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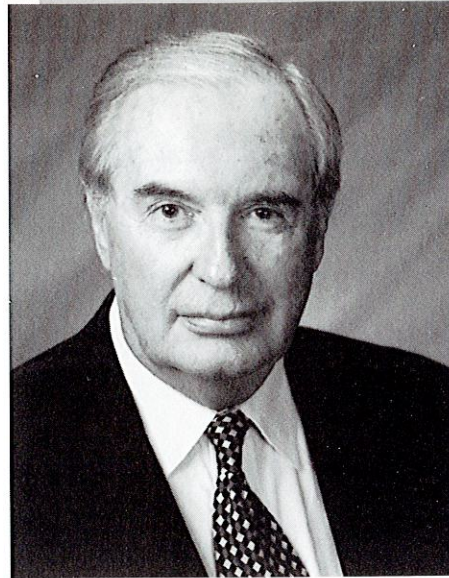


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Dean's Message



Francis J. Larkin

Once again, through the pages of this Annual, it is my privilege to address the members of the special community which is the Southern New England School of Law. In the pages of this publication, in word and picture, that community is brought to life in all of its rich diversity. Indeed, it is the fundamental purpose of a "yearbook" to capture in time and space, almost as a "snapshot suspended in infinity," all of the individuals and associations which animate an institution and give it movement and direction; supply its special grace and character. If the Editors have been successful here then the "special grace" which characterizes this School will be evident in these pages for all to see — now and during all the years of the unfolding but yet undisclosed future. And so at the outset, on behalf of the entire Law School, I want to express to Ms. Ellen Venus, our deepest appreciation for her unflagging dedication in, almost single-handedly, bringing to fruition this third volume of *Lex et Justitia*, the yearbook of Southern New England School of Law.

In addition, in this message I want to pay special tribute to my colleagues, the faculty of this School. They have played such a critical, decisive and important role at this School. This has been especially true during the recent important period of growth and maturation through which the School has recently passed — a transitional period full of complexity, challenge and excitement. Through it all, by their teaching and example, they have met the great challenge of enhancing our students ability to lead productive professional lives and to achieve these ends in the context of laws and legal institutions which are in change and flux. In days of light as well as darkness, they have sought to instill in our students a combination of character and craft — fully aware that one without the other will never produce either the competent lawyer or the complete human being. So again, on behalf of the entire Law School community, I wish to express my deepest admiration and gratitude to the faculty.

Finally, a word to our graduates. We are very proud of you. You came here as strangers and leave these halls as members of a Class which has contributed to and enriched our Schools in so many ways. We will miss you greatly. As you graduate, all of us know that you are living in a period in which the profession which you have chosen to enter has many detractors. The shrill voice of the cynic is often heard in the land when the subject turns to the law, lawyers and the legal profession.

But I am certain that your own personal lives and professional attainments, your professional skills, your character and your integrity will give the lie to these cynics and detractors. The truth is that the practice of law is — as it has always been — a noble calling. You must never cease to remind the public what the legal profession has accomplished for this nation and its citizens. You must never cease to remind yourself of the enduring personal fulfillment and the infinite possibilities of service to the public which now lay before you as members of this great profession.

I wish you Godspeed and life's choicest blessings as you leave us.

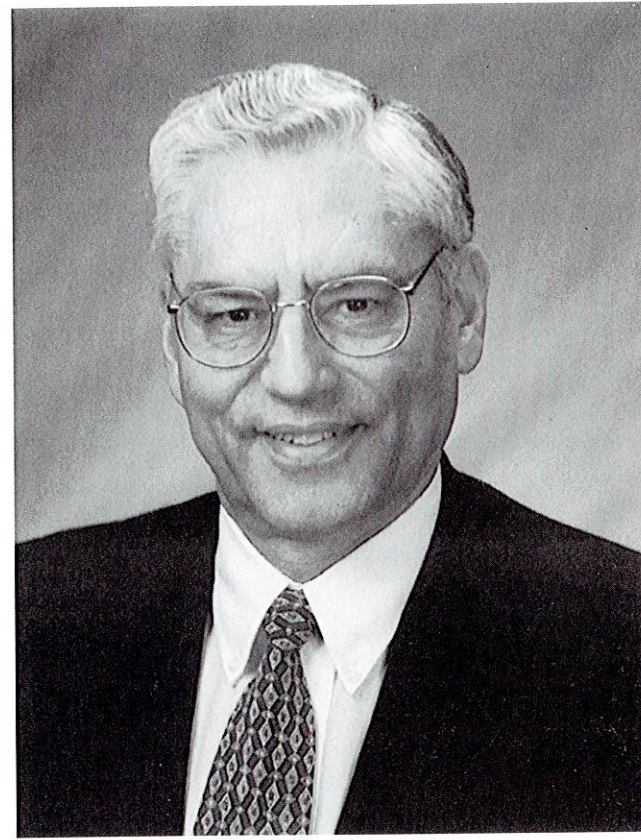
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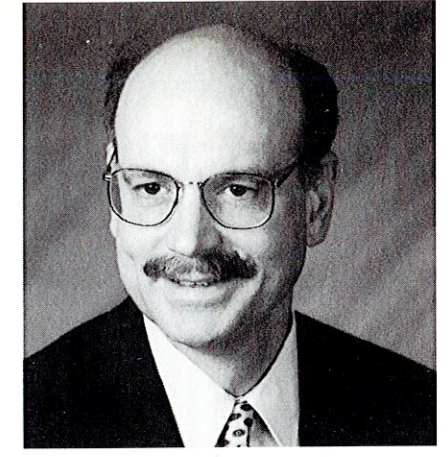
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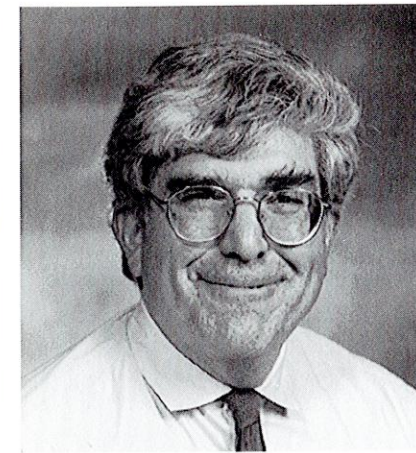
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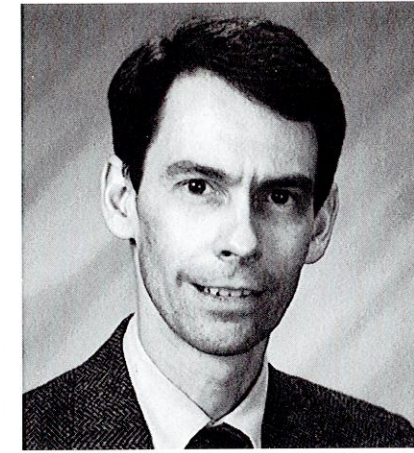
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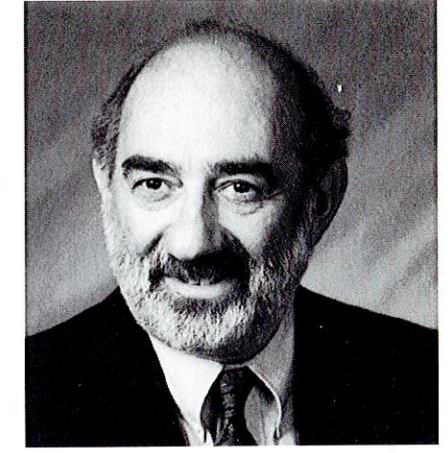
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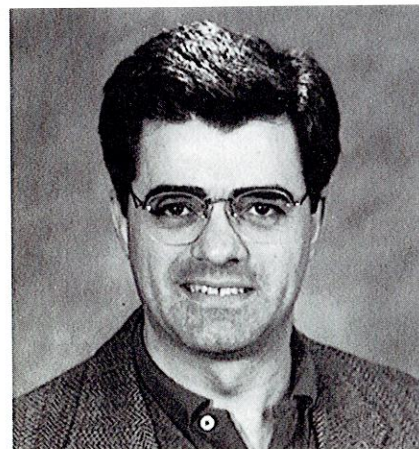
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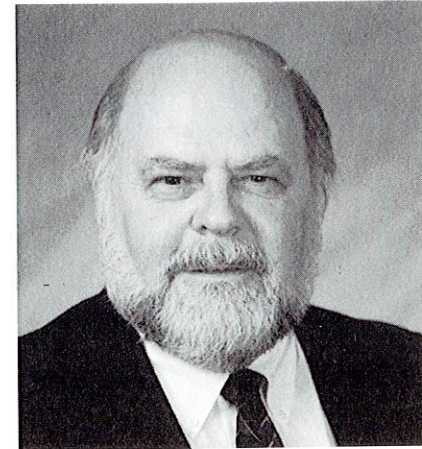
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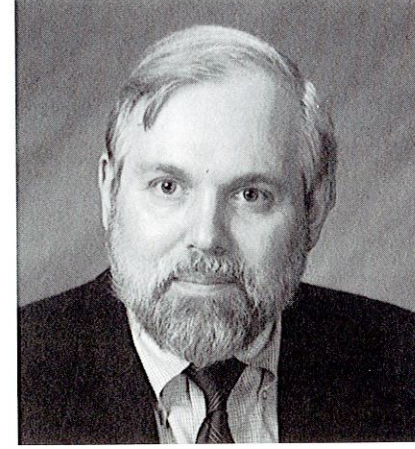
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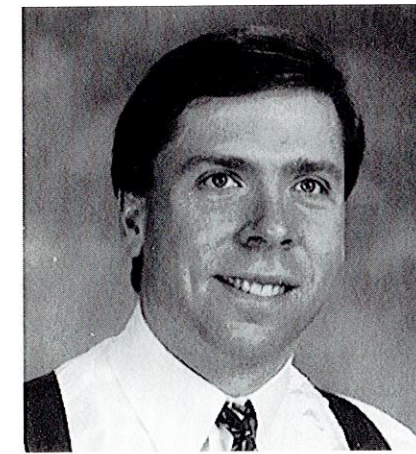
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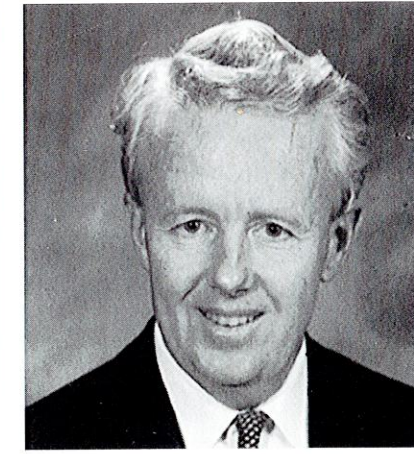
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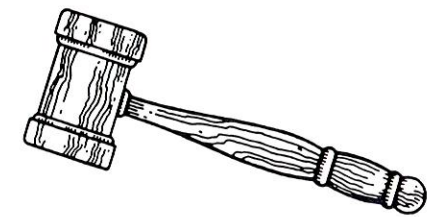
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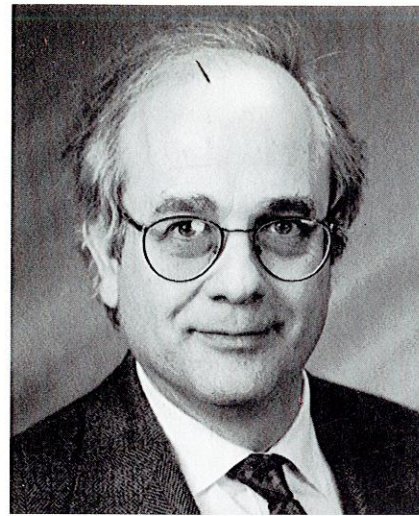
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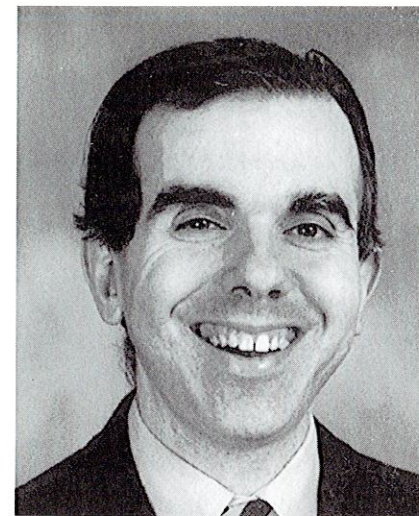
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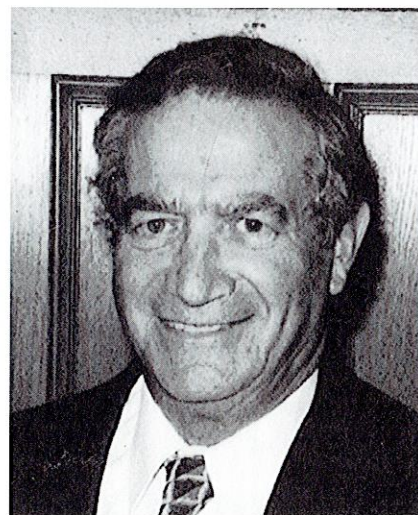
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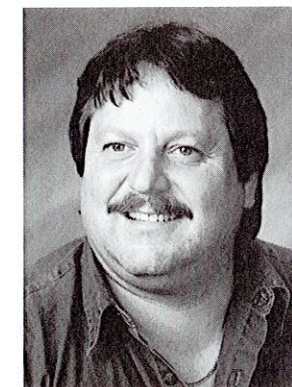
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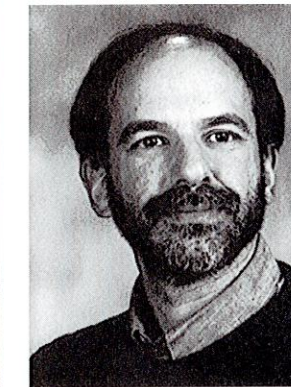
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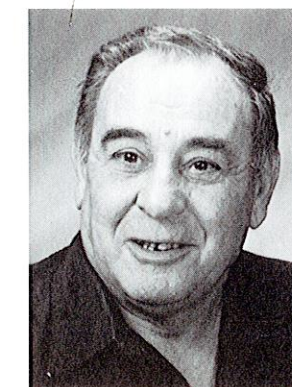
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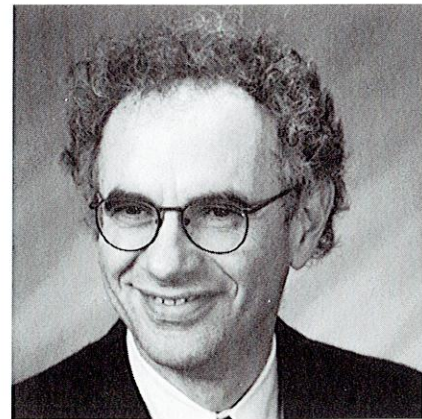


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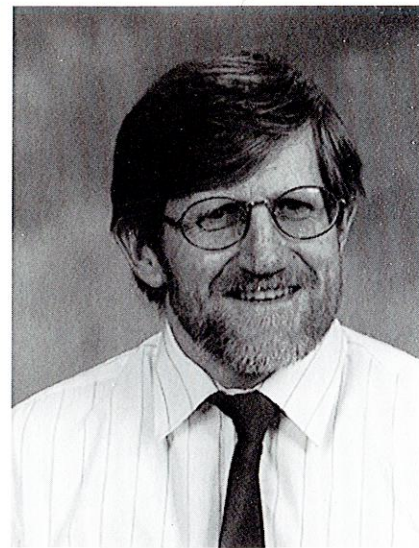


