

# class ACTION

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## '65

**Thomas J. Whelan**, a U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of California, received the Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award at the 2008 Alumni Honors, USD School of Law's premier recognition event.

## '67

**Lewis Walton** joined Buchalter Nemer's Los Angeles office where he practices tax law and litigation.

## '68

**Suzanne Mann Duvall** was named a 2008 Texas Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. This follows previous awards in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. She was also named in the 2008 "Texas' Best Lawyers" guide. Suzanne is a mediator in the Dallas area.

**Nancy Ely-Raphel** joined the U.S. Committee for the United Nations Development Programme's Board of Directors. The committee aspires to build a world in which Americans are educated about the importance of international development to the building of a more democratic, prosperous, peaceful and secure planet.

## '69

**Craig Higgs** has run 20,000 miles in the last 20 years. His journey began with his 1988 new year's resolution to run 10,000 miles in 10 years, which he has since doubled. He is a partner in the firm of Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, LLP in downtown San Diego.

## '71

**Paul Tuomainen** joined Torrey Pines Bank as senior vice president.

## '74



**David Casey Jr.** was honored by the American Lung Association of California by inducting him into the "Clean Air Circle" for his work in winning a \$25 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry. He was also named one of the "Top 500 Leading Lawyers in America" by Lawdragon. He is a senior partner at Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield LLP.

## '75

**Howard Barnhorst** was elected to the board of directors of the San Diego Hospice & The Institute for Palliative Care. He is currently a shareholder of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek.



**Robert S. Barry Jr.** just celebrated 31 years with Loeb & Loeb LLP.

**Robert "Bob" C. Gannon Jr.** was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He has been an assistant U.S. attorney since 2003.

**George Root Jr.** was elected to the board of directors of the California Regional Health Information Organization.

## '76

**Carlos O. Armour** was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Carlos has worked for the San Diego County District Attorney's office since 1977 and is currently a chief deputy district attorney.

**Kay S. Kuns** was appointed to the Santa Barbara County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She has been a sole practitioner since 1979, when she left the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

**Donald Whitson** opened his own law firm in San Diego.

## '77

**Richard Bernstein** opened his own law firm in Sacramento, Calif.



**Steven Legomsky** has been appointed the John S. Lehmann University Professor at Washington University in St. Louis. He and his wife, Lorraine Gnecco, just returned from six months at the National University of Singapore, where he advised the South Korean government on immigration reforms, met with UN officials and Burmese refugees in Malaysia, wrote an article for

the *Stanford Law Review*, and ate wonderful Southeast Asian food.

**Nick Leto** was the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Honorable Norbert Ehrenfreund award given in recognition of his selfless service to the Family Law Bench and Bar, as selected by the San Diego County Superior Court Family Law Judiciary. He also received the 2008 Family Law Person of the Year Award by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

## '78

**Michael F. Brown** opened his own law office in Carlsbad, Calif.

**Solveig Deuprey** managing partner of Deuprey & Associates, LLP, became president of Girl Scouts, San Diego-Imperial Council in June 2008.

**Michael Gerace** has opened his own law practice in Maryland.

## '79

**Reginald Gates** published his second book, *Daring Disclosures*, a compilation of short stories based on personal experience.

**Kenneth Harter** opened his own law office in Dallas.

**Abby Silverman** retired as partner of Baker & McKenzie and is now of counsel to the firm's North American region. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Scripps Health, a position she has held since 2000.

## '80

**Linda Dubroof** was promoted to associate chief of the Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division of the International Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission.

## '81

**Robert Harrison** was named Pacific region director for the Defense Research Institute.

## '82

**Ana L. Espana** was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Ana has served as a deputy public defender with the San Diego County Public Defender's Office since 1988.

**Lann G. McIntyre** joined the Wolfe Legal Group's professional negligence practice. She brings more than 25 years of appellate and civil litigation experience.

**Gail H. Morse**, a partner at Jenner & Block LLP, was honored by the Chicago chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) at the "Women Who Dared" annual fundraiser on October 15, 2008. Morse received the Bella Abzug Woman of Honor Award for her dedication to making the world a better place for women through her "unusual breadth of feminist service" which included work on raising the overall visibility of homosexuals in the workplace.

**Barbara Pauley** was named assistant general counsel of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet in Frankfort, Ky.

## '83



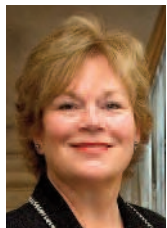
**Robert Francavilla** was named a finalist for 2008's *Consumer Attorneys of California's* "Consumer Attorney of the Year" award.

