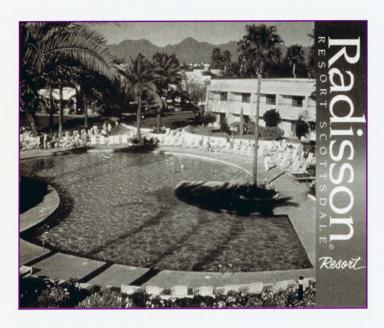


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The world-class Radisson Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona will host the 52nd Biennial Convention on August 4-9, 1998. The Radisson, formerly The Registry Resort of Scottsdale, first played host to Phi Alpha Delta in 1988 and is delighted at the opportunity to welcome us again.

The Radisson boasts 4 swimming pools, two championship golf courses, and in early 1998 will open one of the nation's top spa facilities. Plans are underway for innovative professional and social programming. Check the P.A.D. Web Site at http://www.pad.org for Convention Updates and on-line registration.

Rushing Incentive: Let 'er RIP!

This summer the International Executive Board unveiled what has already become one of the Fraternity's most popular programs in recent history. The Rushing Incentive Program (RIP) was designed by Special Projects Consultant John F. Weitkamp and provides an opportunity for all law school and alumni chapters to obtain a second Delegate stipend for the 52nd Biennial Convention.

In the words of Brother Weitkamp, "the RIP has certainly gained the attention of our chapter officers. Each chapter competes only against itself. The Fall semester has just begun and several chapters have already met their RIP goals and many others will shortly. This program is a tremendous opportunity for highly motivated officers to send additional chapter delegates to our 52nd Biennial Convention!"

In addition to Brother Weitkamp, other members of the RIP Committee include: Past International Justice Fredric H. Pearson, International Board Member Alan Zelkowitz, and International Field Representative Byron K. Rupp.

Alumni Delegates-At-Large A New Venue for Alumni

The 1998 Convention will bring increased opportunity for Alumni participation in Fraternity policy and decision-making. In sweeping changes to the International By-Laws, delegates to the 1996 Convention voted overwhelmingly to expand the role of Alumni at future Biennial Conventions.

With the adoption of the concept of Alumni Delegates-At-Large, each of the Fraternity's Districts will be eligible to have two Alumni Delegates-At-Large with voting privileges at the 1998 Convention. The Alumni Delegates-At-Large are *in addition to* the traditional Convention delegation from active Alumni Chapters.

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Rupp Named IFR

Brother Byron K. Rupp has been named P.A.D.'s International Field Representative (IFR). As IFR he will be visiting and working with our law school chapters throughout the Fraternity. In 1994 Byron was initiated into Benson Chapter at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas. Byron served Benson Chapter as it's Alumni Liaison during his second year and as Justice during his Third Year.



Standing Left to Right: Brady Kopek, Benton Alumni, Teresa Reiger, Pre-Law Mentor, and Byron K. Rupp, IFR

While Justice, Byron oversaw four of the six chapter initiations which resulted in the first 100 new member year in Benson Chapter history. During his tenure, Benson Chapter was awarded the 1996-97 *Stanley H. Kohn Outstanding Chapter Award*.

Byron and his wife Alyssa now reside in Valencia, California where she works as an elementary school teacher.

From the Desk of the

International Justice

by Clifford Schechter

Let the Celebration Begin!

It is time! Imagine yourself in the heart of Times Square in New York City on December 31st at 11:59 PM or consider being at Churchill Downs, in beautiful Kentucky on the first Saturday in May. Or, close your eyes and imagine the excitement of Pit Row at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Memorial Day Weekend. Whether Times Square with the ball about to drop,



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or listening to the sound of trumpets signaling the start of the Kentucky Derby, or even hearing those famous echoed words commencing the Indy 500, "(Ladies and) Gentlemen, Start Your Engines," the thrill is the same. Each event is the public display that the most significant event of its kind is about to begin. For all of us in Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, our most significant series of events is about to begin as our Fraternity is poised to commence our Centennial Celebration and eventual relocation of our Headquarters. Accordingly, let those trumpets blow as we proclaim, "Let the Celebration Begin."

