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Set for a New Century

Dean Kathleen M. Sullivan

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Leibovitz Book Includes Sullivan

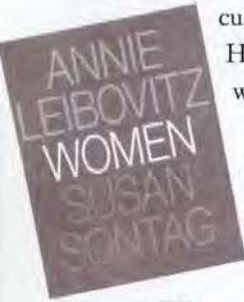
ANNIE LEIBOVITZ'S powerful portraits have been appearing on magazine covers for more than 25 years. Starting with her legendary work for *Rolling Stone*, and continuing through her longtime affiliation with *Vanity Fair* and *Vogue*, she has established herself as an astute observer of American culture. Her latest project, *Women* (Random House, 1999, 239 p., \$75) is a celebration of women at the end of the millennium.

Among the subjects in the book is Stanford Law School Dean Kathleen Sullivan. Sullivan appears on page 188, one of many portraits Leibovitz made of the new dean shortly after Sullivan's appointment last February.

Women includes 170 portraits, featuring both well-known subjects and an array of women from a broad spectrum of society. Factory workers, girl gangs, a choir in Harlem, cheerleaders, and show-girls appear alongside celebrities such as Hillary Clinton, Justices Sandra Day O'Connor '52 (AB '50) and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Maya Lin, Oprah Winfrey, Susan Sarandon, Toni Morrison, and Elizabeth Taylor.

The book also contains the first major essay from Susan Sontag in 10 years. Sontag discusses how much the idea of what a woman is has changed since the first photographs of women were made. "Each of these pictures must stand on its own," she writes. "But the ensemble says, so this is what women are now—as different, as varied, as heroic, as forlorn, as conventional, as unconventional as this."

"I'm moved by the sense of dignity these women have," Leibovitz said. "That's what I want to convey in this book."



HOLLYWOOD screenwriters Karen Lutz and Kirsten Smith visited the Law School in September to conduct research for a script they are adapting from the novel *Legally Blonde*, written by former Stanford Law student Amanda Brown. The writing duo, which last spring scored a hit with their screenplay for *Ten Things I Hate About You*, observed several classes and attended a number of first-year orientation events. The film project is in development at MGM.

TOP 100

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL Dean Kathleen Sullivan and Professor Joseph Grundfest were named to the *California Law Business Top 100*, a compilation of the most influential lawyers in California, according to the magazine.



Joseph Grundfest

Compiled from votes by lawyers throughout the state,

the Top 100 also included Stanford Law alumni Donald Chisum '68, Warren Christopher '49, Mary Cranston '64, Gordon Davidson '74, Ronald George '64, Melvin Goldman '63, Beth Jay '72, Craig Johnson '74, Terence O'Malley '75, John Place, Jr. '78, and Richard Welch '77.

Christopher and Grundfest were among the top 10 vote getters.

Professors Barbara Babcock and Deborah Rhode were among 50 lawyers given special recognition for having received "significant mention from their colleagues in the bar."

Fighting Hate Crimes

Former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher '49 is co-chairing a panel studying laws to fight hate groups in California. The panel also includes Dean Kathleen Sullivan. California Governor Gray Davis formed the panel following a shooting spree last summer by an avowed white supremacist at a Jewish day care center in Granada Hills. The panel will conduct a comprehensive study and prepare a report about laws relating to possible criminal or civil liability of hate groups, their leaders, and members.

Stanford Law School in the 20th Century

1900 Stanford one of 27 charter members of Association of American Law Schools



1901 First professional degree, LL.B., conferred upon James Taylor Burcham

1908 Trustees adopt resolution turning Law Department into Law School



Stanford Law School chapter of Order of the Coif established



1912

LEGAL EASE

Polinsky, Gilson, Black promote information sharing online

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL faculty have taken the entrepreneurial mindset indigenous to Silicon Valley and applied it to an initiative aimed at increasing access to legal research. The Legal Scholarship Network, consists of 37 electronic journals, including the working papers of such schools as Yale, Stanford, Chicago, Michigan, and Penn. LSN was conceived, developed and maintained at the Law School, and has become an influential resource, according to users of the service.

Founded by Charles J. Meyers Professor of Law and Business Ronald Gilson, Josephine Scott Crocker Professor of Law and Economics A. Mitchell Polinsky and Harvard Business School professor Michael Jensen, the Legal Scholarship Network makes working papers from scholars around the world available via the Internet. Subscribers regularly receive e-mail abstract journals describing new papers, with links to download sites and contact information about the author. The network is fully searchable.

More than 100,000 issues of electronic journals are delivered via e-mail each week, according to Gilson. Site licenses have been sold to 100-plus law schools, business schools, and law firms in the United States and abroad.

