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CLASS notes

1975

Edsell M. (Chip) Eady Jr. has joined the bond counsel team at the firm of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough of San Francisco.

Susan Low Bloch argued for granting President Clinton temporary immunity from Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit in an *ABA Journal* article entitled "Yes: Nation's Agenda More Important Than a Speedy Trial."

David Stanley has resigned his post as executive director of the First District Appellate Project in San Francisco and returned to private practice as a court-appointed appellate attorney for indigent clients.

1976

Ronald F. Graham recently advised marriage counselors about their likelihood of being called to testify in court at a Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy conference. He discussed issues related to testifying in court, either for a client or as a defendant in a malpractice suit. Graham is a shareholder in the firm of Buesser, Buesser, Black, Lynch, Fryhoff & Graham, P.C., of Bloomfield Hills and Detroit.

Alan J. Kreczko is special assistant to the president of the United States and legal counsel, National Security Council. He formerly was a deputy legal advisor at the Department of State.

1977

Robert H. Jerry II has been named to the Herbert Herff Chair of Excellence in Law at Memphis State University. An authority on insurance, health insurance and banking law, Jerry is a former dean of the University of Kansas School of Law.

Ross D. Petty received tenure at Babson College, where he is an associate professor of law and the Roger A. Enrico Term Chair. Last year, he published a book, *The Impact of Advertising Law on Business and Public Policy*. He and his family will be spending the 1994-95 academic year in Scotland while he is a visiting professor at the University of Stirling.

David Westin was promoted to president of the ABC Television Network Group.

1978

Dennis W. Flieman has left the San Diego law firm he co-founded to become the associate director of the Michigan State University Alumni Association. He oversees more than 100 regional alumni clubs worldwide.

Stafford Matthews has joined the San Francisco law firm of Landels, Ripley & Diamond as a senior transactional and tax partner. Previously, he was a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp.



Stafford Matthews

1979

Elaine Mittleman is continuing her eight-year lawsuit against the U.S. Treasury Department and Roger C. Altman. She alleges that in 1981, Altman fired her unfairly from her post with the Treasury's Chrysler Loan Guarantee Program after she questioned the department's monitoring of financial reports Chrysler was required to file.

Vicki Lafer Abrahamson has been named a member of the American Bar Association's Council for the Section of Labor and Employment Law. She is the sole employment attorney who represents plaintiffs to occupy a seat on this 19-member council.



G. A. Finch

1980

G. A. Finch has been appointed to the Agricultural Export Advisory Committee in Illinois. This committee provides consulting services related to the export of farm products. Finch is a partner with the law firm of Querrey & Harrow.

Beatriz M. Olivera has joined the Chicago area firm of Vigil Berkley Schulz & Gordon, P.C., as a shareholder. She concentrates her practice on business, insurance, and entertainment litigation matters.

James L. Stengel and **Andrew M. Calamari** have published a single-volume treatise entitled *Complex Litigation* (Practicing Law Institute, 1994). It outlines a simple, logical approach to managing multifaceted cases from the initial investigation through trial, settlement and appeal. Stengel is a partner in the New York firm of Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine.

1982

Lawrence Savell published an article entitled "Affirming the Value of Criticism" in the July 22, 1994 *New York Law Journal*. The article discusses the significance of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit's unusual retraction of its own ruling in *Moldea v. New York Times Co.* The appellate court first ruled that the *Times'* unfavorable book review attacked author Dan Moldea's professional competence and was therefore subject to the law of defamation. Three months later, the same three-judge panel amended its initial ruling to allow greater "breathing space" for literary reviews. Savell wrote that the revised opinion recognizes both the value of literary criticism and the "analogous element of respectful criticism and comment inherent in the appellate process itself." (**Roger Simmons**, J.D. '72, is chief counsel for Moldea in the libel suit.)

1983

Helen Currie Foster is serving as managing partner of the Birmingham, Alabama law firm of Walston, Stabler, Wells, Anderson & Bains. She continues to practice environmental law and litigation.