The events of the Illinois Legislature on November 8, 1897 (documented in our Initiation Ritual) are well known to our Phi Alpha Delta Members and Friends as the founding steps leading to the formation of the Law Students' League, Lambda Epsilon, and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International. One hundred years ago, the seeds of our P.A.D. roots were planted. Since that time over 160,000 Sisters and Brothers (including you) have been carefully nurturing those seeds, so much so, we have grown into the finest and largest international legal fraternity and organization in the world.

While Founders' Day, November 8th, is a wonderful time to reflect on our history, this year as we commence the celebration of our Centennial, culminating with the 2002 Convention in Chicago, we must also look to the future. That future is bright, because of you. But as with most things P.A.D. needs you to ensure that it remains bright. If you have not been involved lately, get involved now. If you have been an active member, assume a leadership role. And, if you have been an outstanding leader, don't rest on your laurels. As our celebration begins, make sure you are a part of it. Attend local, regional, and international events, including our 52nd Biennial Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona in August 1998. Support P.A.D. via your Alumni Dues, Building Fund contributions, Public Service Center donations, and long-term development commitments. Most of all, give of your time so that we may continue our mission of "Service to the Student, the Law School, the Profession, and the Community," for as you do, you will truly reap the benefits that are the essence of Phi Alpha Delta. Join us as we commence our Centennial Celebration, remembering always, P.A.D. remains ready and willing to assist each of you, our Members and Friends. Have a wonderful Holiday season, and let the Celebration begin.

P.A.D. HERITAGE Part I: The Prologue

by C. Raymond Judice
In November 2002, Phi Alpha Delta will
celebrate its 100th Anniversary. So that
all members will have a better
understanding of Phi Alpha Delta,
beginning with this issue of The Reporter,
the history of the Fraternity will be
published in serial form. I sincerely hope
that all members of the Fraternity will
enjoy reading this series of articles as
much as I did in compiling them.

C. Raymond Judice Supreme Justice 1974-76 Chairman, History and Traditions

hat is Phi Alpha Delta?
Where did it start? Did it always espouse the goals we value today?

Phi Alpha Delta has grown to its size and structure from a series of events commencing in 1897. The location was the Chicago Law Institute Library in the county courthouse. At this time, Arthur C. Ford was helping pay his way through night law school (at the Chicago College of Law) by working as a student

assistant in the library. Asahel W. Gage, another law student, frequently made use of the facilities where he and Arthur Ford "put their heads together" on their legal problems.

Soon a certain bond arose between the pair, because of their joint studying and their previous relationship as undergraduate brothers of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity.

Later, other students were invited into their camaraderie. Informal meetings were scheduled. An early report states:

"In the early days, they met many times in the office on Clark Street just across from the courthouse where John A. Brown was employed by a law firm. Others in the group were E.N. Sherburne, James R. Garrett, Sherwood, and Sherrar."

The all-important catalyst that

welded these law students suddenly appeared in November 1897. It was in the form of "Rule 39" adopted without prior notice by the Illinois Supreme Court requiring all candidates for admission to the Bar to be graduates of a high school, followed by study of law for three years, and then the successful completion of a bar examination. In addition, this measure was made retroactive to include all students then in law schools.

Suddenly this group of law students were galvanized behind a cause. And they quickly began mapping plans to modify this new rule.

Immediately they joined with the Illinois Law Students' League in a campaign to obtain exemptions from the new requirements for those students who had commenced their legal education prior to the adoption of



Members of Lambda Epsilon, many of whom became founders of Phi Alpha Delta

"Rule 39". The result was passage by the Illinois Legislature of an act exempting students studying for the bar at the time of the adoption of "Rule 39". This first success was quickly undone by the Illinois Supreme Court when they refused to recognize the legislative exemption, stating that they had the inherent and exclusive jurisdiction to establish qualifications for admissions to the bar of Illinois.

