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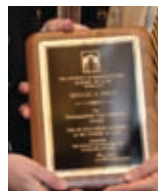
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Exciting Times

It's been a wonderfully hectic spring at the School of Law

Having just taught my last civil procedure class of the semester, it's hard to believe that another has ended. Final examinations aren't fun for either students or faculty, but they remain an essential way in which we measure student progress and success. By expecting students to achieve in our classrooms and at exam time, we also insure many future successes for our lawyers-in-training.

The hard and creative work of students and faculty alike is illustrated by our graduates' recent success on the Missouri Bar Examination. Over the last four years, first-time Mizzou graduates have passed the summer Missouri Bar Examination in the following percentages: 88.3 percent in 2004; 89.5 percent in 2005; 91.2 percent in 2006; and, just last summer, 96.5 percent. I'm also happy to report that, of the 11 School of Law graduates who took last summer's Kansas Bar Examination, all 11 passed.

This has been a wonderful, and wonderfully hectic, spring here at the Law School. At our recent commencement, graduates were addressed by the newest member of the Missouri Supreme Court — **Judge Patricia A. Breckenridge, '78**.

Just a few weeks ago, The Law Society's annual celebration was held in the beautiful new Bloch Building of The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Mo. The Law Society recognizes the largest donors to the Law School, and it will celebrate its 25th anniversary next spring in St. Louis.

We just recognized ten new Law Society members in Kansas City, and we'd love to have even more Law School alumni and friends join The Law Society at next year's dinner celebration in St. Louis. The contributions of Law Society members and other generous alumni and friends have brought us to within \$400,000 of our \$17,000,000 Law School "For All We Call Mizzou" goal, and I'd ask to you to consider giving back to the Law School if you have

not already made a campaign gift.

The same week as The Law Society dinner, the Law School hosted the American College of Trial Lawyers — the fellows of which shared lunch with our students and then provided a terrific demonstration of jury selection. This year's meeting of the College at the Law School was particularly significant because it gave us an opportunity to recognize the gift that **Thomas E. Deacy Jr., '40**, recently gave to enable us to expand our trial practice course offerings. That same evening we recognized outstanding students at the annual Edna Nelson Student Honors Banquet, and some of those very same students brought us the Tim Heinsz 5K Run the next morning.

These many events and achievements are possible because of our outstanding faculty and staff, wonderful students and your continuing support. In this issue of TRANSCRIPT you'll read about Professor Martha Dragich, who has rendered outstanding service to the Law School and our students in many different capacities over the last 15 years. You'll also see that the University of Missouri has again recognized outstanding Law School teaching by appointing two of our faculty — Professors Michelle Cecil and Steve Easton — to Curators' Teaching Professorships. You'll also be able to judge the writing abilities of our students by reading this issue's cover story about Law School graduates in the Missouri General Assembly and the Legislative Clinic taught and administered by Deputy Provost Kenneth D. Dean. This article was written by then-student **Jennae M. Neustadt, '08**, who pursued combined law and journalism degrees at Mizzou.

I wish you a productive and relaxing summer (not necessarily in that order!) and invite you to visit us to see for yourself the many exciting things that are going on at the Law School.

Very truly yours,

Larry



Leaving the Enterprise: Martha Dragich Transitions Out of Law Library

"She not only provides a unique perspective in our classrooms and in her scholarship concerning the federal courts, but she has led some of our most significant committees here at the Law School over the years." — DEAN DESSEM

For more than 12 years, Martha Dragich led the MU Law Library. In that role, she described herself as an executive in charge of an enterprise with a budget of more than \$1 million. She was responsible for all services provided to School of Law students, faculty, alumni and the community, including developing the book collection, determining how to implement new technology, training the staff, keeping up with modern research methods and overseeing a massive physical plant.

Dragich eventually found herself wanting to focus on teaching, research and scholarship. At the helm of the Law Library, she faced constant budget problems. This self-professed lover of books saw an emphasis on technology in the library world that didn't really pique her interest. "I was more interested in which books I should buy than what computers I should buy," she says.

She had what she describes as a complicated relationship with the library in that she loved the opportunity to lead it and put her stamp on such an important part of legal education, but she began to feel like her library focus took a toll on her ability to teach and write.

All of these things prompted Dragich to move to the faculty full time, where she teaches courses such as conflict of laws, remedies, law and literature and legislation. Her set of classes is system-oriented in that she is able to use cases from all areas of the law to focus on the broader themes in the legal system. The variety of courses is appropriate for her because she had to be a generalist in the library to support all areas of legal research.

"Teaching and research are so

inherently rewarding," Dragich says. She considers teaching a privilege because it is exciting to watch the students learn. She also enjoys research and writing because she can explore anything, seeing all different points of view. In the library, Dragich felt that she had to focus on others' points of view or problems and there wasn't as much freedom to explore her own thoughts. There was no opportunity for what she calls sustained reflection.

Currently Dragich's research builds on her earlier work regarding the organization of federal courts of appeals, specifically whether the system's geographic organization continues to have relevance. Looking at the history of the courts' roles helps her see how they do and should function. Her 1996 article in the *Wisconsin Law Review*, "Once a Century: Time for a Structural Overhaul of the Federal Courts," discusses the vertical structure of the federal court system, while a 1995 article in the *American University Law Review*, "Will the Federal Courts of Appeals Perish if they Publish? Or Does the Declining Use of Opinions to Explain and Justify Judicial Decisions Pose a Greater Threat?," examines the opinion publication practices of the courts of appeals and the role of such courts as major law-making bodies in the federal system.

Dragich is currently studying the "law of the circuit doctrine," which allows each circuit to interpret federal statutes differently. Now, the federal courts spend a significant amount of time deciding federal question cases and less time deciding diversity cases, she says. Her forthcoming article considers whether federal law should be applied the same everywhere. Due to the uneven application of law, it is hard to use precedents

in one circuit from another circuit. Because the law of the circuit doctrine is tied to the geographical organization of the federal courts of appeals, Dragich asks, "Should we still have a geographic organizational structure or can we have a different one?"

Though Dragich relishes her role on the faculty, she misses the people she worked with in the library, and she misses running the enterprise. "I feel lucky to have had such a major transformation in my career without leaving the law school or Columbia," she says.

Her work, both on the faculty and in the Law Library, is appreciated and recognized by all. "Martha Dragich has served on several other law school faculties, in other legal positions, and within the ABA accreditation process, and she brings this broad experience within legal education to her work at the Law School," Dean Larry Dessem says. "She not only provides a unique perspective in our classrooms and in her scholarship concerning the federal courts, but she has led some of our most significant committees here at the Law School over the years."

Dragich received her bachelor's, law and master's degrees at the University of Minnesota. Before joining the School of Law, she served as the assistant chief of the Legal Research and Library Services Branch of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, as an adjunct faculty member at Catholic University School of Library and Information Science and in various law librarian positions at the University of Houston, Georgia State University and George Washington University. She has worked at the School of Law since 1993.

FACULTY NOTE



Rodney J. Uphoff visited at the University of Florida Levin College of Law last year and taught comparative criminal justice at the University of Cape Town in South Africa last July.

Two of Uphoff's articles were recently published: "Convicting the Innocent: Why it is Not Just an Isolated Occurrence," in *7 Journal of the Institute of Justice and Judicial Studies* 1 (2007); and "On Misjudging and its Implications for Criminal Defendants, Their Lawyers and the Criminal Justice System," in *7 Nevada Law Journal* 521 (2007).

Uphoff spoke at a conference hosted by the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association in December 2007 on ethical dilemmas in client counseling, and dealing professionally with your client and working through attorney/client disagreements.

Martha Dragich

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Law and Literature

Begin at the beginning. Familiarize yourself with the characters. Follow the story until a resolution. Become emotionally engaged. Agree or disagree.

This is the course of a literary work. Dragich says that this is also the course of dealing with a client. The outcome is not certain and there are many impacts as the dispute takes its course. This is the foundation for her course on law and literature, one she hopes will focus the students' attention on the human aspects of the law.

"I hope the students develop perspectives on legal rules and arguments by considering not only technical rules, but a wider range of options concerning what a decision or argument could be," she says. The example she gives shows the scope of the class: instead of discussing the law under which a particular punishment was assigned, students might be asked to examine why we punish and what role punishment serves in our society. The goal of the course is to keep the law at the forefront of the students' minds, but provide a different perspective than other law school courses.

Your reading assignment: sample the law and literature coursework.

Assignment #1 Character/Juries & Judgment

"Tomorrow"	William Faulkner
"A Jury of Her Peers"	Susan Glaspell
"Rational Emotions"	Martha Craven Nussbaum
<i>Taylor v. Louisiana</i>	419 U.S. 522
<i>Batson v. Kentucky</i>	476 U.S. 79

Assignment #2 Capital Punishment

"In the Penal Colony"	Franz Kafka
<i>Furman v. Georgia</i>	408 U.S. 238
<i>Gregg v. Georgia</i>	428 U.S. 153
<i>Callins v. Collins</i>	114 S. Ct. 1127

Assignment #3 Chance & Arbitrariness in Law

"The Lottery"	Shirley Jackson
"The Web of Circumstance"	Charles W. Chesnutt
"A Strategy for Mercy"	Robert L. Misner
	(<i>William and Mary Law Review</i>)

It's a Family Affair

In 2002, **Douglas S. Lang, '72**, was appointed to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas in Dallas. In 2003, his sister, **Elizabeth Lang-Miers, '75**, was appointed to the court. In the entire state of Texas, there are only 80 appellate court justices — what are the chances that two of them would be related?



Lang was the first to venture to Texas. While he was clerking at the Supreme Court of Missouri, he interviewed at several Missouri law firms, and was also offered the opportunity to make some contacts in Texas through a law professor, Hal Bateman, who went to law school in Dallas. Lang interviewed three times there, including once in early February when there were two feet of snow on the ground in Columbia, with 60 degrees and clear skies in Dallas. “I’ve often said had I interviewed in Dallas in August, when it’s like an oven, things might have been different,” Lang explains.

Lang married one of Lang-Miers’ sorority sisters. She visited the couple in Dallas. Lang introduced his sister to the first woman to practice in the firm where Lang-Miers later practiced for 28 years, now known as Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell. In 1976, Lang-Miers became the second woman in that firm. Lang-Miers describes her move to Dallas as happenstance. “I never thought I’d come to Dallas. I had no interest in Dallas or a big law firm,” she says. But when she interviewed in the early 1970s, she found the law firm environment in Dallas was welcoming — and then there’s the issue of the weather. Like her brother, she interviewed when it was cold and snowy in Missouri and pleasant in Dallas.

Their career paths were similar, even before their appointment to the same bench. Both started their post-law school careers as clerks for judges serving on the Supreme Court of Missouri. After his

year as a law clerk, Lang joined the Dallas firm of Weber, Baker & Allums. In 1978, he joined another Dallas firm, Gardere Wynne Sewell, where he practiced for more than 24 years. He concentrated his practice in the area of complicated business litigation. Lang-Miers’ practice with the Locke firm specialized in commercial litigation, public interest, and labor and employment law.

Even outside of their offices, there are similarities. They were, and are, active in the civic and legal communities locally, regionally and nationally, including, between them, many leadership positions. They are both published authors, including a textbook, law review articles and a book about the values of well-known judges and lawyers.

Now they serve with 11 other judges on the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas. They love this service, filling a calling that both of them felt, and they feel an obvious affinity for their particular court. “It’s a great place,” Lang says. “When I first came down here to the court I thought it was like a well-run law firm with 13 partners and 20 or so associates.”

So what is it like to work with your brother or sister every day? They see each other more than they did when they were in private practice in separate firms because they are down the hall from each other. “It doesn’t make any difference from my perspective because we practiced law separate from each other for such a long time before we came down here,” Lang-Miers says. “We are used to operating independently, without consulting each other.

But it is nice being able to communicate about what we’re doing.” They don’t feel that they have to agree on everything. As Lang says, “Have you ever seen a brother and sister agree on everything?”

The foundation for their work at the court was laid at Mizzou, particularly the practical skills they learned at the School of Law. “Some new lawyers can’t figure out how to apply what they learned in law school, but MU prepares students to go in and start practicing law right away,” Lang explains. “I look back at my education after 35 years and am so thankful for a very strong legal education that prepared me to learn more about how to practice after graduation.”

Lang-Miers, who has wanted to be a lawyer since she was a little girl, agrees. “I had a very good legal education,” she says. “It was very focused on the actual practice of law and preparation for the bar examination. You need to learn how to apply what you learn in law school to practicing when you get out.”

Despite their responsibility to the court and their demanding volunteer schedules, Lang and Lang-Miers are focused on their families. Lang and his wife, Martha, an MU graduate, have been married for almost 35 years. They have three sons, all of whom have graduated from college in the last seven years. Lang-Miers and her husband, Jeb, an internal medicine doctor, have been married for nearly 30 years and have two children — a daughter who is a second-year law student and a son who is currently in college.

FACULTY NOTE



Philip G. Peters Jr. has taken a leave of absence from the School of Law during 2008 to serve as executive director of First Chance for Children, a local nonprofit organization that creates accessible high quality early education for underprivileged children. Peters' goal is to address the achievement gap before it surfaces in the higher education debates about affirmative action. He says that, on average, low income and minority children start kindergarten approximately a year behind their classmates. "Few children who start school far behind are ever able to catch up," he notes. "It is crucial to help children when they are very young. Otherwise they will never have a fair chance at success in school and thus in life."

First Chance provides intensive mentoring to low income mothers of newborns and toddlers, helps childcare providers raise the quality of their programs and operates a small, high quality early education center for children from birth to age three. Peters says, "I see my work as the first step in building a Pipeline Project at MU to build the pool of local minority and low income children who get the grades and scores they need to enroll at MU."

Breckenridge Joins Supreme Court of Missouri

Photo courtesy of Supreme Court of Missouri



On Nov. 14, 2007, **Patricia A. Breckenridge, '78**, became the newest member of the Supreme Court of Missouri. **Judge Don W. Kennedy, '47**, who retired as a judge on the Court of Appeals, Western District, administered the oath in the En Banc Courtroom of the Supreme Court Building. Breckenridge previously served as a judge on the Court of Appeals, Western District. She was appointed by Gov. Blunt to the Supreme Court of Missouri in September 2007.

Breckenridge joins another School of Law alumna, **Judge Mary L. Rhodes Russell, '83**, who was appointed to the court in September of 2004.



Thanks to William A Shull, '79, for letting us share his memory of law school.

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Witness Testimony

“ **IN THE MID-1970S** I was a student in Professor William Fratcher’s first year property class. I sat in the elevated seats — known as the ‘crow’s nest’ — situated in the southeast corner of the north classroom on the main floor of Tate Hall. These were the least desirable seats because the professor always had an unimpeded view of you; consequently one of the few empty seats in the classroom was located directly behind me.

