

Message from The Alumni Board President



*Dear Fellow
Alumni & Friends,*

It has been a busy six months for the McGeorge Alumni Association. We have held many successful reunion and regional events, as you can see from reading the following pages.

I hope you get a chance to meet our new dean, Francis J. Mootz, or “Jay” as he likes to be called among friends and colleagues. A very personable man, he is hitting the road to meet alumni at many upcoming regional events (see Calendar, inside back cover). Dean Mootz attended one of the first of these receptions in early September in Reno and was impressed with the enthusiasm and vitality of the Northern Nevada Alumni Chapter. The Nevadans were impressed with his knowledge of the law school and his aspirations for its future.

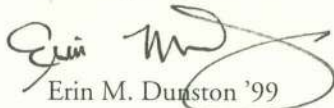
Also, if you get a chance, please pay a visit to the Pacific McGeorge campus. It is gorgeous. The Legal Studies Center that opened last fall is beautiful and functional. The remodeled McGeorge House has a large deck, with a giant redwood in the middle of it, which overlooks the well-groomed quad. Student study groups flock there on weekends. In addition, the “Courtroom of the Future,” circa 1973, which we used to chuckle about has been given a \$1 million facelift making it a modern, airy, well-lit place all should see.

Please do your best to attend a McGeorge regional chapter event. If your schedule does not permit that—and I realize we are often so busy—please help McGeorge by getting involved in another way. Opportunities include being a donor, mentoring a current student, and calling the Career Development Office with a job opportunity or internship.

The law school’s enrollment is smaller than when most of us were there. The last two entering Day Division classes have been the smallest since the entering classes of 1969 and 1970, respectively. This action was deliberately taken last year in response to the difficult job market in the legal profession nationwide.

Pacific McGeorge is doing its part to produce well-educated graduates who will have promising legal careers. Please consider being part of that process and getting involved.

Best regards,


Erin M. Dunston '99

Introducing Alumni Board Member Bruce Timm, '98

Sacramento attorney Bruce Timm, '98, is serving his second four-year term on the McGeorge Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Timm has served on the board’s executive committee as Vice President of Alumni Programs and been particularly active in bringing Pacific McGeorge students and alumni mentors together. A former adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge, he has participated in numerous Career Development Office panel discussions, judged oral arguments for the moot court team, and been a regular attendee at Dine with Alumni programs.

While a student at Pacific McGeorge, Timm won the Final Four Top Oral Advocate Award, was elected to membership in the Roger J Traynor Honor Society, was a member of the National Moot Court Competition Team, and served as a teaching assistant in Appellate Advocacy.

The incoming president of the Sacramento County Bar Association, Timm is a partner at Boutin Jones Inc., and a member of the firm’s Employment Law and Litigations Practice groups. He is one of many alumni at the full-service business, real estate and litigation firm, which absorbed several former McDonough Holland & Allen attorneys when that firm dissolved in 2010.

Boutin Jones was named one of the “Best Law Firms” in a recent U.S. News & World Report survey. **Bob Swanson, '92**, is the managing shareholder of 36-attorney firm and heads a board of directors that includes **Jeff Jones, '79**, **Kent Silvester, '86**, and Julia Jenness, a non-alum who has been a speaker at past Pacific McGeorge Career Development events.

Other alums at Boutin Jones include shareholders **Stacey Brennan, '05**, **Michael Fogarty, '75**, **Mark Gorton, '81**, **Michael Kuzmich, '00**, **Kelley Lincoln, '02**, **Stuart List, '89**, and **James Moore, '97**. Alumni associates at the firm include **Bashar Ahmad, '08**, **Penny Brown, '01**, **Dennis Michaels, '99**, and **Erin Riley, '02**. Another non-McGeorge alum attorney there, B.J. Susich, teaches Accounting for Lawyers as an adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge.