Among 11 local leaders recently named to the YWCA State Rep. Krysten Sinema, also a 2004 alumna, are K Royal, a 2004 alumna and director of Pro Bono

Royal supervises, coordinates and promotes students' pro bono activities and helps strengthen their relationships in the community. She also works closely with students in the college's Master of Law programs in Biotechnology and Genomics and Tribal Policy, Law, and Government, and in the Master of Legal Studies.

Last year, students contributed more than $62,000 hours of law-related public service to low-income and underserved populations. The time equaled services with a fair market value of more than $6.2 million.

To find a profile of Royal, go to our homepage and click on “headlines.”

Sinema earned a Master of Social Work from ASU in 1999 and is a faculty associate in the university’s School of Social Work. She was elected to the Legislature in 2004 and previously was a social worker in the Washington-Ton School District, where she created and directed the community’s first Family Resource Center.

DIAMOND JUBILEE RECEPTION

The Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law is holding a Diamond Jubilee Reception celebrating Professor Alan Matheson’s 75th birthday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, in Armstrong Hall.

All friends, colleagues, staff and students are invited. Refreshments will be served and tributes will be made throughout the evening. Please send any tributes to Laurie Vesco at Laurie.vesco@asu.edu.

As part of the effort to honor Matheson, the College is raising money to support an endowed chair in Alan Matheson’s name. Philanthropist Ira Fulton, founder and CEO of Fulton Homes, has agreed to match every cash contribution of up to $1,000 made during the campaign, up to a total of $200,000. With that pledge, nearly $400,000 already has been raised toward a $2 million goal. To participate, go to www.law.asu.edu/Matheson.

Matheson, a member of the founding faculty of ASU’s College of Law, was dean of the College from 1977 to 1984, during 1989, and 1997-1998. He won the ASU Alumni Association Faculty Achievement Award for Service in 1995.

Matheson earned a B.A., M.S. in Political Science and a J.D. from the University of Utah, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Utah Law Review. He was an Associate in Law at Columbia University and served as Assistant to the President of Utah State University.

DECEMBER CONVOCATION

Twenty students, including one finishing a Master of Laws in Biotechnology and Genomics, graduated from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law in December.

Two of the J.D. candidates completed joint M.B.A. degrees and one a joint Doctorate in Justice Studies. One received a Law, Science, and Technology Certificate and one an Indian Law Certificate. Three earned Pro Bono Distinction, contributing between 50 and 99 hours of pro bono work while in law school; one earned high pro bono distinction, contributing between 100 and 149 hours; and two graduated with the highest pro bono distinction, contributing 150 or more hours.

Rebecca White Berch, Vice Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court and a 1979 alumna of the College, spoke at the convocation held Friday, Dec. 15, in the Great Hall, and urged the graduates to recognize the truth of sayings like, “You make your own happiness,” “Work hard,” and “Keep the big picture in mind.”

“Choose to be happy,” Berch said. “Don’t dwell on slights and rude comments. You have chosen a contentious profession.”

Berch holds a master’s degree in English and has authored several CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE

INTO THE WORLD

This is the first in a series of profiles about graduating law students and their career plans.

Alastair Gamble took a circuitous route to law school, earning an undergraduate degree in history, and working as an intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy, an interrogator/linguist for the U.S. Army, and a consultant for the FBI before coming to ASU nearly three years ago. The Texas native will graduate in May from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law and start down a new road, first as a clerk with Arizona Supreme Court Justice Andrew Hurwitz. Next year, Gamble will take a position as an associate with Perkins Coie Brown & Bain in Phoenix.

“I plan on practicing general commercial litigation with a possible focus on employment law, construction law and appellate law,” he said, adding, “But who knows? I’m interested in so many areas so I’ve got to try them all!”

Gamble, whose passion lies in constitutional law, made the most of his time at law school, getting involved with many programs, competitions and service projects as time would allow. He is the senior articles editor for the Arizona State Law Journal, he participated (and did quite well) in four national moot court competitions, and he was a tutor for three semesters for the Academic Success Program.

Gamble also has served on the executive board of the Gay & Lesbian Legal Alliance, drawing on his experiences years ago in Washington, D.C., where he helped gay lobby groups develop legislative, media and legal strategies to deal with the military’s ban on openly gay service members.

Gamble and his partner of nearly six years, Robert Hicks, live in Tempe. He’s worked closely with Shelli Soto, assistant dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, on the new student orientation guide and this year served on the admissions committee. Gamble had the honor of speaking at the rededication ceremony, scoring a seat next to Justice O’Connor, and he has participated in a dozen student panels for interested and new law students.

His externships and summer jobs include working with Judge Michael Daly Hawkins in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in the Arizona Attorney General’s Criminal Appeals Division, at Lewis & Roca and at Perkins Coie Brown & Bain.