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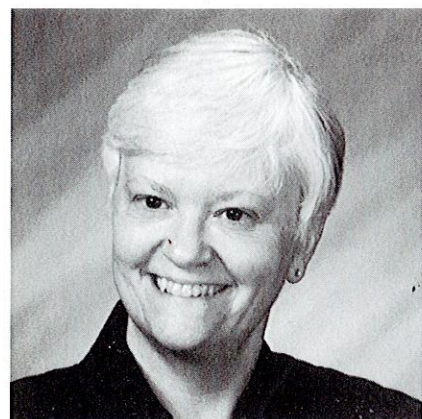
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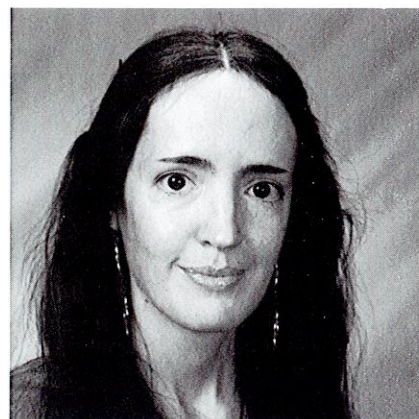
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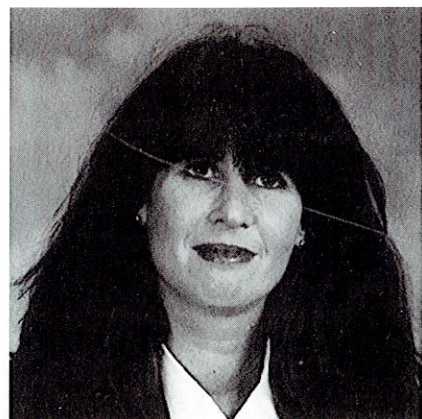
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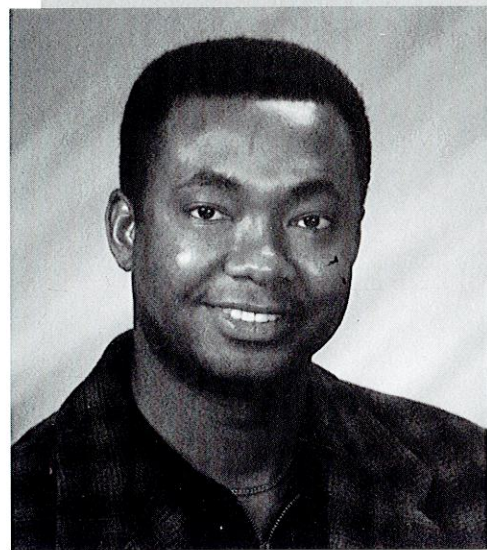
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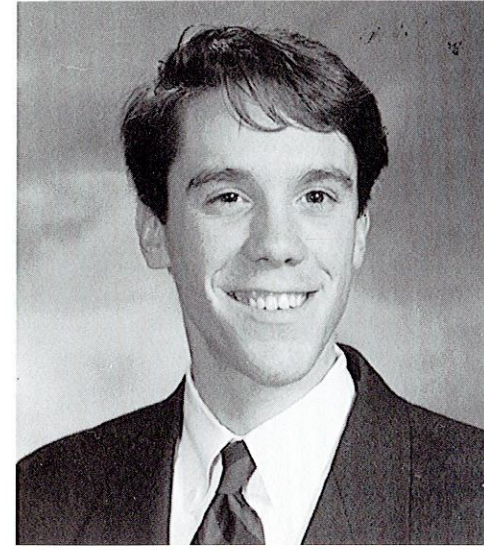
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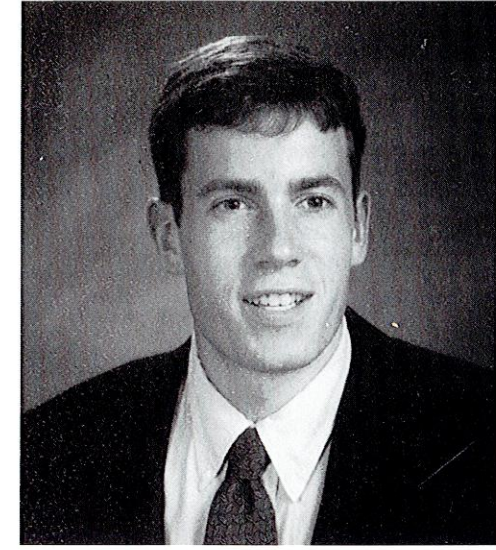
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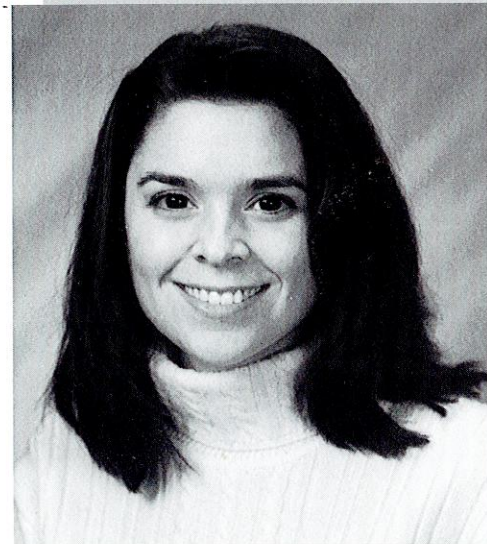
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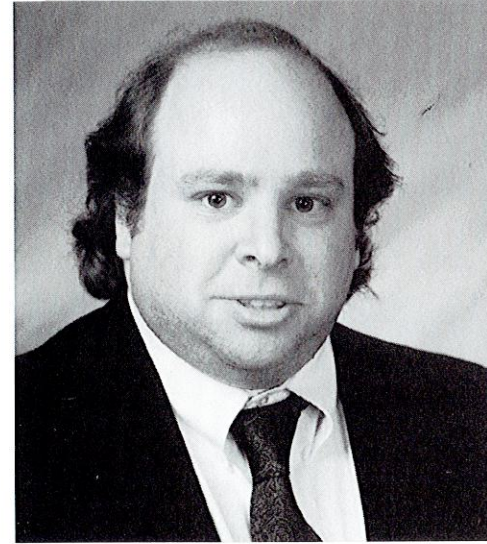
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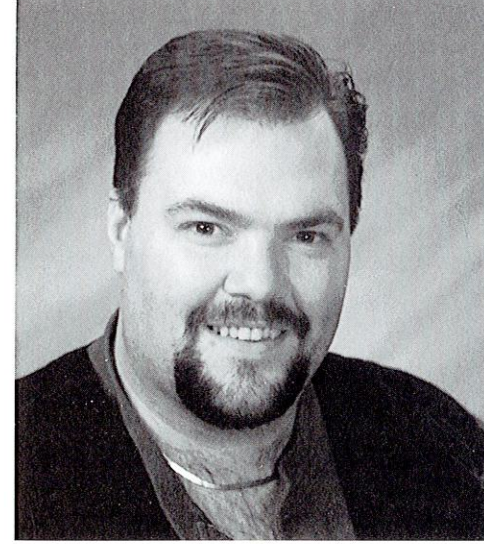
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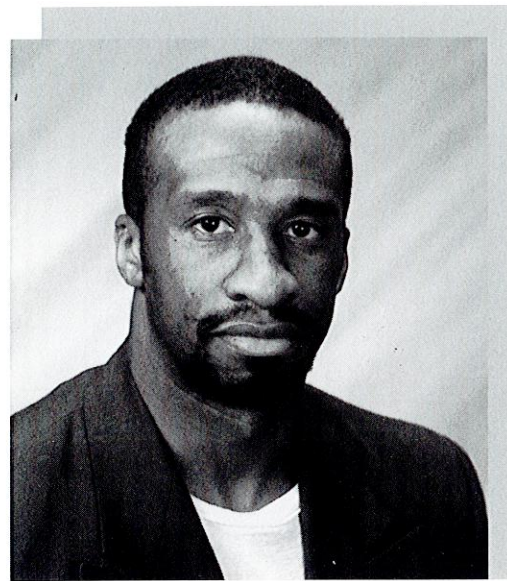


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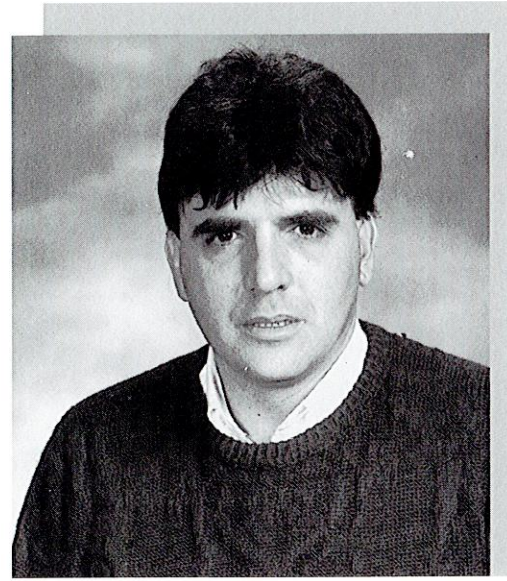
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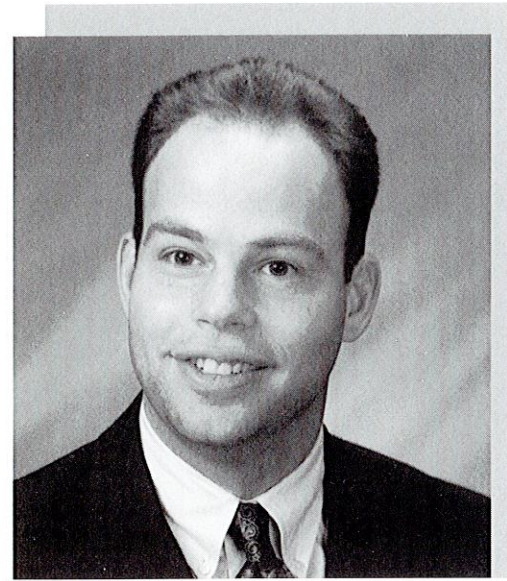
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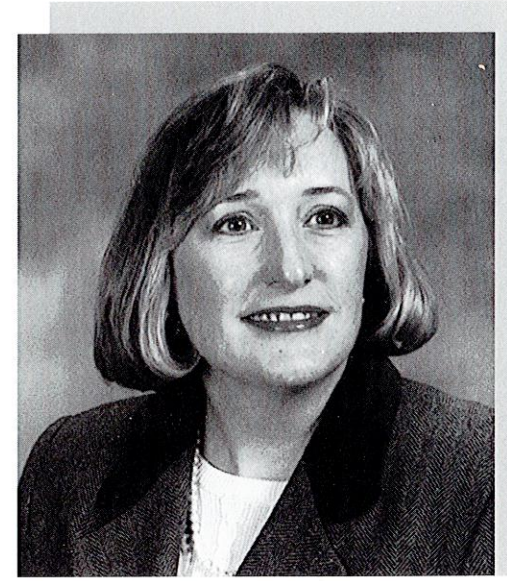
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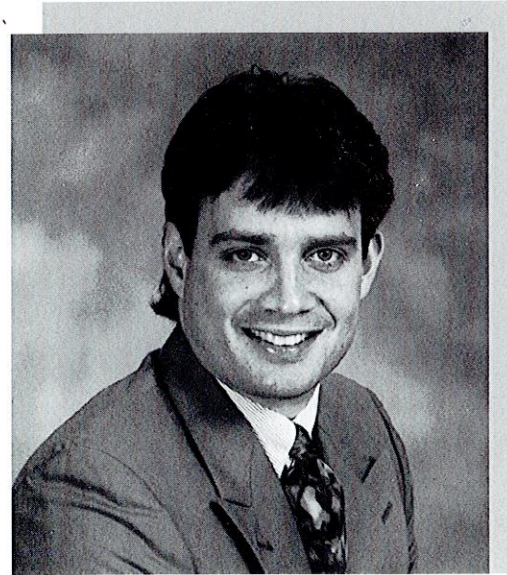
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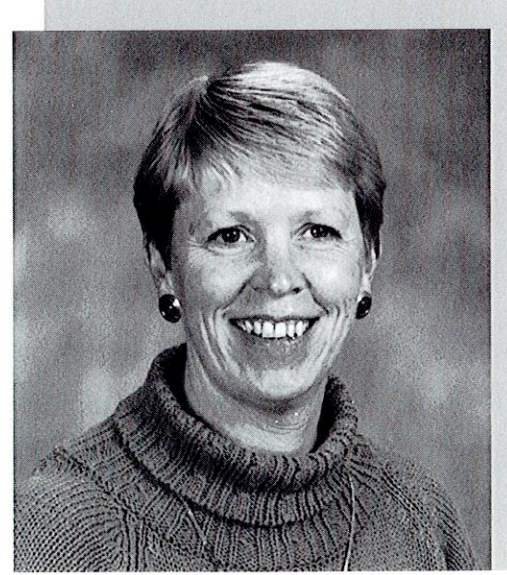
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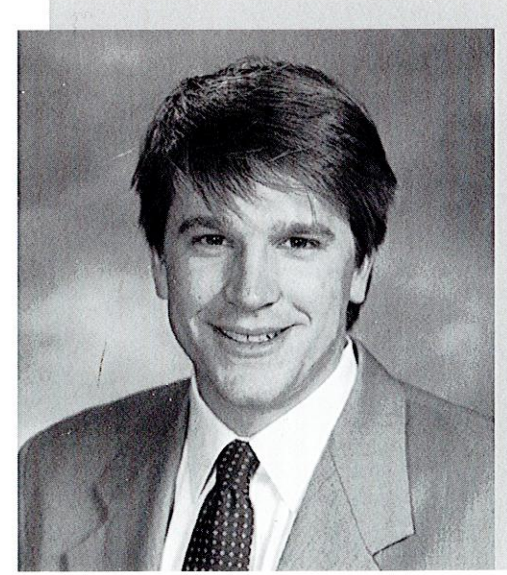
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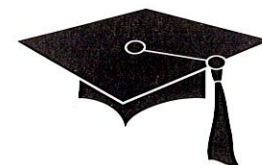


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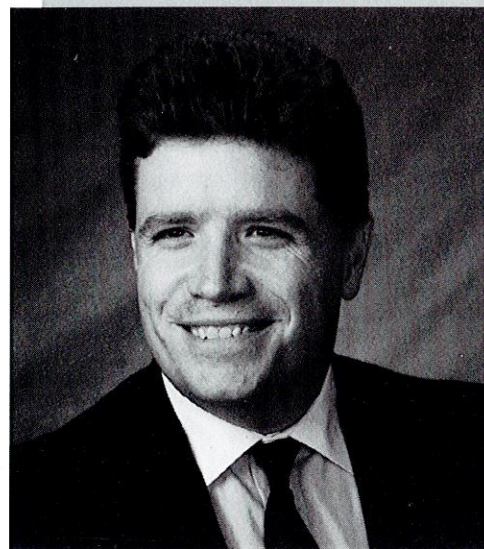


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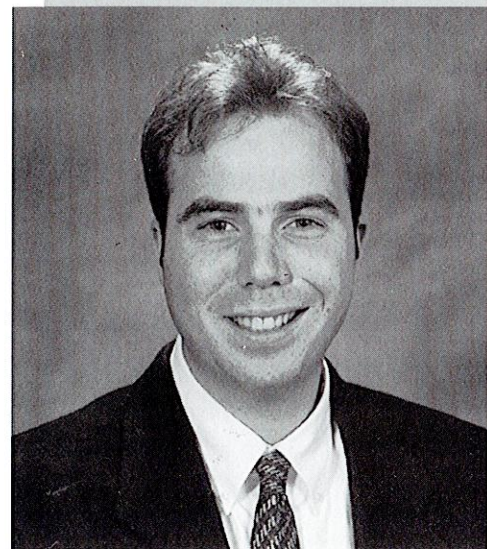
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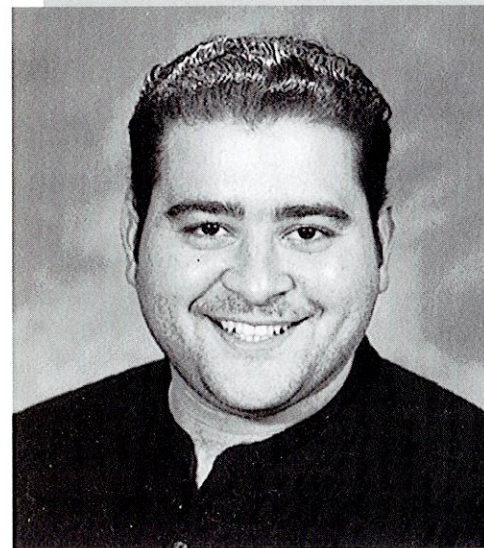
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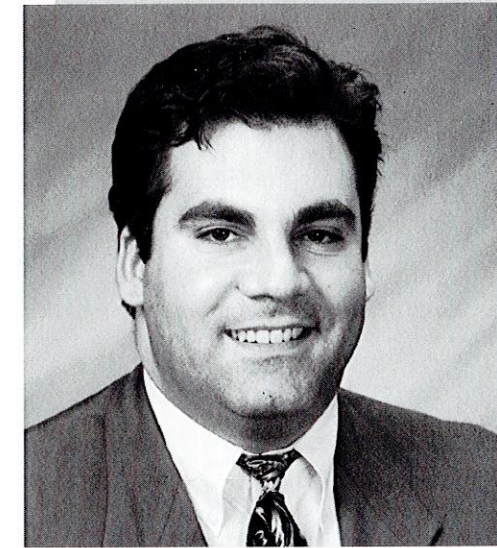
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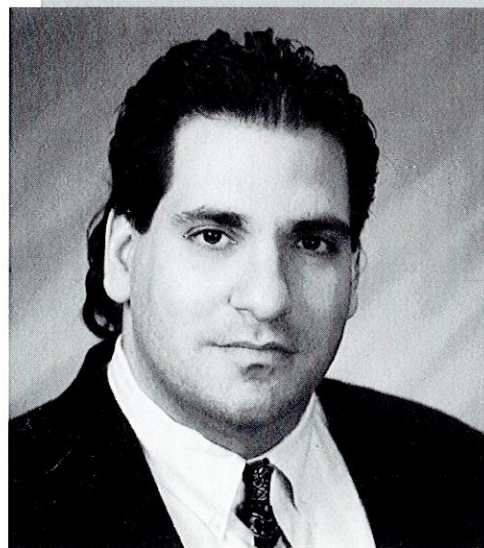
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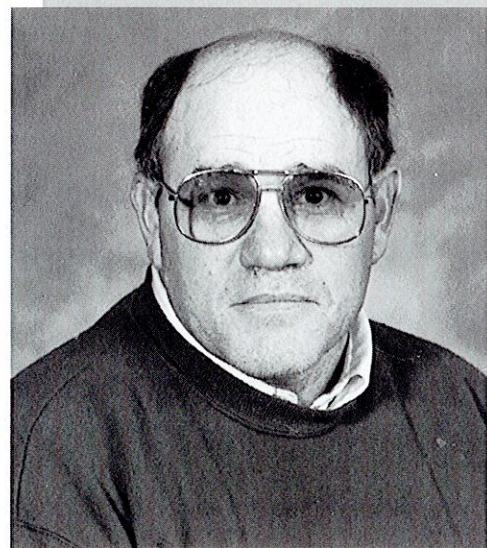
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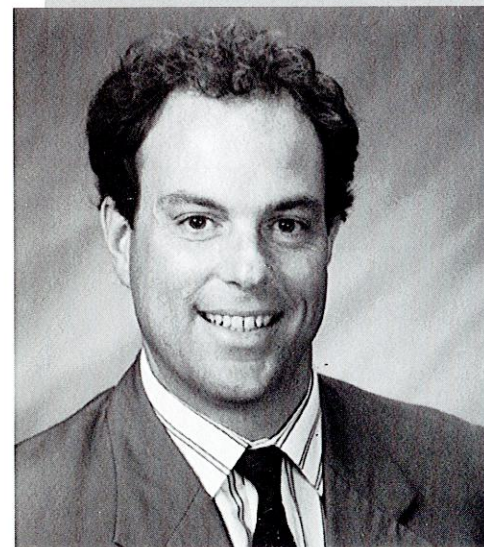
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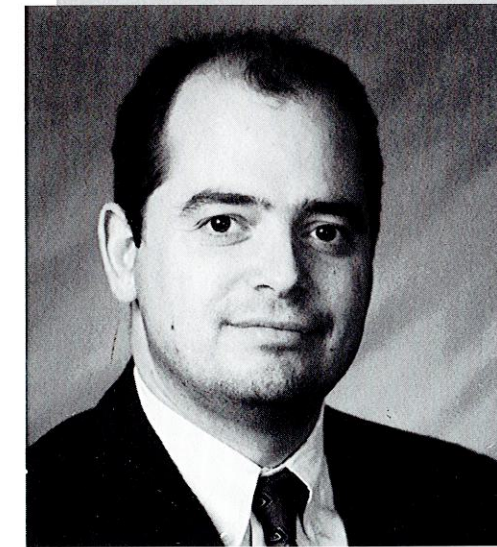
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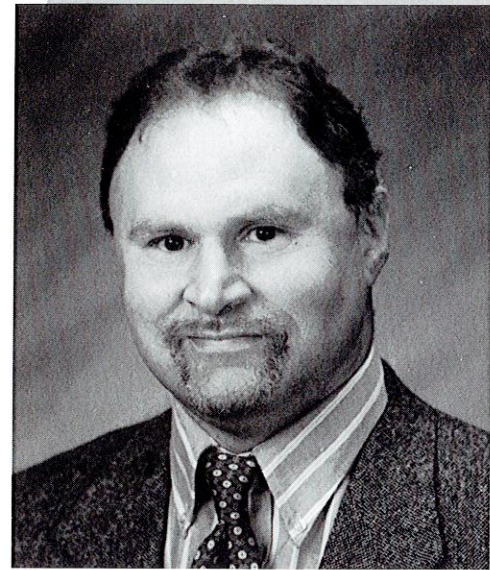


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DEDICATION



Michael Betts

Remarks of Hon. Francis J. Larkin,
Dean, Southern New England School of Law, at
Memorial Service of Michael D. Betts
Franklin Federated Church; Franklin, MA
January 11, 1997

On a morning like this, all of us, even those who are not attached to any formal religion, have need of what the silent prayers and remembrances of this kind of service produce. When confronted with the loss of a magnitude such as befell us last Wednesday — the sudden death of Michael Betts — each of us feel the deep need to gather together our inner resources to go forward. At a moment like this, however haltingly, we seek to invigorate our weaknesses and fragility by remembering Michael's strength; to fortify our resolve for the road ahead by recalling the fortitude and fidelity which he always displayed, whether in moments of light or moments of darkness.