**Gerard von Hoffmann** earned two gold medals, one silver and one bronze and finished in fourth and sixth places at the United States Masters National Swimming Championships. Gerard specializes in the medical device industry as a partner at Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP in Irvine, Calif.

## '84

**Randolph C. Houts** published *Pratt's State by State Debt Collections*, a resource to aid debt collectors in their legal issues.

**Ann Moore** retired after 13 years as the City Attorney of Chula Vista, Calif.



**Leslie G. Sarasin** was appointed president and CEO of the Food Marketing Institute. She leaves her current position at the American Frozen Food Institute where she is president and chief executive officer.

**Valorie Seyfert**, president and CEO of CUSO Financial Services, L.P., was named Ernst & Young's Business Products and Services Entrepreneur of the Year for San Diego County.

**Ed Yates** is deputy county counsel for Santa Barbara County. He has taught and practiced law, in addition to negotiating environmental protocols and international treaties between and with governments.

## '85

**Debra Carrillo** was elected to the Orange County Superior Court. She was the SBA president, a member of the *San Diego Law Review*, and a member of La Raza.

**Catherine Easter** was appointed by Alaska Governor Sarah Palin to the Anchorage District Court. She was a deputy public defender for more than 20 years before becoming an assistant public advocate.

**Thomas C. Howard** was elected co-managing partner of the Phoenix office of Bowman and Brooke LLP.

**Maura J. Kiefer** was appointed city attorney of Indian Rocks Beach, Fla. She also serves as city attorney for Treasure Island, Fla.

**Steven W. Perbix** opened the Law Offices of Steven W. Perbix in Decatur, Ill., after 16 years as a partner at Shay & Perbix.

## '86

**Gregory Alcorn** is now a named partner in the firm of Ferrette, Alcorn, Pharies & Dorgan, A.L.C.

**Kenneth Rutan** joined the Law Offices of Jefferi J. Hamilton as a senior trial counsel.

**Paulette Leahy** just finished her term as president of the Western Pension and Benefits Conference Joint Council of Presidents, and as a conference committee member for the Western Benefits Conference Annual Meeting in Seattle. She is a member of the California Banker's Association.

## '87

**Alice Abatti** joined Trio Equipment Co. as chief financial officer/legal counsel.

**Pamela D. Ferry** opened her own practice in Encinitas, Calif.

**Mary Pothoven** joined the Law Offices of Querino R. Torretti in Reynoldsville, Pa.

**Shelley Rodriguez** took on a position as a 6th Judicial District magistrate for the Colorado Judicial Branch. She leaves her position as a magistrate in the 22nd District.



**Helene Wasserman** was appointed shareholder at Littler Mendelson P.C., a labor and employment law firm representing management in litigation. Helene comes to Littler from the Los Angeles office of Ford and Harrison, where she defended employers and management in litigation matters before state and federal courts and administrative agencies in all areas of employment law.

## '88

**Frank J. Bitzer** has joined the firm Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC as of counsel in its Cincinnati office. He leaves Fifth Third Bank, where he served as assistant vice president and ERISA legal counsel. At Greenebaum, Bitzer will concentrate on employee benefits, with particular focus on issues pertaining to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), including consultation on fiduciary issues, plan design and administration and regulatory compliance matters.

**John Carson** was elected president of the International Technology Law Association.

**Mike Corfield** joined the Costa Mesa office of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Marmaro, LLP as partner.

**Joseph Ergastolo** was elected to the board of directors for the San Diego County Bar Foundation.



**Paul G. Klockenbrink** is listed in the 15th edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. Paul is a partner at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP in Roanoke, Va., where he practices labor and employment law.

**Lt. Col. Michael McIntyre** represented a client in interviews before Senate committee staffers and at a United States Senate Armed Service Committee hearing exploring the development and use of interrogation techniques on detainees in the War on Terrorism. Lt. Col. McIntyre is an Air Force Judge Advocate stationed in Washington, D.C.

**David Morway** has been promoted to general manager of the Indiana Pacers. He has been with the team for ten years and most recently served as senior vice president, basketball operations.

## '89

**Blaine Bowman** was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Bowman has served as a deputy district attorney with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office since 1990. Before that time, he was a civil litigation attorney with Lindley, Lazar and Scales.

## '90

**Lynn Beekman** was named partner at Wertz McDade Wallace Moot & Brower. He has been a member of the business and real estate litigation team since 2003.

