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Developing Leaders to Serve Clients and Promote Justice

MU School of Law offers a rich curriculum for real-world issues

I recently was asked by an alumnus about our curriculum at the Law School, and whether we had in any sense “reformed” our course offerings in recent years. This lawyer was particularly interested in ways in which our curriculum had become more focused on the modern practice of law. We are, in fact, engaged in a two-year review of our curriculum, and I would welcome your thoughts and suggestions as to how we could do an even better job of preparing our graduates for practice. Even before we conclude this review, though, there is much good news to share.

This is due, in large part, to the fact that Mizzou has always been a law school that takes seriously its duties to the legal profession. Quite tellingly, the final sentence of the Law School’s mission statement provides that “we seek to graduate well-rounded lawyers who are sensitive to ethical issues, prepared to serve clients and ready to be leaders in promoting justice.”

In their very first semester, our students take a course in “lawyering,” in which they learn about and experience legal skills such as negotiation, mediation, arbitration and problem solving. In their second and third years of law school, students get hands-on experience in courses such as trial practice and advanced trial practice, in which they engage in simulated trials and trial work. Under Missouri’s Student Practice Rule, they also can represent actual clients in one of our two litigation clinics (handling criminal prosecutions or domestic violence cases), serve as mediators in our Mediation Clinic or intern in Jefferson City through our Legislative Clinic. Many of our students also gain additional real world practice experience through public service placements in our extensive Externship Program.

The Law School is able to deliver a rich curriculum that focuses on real-world practice issues because of our outstanding faculty. Two of those faculty, Professors Frank Bowman and **Kandice K. Johnson, ’78**, are spotlighted in this issue’s “Faculty Feature.” Both of these faculty had extensive legal practice experience before entering legal education, and their students benefit from this on a daily basis.

But law school lasts only three years, after which our graduates continue their legal education as practicing attorneys. Many of these new lawyers are fortunate enough to receive their initial post-graduate training as law clerks to federal and state judges. Thus the focus of this issue’s cover story is on judges and law clerks and the wonderful way in which judges mentor new attorneys as they enter the legal profession.

Finally, there are some lawyers and judges who are simply “larger than life” and inspire us all. We therefore note with sadness the passing last August of **Warren E. Hearnese, ’52**. After holding elective office for 22 years, Gov. Hearnese served for 16 years with Southeast Missouri Legal Services in Charleston. He will be missed – by his clients and friends and fellow lawyers in Missouri and across the nation.

Particularly in these tough fiscal times, the ongoing support of alumni and friends is essential to the Law School’s continuing success. From all of us here at the Law School, thanks so much – and please drop by to say hello the next time you’re in Columbia.

Very truly yours,

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They Make It Their Jobs

by Paul Schwinn



Frank O. Bowman III
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Kandice Johnson
Director of Clinical Programs,
Director of the Criminal Prosecution
Clinic and Clinical Professor of Law

“Both Professor Bowman and Professor Johnson have extensive real-world experience with the criminal justice system,” Dean Dessem says. “They bring this extensive experience to their courses and to individual interactions with students, who are fortunate to be able to draw upon their expertise and knowledge.”

Professors Frank Bowman and Kandice Johnson make it their jobs to educate the next generation of criminal lawyers. With their vast trial experience, they serve as role models for their students. Both are heavily involved in and out of the classroom, devoting time to continuing their students' educations beyond their traditional work week.

Frank O. Bowman III

Frank O. Bowman III teaches criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, white collar crime and law and religion classes. A wide array of classes stems from a wide array of career experience.

Bowman's interest in law sparked during his undergraduate years at Colorado College. He graduated with a degree in political science, but that was not his initial pursuit. “I was a chemistry pre-med major,” Bowman says, “until organic chemistry, when a persistent inability to grasp the molecular combinations made possible by the hexagonal geometry of the carbon atom convinced me that I probably ought to stay out of the sciences.”

He says that following the Watergate scandal opened his eyes to the world of law, explaining that the work the attorneys did during that period of time, “struck me. I was much more interested in that than microbes and such.”

So Bowman followed that path to Harvard Law. Upon graduation, Bowman knew he wanted to work in Wash-

ington, D.C., so he took a position with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Bowman gained experience in both government jobs and private practice. After 17 years of trial work he decided to get into teaching. “I had pretty much done most of the kinds of trials that I wanted to do. I thought it would be fun to teach, and thought it would be fun to have more time to write,” Bowman says.

