



Professor Cheryl Preston in the Fight Against Internet Pornography

Internet pornography is pervasive. According to the Web site *Internet Filter Review*, the Internet pornography industry generates more than \$2.5 billion annually. That number is not indicative, however, of the prominence of this type of pornography. Currently, 4.2 million pornographic Web sites exist, containing 372 million pornographic Web pages. That comprises 12 percent of the Internet's total Web sites! Over 2.5 billion pornographic e-mails are sent daily (comprising 8 percent of total e-mails sent), and search engines process 68 million requests for Internet pornography every day (an astounding 25 percent of total search engine requests).

The Internet is soaked with pornography. Internet pornography grows daily, and each day it becomes more and more available to any who seek it (regardless of their age). Sadly, children today have almost unrestricted access to some of the darkest, most perverse and most violent forms of pornography available.

Over the last year BYU law professor Cheryl Preston and a team of law students have joined with Internet technology experts and cyberspace strategists in an Orem-

based nonprofit organization, CP80, to create a solution that combines the strength of congressional regulation with the appeal of consumer choice. Professor Preston's team has carefully crafted legislative language—the Internet Community Ports Act (ICPA)—to create a federal regulatory scheme that addresses the constitutional issues and leverages existing technology. Preston and CP80 are working with various members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from both sides of the political spectrum. They are trying to build enough momentum to persuade key congressional figures to take on the fight again, notwithstanding the money and the political and legal power of pornographers and the ACLU.

Professor Preston's team conducted significant research and analysis to determine how to write a statute within the narrow range of regulation that the Supreme Court has permitted in the area of free speech. Because of the technological approach of the ICPA, it serves the obvious compelling government interests (such as protecting minors from exposure to pornography) and also serves several additional interests, includ-

ing the right of private property owners to decide what enters their domains. In addition, the ICPA is much less restrictive on Internet speech than either the CDA or COPA. The statute allows (much like Internet filters) Internet users to restrict the Web traffic they wish to receive without making any change in the content Web traffic others receive. Professor Preston explains, "Because of the change in focus—from a blanket attempt to prohibit all Internet speech that is harmful to minors, to consumer choice of Internet content—the ICPA can avoid the constitutional pitfalls of the CDA and COPA."

The initiative is picking up steam. Professor Preston has provided the statutory language and the legal work to back up the project's reform efforts, including a mountain of written briefs on various issues. She has met with senators, members of Congress, local legislators, administrators in various federal agencies, community interest groups, and other scholars to explain the legal workings of the proposal and to encourage action on the increasing plague of Internet violence. She is a frequent presenter at academic conferences around the country on issues as varied as the role of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) (the entity responsible for the global coordination of the Internet) in helping countries combat Internet porn; emerging issues in gender and intellectual property law; and intellectual property and cyberlaw theory.

And she is bringing cyberlaw scholars to BYU. Professor Preston and the BYU Law Review sponsored an academic conference on free speech, pornography, and technology, titled "Warning! Kids Online," on February 1, 2007. This event brought together legal scholars and members of the tech-

nology and Internet industries to talk about solving the problem of children's access to Internet pornography. She also has provided legal ideas in plain English for nonlawyers in a variety of formats that are easily accessible on the Web. She supplies the legal content in a joint effort between the CP80 group and another team of BYU students. This class of business students in BYU's eCommerce program are using technology to develop media-based training sessions to teach public interest groups and others about the problem of Internet pornography, the status of the law and demands of the First Amendment in this area, and ways to protect kids and be part of the solution.

Professor Preston's motivation? "If we don't do something now to protect America's children from the bombardment of Internet pornography, we will lose an entire generation of precious children to the sordid world of smut. I can't let that happen, and the ICPA is the best step anyone has taken to truly protect them from those who would drown them in the dark, sleazy world of pornography."

Mentor of the Year

Third-year law student Laura Cantera was honored as a "Mentor of the Year" by the Safety Net Mentor Program on January 23, 2007. The program was designed to provide mentors for children aged five to 18 who would benefit from positive role models.