Shortly thereafter, the Illinois Supreme Court's decision was upheld in the test case of *In Re Application of Henry M. Day, et al,* (181 Ill. 73)

Conceived in such an environment, a natural result was Lambda Epsilon fraternity: Lambda standing for "law", and Epsilon standing for "equity".

Lambda Epsilon Fraternity was born twins, there being two chapters, namely Kent Chapter, established in October, 1898 at Kent College of Law; and Blackstone Chapter, established in February, 1899 at Chicago College of Law. Soon afterward, Kent College of Law was consolidated with Chicago College of Law, the new school became the Chicago-Kent College of Law, and Kent Chapter merged into Blackstone Chapter.

The newly merged chapter was dubbed the Grand Chapter. Designated by its members to be the supreme authority of the fraternity, its membership was not to be altered until there were 12 subordinate chapters established with the fraternity.

Creation of the first subordinate chapter came in June, 1899, when Story Chapter was authorized for Illinois College of Law. Records indicate the Story Chapter was organized so secretly that its existence

was unknown to both the administration and nonmember students of Illinois College of Law for many years. Soon after the formation of Story Chapter, a meeting of the Grand Chapter was called for June 12, 1899, in the Tacoma Building in Chicago. Here, a call was issued for a convention of Lambda Epsilon Fraternity to convene later in the year for the adoption of a

constitution. Subsequently, the first convention of Lambda Epsilon was called to order on Monday, December 4, 1899 in the Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois.

The first convention then turned to the matters of adopting convention rules and the appointment of committees on ritual, pins, banquet, and an appropriate fraternity headquarters. And, then of course, the constitution.

After preliminary give-and-take, the fledgling fraternity adopted the following preamble:

We, the brothers of Lambda Epsilon, being desirous of forming a more perfect law fraternity, of improving ourselves, morally, mentally, and for the betterment of our social conditions, of inciting the desire among us for the

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Service to the Student

Service to the Profession

PSC News and Views

From The Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center

Service to the Law School

Service to the Community

What is the Public Service Center?

Volunteer Involvement Leads to MetLife Foundation Grant for PSC

Teleconference a Success

REMINDER: International Food Drive '97

The Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center (PAD PSC) is a nonprofit subsidiary of the general Fraternity. We encourage chapters to become involved in community outreach programs such as food, clothing and toy drives. Our largest area of involvement is in law-related education (LRE). LRE is a program designed to educate young people in grades K-12 about their rights and responsibilities under the law. PAD PSC has prepared hundreds of lessons that make it easy and fun for lawyers and law students to teach young people about the law. Consider getting involved! For more information, contact Leslie Johnson, PAD PSC's Law-Related Education Program Coordinator, at 800-835-4865, 818-368-8103 or e-mail her at padpscla@aol.com.

The Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center was recently awarded a Metropolitan Life Foundation VOLUNTEER VENTURES grant in the amount of \$1,000. The VOLUNTEER VENTURES Program encourages MetLife employee involvement at the local level in nonprofit organizations that work to improve the quality of life in their communities. Former P.A.D. District XXII Justice and current MetLife employee, Jeff Klein, is committed to community service and has been integrally involved in the PAD PSC programs for many years. He has not only volunteered his time, but also has recruited others to do the same. Jeff is an agent and registered representative with MetLife and MetLife Securities, where he provides financial services to law firms, corporations and individuals in the areas of estate and retirement planning and educational funding.

Recently, PAD PSC has focused its efforts on addressing the societal problem of teenage pregnancy. A law-related education program to empower and increase responsibility among teen parents was piloted last year with much success. The MetLife VOLUNTEER VENTURES grant money will be utilized to revise and standardize the lesson plans developed for this project. Ultimately, PAD PSC would like to institute teen parent law-related education programs throughout the country, and a standardized curriculum will be essential to reaching that goal. We are grateful for the support of the Metropolitan Life Foundation.