It is said that the average life, when finished, is frequently incomplete and too often hardly began. But that was not the case with Michael. Michael's life, though unfinished, was, in many ways, complete. And, more significantly, it was complete at each stage of its progression. That is why it is good that we come together here this morning.

As Dean of the Southern New England School of Law, let me first assure you that Michael was "special" — very special — to all of us at the School. In many ways, he seemed larger than life. Always tall, erect, serene and smiling, he had a great gift of friendship and a real penchant for warm human relations. He was widely admired by all of his classmates as well as by the members of the faculty. Despite the obvious fact that there was a real sense of strength, solidity and ruggedness about him (after all we should not forget that he was quite a football player in college), Michael always possessed the gentler qualities: loyalty, modesty, high courtesy, regard for the tender places in life — to a degree unusual for an individual who had savored so much of the diversity of life — and, most of all, an unselfishness, remarkable to observe, in a person of any age or background.

And, of course, always and ever, there was that unique special brand of humor; that effervescent, scintillating, spark of wit and whimsy that enlivened every gathering and made him such an unforgettable presence to all of us at the School. (Of course, he could not have managed "Nick's Comedy Club," in Boston, for all of these years without taking something away in the humor department.)

Although he was surely not given to surface sentimentality, I do not exaggerate when I say that he truly loved the Southern New England School of Law. When he came to our School we were still (as now) a relatively young institution, then, housed in a rambling store front building in downtown New Bedford. It was before we moved to our present beautiful building in North Dartmouth. But, in those humble surroundings, even in his first year there, Mike found something "special" at our School.

He found an institution that was not caught up in the elitist trappings of elevated credentials which pervades so much of higher education today — not excluding law schools: the required stratospheric LSAT scores; the inevitable Phi Beta Kappa "keys" and all the rest. He knew that he had found at Southern New England a school whose mission was to look at the "whole" man or woman and give that individual the opportunity to fulfill (frequently, as in Michael's case) a life long ambition to become a lawyer. And he flourished in that atmosphere.

It surely was one of his proudest moments — and one of mine also — when, last June, I was privileged to present him with his diploma at our graduation. I will never forget his smile, his hand clasp, and the hugs we gave each other. It was for him the culmination of a dream — a dream and, again, a lifelong ambition fulfilled.

Whatever was meant by the Greek saying that the "good die young," it can scarcely be denied that the premature cutting of the thread of a good and gracious life has its special poignancy. And that certainly was the case with Michael Betts who all of us at the Southern New England School came to know, admire, and, yes, love.

I can predict with absolute confidence that such qualities of mind and character and personality as Michael surely possessed were bound to make themselves felt in the legal profession. Sadly, as our coming together here this morning so poignantly signifies, it was denied him to run the course. But to his wife, Leslie, to his children, Nicholas, Jonathan and Katherine, he leaves the heritage prized most by the legal profession.

By full loyalty to the best standards — intellectual and moral — of the law and of living, he enhanced those standards and was an inspiration to all who knew him. Short as was his life, he pursued and achieved the ambition which alone is untainted by petty vanity. That objective is, in the words of the late Justice Frankfurter: "to hammer out as compact and solid a piece of work as one can, to try to make it first rate, and, then, to leave it unadvertised."

As he was in life, even now that he is gone, those of us who knew Mike, admired him and loved him, will insure that his memory will endure at the Southern New England School of Law as it will in so many other places — no where more vividly than in
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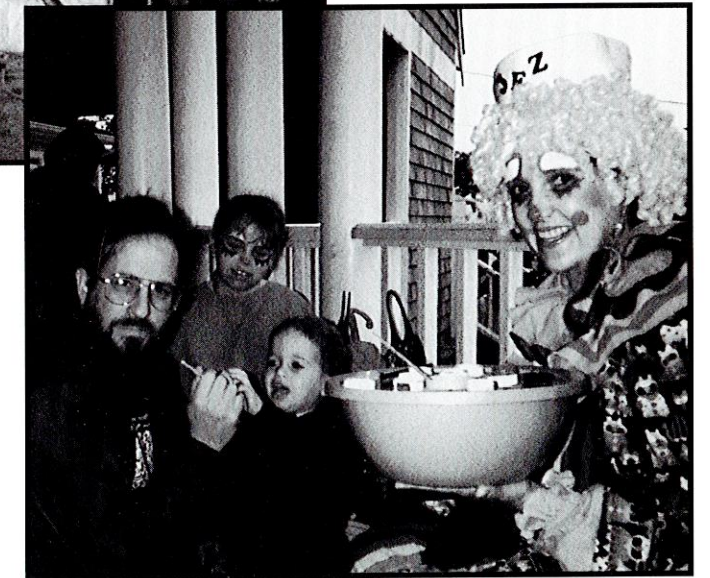
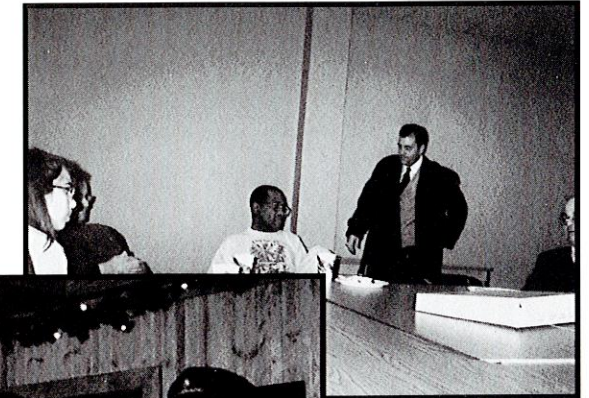
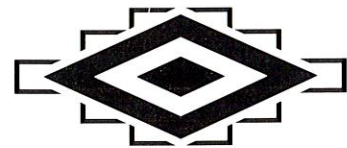


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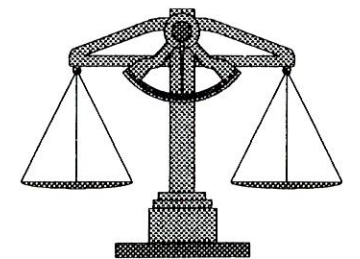
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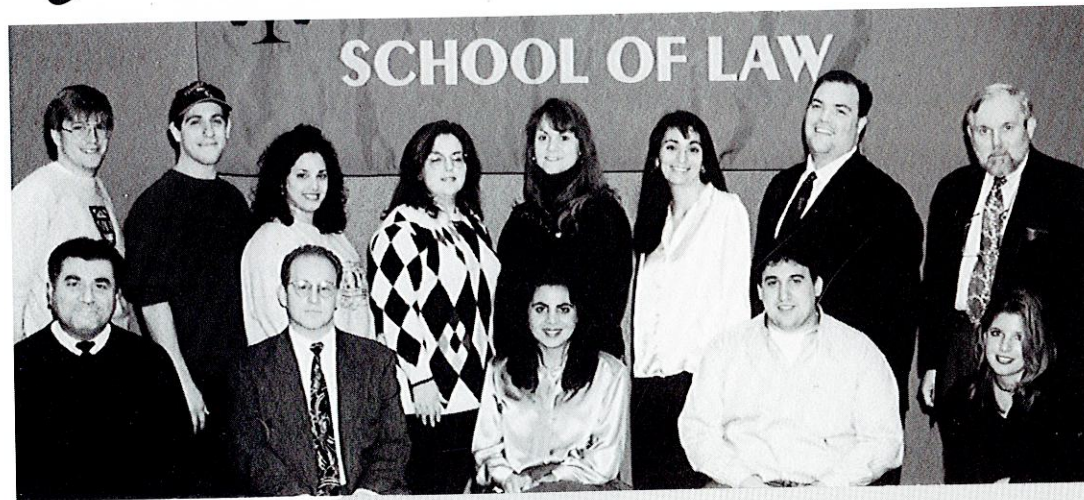


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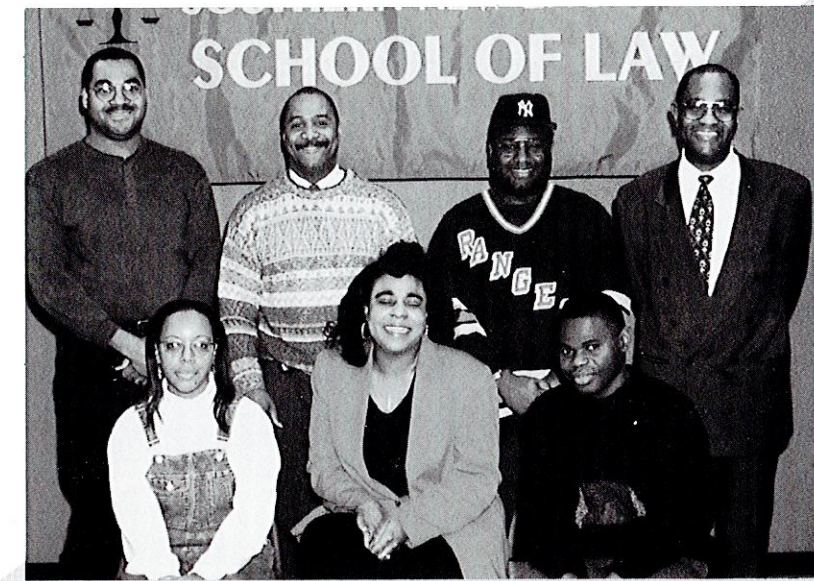
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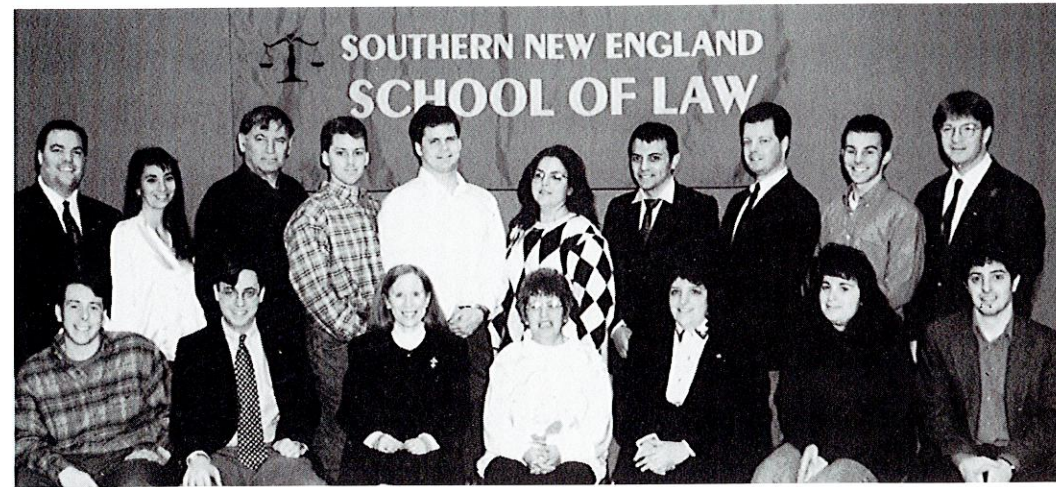
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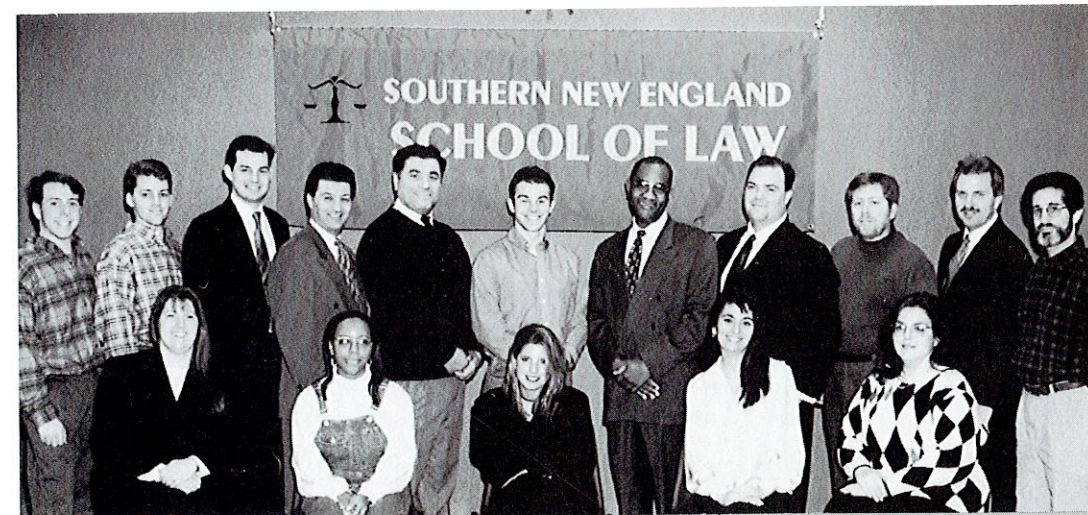
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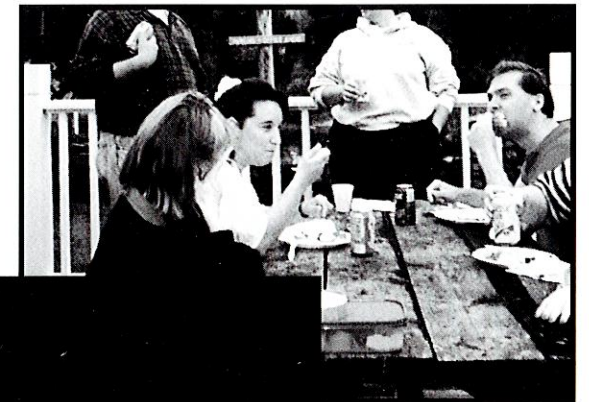


