Mr. Schatt joined the newspaper in 1962 as a copy boy while earning a degree in English and political science from Arizona State University. During a career that spanned five decades, he served as city hall reporter, columnist, urban affairs editor, metro editor, magazine editor, associate editor and editorial page editor.

He also taught Reporting Public Affairs at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication for more than 30 years, starting in 1975.

In the classroom and in the newsroom, Mr. Schatt always was a teacher, mentoring aspiring young journalists and igniting in them his infectious love of journalism and passion for in-depth and ethical coverage of the most important issues in the community.

“Paul was committed to making a difference in the community he lived in and the profession that he loved so much,” said his widow, Laura Schatt, who created the lectures series with a generous endowment to the school following his death in November 2005. “The Paul J. Schatt Lecture Series will ensure that Paul’s passion for the pursuit of truth and freedom of information will live on.”

The lecture series features prominent journalists exploring topics that were most important to Schatt – coverage of political leaders and governmental institutions, investigative reporting, journalism ethics and freedom of the press. The first Schatt lecture was held in March 2007, and will continue to be held each spring.

CATHERINE ANAYA is a three-time Emmy Award-winning journalist who anchors the nightly newscasts at KPHO, the CBS affiliate in Phoenix. She is a regular contributor to Latino Perspectives Magazine and previously wrote an award-winning monthly parenting column for Los Angeles Magazine.

SUSAN GREEN is the Peabody Award-winning broadcast director of the Cronkite News Service at the Cronkite School. She was previously managing editor at KNOX in Phoenix and held executive producer positions at KPNX in Phoenix, at WUSA in Washington, D.C., and WABC in New York City.

ELLEN SOETEBER is an award-winning journalist and former top editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch who is now the Edith Kinney Gaylord Visiting Professor in Journalism at the Cronkite School. She is the only woman to hold the top editing position at the Post-Dispatch in its 129-year history.

JULIA WALLACE is the first female editor of The Atlanta Journal Constitution, the paper at which she started as an intern 25 years ago. She was previously managing editor of The Arizona Republic and has worked at USA Today, the Chicago Sun-Times and the Salem (Ore.) Statesman-Journal.

KRISTIN GILGER, assistant dean, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication

ATHIA HARDT is the owner of Hardt & Associates public relations firm in Phoenix. She was a key adviser to former Gov. Bruce Babbitt and the first woman press secretary in Arizona.

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