

Westling

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Westling is survived by his wife, Letty Morgan, his father, a sister, and two children, Erika and Todd.

Eliza Schmidkunz, the assistant

director of communications at the law school, said a public memorial service will be held sometime soon. Strickland described the upcoming service as a "celebration of life." He added that it will take place at the law school and is tentatively planned for Sept. 5, al-

though he and other faculty will meet to set a final date this week.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holt International Children's Services or the YMCA. For more information, contact Westling's secretary, Debbie Thurman, at 346-3821.

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that still inspires much of his work today began long before that, while he was a child growing up in inner-city Portland.

He grew up in a poor family supported by welfare, but even as a student he knew that someday he would be successful.

"I had a dream and a vision of where I wanted to go," he said. "And I worked hard to get there."

He founded the Timber Investment Firm, a Portland-based company that raises money from pension firms to acquire forests for long-term investments.

Since then, the company he started has grown into a \$2 billion corporation.

And as a successful businessman, Campbell said he believes he has an obligation to give back to the community — especially children growing up in situations similar to his own childhood.

"If you're fortunate to have resources, you're called to share them," he said.

He has founded four organizations serving children, including a mentor program aimed at helping children who are at most at risk in society. Called Friends of the Children, the program is unique because the mentors involved are paid professionals who are paired with children in the first grade and stay with them through high school, he said. By next year, the program will serve nearly 500 chil-

dren in nine cities nationwide.

The first children to participate are now sophomores in high school, and with nearly all of them still in school, Campbell considers the program a success. Knowing that he has made a difference in their lives gives him a sense of fulfillment as well, he said.

"It's a wonderful thing to help these children," he said. "It fills part of your soul."

Attorney Holly Smith also works with people to share resources, but energy is the resource she helps to distribute.

Smith, who graduated in 1999, originally went to work for the Washington, D.C., office of Davis Wright Tremaine, which represents, among other large corporations, Starbucks and Rolling Stone Magazine, as a telecommunications lawyer.

But when concerns about an impending U.S. energy crisis began heating up, the firm began adding more lawyers to handle new energy accounts. The firm represents many independent power producers in order to help them sell their product on the wholesale market.

Smith, one of those asked to join the group, said while the move was unexpected, energy law is an exciting field to be in, and an important one because the work her firm and others are doing allows more power sources to be made available to those who need them.

The field is also receiving national attention. Last week, Smith's law firm was featured in a Wall Street Journal article on the grow-

ing energy law practice.

And while Smith hopes to return to telecommunications law in the future, she said her experience shows the need for law school graduates to be ready for whatever direction their career may take them.

"I never thought I'd be an energy lawyer," she said. "But now I am."

Being transferred to another department is one thing that Sugahara doesn't need to worry about. As the co-founder of the computer software company Counterclaim, an electronic filing service for courts and law firms, Sugahara is his own boss.

Sugahara and classmate Shogun Naidoo began the business in 1999, while Sugahara was still in law school. And as with any new business, he said, there were constant concerns over whether they were going to make it.

"At first it's always difficult, because you're wondering, 'Am I going to make money, am I going to eat?'" he said.

Even more than that, he said, he worried that they might not have the money to pay their employees.

But unlike other technology firms, Sugahara said, Counterclaim has not been hurt by the downturn in the economy because the legal system is no less busy than it was before.

And despite the risks, Sugahara said, he's glad to be in a position where he's in charge of his future.

"There's a lot of ups and downs," he said. "But the thing about it is, you have control over what you do."



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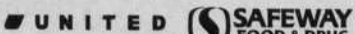
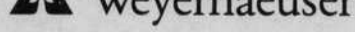
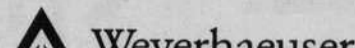
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