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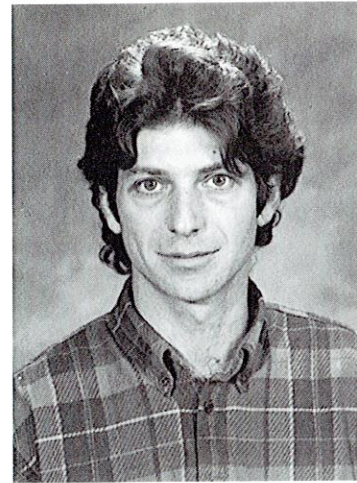
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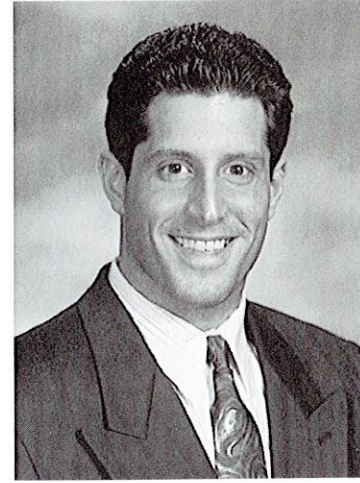
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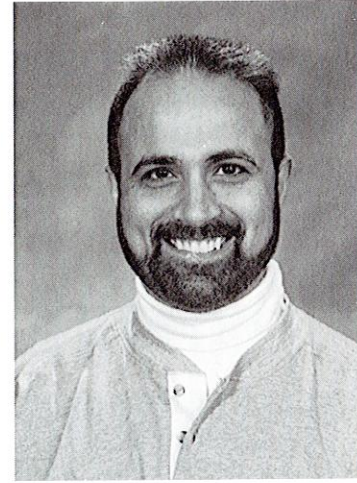
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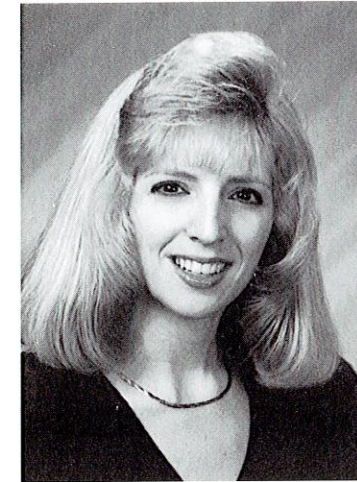
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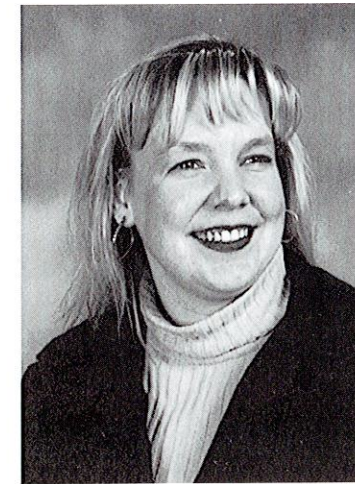
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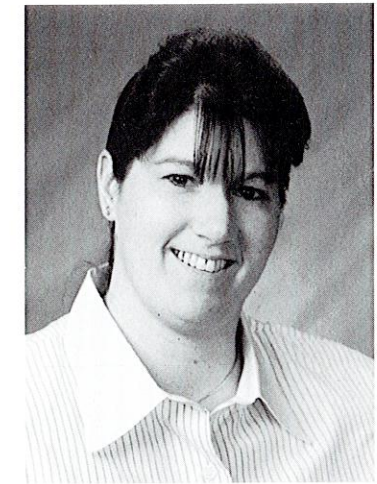
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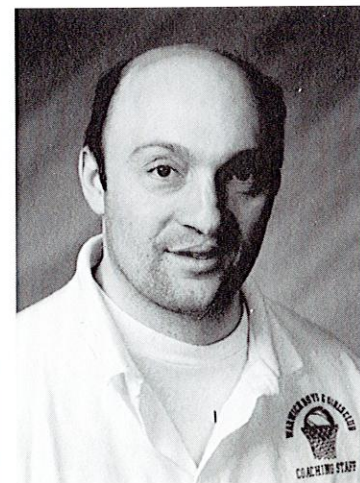
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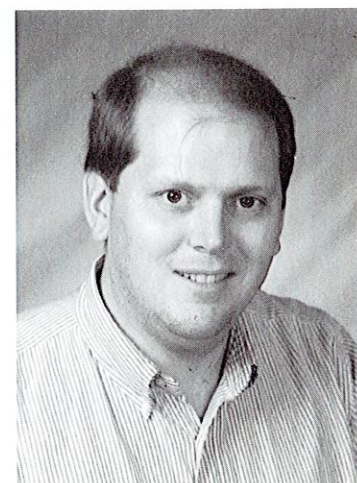
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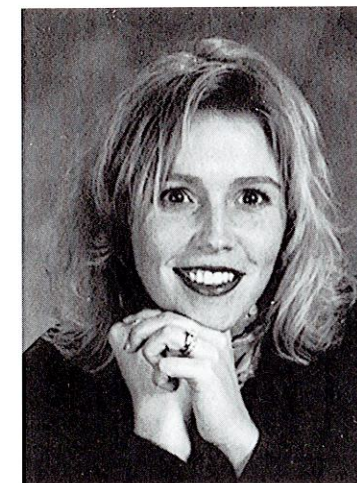
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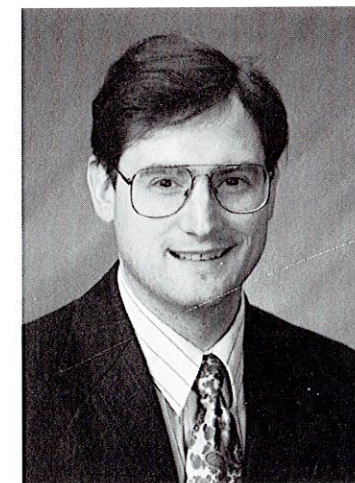
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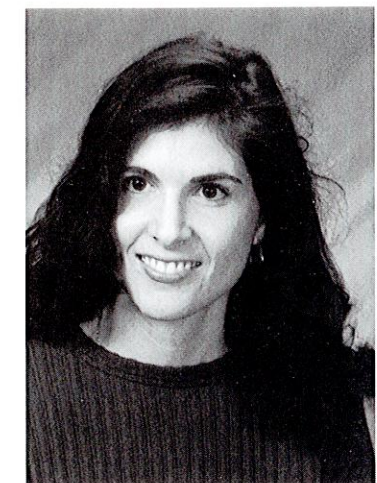
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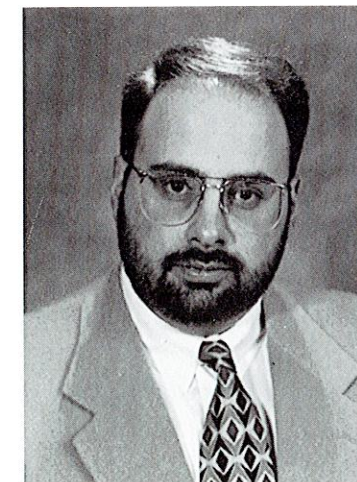
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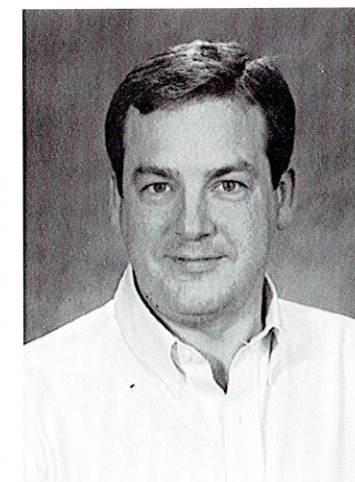
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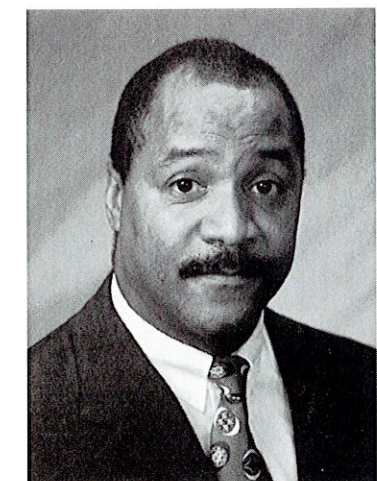
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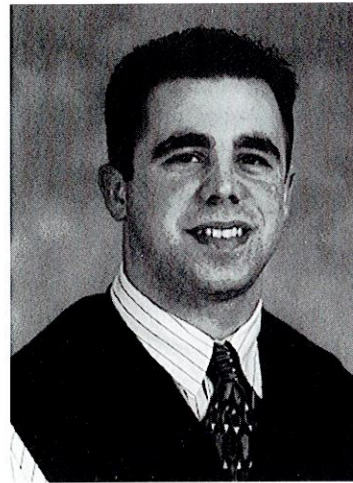
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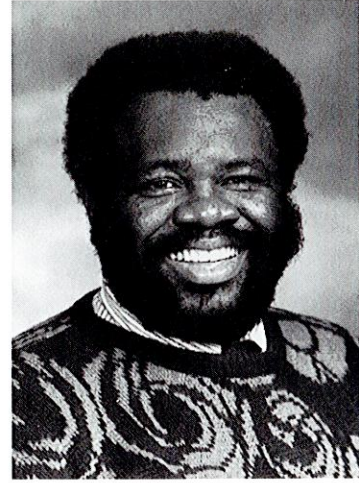
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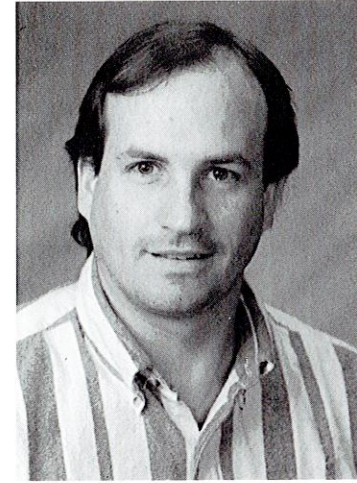
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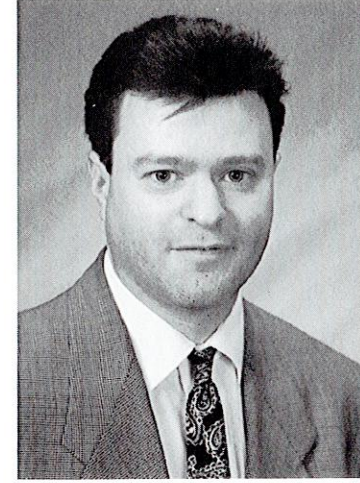
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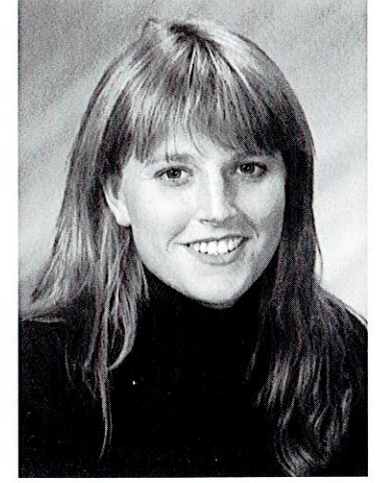
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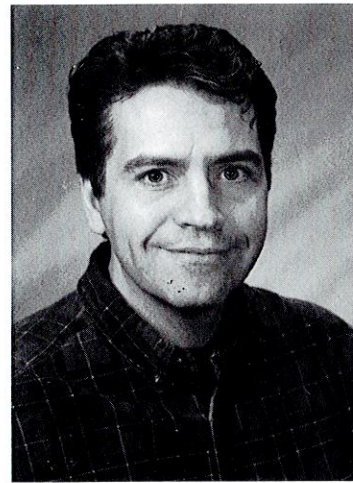
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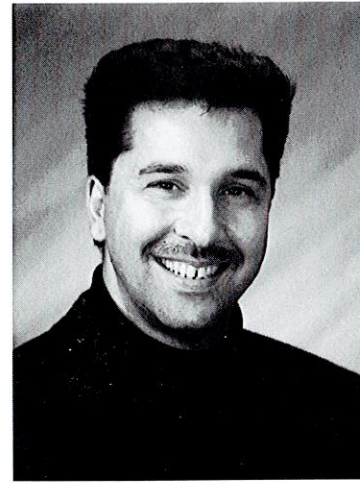
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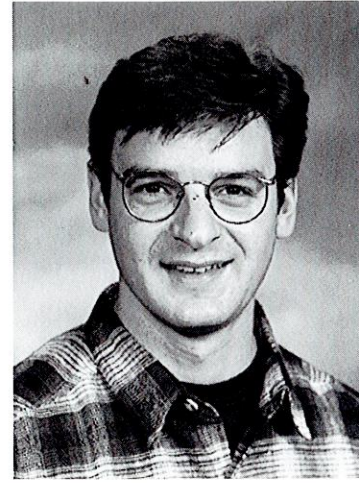
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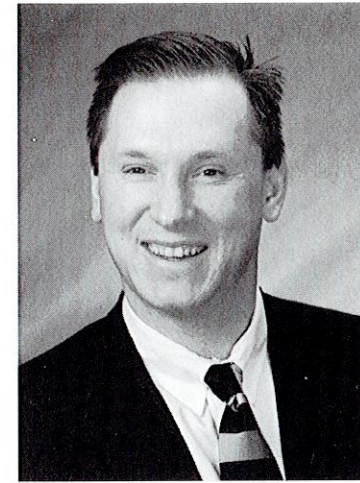
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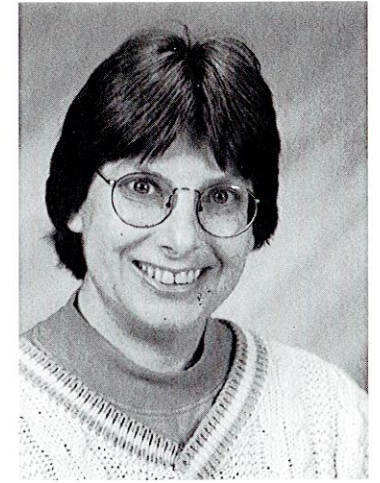
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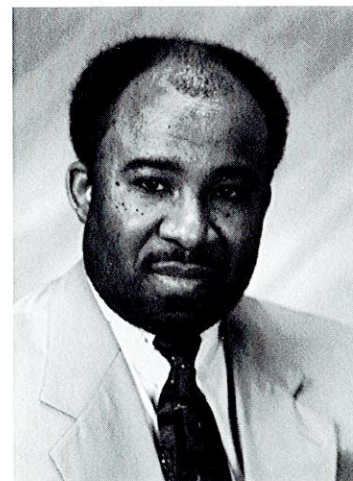
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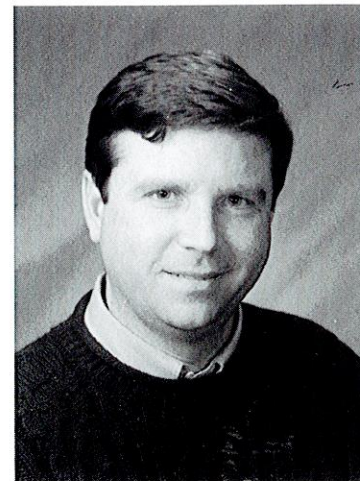
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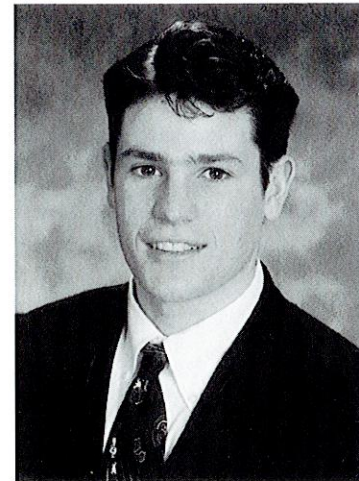
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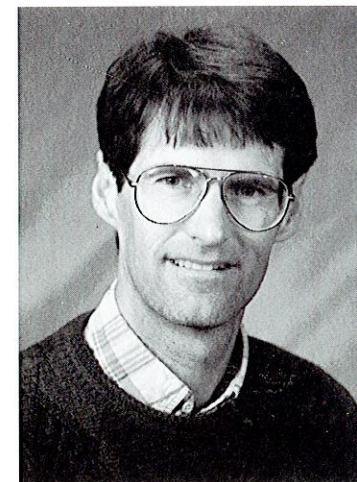
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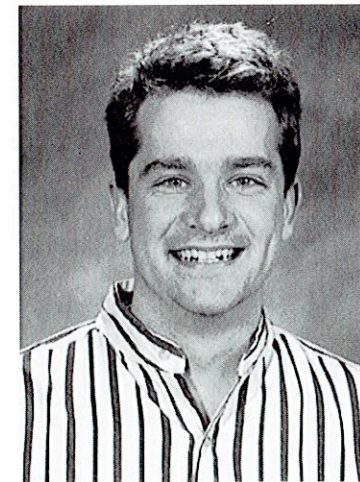
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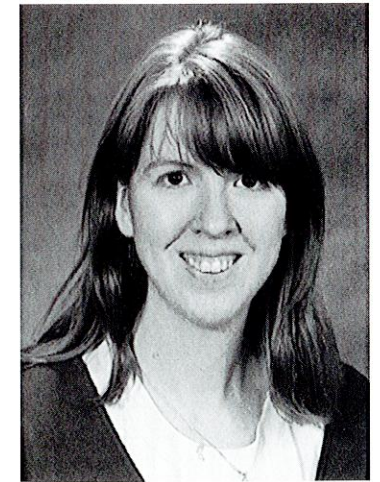
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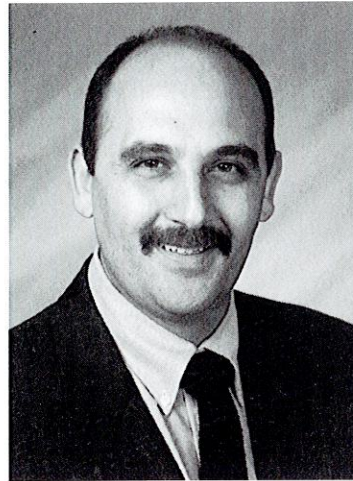
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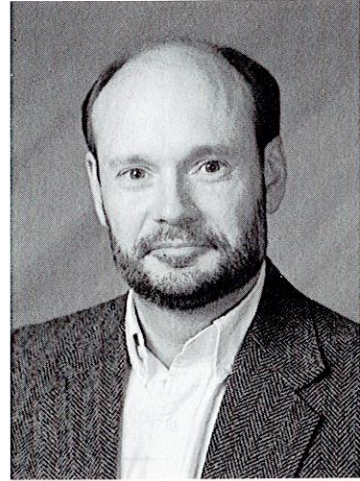
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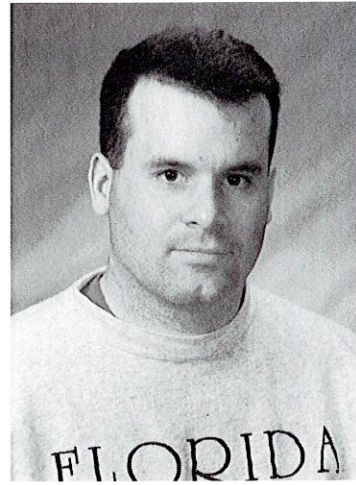
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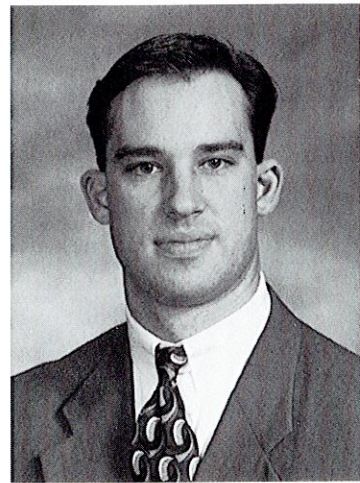
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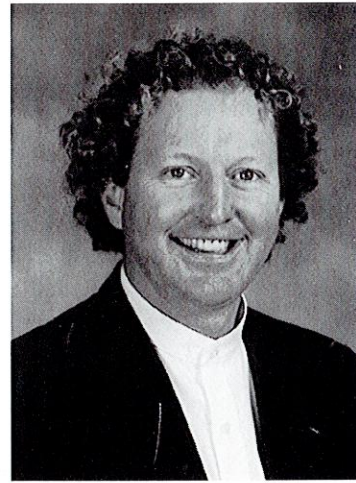
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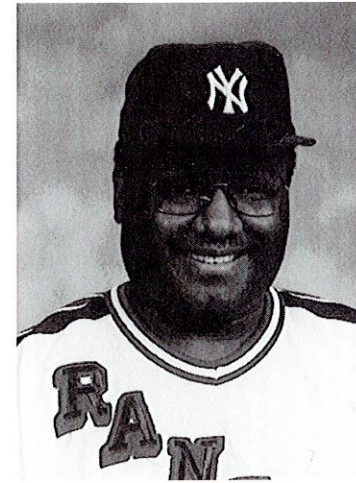
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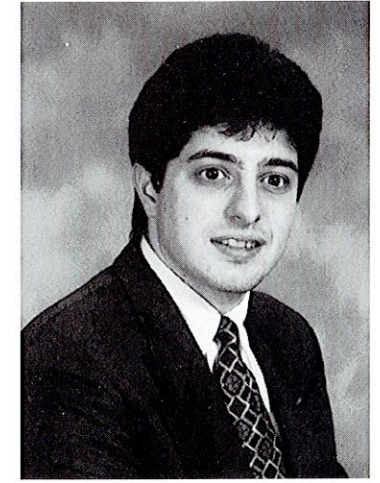
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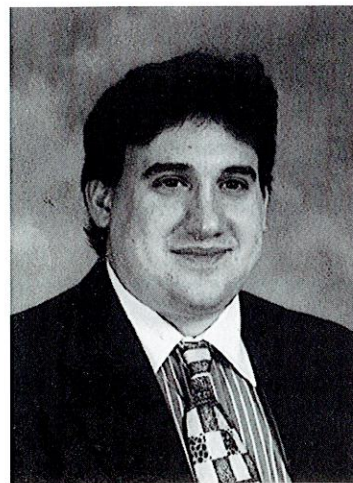
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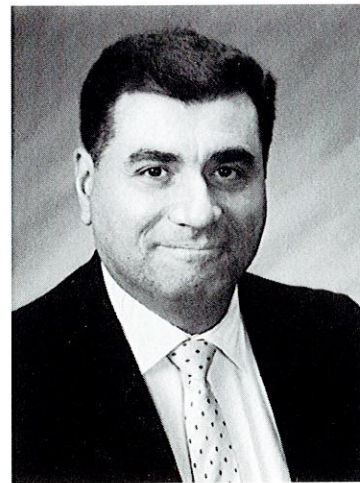
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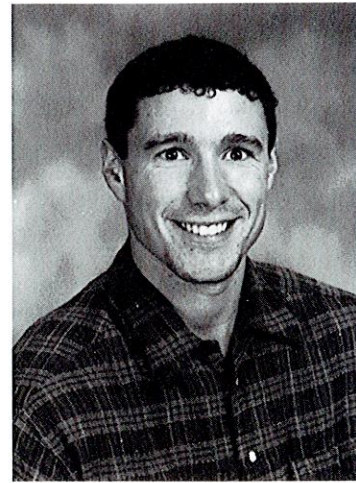
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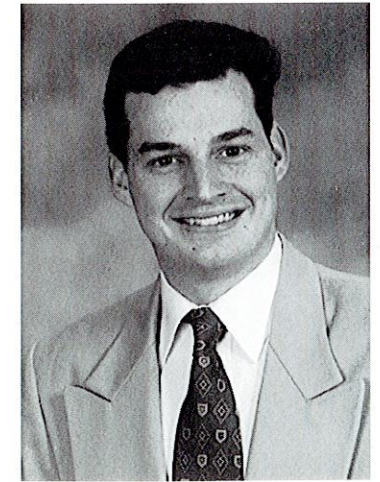
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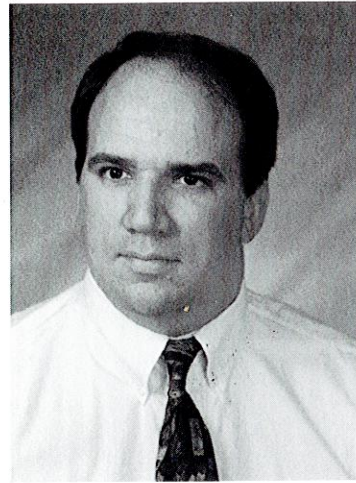
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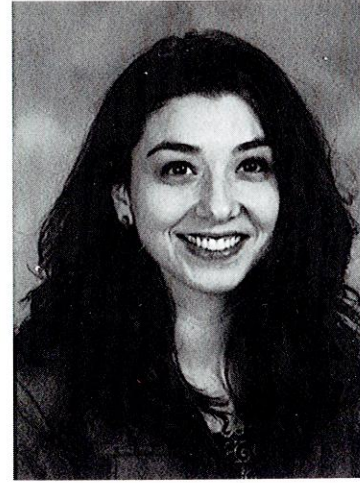
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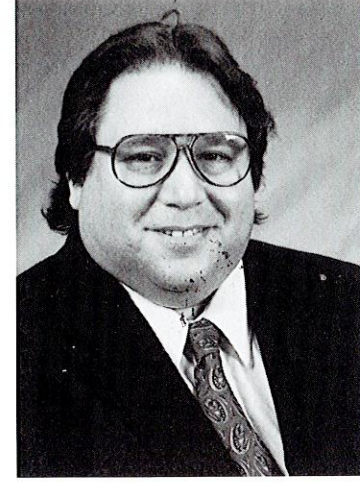
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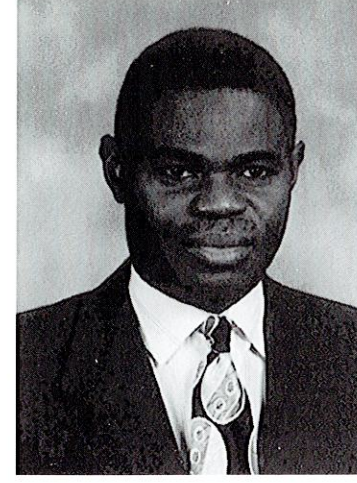
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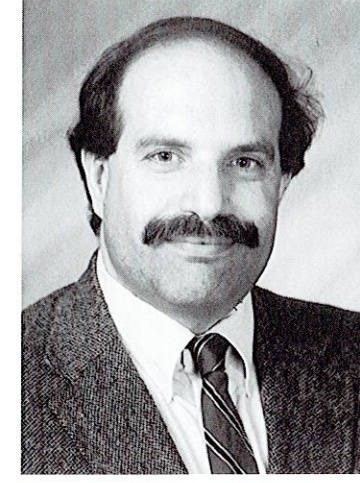
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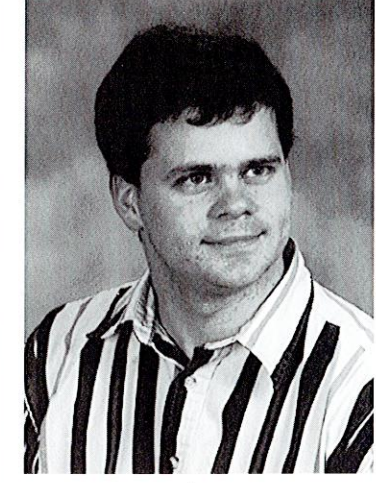
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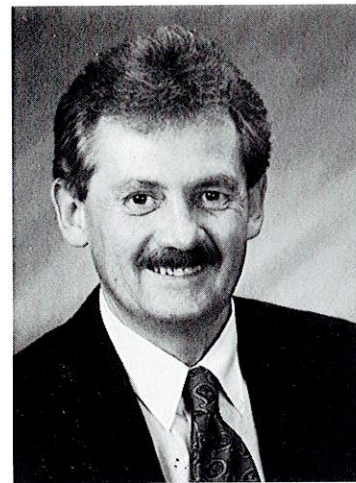
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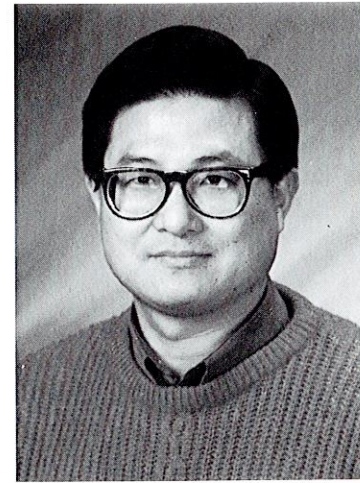
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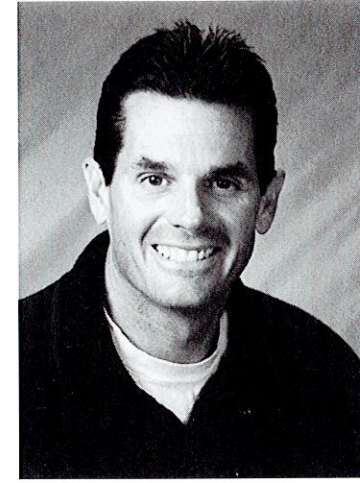
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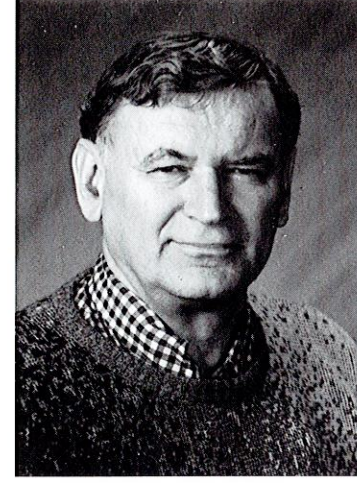
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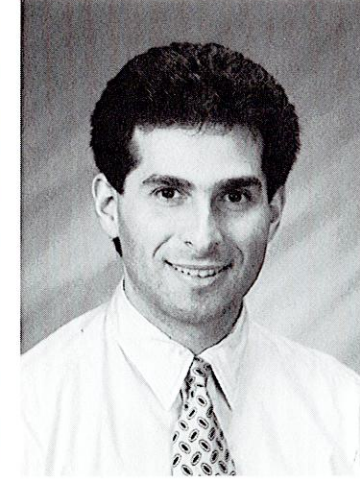
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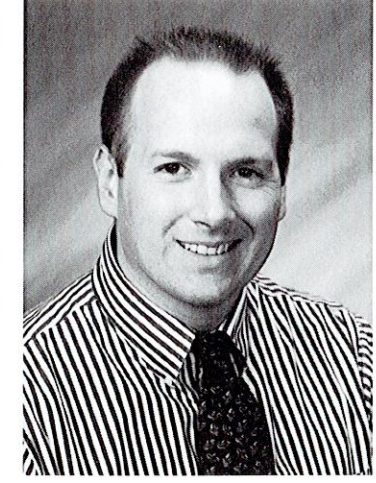
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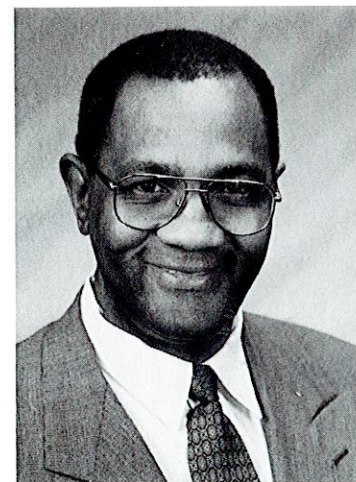
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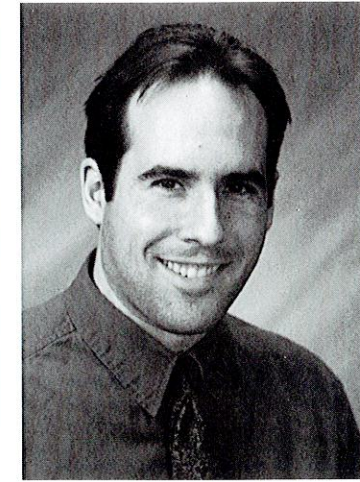
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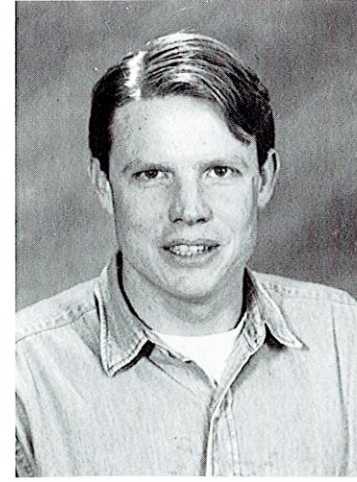