One day that fall, a visiting property professor from England, distinguished in his field, occupied that seat, observing Professor Fratcher’s lecture technique. Professor Fratcher addressed the class at large, as he was wont to do, with an

impossible question. A matter not taught to us, and not to be found in our text book or the property hornbook; one of those questions the answer to which was probably known by only 10 people in the world. Coincidentally, the professor seated behind me was one of those 10 people. He surreptitiously bent forward and whispered the answer in my ear. I paused, held my hand up, stood when acknowledged, and correctly answered the question. It took Professor Fratcher a full five seconds to recover his aplomb. He then went on with his lecture as though it were quite natural that a first year student would know the answer to that question! ”

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In 2003, the dean initiated a new program of bringing exceptional alumni back to the law school to have lunch with first-year law students, exposing them to a variety of areas of practice and, more importantly, the wisdom of accomplished alumni. Thank you to the hosts of the past four years:

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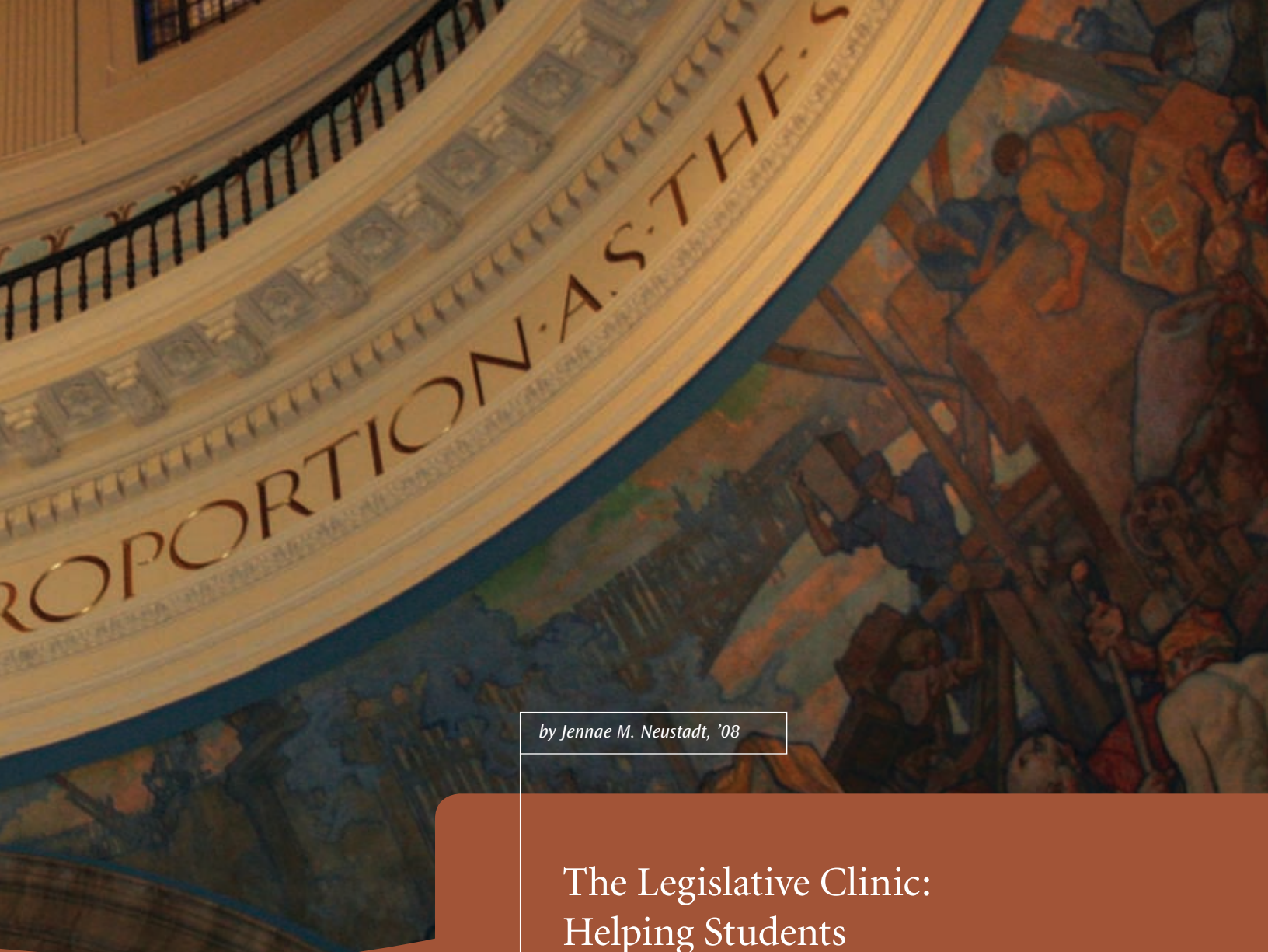
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From Lawyer to Legislator:

Learning the Process of
Politics from Those Who
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by Jennae M. Neustadt, '08

The Legislative Clinic: Helping Students Understand the Basics

IN 2006, **KENNETH D. DEAN** founded the Legislative Clinic at the School of Law to provide students with an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in politics at the state level. Each year during the winter semester, law students who participate in the clinic are paired with lawyer legislators of the Missouri General Assembly to work as interns during the legislative session.

“It is important for students to get an exposure to the legislative process and to what members of the General Assembly do,” says Dean, deputy provost and professor of law. “It is especially important for students to understand what lawyer members of the General Assembly do because they have an influential role in the legislature because of their legal training.”

Before starting the clinic, Dean researched schools across the country that offered similar programs. He found that there were a handful of schools offering similar opportunities to students but that most were located in state capitols or the Washington, D.C., area. Because of the close proximity of the MU School of Law and the Missouri State Capitol, Dean felt that MU could easily establish a program similar to those of other schools. With the help of others, he did just that.

As part of the requirements for participation in the Legislative Clinic students are expected to work a total of 120 hours over the course of the

The Legislative Clinic



“THIS WAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING LAWS WORKING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH A LEGISLATOR,” CRAIG M. FLANDERS, '08, (RIGHT) SAYS. HE ALSO WORKED WITH FELLOW STUDENTS LIKE MATTHEW S. MORRIS, '08.



semester. Students spend their time assisting legislators by conducting research and analysis on public policy issues, preparing material for hearings, attending committee meetings and drafting legislation.

The Legislative Clinic also has a classroom component in which students meet as a group once a week to discuss the legislative process. Discussion topics include bill drafting, legislative advocacy, statutory interpretation, lobbying and ethical issues associated with serving as a legislator. On occasion students are also joined by legislators who serve as guest professors and lecturers. Dean said that guest lecturers are beneficial because they teach students about how skills learned in law school can assist them in drafting bills and giving advice.

In addition to the classroom and hands-on component of the clinic, students are required to keep a journal of their activities. Students begin their journals with a list of goals and thereafter keep track of their partici-

pation and the activities they complete while working at the legislature.

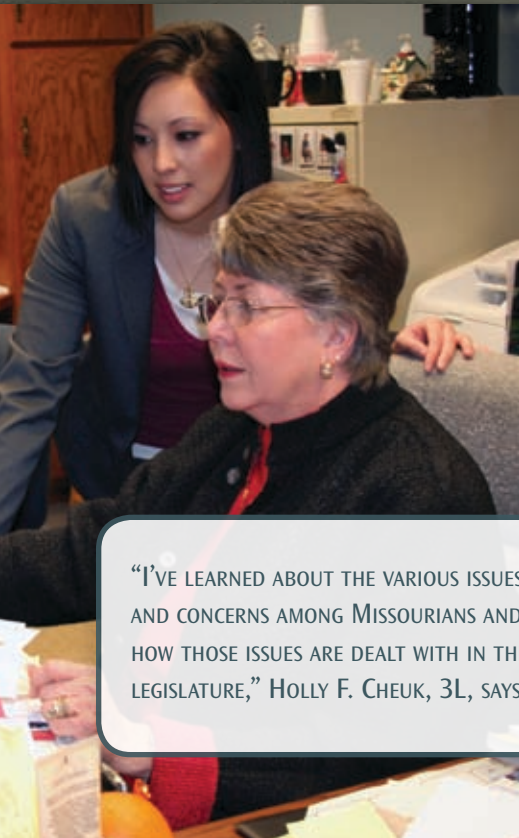
As part of the course, students are also required to select a bill in the Missouri State House of Representatives or Senate and track that bill through the process it follows to become law. Dean tells the students to consider the bill's sponsor, what he or she is trying to accomplish by introducing the bill, who supports and opposes the bill and what impact all of the factors have on whether or not the bill becomes law.

Matthew S. Morris, '08, was one of the members of the 2008 Legislative Clinic. Morris, who worked with Senator Matt Bartle of Kansas City, is no stranger to the Capitol. As an undergraduate in the Political Science Department at MU, Morris interned for a Missouri state representative and was given the rare opportunity to serve as a doorkeeper to the Senate floor. After graduating with his bachelor's degree and before attending law school, Morris worked in the House Communications Office where he wrote Capi-

tol reports that state representatives could send to their local papers to publicize the latest news from the Capitol.

Though Morris enjoyed the various opportunities he had working at the Capitol before law school, he is especially pleased with the hands-on experience he has received as part of his participation with the clinic. Thus far Morris has spent time researching laws enacted by other states and examining proposed legislation for any legal issues that may arise if it is passed into law. “I have enjoyed getting to apply legal skills to the work in the legislature,” he says.

Morris says the clinic has also given him the opportunity to understand the quirks of the political environment that cannot be taught in the classroom. “There is no way you can learn the actual business of a political setting without being there. To learn what politics is about you have to learn the things that are not written down,” Morris says. “It is all of the undocumented material that



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is the real meat of politics and it is impossible to learn from a book.”

Morris’ colleague in the clinic, **Craig M. Flanders, ’08**, has also enjoyed his experiences. Flanders says that his goal in participating with the clinic was to grasp the various factors in the process of turning a good idea into law. He said that working with Rep. Rachel Storch of the 64th House District gave him that.

“I have followed bills through public committees and debates in the sessions of the Senate and the House. I have also researched matters of statutory construction by looking into legislative history and parallel statutes in different states,” Flanders says. That allowed me to actually assist in the drafting of legislative bills that were proposed this session.”

For third-year law student Miranda J. Fleschert, the clinic provided an opportunity to see a different aspect of government. Before attending law school, Fleschert worked for a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C.



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“I wanted to learn more about the legislative process at the state level,” Fleschert explains. “It’s been very interesting to see how different this is in comparison to working in Washington, D.C. Here, it seems that people have the opportunity to be involved on a more personal level, and to directly see how their presence and input matters.”

The most recent participants in the program are not the only ones to tout the clinic’s success and the beneficial impacts it has had on their learning. **Harley L. Geiger, ’07**, said his experiences with the clinic helped to sharpen his analytical skills and were useful in assisting him to draft legislative summaries and amendments. Geiger also utilized the skills he sharpened while a member of the clinic to research legislative history at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., as part of an internship he held with the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) headquarters.

Aside from the impact on his internship, Geiger said his experiences with the clinic will likely continue to benefit him in the future. “The ability to analyze legislation and find differences between competing legislation is extremely relevant to any kind of job that requires advocacy on the legislative level, and many jobs do — both corporate and public,” Geiger says.

Eventually Dean hopes to offer students the opportunity to enroll in the Legislative Clinic during the fall semester as well. His goal is to give students a chance to work with legislators when they are not in session but instead are meeting with their committees. “There are things that the students could do such as study commissions and policy analysis which is

better done in the fall,” Dean notes.

As of now, Dean is pleased with the clinic’s success. “The most rewarding part is to see the students develop a better understanding of the state law making process, to see growth and appreciation for the whole legislative process, and to recognize how being a lawyer in that process can be very helpful,” he says.

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The MU School of Law is proud to call many of Missouri’s top legislators its own.

“Lawyers have a special role to play in the legislative process, and the ability to learn about this process, while providing assistance to an individual legislator, is a wonderful and unique opportunity for Mizzou law students.” – Dean Dessem

THE SCHOOL OF LAW is proud to have nine alumni currently serving as legislators in the Missouri General Assembly.

Three of those legislators are members of the Missouri State Senate: **Jason G. Crowell, '98; Jack A. L. Goodman, '98; and Christopher A. Koster, '91.** Combined, the three senators have 18 years of experience serving in the legislature. In addition to their political experience, they also have experience working in the legal environment. One has served as a prosecuting attorney and another as an assistant prosecuting attorney. One has served as law clerk to Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White and **Missouri Attorney General Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, '81,** while another was named to the list of Kansas City’s best attorneys and Kansas City’s most influential citizens under 40 years old.

The remaining six alumni serve in the Missouri House of Representatives: **Rachel L. Bringer, '95; Stanley B. Cox, '76; Jason C. Grill, '04; Bryan T. Pratt, '99; Terry L. Witte, '80; and Brian D. Yates, '01.** Combined, the six representatives have more than 25 years of experience and include former prosecuting attorneys, members of the Armed Forces, one of the youngest Missouri legislators, the speaker pro tem of the Missouri House, and a former law clerk for **Judge James R. Reinhard, '53,** of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

These alumni have not only been extremely successful as attorneys and legislators but also remain active in their hometown communities by participating in various organizations throughout Missouri. The profiles that follow provide small samples of their many great accomplishments.



MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE
RACHEL BRINGER

Rachel L. Bringer, '95, is a Missouri State Representative for parts of Marion and Ralls counties, District 6, in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to the House in November 2002 and currently serves on six of its committees.

Bringer is a 1992 graduate of MU, where she received a bachelor’s degree in English. As a law student at MU, Bringer served as a member of the *Missouri Law Review*.

Following law school Bringer



served as a law clerk for **Judge James R. Reinhard, '53**, with the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, from 1995-1997. She served as the assistant prosecutor in Marion County from 2000-2002 and currently has a solo practice in her hometown of Palmyra, where she was born and raised on a farm.

Bringer says that having a law degree has been very helpful to her career in the legislature as it has assisted her in "drafting legislation, working to make legislation better through the amendment and committee process, and helping constituents with state government issues."

She is one of the many Missouri state senators and representatives who are helping to train current law students about life as an attorney and legislator. For the 2008 legislative session Bringer was joined by Miranda J. Fleschert, a third-year law student at MU. Fleschert was assigned to serve as Bringer's legislative intern as part of the Legislative Clinic offered through the School of Law.

Fleschert says the opportunity to work with Bringer has been very rewarding. "Rep. Bringer has done a great job introducing me to different representatives and senators, including those from my district," Fleschert says. "She has gone out of her way to make sure I experience what it feels like to be a part of the process and has

helped me to develop a network."

Fleschert also notes that Bringer exemplifies all the best qualities of a legislator. "Every time I meet someone new and I tell them that I am working with Rep. Bringer they tell me that I am working with a fantastic legislator," Fleschert says. "She is well respected, very sincere and makes everyone feel as though they have been heard, all of which are important qualities."

Aside from her professional duties, Bringer is very active in her community. She is a member of the South Union Baptist Church in Maywood where she serves as a pianist. She is also a member of the Mark Twain Home Foundation board of directors, the Palmyra Kiwanis and the Palmyra Chamber of Commerce.

While serving as a state representative, Bringer has been recognized for her legislative work by The Missouri Bar, the Judicial Conference of Missouri, the NAACP-Hannibal Chapter and the Missouri Farm Bureau.

Bringer is thankful for the many experiences she has had. "I am grateful to have had so many diverse experiences in my career, and I could not pick one above the others. Serving as a law clerk, an assistant prosecutor, a state legislator and having the opportunity to work as a solo practitioner in a rural area have been very rewarding," Bringer says.



MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE
STANLEY COX

Stanley B. Cox, '76, was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2006 to represent constituents in parts of central Missouri, District 118. He currently serves on five committees within the House of Representatives and holds the position of vice-chair in three of those committees.

Though Cox is new to the legislature, he is no stranger to public service. From 1971-1973 he served on active duty with the U.S. Army (Signal Corps) and was stationed in the Republic of Korea and the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Cox also served in the Missouri Army National Guard while in law school and for a few years thereafter, eventually attaining the rank of captain.

Cox received a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. From 1979-1982 Cox served as the prosecuting attorney of Pettis County and has since had a private law practice.

