



# RICE ALUMNI

## Alumni Information Sheet

### Areas of Volunteer Interest

(check all that apply)

- ☒ ARA Board
- ☒ ARA Committees
- ☒ Homecoming/Reunion
- ☒ Regional Groups

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### DEGREES EARNED

Institution	Degree	Year
Rice Univ.	B.A.	1976
Univ. of Tex. School of Law	J.D.	1983

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Name of Spouse: (if applicable) Karen Sosland

**For ARA Board applicants:** I have read the ARA Board Member Responsibilities and understand that as an ARA Board member I would be required to fulfill all responsibilities as described, including giving every year to the Rice Annual Fund in accordance with my means. ☒ I agree.

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Briefly describe your occupation or business: I am a partner in Weil's Business Finance & Restructuring department and head that practice group in the Firm's Dallas office. Weil is an international law firm headquartered in New York and is generally recognized as having the preeminent bankruptcy and restructuring practice in the country. A summary of my professional experience may be found at <http://www.weil.com/martinsosland/>

Tell us about your student activities at Rice: Many and varied. Lovett College Central Committee, Secretary and Outstanding Senior; SA Internal Affairs VP; Rugby Club; TexPIRG; Rice Democratic Caucus; intramural and college sports. To the best of my recollection, I also attended classes, studied, learned about wine, drank beer, authored a published literary essay on Camus and coauthored an article on the evolution of mitochondrial DNA in fruit flies.

How have you been involved with Rice since graduation? In the late '70s and early to mid 80s, I was actively involved in Rice Alumni in Dallas, including serving as president, and as an alumni interviewer in Dallas and Austin for the admissions office. Then for about a dozen years I focused my time on career and family and other local organizations, and my involvement was largely limited to giving to the annual fund and attending reunions and occasional athletic events. About ten years ago I reengaged with Rice and since then have been more involved with alumni in Dallas, served on a reunion gift committee, and have participated to a limited extent in the Centennial Campaign. I have also frequently visited the campus for several Alumni Colleges, a Leadership Conference, homecoming and reunions, several lectures, and just to visit my son Marshall (Brown '08).

Are you involved with other community or professional groups? Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas: Co-chair of Overseas Committee; Attorneys Division Advisory Council. Congregation Shearith Israel: co-chair of a current capital campaign. Jewish Community Center of Dallas: former board member and member of executive committee. Master, John C. Ford American Inn of Court. Member of the Dallas and American Bar Associations and American Bankruptcy Institute.

**OPTIONAL PERSONAL STATEMENT** *(recommended for board candidates)*

Rice was an outstanding school when I matriculated in 1971. It is where I learned to think and write and lead. At Rice I made lifelong friends and grew in ways I could not have imagined before I arrived on campus. Although one might assume the law degree I received from Texas is the sine qua non of the career I have enjoyed, my legal education could have been duplicated at a dozen other schools. Rice, however, is unique.

There is no doubt in my mind that my Rice education, in and out of the classroom, is the foundation upon which my successes in law school, career and life have been built. And so I would like to give back.

As fine an institution as Rice was when I graduated, it was not as great a university as that my son Marshall graduated from--Rice in 2008.

Research awards and Nobel laureates aside, the undergraduate experience on campus is astoundingly rich. The residential college experience is more robust, academic opportunities are more diverse -- as is the student body -- and integration with Houston beyond the hedges is real.

And so it is not surprising that I observe in my son and his friends and in other recent alumni a buzz and excitement about Rice that continues beyond commencement.

If selected to serve on the ARA board, I would devote my efforts to advancing the strategic plan of the ARA. In particular, I believe I can serve effectively as a conduit to help transfer the excitement and enthusiasm of current students and young alumni to the alumni of my generation, including those who may not have visited the campus in some time. And I would help communicate to current students and young alumni the importance of stewardship as practiced by the best of my and earlier generations of alumni.

It is an honor to be considered for the ARA board, and it would be a privilege to serve.

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