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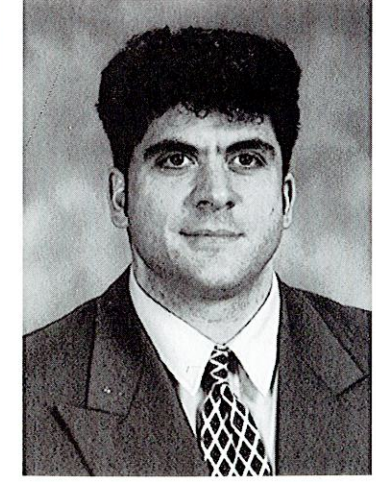
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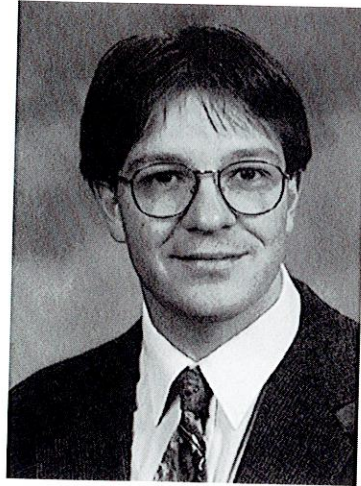
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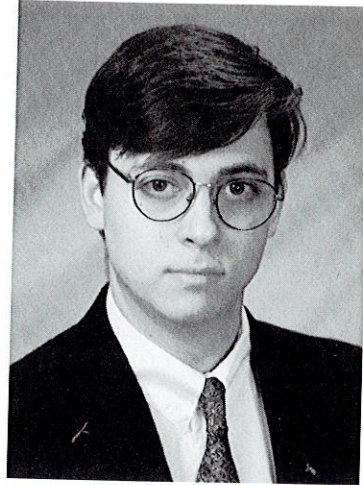
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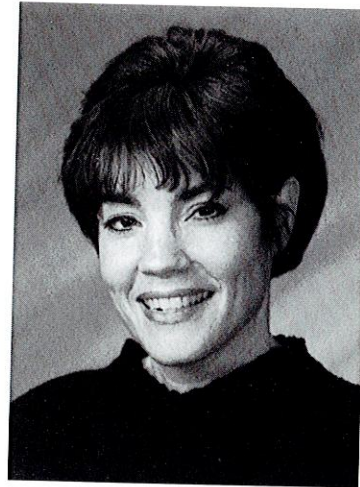
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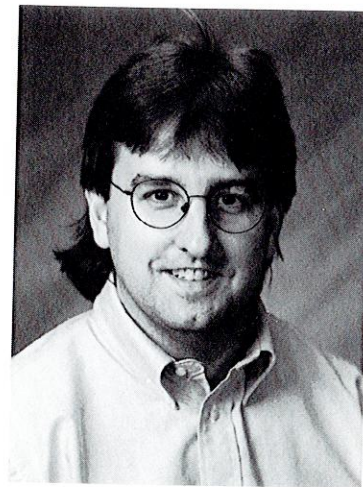
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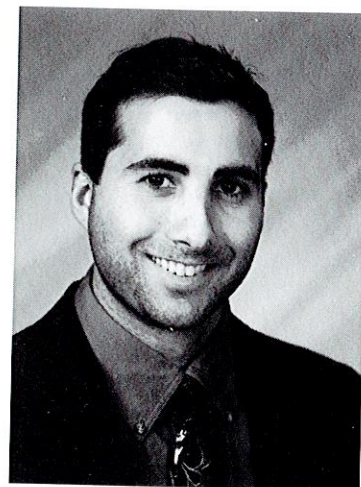
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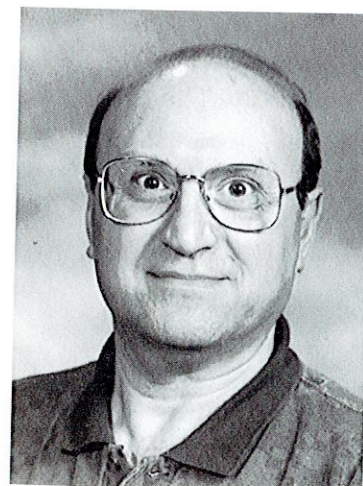
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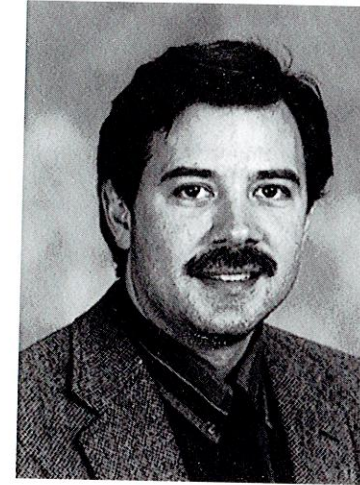
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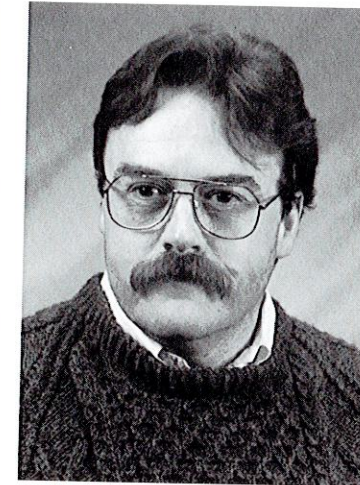
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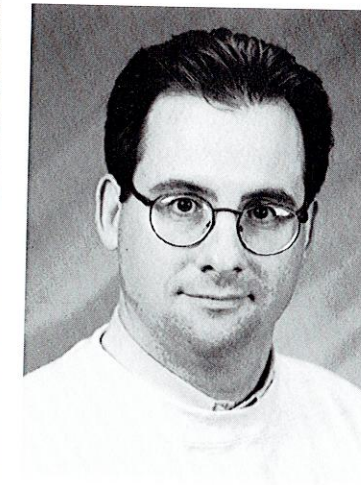
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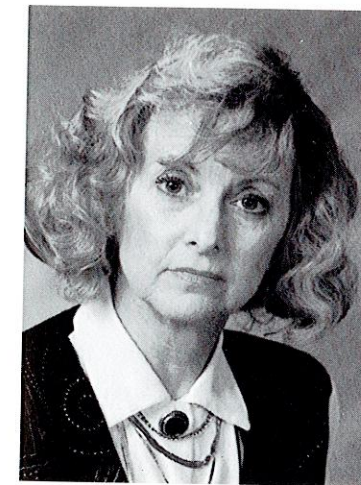
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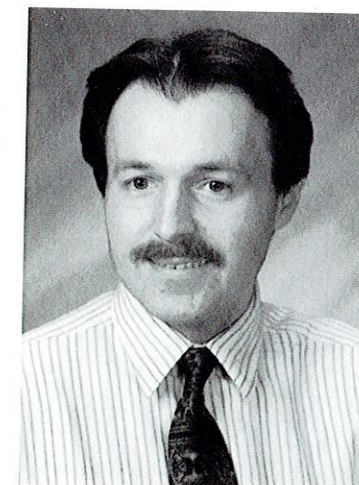
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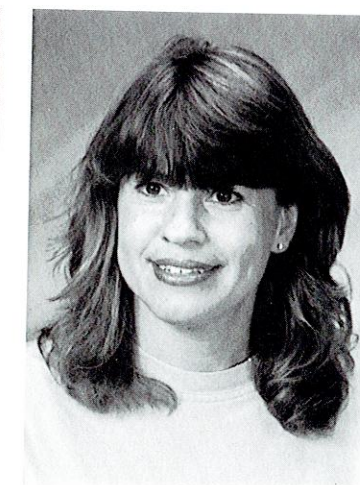
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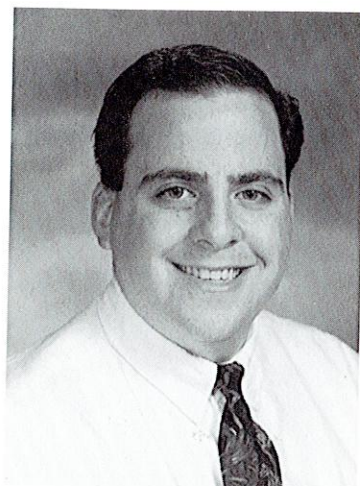
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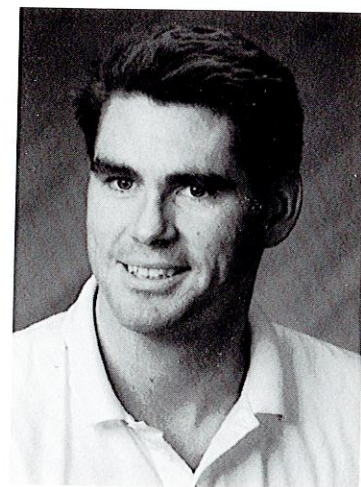
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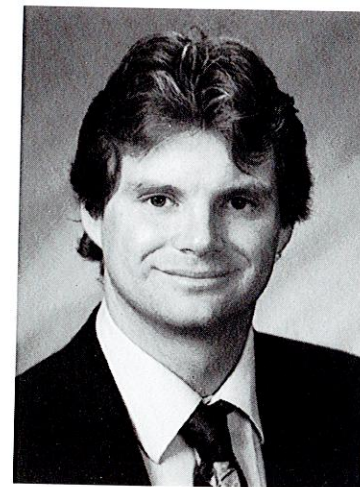
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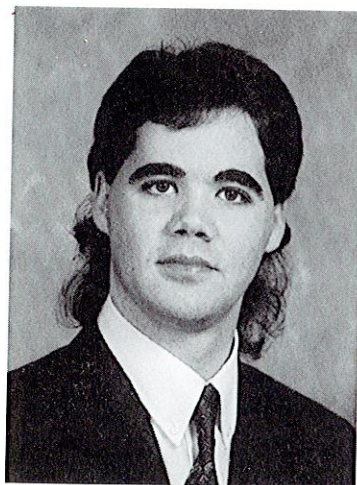
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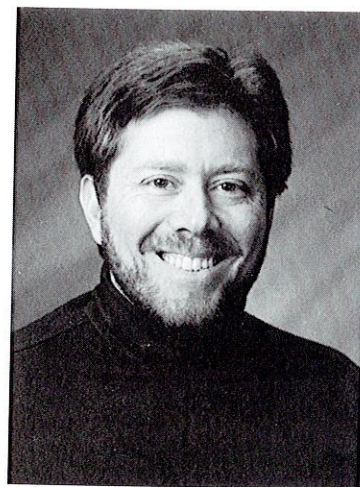
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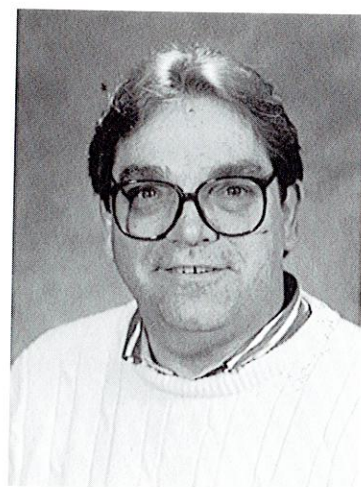
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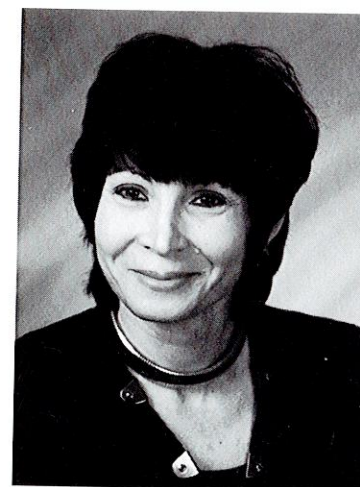
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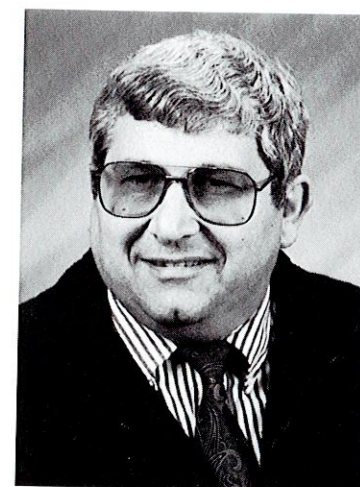
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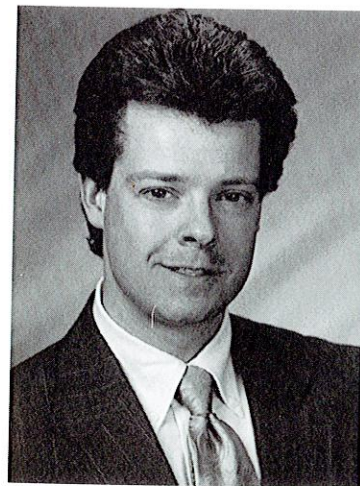
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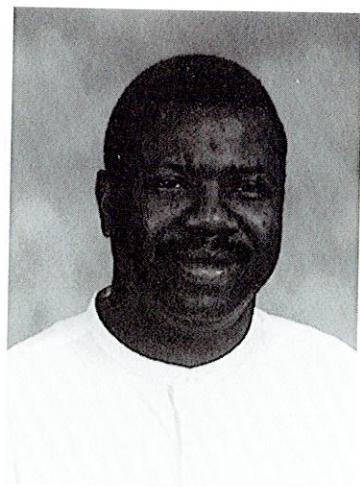
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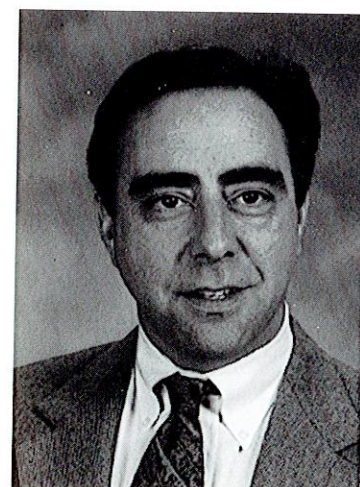
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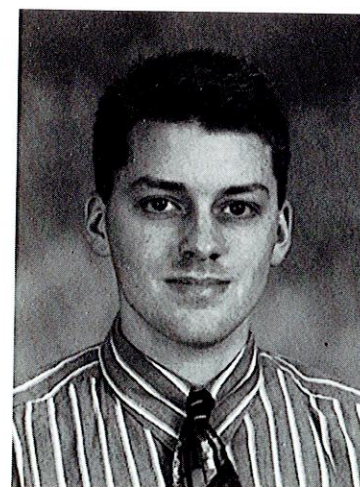
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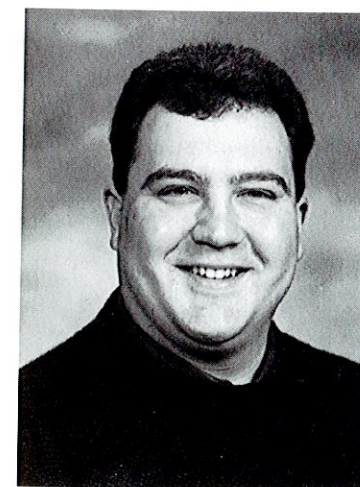
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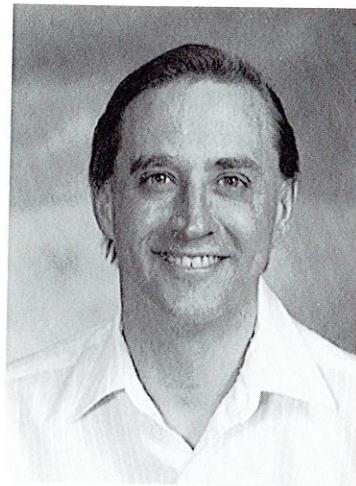
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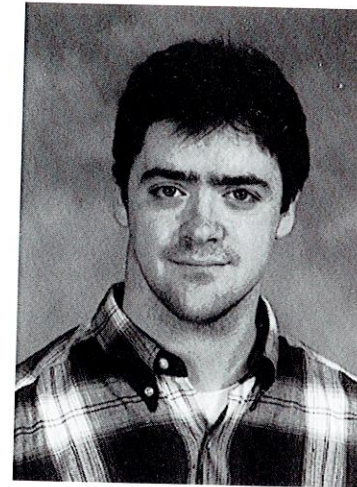
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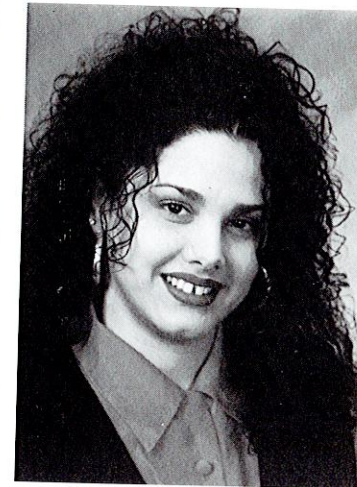
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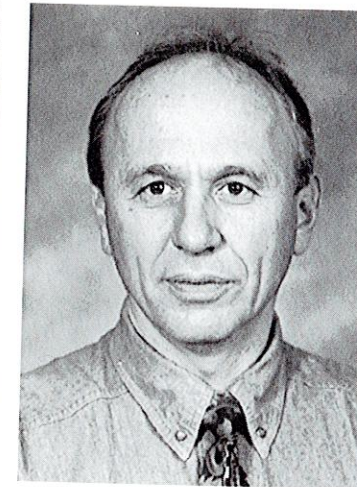
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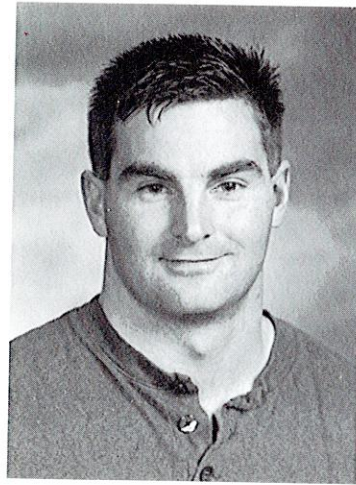
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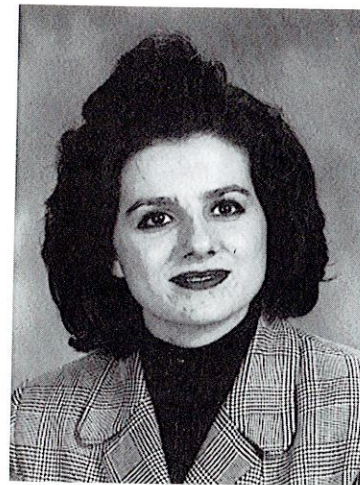
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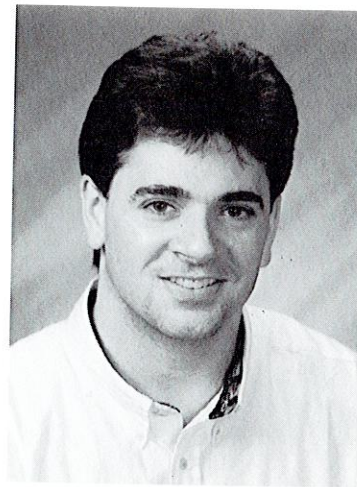
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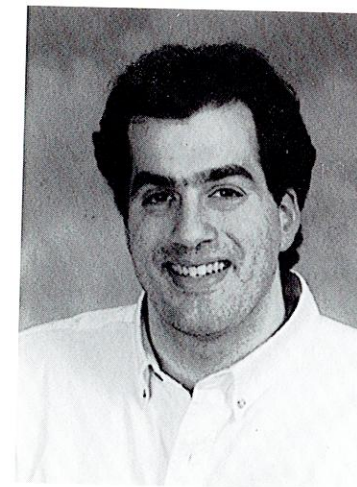
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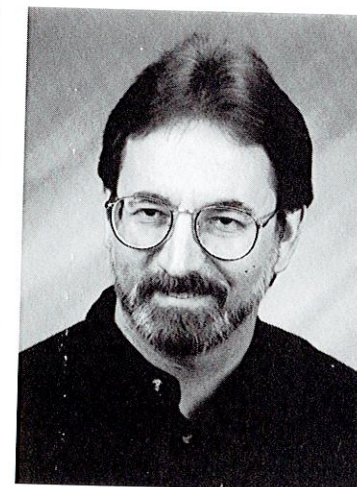
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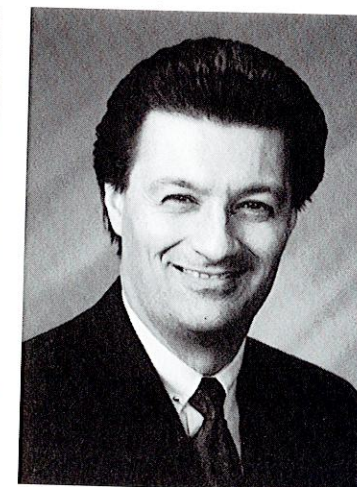
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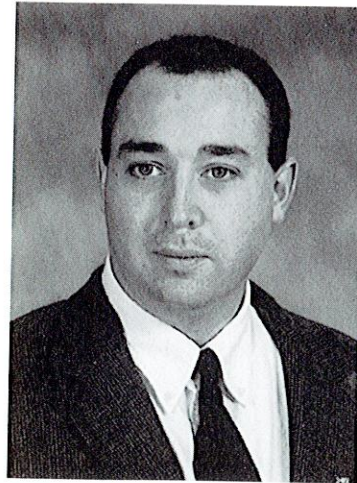
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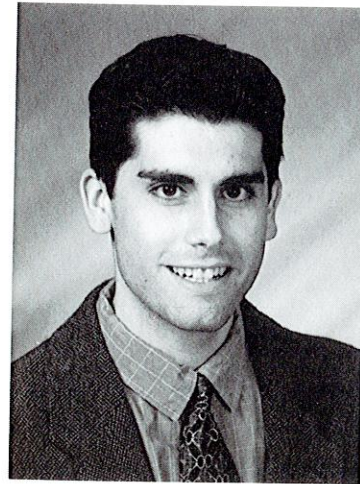
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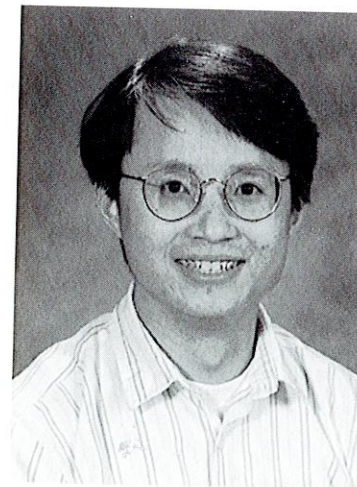
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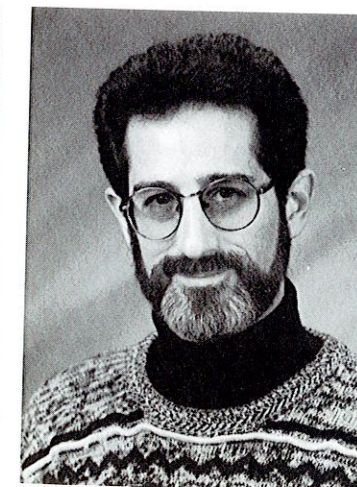
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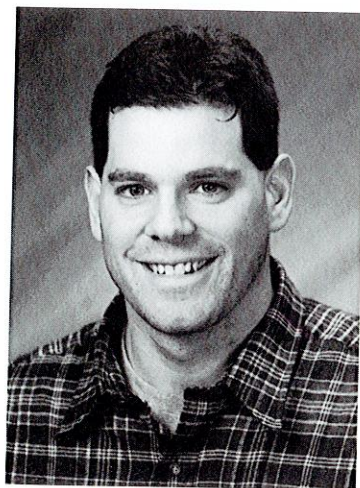
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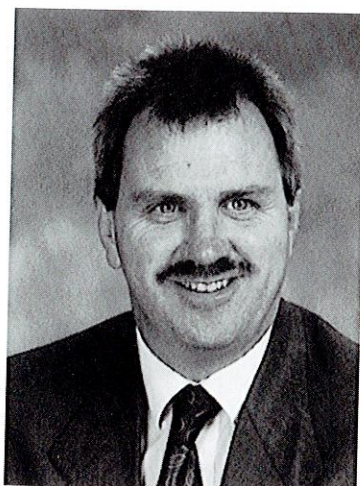
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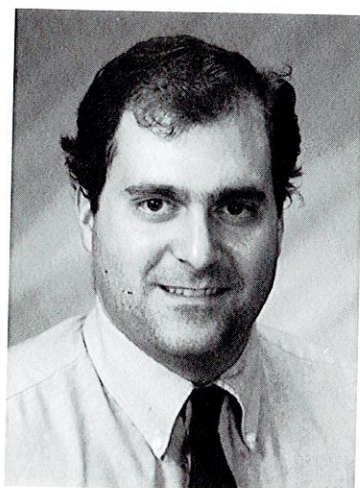
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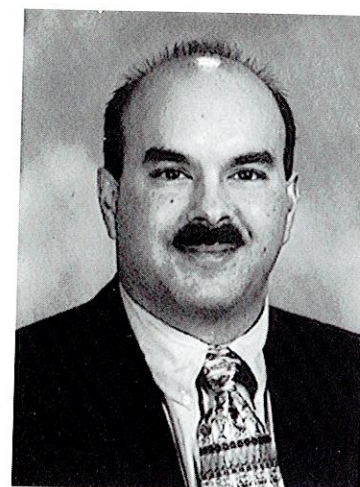
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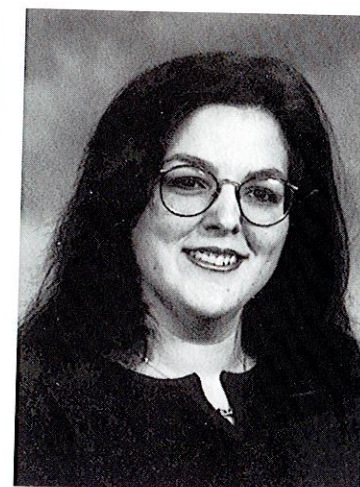
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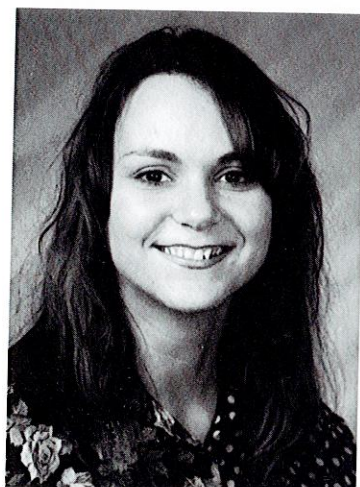
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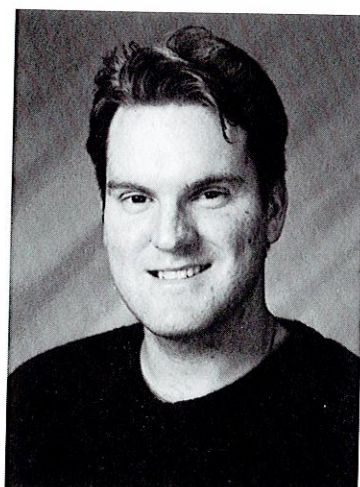
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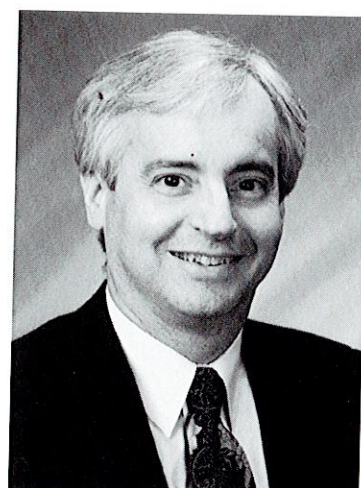
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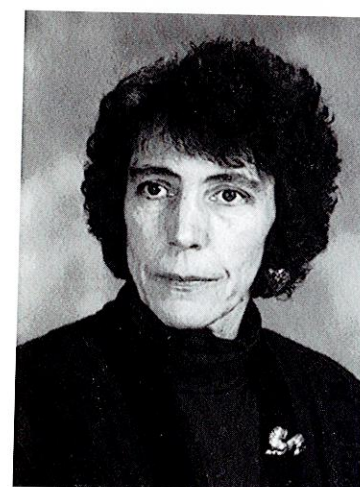
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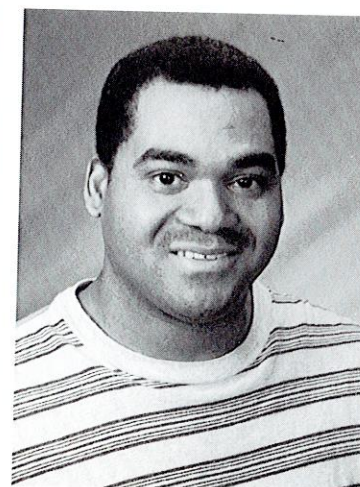
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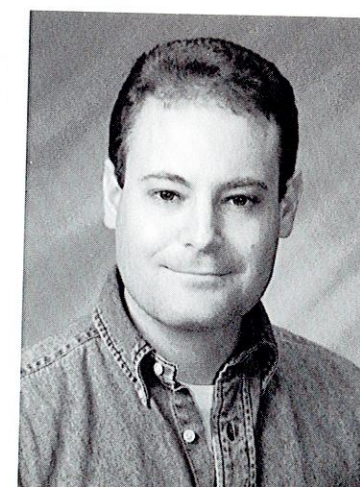
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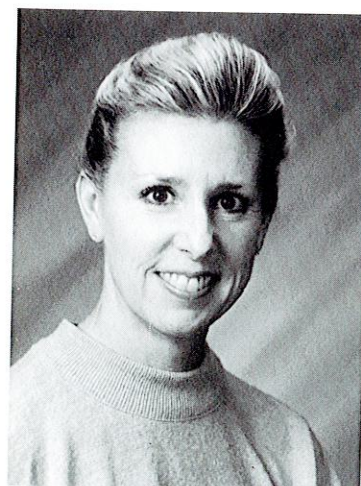
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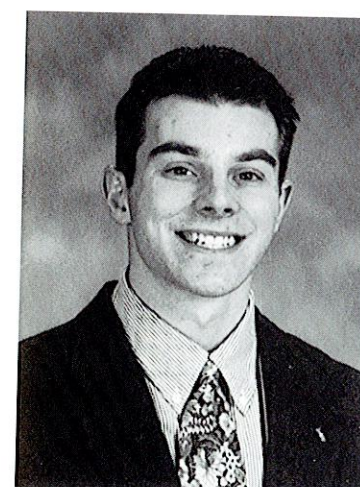
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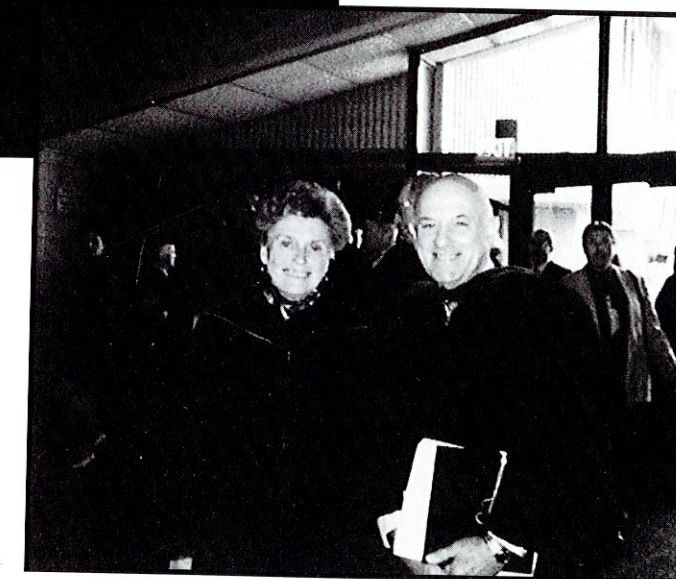
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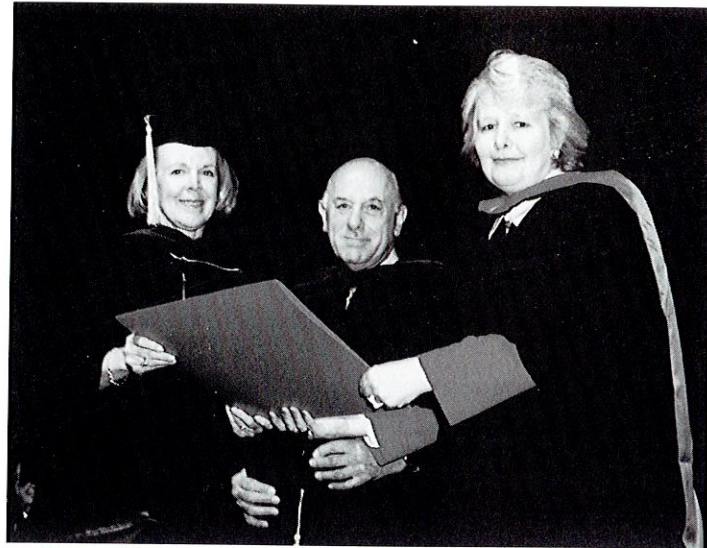
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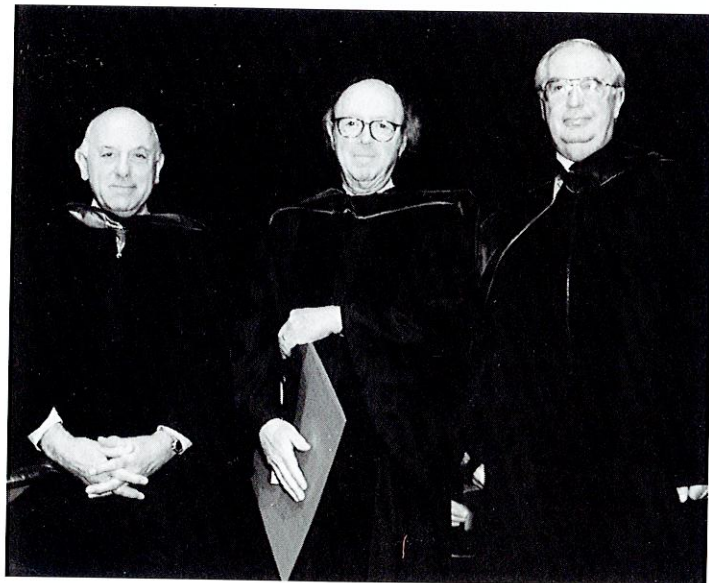