## '91

**Polly H. Shamoan** was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Polly has been a deputy district attorney with the San Diego County District Attorney's office since 1993.

**Christopher Workman** joined the Del Mar Law Group, LLP.

## '92

**Sean E. Frink** was made partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP. He is based in Saipan in the Martinique Islands and practices in the areas of commercial litigation, construction, procurement, insurance defense, telecommunications, and government relations.

**Judith Hartwig** became a shareholder of The King Law Group, where she handles a broad range of civil business litigation, including real estate litigation and employment matters.

**David M. Hirsch** was appointed a commissioner of the Ventura County Superior Court. David has been a deputy public defender for the Ventura County Public Defender's office since 2003. Before that, he worked for a criminal defense firm and as a solo practitioner.

**Clare Keithley** was appointed to the Butte County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. With the exception of two years spent at the Sonoma County District Attorney's office, Keithley has been a deputy district attorney in Butte County since 1995.

**Todd G. Miller** has been named the new pro bono coordinator for the San Diego office of Fish & Richardson P.C.

**Edward G. Rogan** was named partner at Thelen LLP. His practice includes domestic and international infrastructure project transactions.

**Robert Strauss** opened the Strauss Law Office LLC in Toledo, Ohio.

## '93

**Celia Brewer** is the assistant general counsel for the San Diego Water Authority.

**Dinyar Mehta** has been promoted to director of new product development for West Academic. He began his career with them in 1995 and will now relocate to Minneapolis, Minn.

**Jim Myles** was selected by the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown for a 2009 Capitol Hill Fellowship. Prior to his selection, he was an acting administrative appeals judge for the Social Security Administration in Falls Church, Va. He and his wife Debra, live in Burke, Va with their sons Jacob, 7, and Lucas, 2.

**Antonio "Tony" Saguibo** was promoted to the position of vice president of account management and sales at Hawaii Medical Service Association.

**Jona Saxby** is an associate in the Law Offices of G. Scott Gaustad, located in Ukiah, Calif.

**Kellen Winslow** was named athletic director of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio.

## '94

**Courtney Ann Coyle** and her husband, Steve McDonald welcomed a son, Maximilian "Max," Hunter on June 20, 2008. He joins his beautiful big sister Alexandra "Ally" Katherine. The family lives in La Jolla.

**D. Lynn Jones** was appointed Madera County Superior Court Judge by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Lynn has been a deputy district attorney with the Madera County District Attorney's office since 1996.

**Evan P. Kirvin** was elected to the San Diego County Superior Court bench, office 45.

**Erinn Madden** was named tax senior manager of Deloitte Tax LLP in Washington, D.C.

**Anne E. Murray** was named partner at McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP. She works in the firm's Atlanta office.



**Julie Vogelzang** joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner in the employment and immigration practice group in the San Francisco office. Vogelzang focuses on labor and employment law, with more than a decade of litigation experience in both federal and state courts. She also teaches at San Diego State University. She leaves her previous position at Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP.

## '95



**John Arens** joined Liquid Realty Partners in the new position of director. He will help oversee the acquisition of interests in private real estate funds, partnerships and trusts on a secondary basis.

**David Bigelow** was appointed to the Consumer Attorneys of California's commission on access to justice. He practices safety, professional negligence and mass tort claims law for Girardi & Keese.

**Siobhan A. Cullen** was named partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. She works in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group, focusing on pharmaceutical and medical device liability, unfair competition/consumer fraud and telecommunications.



**Andrew Serwin**, partner at Foley & Lardner LLP, recently published the treatise, "Information Security and Privacy: A Practical Guide to Federal, State and International Law." He also authored *Internet Marketing Law Handbook*.

**Laura Roppé** is a partner in the San Diego employment law firm Tatro & Zamoyski, LLP. She recently released an album, "Girl Like This," which is getting airplay and is available online.



## '96

**Richard Ames** was made partner at Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP. He is a member of the toxic torts group in the San Francisco office.

**Sean Edwards** was recently named president and CEO of Cosmederm technologies, a La Jolla-based company specializing in glycolic acid peels and lactic acid homecare.

**Sean Hoeffgen** was elected a municipal court judge in North Las Vegas.

**Marty Lorenzo** helped raise \$2,825 from fellow USD Law alumni at DLA Piper for the school's Battle of the Brains competition. All money raised went to USD's Legal Clinics, which provide legal services for lower income individuals and families.

