

Class Notes

also listed in Chambers USA as one of the top employment law attorneys in New Hampshire. In his free time, Schwarz enjoys spending time with his family and watching Little League games.

Homecoming Weekend
Oct. 26-28
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Patricia Hartzell Courtois (SCS80) of Sarasota, Fla., became president and

chief operating officer of Clarke Advertising and Public Relations in February. She is responsible for leading the agency's public relations and marketing communications team and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the agency. She joined the firm in 1999.

Thomas Knorr (KSM80) of Glen Ellyn, Ill., was appointed president of market data sales at CBOE Holdings in February. He has been with the CBOE for 15 years.

Raymond Lembke (WCAS80) of Cincinnati, a lawyer with practices in Ohio and Kentucky, was selected for "Super Lawyers Ohio" 2012.

John Pietrowski (C80) of Irving Valley, N.J., is the artistic director of Playwrights Theatre of Madison, N.J. As a producer, director and actor, he has worked with playwrights of all ages, developing and producing plays for more than 25 years.

Pietrowski was recently awarded a prestigious Individual Artist Fellowship grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Greg Wass (WCAS80) of Chicago, chief information officer for Cook County, was named to "Government Technology" magazine's list of "25 Doers, Dreamers and

Drivers" for 2012. Wass previously served as CIO for the state of Illinois. Since 2005, he has taught in Northwestern's graduate program in public policy and administration. In 2010 Wass worked with nine Northwestern students as interns with Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn's (L80) economic recovery commission.

Linda Krakowsky Jackson (GJ81) of Studio City, Calif., co-wrote *Meringue* (Gibbs Smith, 2012), a dessert cookbook that features a collection of 80 recipes, including pavlovas, vacherins, dacquoises, tarts and pies.

Scott Magnesen (BSM81) of Burr Ridge, Ill., a managing director and financial adviser for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney



in its Oak Brook office, was named to *Barron's* list of "America's Top 1,000 Advisors: 2012 State-by-State."

Magnesen also celebrated 30 years of service with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, where he specializes in retirement and financial planning. He was named the No. 1 financial adviser by *Chicago* magazine in 2008.

Lisa Trank (C81) of Longmont, Colo., became director of marketing and communications for Naropa University in February. The private, Buddhist-inspired university was co-founded by poet Allen Ginsberg and Tibetan teacher Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche. Trank is overseeing the completion of the university's website and planning for the school's 40th anniversary.

William R. Weir (WCAS81) of Shaker Heights, Ohio, an attorney in the Cleveland law office of Porter Wright, was recognized

by Chambers USA 2012 in its "Leaders in Their Field" listing. He specializes in real estate. **Steve Sheffey (WCAS82, L86)** of Highland Park, Ill., is currently corporate counsel



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In May the Women's Initiative of Northwestern hosted a discussion of trends in beauty and wellness at the Lambs Club in New York City. From left, Ellen Gendler, parent of sophomore Michael Salik and clinical associate professor of dermatology at New York University Langone Medical Center; Jane Steiner Hoffman (C86), University trustee and WIN co-chair; Annbeth Eschbach (C81), CEO and founder of Exbale Enterprises; Ellen Philips Katz (WCAS70), University trustee and WIN co-chair; and Sara Austin (GJ98), features director for news and health at SELF magazine.

at Allstate Insurance Co. in Northbrook, Ill. He was elected a delegate for President Barack Obama (Ho6) to the Democratic National Convention in the March 20 Illinois primary.

Joel Brandt (WCAS83) of Huntington Station, N.Y., became the new pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in March.

Gloria Grev (McC83) of Las Vegas, supervisor of distribution engineering at Southwest Gas Corp., received the Common Ground Alliance's Ron Olitsky Award in March for her contributions to the damage prevention community.

Robert E. Hagemann (WCAS83) of Charlotte was named city attorney for Charlotte in June 2011 and took office last January. He serves as chief legal counsel for the mayor and city council, the city manager and other city officials and employees. He has worked in the Charlotte city attorney's office for 17 years.