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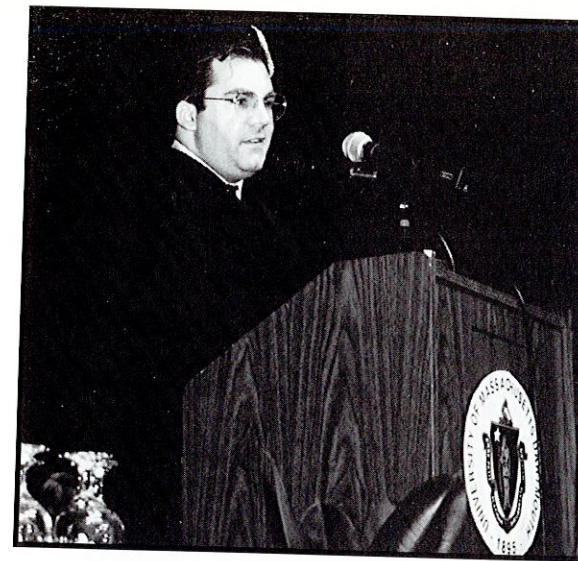
Hon. Margaret H. Marshall
Associate Justice
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The Honorable Margaret H. Marshall was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court by Gov. William Weld in 1996. Prior to her judicial appointment, Justice Marshall was Vice President and General Counsel of Harvard University from 1992 to 1996. She received a J.D. in 1976 from Yale Law School, having studied at both Yale and Harvard Law Schools.