**Richard MacDonough** was appointed to the board of directors of the Homebuilders Care Foundation.

**Andrew Peters'** law office was renamed Peters & Nolan LLC.

## '97



**Patrick W. Daniels** was named one of the "Top 20 Under 40" by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. He focuses on client development in the plaintiff's litigation department at Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP.

**Hans Lauterbach** was made partner at Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP. He specializes in commercial property acquisition, development, leasing and construction with an emphasis on shopping center development. He works out of the Orange County office.

**Beth Marino** was named a partner at Andre, Morris and Buttery, P.L.C.

**Jesse Marino** is the immediate past president of the San Luis Obispo County Bar Association.



**Heather McCloskey** joined Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP as special counsel in their technology practice group. Most recently, McCloskey was the intellectual property department chair and a litigation partner at a boutique firm in Beverly Hills, Calif.

**Justin M. Spragg** was promoted to vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at ISE Corp. Previously, he worked for Heller Ehrman LLP.

**Katherine White** joined the San Diego office of Townsend & Townsend & Crew LLP, an intellectual property law firm.

**Todd W. Wight** joined the Costa Mesa-based firm Rutan & Tucker LLP as a partner in their intellectual property group.

## '98

**Matthew B. Butler** is a founding partner of Nicholas & Butler LLP, located in San Diego.

**Jason E. Baker** is a founding partner of Keegan & Baker, LLP, located in La Jolla, Calif.

**Vincent Bonotto** is a deputy attorney general in the California attorney general's Burbank office.

**Stephen E. Carr** (LL.M. in Taxation) became a tax manager at Equity Residential.

**Seth Davis** will be heading the new San Francisco office of Laurence Simons International, a legal recruiting firm.

**Diane Lindstrom** joined the law firm of Panza, Maurer & Maynard, P.A.

**Edson K. McClellan** became a partner at the Costa Mesa-based firm Rutan & Tucker LLP.

## '99

**Cynthia (Harf) Kaiden** LL.M. and husband, David, announce the birth of a baby girl, Montgomery Claire, born January 31, 2008. She joins older brothers Tanner Reese, 4, and Cooper Dane, 2. Cynthia also found time to be named a San Diego County Top Attorney 2008. Cynthia continues to practice family law, part time, at the Law Office of Myra Chack Fleischer.

**Randal Lejuwaan** made partner at Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP. He practices in the firm's real estate group and works out of both the Orange County and the San Diego offices.

**Amy L. Lessa (Doherty)** was named partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP. She handles administrative and civil employment matters before state and federal courts and government agencies.

**John Mansour** is vice president of development at the Athens Group in Laguna Beach, Calif. He is also on the board of directors of the Orange County United Way.

**Michael Metzger** is a partner at the Philadelphia office of Cozen O'Connor where he specializes in global insurance development.

**James Y. Sze** was named partner at Duane Morris LLP's trial and intellectual property practice group. He works in the San Diego office, and focuses on intellectual property law as a tool for business growth.

**Shawn Wildes** opened his own law office in Ware County, Ga.

## '00

**S. Kevin Barger** is an assistant district attorney at the Marietta office of the Cobb County District Attorney in Georgia.

**Craig Bowman** is an attorney with Perimeter Title, LLC.



**Jeff Feasby** was named a partner at Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP in the business/complex litigation group. His practice focuses primarily on defending clients in complex civil litigation matters, including securities, unfair competition, and real estate disclosure and defect cases.

**Bradley Marc Heller** (LL.M. in Taxation) was the lead attorney on a two-and-one-half-year project to adopt a new division in the California Code of Regulations, which was approved in January of 2008. He currently works for the California State Board of Equalization.

**Elizabeth Jablecki** joined the Law Office of Elizabeth M. Lewis.



**John "Jay" Jurata** joined Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP as a partner.

**Jila Danesh Napoles** is now working at the Brebner Law Firm, P.C. in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Kathryn Riley** was made partner at DLA Piper. She practices in the San Diego office as a member of the firm's patent litigation practice.

**Chad Seber** was hired as an associate in the San Diego office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. He is a member of the natural resources and water groups focusing on complex water rights and water quality issues. Before joining the firm, Seber was a captain in the Marine Corps and served as special water counsel for the Corps' western bases.

## '01

**Dana Blake** is an associate with Caddell & Chapman, in Houston.

**Adriana and Patrick Desmond** welcomed their first child, Abigail Rose, on November 6th, 2007. They both practice law in Orange County.

**Brian Dickman** joined the San Jose office of Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Inc. where he works in their business and tax group.

