Mary Wong '89 sends snowy greetings from New Hampshire, USA, where she is a Professor of Law at the Franklin Pierce Law Center. This move marks a return to the US for Mary where she was Special Counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP, New York from 1998 to 2002. “This time, however, I’m not counselling dotcom and hi-tech clients in the big city; now I live in a picturesque New England town, complete with a Main Street, an old State House, and yes, a friendly community where ‘everybody knows your name’! It’s been quite a change for me, moving from the concrete jungle to a state known for its mountains, fall foliage and the slogan “Live Free or Die”; which, by the way, also means we don’t pay any sales or state income tax!”

Previously, Mary was an Assoc Prof of Law at the Singapore Management University. “I feel that I’ve been extremely fortunate in all the professional opportunities I’ve had. I started my career at the NUS law faculty, got a chance to build a technology practice in the US at the height of the “dotcom boom”, then got a totally different opportunity to build a brand-new school in Singapore, and now I’m back in the US! I joined Pierce Law because it’s known for the number and diversity of its international graduate students – including some from Singapore! – and its intellectual property programs are ranked #6 in the US, which is nice since I specialize in copyright and cyberlaw!”

Mary would like her colleagues, classmates, friends and their families to know that they should get in touch with her if they are planning a trip to the US East Coast. “New England is beautiful at most times of year, whether in the fall when all the leaves turn golden, or in the summer when you can overindulge in lobsters from Maine, so look me up on the Pierce Law website (http://www.piercelaw.edu) and come visit any time!”

Assoc Prof Lai Lai Thong ’92 welcomed her gift from the stork on Christmas Eve, Baby Emmanuel.

To celebrate a final hurrah at the Moot Court, all alumni from the Class of ’92, block the date! 5 May 2006 and drop an email to lawclassof92@gmail.com.

Jennifer Chih ’95 who recently celebrated her 10th year reunion with her class reports that she got married in September 2005 and is now the proud mother of Ryan Patrick “a short overweight young man” Jennifer is a lawyer with Deacons in Singapore and her husband Michael is a writer who is currently producing his third novel. “We spend lots of cozy evenings at home with The Son and dream of the day when he will wake up at 3 a.m. and make his own milk.”

Fellow classmate Leonard Loo ’95 writes to say “I am currently managing my law firm of M/s Leonard Loo & Co since July 2002. I am very pleased that Law School, NUS provided me with a very good foundation in law in legal analysis. Often, my clients praise me for my insightful handling of their cases.”

Jack Lee ’95 sends his greetings from the University of Birmingham where he is pursuing a PhD in law. “I am examining approaches to interpreting written bills of rights. The PhD process is interesting but sometimes I wonder what I’ve got myself into! If things go according to plan I will be here for three years. Some people make faces when they hear that I’m in Birmingham, but it’s not the industrial wasteland that it used to be. There are many cultural and leisure activities to get involved in - not to mention the Bullring, a new 160-outlet shopping centre in the city centre. In any case, London is a two-hour train ride (or a three-hour coach trip) away...”
Lynn Lee ’96 completed filming of documentary feature PASSABE, two long, intense years after she threw caution to the wind and headed for remote East Timor. PASSABE was written, directed and produced by Lynn Lee and James Leong. They spent extensive periods interacting with the key characters in their film, winning their trust, and ultimately, telling their stories. The result is an intimate look into the lives of a people trying to rebuild their way of life after decades of unrest, and a rare account of how communities must learn to find peace at the end of a war. Find out more at www.passabe.com

Farhana Ahmed Sharmeen ’96 reports that she is still in practice and mom to 2 kids!

Siew Kum Hong ’00 has escaped big firm life and started up boutique practice Keystone Law Corporation with fellow directors Bryan Tan ’96 and Chin Sing Ping ’96 and associate director Tan Min-Liang ’01. He says, "There is nothing quite like being your own boss to motivate you to work harder, jump higher and respond faster! But at the end of the day, it's so much more rewarding."

Cheng Shing Chow ’01 and Magdalene Ho ’01 are pleased to inform that they have left practice for the recruitment industry, and are happily married, settled & living in Hong Kong, where both are employed by the Recruit Express Group. For Shing Chow, this marks his second chapter with the company - after leaving Jones Day in 2003, he started Recruit Legal and now continues to oversee that as part of his duties as General Manager of Recruit Express Hong Kong.