Anthony Lewis

Anthony Lewis has been a columnist for *The New York Times* since 1969. He has twice won the Pulitzer Prize. Born in New York City, he attended the Horace Mann School in New York and Harvard College, receiving a B.A. in 1948.



Commencement Speaker Michael Sousa Southern New England School of Law June 7, 1997

It is a great privilege to stand before you today to deliver this address on behalf of my classmates of Southern New England School of Law. I extend my appreciation to them for bestowing this honor upon me.

I know that I can most accurately convey the sentiments of my fellow graduates when I say thank you to the faculty and administration of Southern New England School of Law for having faith in our admission, hope throughout our training, and a certain charitable pride in our commencement. Without question, the years at Southern New England School of Law have been among the most rewarding experiences of our lives.

For the past two weeks, I have thought long and hard about what I was to say

here today. How can you possibly summarize your law school experience in less than 10 minutes?

My solution was to brief our case. I mapped out the procedural posture, clarified the relevant facts, I circled the issues, and highlighted the holding. And that my fellow graduates, was not found in any case note brief series. My review of our case, in the matter of Southern New England School of Law, Class of 1997, was rather enjoyable.

The procedural posture of our case was a little complex. It started with a fierce determination to further our educational endeavors, and an overwhelming interest in the study of law. We took the LSAT, filled out our applications, and awaited acceptance.

In retrospect, perhaps we were a bit boastful and proud in our success at becoming law students. We nervously sat through orientation, not really knowing anyone, but anxious to get started with our legal education.

For many of us, our law school career began in those humble quarters on Purchase Street in the city of New Bedford. We can easily recall the mixed feelings we experienced during that first week of property, torts and contracts. Excitement, anticipation, and fear, to name a few.

It was at the end of this first full week of intentional inflictions of emotional distress when my soon-to-be good friend Jeff Turner looked at me and said, "Mike, this got old real fast."

But not only did the process get old, I also seemed to be aging at an accelerated pace. Like many of you, I soon needed glasses because of the incredible amount of reading, I was on the verge of developing an ulcer from

worrying about exams, and my roommate was convinced I suffered from multiple personality disorder. All for a career that doesn't necessarily offer health benefits.

As the months rolled by, we all began to experience changes in ourselves, we began to develop more confidence in our abilities, we started to argue and debate issues like lawyers, and we were able to grasp the concept of legal thought.

And while *we* experienced these changes, so did our school. We moved from Purchase Street to Bishop Stang, and then to a beautiful, state of the art facility located on Faunce Corner Road.

Yes, the procedure was complex, however the light began to shine at the end of the tunnel. So much for the procedural posture of our case.

The facts of our case were numerous. We began to immerse ourselves in the study of law. Christmas parties and birthday parties were forfeited. Quality time spent with family and friends drastically reduced.

Law School was a multitude of memorable experiences.

It was Professor Clifford's uncanny way of instilling the fear of God into all of us. And his attempted conveyance of a poorly invested condo somewhere in Connecticut.

It was Professor Lubin's dry sense of humor which seemed to make contracts a little more tolerable, and Professor Duncan's passionate lectures in Constitutional Law and Ethics, which made us re-evaluate our principles.

Law School was, at times, having an inadequate amount of time to prepare for class. It was the extra-sensory perception of Professor McDonald, who always had the amazing ability to call on the unprepared, politely pass over them, then have them orally brief 10 cases during the next class.

Law School was writing memorandums of law, client letters and an Appellate Court brief for Professor Janda; and rewriting them and rewriting them. It was getting shot by the infamous disguster gun of Professor Cleary's UCC class.

Law School was a full time job while working a full time job. It was borrowing money from Mom and Dad, student loans at 12% interest, and then again, borrowing more money from Mom and Dad.

It was the comic relief of Rondeau and Weiss; especially the Rondeau demonstration of a stop and frisk in criminal procedure.

Law School was tight schedules and fast food dining. An overwhelming feeling that you were actually becoming the Burger King.

Just as the facts of this case are numerous, so too are the experiences we shared together. The knowledge we obtained and the friendships that we nurtured will remain with us as a source of inspiration for the challenges that lie ahead.

I found the main issue of our case to be simply this — was Law School merely the study and application of legal thought, or did it involve a host of social, personal, and professional characteristics that collectively repre-

sent our Law School experience?

The holding of our case was abundantly clear.

A legal education — at least a legal education at Southern New England School of Law — is a culmination of our social, personal and professional lives. It is these attributes that truly make us brothers and sisters in the law.

It has also involved sacrifice. And no one knows that better than our family members and friends seated in the audience here today.

Thank you Mom and Dad for your endless amount of support and encouragement. And thank you to all the mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, husbands, wives, boyfriends and girlfriends.

This is a tribute to you for the sacrifices you made on our behalf.

A further holding of our case is characterized by perseverance. The trials and tribulations of Law School after a while came to be expected. Frequently, our private and professional lives had to persevere as we pursued this dream. During these past years we have experienced marriage, birth, separation and death.

Whether it was a happy or sad occasion, life moved on and so did Law School. It is a shining testament to all of our individual fortitudes that we are present here today.

For those of us who worked during our Law School careers, let us not forget our employers. They allowed us to maintain a livelihood while we pur-

sued our endeavors at an aggressive pace.