**Shelly Harrington** joined the law office of Robertson Clark, LLP.

**Raymond Hom** has made partner at Townsend & Townsend & Crew LLP. He is a patent attorney in the electronics and software group.

**Jason M. Murphy** became a partner at Campbell Volk & Lauter where he specializes in insurance law litigation.

**Jason Rodenbo** opened his own practice in San Diego.

**Eric B. Strongin** was recruited by Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP to cover a multimillion dollar coverage arbitration case in Spain. He is currently an associate in the law firm's Orange County office.

## '02

**Thomas P. Fitzgerald** was appointed corporate counsel of CommVault Systems, Inc.

**David Gay** was named partner at McDermott, Will & Emery. He works in the firm's San Diego office and focuses on pharmaceutical and biotech intellectual property.

**Shana C. Hood (Brown)** married USD School of Law alumnus Jeff Hood, '01, and was named an associate at the San Diego office of DLA Piper.

**Chris D. Nguyen** joined the law firm of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Marmaro LLP. He works in the firms' Los Angeles office and specializes in intellectual property litigation with emphasis in patent litigation and prosecution.

**Robin (Moore) Sandow** joined the executive legal search firm of Major, Lindsey & Africa as the managing director of business development. She lives in San Diego with her husband, Andrew, and son, Christian.

**Kurt Varricchio** opened the Law Offices of Kurt M. Varricchio in Orange County, Calif.

## '03

**Lorna Drope** (LL.M. in Taxation) joined Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Inc.'s San Jose office in the estate planning and wealth management team. Lorna focuses her practice on tax and estate planning, wealth accumulation and protection/transfer strategies for high net worth individuals as well as business formation and succession planning.

**Dawn M. Gaeke** appointed division director of Robert Half Legal in Boston.

**Richard Geisler** was honored as one of *San Diego Metropolitan* magazine's 40 Under 40. He is vice president of J. Whalen Associates Inc., an advocacy and management firm.

**Claudia Martorell** joined the law office of Larrabee, Mehlman, Albi & Coker LLP, where she works on all aspects of non-migrant and immigrant visa processing.

**Enrique Monteagudo** is the patent manager for ISD Corporation.

**Jeff Talkington** married Sarah Terry on September 6, 2008 in North Lake Tahoe. He is currently an intellectual property lawyer in Menlo Park, Calif.

## '04

**Timothy S. Callendar** is an associate at Foley Freeman Borton PLLC in Meridian, Idaho. His areas of emphasis include civil litigation, criminal defense, immigration law and workers' compensation.

**Tonya Cross** helped raise \$2,825 from fellow USD Law alumni at DLA Piper for the school's Battle of the Brains competition. All money raised went to USD's Legal Clinics, which provide legal services for lower income individuals and families.

**Terri Hunt** joined the San Diego City Attorney's office as a senior discovery deputy city attorney.

**Suzanne Warren** became a deputy attorney general for the State of Nevada.

**David M. Zachry** joined Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP as an associate. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and holds a master's degree from USD School of Business Administration.

## '06

**Barbara L. "Lori" Albert** has joined Armstrong Teasdale's Kansas City office as an associate. She is a member of the firm's real estate practice group.

**Matthew N. Malerich** has joined Borton Petrini, LLP in Bakersfield, Calif., where he specializes in health care, commercial, business litigation and transactions.

**Scott Martinez** was appointed by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter to the state's election reform commission.

**Charles R. Sterbach** was named assistant U.S. trustee for the Southern District of Texas.

## '07

**Eric Baggett** joined the Simmons Firm, A.L.C.

**Jennifer Haley** is an associate in the litigation practice group of the San Diego office of Best Best & Krieger LLP. She is also a member of the municipal and redevelopment law group. Haley practices in the area of civil litigation where she represents both public entities and private clients in state and federal court.

**Anne L. Hamann** joined Baker & McKenzie's San Diego office as an associate in the financial restructuring, creditors' rights and bankruptcy practice group. She will concentrate her practice on bankruptcy, insolvency, financial restructuring and creditors' rights issues.



**Jessica E. Klarer** has been elected secretary of the young/new lawyers division of the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA). She is an associate attorney with San Diego-based Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield, LLP.

**Edward O'Connor** joined Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek, where he will focus on general civil litigation, with some emphasis on real property and construction matters. He also volunteers for Volunteer San Diego, the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition and San Diego's AJA Project.