On May 15, 1997, P.A.D. PSC coordinated the first national Youth for Justice law-related education teleconference. The program began with opening remarks from U.S. Supreme Court Justice (and P.A.D. member) Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Elizabeth Vargas, News Anchor for ABC's Good Morning America, served as the moderator for a panel consisting of two state supreme court Chief Justices, an attorney general, general counsel for The Walt Disney Company, state bar president, school superintendent, research professor and state LRE coordinator. Each of these prominent leaders spoke out in support of law-related education programming. The broadcast was downlinked to over 200 viewing sites. The project was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Videotapes of the broadcast are available for \$17 each. Contact PAD PSC at 800-835-4865 or 818-368-8103 to order a copy.

Would you like to help the hungry in your community and engage in a little healthy competition at the same time?! Then join the International Food Drive Competition! Hold as many food drives on your campus as you can between now and April 30, 1998 and submit your results to PAD PSC. There are categories for pre-law, small and large law schools. Please join in this worthwhile project!



Fuller Chapter Delegates to the final Convention of Lambda Epsilon Fraternity at the Colonial Tavern in South Haven, Michigan, July 1902

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attainment of a worthy and just fame, and of aiding each other to the accomplishment of these ends, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Fraternity of Lambda Epsilon.

Next the supreme legislative power was vested in a convention to be held biennially, with each college and graduate chapter entitled to three delegates.

Members of the fraternity were to be chosen with "reference to moral, intellectual, and social worth, gentlemanly deportment, and a fine sense of honor; who were rightly matriculated male students of the institution where the chapter initiating such persons was located." Subordinate chapters were limited to a maximum membership of 30 brothers.

An eight-point gold star with a raised center field of white, surrounded by a circle of black, upon which was engraved the Greek letters of the fraternity was adopted as a fraternity pin. Scarlet was chosen as the fraternity color, and the official flag was designed as follows: a scarlet field with a center circular field of white surrounded by a circle of black. On the field of white in gold were the Greek letters "Lambda Epsilon".

The newly elected officers immediately embarked upon the duties of their offices, holding frequent meetings, encouraging expansion, and adopting fraternity insignia. Expansion possibilities were soon explored at the universities of Wisconsin and Indiana and were a major topic of discussion at the first meeting of the Grand Chapter II held on January 15, 1900.

The same meeting produced a formal statement of expansion policy:

It is the sense of the Grand Chapter II of Lambda Epsilon that each and every member of our worthy order seeks to enlarge the interests and extend the beautiful fraternal relation, as established in our order, among institutions worthy of recognition by Lambda Epsilon.

Subsequently, the sixth meeting of the Grand Chapter II saw the adoption of the

certificate of membership and the Great Seal. The fraternity pin was adopted by the ninth meeting on March 9, 1900.

The tenth meeting, convening soon afterwards on March 16, featured consideration of a petition by seven law students from Northwestern University seeking a Lambda Epsilon Charter. Approval of the petition was followed by initiation of the seven. The new Chapter was designated the Fuller Chapter.

On June 3, 1901, the official call for the second biennial convention of Lambda Epsilon went out. The convention was slated for June 29-30, 1901 at Brown Lake, Lake County, Illinois.

It turned out to be a memorable convention to most of the delegates. Minutes indicate the Lambda Epsilons shared their tent quarters with "ravenous mosquitoes", and the heat was "intense". But, perhaps



P.A.D. Members on a return visit to South Haven in 1912.

compensating somewhat, were "nearby fine fishing, boating and bathing" which one note indicates, "may have accounted for the apparent lack of business activities."

Nevertheless, the delegates appeared to find time to consider suggestions to publish a fraternity newspaper (defeated), and several amendments to the constitution (postponed for later action).

What was the size of Lambda Epsilon during these formative years? The first Lambda Epsilon Directory , published soon after his election by Right Honorable Chief Justice Gage, contained the names of 115 members, considered at that time a healthy figure.

But ironically, a gray period for Lambda Epsilon was right around the corner.