While working in private practice, Cox has been extremely involved in his hometown of Sedalia, where he is a member of the United Methodist Church, the Rotary Club and the VFW. He currently serves as the

Scouting for Food chairman for the Boy Scouts of America and received the 1995 Scouter Extraordinary Award as well as the John Ryan Award. Cox has also served on the Missouri Housing Development Commission and the Missouri Veterans Commission, as a member of the board of regents of the University of Central Missouri, and as a board member of the Pettis County Fire Protection District.

Before becoming a member of the Missouri House of Representatives Cox had 30 years of legal experience, which has helped him serve as a state representative. "I know the effect of legislation and how a judge and the courts might interpret words," Cox says.

In addition to understanding the effects of legislation, Cox says his experience as an attorney has increased his comfort level in debates on the floor. "I especially like the debate on the floor. Very few take an active role. Usually the sponsor of the bill has to be on the floor and most only speak when it is a bill they are sponsoring."

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Cox also says that his legal education provided him with an understanding of how to interpret rules, which has been helpful in understanding the rules of debate on the floor and seeing how those rules make sense when applied.

Cox still remembers much of what he learned in the legislation course at the School of Law regarding how to draft legislation. He now tends to write most of the bills that he introduces to the House of Representatives.

Writing bills gives Cox the chance to fight for what he believes. "What is great about being a legislator is when you have had thoughts in your life, you can act on them. It is a great privilege to bring a bill on things you truly care about."



MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE
JASON GRILL

Jason C. Grill, '04, was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2006 with a decisive 60.1 percent of the vote. He represents the 32nd House District which encompasses portions of the Kansas City area. Grill is a member of four House committees and is the second youngest legislator in the State of Missouri. Grill is also the only freshman member of the minority party to have handled and passed a House, as well as a Senate, bill in the 2007 legislative session.

After graduating summa cum laude from Saint Louis University with an economics degree in 2001, Grill attended the MU School of Law. He graduated with a JD and a certificate in dispute resolution in 2004.

During both his undergraduate and postgraduate work, Grill was active in the political arena. In 2000, he worked at the White House for then-Vice President Al Gore. In 2004, Grill gained experience on the state level by working with Rep. Trent Skaggs of Kansas City at the Missouri Capitol. During his final year of law school, while preparing for graduation and the Missouri Bar exam, Grill ran for office against three-term incumbent State Rep. Susan Phillips. Prognosticators gave Grill little chance to win this race against the popular incumbent. Of the nearly 20,000 votes cast in the election, only 224 votes separated the candi-

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dates. Phillips won the seat in what was the closest race in the Missouri House of Representatives during the 2004 election, 50.6 percent to 49.4 percent.

In addition to his political experience, Grill spent a summer during his law school career interning for CNN News in the Washington, D.C., bureau, where he worked as an assistant to CNN Senior Correspondent Brooks Jackson.

Following graduation Grill started the Grill Law Firm in Kansas City with his father, Brad Grill. Last fall he became an associate at the firm of Holtsclaw & Kendall in downtown Kansas City. In addition to his legal work he is an adjunct professor at Park University, where he teaches courses in business law, legal analysis, economics, and legal and business ethics to undergraduate and graduate students.

Grill says his legal background has been beneficial to his work in the legislature. "Having a law degree from MU has helped me immensely as a state legislator. I am better able to understand complex statutes and legislation and to see all sides of an issue," Grill says. "I am also very fortunate to have obtained a certificate in dispute resolution at MU. This training has allowed me to understand the true value of compromise and negotiation in government."

Aside from his legislative duties, Grill is a member of countless organizations in the Kansas City area including: Kansas City, Platte, and Clay County Bar Associations; Parkville Lions Club; Platte County Optimist Club; Parkville, Riverside, and Northland Chambers of Commerce; Platte County Economic Development Council; Knights of Columbus Council 7199; Adult Scout Troop Leader Troop 261; and St. Therese Catholic Church.

Grill's accomplishments can be seen as a reflection of what he describes as the best advice he has received. "It came from my role model — my father, attorney Brad Grill. He told me that the only way to be successful in life is to work harder than the other guy. Whether

in law, in politics or in life I have always tried to follow that advice.”



MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BRYAN PRATT

Bryan T. Pratt, '99, serves parts of Jackson and Lafayette counties, District 55, in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was first elected in 2002 and currently serves as the speaker pro tem of the House.

“I enjoy public service because it gives me an opportunity to stand up for folks in my community,” Pratt says. “I can be a strong voice for Missourians who do not have a voice.”

Pratt graduated from MU in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in business administration before receiving his law degree from the School of Law. “My law degree has allowed me to carefully analyze potential legislation and bring coalitions together to support legislation,” he says. “It has also helped me to mediate disputes in the General Assembly.”

While serving as a Missouri state representative, Pratt has worked on legislation designed to decrease taxes, end illegal immigration, attract new jobs to the state and improve state colleges and universities. Pratt says his two greatest accomplishments while serving in the Missouri General Assembly include the opportunity to help constituents solve problems in their lives and the ability to shape legislation.

Pratt says that he hopes to continue to support his core values of improving roads, establishing a first-rate education system and decreasing taxes, among others.

Pratt added a new role to his job during the 2008 legislative session. In conjunction with the School of Law's Legislative Clinic, Pratt was joined by Holly F. Cheuk, a third-year law student, who served as a leg-

islative intern to the representative. “The best part of working with Rep. Pratt has been learning about the legislative process,” she says. “He and his staff have been really great about explaining the aspects of the process to me, and I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of different people, including other legislators, lobbyists, mayors and constituents.”

Aside from learning more about the process and having an opportunity to network, Cheuk also had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in researching legislation. While researching a legislative bill on health care, Pratt scheduled for Cheuk to meet with a lobbyist from the Missouri Hospital Association to learn more about the issue and answer her questions. Cheuk says meeting with the lobbyist and discussing the bill was one of her most memorable experiences of working with Pratt.

In addition to his many legislative duties, Pratt remains active in the Blue Springs community where he is a member of the St. John La Lande Church and the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce. Pratt is also a member of both The Missouri Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association where he serves on the Young Lawyers Section of the Public Services Committee. Pratt works as an attorney for Shook, Hardy & Bacon.



MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE
TERRY WITTE

Terry L. Witte, '80, was elected in 2002 and represents all of Pike County and parts of Audrain, Callaway, Lincoln and Montgomery counties, District 10, in the Missouri House of Representatives. He currently serves on three House committees.

Following high school, Witte joined the Army where he earned a Joint Service Commendation Medal,

awarded for outstanding achievement or meritorious service. Witte received the medal for his work at the Department of Defense Computer Institute in Washington, D.C.

Following his service in the Army, Witte attended MU, graduating with a bachelor's degree in education in 1977 before receiving a degree from the School of Law. “Graduating from the MU School of Law was a goal of mine from the ninth grade on,” Witte says. Since graduating from law school he has worked in private practice in Vandalia.

The attainment of his goal has been instrumental in Witte's career. “I would not have had the career that I have without a law degree,” he says. “Being elected to the Missouri House of Representatives has been the greatest experience of my professional career.”

“The best thing about being in a position of public service is that it provides you with more resources with which to help the less fortunate,” Witte says. Witte has used those resources to advocate for interests such as farming and education, to which he has special ties. Witte and his wife, Linda, both hold degrees in education, a strong reason why Witte supports funding for public education and advocates for more funding for schools in rural communities. For his work, Witte has been endorsed by many of the state's top education organizations.

In addition to his support of educational issues, Witte has been an advocate for the agricultural community. His support for farming is apparent by the committees on which he has served, such as the Agriculture Committee and the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, which he served on all six years he has been in the House. Witte has been the ranking Democrat on the Agricultural Policy Committee the last three years.

Outside of his role as a legislator, Witte is active in his hometown community of Vandalia, where he serves as a member of numerous organizations, including the Vandalia Rotary Club, the Van-Far Booster Club, the Vandalia United Methodist Church, the Vandalia Rural Fire Association, the Vandalia Area Chamber of Commerce

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and the Vandalia Youth Ball Association. He is also a member of American Legion Post 370, the National Rifle Association and Quail Unlimited.

What advice would Witte give to others? “You should always be professional and ethical in everything you do, but keep an eye on the bottom line, too. You owe it to those who rely upon you.”

Witte’s goal for the remainder of his term is to “continue to have an impact on the quality of legislation passed in the Missouri House of Representatives.”



MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BRIAN YATES

Brian D. Yates, '01, serves constituents of District 56, including Lee’s Summit, Blue Springs, and Eastern Jackson County, in the Missouri House of Representatives. Yates was first elected in the Missouri House in 2002 and currently serves as chairman of the House Insurance Committee, a position he has held for three sessions. Yates also serves as a member of four other House committees, including the House Judiciary Committee.

Yates received a bachelor’s degree in political science at MU before receiving his law degree. During law school, Yates served as a member of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution*. He currently works within the Business Litigation Division of Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City.

Yates says having a law degree has been an advantage in the state House. “It has provided me with the background necessary to be an effective legislator,” he says. “Understanding statutory language and using trial techniques gives me a leg up over others in the legislative process.”

In 2006, his efforts in the House

of Representatives were recognized by the Mizzou Alumni Association, when he was presented with the Henry S. Geyer Award. Named after a former Missouri state representative who introduced a bill to establish the University of Missouri, the award is presented to those who have made an impact on higher education. In 2006, Yates was also recognized by the Judicial Conference of Missouri for his service to the state and its court system.

“The greatest experience of my professional career was being elected to serve in the Missouri General Assembly,” Yates says. “This year, I would like to secure additional funding for higher education and help assure that the University of Missouri remains Missouri’s flagship university.”

Yates is one of several Missouri state senators and representatives who were paired with students from the School of Law’s Legislative Clinic for the 2008 legislative session. Yates was joined by third-year law student Wesley A. Gozia, who served as an intern for the representative. Gozia says his experience in working with Yates has been extremely positive.

“I enjoy working with Rep. Yates for a number of reasons,” Gozia says. “He is a great representative for his constituents because he is truly someone who can relate to anyone and he highlights the fact that their contributions to the legislative process are very valuable.”

Gozia also says that his experience in working with Yates has taught him how to represent constituents. “I think the way he has helped me to learn the most is by being a representative who is actually fighting for the best interests of his constituents and deliberating on all of the information and viewpoints that come his way before he makes a decision,” he says. “It is this dedication to doing a good job as an elected official that makes me feel like I have been placed with the best possible mentor because he is someone who cares.”

Outside of his efforts in Jefferson City, Yates is active as a member of the Woods Chapel United Method-

ist Church, the Lee’s Summit Chamber of Commerce, The Missouri Bar Association, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and the American Legislative Exchange Council.



MISSOURI STATE SENATOR
JASON CROWELL

Jason G. Crowell, '98, began his career as a legislator in 2000 when he was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives for the 158th District, Cape Girardeau County. He won re-election to the House of Representatives in 2002 and during that session was elected to serve as majority floor leader, the position that sets the agenda and bill order for the floor debate. Crowell also served as chair for three House committees.

In 2004, Crowell was elected to serve the 27th Senate District, encompassing Southeast Missouri, in the Missouri State Senate where he currently serves as a member of three Senate committees and as the chair of the Committee on Pensions, Veterans’ Affairs and General Laws.

Crowell’s experience in government began during his college career at Southeast Missouri State University, where he served as president of the student government before graduating with a bachelor’s degree in economics in 1995. Also during that period Crowell worked in Washington D.C., as a legislative intern for the late Congressman Bill Emerson.

While in law school, Crowell served as a judicial intern to Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White. In 1997 he served as a law clerk to **Missouri Attorney General Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, '81**.

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both through networking and knowledge of information,” Crowell says.

He values his work. “As a member of The Missouri Bar and serving in the Missouri Senate, the greatest experience is waking up each day trying to make tomorrow better than today,” he says.

Crowell has been recognized numerous times for his efforts to make each day better. Among his many accomplishments in the Missouri General Assembly, he was instrumental in handling legislation to reform Missouri's civil liability system. For his work in tort reform, Crowell received the Missouri State Medical Association's 2006 Legislative Award and the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges' Award. Crowell has also been a recipient of the Missouri Supreme Court's Legislative Award and a two-time recipient of The Missouri Bar Legislative Award.

Of Crowell's many projects in the legislature one included his effort to secure funding for both the Network Against Sexual Violence in Cape Girardeau and the Tailor Institute in order to construct a Southeast Missouri Autism Center. The center was designed to provide diagnostic and treatment services for autistic children and to be a training site for professionals.

Aside from his duties as a senator, Crowell works as an attorney with the firm of Osburn, Hine, Kuntze, Yates and Murphy, and remains active in his hometown community where he is a life-long member of the centenary United Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Missouri Farm Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club and has achieved the status of an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

Crowell's advice to others is “Whenever you find yourself today, do a good job — do the best you can. That

will open up opportunities, challenges and options in your career — and in life — that will empower you to make decisions in life instead of life making decisions for you.”



MISSOURI STATE SENATOR
JACK GOODMAN

Jack Goodman, '98, was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2002 and 2004 and served as the assistant majority leader during his second House term. In 2005, Goodman was elected to represent the Missouri counties of Barry, Lawrence, McDonald, Ozark, Stone and Taney in the Missouri Senate. In 2007, Goodman was selected to serve as the assistant majority floor leader of the Senate, a position he currently holds along with his membership on more than eight Senate committees.

Goodman is a 1995 graduate of MU, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. After graduating from law school, he served as the assistant prosecuting attorney in Dade County, Mo. For his legal work, Goodman received the Award for Excellence in the Study of Product Liability as well as the Award for Excellence in the Study of Local Government. Goodman has also been recognized on numerous occasions as a member of the legislature for his dedication to community and legislative service.

In addition to his legislative duties, Goodman served as chairman of the 7th U.S. Congressional District Republican Committee and is presently on the Government Relations Committee of the American Lung Association of Missouri. Goodman was also a charter member of the Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club, and served several terms on the board of directors. He is past president of the 39th Judicial Circuit Bar Association; and member of the Mt. Vernon Rotary

Club; Lawrence County Farm Bureau; Southwest Missouri Cattleman's Association; Decatur Lodge #400 in Pierce City; Lawrence County Republicans; two-term past president, Lawrence County Pachyderm Club and Pachyderm state board of directors. Goodman is also a member of several local Chambers of Commerce and served two years as co-chair and two years as chair of the events committee for the Lawrence County Apple Butter Makin' Days festival.



MISSOURI STATE SENATOR
CHRIS KOSTER

In 2004 **Christopher A. Koster, '91**, was elected to represent Missouri's 31st District in the Missouri State Senate. He currently serves as a member on ten Senate committees, including his position as vice chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Koster is a native of St. Louis. He attended MU and graduated in 1987 with a liberal arts degree before receiving his law degree. Following law school Koster worked as an assistant attorney general for the State of Missouri. Thereafter he worked with the Kansas City law firm of Blackwell Sanders before being elected prosecuting attorney of Cass County in 1994.

As a prosecutor Koster managed more than 20 individuals, supervised more than 20,000 cases, and argued and won several cases in front of the Supreme Court of Missouri. Also during his time as a prosecutor, Koster worked on the investigation against serial killer John E. Robinson in addition to countless investigations of other infamous criminals.

“I've been fortunate to have many memorable experiences during my career, but few compare to leading the successful prosecution of serial killer John Robinson,” Koster says. “His crimes were so heinous, the damage so irreparable and the horror so unspeak-

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able that his conviction was immensely important for both the family members and the people of Missouri. When the jury came back with a guilty verdict sentencing him to life in prison, it was a landmark day for both my career and the history of our state.”