**Greta Proctor** is an associate in the environmental law and natural resources practice group of the San Diego office of Best Best & Krieger LLP. She is also a member of the business litigation and sustainable communities practice groups. Proctor works with both public and private clients in litigation and transactional matters involving state and federal environmental statutes, as well as general civil litigation.

**Adrian Sanchez** joined Sandler Lasry Laube Byer & Valdez LLP as a post-bar civil litigation fellow.

**B. Randolph Willert** (LL.M.) has joined Spilman Thomas & Battle, P.L.L.C. as an associate, where he will practice corporate and business law, real estate planning and administration, and tax law.

## '08

**Peter Clevenger** joined the San Diego office of Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP.

**Daniel A. Everakes** was hired as an associate at Archer Norris P.L.L.C. in the Los Angeles office. He will focus on insurance and constructions litigation.

**Susan Minamizono** has joined the San Diego office of Lincoln Gustafson & Cercos.

**Zach Myers** and **Andrea Nelson** were married on September 6, 2008, in a beautiful outdoor ceremony in San Diego. Zach is a corporate and securities associate at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and Andrea is a litigation associate at Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek.

**Alex M. Outwater** was hired as an associate at Archer Norris P.L.L.C. in the Newport Beach office. He will work with the insurance coverage and construction practice group.

**Christopher Scilimenti** joined the San Diego office of Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP.

**Maria Stout** joined the San Diego office of Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP.

**Catherine Tran** accepted a position as policy director for U.S. Representative John Larson in Washington D.C. Her move follows her trip to Colombia, where she explored the country's mountains and beaches.

**Sam Tahmassebi**, '00, Dana Robinson, '99, and Jane Babin, '00, along with two other attorneys founded TechLaw LLP, an intellectual property firm in San Diego. The firm was written up in the *San Diego Daily Transcript* for their novel approach to running the firm, as all the partners work out of their house in what they call a virtual firm.

## Correction

In the Spring 2008 issue's Class Action section, the entry for Michael Loesch mistakenly combines two recent press releases—one for Michael ('93) and one for John Loesch ('96). Michael was at the SEC, but is now at the CFTC. John is still at the SEC, where he serves as senior special counsel in the SEC's office of collections and distributions.



## In Memoriam

**Hideo Chino**, '70, passed away, due to complications related to pancreatic cancer, at his home in Mission Hills, Calif. on April 12, 2008. Born to Japanese immigrant parents in a World War II relocation camp, Hideo was the seventh of nine children. He was raised on his family's Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., farm. Known as Chino Farm, the farm produced vegetable lauded by food critics across the nation. Hideo earned a degree in microbiology from San Diego State University before attending the University of San Diego School of Law. After graduation, he practiced juvenile and criminal law and was praised for his knowledge of the law, as well as the care with which he practiced. In addition to helping out on the family farm, Chino was known as a leading flatpick guitar and mandolin player on the bluegrass scene in San Diego. He is survived by his wife, Judge Sheridan Reed, two children and two stepchildren.

**Allen Minker**, '73, passed away, due to complications from lung cancer, in his home on September 25, 2008. Born in Reading, Pa., and raised in Las Vegas, Allen received his degree from Stanford University. After graduation, he served in the armed forces in Vietnam and briefly studied journalism. He earned his J.D. from University of San Diego School of Law and moved to Arizona to practice as a civil and criminal litigator. He also worked as a public defender, arguing appeals in the San Francisco Court of Appeals on behalf of 32 death row inmates. In 1985, he was appointed to the superior court bench in Greenlee County, Az. He went on to serve on both the Arizona Court of Appeals and the Arizona Supreme Court. Allen relocated to San Luis Obispo, Calif., in 1998, where he volunteered with various legal groups. He was awarded the John L. Seitz Award for "outstanding service and work in poverty law" in 2005. Allen also found time to write various novels and plays, and take trips to, among other places, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Tibet and Melanesia. He is survived by his wife Susan, mother Dorothy, brother Jeffrey and step-daughters Lisa and Nina Wishnok.

**Thomas A. Magliozzi**, '79, passed away September 22, 2008. Born in Rochester, NY, Magliozzi graduated from Northwestern University before obtaining his legal education at the University of San Diego School of Law. He practiced business and corporate law in San Diego for more than 25 years and is survived by his beloved wife, children and extended family.

**Michael William Landry**, '04, passed away on January 10, 2009, at the age of 48 from cancer. He received his LL.M. and his MBA from the University of San Diego. He is survived by his wife, Michelle, and son, Mark.