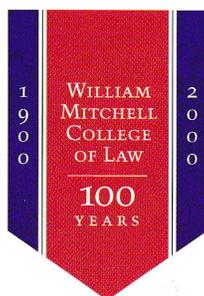


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Who Made a Difference



OPPORTUNITY, LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

4 Margaret A. Leary '73

'Trailblazer' develops next generation of law librarians

MARGARET LEARY has been affiliated with several top-notch schools, including Oberlin, Cornell, the University of Minnesota, the University of Michigan, and William Mitchell College of Law. It is the last that has influenced her most.

"Mitchell is what made the biggest difference in my life," she says. "It made me significantly different from other women of my generation, made it possible for me to get a law degree. It's what made it possible—if I am—to be a trailblazer."

For the record, Leary is indeed a trailblazer. In 1984, at the age of 41, she assumed directorship of the University of Michigan Law School library, becoming the first

After serving as assistant director and associate director, Leary became the first woman to head a library at one of the nation's top five law schools.

woman to head a library at one of the top five U.S. law schools. She took the post after serving 10 years as assistant director and associate director and after masterminding the design and construction of a

major addition to Michigan's law library. She has received—and turned down—an offer to head Yale's law library.

Was she crazy? Maybe. But for Leary, "work" means more than advancement on a scale of prestige or pay. She is committed not only to the law library but to the students and her community as well. Friends note that a point of pride for Leary is her role in developing the next generation of law librarians. She undertakes this mission formally, as a professor and employer, and informally, as a mentor and role model. She has also involved herself deeply in the Association of American Law Libraries for nearly two decades, taking on leadership roles from committee chair to president.

In addition to managing a world-class, multi-million-dollar library, Leary volunteers intensively with Habitat for Humanity and takes leadership positions in her community, such as a seat on the Ann Arbor Planning Commission. She serves on the board of trustees at William Mitchell, a role she relishes for the opportunity to give back to her favorite alma mater. *A.L.*



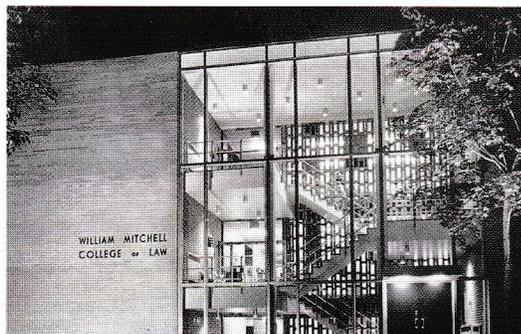
Margaret A. Leary

5 Jarvis C. Jones '85

Diverse career has lead quickly to MSBA presidency

JARVIS C. JONES has led a multi-faceted career. After graduating from William Mitchell, he worked in insurance litigation and health care law as staff counsel at United Health Care Corporation (1985–88). He also served as an associate at Fetterly & Gordon, practicing in products liability and fire litigation (1988–89), and he opened his own firm, Jarvis C. Jones Law Offices (1990–91), focusing on insurance litigation.

Today, Jones is regional vice president of e-business operations at the St. Paul Companies, where he has worked since 1991. "I am responsible for managing the Small Commercial Division's



William Mitchell's home from 1958 to 1976 was a building

at 2100 Summit Ave. in St. Paul, which later became the University of St. Thomas's McNeely Hall. ●