Following his time as a prosecutor Koster went back to school. He attended Washington University in St. Louis where he earned a masters degree in business administration. Thereafter he was elected to the Missouri State Senate.

As a member of the Senate, Koster has introduced legislation to combat the use of methamphetamines in Missouri and recently co-sponsored a bill that would increase the number of people that qualify for day-

care subsidies. Koster has also been an advocate for stem cell research. “My work in the Missouri Senate to promote stem cell research has truly been one of the most rewarding endeavors I’ve ever undertaken,” Koster says. “The hope that stem cell research brings to mankind will prove to be one of science’s greatest achievements, and I’m proud to say I continue to do my part in achieving that goal.”

Koster credits his law degree as part of the reason for his success in the Senate. “An MU law degree provided me with a level of critical thinking that gave me a unique vantage point into being a more effective lawmaker,” he explains. “The skill sets of problem solving and deductive thinking have given me the ability to craft

legislation that doesn’t just benefit a select few, but is designed in a way that is beneficial to all Missourians.”

Koster’s community involvement includes his service on the state’s Bio-terrorism Task Force and the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission. Koster is also a member of the Belton Chamber of Commerce and the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club. In 2002, he was named one of Kansas City’s most influential citizens under 40 years old by *Ingram’s Magazine*. In 2004, he was named to the list of Kansas City’s best attorneys by the *Kansas City Business Journal*. Koster currently specializes in civil litigation with the Law Firm of Tim Dollar in Kansas City.

THREE ALUMNI IN U.S. CONGRESS



In addition to its members of the Missouri General Assembly, the School of Law has three alumni in the U.S. Congress. **Congressman J. Russell Carnahan, '84**, **Senator Claire C. McCaskill, '78**, and **Congressman Isaac N. "Ike" Skelton, '56**, represent their constituents and the Law School in Washington, D.C.

Carnahan was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004 to represent citizens of Missouri’s 3rd Congressional District. In the House, he serves on committees and subcommittees in the areas of transportation, science and technology and human rights. Before entering Congress, Carnahan served as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, worked in the healthcare field and was in private practice.

McCaskill was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006 and sits on five Senate committees — including Armed Services, Commerce, Homeland Security and Government Affairs, Aging and Indian Affairs. She also sits on the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Previously she served as Missouri state auditor, prosecuting attorney, member of the state legislature, and clerk for the Missouri Court of Appeals. She is a fourth-generation Missourian.

Skelton was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1977 to represent citizen’s of Missouri’s 4th Congressional District. He is the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and is a former chairman of the Small Business Subcommittee on Procurement, Tourism and Rural Development and the Congressional Rural Caucus.

HONORS & AWARDS

Two Law Faculty Appointed Curators' Teaching Professors



EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, School of Law Professors Michelle Arnopol Cecil and Stephen D. Easton began service as curators' teaching professors at MU. These renewable appointments, made on the recommendation of MU Chancellor Brady Deaton and approved by UM System President Gary Forsee and the Board of Curators, are for five years and are based on outstanding teaching and established reputations.

"Teaching is important at Mizzou and that is not true at all law schools," Easton says. "I feel privileged to work at a place where teaching is valued not only by students, but also by faculty colleagues, administrators and alumni."

Cecil, the William H. Pittman Professor of Law, joined the law school in 1989. She teaches basic federal income taxation, bankruptcy, corporate tax, international tax, tax research and taxation of property transactions.

Easton, the C.A. Leedy Professor of Law, became a member of the law faculty in 1998. He teaches trial practice, professional responsibility, criminal law and procedure and the famous trials seminar.

FACULTY NOTE



Douglas E. Abrams published the third edition of *Children and the Law In a Nutshell* (Thomson West), which he writes with Sarah H. Ramsey of Syracuse University College of Law. Abrams and Ramsey have also written a casebook, *Children and the Law: Doctrine, Policy and Practice*, the third edition of which was used in more than 65 law schools this year.

Abrams served on the Governor's Internet Harassment Task Force, which included legislators, law enforcement officers, social services agency personnel and Internet service providers. The task force drafted legislation to curb Internet stalking and harassment in Missouri. Abrams testified twice in support of the legislation's constitutionality before the state House of Representatives Committee on Crime and Public Safety.

Abrams also serves on a special Missouri Bar committee that advises the board of governors on issues relating to member lawyers' First Amendment speech rights concerning positions the bar takes.

Abrams delivered the introductory address at the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association's Fall Educational Conference, which celebrated the organization's 30th anniversary. The author of a book on the history of juvenile justice in Missouri, Abrams spoke about the MJJA's role in fashioning juvenile justice policy in the state.

His article on the life of Judge Hugh R. Jones (for whom he clerked from 1976-1978) appears in *The Judges of the New York Court of Appeals: A Biographical History*. The new book contains articles about each of the court's judges since its creation as the state's highest court in 1846.

Abrams has chaired the law school's Judicial Clerkship Committee since 1990.

Abrams continues publishing his regular articles about legal writing in *Precedent*, The Missouri Bar's quarterly magazine. The winter 2008 issue included his article, "Plain-English Drafting for the 'Age of Statutes.'"

Skelton Garden Dedicated Near Hulston Hall



ON SEPT. 14, 2007, the Susan Anding Skelton Garden was dedicated in memory of the wife of **Congressman Isaac N. "Ike" Skelton Jr., '56**. The garden is located west of Hulston Hall on the Carnahan Quadrangle.

Following the dedication, Skelton presented the Monroe-Paine Lecture, sponsored by the MU School of Public Affairs.

FACULTY NOTE



Richard C. Reuben helped organize a symposium sponsored by the Oregon Schools of Law and Journalism on interest-based reporting. At the symposium, he presented a paper, "Interest-Based Reporting: Improving the News Coverage of Conflict," which seeks to use principles of conflict resolution to improve the news coverage of conflict. The symposium's three panels, which included winners of Pulitzer, Peabody and other prestigious journalism awards, gathered to discuss the paper.

Reuben presented about the media and conflict at an Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Alternative Dispute Resolution Section symposium, at a works-in-progress presentation at the Marquette University School of Law, at a symposium at the University of California at Hastings School of Law, and to the MU School of Law and Association of Missouri Mediators in March.

Reuben participated on a panel on ethical issues in dispute resolution at the AALS Annual Meeting, focusing on whether and how adversarial bargaining methods can be incorporated into an interest-based negotiation course.

Reuben moderated a panel on deliberative democracy and dispute resolution at the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Meeting. The panel demonstrated how theoretical principles of deliberative democracy can be put to work in the daily practice of public policy dispute resolution practitioners.

Faculty in the News

[MU School of Law faculty are regularly called upon by news outlets around the state and the country to provide expert opinion on a variety of topics. Here is a sample...]



Douglas E. Abrams

"Bill Would Bar Lawyers from Shouting at Child Witnesses" *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

"Lawyers Skeptical of Suit over Rams' Super Bowl Loss" *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

"Missouri Shows 'Em" *The Florida Times-Union*

"Mom Pushes for Internet Harassment Laws" *The Associated Press*

Re: adult behavior in youth sports "The Sports Edge" on WFAN Radio (New York)

Re: top 10 youth sports stories of 2007 WJCW Radio (Tennessee)

Re: youth sports *The Jim Bohannon Show* (radio stations nationwide)

"Task Force Hears Mother's Plea on Online Harassment" *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

"Top 10 Stories You Probably Missed" *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*



Frank O. Bowman III

"Commentary: Gall and Kimbrough from Three Perspectives" *Supreme Court of the United States Blog* (scotusblog.com)

"Foul Ball: How the Justice Department Misplayed the Steroids Investigation" (op-ed) *slate.com*

"From Their Lips to Your Ears: Twelve Months of Wise Words and Witty Remarks from *Legal Times* Commentators" *Legal Times*

"Given the Latitude to Show Leniency, Judges May Not" *The New York Times*

"Judges Use Leeway in Black, Vick Cases" *Chicago Tribune*

"What's a Fair Sentence for Jose Padilla?" *The Christian Science Monitor*



Dennis D. Crouch

"A Pending Threat to Patents" *Business Week*

"Busting a Rogue Blogger" *Business Week*

Re: the dangers of blogging anonymously *legaltalknetwork.com*



Larry Dessem

"Lawyers Skeptical of Suit over Rams' Super Bowl Loss" *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*



D. Daniel Sokol

"N.Y. AG Investigation Raises Stakes for Intel" *Competition Law 360*



Rodney J. Uphoff

"Duncan Cites His 'Ideology'" *The Spokesman Review* (Spokane, Wash.)



Christina E. Wells

"Protect Mourners' Rights But Not at Expense of First Amendment" *Kansas City infoZine*

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 - Law Day Picnic
- **Mizzou vs. Nevada Football Game**

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 » mulawevents@missouri.edu,
 or visit our Web site at
 » law.missouri.edu.

FACULTY NOTE



Amy B. Monahan was elected to serve as chair of the Association of American Law Schools' Section on Employee Benefits. She is organizing a panel, "The Role of Employers in Achieving Universal Health Care Coverage" for the association's 2009 annual meeting that will be published in the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics*.

In November, Monahan was selected to serve as a commentator at Northwestern University's Searle Center Symposium on Insurance Markets and Regulation.



D. Daniel Sokol presented "Order Without (Enforceable) Law: Why Countries Enter into Non-Enforceable Competition Policy Chapters in Free Trade Agreements" at the Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting in September.

LAW DAY AV



Dean Dessem presented Judge Harold L. “Hal” Lowenstein, ’65, with the Citation of Merit following his introduction by his wife, Wanda M. Lowenstein. Lowenstein was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals in July 1981, serving as chief judge from 1991–1993.



Judge Ellen S. Roper, ’73, received the Citation of Merit following her introduction by Ann K. Covington, ’77. Roper is the principal in Civil Mediation Services in Columbia and is a former circuit judge for the 13th Judicial Circuit.



Joyce M. Capshaw, ’82, was the 2007 honorary initiate into the Order of Barristers. Capshaw, who was introduced by Donald R. Carmody, ’67, has been a principal of Carmody MacDonald since 1988.



Sarah J. Garber, a third-year law student from Jefferson City, Mo., received the Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award from Dean Dessem. She graduated cum laude from Truman State University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a minor in theater.



Dean Dessem presented Professor Thomas A. Lambert with the Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award. The award was created to recognize a faculty member who, during the preceding twelve months, established a record of distinguished achievement in teaching. Lambert also received the Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP Excellence in Research Award, which is presented annually at Law Day to the faculty member who demonstrates excellence in research based on a published article from the preceding year.

AWARDS 2007



Morry S. Cole, '97, accepted the Distinguished Recent Graduate Award from Dean Dessem. Cole practices primarily in the areas of wrongful death, aviation, products liability, professional negligence, condemnation and corporate litigation with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis. He was introduced by Professor Martha Dragich.



*Dean Dessem presented Judge Michael A. Wolff with the Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award following his introduction by **Beth S. Riggert, '97**. Wolff served on the faculty of the St. Louis University School of Law for 23 years before being appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1998.*



Dean Dessem presented the Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice to Professor Kandice K. Johnson. This prize honors the MU law professor or student who has made the most significant contribution to improving the administration of justice, either within Missouri, nationally or internationally, during the preceding year.



*The 2007 honorary initiate into the Order of the Coif was **H. Morley Swingle, '80**, who is the prosecuting attorney for Cape Girardeau County, Mo., and is an author. He was introduced by Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr.*

FACULTY NOTE



Rigel C. Oliveri published an article, “Is Acquisition Everything? Protecting the Rights of Occupants Under the Fair Housing Act,” in the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*. In the article, she argues that recent decisions by federal courts of appeals have eroded the ability of current tenants and owners of housing to vindicate their civil rights under the federal Fair Housing Act.

An earlier article of Oliveri’s, “Crossing the Line: The Political and Moral Battle Over Late Term Abortion,” was recently reprinted in *The Reproductive Rights Reader* textbook, published as part of the Critical America series by New York University Press.



Larry Dessem was elected as one of three new members of the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools at the organization’s annual meeting. He also serves on the American Bar Association’s Committee on Transparency in the Law School Accreditation Process, and he spoke this winter at both an ABA site evaluation workshop and a workshop for the chairs of ABA site evaluation teams.

Last fall Dessem spoke at the Seattle University/Society of American Law Teachers workshop on promoting diversity in deanships. He testified this winter before the Missouri General Assembly’s House Special Committee on General Laws in opposition to a proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution that would restrict the jurisdiction of Missouri courts.



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senior director of development



LOYAL ALUMNI who contribute to the School of Law share a common philosophical theme: give back. From select law school graduates, I hear stories of terrifying faculty who taught

with sharp tongues while in the same breath I hear respect for the education that provides a career and love of the legal profession. The same faculty who terrified alumni also inspired and raised abilities to higher levels.

Generations of MU School of Law graduates carry tales of woe, class gunners and practical jokes. Today’s students carry similar experiences plus the weight of educational debt like no generation before due to diminished state funding and escalating student fees.

Scholarships remain our first priority for alumni gifts. With fees reaching nearly \$16,000 for Missouri residents this fall, lessons learned will lead to greater debt upon graduation than ever before. Please help students by making a gift for student scholarships.

FACULTY NOTE



Frank O. Bowman III co-wrote a 1,900-page treatise that was published by Thomson West in 2007: *Federal Sentencing Guidelines Handbook*. His most recent journal article is “American Buffalo: Vanishing Acquittals and the Gradual Extinction of the Federal Criminal Trial Lawyer,” 156 *University of Pennsylvania Law Review PENnumbra* 226 (2007).

In September, Bowman served as a panelist for the “A New Look at Federal Sentencing Guidelines: Examining the Impact of Gall and Kimbrough,” Web cast by West Legalworks, and in January, he served as panelist for “*United States v. Rita* – A Look at How We Got Here” at the National Sentencing Workshop for Federal Defenders.



Michelle Arnopol Cecil received the Law School Foundation Sustained Outstanding Achievement Award in 2007.

Her book chapter, “Taxation Issues Arising in Bankruptcy,” was included in the two-volume treatise *Bankruptcy Practice*, published by The Missouri Bar in January as part of its Practice Series.

Cecil recently returned to the law school after visiting at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin during the fall semester.

New Funds

H. Henley Blair, '28, provided in his estate plan for a portion of his assets to support the School of Law. The Herbert Henley Blair Faculty Research Fund was created through his generosity.

The firm of Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter of Joplin created an annual scholarship in memory of **Karl W. Blanchard, Sr., '40**.

Lu Ann Conway honored her late husband, **James E. Conway, '53**, by creating the James E. Conway Scholarship fund.

Thomas E. Deacy Jr., '40, established the Thomas E. Deacy Jr. Trial Practice Endowment to expand the law school's trial practice offerings.

Sam F. Hamra, '59, and June S. Hamra endowed the June S. and Sam F. Hamra Scholarship Fund.

Pat Holtmeier, who was married to the late **Ernest F. Brasier, '74**, created the Ernest F. Brasier Memorial Scholarship in his memory.

Commemorating Retirements

Three new scholarship funds were created upon the retirements of Professor David A. Fischer, Professor Leonard L. Riskin and former Dean and Professor Dale A. Whitman. Each esteemed professor was honored with a named scholarship supported by alumni and friends. Additional gifts are welcome.

FACULTY NOTE



Dennis D. Crouch spoke about the three branches of patent reform at the Ocean Tomo Intellectual Property Auction and about anonymous internet publication at the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel Annual Meeting.

