Crafting a Life:
Private, Public, and Professional

From public service to sport and play to serious discussions and timely panels, Alumni Weekend 2006 brought graduates, faculty, and students together to remember their times at YLS and to discuss what’s on their minds today. Graduates traveled from as far as Japan, Belgium, Hong Kong, Ireland, Austria and Spain to take part in the weekend.

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The weekend kicked off with dinner and dancing at a gala event held Friday night. Following dinner, graduates were treated to a video celebrating the sights and sounds of the Law School. Dancing and a “Casino Night” capped the evening.
Alumni arriving on Friday were treated to a Mock Moot Court argued by current YLS students before a panel of judges from the 1956 Moot Court team. The bench was composed of (from left to right) David Isbell ’56, Senior Counsel, Covington & Burling; The Honorable Arlen Specter ’56, Senator and Chair, Judiciary Committee, United States Senate; The Honorable Jon O. Newman ’56, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Dean Harold Hongju Koh toasted the Class of ’56 during a champagne reception celebrating the class’s 50th reunion. Glasses were also raised as the Dean announced the naming of the Richard H. Pershan ’56 classroom.

Students Henry B. Liu ’07, Julia K. Martinez ’07, Elizabeth M.M. O’Connor ’07 (pictured), and Michael V. Pinkel ’07 argued the case of Philip Morris USA v. Williams during Friday’s Mock Moot Court.

Graduates and current students met for breakfast in the Law School dining hall on Saturday morning. Alumni could choose to mingle with their classmates and/or be matched with current students to talk about common interests.
Alumni Weekend 2006 took up the theme of “Creating a Life: Private, Public, and Professional.” In gatherings formal and informal, graduates discussed issues such as “Career Trajectories and Factors that Influence Work Choices” and “Cycles of Work—Beginning, Switching, Multi-Careering, and Retiring.”

“Work and Self” was the topic of a panel held in Levinson Auditorium on Saturday morning. Above: Chai R. Feldblum, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center and Moderator Kenji Yoshino ’96 (the newly named Guido Calabresi Professor of Law). Right: Panelists Amy Weinfeld Schulman ’89, Partner, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, and Reva Siegel ’86, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach Professor of Law.
On Saturday, October 14, the Yale Law School Association presented the Award of Merit to the Hon. Randall T. Shepard ’72, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court (above left); the Hon. Margaret Marshall ’76, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (above right); and the Hon. Drayton Nabers, Jr. ’65, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama (not pictured).

The Award of Merit is presented annually to an esteemed graduate of Yale Law School (or to a person who has served as a full-time member of the Yale Law School faculty for at least ten years) to recognize substantial contribution to public service or to the legal profession.

Anthony T. Kronman ’75, Sterling Professor of Law and former dean, served as panel moderator for “I Love My Job, But Working 24/7?”

“Is the Constitution’s Separation of Powers Breaking Down?” was the question posed to panelists and audience members in what was one of the weekend’s most widely attended panels. Moderated by Dean Harold Hongju Koh, the panel included Bruce Ackerman ’67, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science; Steven G. Calabresi ’63, Professor of Law, Northwestern; Pamela S. Karlan ’84, Sidley Austin–Robert D. McLean ’70 Visiting Professor of Law; and Norman Ornstein, Resident Scholar, The American Enterprise Institute.
Informal Activities

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Classes created their own agendas on Saturday afternoon.

The Class of 1976 ventured to nearby "New Haven Reads" to volunteer for an afternoon of service.

The Class of 1956 gathered for a symposium on "Guantanamo Detainees: Breakdown of the Separation of Powers?"

The Class of 1991 met for a panel presentation by John Hueston ’91 on "The Enigma of Ken Lay: The Inside Story of the Investigation, Trial, and Aftermath."

Class receptions and dinners were held at restaurants throughout New Haven. Six Angry Men, the Law School’s newest a cappella group, sang at several of the dinners.
Sunday brunches hosted by faculty members and graduates gave another opportunity to visit with classmates.

The class of 2001 gathered in the courtyard for some outdoor game playing and mingling.

Videos and photos of selected Alumni Weekend events are now available online at www.law.yale.edu/alumni/AlumniWeekend.htm

For those who were unable to return to New Haven this year, mark October 12–14, 2007, on your calendar for next year’s Alumni Weekend.