Professor of Law Bernard Black is managing director of the LSN, and several other Stanford faculty members—professors Joseph Bankman, Richard Craswell, Janet Halley, Richard Ford—in addition to Black, Gilson and Polinsky edit journals on the network.

LSN offers scholars quick and easy access to research that is fresh, says Black. Published research often doesn't

become available until a year or more after the original working paper appears, a lag that inhibits scholars' ability to stay current in their discipline. "A lot of what I read is in the working-paper stage," Black said. "I want to keep track of scholarship on the cutting edge, but if I wait until it's printed in a journal I'm operating with one eye closed."

Papers that otherwise would receive extremely limited circulation within academe now have a much broader audience, according to Gilson. "Working papers typically were passed around among a very small group of people, and if you weren't part of the group you didn't receive them," he said.

Scholars outside of that informal network now have a resource that levels the playing field, says Vic Goldberg, professor at Columbia Law School and a regular user of LSN. "This is tremendously important at small schools and particularly foreign schools," Goldberg said. "All of a sudden they have access to stuff they ordinarily would not be in the loop to see. Whereas previously they would have had to write for a copy, pay ten bucks, and wait several weeks for it to arrive, now they can simply download it from the network at a very low or



Clockwise from left to right:
Professors Ronald Gilson, Bernard Black, and Mitchell Polinsky

perhaps no cost and get it immediately."

Although Gilson sees electronic journals proliferating, he says they are not yet a substitute for print journals. The working papers on LSN are lightly refereed, but do not undergo the rigorous peer review that printed journals require. Plans are under way to develop a refereed electronic journal, and to broaden the reach of LSN. "Distribution of the LSN journals already is dramatically larger than any print journal," Gilson said.

1932

Depression forces faculty salary cut of 10 percent.

1943

World War II enlistments drop enrollment to 30 students.

1948

Law Review established, headed by future Secretary of State Warren Christopher '49



1950

University administration building remodeled to house Law School

ONWARD, UPWARD

Elias '72, named New Zealand chief justice



SIAN ELIAS, JSM '72, has become only the second woman in the world to ascend to the position of chief justice, named to New Zealand's highest judicial post in May.

Elias was a member of the Law Commission for five years, and has been involved in several of the country's most important cases. In 1988 she became one of the first two New Zealand women to be appointed Queen's Counsel. She joined the High Court in 1995, the second New Zealand woman to do so.

"Sian has had a spectacular legal career by any measure and her recent appointment represents a significant change in the character of the New Zealand judiciary," said Robert K. Paterson, JSM '72, a classmate and friend of Elias.

The Dominion, a leading New Zealand newspaper, applauded the appointment "... not because Justice Elias is a woman, though that is a milestone in itself, but because she is uniquely fitted to assume the role at this point in our history."

Noble '82 first American to head Interpol

RONALD K. NOBLE '82 has been appointed secretary general of Interpol, the international police organization, effective October 2000. A former federal prosecutor and currently a law professor at NYU, Noble will be the first American to hold the top Interpol post. He served as Undersecretary of the Treasury from 1993 to 1996, a turbulent period that included a lethal confrontation between federal agents and members of the Branch Davidian religious sect in Waco, Texas, and the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. Noble's report on the agency's handling of the Waco event led to the departure of several high-ranking Treasury officials.



Downing '79 is new publisher of L.A. Times



KATHRYN M. DOWNING '79 in June was named publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*, the first woman to head the publication in its 118-year history.

Downing's appointment, a little more than a year after she was named president and chief executive officer of the *Times*, makes her one of the most powerful women in the newspaper industry. At age 46, she joins a handful of women to hold the top post at a major U.S. newspaper; others include Katharine Graham, former publisher of *The Washington Post*, and Cathleen Black, former publisher of *USA Today*.

The *Times*, with a circulation of more than one million, is the nation's largest metropolitan daily and has the fourth-largest subscriber base among all newspapers. It has won three Pulitzer Prizes in the past two years.

Craswell, Karlan, Kelman in New Posts

DEAN KATHLEEN SULLIVAN announced the appointment of three faculty members as academic associate deans this fall.

Professor of Law Richard Craswell will focus on supporting and promoting faculty research, Professor of Law Pamela Karlan will work with student affairs and help develop programs to enrich the intellectual life of students at the Law School, and William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law Mark Kelman will help plan and review curriculum.

Craswell, who joined the Stanford faculty in 1998, has taught at the University of Chicago, University of Southern California, Georgetown, and Yale. He teaches contracts and secured transactions.