Speaking personally, it is with great sincerity that I extend to Mayor Rosemary Tierney my heartfelt thanks for supporting me in my educational pursuits. Mayor, thank you for being such a strong source of encouragement.

In conclusion, the ultimate holding of this case is clearly loyalty to our school and fellow students.

Be proud to be a Southern New England School of Law graduate. Again, it is a very special place.

We, as graduates of this school will have the responsibility of both maintaining and enhancing its legacy. This will be both our burden and our privilege.

As we move forward, our strength will reside not only in our numbers but in our commitment and loyalty to one another and to this school.

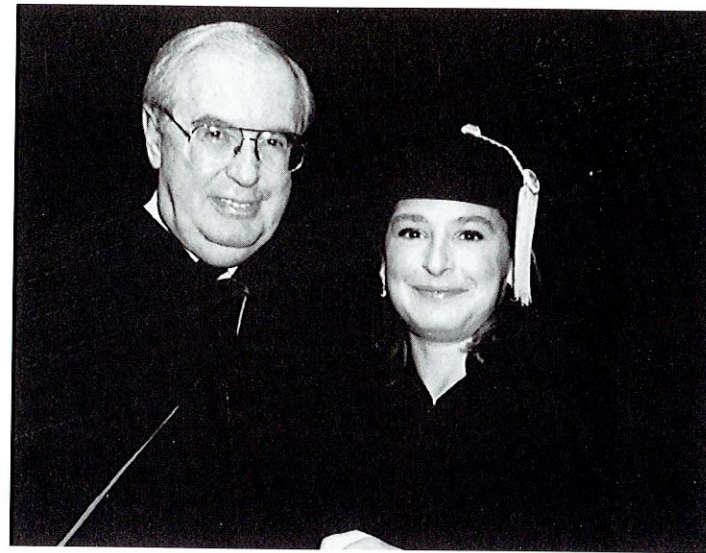
And so my fellow graduates, on this Commencement Day, we embark on a new adventure. We have constructed a foundation for our future which will offer new challenges and great opportunities. We undertake this venture with cautious optimism, but with a full understanding of our responsibilities.

Today, as we bid farewell to this institution that has become such an important part of our lives, one fact remains indelibly clear — that deep in the minds and hearts and memories of every graduate — there will always be a special spot, for a special place — a place called Southern New England School of Law.

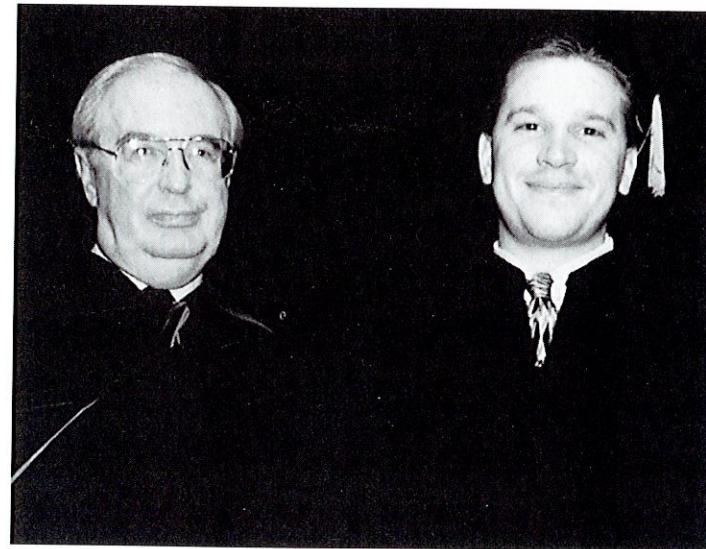
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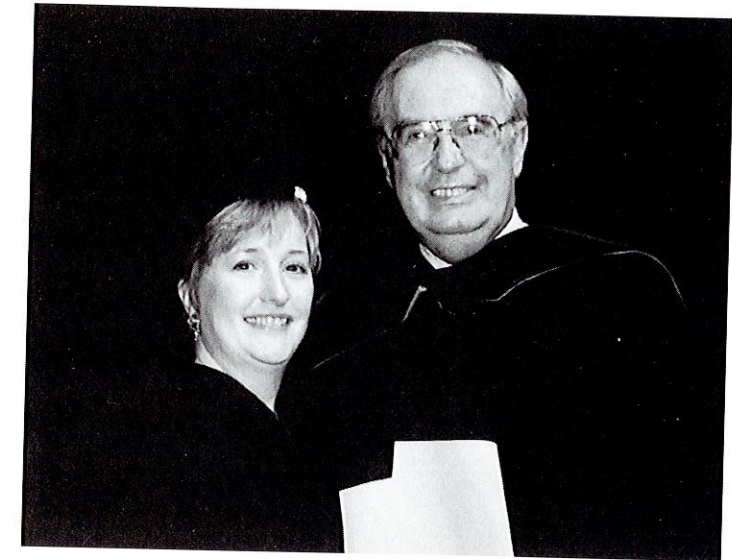
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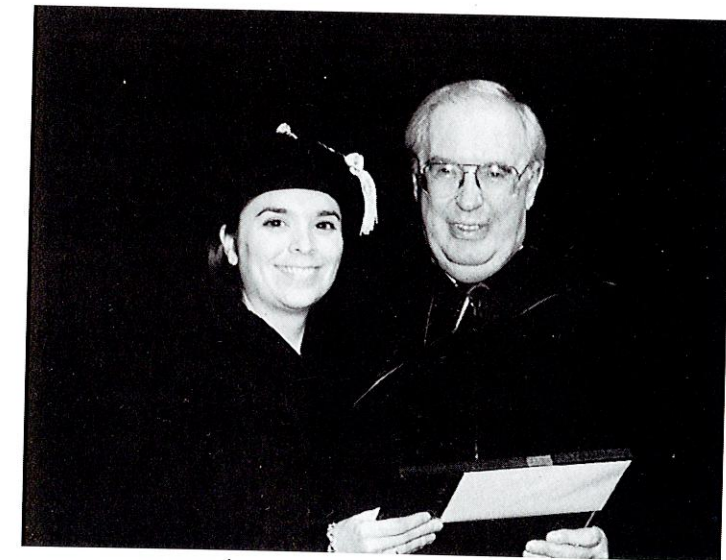
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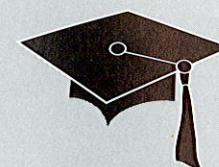
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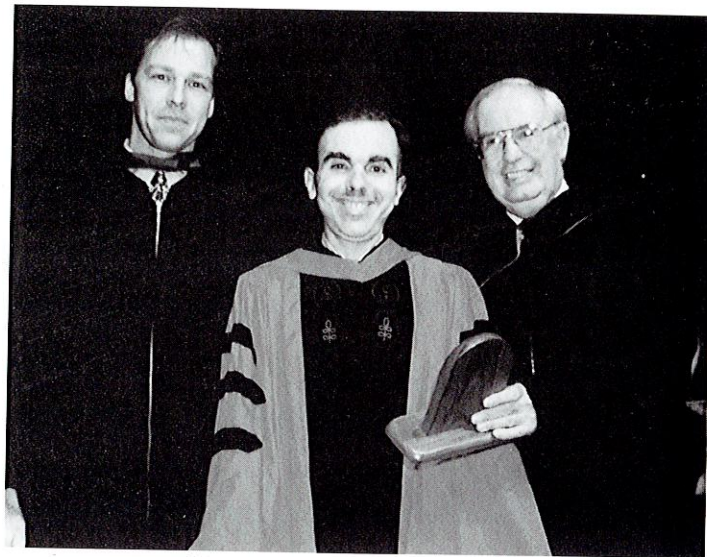
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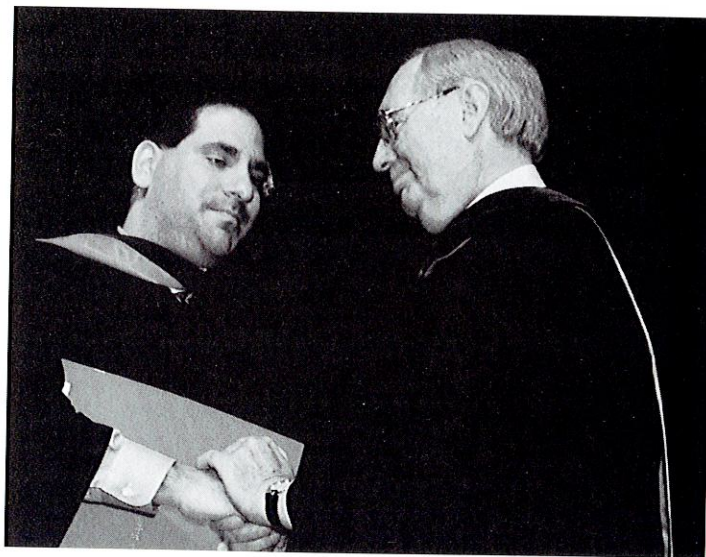


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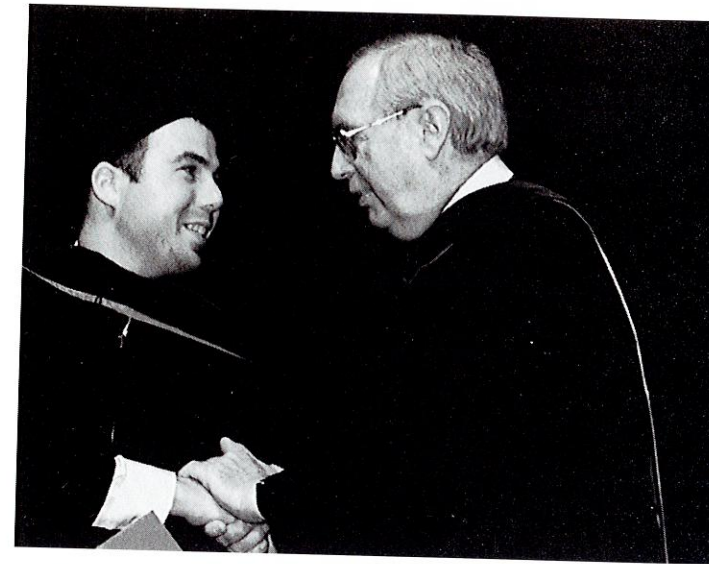
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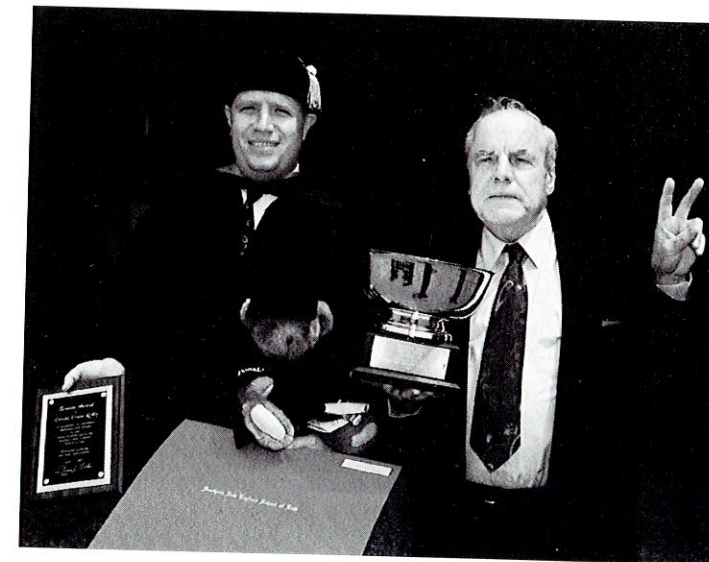
Associate Dean David M. Prentiss, Dean Francis J. Larkin, and Professor Matthew Pauley — Outstanding Professor



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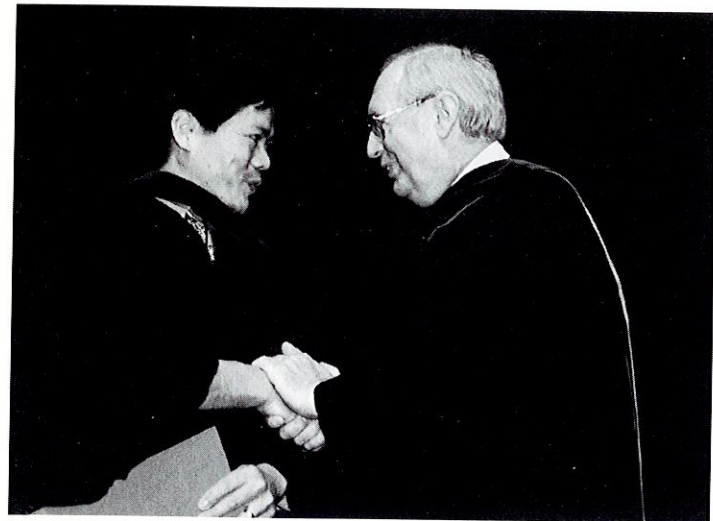


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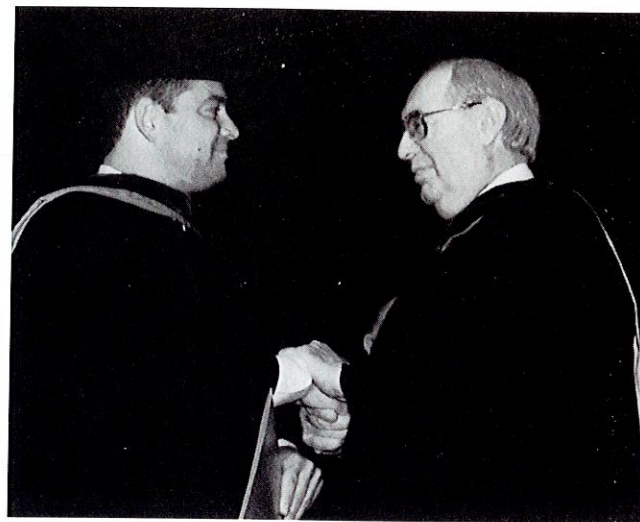


Don "Yogi" Reilly and Don's Dad





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To the Class of 1997
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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends:

Three years ago a group of students came together with an idea. This idea burgeoned into what we today know as Lex et Justitia. A lot of hard work and thought went into the first yearbook. We had no idea what it would take to produce an annual, but we were going to give it our best shot. After many drafts, redrafts, and missed deadlines, it was complete. All that was left to do was to sit back and wait for the masterpiece we had created to arrive. On a wintry day in late January, it happened, they were here. The books sat, packed in boxes, waiting to find homes. We were certain we had not ordered enough copies. Everyone will want a copy of Southern New England School of Law's first yearbook. Well, some found homes immediately, however, others are still waiting.

With one edition under our belts we felt confident that our next attempt would be an even greater success. We found a new publisher, with new ideas and suggestions. This was the year Margie Hewitt, of Herff Jones Publishing, came on board. She lead us through another year of layouts and copy writing. The result? Another publication the Law School can be proud of, but don't take my word for it. The "best evidence" is sitting on a shelf in our library, where you can see it for yourselves. Many more of them are sitting in storage, in hopes that someone will want to give them a shelf of their own.

Today you are reading what could be the final edition of Lex et Justitia. After just three short years this may all come to an end very soon. The lack of interest and support makes it impossible to continue. A yearbook needs a team, with a combination of ideas, interests and backgrounds. One person, with the time and desire can do it alone, but why should they? It does not have to end here. Each year a new group of students joins the Southern New England School of Law Family, bringing with them, talent, creativity, leadership ability, and perhaps a desire to be known and to find their niche. These are the perfect people to join the yearbook team and keep the tradition we started 3 years ago alive. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank two people. Margie Hewitt and Anne Walsh Folino, without whose respective creative and fundraising abilities we could not have published the last two editions of Lex et Justitia. They would not stop until the job was done. For all of their hard work and effort, I thank them.

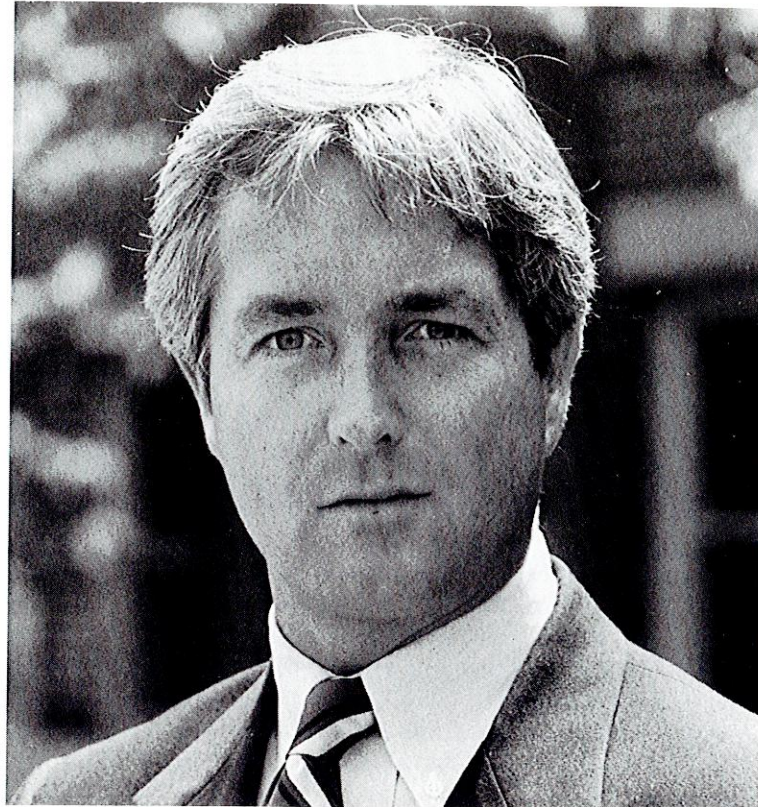
Finally, I just want to wish everyone the best of luck. I will be graduating soon, and although Southern New England School of Law will always be in my heart, it will not always be in my back yard. I can only hope that no matter what is in our future, no matter where life takes us, Southern New England School of Law will always be the tie that binds us.

With every best wish, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Ellen R. Venus
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