In two recent studies, Crouch's patent law blog, *patentlyo.com*, was noted as one of the top ten most cited law professor blogs and one of the top ten most trafficked law professor blogs in the country. *Patently-O* received more than three million visits in the past year and has 10,000 e-mail subscribers.

A set of Crouch's empirical results was recently submitted to the Congressional House Judiciary Committee as evidence of increasing complexity in the patent examination process. These results are among the top ten most downloaded new papers on the Social Science Research Network.



James R. Devine was the referee for world records in swimming by American Natalie Coughlin in the 100 back and by Zimbabwean Kirsty Coventry in the 200 back at the Missouri Grand Prix held at the new MU Aquatics Center in February.

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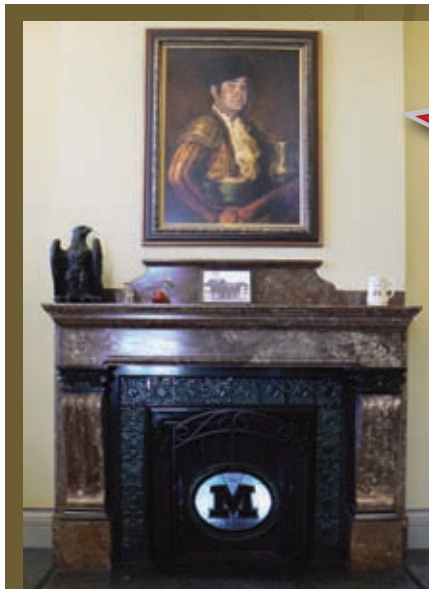
Family Violence Clinic



Clinic Students Represent School of Law at Capitol

STUDENTS AFFILIATED WITH the law school's Family Violence Clinic, joined by clinic director Mary Beck, represented the law school at the state capitol for the Association of Students of the University of Missouri's Annual Student Showcase. Beck and the students – Karen E. Berghold, Nichole E. Frankenberg, Jennae M. Neustadt, Amanda K. Wolf

and David M. Zugelter — spoke with legislators about the clinic's clemency work, interdisciplinary research with the MU School of Journalism assessing the county-by-county response to domestic violence and recent publications in the area of domestic violence.



This MU fireplace screen was given to its owner by his associates **Lindsay V. Biesterfeld, '07**, Brenda Endres and Benjamin Rothmel for Christmas in 2007.

Be the first to identify the owner and win a set of MU School of Law coffee mugs! To make your guess, e-mail bakercd@missouri.edu.

Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution



THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY of Dispute Resolution sponsored a symposium, “Innovative Models of Lawyering: Collaborative Law and Other Processes,” on Oct. 12, 2007. David Hoffman, the founding partner of the Boston Law Collaborative, LLC, and a former chair of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, gave the keynote presentation, “Practicing Law as Form of Dispute Resolution: Towards a Unified Field Theory of ADR.”

Following his talk, two panels of leading practitioners and scholars gave presentations, including School of Law Professor John Lande, who presented the results of his empirical study of cooperative prac-

tice in Wisconsin. The other presenters included University of Colorado Professor Scott Peppet, Los Angeles lawyer and mediator Forrest “Woody” Mosten, president and CEO of the International Institute of Conflict Prevention and Resolution Kathleen Bryan, Steptoe and Johnson partner Thomas Collier, and California lawyer Jeanne Fahey. Center Director Bob Bailey and Professor Stephen D. Easton moderated discussions.

Articles based on the presentations will be published in the *Journal of Dispute Resolution*, including one by **Lawrence P. McLellan, LL.M. ’06**, based on papers he wrote for LLM courses.



Lande Honored for Article

Professor John Lande was awarded the Outstanding Original Professional Article award by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR Institute) at its annual awards program on Jan. 17. The award, which recognizes an article published by academics and other professionals that advances understanding in the field of alternative dispute resolution, was given to Lande in recognition of “Principles for Policymaking about Collaborative Law and Other ADR Processes,” published in 22:3 *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution* 619 (2007).

Judges for the CPR Awards are judges and lawyers from leading corporations, top law firms and the foremost academic institutions across the United States.

“This is one of the truly prestigious awards that is given in the alternative dispute resolution field for outstanding articles,” says Bob Bailey, director of the School of Law’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution. “John is exceedingly deserving of this. His scholarship is significant and greatly adds to the wealth of knowledge in the ADR field.”

FACULTY NOTE



R. Wilson Freyermuth was appointed adjunct professor of management at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management, where he taught a short course on commercial real estate transactions in February.

He served as the organizer of the law school's 2007 symposium, "A Festschrift in Honor of Dale Whitman," and his article, "Why Mortgagors Can't Get No Satisfaction," was published in the fall 2007 issue of *Missouri Law Review*.

With the recent retirement of Professor Dale Whitman, Freyermuth is one of two new co-authors on the next edition of Whitman's casebook with former School of Law Professor Grant Nelson, *Real Estate Transfer, Finance, and Development*.

Freyermuth recently completed a three-year term as the law school's representative to the Campus Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee. During 2008, he serves as secretary for the Real Estate Transactions Section of the Association of American Law Schools, and he continues his service as executive director of the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Real Property Acts.



Paul J. Litton participated in a panel discussion, "The Margins of Legal Personhood," at the Association of American Law Schools' meeting, organized by its section on jurisprudence. Litton's talk addressed the moral and legal responsibility status of persons with psychopathy. The papers presented will be published in a special volume of the *Rutgers Law Journal*.

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Office of Career and Professional Development



Tamra Wilson Setser



Andrea Mazza Follett

The Office of Career and Professional Development wishes to thank all of the alumni who have participated in panel discussions and other programming during the 2007-08 year. We appreciate all of the attorneys who took time out of their schedules to share their experience and advice with law students.

The following alumni spoke at events sponsored or co-sponsored by the Office of Career and Professional Development:

Laura Krebs Al-Shathir, '03	Galen R. Mason, '02
Jodi Capshaw Asel, '75	J. Kyle McCurry, '02
Joseph P. Bindbeutel, '80	Kevin T. McLaughlin, '95
Melissa L. Blair, '07	Sara C. Michael, '96
Chad T. Courtney, '99	Daniel C. Nelson, '92
Michael A. Dallmeyer, '77	Cavanaugh K. Noce, '98
Joseph P. Dubinski, '98	Alexia L. Norris, '06
Megan R. Dunn, '07	Chris R. Pieper, '05
Kellie R. Early, '85	Dianna R. Reed, '07
Erik R. Edwards, '99	David R. Ringhofer, '05
R. Ryan Harding, '02	Leslie A. Schneider, '79
Timothy M. Huskey, '95	Kari A. Schulte, '05
Stephen G. Jeffery, '81	Patricia K. Susi, '99
Fibbens A. Koranteng, '07	Robert M. Thompson, '90
Mark J. Lanzotti, '99	David C. Vogel, '96
Michael R. Leamer, '99	Scott A. Wilson, '98
Fredrick J. Ludwig, '00	

We also wish to thank all of the attorneys who attended the 3rd Annual Small Firm and Public Interest Expo on March 6 and spoke with the law students during the networking reception.

Throughout the year, the office presents a variety of programs ranging from interview skills and office professionalism to explorations of different areas of practice. Students really enjoy the real-world perspective practicing lawyers can share. If you would like to volunteer to share your thoughts at a future presentation, please contact Andrea Mazza Follett, coordinator of professional development, at 573-882-7386 or folletta@missouri.edu.

Faculty News



Professor S. David Mitchell and his wife, Enid, an assistant professor at MU, announce the birth of Langston Julius Schatz-Mitchell on Dec. 31, 2007. At the time of his birth, Langston weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

South Africa Program

IN 1986, THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM and the University of the Western Cape (UWC) in South Africa entered into a cooperative agreement that would include faculty and student exchanges. Missouri was the first U.S. university to seek a collaborative relationship with a non-white university in South Africa. Since 1986, there have been over 400 faculty exchanges and the partnership between UWC and the University of Missouri System has been recognized by the United Nations as a model partnership.

The School of Law started its summer study abroad program at UWC in 2004. Each summer, about 20 American students have taken courses at UWC alongside approximately 20 UWC students. The American students take three two-credit comparative courses in constitutional law, criminal justice administration and dispute resolution in courses taught by MU and UWC faculty. In 2006, Lisa Draga was selected to be the first recipient of a fellowship to study law at MU. In 2007, she became the first UWC alumna to receive an LLM in dispute resolution.

In 2007-2008, through the generosity of Geoffrey A. Oelsner Jr., who created the MU/UWC Alternative Dispute Resolution Fellowship, and an anonymous donor to the Law School Foundation, Ivan Rugema and M. Zain Satardien from UWC are enrolled in the School of Law's LLM program.



Rugema is a Rwandan citizen, but was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya. He graduated with an LLB degree summa cum laude from UWC in 2007. He received the

Hofmeyr-Herbstein-Gihwala medal, the most prestigious academic award conferred by the law faculty, which is awarded to the student who has obtained the best academic results in the course of his or her LLB studies. He started an LLM program at UWC in the study of international trade and investment law, and plans to complete that degree upon returning to South Africa from Missouri.

“IVAN AND ZAIN MADE TERRIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS YEAR’S LLM PROGRAM. WE HOPE THAT FUTURE STUDENTS FROM UWC WILL MAKE COMPARABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PROGRAM AND THE PRACTICE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA.”

— JOHN LANDE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
AND LLM PROGRAM DIRECTOR

“When I heard that the University of Missouri in conjunction with the University of the Western Cape had a partnership which offered a scholarship to two students to pursue an LLM degree in dispute resolution in Missouri, I knew that this was an opportunity that I could not miss,” says Rugema. “I was even more excited because I felt that a course in dispute resolution would be beneficial for a country like Rwanda, whose judiciary is struggling to get back on its feet after the events of the 1994 genocide.”

As his time at Missouri draws to a close, Rugema is already making plans for his next step. “I hope to apply the knowledge and experiences that I have acquired here in two ways,” says Rugema. “Firstly, I hope to teach dispute resolution mechanisms and techniques to persons in the legal systems of both Rwanda and South Africa. I believe that the staff at the University of Missouri’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution are some of the best in the field and I hope to transfer some of the knowledge that I have acquired from them to the people in my country.

“The second way that I hope to apply what I have learned is to combine it with my other area of interest, which is international affairs. I believe that ADR techniques are very much needed in places like Africa where we continue to have various conflicts,” he explains. “I hope to be involved in the mediation of international disputes between the countries on my continent.”



Satardien is a South African who received his LLB in 2005 and his LLM cum laude in 2007, both from UWC. He was recognized as the top LLM student in 2007, and received

many awards throughout his academic career. He has worked as a junior lecturer and legal researcher at UWC and plans to practice law in South Africa upon his return from Missouri.

Satardien says that the opportunity to study dispute resolution at one of the top U.S. law schools in the field was an opportunity he could not miss.

“While doing my master’s in South Africa I realized the importance of dispute resolution in relation to my country,” says Satardien. “The South African Constitution orders the South African branches of government to first resolve their disputes through non-litigious means before they approach a court. Also, the international trade law and global economic order rules are created through negotiations.”

When he returns to South Africa, Satardien says that he intends to seek a post in the South African government, so that he can apply what he has learned from both a domestic perspective and an international trade law perspective, allowing his country to improve in its development. “By finding methods of improving my country’s performance in international trade negotiations and arbitration, it will allow me to assist my country in performing better in the world economy,” he says. “I also hope to teach dispute resolution back home, so that I can inform academics and practitioners about the usefulness of the tools that dispute resolution has to offer.”

“Ivan and Zain made terrific contributions to this year’s LLM program,” says John Lande, associate professor and LLM program director. “We hope that future students from UWC will make comparable contributions to our program and the practice of dispute resolution in South Africa.”

» For more information about the South Africa Summer Study Abroad Program, please visit law.missouri.edu/jd/study-abroad/africa/

FACULTY NOTE



Peter N. Davis published the 2007 pocket part to his Missouri water law summary in volume 6 of *Waters and Water Rights* (Robert Beck, ed.) and the 2007 reprint of volume 5, including his chapters on common law of water pollution and appendix, drainage law, flooding law and wetlands preservation.



Carl H. Esbeck published “When Accommodations for Religion Violate the Establishment Clause: Regularizing the Supreme Court’s Analysis,” 110 *West Virginia Law Review* 359 (2007), and “The 60th Anniversary of the Everson Decision and America’s Church-State Proposition,” 23 *Journal of Law and Religion* 15 (2007-2008). He also prepared a paper for a conference on church autonomy held in Washington, D.C., in March: “Protestant Dissent and Virginia’s Disestablishment, 1776–1786.”

Esbeck’s op-ed on the clash of religious freedom with employment nondiscrimination laws that first appeared in *The Hill* on Oct. 20, 2007, received favorable attribution in *First Things* in January.

HONORS & AWARDS

Poelling Honored with Patty Epps Award



CHERYL R. POELLING was the recipient of the 2007 Patty H. Epps Award, which is presented to one staff member who honors the memory of Patty H. Epps with exceptional public service, cheerfulness, and indomitable spirit and dedication to the School of Law. Faculty and staff vote by private ballot each year and the award recipient is kept secret until the final announcement.

In 1996, Poelling became the first recipient of the Patty H. Epps Award. She has worked in the School of Law’s administration office for 15 years.

She and her husband, Richard, are the parents of two grown children, Richard R. and Lisa, and grandparents to Griffin, Ethan and Ava.

In her leisure time you will find Poelling quilting in her sewing room, shopping for fabric or visiting quilting symposiums. The only thing she loves as much as her family and quilting are her law students. “I become quite attached and am delighted when they share their achievements, marriages and baby pictures with me.”

STAFF NOTES

Cynthia W. Bassett, electronic services librarian in the Law Library, joined the five-mile March for Babies on April 19. The March for Babies



Carly was born 10 weeks early and weighed 2 lbs. 11 oz.

Luckily, Carly received excellent medical care and has blossomed into a healthy and very busy toddler.

is organized by the March of Dimes to raise money for research and education to help prevent the premature birth of babies. Half a million babies are born prematurely each year. Bassett became aware of the dangers of premature birth when her niece, Caroline Pennington, was born prematurely in 2006. To learn more about Bassett's walk, go to marchforbabies.org/cindybassett.



John Dethman, reference librarian and coordinator of access services, and **Steven W. Lambson**, senior



research librarian and coordinator of reference services, made a presentation, "Legal Research for Public Librarians: Helping Pro Se Patrons Without

Engaging in the Practice of Law," at the Daniel Boone Regional Library Staff Day in March. Due to high levels of interest in the presentation, two sessions were required to accommodate 40 librarians and staff members.



Michelle L. Heck, admissions representative, was honored during the 2008 Tribute to MU Women. Honorees are MU faculty, staff and

students who have worked to create an environment of equity, fairness and justice for all women on the MU campus; have respected the diversity of women's experiences; and have helped promote the advancement of women through education, advocacy, support and activism. Heck was nominated by several law students.

FACULTY NOTE



John Lande organized a symposium sponsored by the School of Law's Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution titled "Innovative Models of Lawyering: Collaborative Law and Other Processes," which was held at the School of Law in October. He was also one of the event's speakers, presenting his research on cooperative lawyers in Wisconsin.