Karlan has been at Stanford since 1998. A visiting professor at both Harvard and Yale during her 10-year tenure at the University of Virginia, she formerly was assistant counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Her principal teaching subjects are civil procedure, civil rights litigation, and criminal procedure.

Kelman, who earlier served for three years as academic coordinator at Stanford Law School, has been a member of the Stanford faculty since 1977. He teaches criminal law, property, and antidiscrimination law.



NICOLE BERGIVENO/NY TIMES

Stanford Law School in the 20th Century

1952

Graduating class includes future Supreme Court justices Rehnquist and Day O'Connor



Barbara Babcock first woman faculty member; William Gould first faculty member of color

1975

President Gerald Ford dedicates opening of Crown Quadrangle



Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first woman named to U.S. Supreme Court

William H. Rehnquist appointed Chief Justice of the U.S.

1972

1981

1986



Law School graduation was held May 16, several weeks before University commencement.

A GRADUATION ALL THEIR OWN

For the first time in its history, the Law School last May conducted formal graduation exercises prior to the University-wide event in June.

The decision to move Law School graduation to the weekend following final exams was authorized by Stanford President Gerhard Casper in response to students' requests. The schedule change ensured that law students no longer had to wait several weeks for commencement because of the differing academic calendars of the Law School, which ends classes in mid-May, and the University, which concludes study in mid-June.

Professor George Fisher, selected by the Class of '99 to receive the John Bingham Hurlbut Award for Excellence in Teaching, gave the commencement address.

STEVE GLADFELTER

NEWS & NOTES

DEBORAH RHODE,
ERNEST W. MCFARLAND

Professor of Law and immediate past president of the Association of American Law Schools, received a Pro Bono Publico Award from the American Bar Association for her pro bono and public service efforts. Rhode made pro bono a priority during her term as AALS president, writing and speaking often about the need for law schools to focus on their public service commitment. She appointed a commission to study and recommend ways that law schools could expand pro bono activities, and helped obtain grants to provide funding for implementing the panel's suggestions. As a result of those initiatives, AALS created a new section on public service and established two new staff positions as a resource for law schools that are creating or expanding pro bono programs.

JOHN MERRYMAN, NELSON BOWMAN SWEITZER AND MARIE B. SWEITZER Professor of Law, Emeritus, was awarded an honorary doctorate on October 15 by the University of Rome Tor Vergata in recognition of his contribution to Italian legal thought. Merryman's treatise "The Italian Style," written 35 years ago, in-

fluenced a generation of legal scholars in Italy.

Merryman, who also translated the Italian civil code into English, taught at Tor Vergata in 1963-64. The university earlier had hosted a scholarly conference in Merryman's honor.

ADELBERT H. SWEET PROFESSOR OF LAW MIGUEL MÉNDEZ was named a distinguished alumnus by Texas Southmost College and the University of Texas at Brownsville in recognition of his scholarly contributions in the fields of evidence and criminal law, and for his commitment to public interest law. Méndez worked as a lawyer for the Mexican American Legal and Education Fund, the California Rural Legal Assistance, and the office of the Monterey County Public Defender, and wrote an amendment to the Equal Rights Amendment while serving as a legislative assistant to California Sen. Alan Cranston. He will give the address at winter commencement exercises later this year at the university, his undergraduate alma mater.

Associate Deans Named—DEAN KATHLEEN SULLIVAN this fall announced the promotions of three

administrators to associate dean.

FAYE DEAL was named associate dean for admissions and financial aid. A 1982 graduate of Occidental College, Deal has been director of admissions and financial aid at the Law School since 1994. Prior to that she was assistant registrar and associate registrar at SLS, and worked three years as a preschool teacher.

SUSAN LIAUTAUD was promoted to associate dean of graduate and international studies. Since February 1998 Liautaud had been director of the Law School's Transnational Business Law Program. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford and a J.D. from Columbia School of Law. From 1989 to 1997, Liautaud was a lawyer with Sullivan & Cromwell, working primarily in Paris.

SUSAN C. ROBINSON is now associate dean of career services, after working since 1997 as associate director in that office. Before coming to Stanford Law School, Robinson was an associate for Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe in Palo Alto and at Farella, Braun & Martel in San Francisco. She earned her undergraduate degree at Wellesley College and a J.D. from Columbia School of Law.

1989 Loma Prieta earthquake damages Law School



1992 Mikhail Gorbachev delivers "Rule of Law" lecture



Five-year, \$50-million fund drive launched; raises more than \$100 million



Kathleen Sullivan, first woman to head Law School, succeeds Paul Brest as dean

1995

1999