He has certainly found time to write. As well as publishing a vast assortment of articles, Bowman publishes a yearly edition of the *Federal Sentencing Guidelines Handbook* with Roger W. Haines Jr. and Jennifer C. Woll. Bowman couldn't put a number on exactly how many hours a week he devotes to writing, instead he says, “Between my book and other publications, I feel like I'm constantly writing something.”

Considering sentencing takes up roughly two-thirds of what he writes, clients call him on occasion for advice on the subject and Bowman is happy to help. Bowman served as special counsel for the U.S. Sentencing Commission in the 1990s and has spent more than a decade writing on the subject. He became an expert on the subject because he's interested in the material, but also because that's where his career took him. “It wasn't like I said, ‘Okay, gosh, I'm going to spend a lot of time doing sentencing.’ It just sort of happened,” Bowman says. “And one thing led to another, as life so often does.”

Bowman is involved in extracurricular student activities as well. Guidance for the Historical and Theatrical Trial Society (HATTS), the brainchild of former School of Law Professor Stephen D. Easton, was handed to Bowman after Easton left to become the dean at the University of Wyoming College of Law. Bowman says the yearly HATTS trial gives great experience to the students involved, but also gives the school great exposure in the community. “It's a great community building exercise, not just within the law school but it also draws a lot of people outside the law school,” Bowman says.

Bowman developed a Web site that has tied into his work with HATTS. He works with 3L Michael J. Henderson, 2L Michael S. Spillane and 3L Bradley S. Dixon to document Missouri's involvement with the Civil War. HATTS put on trials of former Gov. Thomas Crittenden for ordering the killing of Jesse James and of John Brown for his role in the Pottawatomie Creek Massacre in Kansas before the Civil War.

Bowman jokes that the Web site was started when he ran a red light a few years ago. He decided to serve his sentence – community service – at the Boone County Historical Society, “Normally they make you sweep the floors,” Bowman says. But instead, he decided to put his passion for the Civil War into www.warandreconciliation.com.

Between classes, extracurricular activities and writing, Bowman has a lot on his

weekly agenda. When asked if he's perfected his time management skills, he replies, "I guess you'd probably have to ask my wife about that. She'd probably say no."

Kandice Johnson

After graduating from Eastern Illinois University, Professor **Kandice K. Johnson, '78**, went to work at Evangelical Children's Home in St. Louis helping abused and neglected children.

"Working at the children's home provided some good insight into the value of having a stable home, and most importantly the immeasurable importance of having a parent who was involved in the care of their child," Johnson says. "Most of the time, the children at the home did not receive this type of care and then they became involved

in a child welfare system too overburdened to really meet their needs."

So Johnson went to law school at MU with the thought that a law degree would be the best way to facilitate the placement of children with stable families. In the course of her legal education, and in particular a course with Professor Ed Hunvald, she realized that criminal law was the area that engaged her more than any other. This prompted her decision that she would follow a different path than the one that brought her to the study of law. In retrospect, she says, "the cases were very demanding but also extremely rewarding. No aspect of my career addressed a more important issue."

After the birth of her first child, Johnson left the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and held a variety of positions, including general counsel for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, where she negotiated the purchase of the Missouri Katy Trail.

Johnson also completed a stint as a public defender. From a practical aspect, she says, it is important to understand the criminal justice system from both the defense and prosecution sides. And again, her experiences with abused children helped her understand the clients she defended. Johnson says that certain individuals who end up in the criminal justice system need to be confined to keep the public safe, but frequently others come from a background as abused or neglected children who have poor impulse control and little hope for their futures.

Now, as a professor at the School of Law, Johnson gets a new batch of students to help every semester. Though the students have only been abused by a rigorous law school curriculum, Johnson still takes them under her wing.

Johnson now serves as the director of clinical programs, oversees the school's Criminal Prosecution Clinic, directs the summer externship program every other year and teaches a trial practice class. These commitments keep her bouncing around the state to visit externship sites and, during the academic year, heading back and forth between the courthouse and the classroom.

In addition to her direct responsibilities at the law school, Johnson serves as a Boone County assistant prosecuting attorney. Her status as an assistant prosecutor has helped her to develop a

unique law school clinic that allows her to directly supervise her students' work on behalf of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Johnson says, "I have been fortunate to work with a series of outstanding prosecutors – **Joe L. Moseley, '76**, **Kevin M.J. Crane, '87**, and now **Daniel K. Knight, '92**. Each of these men have done a great deal to support the school and this program and as a result my students have litigation opportunities that few students ever encounter."