Cantera has mentored a 13-year-old girl for three and a half years. "Mentoring is great," she said, "because it gives mentors the chance to be influential in a child's life and provide a person for him or her to talk to. Hopefully, I've been someone consistent whom she feels she can trust."

Class Notes

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Because of the high number of responses, the Clark Memorandum is unable to print all of the submissions for Class Notes in this issue. We look forward to submissions for the spring 2008 edition.

CLASS OF 1976

Low Cramer has returned from the East as president of Utah's new World Trade Center.

Brian Farr is listed in the January edition of *Utah Business Magazine* as one of Utah's "Legal Elite." He is chair of a national public attorneys' group that is looking at the possible effect of international treaties on state powers.

Conrad Houser is working with an energy, mining, and environment consulting company, mainly in Salt Lake City, Calgary, and Denver. He does mostly expert witness work, both u.s. and international.

Jeff Young's book *How to Receive Discernible Answers to Your Prayers* has sold out of its first printing and is now available in paperback.

CLASS OF 1977

Thomas Y. K. Fong was appointed as the assistant chief judge of the u.s. Immigration Courts for the Central District of California, presiding over all district courts having federal jurisdiction in nine central California counties. He has been an adjunct professor at the National Judicial College, University of Nevada at Reno, since 1997.

Nathan Kirk, who returned to computer programming after 15 years in law practice, works for an East Indian IT outsourcing firm at Weyerhaeuser. He does community theatre, recently playing seven male and four female roles in *Tuna Christmas*.

CLASS OF 1978

Dennis Astill assisted a client in acquiring the former Geneva Steel site for redevelopment and is now project manager. The 1,750-acre parcel of land, the largest private Brownfield redevelopment site in the u.s., will include housing, commercial office and retail, industrial, and community-use development—along with a major urban commuter-rail center. Since taking on the project, Dennis has joined a small firm, Hutchings Baird Curtis & Astill PLLC, and continues to practice in land and real estate matters. **David P. Hirschi** is an owner/manager of Hirschi Christensen PLLC, a Salt Lake City law firm. He is vice chair of the Real Property Section of the Utah State Bar and also sits on the Centerville City Planning and Zoning Committee.

Bernard Morgan has retired at 57 because of illness and "an unquenchable desire to count the number of leaves of grass on the front and back lawns."

Ken Stewart was elected vice president and chief ethics and compliance officer of Edison International and its subsidiary, Southern California Edison Company, located in Rosemead, California.

CLASS OF 1980

Denver Snuffer recently authored two books, *The Second Comforter: Conversing with the Lord Through the Veil* and *Nephi's Isaiah*, and is working

on a third, due out next year. He continues to practice law as a senior partner in Nelson, Snuffer, Dahle & Poulsen and to live in Sandy, Utah.

CLASS OF 1981

David Risley recently returned from an assignment as an attorney-advisor with the Regime Crimes Liaison Office at the u.s. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, where he assisted judges and investigators of the Iraqi High Tribunal in the investigations and trials of Saddam Hussein and high-ranking members of his former regime. His principal duty was assisting in the investigation of crimes against the Marsh Arabs of southern Iraq. He is an assistant u.s. Attorney in the Central District of Illinois, assigned as the district's antiterrorist coordinator.

CLASS OF 1982

D. Gary Beck, captain, USCG (Ret), retired in 2002 after more than 30 years of service in the u.s. Coast Guard and then served as president of the Philippines Manila Mission from 2002 to 2005.

Jamie Dester recently became the general counsel for Flying J Inc., based in Ogden, Utah. The oil company is the 17th largest privately held company in the u.s. and the largest retail distributor of diesel fuel in America.

Eileen Johnson joined the Washington, D.C., office of the law firm Whiteford, Taylor & Preston after being in-house for almost 20 years with the National Wildlife Federation, where she was general counsel. In addition to Washington, D.C., she has been admitted to the state bars of California, Maryland, and Virginia.