Lande published "Judging Judges and Dispute Resolution Processes" at 7 *Nevada Law Journal* 457 (2007). He gave the keynote address at the 14th Annual ADR Institute and Neutrals' Conference, sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia; was a panelist at "The Second Generation of Dispute System Design: Reoccurring Problems and Potential Solutions" symposium at Ohio State University; and presented at The Missouri Bar CLE program "Collaborative Law: What it is and How it Can Benefit Your Clients."

Staff Recognition

Law Staff Recognized for Excellence

EACH MONTH, STAFF AT THE SCHOOL OF LAW are recognized for their contributions to the school. Awardees are selected based on nominations from other law school staff or faculty.

This program honors staff who demonstrate a high quality performance and excellent customer service skills for both internal and external constituencies, and who further the goals of the school.

Recent Law Library Awardees

Jeremy A. Cook, user support specialist
Melissa H. Fayad, acquisitions specialist
Tamara Guilford-Davis, circulation specialist
Kathy Smith, administrative associate

Recent Law School Awardees

Katie L. Carollo, administrative assistant, Office of Development
Elaine D. Litwiller, administrative assistant, fiscal office
Robin K. Nichols, administrative assistant, Office of the Dean
Lesley S. Nilges, administrative assistant, Office of Career and Professional Development
Monique R. Prince, administrative assistant, clinical programs
Cheryl R. Poelling, administrative assistant, administrative office



S. David Mitchell wrote an article, "Undermining Individual and Collective Citizenship: The Impact of Exclusion Laws on the African-American Community," that was published in 34 *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 833 (2007). His op-ed, "Justice for All: Automatically Restoring the Rights of Ex-Felons," was posted on Jurist, a Web-based legal news and research site on Sept. 13, 2007.

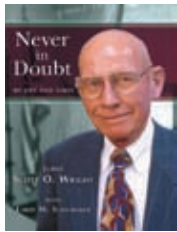
ALUMNI NOTES

1940s

Robert C. Smith Jr., '49, received the Thompson/Evans Fee Dispute Resolution Award in recognition of his dedication and service to the public and The Missouri Bar, for his work as a volunteer mediator and arbitrator, and for his involvement in fee dispute resolution.

1950s

Skinny, Fun and Full of Substance



Scott O. Wright, '50, released his memoir, *Never in Doubt: Memoirs of an Uncommon Judge*, written with **Larry M. Schumaker, '84**. The book, which covers Wright's youth, some of his most memorable cases and his opinions on a variety of important societal issues, was started in 2003 and completed in 2006.

Wright's goal in writing the book was to assist future lawyers. "Now that the book is completed I enjoyed the process. I hope when young people read the book, it will help them have a better idea of what the practice of law is all about," he says.

Schumaker became involved because he considers Wright a true American hero and knew that others would find him fascinating. He feels that the book is a good reflection of the judge that he knows. "When we got the first copies of the book from the printers, I told him, 'This book is just like you: it's skinny, it's fun and it's full of substance,'" Schumaker says.

Wright and Schumaker will discuss the book at the School of Law on Sept. 12, in conjunction with Law Day activities. Proceeds from *Never in Doubt: Memoirs of an Uncommon Judge* benefit the Law School Foundation. The book was printed by Kansas City Star Books in 2007.



The Class of 1964 boasts at least three prominent members of the Mid-Missouri legal community: **Thomas A. Vetter** of Cook, Vetter, Doerhoff & Landwehr in Jefferson City, Mo.; **W. Hampton Ford Jr.** of Ford, Parshall & Baker in Columbia; and **Marvin E. "Bunky" Wright**, recently retired general counsel for the University of Missouri System.

1960s

John Fox Arnold, '61, has been selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in corporate law, and as a Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyer. Arnold practices at Lashly & Baer in St. Louis.

Brendan Ryan, '61, was named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in alternative dispute resolution. He is a partner at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.



Maurice B. Graham, '62

Maurice B. Graham, '62, was selected as a Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyer and was named one of the top 10 individual attorneys in Missouri and Kansas by *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyer* magazine. He is a principal of Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.

Donald L. Wolff, '62, received the Foundation Award from the St. Louis Bar Foundation. He is a partner at Wolff & D'Agrosa in St. Louis.

David V. Brydon, '63, retired from the Jefferson City, Mo., firm of Brydon, Swearingen & England after more than 44 years of service.

Gary A. Tatlow, '64, and his late wife, Marilyn Silvey Tatlow, were awarded a 2008 Missouri Art Award for philanthropy. The Missouri Art Awards honor individuals and institutions that have made contributions to the cultural and artistic climate of Missouri.

Michael D. Garrett, '67, retired from the bench of the 39th Circuit in the state of Missouri.

Stephen H. King, '67, is a pastor for Zion United Church of Christ in St. Joseph, Mo. He also attends Saint Paul School of Theol-

ogy (Methodist) in Kansas City, Mo., and plans to seek ordination upon graduation. King practices at Stephen H. King Legal Services in Kansas City. He concentrates his practice in the areas of probate and estate litigation, estate planning and small business services.

Ford R. Nelson Jr., '67, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of real estate law at Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City, Mo.



J. William Newbold III, '67

J. William Newbold III, '67, was named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in commercial litigation. He is a partner at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

Clifford S. Brown, '68, has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a national organization in which membership is based upon distinguished service in the practice of estate planning, probate and trust law. Brown is a shareholder of Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown in Springfield, Mo.

Dwight Douglas, '68, was recognized in the *Neosho Daily News* for his 20-year dedication to higher education. Douglas has been on the Missouri Southern State University board of governors for five years. He previously spent six years on the Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) board, three of which he served as president. Additionally, he was president of the Crowder College Foundation for nine years. Douglas is a third generation graduate of the School of Law, and all 10 of the lawyers in his family are graduates of the School of Law. He practices at Douglas & Douglas in Neosho, Mo.



Harvey L. Kaplan, '68

Harvey L. Kaplan, '68, has been named to the recently published *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America*, as well as the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He was also named to the top 10 list in the

2007 edition of *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*. Additionally, he was featured in the January 2008 edition of *The American Lawyer* for being part of Shook Hardy & Bacon's Liti-

gation Department, which the publication named Litigation Department of the Year in the Product Liability Category. Kaplan chairs the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation Division at Shook Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo. He concentrates his practice in defending pharmaceutical and medical device companies in product liability litigations.



John R. Musgrave, '68

John R. Musgrave, '68, was named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in commercial litigation and personal injury litigation. He is vice-chair at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

Paul E. Kovacs, '69, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the areas of commercial litigation, legal malpractice law and personal injury litigation at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

1970s

Thomas E. Cummings, '70, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of alternative dispute resolution at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

John C. Holstein, '70, is an honorary co-chair for Missourians for Fair and Impartial Courts, an organization formed to protect Missouri's nonpartisan court plan. Holstein served on the Supreme Court of Missouri from 1989-2002 and as chief justice from 1995-97. He is a shareholder at Shughart, Thompson & Kilroy, where his legal focus is mediation, arbitration, appellate practice, litigation and commercial transactions.

Thomas R. Corbett, '71, was named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in trusts and estates. Corbett is a partner at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

Michael G. Goldstein, '71, presented a paper on nonqualified deferred compensation at the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries' Los Angeles Benefits Conference. Goldstein's paper will be included in the ASPPA's 2008 study guide on retirement planning.

Douglas S. Lang, '72, received the Morris Harrell Professional Award, which is given annually to an attorney whose conduct and character inspires and influences other attorneys. Lang is also the author of *Deeds Not*

Words, a compilation of stories from well-known lawyers and judges about mentors who shaped their professionalism and values. He serves on the 5th District Court of Appeals and lives in Dallas.

Richard B. Scherrer, '72, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of commercial litigation at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Edward M. Berg, '73, was honored at a reception celebrating his 30 years as executive director of Mid-Missouri Legal Services.



Paul W. King, '73

Paul W. King, '73, was selected as a 2007 Super Lawyer by *Law and Politics* magazine for Missouri and Kansas. He represents management clients in the labor and employment law field in Springfield, Mo.

Gregg I. Anderson, '74, joined the intellectual property law firm Knobbe Martens in San Diego. He formerly was a partner at Greenberg Traurig in Denver.

Byron E. Francis, '74, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in construction law at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

James S. Haines, '75, retired from Westar Energy Inc., and is now the Ned Eldon Clark distinguished Professor in the School of Business at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.



Gary R. Long, '76

Gary R. Long, '76, was featured in the January 2008 edition of *The American Lawyer* for being part of Shook Hardy & Bacon's Litigation Department, which the publication named Litigation Department of

the Year in the product liability category. Long practices at the firm's Kansas City, Mo., location.

Ann K. Covington, '77, is an honorary co-chair of Missourians for Fair and Impartial Courts, an organization formed to protect Missouri's nonpartisan court plan. Covington served on the Supreme Court of Missouri from 1989-2001 and as chief justice from 1993-95. She is of counsel for Bryan Cave's office in Jefferson City, Mo.

Ralph. H. Duggins III, '77, has been appointed to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission by Gov. Rick Perry. The commission preserves and promotes Texas' natural resources and oversees sporting and recreational opportunities. Duggins is a senior partner at Cantey Hanger in Fort Worth, Texas.

J. Kent Lowry, '77, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of personal injury litigation at Armstrong Teasdale in Jefferson City, Mo.

Jane L. Adam, '78, is vice president of tax at ServiceMaster in Memphis, Tenn.

Paul B. Lee, '78, announces the formation of Nelsen & Lee. His office is located at 1010 Market St. in St. Louis.



Stephen E. Cupples, '79

Stephen E. Cupples, '79, was named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America 2007* for his work in trusts and estates. Cupples is a partner at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.



Gerard T. Noce, '79

Gerard T. Noce, '79, has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in personal injury litigation. He has also received the Super Lawyer designation for his work in litigation defense. Noce is a partner at

Hepler, Broom, MacDonald, Hebrank, True & Noce in St. Louis.

Wilbur L. Tomlinson, '79, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of workers' compensation law at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Deborah J. Westling, '79, is an associate at Guilfoil Petzell & Shoemake in St. Louis.

1980s

Clark H. Cole, '80, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the areas of insurance law and personal injury law at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Daniel E. Godar, '80, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of energy law at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Photo courtesy of Southeast Missourian

Bryan L. Hettenbach, '80, has been appointed to the Office of Circuit Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri by Gov. Matt Blunt. Hettenbach, of St. Louis, has been in private practice for 20 years.



H. Morley Swingle, '80

H. Morley Swingle, '80, published *Bootheel Man*, a legal thriller combining the historical mystery of the disappearance of 30,000 people who inhabited Cahokia ten centuries ago with a contemporary murder mystery and legal battle between today's Osage Indians and a Southwest Missouri museum. The battle centers around the bones of "Bootheel Man," a Native American who lived in Southeast Missouri in 1050. A suspenseful blend of history, law and fiction, it has been compared favorably to the novels of Tony Hillerman.



Stephen G. Jeffery, '81

Stephen G. Jeffery, '81, was named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in environmental law. He is a partner at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81, was given an award by the Adoption and Foster Care Coalition for his free publication, *Welcome Home*, which educates Missourians about the legal, financial and emotional aspects of adopting a child in Missouri. The publication is available through the Missouri Attorney General's office.



Don M. Downing, '82

Don M. Downing, '82, was selected as a Super Lawyer by *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* magazine. He is a principal of Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.

Paul M. Macon, '82, was named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in real estate law. He is a partner at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

David G. Ott, '82, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of personal injury litigation at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Robert A. Kaiser, '83, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of labor and employment law at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Nancy E. Kenner, '83, announces the new name of her law firm, The Kenner Law Firm. The firm maintains its former address of 4717 Grand Avenue, Suite 840, Kansas City, MO 64112, and specializes in medical malpractice, nursing home abuse, personal injuries and wrongful death.

F. Richard "Rick" Van Pelt, '83, was selected for the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America 2008* for family law. He was also chosen as a 2007 Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyer. He practices at Van Pelt & Van Pelt in Springfield, Mo.

Kay A. Van Pelt, '83, was chosen as a 2007 Super Lawyer for family law. She practices at Van Pelt & Van Pelt in Springfield, Mo.

Lynn D. Malley, '84, LL.M. '03, is the program coordinator at Oklahoma State University's Institute for Dispute Resolution.

William S. Ohlemeyer, '84, has joined Boies, Schiller & Flexner in New York. He formerly was the associate general counsel of Altria Group, Inc.

Jayne A. Pearman, '84, announces that her new office is at 7007 College Blvd., Suite 480, Overland Park, KS 66211.

Michelle L. Wilson, '84, is a partner at Allman, Ingram & Wilson in Branson, Mo. She has three children and concentrates her practice in the area of family law, including adoptions.

William M. Corrigan Jr., '85, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of personal injury litigation at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.



Robert J. Selsor '85

Robert J. Selsor, '85, was selected for the 2008 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyer Missouri*. He is a shareholder in the Litigation Department at Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus in St. Louis. He concentrates in the area of probate and trust and fiduciary litigation, as well as commercial litigation.

William A. Frerking, '86, was named vice president and chief sustainability officer for

Georgia-Pacific in Atlanta. He formerly served as chief counsel for Georgia-Pacific.

W. Edward Reeves, '86, was elected as a representative to The Missouri Bar. He practices at the law firm of Ward & Reeves in Caruthersville, Mo.



Robert T. Adams, '87

Robert T. Adams, '87, was featured in the January 2008 edition of *The American Lawyer* for being part of Shook Hardy & Bacon's Litigation Department, which the publication named the Litigation Department

of the Year in the Product Liability Category. Adams practices at the firm's Kansas City, Mo., location.

Sherry L. Doctorian, '87, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. She concentrates in the area of government relations law at Armstrong Teasdale in Jefferson City, Mo.



Robert T. Ebert Jr., '87

Robert T. Ebert Jr., '87, is the new deputy leader of Bryan Cave's Commercial Litigation Group in St. Louis. He concentrates his practice in general business and commercial litigation. He also represents boards and audit committees of publicly traded companies and serves on the board of directors of a \$2 billion minority-owned business.

Kenneth M. Hayden, '87, is a partner at McDorman & Hayden in Versailles, Mo., and Lake Ozark, Mo. He concentrates his practice in criminal law, personal injury, family law, real estate and estate planning. He and his wife, Debbie, have two children and live in the Versailles area.



Michael D. Regan, '87

Michael D. Regan, '87, was named chair of Lashly & Baer's private business group in St. Louis.

Deborah S. Griffin, '88, was retained for her second six-year term as a judge for the Philadelphia Municipal Court in November.

Eric J. Wulff, '89, was elected as a representative to The Missouri Bar. He practices at the law firm of Burke, Wulff, Flach, Luber & Briscoe in St. Charles, Mo.

1990s

Patrick J. Kenny, '90, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of insurance law at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Mavis T. Thompson, '90, appeared in a performance of "The Vagina Monologues" to benefit programs which aim to end violence against women.

Daniel K. O'Toole, '90, was selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He concentrates in the area of labor and employment law at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Mary D. Winter, '90, is a partner at Bartimus, Frickleton, Robertson & Gorny's office in Jefferson City, Mo.

Martin Dajani, '91, practices antitrust law in DLA Piper US's Washington, D.C., office, focusing on international enforcement matters.

John D. "Dan" Patterson, '93, reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on March 18, to train with his Missouri National Guard Unit, the 110th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, for its year-long deployment at the headquarters for KFOR10, the U.S. portion of the NATO mission in Kosovo. Patterson is currently on military leave as chief assistant Greene County, Mo., prosecuting attorney and will serve as the deputy command judge advocate for KFOR10.