The Criminal Prosecution Clinic takes roughly 30 real-life cases per semester, a hefty workload for the student teams that handle them. The students work with Johnson to manage the details of their cases and she assists with multiple rough drafts of witness questions. This back-and-forth with her students usually takes four exchanges, but by the time the trial or preliminary hearing starts, she is 100 percent confident that her students are as ready as they can be.

Johnson's clinic has eight students per semester, so she gets to know each student very well. Whether it's through e-mail, class, court or on the phone, Johnson says she's in constant contact with her students. "[With] the courses I teach, there's a lot of interaction with students, and that's the joy of teaching for me," Johnson says.

Johnson's trial practice course doesn't take real cases, but the students still gain valuable experience. "I really enjoy watching them struggle through things and then getting so much better," she says. "Watching that progress, watching them learn how to analyze a case and properly present it in courtroom – it's like watching someone grow up."

James G. Eftink, 3L, was one of the students in the Criminal Prosecution Clinic during the fall semester, and he knows the opportunity the clinic has presented to him. "For a student like myself, who wants to be a litigator, there is simply no better way to get that kind of real world experience before graduating," Eftink says. "And to top it off, we are providing a valuable service to the state by helping clear court dockets."

Eftink knows he's able to give this service thanks to Johnson's experience and teaching skills. "Professor Johnson combines a vast store of experience and knowledge of litigation, with a true love for teaching law students," Eftink says.

Beck Receives Angels in Adoption Award



Mary M. Beck, '88

IN THE FALL OF 2009, **Mary M. Beck, '88**, was honored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute with an Angels in Adoption Award, which recognizes individuals and groups who have

made extraordinary contributions on behalf of children in need of homes.

"This award was very meaningful to me because I have spent my professional life trying to advance permanency for children," Beck says. "I am honored to be in a category of people recognized for their devotion to children."

Recipients are nominated by members of Congress. Beck's nomination was made by Missouri Sen. **Claire C. McCaskill, '78**. During her time in Washington, Beck met with Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and the head of children's issues for the U.S. Department of State, in addition to joining an intimate address Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton gave concerning international adoption. "It made me proud to see firsthand how my country strives to guarantee a family for every child," Beck explains.

Beck joined the law school faculty in 1993 and serves as director of the Family Violence Clinic and clinical professor of law.

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

“Cases Show Kids Their Rights: Landmark Cases Provide Stance on Relations with Parents and Society” *Springfield News Leader*
 “Holiday Bail: Family Time on the Ballfields” *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*
 “Just Checking In: Keeping Parents on the Sidelines of Kid Sports”
The Union Leader (New Hampshire)

“Just Checking In: The Most ‘Noble’ Sports Moments” *The Union Leader* (New Hampshire)
 “Hard Lessons to be Learned: ‘Punch Seen ‘Round the World’ Just the Latest Incident Renewing Focus on Sportsmanship” *Eugene Register-Guard* (Oregon)
 Re: hazing and bullying on high school sports teams “The Sports Edge” on WFAN (New York)

Re: criminalization of assaults on sports officials “The Sports Edge” on WFAN (New York)
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“Looser Rules on Sentencing Stir Concerns about Equity” *The Wall Street Journal*
 “Madoff Sentence to Determine More Than Just Jail Time” *Financial Times*
 Re: current financial situation “On Point” on NPR
 “Rent Payments, Reimbursement Don’t Match Up for Former State Rep. Tailodin ‘T.D.’ El-Amin” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
 “Right and Left Join Forces on Criminal Justice” *The New York Times*

Dennis D. Crouch

“Painful Lesson on Patents” *Inside Higher Ed*

Carl H. Esbeck

“Land and Building Wars” *Christianity Today*
 “Panelists: Separation of Church and State Protects Religion” *The Norman Transcript*
 “Speakers Debate Legacy of Ten Commandments Monument” *The Oklahoma Daily*

Ilhyung Lee

“A-B InBev Fighting Mad Over abinbev.com” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

Paul J. Litton

“Sotomayor Would Have to Make Value Judgments” *The Christian Science Monitor*

S. David Mitchell

“Juror Charged with Seeking Bribe in Auffenberg Tax Case, Acquittal Stands”
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Richard C. Reuben