Brian Posner (WCAS83) of New Canaan, Conn., a private investor since 2008 and president of Point Rider Group, a consulting and advisory services firm, was appointed to the board of

directors of BG Medicine, a life sciences company that focuses on the discovery, development and commercialization of novel, biomarker-based cardiovascular diagnostics. Posner also serves as director of Biogen Idec, Arch Capital Group and AQR Funds.

Jay Zweig (C83) of Paradise Valley, Ariz., was appointed managing partner at Bryan Cave's Phoenix office in October 2011. He has been a partner with Bryan Cave since 2007, concentrating his practice in employment law and related commercial litigation. He has served as lead counsel in federal and state court trials for clients that range from startup ventures and professional services firms to Fortune 100 companies.

Frank DeCaro Jr. (J84) of New York City wrote *The Dead Celebrity Cookbook: A Resurrection of Recipes from More Than 145 Stars of Screen and Stage* (Health Communications Inc., 2011). His next book, *The Dead Celebrity Christmas Cookbook*, will be published in the fall. In 2011 he married his partner of 15 years, Jim Colucci, in New York City. The wedding was broadcast live on Sirius XM Satellite Radio.

Wendy Weiss Kritt (KSM84) of Lincolnshire, Ill., was elected to the board of the Executive Service Corps of Chicago in February.

Beth Malow (FSM84, 86) of Brentwood, Tenn., a professor of neurology and pediatrics at Vanderbilt University, studies the interface of sleep and autism. She received an endowed chair, the Burry Chair in Cognitive Childhood Development, and was named the 2012 recipient of the American Academy of Neurology's Sleep Science Award for excellence in sleep medicine. Malow and her husband, Stephen Pert, have two children, Austin and Daniel.

Lisa Nimz (BSM84) of Chicago co-wrote *Can You Hear Me Now? Applying Brain Research and Technology to Engage Today's Students* (Shell Education, 2012). The book combines examinations of the impact of technology, explorations of how the brain works and explanations of how to be an effective teacher. Nimz teaches fifth grade at Jane Stenson School in Skokie.

James J. Oh (WCAS84, L87) of Wilmette, Ill., a shareholder

at the Chicago office of Littler Mendelson, was awarded the 2012 International Law Office Client Choice Award for Employment and Labor in the United States in February in London. Oh has a nationwide practice that focuses on representing management in class action and employment litigation.

Michelle Kern Coussens (WCAS85) of Batavia, Ill., dean of the Kendall College School of Business, was appointed as the first chair of the newly formed Illinois Diversity Council. She



will assist in establishing the council's annual goals and event schedule and work on development of the National Diversity Council's strategic plan.

Susan Glatter Kamman (C85) of Lake Zurich, Ill., completed eight years of service to the Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council,

including chairing the child support subcommittee four times. Kamman was selected for inclusion in the 2012 Super Lawyers and the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Leading Lawyers Network as one of the top 5 percent of family law attorneys in Illinois.

David Koenig (G85) of Northfield, Minn., CEO of the Governance Fund Advisors, wrote his first book, *Governance*



Reimagined: Organizational Design, Risk and Value Creation (Wiley, 2012), which examines the intersection of economics, complexity, psychology and risk management in how organizations can best create value.

Jennifer Moss (BSM85) of Los Angeles wrote her first novel, *Town Red*, due to be published in fall 2012 by Black Opal Books. *Town Red* is the first book in a mystery series that is set in the Chicago area, including

Evanston. Her nonfiction book, *The One-In-A-Million Baby Name Book* (Perigee Press, 2008), has sold more than 20,000 copies to date. She divides her time between Los Angeles and her home in the mountains near Yosemite National Park.

Cindy Amundsen (WCAS86) of Chapel Hill, N.C., was promoted to professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Duke University in February. Amundsen is the first woman to receive promotion to full professor in the department. She is also fellowship director for the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship at Duke.