The Special Session of the second biennial convention was held on April 26,

1902, to consider the proposed constitutional amendments. Records reflect "no action was taken", and one report indicates, "something was wrong with Lambda Epsilon though no one seemed to know the real trouble". Talk was heard about "reorganizing" and "going about it differently". And, several officers reportedly felt the organization was not a "real" fraternity.

During this period, Grand Chapter III endeavored to "save" the fraternity. A new Chapter was chartered --Daniel Webster, located at Chicago Law School. And, in the "doctoring" process, the Right Honorable Chief Justice determined to call another convention to work on the problems at hand.

This called convention for Lambda Epsilon was the sounding of a death note. Convention headquarters were the Colonial

Tavern in South Haven, Michigan. The delegates later related that they met in the cupola of a small tower above the main building, the "hottest place in all creation".

July 27, 1902, was the last day of the convention. It was also the last day of life for Lambda Epsilon. Minutes state, "it was apparent that the spirit of dissatisfaction had spread since the last convention and every delegate was prepared for something radical. No one hesitated to express himself without reservation during the deliberation of this

convention. After many speeches had been made, a resolution dissolving Lambda Epsilon was unanimously adopted. Lambda Epsilon, with all of its troubles, was no more. It had not lived in vain, though, because it is reasonable to say that but for the creation of Lambda Epsilon, Phi Alpha Delta would not have come into being.

P.A.D. Day 1998

P.A.D. Day will be held on June 8, 1998 at the U.S. Supreme Court. Alumni in practice for over three years may be eligible for admission at the Ceremony.

Applications for Admission are available now. Contact *PADOffice@aol. com* or (818) 360-1941 for information.

1997 Pre-Law National Conference

Great excitement is stirring among pre-law chapters across the country as they prepare for the Phi Alpha Delta National Pre-Law Conference and Mock Trial Competition in Washington, D.C., November 5th - 9th. Beginning on Wednesday night, November 5th, the students will get to know each other as they walk to Houlihan's for dinner. Then on Thursday, November 6th, students will hop on the subway, destination the White House. Pre-law members will tour the White House, Supreme Court and Capitol on Thursday and they will finish the day with dinner at the Capitol City Brewing Company. Pre-law students are anticipating meeting with Phi Alpha Delta officials, including President Clinton, Supreme Court Justices Ginsburg and Breyer, and selected United States Senators, all of whom have been invited to meet with the students throughout the day on November 6th. We hope their schedules allow them to do so!

Friday, November 7th, will focus on how to develop a successful chapter by highlighting the significant contributions pre-law members made to the fraternity during the 1996-97 school year. Beginning the morning, Chris Nolan and Sarah Connelly, Chapter President and Vice President of SUNY Binghamton, will present new professional and community services programs created by their chapter and adapted by the Executive Office for chapter use nationwide. Sam Houston University will be sending their 1996-97 Chapter Vice President, Ursula Davidson, to speak on the P.A.D. Canned Food Drive and how her chapter motivated its members to collect more cans of food than any other pre-law chapter nationwide.

Next, students from Central Michigan University will demonstrate the use of parliamentary procedure during a simulated chapter meeting and the Chapter Secretary, Nikki Filozetti, will discuss the preparation of chapter minutes. Following the Central Michigan presentation Jill Trumbull-Harris, 1996-97 University of Arizona, Tucson, Chapter President, will discuss the Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial Program and Handbook. Finally, the afternoon will conclude with mock trial workshops coached by some of P.A.D.'s finest trial attorneys. These P.A.D. alumni are committed to preparing our pre-law members for their mock trial competition the next morning.

Looking forward to November 8th, Phi Alpha Delta prelaw students are excited about the opportunity to be judged by notable trial and appellate court justices in the mock trial competition on Saturday morning and afternoon. Chapters from the University of Southern California, Temple University, Central Florida, University of Miami, University of Arizona, Tucson, University of Northern Arizona, DePaul University, Monmouth University, Southern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Loyola University, Chicago and many more are sending teams to compete in the National Competition. The question in everyone's mind is which chapter will come back with the trophy?!!