“Petition Process a Double-Edged Sword in Missouri” *Kansas City Star*
 Re: Clarence Thomas and questioning during oral argument WYON (Chicago)

S.I. Strong

“Class Arbitration May Gain Foothold Outside the United States”
Kansas City InfoZine

FACULTY NOTES



Wilson Freyermuth gave a presentation on the enforceability of private transfer fee covenants at the annual meeting of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers in October and is working with representatives of the American Land Title Association and the National Association of Realtors to prepare model legislation invalidating private transfer fee covenants. During the fall of 2009, he also participated in a Uniform Law Commission “stakeholder meeting” designed to ascertain the feasibility of a uniform law governing security interests in manufactured housing.

At the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting in January, Freyermuth was elected chair of the Real Estate Transactions Section. In that role, he will organize the section’s 2011 annual meeting program on sustainable development and “green” building standards.

In February, Freyermuth’s article “Foreclosure by Arbitration?” was published in the *Pepperdine Law Review*.



Philip G. Peters Jr. has returned to the law school after a two year appointment as executive director of First Chance for Children, a Columbia nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by helping every child arrive at kindergarten ready to succeed. He teaches health care law and race-based remedies (a history of affirmative action) in the winter and will teach torts in the fall.

Peters plans to continue his work to reduce achievement disparities. This spring he ran for a position on the Columbia board of education. He is also a founding member of the Missouri Coalition for School Readiness, which just received a grant from the Pew Charitable Trust and Pre-K Now to initiate a campaign for universal voluntary preschool in Missouri.

Peters’ daughter, Natalie, is in Uganda for two years of service in the Peace Corps.



Martha Dragich is representing the School of Law in the London Law Consortium program during the winter semester. She is teaching federal courts and law and

literature.



Douglas E. Abrams has submitted the manuscript for the fourth edition of *Children and the Law: Doctrine, Policy and Practice*, the casebook he co-writes for West. His

essay, "Rehabilitative Services For Youth," appears in *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion*, published by the University of Chicago Press. He has published "Judges and Their Editors" in the *Albany Government Law Review*, an article that is adapted from his talk last summer at the annual meeting of the Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions. He has also published "Sports in the Courts: The Role of Sports References in Judicial Opinions" in the *Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*.

Abrams' feature article about legal writing appears in each issue of *Precedent*, The Missouri Bar's quarterly magazine. His most recent articles are "How Not to Seek an Award of Attorney's Fees" (Summer 2009) and "Legal Writing: Sense and Nonsense" (Fall 2009). His *Precedent* articles have been republished in other state bar journals, including *The Nebraska Lawyer* and *The Washington State Bar News*.

Abrams began his second term on the board of directors of the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA). He spoke about developments in juvenile justice legislation and case law at the MJJA's annual fall educational conference. He was also a panelist on "Students and the Constitution: Issues of Juvenile Justice," an interactive national television program conducted by The Missouri Bar for middle school and high school students.

Abrams' advocacy for youth-sports reform continues to gain national attention. The Manchester (N.H.) *Union Leader* recently called him "one of the people who help serve as the conscience for anyone involved in youth sports."

TRANSCRIPT FEATURE

John Brown Put on Trial More Than a Century Later

by Paul Schwinn



AT A TIME WHERE the real John Brown can't take a step, a Historical and Theatrical Trial Society (HATTS) jury let him walk.

This year's HATTS trial put the late John Brown on the hot seat for his involvement in five murders at Pottawatomie Creek in 1856. Brown allegedly led a mob of armed men into the houses of James Doyle, Allen Wilkinson and James Harris in the dark of night. The raids led to the murders of James Doyle, William Doyle, Drury Doyle, Allen Wilkinson and William Sherman. The cast of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends tried Brown under the Patriot Act of 2001, not the laws of the mid-1800s. Though the majority of the jurors thought Brown was guilty, two of the 12 voted not guilty after hearing nine witnesses spanning more than three hours of testimony.

Frank O. Bowman III, Floyd R. Gibson Missouri Endowed Professor of Law, and 3L Lindsey R. Laws served as defense counsel for John Brown in the trial. Bowman argued that the trial could not be held in Columbia because it would be impossible to find a jury who would be impartial to John Brown due to the prevalence of slave owners in Boone County. Even though his motion for change of venue was denied, Bowman seemed confident he could win the case throughout. "Nobody knows what's going to happen out there," Bowman says. "It's just like a real trial."