ALUMNA CONSIDERED FOR U.S. ATTORNEY/ARIZONA DISTRICT

Diane J. Humetewa (Class of 1993), senior litigation counsel and tribal liaison under retiring U.S. Attorney Paul Charlton, is a potential nominee to become the next U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, according to a recent article in The Arizona Republic.

If nominated by Bush and confirmed by the Senate, Humetewa would be the first Native American U.S. Attorney in Arizona, according to the article by Billy House. Officials were researching whether she would also be the nation’s first Native American U.S. Attorney.

Humetewa, 42, was recommended to the White House by Republican Sens. Jon Kyl and John McCain.

“I am proud to recommend Diane to serve our country in this noble role,” McCain told The Republic. “As a native Arizonan, Diane has a sound appreciation for the culture and legal issues unique to the region.”

Humetewa served as a counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs from August 1993 to March 1996, when McCain was chairman of the committee.

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Two graduates of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University are being honored by the YWCA of Maricopa County for their contributions to empowering women and eliminating racism.

K Royal, a 2004 alumna and director of Pro Bono Programs and Student Life at the College of Law, and Stacy Graziano Sinema, also a 2004 alumna, are among 11 local leaders recently named to the YWCA
books, including introduction to Legal Method and Process, in its fourth edition and used throughout the nation. She was Director of the Legal Writing Program at the College of Law from 1986-1995. Prior to her appointment to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2002, she practiced law, served as Solicitor General, as Special Counsel to the Attorney General, as First Assistant Attorney General, and as a Court of Appeals Judge. Ted Wilson, who completed a J.D.M.B.A., graduating from the Sandra O’Connor College of Law and the W.P. Carey M.B.A. Program, spoke for the students.

“IT has been a wild ride,” said Wilson, citing marriages, births, divorces, even a broken neck among his classmates. Wilson thanked faculty, including Professor Jonathan Rose, “Uncle” Bob Bartels (“with his great stories and patience”) and Professor Laurence Winer (“who has lived in Arizona for 23 years and still has a perfect Boston accent.”)

“I remember after Professor Winer’s torts class I didn’t leave my house for weeks because I was afraid I’d get sued,” Wilson said.

The graduates are

L.L.M. in Biotechnology and Genomics

Kevin T. Kelly  J.D.
Michael Patrick Henry Bahr  J.D.
Monica Renee Dean  J.D.
David Randolph French  M.B.A.
Charles W. Galbraith  M.B.A.
Phillip H. Gover III  J.D.
Trevor Howard Halpern (Pro Bono Distinction)  J.D.
Adrian William Little (Pro Bono Distinction)  J.D.
Philippe Martineau  J.D.
Michael Keith Ritchie (Pro Bono Distinction)  J.D.
Elizabeth Ann Marie Roig (Law, Science, & Technology Certificate)
Vena A-dae Romero
Jason Paul Ruyf
Delia Salvaterra
Galen Huntington Satterlee
Leslie Annie Witting Satterlee (High Pro Bono Distinction)
Robbie Michelle Smith (Indian Law Certificate)
Matthew Charles Urso
Ted Wilson (J.D.M.B.A.)
Savannah Luia Castro (Highest Pro Bono Distinction)
Kim Bertha Furumoto (Ph.D. in Justice Studies)
William Thaddeus HUDON
Matthew Christopher Largent
Sarah Theresa White Mansfield (Highest Pro Bono Distinction)

IN OTHER NEWS

Professor Kevin Gover recently was quoted in a USA Today story headlined: “Native American? The tribe says no.” The story begins: “Native American tribes are facing allegations of greed and racism as they purge members from their rolls and deny the applications of others.” Gover explained that state and federal courts do not have jurisdiction over Native American membership disputes. Gover, a member of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and a graduate of Princeton, served as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior from 1996-2003. He is co-executive director of ASU’s American Indian Policy and Leadership Development Center and serves as a judge for the Tonto Apache Tribal Court of Appeals and the San Carlos Apache Tribal Court of Appeals.

Professor David H. Kaye and Joseph L. Gastwirth, a professor at George Washington University in the Department of Statistics, co-authored an op-ed piece in a recent issue of The National Law Journal on the recent drop in the percentage of women hired as Supreme Court law clerks. “A sharp drop in women among the ranks of Supreme Court law clerks has become front-page news,” they wrote. “It has been reported that only seven of the 32 law clerks hired this year were women. (19 percent, compared with 16 out of 43 from the previous year, or 37 percent) a decline of nearly 50 percent.”