CLASS OF 1983

Steven Dahl recently was reelected to a third term as a justice court judge in North Las Vegas, Nevada. He also serves as president of the Clark County (Southern Nevada) Bar Association and the Nevada Judges Association.

Mark Davis practices international trade law in Washington, D.C., and has pursued a side career with his family Celtic folk band, FiddleSticks, which just finished its eighth commercially released CD, *Farewell to Nauvoo*.

Michael Larsen was recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in the commercial litigation section. He is a shareholder at Parsons Behle & Latimer, Salt Lake City.

Jeff Mangum was reelected to a fourth term on the Board of Education of the Poway Unified School District. He left Gray, Cary, Ware & Friedenrich (now part of DLJ/Piper) and started his own firm, now known as Mangum & Britt, in 1995.

Kevin V. Olsen was appointed director of the Division of Consumer Protection for the state of Utah. He has served as an assistant attorney general and as legal counsel to the Division of Consumer Protection.

Brad Wiggins recently joined Stephan, Oringer, Richman, Theodora & Miller PC, a regional southern California firm known for representing the Los Angeles Angels. He practices corporate and securities law, with emphasis on cross-border financings and transactions.

CLASS OF 1984

Brent Bartholomew has worked as an attorney for the Utah Office of the Guardian ad Litem since 1997, representing the best interests of neglected and abused children. He previously worked at Utah Legal Services in Provo.

Charles E. Maxwell is a principal with Maxwell & Morgan PC, an AV-rated law firm that limits its practice to homeowner association law and litigation in Arizona.

Ken Shirley recently accepted a promotion and transfer within the Verizon Wireless Legal Department and relocated to Alpharetta, Georgia.

CLASS OF 1985

Kevin R. Anderson was elected a member of the executive committee for the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACT) in 2005 and will serve as its president in 2009. He was appointed by the Department of Justice to serve as a standing Chapter 13 trustee for the District of Utah in 1998.

CLASS OF 1986

Cornell Evans works at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, as a civilian attorney and the chief of labor law. He is also a u.s. Air Force judge advocate, having served six years of active duty as a JAG during the 1990s and since then as a reservist. This past year he was deployed to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and then to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, serving as the staff judge advocate for a diverse team of criminal investigators, analysts, translators, and administrative personnel.

Laurie S. Hart recently cochaired the revision committee for the fourth edition of *Utah Women and the Law: A Resource Handbook* (2006), a publication of the Utah Commissioners for Women and Families. She also raised funds to translate the publication into Spanish. Laurie practices at Callister Nebeker & McCullough in Salt Lake City, specializing in corporate securities, estate planning, and probate.

CLASS OF 1987

Mark Brinton was hired earlier this year as the general counsel for the Utah Medical Association. He advises the association and the doctors of the state on a variety of issues, as well as helps to represent the doctors before the state legislature.

CLASS OF 1988

Wayne Baldwin is managing partner of Healthcare ADR, an alternative dispute resolution firm focusing solely on health care-related disputes.

Daniel Curriden is practicing with Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard and Smith in Las Vegas, Nevada. He does medical malpractice defense and alternative dispute resolution and hopes to eventually become a recovery litigator and full-time mediator.

Dan Lindsey has been in private practice for 15 years after a stint at the district attorney's office in Clovis, New Mexico, home of Cannon Air Force Base. His practice is limited to civil rights litigation, criminal, personal injury, and military law. **Doug Whitehead** recently accepted a position as associate general counsel at Xango LLC, a direct selling company with operations in over 15 countries. He was general counsel at Unicity International, another direct selling company.

CLASS OF 1989

Clark Allan is still a deputy prosecutor in Jackson, Wyoming; however, for the last two years, he also has been serving on the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Recently he has been heavily involved in the process of delisting wolves and grizzly bears from federal protection under the Endangered Species Act. **Karen Hawbecker** was promoted to the position of assistant solicitor for the Branch of Onshore Mining and Reclamation in the Division of Mineral Resources, Office of the Solicitor, at the u.s. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.