Jill L. (Geary) Patterson, '93, was named to Missouri's Up and Coming Lawyers of 2007 by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* based on her legal and community achievements. Patterson is a first assistant prosecuting attorney in the Person's Division of the Greene County Prosecutor's Office in Springfield, Mo.

Art Hinshaw, '93, LL.M. '00, wrote an article, "Mediators as Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse: Preserving Mediation's Core Values," which was published in the *Florida State University Law Review*. Hinshaw is director of the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program and associate clinical professor at Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Eric A. Farris, '94, is the managing member of the Farris Law Group, located in The Offices at Castle Rock, 1015 Highway 248, Suite K, Branson, MO 65616. Farris was

recently appointed as the chairman of The Missouri Bar's Immigration Law Committee. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have four children: Alexandra, Nicholas, Isabella and Dimitri.

John W. Rogers, '94, is a partner in Thompson Coburn's class action group in St. Louis. He focuses his practice on defending clients in consumer class actions involving alleged false advertising, consumer fraud, unlawful competition and violations of state and federal consumer protection laws. He also defends clients in state enforcement actions, qui tam actions, insurance coverage disputes, RICO actions and cases involving white collar crimes. He formerly practiced at Bryan Cave.

Michael J. Smith, '94, was named to Missouri's Up and Coming Lawyers of 2007 by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* based on his legal and community achievements. Smith is a member at Lashly & Baer in St. Louis and concentrates his practice area in litigation, health care and professional liability.

Michelle Whitaker Smith, '94, is general counsel for Mycroft Talisen, Inc. in St. Louis.

Thomas S. Carnahan, '95, was the focus of an article in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, "This Carnahan Charts a New Course," which appeared on Oct. 12, 2007. The article detailed Carnahan's commitment to producing energy by harnessing wind through the use of wind farms. He is the founder of Wind Capital Group in St. Louis, which has established Missouri's first wind farm and is developing three more wind projects in Missouri and a dozen projects in seven other states.



T. Christopher Watkins, '95

T. Christopher Watkins, '95, announces the opening of his law firm Jones & Watkins in Columbia, Mo. The firm is located at 2101 Corona Road, Suite 201, and focuses on estate planning and business law.

Debora L. Hale, '96, has opened a family law practice in Lee's Summit, Mo. The address is 609 NE 291 Hwy, Suite 370, Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

Terry M. Jarrett, '96, has been appointed to a six-year term on the Public Service Commission (PSC) by Gov. Matt Blunt. The PSC regulates utility services to the public and also regulates the mobile home, modular unit and recreational vehicles industries.

Jarrett lives in Jefferson City, Mo., and also serves as captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Missouri Army National Guard.

Wesley Brent Powell, '96, has been appointed by Gov. Matt Blunt to the Office of the Circuit Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit. Before his appointment, Powell was executive assistant U.S. attorney in Kansas City, Mo. He formerly was chief of the general crimes unit for the U.S. Attorney's Office and an assistant U.S. attorney for the Narcotics Unit.

Matthew T. Schelp, '96, was named to Missouri's Up and Coming Lawyers of 2007 by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* based on his legal and community achievements. Schelp is an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis. He has also been a Navy Judge Advocate General Reserve defense attorney for eight years and former active duty defense attorney for four years.

Timm W. Schowalter, '96, is chairman of the Employment and Labor Practice Group for USLAW Network, Inc. The organization consists of 61 U.S. law firms and 23 European law firms with more than 4,000 lawyers specializing in business transactions and litigation. Schowalter is a partner at Lashly & Baer in St. Louis.

Grant J. Shostak, '96, was named to Missouri's Up and Coming Lawyers of 2007 by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* based on his legal and community achievements. Shostak is a partner at Shostak & Shostak in St. Louis and concentrates his practice in criminal law.

Morry S. Cole, '97, was named to Missouri's Up and Coming Lawyers of 2007 by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* based on his legal and community achievements. Cole is a principal at Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.

Connie M. Sullivan, '97, has opened the Sullivan Law Firm, which will primarily focus on family law and estate planning. The firm is located at 2101 Corona Road, Suite 201, in Columbia.

Daniel E. Blegen, '98, is a shareholder at Rouse Hendricks German May in Kansas City, Mo. He represents clients in trials and arbitrations in a wide range of practice areas, including complex commercial and



Daniel E. Blegen, '98

business litigation.

Diana C. Carter, '98, is a shareholder of Brydon, Swearingen & England in Jefferson City, Mo.

Laura E. (Krasser) Clubb, '98, married **J.P. Clubb, '02**, in June 2007. She is a member of Osburn, Hine, Kuntze, Yates & Murphy in Cape Girardeau, Mo. She was formerly chief counsel of the Consumer Protection Division at the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

Eric M. Walter, '98, is a member of Guilfoil Petzall & Shoemake in St. Louis.

Christopher P. Bennett, '99, has joined Reed Smith's Corporate & Securities Group as a partner. He was formerly a senior associate at Latham & Watkins. He practices in Chicago, and will concentrate on corporate securities, public company representation, private equity investments, and mergers and acquisitions.

Scott A. Hamblin, '99, is a shareholder in Brydon, Swearingen & England in Jefferson City, Mo.

Jennifer Smith Kingston, '99, is a partner at Bryan Cave in St. Louis. Her practice focuses on litigating complex commercial lawsuits, product liability lawsuits and class action lawsuits.

Timothy A. Lohmar, '99, has been appointed to be the first judge of the St. Charles County's new Municipal Court. He formerly was a prosecuting attorney for the city of St. Charles, Mo., and was a municipal court judge in Moscow Mills, Mo. Lohmar will maintain his private practice, Lohmar & Staebell, in St. Peters, Mo.

Tyson J. Martin, '99, was named to Missouri's Up and Coming Lawyers of 2007 by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* based on his legal and community achievements. Martin is a first assistant prosecuting attorney in the Major Crimes Division of the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Springfield, Mo.

Todd C. Stanton, '99, was named to Missouri's Up and Coming Lawyers of 2007 by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* based on his legal and community achievements. Stanton is a shareholder at Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard in St. Louis.

John E. "Jay" Truty, '99, is a partner at DLA Piper's Environmental Practice Group in Chicago.



Shelley A. Wilson, '99

Shelley A. Wilson, '99, is a shareholder in McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips in St. Louis. She is a member of the firm's Workers' Compensation Defense Practice Group.



Bianca L. Eden, '00

2000s

Bianca L. Eden, '00, and her husband, Mark Bullock, announce the birth of Mariana Isabella on June 28, 2007. At the time of her birth, she weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21.5 inches

long. Eden is a partner at Wegmann, Gasaway, Stewart, Dieffenbach, Tesreau & Sherman in Hillsboro, Mo.

Ginger K. Gooch, '00, is a member of Husch Blackwell Sanders in Springfield, Mo. She practices in the firm's Business Litigation and Appellate Practice Groups.

Matthew R. Grant, '00, is a member of Husch Blackwell Sanders. He practices in St. Louis.

Tyson H. Ketchum, '00, and his wife, **Amanda Pennington Ketchum, '01**, announce the birth of Cole Hollis on Oct. 25, 2007. At the time of his birth, he weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 18 inches long.

Michael J. Kleffner, '00, has been promoted to partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo. He concentrates in tort and products liability.

Christina (Young) Mein, '00, and her husband, Philip Mein, announce the birth of Alise Kathleen Mein on Nov. 7, 2007. Mein is assistant regional counsel for the Social Security Administration in Kansas City, Mo.

Melinda J. Maune, '00, is a partner in Noonan & Wiseman's Commercial Transactions Department in St. Louis. She specializes in bankruptcy.

Gretchen Yancy Rogers, '00, is an associate at The Law Offices of Edwin W. Orr in Columbia. She formerly was an associate at Oliver Walker Wilson in Columbia.

Heidi Doerhoff Vollet, '00, was named to Missouri's Up and Coming Lawyers of 2007

by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* based on her legal and community achievements. She is counsel to the deputy attorney general at the Missouri Attorney General's Office in Jefferson City, Mo.

Aaron J. Bryant, '01, is a senior associate with The Hunt Law Group in Chicago. He practices in personal injury, construction litigation, transportation, premises and commercial litigation.

Omar D. Davis, '01, heads the Missouri Department of Revenue in Jefferson City, Mo. He formerly was the director of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Karla Klinger Diaz, '01, is an associate at the Simon Law Offices in Columbia. She concentrates her practice in agricultural law, estate planning, personal injury, criminal defense and family law.

Amanda Pennington Ketchum, '01, and her husband, **Tyson H. Ketchum, '00**, announce the birth of Cole Hollis on Oct. 25, 2007. At the time of his birth, he weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Michelle T. Rangel, '01, is an assistant county attorney for Fort Bend County, Texas. Rangel previously was a staff attorney at the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Justin K. Burroughs, '02, is a senior associate at Evans & Dixon in St. Louis. He is licensed to practice in both Missouri and Illinois, and has experience in the manufacturing and retail trade industries.

John P. Clubb, '02, married **Laura E. (Krasser) Clubb, '98**, in June 2007.



Charnette Douglass Garner, '02

Charnette D. (Douglass) Garner, '02, married Patrick Garner on Sept. 22, 2007, in Indianapolis, Ind. She is a deputy prosecuting attorney at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office in the Major Felony Division.

Her husband is a business systems analyst with the Indianapolis Airport. They reside in Indianapolis.

R. Ryan Harding, '02, has joined Husch Blackwell Sanders' Business Litigation Practice Group in Jefferson City, Mo. He formerly was a senior staff attorney with the Missouri Attorney General's Office's special litigation division.

Sarah D. Schappe, '02, has joined the Fulton Public Defender's Office.

D'Onica N. Hodgkin, '03, is the trial team leader of the Judicial Establishment Unit in the Family Support Division of the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. She practices in Kansas City, Mo.

Spencer A. McIlvaine, '03, married Lee Patterson on Sept. 29, 2007, in St. Louis County. He teaches media law to graduate students at Webster Groves University and has a solo practice, McIlvaine Law Firm, which specializes in intellectual property.

Dustin G. Dunklee, '04, practices at McDorman & Hayden in Versailles, Mo. He is also currently a Judge Advocate General officer in the Missouri National Guard. He concentrates his practice in the areas of family law, criminal defense, personal injury and estate planning. He and wife, Dina, have one daughter.

Daniel E. Kirsch, '04, has accepted a position with the Tennessee Office of the Post-Conviction Defender. The office represents indigent defendants who have received the death penalty.

Shawn L. Naccarato, '04, is a director of planned giving at the Pittsburg State University Development Office in Pittsburg, Kan. Naccarato and his wife, Chrissy, have two children.

Robert L. Ortvals, '04, is an associate at Olgetree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart in Kansas City, Mo. He represents employers in employment-related litigation.

Nevada M. Smith, '04, is an associate at The Immigration Firm of St. Louis and the Law Offices of Suzanne Brown. He concentrates in criminal, traffic, family and general civil matters.

Jeffrey L. Hilbrenner, '05, is a partner at Harper, Evens, Wade & Netemeyer in Columbia.

Jennifer Koboldt Bukowsky, '06, is an assistant public defender in the Boone County Public Defender's Office in Columbia. Before joining the Public Defender's Office, she clerked for **Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary L. Rhodes Russell, '83**.

Michael J. Duvall, '06, has joined the class and derivative actions client service group at Bryan Cave in St. Louis. He previously clerked for Judge Bowman in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit.

David R. Wallis, '06, and his wife, **Kelly C. Wallis, '07**, announce the birth of Clark William on Oct. 11, 2007.

Joshua H. Wees, '06, is an associate at Goffstein, Raskas, Pomerantz, Kraus & Sherman in St. Louis. He concentrates in litigation and insurance defense.

Bryan T. White, '06, is an associate at Rouse Hendricks German May in Kansas City, Mo. He focuses on complex business and commercial litigation.

Katie D. Whitman, '06, joined The Nygaard Law Firm in Leawood, Kan. She concentrates her practice in the areas of securities law, representing clients in securities regulation and litigation matters. Whitman formerly was deputy chief counsel for the Securities Division of the Missouri Secretary of State from 2006-2008.

Adam D. Woody, '06, practices at the Law Offices of Dee Wampler in Springfield, Mo. He concentrates his practice in the area of criminal defense, and formerly practiced with the State Public Defender's office.

Natalee M. Binkholder, '07, is legislative counsel for the Legislative Counsel Bureau in Carson City, Nev.

Katherine A. Jeter-Boldt, '07, is an associate in the Real Estate Division at Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City, Mo.

Michele M. Buschart, '07, has joined the McCrummen Immigration Law Group in Kansas City, Mo. She is the lead attorney for family petitions and asylum/refugee applications.

Thomas R.B. Ellis, '07, is legal counsel at the Missouri Department of Social Services' Division of Legal Services.

Aaron J. Ellsworth, '07, is an associate at McDorman & Hayden's offices in Lake Ozark, Mo., and Versailles, Mo. He concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate, family law, personal injury, estate planning and criminal defense.

Jason A. Kempf, '07, has joined the Product Liability Client Service Group at Bryan Cave's St. Louis office.



Mitchell E. Kempfer, '07

Mitchell E. Kempfer, '07, is a member of Armstrong Teasdale's Real Estate Practice Group in St. Louis.



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Jocelynn P. McAdory, '07, is an associate at Bullivant Houser Bailey in Portland, Ore.

Caroline S. Mudd, '07, is an associate at McAnay, Van Cleave & Phillips in Kansas City, Kan.

Jacob W. Shellabarger, '07, is an assistant prosecutor in Audrain County, Mo.



Tyler C. Thompson, '07

Tyler C. Thompson, '07, is an associate at Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard in St. Louis.

Kelly C. Wallis, '07, and her husband, **David R. Wallis, '06**, announce the birth of Clark William on Oct. 11, 2007.

LLM

Art Hinshaw, '93, LLM '00, wrote an article, "Mediators as Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse: Preserving Mediation's Core Values," which was published in the *Florida State University Law Review*. Hinshaw is director of the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program and associate clinical professor at Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Alexandria C. Zylstra, LLM '01, was a presenter at The Association of Missouri Mediators' annual conference.

Cynthia J. Alkon, LLM '02, wrote an article, "The Increased Use of 'Reconciliation' in Criminal Cases in Central Asia: A Sign of Restorative Justice, Reform or Cause of Concern?" which was published in the *Pep-Perdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal*. Alkon is a professor at Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Va.

Jane Ann Landrum, LLM '02, opened her law firm, Landrum Law, in Kansas City, Mo. She will concentrate her practice in the area of civil trial and plans to include mediation and arbitration in her new practice.

Pablo Ipina, LLM '03, and his wife, Valerie, announced the birth of Lorenzo in May. Ipina is now a fellow in the Stanford Program in Legal Studies at Stanford Law School. He also published an article, "Bolivian Gas Nationalization: Negotiation v. Arbitration."

Lynn D. Malley, '84, LLM '03, is the program coordinator at Oklahoma State University's Institute for Dispute Resolution.

James W. Reeves, LLM '04, is the director of Conflict Management Services at United States Arbitration & Mediation Midwest, Inc., in St. Louis. He also currently teaches two sections of alternative dispute resolution theory and practice at Washington University, and conflict mediation at Fontbonne University.

Flavia Fragale Pepino, LLM '05, teaches alternative dispute resolution at the University of Brasilia Law School.

Jose Alberto Ramirez, LLM '05, teaches conflict analysis and alternative dispute resolution at the Universidad Metropolitana of Caracas-Venezuela.

Koschina L. Marshall, LLM '06, teaches alternative dispute resolution at the University of the West Indies/College of the Bahamas Law program.

