Center for Disability Law’s advocacy of the disabled; and Phil Pancrazio, director of ABL, who will talk about the organization’s work in promoting independence.

INTRO TO JOB RECRUITMENT

Career Services is offering three workshops this month to introduce students to the Fall 2007 On-Campus Recruitment Program and participating employers. Preparation will take place over the summer, so plan to attend Friday, April 13; Tuesday, April 17; or Monday, April 23. All meetings are 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in Room 105.