HATTS gives students the opportunity to take part in the trial process. Ashley N. Franz, 3L, took her role of Mahala

Doyle seriously. In addition to looking over her character's part multiple times, Franz did some additional research to try and make the role come to life. "[I] tried to find accents on YouTube," Franz says. "After watching 'Gone with the Wind' clips, I gave up on the accent!"

"They really got to know their characters and I think that showed on stage," 3L Carolyn Hamilton says. Hamilton was the trial director for this year's performance. She was proud of everyone's performance and notes, "I would be remiss not mentioning Professor Bowman's perseverance in making his case." Hamilton says, "Time was against him, but he forged on like a champion of the cause."

On the other side of the stage, 3L Justin D. Smith and Cape Girardeau County Prosecuting Attorney **H. Morley Swingle, '80**, teamed up to play the prosecuting attorneys. Swingle said he had a great rapport with Smith, and he had a good time working with him throughout. "Working with [Smith] on preparing the opening statement, closing argument, direct exams and cross exams all felt real and gave [him] a realistic look at what is involved in trial preparation," Swingle says.

The trial is normally held in the courtroom in Hulston Hall, but this year's trial was held in conjunction with the Mid-American Association of Law Libraries' (MAALL) conference. Thus, the trial was held at the Missouri Theatre to accommodate all of the guests. Hamilton estimates that 650 members of the law school and Columbia communities, and participants in the MAALL conference, attended the performance.

HATTS is a group of students and faculty dedicated to exploring the intersection of law, history and theatre. Each year the society selects an event from history that represents a potential cause of action that was never tried in its own time. It then researches the event and stages a mock trial that applies modern law to the historical facts.

About a month into my district court clerkship, one of the magistrate judges stopped by chambers and asked me how I liked my new job. In the middle of researching substantive due process issues of speech and privacy rights for an imminent temporary restraining order hearing on a new state abortion law, I remember telling him it was the best job I'd ever had. He smiled and pointed to Judge Laughrey's office door. "Until you have her job, it will be the best job you ever have." I couldn't agree more. — J. Andrew Hirth, '05

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MU Law Alumni Enhance the Judiciary Through Clerkship Programs

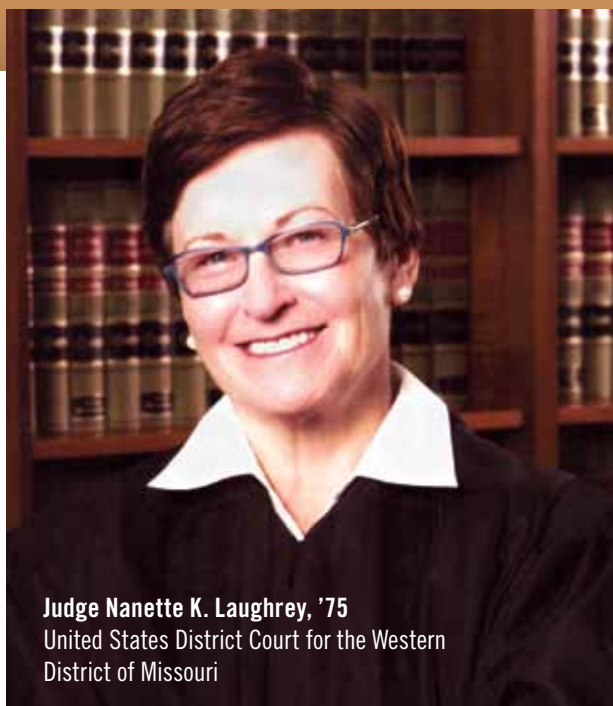
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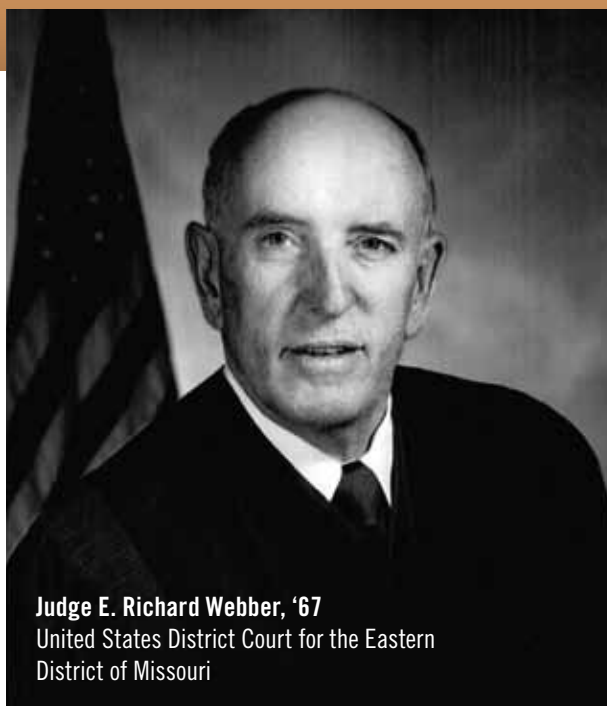
Each year, judges – both alumni and non-alumni alike – hire MU Law students and graduates as judicial clerks. It's a win-win situation. The clerks receive an unmatched experience, seeing lawyers and judges in action, watching the court system at work from behind the scenes and usually developing career-long relationships with their judges. The judges benefit from the outstanding practical and philosophical training the School of Law offers its students, with a strong foundation in legal research and writing.

