

Jim McManis '67: Longtime Alumni Leader

Jim McManis '67 has a long history of distinguished service to Boalt Hall, its alumni, and students. He is currently the president of the Boalt Hall Alumni Association for 2009–2010. He previously served as leader of the 2007 Boalt Hall Class Reunion Campaign and as the inaugural chair of the Boalt Hall Fund for 2005–06, as well as chair of the Dean's Society. "It's been an honor and a pleasure serving as the president of the Alumni Association," he says. "It allows me the opportunity to give back to the school that has given me so much."

Earlier this year, Jim was awarded the Trustees' Citation for his involvement in Boalt's fundraising success. While chair of the 2007 Class Reunion Campaign, he helped raise a record-setting \$6.7 million in gifts and pledges.

Jim is a founding partner at McManis Faulkner and represents Silicon Valley companies in commercial, trade secret, and intellectual property issues. He has been recognized as a Northern California Super

Lawyer and listed in The Best Lawyers in America for ten consecutive years, in both business litigation and criminal defense.

Jim is also a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the American Bar Foundation. American membership in the International Academy is limited to the top 500 trial lawyers in the United States. Members of both the Academy and the College are regarded as the premier trial lawyers in the United States. Admission to the American Bar Foundation is by invitation only.

Jim definitely loves his work: He has been a member of the trial bar for over 40 years, and he continues to try cases. His goal, he says, is "never to retire."

But he still finds time to actively support Boalt. "I enjoy working with the board of directors and continuing the Association's goals, including my personal favorite: fostering strong relationships among the alumni and the students, the lawyers of the future."



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