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Mass., has been appointed by the Sandwich Board of Selectmen to the Charter Review Committee. "Every five years, the volunteer citizens committee updates and refreshes this Cape Cod town's basic governing instrument," he writes.

JACOB HEN-TOV LL.M. received the Superior Civilian Service Award last year from the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies for 30 years of sustained excellence as a professor of history and government (Eurasian studies). After writing his book "Communism and Zionism in Palestine during the British Mandate" (Transaction Pub-

lishers, 2012), with a preface by the late Isaiah Friedman, he is now in the process of preparing his next book, "The Palestinian Jewry in Support of the Soviet Union: The Story of the League V 1941-1946" (forthcoming this fall).

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1961 WILLIAM BLUNT, author of numerous short stories, has now written his debut novel, "A Dangerous Marriage" (iUniverse, 2012). He writes: "[The book] has earned a 5 Star Customer Review Rating on Amazon.com. It is a romantic suspense story (not a 'romance novel') told from the point of view of a

woman in her late 20s. Among other things, it delves into the world of securities fraud and its consequences." Blunt is a former assistant secretary of commerce and lives in Texas.

JEROME J. COHEN has joined the executive compensation practice at McCarter & English in New York City as special counsel. He advises publicly and privately held companies on tax and other legal aspects of their compensation programs. He was formerly of counsel at the Bachelder Law Firm.

In the fall, **R. DOBIE LANGENKAMP**, of Langenkamp & Associates in Tulsa, Okla., wrote that he had just returned from Luanda, Angola, where he had lectured on international petroleum transactions at Agostinho Neto University Law School. A former professor at Tulsa University College of Law and deputy assistant secretary of energy in the Carter and Clinton administrations, Langenkamp has consulted or lectured on international petroleum matters in Argentina, Egypt, Ghana, Uganda, Iraq, Kazakhstan, and Sao Tome and Principe.

BOB O'NEIL has written "Updating Board Bylaws: A Guide for Colleges and Universities" (AGB Press), which was released by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges early this year. An AGB senior fellow, O'Neil is a former professor of law and former president of the University of Wisconsin System and the University of Virginia.

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1962 JAMES C. FREUND's 10th book, "Anatomy of a Mediation," was published last fall. After many years negotiating M&A and other business deals earlier in his career, he has more recently been using his mediator skills to resolve disputes, especially "dollar disputes over hotly contested issues." In the book, he describes his distinctive problem-solving approach in detail and shows step by step how it could be applied in a range of situations. In January, Freund spoke on Fox's "Good Day New York" about the book.

MICHAEL H. TROTTER, a partner at Taylor English Duma in Atlanta, has written "Declining Prospects: How Extraordinary Competition and Compensation Are Changing America's Major Law Firms" (CreateSpace, 2012). Focusing on firms providing legal services to major business

FRIENDS IN DEED

➤ *Reading the law out loud*

BACK BEFORE STUDENTS could get all their readings in a digital format and listen to them on their computers, **JOSEPH F. NOCCA '55**, legally blind since childhood, found his own way to get through his law school assignments. A friend of his from college who had also enrolled at

Harvard Law, **ARTHUR J. GREENBAUM '55**, offered to take the same classes as Nocca and read all the material to him aloud.

For several hours each day, the two would sit in the living room of their dorm and Nocca would listen to Greenbaum read. As Nocca recalls: "Reading at a conversational pace takes quite a bit of time and patience. He was a gem, an absolute gem." Greenbaum says that he benefited from the arrangement as well. "Joe's a very smart guy, so if I didn't understand something, we could talk about it, and figure out the theory of law together. We would stop the reading to discuss it—you learn it better that way."

After graduation, Nocca founded his own practice in Yonkers, N.Y., focusing on trust and estate law. By that time, a kind of specialty glasses had been invented that magnified text without making it blurry—so he could read his own cases, albeit slowly. In 1989, he was elected a judge in the criminal division of the Yonkers City Court. There, "[i]t was a breeze," he says. Two legal secretaries would read his cases to him, and he would dictate his decisions.