We would love to recognize every judge and every clerk who have been paired, but there are too many. Instead we recognize *representative* judges and clerks and hope all the others know how much their participation is viewed with admiration.

All Rise: MU Law Alumni Enhance the Judiciary through Clerkship Programs



Judge Nanette K. Laughrey, '75
United States District Court for the Western
District of Missouri



Judge E. Richard Webber, '67
United States District Court for the Eastern
District of Missouri

📖 Judge **Nanette K. Laughrey, '75**, has hired half of her clerks from the School of Law. She continues to hire our graduates because she's never been dissatisfied with one and is always confident that she's going to have a positive experience.

According to Laughrey, these students bring to her office good research and writing skills and the ability to communicate orally in discussions about casework. She also looks for people who have the personality and work ethic to fit into her chambers – and she feels confident that this will be the case when faculty or staff at the School of Law make a recommendation.

Laughrey encourages all law students to consider applying for clerkships, citing multiple benefits of the position. The biggest advantage she points to is the opportunity for clerks to see the inside of a judge's chambers early in their career. This leads to better lawyers after the clerkship experience. "When you have the opportunity to see lawyers in action – arguing motions, producing written documents – and hear the judge evaluate an issue, you learn what works and what doesn't work," she explains. "Also, by seeing lawyers in action, a clerk

gains confidence in his or her own ability to be an effective advocate." This, says Laughrey, gives clerks confidence that they have the skills to become great lawyers.

This is echoed by one of Laughrey's former clerks, **Matthew L. Dameron, '02**. "The primary benefit of serving as a clerk was the opportunity to learn how judges analyze legal issues and observe which advocacy skills are particularly effective or persuasive," he says.

Dameron, chief of staff for Missouri Attorney General **Christopher A. Koster, '91**, recommends that students consider clerking. He notes the opportunity to develop a relationship with a mentor in the profession, as he has done with Laughrey. "I continue to rely on Judge Laughrey as a resource for career guidance and other advice," he says. Other benefits include learning about the inner workings of the court, honing written advocacy skills by evaluating a broad range of written work product, observing trials and courtroom advocacy and learning how to approach legal issues from an unbiased standpoint and objectively solve legal questions.

📖 When Judge **E. Richard Webber, '67**, thinks of his relationship with MU, he thinks of a debt to be repaid.

"I cannot repay the University of Missouri, or the MU School of Law, for all the success I've experienced as a lawyer and as a judge," he says when asked about the judicial clerkship program. However, he believes that maintaining the relationship is one way to pay back the University for the benefits he received. It isn't only generosity that leads him back to MU year after year for judicial clerks, though. Webber says that he has a preference for MU grads as law clerks because they come to him as "well-prepared, extremely bright individuals, with good training that enables them to do the work" that goes on day-to-day. MU law students have an overall quality, academically and professionally, he continues, that makes them exceptional law clerks.

Any opening for a judicial clerkship attracts many applicants, as many as 150 for a single spot, so Webber looks at the total package when considering an applicant. Grades, positions on law review, and legal research and writing skills are all extremely important, but so are the intangibles that

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might not show up on paper. For instance, Webber looks for how well candidates perform in interviews, as well as their recommendations. Whether the applicants competed in athletics, or performed in the arts, or have histories of public service, are all aspects Webber considers.