Mark C. Hendricks joined Marriott International as vice president of development, initially based in Zurich Switzerland, about five years ago. He has since returned to the u.s. and is currently the managing director of Bulgari Hotels and Resorts, a joint venture between Marriott International, Ritz-Carlton, and Bulgari, SpA.

Russ Jensen is the chief counsel over labor and employment matters at Cingular Wireless, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Russ started in-house with Pacific Bell and has been part of several mergers and acquisitions with formerly sbc and now AT&T. His team handles traditional labor and employment legal matters throughout all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

James McLaren recently assumed his new position with the Defense Department as chief of international law for the BENELUX countries. He lives in Mons, Belgium.

Christopher A. Newton was just elected chief judge of the Fourth Judicial District, Vigo County, Terre Haute, Indiana. Besides his caseload he oversees the court—as it goes paperless—and its personnel and is the court's spokesperson with the news media.

CLASS OF 1990

David M. Bennion has been elected to the board of directors of Parson Behle & Latimer in Salt Lake City, where he is a member of the litigation department.

Aaron Hallstead is a partner in the Milwaukee/Madison labor and employment law firm of Hawks Quindel Ehke & Perry SC. He devotes half of his practice to the representation of Spanish-speaking employees who have suffered work injuries.

CLASS OF 1991

Roger Baker has been city attorney for Tooele City, Utah, for 12 years. He became certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) this year.

Kelly Hansen was recently promoted to chief deputy district attorney over the Special Prosecutions Division, which prosecutes cases involving public corruption, environmental crimes, consumer fraud, real estate fraud, securities fraud, and computer crimes.

Richard J. Harris has left his practice in Arizona to join the law firm Bothwell & Simpson PC in Georgia. He is currently serving as of counsel while he wraps up his Arizona practice.

Mike Krieger serves as a board member and marketing director of Kirtan & McConkie in Salt Lake City, practicing patent and trademark law. He qualified for and was recently inducted into the Salt Flats 130 MPH Club for his efforts during Speed Week. **Kristine Meridith** works for the catastrophic personal injury law firm O'Reilly & Danko specializing in aviation and product liability. Her part-time research and writing position changed gears considerably last spring when the firm needed her to prepare and to second chair a three-week bicycle accident trial in Hawaii.

CLASS OF 1992

R. Chet Loftis has rejoined Kirtan & McConkie, where he is continuing his practice in legislation, regulation and public policy, health care, business law, and ADR, while adding risk management with fellow classmate Randy Austin.

CLASS OF 1993

Malcolm Burt joined the financial services firm of Wedbush Morgan Securities in Provo. He currently provides investment services to individuals, professional corporations, and businesses.

Troy K. Fitzgerald has been appointed as Springville City administrator (Utah), after serving as city attorney for the past eight years. **Lorena Riffo-Jenson** has established her own company with a friend, Vanessa Di Palma. Started in 2003, the company focuses on Latino marketing and communications. Lorena is a member of the University of Utah Board of Trustees, the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Utah Hispanic Business Leadership Foundation.

CLASS OF 1994

Kenneth H. Meyer is the newly elected state attorney for Lake County, South Dakota. **Heather Morrison** became the new director of Utah's Antidiscrimination and Labor Division, after 12 years in private practice as an employment lawyer. Her division investigates all claims of employment and housing discrimination and claims for the nonpayment of wages in Utah. **Patrick Shen** was nominated by President George W. Bush to be special counsel for immigration-related unfair employment practices at the Department of Justice for a four-year term. Patrick currently serves as director of Government Relations at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP.

CLASS OF 1995

Cynthia Brown has joined the law library at Littler Mendelson in San Francisco. **Rod Cortez** was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in November to be a superior court judge of the State of California. He has been a deputy district attorney for San Bernardino County for the past 10 years. **Anupam Rajvanshi** is serving as a turnaround consultant for a manufacturing company. **Otis Sterling** is a senior deputy district attorney in charge of the vertical prosecution unit in Indio, California, assigned to child sex abuse. He came home to Riverside County as a deputy district attorney in 2002, after working for the Salt Lake Legal Defender's Office as a public defender.