Veraday Poh ’01 and Daryl Ong ’01 were married in October 2005 and travelled to Hawaii for their honeymoon, which, as of the date of print, appears a distant and fading memory thanks to their remaining in practice (in their respective jobs in Jones Day and Yeo Wee Kiong Law Corporation).

If a picture speaks a thousand words, then Loh Wal Yue ’01 is certainly a happily married man.

Karl Henrik Ostberg Exe ’02 is grateful to NUS for accepting him as an exchange student, "It really made a great difference for me and also gave an important insight into a region that is rapidly growing in many ways. If there are any Singaporeans passing by Sweden, let me know so I can show you around." Karl was a Research assistant for Jean Monet Professor Carl Michael von Quitzow at Lund university, Sweden and then worked as an Agent at the Swedish Enforcement agency (part of the Swedish Tax authority). He is currently pursuing a clerkship at a district court for the next 2 to 5 years.

Dean Cher Kai Siong ’03 married classmate Valerie Oh ’03 in July 2005 and had their honeymoon in a rather unusual location – Alaska!

Lee Shan-Shan Sandra ’03 is currently on a 6 month secondment from WongPartnership to Clifford Chance, Hong Kong.

Ho Hsi Ming, Shawn ’03 would like to express his gratitude to his NUS tutors, especially A/P Beckman, Gary Bell & Tang Hang Wu ’95 for their invaluable guidance. Shawn is currently doing his LLM at Cambridge University, courtesy of a British Government (Chevening) Scholarship. He recently married his primary school sweetheart, Jelena. She is currently working in London (Contact Singapore).

Sara Lee D. San Jose LLM ’05 has moved from Philippines to Singapore and is now working as a Foreign Legal Advisor with Kelvin Chia Partnership.
Dr Heiko H Lehmkuhl LLM '05 is a Partner at von Trott Lamme law firm in Berlin, Germany, doing mainly international corporate and real estate investment law as well as international arbitration.

Tea Han Guat LLM '05 clearly misses student life at the Law School “I will never forget my days in NUS, it was really enjoyable to have this golden opportunity to upgrade myself in this reputable campus.”

David Nefouse Exc '05 who was at the Faculty on exchange from Duke University, writes from Paducah where he is now clerking for a United States District Court Judge after completing his California Bar Exam. The clerkship keeps him busy with memos due, trials to attend and listen in on, pretrial conferences etc. One of the essays he wrote while at NUS, will be published in a law journal at Cardozo Law School in New York City. He was also recently asked to present the article at a conference at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. “I owe it all (or a good amount of it) to NUS!” Also starting this semester he will be an Adjunct Professor of Law at American Justice Law School teaching Legal Research and Writing to 1st Year Law Students. “I will always look back at my final semester of University here at NUS Law knowing that I had a complete study abroad experience and definitely saved the best for last.”

The memory of his exchange from Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany left a lasting impression on Vincent Stier Exc '05 who vividly recalls his trips to visit all the other amazing places around including a trip to Borneo to see the Orang-Utans in Sepilok, the giant turtles on the Turtle Islands and to climb up Mount Kinabalu. Not forgetting Hong Kong, Bangkok, Siem Reap’s Angkor Way, KL and Cameron Highlands. “But coming back from those trips to Singapore somehow always felt like coming home to me.” Vincent hopes to return someday to do his Masters at the Faculty. It sounds like Vincent visited more places in the region than many Singaporeans!

Our exchange students sure have had a fabulous time at NUS! Bringing home fond memories are Dong Lipel Exc '05 who returned to China after an enjoyable time at the “family-like faculty” at NUS. Xie Lin Exc '05 from Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou hopes to return to do an LLM at NUS. Liu Yi Ran Exc '05 has (reluctantly?) returned to Canberra to complete her law degree. We hope to see them again in the near future.

Matthew Brian Peckham Exc '05 writes, “My semester on exchange at NUS was the finale of my five year Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne, and a great way to finish. I’m now off back home to Australia to start my Articles of Clerkship in 2006 with Maddocks Lawyers, a national firm based in Melbourne, and one year away from becoming a full qualified lawyer.”

Paula Phil Shy Fong Exc '05 has decided to pursue an alternative career to Law and has embarked on a career as a Management/Strategy Consultant with The Boston Consulting Group at their Melbourne office. She hopes that her work will bring her back to visit Singapore in the near future!

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