Both clerk and judge benefit greatly from the clerkship program, according to Webber. "The work you do as a clerk is complex," he says, and clerks are presented with a great deal of challenges, with cases running the gamut of criminal, pat-

ent and international law issues. "Our clerks deal with issues of constitutionality on a daily basis" in the Eastern District, "and each day they learn how statutes affect the lives of citizens" Webber notes.

For Webber, the clerkship program is the best part of his job. He has avoided employing a career law clerk because he appreciates the energy and excitement that new law clerks bring to the job. He likes reserving his positions for students, but he insists that his law clerks are not there to flatter his ego. "The first thing I

tell potential law clerks is that they aren't there to tell me how smart I am," he says. Rather, the job of the law clerk is to help the judge follow the law and to make the best possible decisions, largely through research and drafting legal opinions.

Law clerks arrive promptly at 8 a.m. each day to begin the work that goes on in Webber's office. They work on motions for summary judgment and look at reports and recommendations to the judge, but spend the vast majority of their time doing research and writing. Time is left over, Webber says, to enjoy each other's company on a social level. Webber and his clerks regularly have lunch together, and there is now a bowling tournament, which drew 133 participants last year.

Webber's first clerk echoes his enthusiasm for the position. "I wouldn't trade my time as a clerk for Judge Webber with any other experience in my career," says **Stephen G. Strauss, '95**, who is a partner with Bryan Cave. "He came from the state court bench and I came from a career in journalism. He let me work and learn side-by-side with him as he tackled his early cases and learned the nuances of the federal bench. He leads his clerks by example and truly believes that fairness and hard work are what the robe and the appointment deserve."

"A lot of MU law grads have clerked for Judge Wright, and I think we all feel the same way — there is no better way to start a legal career."



Wright stays in touch with former clerks, including **Larry M. Schumaker, '84**, **William S. Ohlemeyer, '84**, and Geary.

So...Who Has Hired the Most?

The School of Law is lucky to have many judges in many courts in Missouri and beyond who hire MU Law clerks for their talent and expertise. But who has hired the most?

While we don't keep any official tally, most believe that the distinction belongs to Judge **Scott O. Wright, '50**, who says, "I make a point to hire MU graduates." Both of his current clerks, **Christine M. Blegen, '95**, and **Rene L. Duckworth, '09**, are School of Law alumni.

"A lot of MU Law grads have clerked for Judge Wright, and I think we all feel the same way — there is no better way to start a legal career," says **Roger C. Geary, '83**, one of Wright's former clerks and a partner with Shook, Hardy & Bacon. "We all count our clerkships as a special time and a unique opportunity to learn from a truly great person — a Marine dive bomber pilot in World War II, a great trial lawyer from his Boone County (Mo.) days, and a judge who is always a passionate protector of the Constitution — the Honorable Scott O. Wright."

Wright keeps a running list of his clerks, many of whom he stays in touch with.

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Christine M. Blegen, '95
Daniel E. Blegen, '98
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Rene L. Duckworth, '09
Marsha Blakemore Fischer, '96

Roger C. Geary, '83
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Steven D. Soden, '93

All Rise: MU Law Alumni Enhance the Judiciary through Clerkship Programs

"They get to go out and have a chance to experience what all these types of law practices are all about."

**Crahan Fellows**

Asel and Wesley M. Bonnheim, 3L, another 2008 Crahan Fellow, join Norton, Legg and Dean Dessem in the courtroom of the Court of Appeals for the Eastern District, located in the historic Old Post Office building in downtown St. Louis.

Court of Appeals Meets the Judicial Fellowship

In 2007, Linda S. Legg created the Judge Lawrence G. Crahan Judicial Fellowship at the School of Law to honor her late husband, **Lawrence G. Crahan, '77**, who served for 13 years on the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District.

Legg's goal was to combine the experience of a court of appeals with the benefit of a clerkship, allowing students to become well-versed in a wide range of law, while honoring her late husband. "This acknowledges how much he valued education and being a judge and it gives law students a glimpse into the Court of Appeals," she explains.

This unique program accepts applications from first-year MU Law students, who work at the court during the summer following their 1L year.

Students must have an interest in serving as a judicial clerk upon graduation from law school and have exhibited leadership skills through undergraduate record or other life experience.