CLASS OF 1996

Darin Christensen was elected as a shareholder at Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, and continues to practice tax, estate planning, and business law. He was selected as a 2006 Oregon Super Lawyer by *Law and Politics*. **Joe Covey** recently joined the Salt Lake City law firm of Parr Waddoups Brown Gee & Loveless, where he continues to advise clients on real estate lending and bankruptcy matters. He previously worked for the New York-based firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae. **William Potter** was elected to the family court bench in Las Vegas, Nevada, beginning his first term on January 1, 2007.

CLASS OF 1997

Matthew Gardner recently became the director of taxes at ups Freight in Richmond, Virginia. He and his family relocated from Sandy, Utah, this past summer. **Thomas M. Isaacson** is a patent attorney and has had his own practice for three years. Most of his work is for AT&T Corporation, for which he has traveled to South Korea (four times), Taiwan, Paris, Munich, and Finland. **Glen Openshaw** was recently elected partner at Bingham McCutchen LLP, an international law firm among the top 20 firms on the American Lawyer A-List. He practices general corporate

and securities law and has significant experience in both public and private offerings, mergers, and acquisitions.

CLASS OF 1998

Pattie S. Christensen has accepted the position of general counsel with HealthEquity, Inc., a leading administrator of consumer-driven health care products and services. **Adam N. Gonzalez** has become a partner in the firm of Danielson & Gonzalez in Portland, Maine. He practices real estate, corporate and business law, and estate planning. **Shane D. Hillman** is a shareholder and member of the Litigation Department at Parsons Behle & Latimer, practicing general commercial litigation.

CLASS OF 1999

John Higgenbotham just became a partner at Best Best & Krieger LLP. **Christopher Miner** was just elected a corporate partner in the Phoenix office of the international law firm Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. **Marcus Mumford** recently received the Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award from the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Los Angeles Chapter. He works at Skadden Arps in Los Angeles, where he is preparing for two trials early next year. **Baoqin Wang** opened his own law firm in 2006, specializing in immigration law.

CLASS OF 2000

Brook Hammond recently opened her own firm, Hammond & Hammond LLP, with her younger brother, Tyler Hammond, practicing personal injury law, in Henderson, Nevada. Brook is a part of the Million Dollar Advocates forum. **Dena C. James** works for the Nevada Department of Taxation as an administrative law judge. She hears disputes regarding state taxes, including sales tax and property tax. **Marc Porter** is business and finance associate at Snell & Wilmer LLP in Salt Lake City after working for two years at Perkins Coie LLP in Seattle.

CLASS OF 2001

Michael D. Fielding recently coauthored the cover feature article of the December/January 2007 issue of *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*. He practices in the Kansas City office of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP. **Matthew Fleming** was recently voted a shareholder at Parr Waddoups Brown Gee & Loveless, where he was an associate. He is a member of the firm's corporate transactions group, specializing in federal income taxation of corporations and partnerships, securities, and mergers and acquisitions. Matthew was formerly an associate with Stoel Rives in Salt Lake City. **Patrick Thurston** left his previous employment in Arizona to join the international section of Kirtan & McConkie in September 2006.

CLASS OF 2002

Steven L. Brown left his partners at Craddick, Candland & Conti and moved to the patients/plaintiffs side of medical malpractice litigation. He and his partner, Douglas Gessell—also a JRCIS alum—opened Brown & Gessell a little over a year ago, focusing on wrongful death, catastrophic injury, products, and medical malpractice. **Brock C. Cima**, a member of the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps, was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, for four months as a liaison to the Central Criminal Court of Iraq. In that role he worked closely