Lowell D. Pearson, LLM '06, has been appointed top legal counsel for Gov. Matt Blunt. Pearson formerly was the deputy director of the Missouri Department of Revenue.

Sukhsimrangjit Singh, LLM '06, co-authored "Institutionalization of Mediation in India" and presented it at the 9th LEADR International Dispute Resolution Conference in New Zealand. He is teaching cross-cultural dispute resolution during the January term at Hamline University School of Law.

Ongmu Tshering, LLM '06, is working at Jyoti Sagar & Associates in Mumbai, India.

Stephanie Sloggett-O'Dell, LLM '07, joined the firm of Civil Alternatives Inc., an alternative dispute resolution firm with offices in Kansas City, Mo., and Los Angeles.

Chip Stewart, LLM '07, and his wife, Kara, announce the birth of Sabrina Grace on Dec. 6, 2007.



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Alumni Honored by The Missouri Bar

Outstanding School of Law alumni were recognized at The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting in September 2007.

David J. Dixon Award

Recognizes outstanding achievement in appellate practice by young lawyers of The Missouri Bar.

Ginger K. Gooch, '00

Legislative Award

Presented to legislators who have played a key role in supporting legislation of interest to the state bar, or who have taken the lead in sponsoring bar-drafted legislation within the Missouri General Assembly.

Jack A.L. Goodman, '98

Christopher A. Koster, '91

Bryan T. Pratt, '99

President's Award

Presented to one or more members of the state bar who have contributed significantly during the past year in terms of participation in the work of the bar, value to the organization and leadership.

Dale C. Doerhoff, '71

Spurgeon Smithson Award

Acknowledges significant contributions to the administration of justice.

Melody Richardson Daily, '86

Marvin E. "Bunky" Wright, '64

W. Oliver Rasch Award

Created by the editorial board of the *Journal of The Missouri Bar*, this award recognizes outstanding substantive articles appearing in the journal.

William M. Corrigan Jr., '85



ALUMNI MEMORIAM

Walter L. Mulvania, '31, of Kansas City, Mo., formerly of Rock Port, Mo., died July 24, 2007, at age 101. He practiced law in Rock Port from 1931 until 2005. He was a prominent attorney in Northwest Missouri for 74 years before retiring at the age of 100. Mulvania served in the Army from 1943-1945 during World War II with the 91st Regiment Infantry. He also served as the Rock Port city attorney, Atchison County, Mo., prosecuting attorney and as the Rock Port Telephone Co. attorney during his career.

Fred W. Hauenstein, '36, of Kingsburg, Calif., died Jan. 1, 2006, at age 91. Following his graduation from law school, he returned to his home state of California to work on the family farm. During World War II, he lived in Southern California and worked for Lockheed Aircraft during the war effort. Returning to the San Joaquin Valley, Hauenstein became a Teamster and drove over-the-road trucks, as well as distributing gasoline and diesel fuel with his own tank truck. He and his wife opened a truck stop in Kingsburg in 1953. In 1956 he returned to his hobby of outboard power boat racing, winning the American Power Boat Association national amateur high point championship in 1957 and 1958. By the 1960s he was involved in his lifelong dream of flying through the sport of soaring.

Howard B. Lang Jr., '36, of Columbia, died Nov. 13, 2007, at age 95. In 1938, he joined the firm of Clark, Boggs, Peterson, and Becker. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and was stationed in the Aleutian Islands and at Camp Parks, Calif. In 1946, he was elected prosecuting attorney for Boone County, Mo. Lang served as mayor of Columbia from 1953-1957. In 1949, he joined MFA Insurance Companies, where he was employed for the next 35 years, retiring as president in 1981 and serving as chairman of the board until 1984.

Henry P. Andrae, '37, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Jan. 12, 2008, at age 93. He began practicing law in Jefferson City in 1937. He was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1942 and reelected in 1946 and 1948. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946, rising in rank from private to captain, and was on the staff of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines and Japan. He

was awarded the Legion of Merit. In 1946, he co-founded the firm of Hendren and Andrae, where he practiced until his retirement. Andrae served six years as a member of the board of curators of the University of Missouri System, chairing its executive committee. He was active in civic affairs and was an avid outdoorsman. At the time of his death, he held the longest membership in the Jefferson City Country Club.

J.O. Stone, '37, of Largo, Fla., died April 27, 2007, at age 95.

Marion F. "Thursty" Thurston Jr., '38, of Columbia, died Jan. 2, 2008, at age 94. He spent World War II at various installments as an enlisted man before accepting a commission as regular Army captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, resulting in tours of duty to countries including the Philippines, Japan and Germany. He also served at the Command and General Staff School, the Judge Advocate General's School and the Pentagon. After retirement from the Army in 1968, Thurston became commissioner of securities for the state of Missouri, where he served until 1978. He was active in the Columbia Kiwanis Club.

Earl E. Wasserman, '38, of Highland Park, Ill., died March 9, 2007, at age 91. He served in the Navy in World War II. During his time in Milwaukee, he was the co-owner of Sax Arts and Crafts and was involved with Music for Youth.

Lewis Hull, '39, of Fort Meyers, Fla., and Decatur, Ill., died Oct. 21, 2007, at age 91. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Among other duties he served with the combined chiefs of staff office in the White House. Hull was an attorney in Decatur from 1939-1995 until moving to a home office near La Place, Ill., where he worked part-time until 2005. He was a lifetime member of the Rotary International Club.

Curt M. Vogel, '41, of Perryville, Mo., died June 29, 2007, at age 90. He passed the bar examination only months before the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-1946. During this tour he flew 30 bombing missions out of England into Nazi-occupied Europe. The B-24 pilot and his crew completed his tour, which included the bombing of Berlin the day before D-Day. As an activated reservist, Vogel served in South Korea in the Adjutant General Corps of the newly-formed U.S. Air Force from 1951-1952. He entered the private practice of law, served as prosecuting attorney of Perry County, Mo., and later as city attorney for Perryville before completing his professional career as an associate circuit judge.

Warren D. Welliver, '48, of Columbia, died Oct. 29, 2007, at age 87. He was a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. After being admitted to The Missouri Bar, he practiced law from 1948-1977. From 1977-1979 he served as a state senator. During his time in state government, he was chairman of the State Select Committee on Sovereign Immunity, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Junior and Community Colleges, chairman of the Senate Interim Select Committee on Products Liability and a member of the Governor's Extension Study Commission. In 1979, he was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri, where he served until his retirement in 1989.

Charles V. Barker, '49, of Bolivar, Mo., died Sept. 13, 2007, at age 84. He was drafted in 1943, served in the Army Signal Corps and was discharged in March 1946. After serving in World War II, he completed his law degree and started a law practice in Bolivar. During his career, he also served as the prosecuting attorney of Polk County, Mo., and juvenile officer to the 30th Judicial Circuit. In 1966, he was elected judge of the 30th Judicial Circuit where he served for 22 years.

Winan Edgar Mayfield, '49, of St. Louis, died Oct. 2, 2007, at age 82. He served in the Navy during World War II. He began his legal career as a prosecutor for Laclede County, Mo., and then joined Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. as corporate counsel in 1956. Mayfield finished his legal career as vice president and general counsel for Southwestern Bell Corp, retiring in 1989.

William M. Symon Jr., '49, of Leawood, Kan., died Oct. 25, 2007, at age 84. He served in the Army during World War II as an artillery observation pilot. After the war he served in the Army Reserves for 30 years, retiring as lieutenant colonel. He was the former general counsel for Old American Insurance Company for more than 30 years and served as of counsel to Lathrop & Gage until he retired in 1999. He was also a member of Saddle and Sirloin for more than 30 years.

William H. Ergovich, '50, of Kansas City, Mo., died April 8, 2006, at age 84. He served as a Marine dive bomber and fighter pilot in the Pacific. He started practicing law in the Kansas City area in the 1950s, focusing on criminal, workers' compensation, probate and corporate law.

Donald L. Shughart, '51, of Kansas City, Mo., died Jan. 23, 2008, at age 81. He began his association with Shughart Thomson & Kilroy in 1951 and became a partner in 1953. He was an original founder of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers and was a member of the U.S. Tax Court.

Robert Carroll Jones, '52, of Overland Park, Kan., died Dec. 30, 2006, at age 81. He served in the British Army in the North African and Italian Campaigns. He and his wife owned and operated The Body Shop skin care products store in Kansas City for 10 years.

Austin F. Shute, '52, of Kansas City, Mo., died Jan. 31, 2008, at age 81. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and served two years as a signalman in the amphibious forces in the Pacific and Japan. He served as an assistant county prosecutor in the 1950s and as drug court prosecutor in 2001. He did much of his work pro bono, including serving on the Supreme Court Disciplinary Committee, Fee Dispute and Complaint Resolution Committee, as well as Mediation and Arbitration, all for The Missouri Bar.

William D. Wingfield, '52, of Prairie Village, Kan., died Sept. 21, 2006, at age 80. He was a navigator in the Navy during World War II and served in the Naval reserves as a lieutenant commander. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and the Village Presbyterian Food Pantry.

Jack L. Yocom, '52, of Springfield, Mo., died Oct. 10, 2007, at age 81. He served in the Navy for two years in the Pacific Theater on the USS Gallatin, a ship that removed troops after the Battle of Peleliu and other battles. In 1952 he began practicing law in Springfield, and in 2002 he was honored for 50 years as an attorney by the Greene County Bar Association. During his career, he served as chief assistant prosecuting attorney and as Greene County prosecuting attorney. Later he entered private practice.

B.B. Turley, '54, of Rolla, Mo., died Jan. 10, at age 84.

Harold L. Henry, '56, of West Plains, Mo., died April 17, 2007, at age 83.

Lyle E. McClain, '56, of Ft. Washington, Md., died February 2007.

Robert A. Heins, '58, of Omaha, Neb., died Sept. 8, 2007, at age 77. He entered the Navy as an ensign, serving on carriers Essex and Randolph. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he attained the rank of second lieutenant. After graduating from the School of Law, he practiced law in Sedalia, Mo. In 1962, he reenlisted in the Navy, serving in Boston in the Judge Advocate General Corps as a first lieutenant from 1962-1964. From 1964-1988 he worked for the Army Corps of Engineers as a civilian attorney in Nebraska, Oregon, Washington and Saudi Arabia. During that time, he transferred to the Army Reserve, eventually retiring as a "full bird" colonel. Most recently he worked as an attorney in Omaha.

Charles E. Brown, '59, of Tucson, Ariz., died Oct. 23, 2007, at age 74. He was commissioned in the Navy after graduating from law school. As a Navy judge advocate general, he served during Vietnam on the USS Coral Sea and USS Enterprise. He had the distinction of being the only Navy JAG to be qualified as officer of the deck underway on the USS Enterprise. After retiring as a commander, he and his family moved to Gainesville, Mo., where he practiced law and was active in community affairs.

Theodore M. Henson, '60, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died June 20, 2007, at age 72.

James O. Turner, '62, of St. Joseph, Mo., died April 17, 2007, at age 74. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was one of the few soldiers involved with the detonation of hydrogen bombs for testing in the Pacific. He worked for the City of St. Joseph as city attorney then went into private practice at Turner Law Offices for 25 years.

James A. Pemberton, '63, of Fairfax Station, Va., died July 30, 2007, at age 67.

James E. Moore III, '64, of Charleston, Mo., died July 16, 2006, at age 66. In 1964 he began his law practice in Sikeston, Mo., with Weber Gilmore. He opened his own law office in 1965. In 1990 he opened a second law office in Cape Girardeau, Mo. After serving for four years as assistant prosecuting attorney in Scott County, Mo., he was elected Scott County prosecuting attorney.

Ralph C. Kidd, '65, of Brumley, Mo., died Nov. 10, 2007, at age 67. He was employed as an attorney for legislative research for the Missouri Legislature for 38 years, serving in numerous posts, including deputy director and director, until his retirement in 2003.

Stephen V. Crain, '66, of Kansas City, Mo., died Sept. 15, 2007, at age 66. He practiced law for 41 years in the Kansas City metropolitan area. He was active in professional and civic affairs, serving in various capacities, including president of the Clay County Bar Association and president of the North Kansas City Kiwanis Club.

Richard W. Peterson, '67, of Washington, D.C., died Nov. 26, 2006.

Gary W. Wagner, '68, of Farmington, Mo., died Oct. 14, 2007, at age 71. He practiced for 28 years with the Colson, Wagner and McKay Law Firm in Farmington and served as the Farmington city counselor for more than 25 years. He was a former teacher and agent with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Michael C. Rose, '69, of Alexandria, Va., died Nov. 3, 2007, at age 63. He served in the Army. He was in private practice in St. Louis until 1990. From 1990-2004, he served as an attorney for the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission.

Bernard Edelman, '70, of Kirkwood, Mo., died March 18, 2008.

John L. Patton, '81, of Columbia, died March 31, 2008, at age 56. He worked as a Boone County, Mo., assistant prosecutor and was officially named county attorney for the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 1995.

Deirdre O'Meara Smith, '82, of Dataw Island, S.C., died Jan. 26, 2008, at age 61. She was a retired attorney and court administrator for the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. While practicing, she served on the Missouri Client Security Trust Fund Board, the executive committee of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the board of directors of the St. Louis Women Lawyers Association and the board of directors and executive committee of the American Judiciary Society.

Patrick J. Cason, '83, of Harrisonville, Mo., died Dec. 3, 2007, at age 49.

Michael S. Linsenmeyer, '05, of St. Charles, Mo., died Dec. 25, 2007, at age 33. He was employed as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Cape Girardeau County, Mo.

Friends

Marilyn Rose Eth, of Columbia, died Dec. 28, 2007, at age 83. She worked for the dean of the School of Law from 1971 until her retirement in 1992.

Gladys M. Evans, of Macon, Mo., died Oct. 27, 2007, at age 95. She was the wife of

Glenn D. Evans, '24, and created the Judge Glenn D. Evans Scholarship Fund.

William Murphy, of Chapel Hill, N.C., died Sept. 29, 2007, at age 87. He was a faculty member at the MU School of Law from 1962-1970. He also taught at the University of Mississippi School of Law and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law. In the 1950s and 1960s, Murphy angered segregationists by teaching that school integration was the law of the land, refusing to teach law students at the University of Mississippi that *Brown v. Board of Education* was an illegitimate ruling.

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MU School of Law

September 12, 2008

The Distinguished Alumni Luncheon
with special guest MU Athletic Director
Mike Alden
11:15 a.m.
Old Alumni Center

Complimentary CLE
“Never in Doubt: Memoirs of
an Uncommon Judge” with
Judge Scott O. Wright, '50, and
Larry M. Schumaker, '84
1.0 hour of MCLE credit
5 to 5:50 p.m.
John K. Hulston Hall

**The Dean's All-Class Reunion
Reception and Individual Class
Reunions for Featured Classes**
6 to 8 p.m.
John K. Hulston Hall

September 13, 2008

Law Day Breakfast
8 to 9 a.m.
Law Library

**Law Day Alumni and Faculty Awards
Ceremony**
9 to 10 a.m.
John K. Hulston Hall Courtroom

**Law School Foundation Annual
Meeting and Election of Officers**
Immediately following the Awards
Ceremony
John K. Hulston Hall Courtroom

Law Day Picnic
10 a.m. to noon
John K. Hulston Hall East Courtyard

September 19, 2008

**Annual Alumni Luncheon in
conjunction with The Missouri Bar
Annual Meeting**
Kansas City, Mo.
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