Greenbaum eventually became a partner and trademark law expert at the firm Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman in New York City. Now retired, he and Nocca are still friends, and they still think back to their unusual working relationship at HLS. "It was an adventure," says Greenbaum. —KATIE BACON



clients, the book also addresses the growing importance of corporate law departments, covering the period from 1996 to the present day. Rather than major firm lawyers and their firms continuing to be at the apex of the profession, Trotter says in the book, corporate general counsel now serve as the conductors of their own legal orchestras and have gained significant influence over the profession. He is also the author of "Profit and the Practice of Law: What's Happened to the Legal Profession," which covered the period 1960 to 1995. In 2012, Trotter talked about "Declining Prospects" in a New York Times DealBook story and discussed the downfall of one of the world's largest law firms, Dewey & LeBoeuf, in DealBook and Businessweek.

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→ 50th Reunion Oct. 25-27, 2013

Last year, **RICHARD K. BLANKSTEIN** was elected chair of the board of Lasell College in Newton, Mass., for a two-year term. He joined the board in 2008 and previously served as chair of both its committee on trustees and its institutional advancement

committee. A founding partner of the Boston law firm of Posternak Blankstein & Lund, he is a lecturer on legal topics related to real estate development, environmental law, commercial leasing, software licensing, transitioning ownership in family-owned and closely held businesses, and multijurisdictional practice, and he is currently an adjunct faculty member at Boston University School of Law. He has lived in Newton for more than 40 years, and he and his wife, Beth, have two children and three grandchildren.

PETER WINOGRAD was the first recipient of the Distinguished Service Award given last November by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which reviews and awards accreditation status to educational programs leading to the M.D. degree in the United States and Canada. He has been a public member on the LCME since 2007. Winograd is associate dean and emeritus professor of law at the University of New Mexico and has done extensive work focused on improving the law school accreditation process. A member of the board of governors of the ABA, he represents its section of legal edu-

cation and admissions to the bar.

1965 MEREDITH MASON BROWN has collected a series of American artifacts—from the Western novel Dwight Eisenhower was reading while waiting to begin the Normandy Invasion to a letter from George Washington explaining why he would not be able to attend the Constitutional Convention. In his latest book, "Touching America's History: From the Pequot through WWII," published by Indiana University Press, Brown explores the birth and shaping of our nation through these objects and their stories.

MICHAEL M. HORN writes: "I continue to serve as chair of the board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and was recently elected as chair of the Committee of the Council of the 12 Federal Home Loan banks. I continue to practice as a partner in the Newark-based firm of McCarter & English along with **DAN POLLACK**."

1967 JOHN C. "CHIP" GRAY was honored by Legal Services NYC and its supporters and community partners for his longtime dedication to



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A PROMISE KEPT → *Paying it forward*

"Even though it is 10 years since **ARNOLD LEVY '35** died, I think about him from time to time," writes **EUGENE R. FIDELL '68**. "We were neither colleagues nor neighbors, but he was the friend of my friend **STEPHEN R. KROLL '71** and a law partner of Steve's father, **MILTON P. KROLL '37** (who himself passed away recently).

"In 1983, I was making a career change, and Milton suggested that I pay a call on Arnold. He'd had a distinguished career in Washington, D.C., hold-

ing important positions on the Hill, at the SEC, and at the Justice and Interior Departments before entering private practice. The purpose was not to interview for a job, but simply to help me clarify my goals. Arnold rose to the occasion and invited me to come over to his office at Freedman, Levy, Kroll & Simonds. We spent an hour or so together, but before getting to the matter at hand, Arnold extracted a promise from me: I was to do for others what he was doing for me. (At the time

I did not know that there is a term for this—'pay it forward'—something I learned only recently from Steve Kroll.) The conversation proceeded, did indeed help clarify my thinking, and within a month or two I was happily working at the firm now known as Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell, where I have become of counsel.

"Over the years, I've been consulted from time to time by younger lawyers facing the same career crossroads Arnold helped me navigate.

Every time, I begin by telling the story of my meeting with Arnold and the promise he extracted from me—and I proceed to extract the same promise from them. I imagine they've followed through. I pass this anecdote along not only as a way of honoring Arnold, but, more practically, as a way of encouraging others who have reached the senior ranks of the profession to do the same thing. Remember Arnold, mentor the young and urge them, as he did, to *pay it forward*."