with Iraqi judges at the courthouse in Baghdad, aiding with the prosecution of insurgents that had committed crimes against Iraqi and American forces. **Jon Eskelsen** was deployed by the U.S. Army in 2006 to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay in Guantanamo, Cuba, as a member of the Staff Judge Advocate's Office. He was the deputy for habeas litigation and was responsible for interacting with opposing habeas counsel for detainees. He plans to return to his civilian practice as legislative assistant for legal policy to Senator Richard G. Lugar in Washington, D.C., this spring. **Michael Hannagan** is teaching at Tacoma Community College and has his own solo practice in Puyallup, Washington, focusing on general civil matters and criminal defense. **Ryan L. Marshall** recently joined Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., in the firm's new Salt Lake City office. His practice focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the chemical, pharmaceutical, and biochemical arts in the U.S. and abroad; counseling and preparing opinions in patent matters; and performing intellectual property evaluations, audits, and due diligence reviews. **Jaime Macanas Neel** was sworn into the Foreign Service by U.S. secretary of state Condoleezza Rice earlier this year. Jaime joins her husband, James, as a tandem diplomat couple. They are studying Mandarin in Washington, D.C., and are assigned to the U.S. Consulate in Shanghai, China, in 2007. **Dylan Waits** is an enforcement attorney in the Securities Division of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions. He clerked for Judge Anderson in the Idaho State Seventh District Court.

CLASS OF 2003

Chad Balfanz is an army JAG officer, presently assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). He recently returned from an eight-month deployment to Iraq, where he advised three echelons of command and the elite Green Berets. Upon his return he received the Bronze Star Medal for his service. His wife, Cathy, was also recognized for her contributions to Operation Iraqi Freedom, receiving a Commander's Award for Public Service. **Aaron Brogdon** has relocated with his family to Columbus, Ohio, where he joined the Columbus office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP. He had worked at the Salt Lake City office of Stoel Rives LLP since graduation. **Mark R. Hales** currently is an assistant attorney general of American Samoa. He enjoys working until 4:00 p.m. (on a late day), scuba diving, and going to court in a lava lava, sandals, and Hawaiian shirt. He will be featured in a forthcoming issue of *JD Journal* in an article on the fashion of lawyers. **Peter Johnson** left Boston Scientific Corporation in southern California in early 2006, after three years as in-house IP counsel, to help Snell & Wilmer build its intellectual property practice in Salt Lake City. **Tony Merrill** was recently named one of the top 50 pro bono attorneys in Arizona for his work with Maricopa County's Volunteer Lawyers Program Children's Law Center. He currently works as an associate at Bryan Cave's Phoenix office. **Spencer Phillips** has been at Nixon Peabody, Rochester, New York, for over a year now. He was joined by Trent Sutton in January. **Michelle Reed** is at Akin Gump and, aside from her many hours doing securities litigation, had a great pro bono victory this year. **Jay Robinson** moved from Riverside DA to San Bernardino DA this past October.

Law School Team National Champions

Third-year law students Kristen Byrd, Michael Howell, and Caleb Frischknecht received a standing ovation as they were announced national champions at the awards ceremony at the National Appellate Advocacy Competition held in Chicago from March 31 to April 1, 2007. The competition was hosted by the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. The initial competitors comprised 178 teams from 103 different law schools representing five different regions. Twenty teams competed in the national finals. The J. Reuben Law School team won the final round held in chambers of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

CLASS OF 2004

Pam Capello is a member of the business department of Cooley Godward Kronish LLP in San Diego, representing life science and technology companies in general corporate matters. Before July 2006 she was a member of the business department of Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps LLP in San Diego, representing sponsors of tenancy in common syndications.

CLASS OF 2005

Rob Avery is thoroughly enjoying his work as a lawyer. He won his first two motions in federal court, got the two federal causes of action (including RICO) dismissed, and got the case remanded back to the Fourth District. **Eric Carlson** presented testimony before the Congressional-Executive Commission on China this past November on the topic of "China's National and Local Regulations on Religion: Recent Developments in Legislation and Implementation." He was invited to testify based on research and writing he did with the International Center for Law and Religious Studies. **Breanne D. Fors** is a new associate of Parr Waddoups Brown Gee & Loveless in the commercial litigation group. **Todd Sparks** currently is a captain in the U.S. Air Force and the chief of civil law at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. **Matthew B. Tenney** is a new associate of Parr Waddoups Brown Gee & Loveless in the business transactions group, with an emphasis on business organization, M&A, and securities. **Eric Widmar** has been reassigned from the 18th Airborne Corps to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. He serves as a trial counsel, the army's equivalent to a prosecutor. He leaves for Iraq later this year for what is projected to be a 12-month deployment.