On Saturday night, November 8th, the Conference is "winding down" with a BANG at the awards banquet as students anticipate the arrival of the keynote speaker, Hillary Rodham Clinton. The First Lady is the focal point of the Conference for many of our aspiring pre-law women. We hope she is able to attend! If you would like more information about the Pre-Law Conference, e-mail the National Pre-Law Director, Lori Gibson at padprelaw@aol.com.

The New Mock Trial Handbook

Phi Alpha Delta has created a new tool to help pre-law chapters implement the P.A.D. Mock Trial Program: *The P.A.D. Pre-Law Mock Trial Handbook*. Authored by Jill Trumbull-Harris of the Fuller Chapter at Northwestern University School of Law, the handbook provides pre-law chapters with the programming and background information, specific rules of evidence, trial advocacy skills, rules of competition, exercises, and blank forms necessary to initiate a mock trial program. The handbook is designed not only to act as a learning tool, but also a reference guide, for pre-law students.

The handbook encompasses everything you need to know to organize and participate in the P.A.D. Mock Trial Program. Although the ideal number of participants in a mock trial program ranges from 16 to 26, a chapter with eight members, or even as few as two, can successfully conduct a mock trial workshop and competition.

Chapters planning to develop mock trial programs can integrate their program with the P.A.D. National Competition which takes place at the national Pre-Law Conference each fall. To integrate the two, follow the guidelines set forth in the P.A.D. Pre-Law Mock Trial Handbook, modeling the schedule recommended. Prepare to stage one chapter competition in the fall before the national competition, using the case distributed for that competition. By doing so, your chapter competition will provide excellent practice for the national competition. If you would like a copy of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Mock Trial Handbook, e-mail the National Pre-Law Director, Lori Gibson, at PADPRELAW@aol.com. Many thanks to Sister Jill Trumbull-Harris for this fine publication.

Phi Alpha Delta is proud to announce the appointments of

Keith Housholder,
Peggy Glynn,
Effie McCartney,
Teresa Rieger,
J. David Rozsa,
Rick Spencer

to the positions of Pre-Law Regional Mentor

The Pre-Law Mentor's role is to assist pre-law officers with chapter programming and other fraternity needs. To contact a regional mentor, e-mail Pre-Law Director,

Lori Gibson, at padprelaw@aol.com

International Awards 1996-97 Chapter Merit Awards

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Benson Chapter Washburn University School of Law

Best Professional Program
Wythe Chapter
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Outstanding District District XI - John Kenney, DJ

Outstanding District Justice
The Stan Jones Award
District VI Justice Gary Smolen

PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER AWARDS

Outstanding LRE Student Service Award
Dena Gardner - A. H. Stephens Chapter
University of Georgia School of Law

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District Justices



International Justice Clifford Schechter (Wormser), was elected President of the Professional Fraternity Association (PFA) at their Annual Meeting in New Orleans on September 5. The PFA. represents more than two million members of professional fraternities and sororities.

Past International Justice Charles Taylor (*Timberlake*), member of the United States House of Representatives from North Carolina, is recovering very well from a light stroke suffered this summer. Brother Taylor wishes to thank his Brothers and Sisters in P.A.D. for their thoughts and prayers.

District XVIII Justice Catherine Alman MacDonagh (*MacLean*), and her husband Colin, welcomed a son,
Alexander born on August 29.

District XIII Justice Jim Erwin (Story) and Sister Shari Hymel (Story) were married in their native Chicago on June 28.

District XIV Justice Kurt Young (*Hay*) and Cheri Holdridge were married in Findlay, Ohio on August 31.

District XXVII Justice José Raul Cepeda-Borrero (deDiego) and Sharon Sue Rodriguez-Stoehr were married on June 29 in Puerto Rico. Past District XXVI Justice James McLaughlin (Ramos) and his wife Yovani (Interamerican - San Juan Pre-Law) served as Best Persons or "Padrinos" at the Ceremony.

Past District XXII Justice Jeff Klein (*Read*) and Marcy Ostroff were married on July 20 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Brother Klein and his bride have relocated to Boca Raton, Florida where he will continue his work with Met Life.