Professor Gary Marchant, executive director of the Center for Study of Law, Science, & Technology, is featured in a United Press International article headlined, “Analytic Gene tests put doc in a bind.” The article discusses a report in the current issue of Personalized Medicine detailing significant liabilities facing physicians in the fast-developing world of personalized medicine. It was co-authored by Marchant; Robert J. Milligan, a graduate student in the College’s L.L.M. in Biotechnology and Genomics program; and Brian Wilhelm, a second-year law student in the ASU/Mayo Clinic M.D. J.D. program. Marchant predicts “a new wave” of lawsuits soon will face doctors who fail to have genetic tests performed before prescribing medications, actions that heretofore have been aimed mostly at drug manufacturers. Clear guidelines for when genetic testing is required must be established, Marchant recommended, and medical schools should offer future physicians more genetic training.

First-year law students Stephanie Steele and Paul Singleton were recently featured in a story in The Arizona Republic on diversity in law schools. The story detailed a diversity proposal under consideration by the State Bar of Arizona. The proposal comes from an 80-member task force, which includes several representatives of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, including Dean Patricia White; Sheila Soto, assistant dean of Admissions and Financial Aid; K Royal, director of Career Programs and Student Life; and Brenda Thomson, director of the Center for Law Leadership and Management.

Professor Gary Lowenthal was quoted in a recent Arizona Republic article on a new role of immigrants in the Arizona Supreme Court. The article described the action of Maricopa County Judge Patience Burch who turned down a guilty verdict for Aldolfo Guzman-Garcia. “Burch said there was not enough evidence to show that Guzman-Garcia was part of a human-smuggling ring, a position taken by Congress,” Attorney Andrea Thomas has used conspiracy charges to prosecute undocumented immigrants who pay to be smuggled. Lowenthal provided context about the rarity of approval of acquittal motions following a conviction and whether the decision established counsel for the Arizona Daily Star, headlined “Court must conclude that global warming gases are a real danger.” The opinion piece also ran in at least nine other papers in California, Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, including the San Diego Union-Tribune, Monterey County Sunday Herald, Miami Herald, Kansas City Sunday Star, the Dulleth News-Tribune, Columbus Dispatch, Portsmouth (NH) Sunday Herald, and the Centre Sunday Times (State College, Pa.). “President Bush has often criticized ‘activist judges’ for allegedly shaping the law to fit their own policy preferences instead of enforcing it as written,” Feller writes. “Now, Bush’s own appointees to the Supreme Court have an opportunity to show that they will enforce a law that Congress enacted more than 30 years ago, rather than bending that law out of shape to avoid a result that they would rather not reach.”

Professor James Weinstein, Amelia Lewis Professor of Constitutional Law, delivered a lecture, “Hate Speech and Democracy: A Comparative View,” as part of the Gates Distinguished Lecture Series at Trinity College Cambridge in England, where he is a Visiting Fellow for the year. The Gates Distinguished Lecture Series is entering its third year, whereas Weinstein is the first lecturer the Gates Scholar Society has invited from the field of law.

Professor Michael Berch recently presented a national Audacity Live Webcast on West Legalcenter (WLC) entitled “Emerging Ethics Issues Facing the Profession.” The 90-minute production was presented by the National Business Institute and covered problems dealing with the phenomenon referred to metadata, Berch’s vision of the changing attitudes of the profession regarding the ethics of negotiation, the image of the profession and the return in the 21st century to the appearance of impartial standard.

Amy Langenfeld, associate clinical professor, recently appeared on the KAET/Channel 8 program, Horizonte, discussing splitting the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Senate Judiciary Committee is currently considering a bill that would split the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, putting Arizona into a new Twelfth Circuit, along with six other Western states. If Congress approved the split, this would put Arizona in a circuit that would lack Latino representation.

CALLING ALL 3LS

• A panel of recent graduates will speak about their experiences with the bar exam at noon, Jan. 25, Room 116. The panel will discuss the 10 things they wish they knew about the bar but did not know to ask. Panelists include Heather Seifert, Richard Speer, David Kophard, Colleen Cox and Elizabeth Janney-Kruscheck, all of whom will take the Arizona Bar Exam this year. The panel will be for a question and answer session at the close of the program.

• A presentation on the general process of applying to take the bar exam and submitting an application to the Character and Fitness Committee will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, room to be announced.

CAREER SERVICES

Spring Recruitment and Symplicity Training – Learn about the recruitment process and how to navigate the Symplicity system for legal employment. First-year students are encouraged to attend. 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, Room 105.

Northwest Government/Public Interest Career Fair – Check out the Seattle and Portland Career Fairs held on Friday, Feb. 2, (Seattle University) and Saturday, Feb. 3, (Lewis & Clark College, Portland). Register and pay the fees of $15 (single day) or $25 (both days) online at www.nwpifair.org. First-, second- and third-year students are invited and to participate. You must bring the application materials requested by the participating employers to the Career Services Office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Mock Interview Practice – Practice your interviewing skills on Wednesday, Feb. 7, with attorneys from local law firms of the Young Lawyers’ Division of the Maricopa County Bar Association before the Spring Recruitment process begins. Open to all first-year students. Sign up by email or in the Career Services Office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, Room 102.