CLASS OF 2006

Greg Dyer switched firms, leaving Dechert LLP in Washington, D.C., and joining the Orange County office of Latham & Watkins LLP in January 2005. **Tatyana S. Feilbach** is a new associate of Parr Waddoups Brown Gee & Loveless with an emphasis on probate, estate planning and administration, elder law, estate taxation, guardianships, and conservatorships.

BYU Law Students Involved in Community Service Through Classes

PROFESSOR JAMES BACKMAN HAS STUDENTS WHO HAVE PRODUCED SEVERAL community-based research projects through his courses. An Hispanic materials project has created several information brochures on immigration, taxes, protective orders for victims of domestic violence, and employment matters. Students have created the Community Law Help for Immigrants Program. They are producing a public service announcement as a project sponsored by the gang prevention task force at the Salt Lake Sheriff's Office and the Sentry Project from the United States Attorney's Office aimed at preventing gun violence. Individual students have assisted the Utah Lake Restoration Project by preparing incorporation and tax-exempt status documents and a Web site. They have developed a law student pro bono assistants' proposal to present to the BYU Law School deans in cooperation with the Utah State Bar pro bono office. A team of students has assisted A Child's Hope Foundation in its work as an international adoption agency working with orphanages in developing countries.

Professor Lynn Wardle has offered a course entitled Children and the Law. Students researched and published the *Utah Juvenile Court Guidebook* in 1998, followed by a thorough supplement updating the materials in 2000 and a second edition of the guidebook in 2004. Each student researched cases, legislation, Law Review articles, and other published materials and talked with professionals in the field, then wrote one or more chapters for the guidebook. As Utah had no current monograph or resource book describing the various proceedings, procedures, standards, and principles of practice in the juvenile courts in the state, the publication of the *Utah Juvenile Court Guidebook* was very welcome.

Professor Larry Farmer has assigned students to complete projects in creating computer-aided practice systems.

Professor Cheryl Preston offers a seminar called Internet Regulation and Decency; and in an earlier seminar, Feminist Theory and Race Relations, she had students involved in community-based projects.

Professor David Dominguez teaches a course entitled Community Lawyering, in which students learn to practice "collaborative justice." His students worked with the Boulders Apartments, a low-income housing complex, to establish a community center there. In the process of working on the project, the students and residents sponsored the Boulders Community Festival, involving many of the residents in the planning and accomplishment of a very successful fair for the surrounding neighborhood.

Community lawyering students are assisting juveniles from ethnic minority groups in juvenile detention hearings.

A few years ago Dean Kevin Worthen mentored a few students who used directed research to help the Provo City attorney's office address broad issues that were on the horizon for that office. The idea was to help the city be more proactive and prepared for future decisions.

Several courses at the BYU Law School have service-learning assignments. Students in the Basic Mediation course serve as mediators in local small claims courts and with BYU's Dispute Resolution Center. Students in the Youth and Mediation course serve as victim-offender mediators through the juvenile court, and they partner with the Provo School District in providing parent-teen mediations for students involved in truancy proceedings.

Professor Susan Griffith, a former director of the Utah Legal Services office in Provo, assigns students to work with community organizations through several Law Help seminars she offers each year. In her Domestic Violence Intervention seminar, students work with Utah Legal Services attorneys and with the local Center for Women and Children in Crisis. In the Elder Law seminar, students visit local senior centers weekly during lunches to interview seniors with legal problems that could be handled by law students participating in the seminar. In Street Law, students partner with Community Action and with the Food and Care Coalition in providing assistance to community members with legal problems. In Domestic Relations, students assist Utah Legal Services in helping self-represented parties use the forms created through the Utah Courts Online Court Assistance Program (OCAP).

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