

Winter/Spring Class Notes 2010

Class of 1981

Sumner Edward “Scott” Copple JD ’81 passed away on February 3, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Scott was a professor at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and survived by wife of 34 years, **Rory (Rolfsmeyer) Copple JD ’81**.

Class of 1884

Samuel A. Mohr JD ’84, LLM ’85 passed away on January 11, 2010 in Bronxville, NY. Sam’s distinguished career included the law firms of Hunton & Williams in Richmond, VA, Jones Day in Cleveland, OH, and for the past 19 years at Ernst & Young as a partner.

Kendall J. Newman JD ’84 selected to be the new U.S. Magistrate Judge in Sacramento, California. His appointment was made in an effort to help meet the district's crushing caseloads, which, at 1095 weighted case filings per authorized district judge, is the highest in the nation.

Class of 1986

Michael A. Gatje JD ’86 has joined the firm of Husch Blackwell Sanders in Washington, D.C. He is a partner with the firm and his focus is in construction, government contracts and commercial litigation. He has represented clients in state and federal courts, boards of contract appeals, and in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

Class of 1988

Kenneth Wayne Harrell JD ’88 was recently interviewed by South Carolina Lawyer’s Weekly and it was published in their most recent magazine. Ken is managing partner of the Joye Law Firm and previously did corporate defense work for Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in 1994.

Class of 1992

Michael P. Chu JD ’92 received the Filipino Community Service Award from Asian American Coalition of Chicago at its 27th Annual Lunar New Year Dinner Gala. Michael is a shareholder and an intellectual property attorney with Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione.

David J. Tigges LLM ’92 has been elected as a managing shareholder/CEO for McNair Law Firm in Hilton Head, S.C. Tigges serves as chairman of the board of the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, as well as a member of the Mayor’s Task Force for the Island’s Future.

Class of 1993

J. Andrew Basham JD ’93 recently passed away after an extended illness on March 21, 2010 in Virginia Beach. Andy practiced law in the Tidewater area since 1993.

Class of 1995

Erin Masson Wirth JD '95 has joined the Federal Maritime Commission as an Administrative Law Judge. Erin has published articles on a variety of topics for the West Group's ALR series and legal journals. Prior to joining the Commission, Judge Wirth served as an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration.

Class of 1998

David H. Bruns JD '98 is the Executive Director and co-founder of the Charlottesville Country Day School. He and his wife Stacey, lead the effort to form the vision, philosophy and mission of the school. Last year, in addition to his time in the classroom, Dave worked on governance, development, admissions, human resources and financial issues for the school. This year, Dave will be primarily focused on working with the Board on the school's long-term facilities needs but will continue coaching chess, baseball, and basketball and being a resource for the faculty. Dave is the proud father of CDS students, Jack and Jane.

Class of 2002

Michael J. Bradshaw, Jr. JD '02 has been made partner at Kutak Rock LLP and concentrates his practice on public finance, including matters related to tax exemption of debt instruments issued by municipal governments. He also represents commercial banks with regard to credit enhancement and liquidity support in public finance transactions.

John Coughlin, JD '02 is now a Partner at the firm of Re, Nelson, Huber & Coughlin, LLP in Huntington, New York.

Melissa Jackson Howell JD '02 has joined Jackson Lewis LLP as an associate in its Norfolk office. Melissa was previously with Bowman Green Hampton & Kelly in Chesapeake, VA. She will focus her practice in employment law compliance and litigation avoidance, negotiating and litigating employment and contract-based disputes in federal and state courts.

Cameron M. Lynch JD '02 is the President and Founder of The Lynch Group, LLC, a full service government relations, political consulting a government contracting firm. Cam was previously Executive VP at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C and also served as Counselor to former Senator Robert J. Dole.

Class of 2005

Amanda L. Kutz JD '05 has joined the corporate/health-care practice group at McCandlish Holton in Richmond, VA.

Class of 2007

G. Zachary Terwilliger JD '07 has been hired as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the major crimes unit for the Alexandria Division. Terwilliger was formerly a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in Alexandria.

Class of 2008

Junaid Ahmad JD '08 is a full-time faculty member at Pakistan's leading university, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), teaching courses in the Department Law and Policy.

William N. Federspiel JD '08 has joined McGuire Woods in Richmond, VA., as an associate in the intellectual-property litigation/patents department and will focus his practice on trademark and trade dress, copyright and patent matters.

Class of 2009

Latoya C. Asia JD '09 has joined the law firm of McGuire Woods in Richmond, VA as an associate in the labor and employment department.

Aaron C. Garrett JD '09 has been hired with the law firm of Manning Curtis Bradshaw & Bednar in Salt Lake City, UT., and will assist in the company's commercial litigation and employment practices.

Ryan C. Kenrick JD '09 has joined the law office of Williams Mullen in Richmond, VA. His practice will focus on financial services and real estate matters.

James D. Marky JD '09 has been admitted to the New York State Bar. James is with the Law Firm of Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, NY.

Erin R. McNeill JD'09 has joined the risk-management practice group at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller in Richmond, VA.

Elizabeth A. Ridler JD '09 has joined the law firm of McGuire Woods in Richmond, VA as an associate in the mergers and acquisitions, securities and corporate services department.