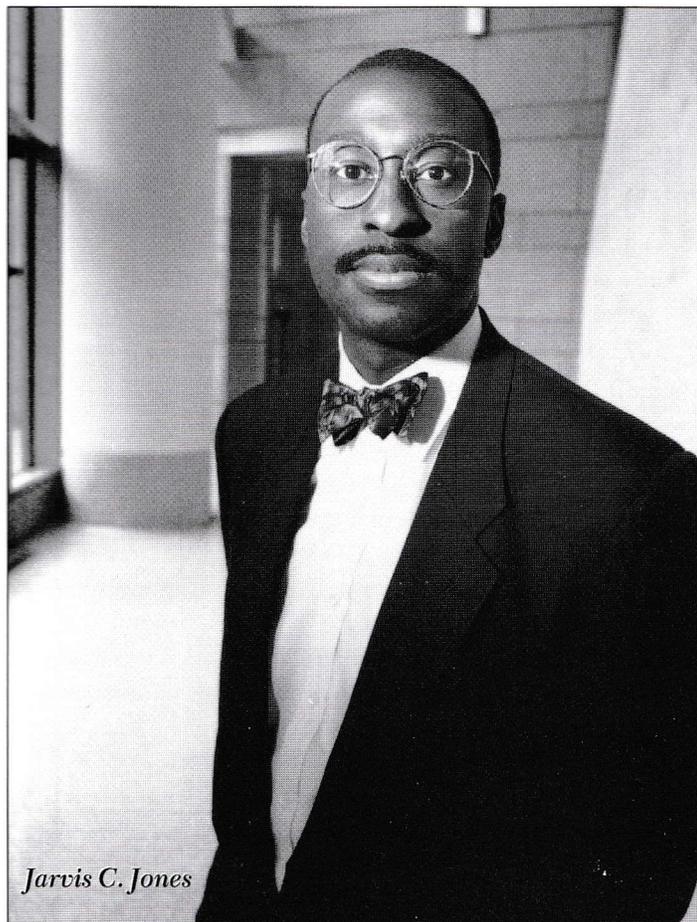
e-business operations," says Jones. "We are examining selling small business insurance directly online to small businesses by way of the Internet."

A graduate of St. Olaf College, Jones has served as a Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) executive committee member since 1995. He is president-elect of

Jones, a recent president of the Hennepin County Bar Association, is regional vice president of e-business at the St. Paul Companies.

MSBA and co-chairs its Pro Se (self representation) Implementation Committee. He is a past president of the Hennepin County Bar Association (1994-95) and is on the board of Twin Cities Public Television.

Jones has received such awards as the MSBA president's award (1996); the Hennepin County Bar Association president's recognition award (1995); and the community service award from the Minnesota Minority Lawyers Association (1990). He has written articles for *Hennepin Lawyer*; *Minnesota Journal of Law and Politics*; and contributed to the Hennepin County Bar Association Glass Ceiling Task Force Report. *J.K.*



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Brian E. Palmer '74

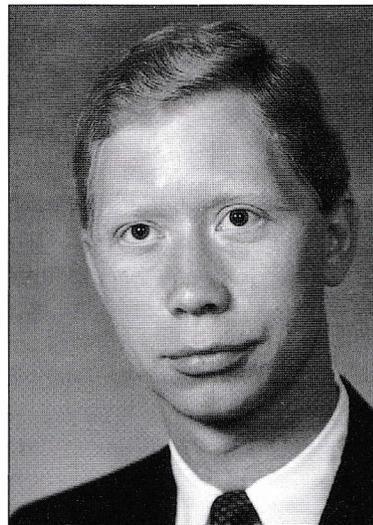
Active in law, community, and William Mitchell

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BRIAN E. PALMER has accomplished much since working days and attending William Mitchell at night for four years.

He is partner in one of Minnesota's largest law firms, a board member in several professional and community organizations, and an active supporter of William Mitchell.

Upon graduating from William Mitchell, Palmer worked as an assistant public defender for Hennepin County for four



Brian E. Palmer

years. He then moved on to Dorsey & Whitney. He has been a partner in the trial, regulatory, and technology group since 1983, and from 1995

to 1999 he headed the financial institutions practice group.

Palmer practices in the area of complex, multi-party civil litigation, including government regulatory matters, banking, directors and officers, and business fraud, and in the area of white-collar criminal and government regulatory investigations.

In addition to his law practice, Palmer is involved in several professional and civic organizations. He has served as chair of the board of the Dorsey & Whitney Foundation, as president of the board of the Legal Rights Center, and on the board and executive committee of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

A strong supporter of William Mitchell, Palmer serves on William Mitchell's board of trustees and its executive committee. He has volunteered for many William Mitchell programs and events, including co-chairing the Partners in Progress Annual Fund committee and his law-school class's 25th-reunion committee. *M.M.*

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