Past District XXI Justice David Benamy (*Lowenstein*) and Rochelle Jayne Blatt were married on July 27.

Past Hotchkiss Outstanding Justice Award winner and Pre-Law Mentor, Rick Spencer (Story) and Joy Cybul (Lincoln) were married in Chicago on September 20.

District III Justice Nora Barson (*Harlan*) and Tom Fahrny were married on October 19 in Dana Pointe, California.

Alumni Briefs

Past District XIII Justice Glen L. Bower (Blackstone), concluded an eight year term as Chairman of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board in August. In a statement before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services Committee on Appropriations, Congressman John Porter said of Brother Bower, "in my 17 years of service in Congress, I don't think I've ever seen a single individual make such a dramatic difference in a Government agency. ... you have turned the agency into one of the best run, a model for all other Federal agencies to emulate." Also in Ceremonies at the Pentagon, Brother Bower also received the U.S. Air Force Meritorious Service Medal for his role in drafting legislation benefitting the Air Force and for his role in working on complex litigation involving the Air Force.

Brother Frank W. Koger (Benton) has been appointed Chief Federal Bankruptcy Judge of the newly created Bankruptcy Appeals Court for the five, state region, which includes Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Arkansas. Brother Koger is also currently serving as President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Koger was appointed to the Bankruptcy Court in 1986 and is one of only 15 recipients in more than forty years of the prestigious Field Award of Commerce from the Commercial Law League of America.

Brother George Payne Cossar, Jr (Lamar) was honored by the University of Mississippi as *Law Alumnus of the Year*. Brother Cossar served as **Justice of Lamar Chapter in 1959-60**. For the past 37 years, Cossar has practiced law in Charleston, Mississippi where he has served as attorney for the City of Charleston and also as attorney for the Tallahatchie County Board of Supervisors and the School Board.

Marie Whitesell Balboa (New York Alumni Chapter), a key player in the 1972 merger of Phi Delta Delta and P.A.D. and former Supreme Executive Board Member, died recently at the age of 100 in El Dorado Springs/ Missouri.

Distinguished Service Chapter Member John J. MacAulay (O'Neil) died in New Orleans. Brother MacAulay was Dean Emeritus of Loyola Law School in New Orleans and a beloved Brother and mentor to generations of P.A.D. members. Former Justice of Rasco Chapter (1966-67), Neal R. Sonnett has been honored with the prestigious William Reece Smith, Jr. Award for Public Service. Brother Sonnett heads his own firm in Miami specializing in the defense of corporate, white collar and complex criminal cases throughout the U.S. He is a past Chair of the ABA Criminal Justice Section and a member of the ABA's High Profile Trial Resource Team. Brother Sonnett has been profiled by the National Law Journal as one of the "Nation's Top Litigators" and has three times been selected as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America."

Brother Gary Scherotter (Temple), a prominent criminal defense attorney was honored recently by the Desert Bar Association and the Consolidated Coordinated Superior and Municipal Courts of Riverside County in California. In ceremonies at the Larson Justice Center, a portrait of Brother Scherotter was unveiled in the law library, and a plaque honoring his lifelong dedication to the law and the community was placed on the Wall of Honor in the lobby of the Justice Center. Brother Scherotter is battling liver cancer and recently closed his law office ending a professional career spanning almost four decades. His friend and worthy opponent in many high profile criminal cases, Rick Erwood of the Riverside District Attorney's Office, said of Brother Scherotter, "he's very ethical. He practices like I thought all lawyers practiced when I decided to become a lawyer. But all lawyers aren't like that. With Gary, his word is his bond...He's a great example for the legal profession."

Alex Hotchkiss Award Winner, Pam Nash (*Paterson*) has been appointed District Justice in District XXII which includes New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

Winter Board Meeting

The International Executive Board will convene its Winter meeting on Thursday, January 15 through Sunday, January 18, 1998. Committee Chairman and others having business before the Board should have information in to the Executive Office no later than January 5, 1998.