Amundsen is a co-investigator in the Pelvic Floor Disorder Network, a National Institutes of Health-funded network of eight clinical research centers dedicated to improving the level of knowledge about pelvic floor

disorders. Cindy and her husband, George Webster, a professor of urology at Duke University, have six cats.

Bruce Hodes (KSM86) of Oak Park, Ill., a management consultant and team-building expert, wrote *Front Line Heroes: Battling the Business Tsunami by Developing Performance-Oriented Cultures* (Writers of the Round Table Press, 2012). The book offers strategies to help businesses grow despite recent economic events. Hodes established CMI (Crusading, Marauding Interveners) and helps companies grow by developing executive leadership teams, business leaders and managers into powerful performers.

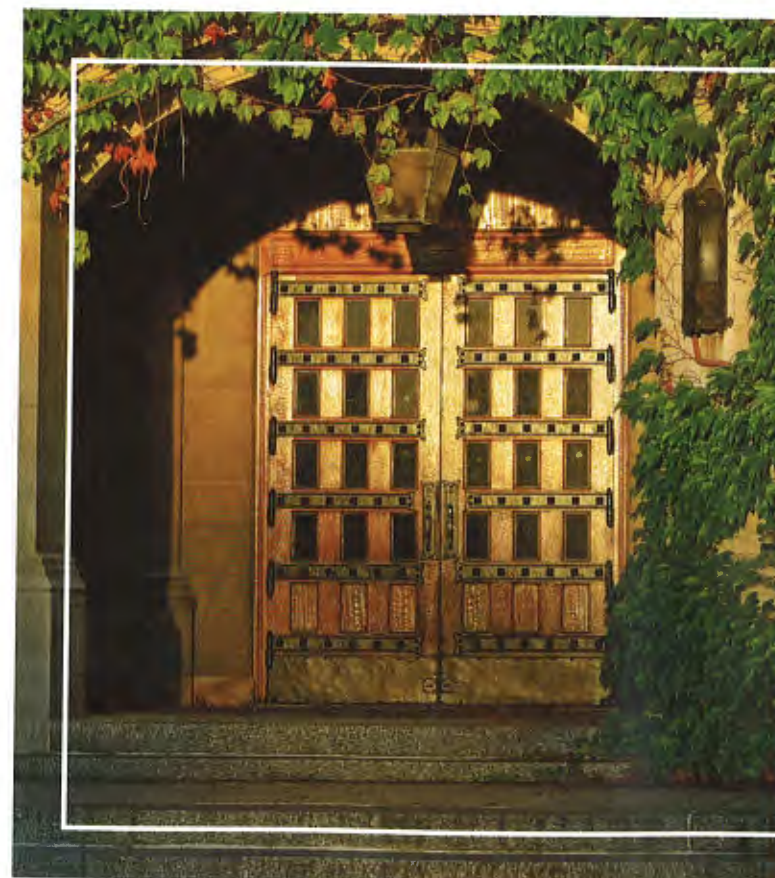
David Kostelancik (WCAS86) of McLean, Va., was named director of the Office of Russian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State in February. He started the position in July. He oversees all aspects of bilateral political, economic, political-military and cultural interactions

between the United States and the Russian Federation.

Debra Susie-Lattner (GFSM86, 88) of Mount Prospect, Ill., became vice president of medical management for Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville in February. She has happily encountered other Northwestern alumni at Condell, including Robert Hadesman (GFSM87).

John Wallace (GBSM86) of Salem, Mass., is the director of undergraduate studies in the School of Music at the Boston University College of Fine Arts. In February he conducted the premiere of his new work, *Five Miniatures*, in Boston.

Nina Barrett (GJ87) of Evanston won the 2012 James Beard Foundation Award for Radio Show/Audio Webcast for the *Fear of Frying: Culinary Nightmares* series she did for WBEZ-FM in Chicago. Barrett is in her sixth year as a communications specialist at Northwestern University Library.



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