The students appreciate the value of the fellowship program. "One great thing about the Crahan Fellowship is that it seeks to give the fellows a glimpse of the profession as a whole, not just judicial clerkships," explains Toby Asel, 3L. "We were able to spend time with a federal white collar crime prosecutor, an appellate public defender, a trial court judge in St. Louis city and a drug court judge in St. Louis County, a group of attorneys from one of Missouri's largest private law firms and part of the general counsel team at AT&T." Asel served as a Crahan Fellow during the summer of 2008.

The judges at the court enjoy educating students and honor Crahan with their service. Judge **Glenn A. Norton, '85**, says that Crahan spent a lot of time making sure that his clerks understood and were involved in the process. Norton explains that Crahan worked hard to make sure that his clerks utilized their talents and he and Legg got to know them as people. The fellowship honors his commitment to the clerkship program by exposing the students to the world of the court system, but also other areas of the legal profession as well. "They get to go out and have a chance to experience what all these types of law practices are all about," he says. "They have fun."



Janie Ausburn Harmon



Mark Langworthy, '90

Developments

The Ultimate Honor

by Janie Ausburn Harmon, senior director of development

IF YOU GRADUATED from the School of Law or assisted someone in this endeavor, you clearly recall a semester's tuition at that time. This year tuition and fees exceed \$16,000. Last year the average graduating student's debt for law school alone was nearly \$55,000. Sobering, isn't it?

Student scholarships remain a top priority for private funding as we strive to diminish student law school debt. Scholarships relieve students' financial stress so they may focus on course work, participate in student organizations and take advantage of unique opportunities that would otherwise be prohibited. Virtually all students work part time during Law School but paying jobs are scarcer to find.

Privately funded, named scholarships provide a solution for students with the dream of completing a legal education, of course. But scholarships also

bestow an ultimate honor on the persons for whom funds are named.

Charles R. Wall, '70, honors his father with the Laurence E. Wall Scholarship, which provides full-tuition scholarships. "My father believed in learning and working hard," Wall says. "He believed that the two are essential – though not sufficient – to ensure success. He also believed that you should do both throughout your life, whatever your occupation or endeavor. They are lifetime commitments. Funding a scholarship in his name seemed like the perfect way to make his belief in the opportunities provided by education a reality in the lives of others."

Dr. Elizabeth Klepper honored her father, **George M. Klepper, '23**, by creating the George M. Klepper, Sr., Memorial Endowment Fund after he died. But the satisfaction she receives is not just in the creation of the

scholarship fund. "Each year I get a gracious thank-you from the recipient of my father's scholarship," she says. "It makes me realize the huge impact that his memorial is having on aspiring young scholars. They represent an ongoing living memorial to my dad."

More than 30 scholarships have been created in recent years recognizing others for various meaningful reasons: alumni honoring mentors, family members honoring alumni or non-alumni, former students honoring their favorite professors or colleagues honoring fellow professors. Please contact us if you wish to learn more about establishing a scholarship or to support students in other ways.

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Law Firms Knock 'Em Out of the Park

Gilmore & Bell and Lewis, Rice & Fingersh successfully complete the Law Firm Challenge

TWO LAW FIRMS COMPLETED the Law Firm Challenge before the seventh inning stretch. Gilmore & Bell and Lewis, Rice & Fingersh of St. Louis proudly announce that all MU Law graduates in their firms have given to the School of Law since July 1, 2009.

Will your firm hit a grand slam like Gilmore & Bell and Lewis, Rice & Fingersh of St. Louis? There's still time! Bring each member of your firm up to the plate by June 30 and join the list of firms who have reached 100 percent participation to benefit the School of Law.

Any law firm with at least five MU Law alumni is invited to field a team. At least one team manager is needed, so suit up and encourage colleagues to make gifts to the Law School each year.

All gifts, regardless of the Law School fund designation, will count toward the firm's goal. Peanuts and Cracker Jacks not accepted.

Participating firms will be recognized in the fall 2010 issue of *Transcript*, where those reaching 50, 75 and 100 percent participation will be listed. Please contact us, though, if you plan to clear the dugout so we may assist in calculating alumni giving in your firm.

If your firm is interested in the Law Firm Challenge, you have until June 30, 2010, to boost your firm's batting average. Firms can continue the challenge each year and strive for 100 percent. Don't be the only firm left riding the pine.

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CAROL DEHOYOS announces the graduation of her daughter, Christina Roberts, from MU on Dec. 19, 2009. Christina received a degree in biological science with minors in mathematics and chemistry. DeHoyos is a member of the staff in the Law School's administrative office.



JANIE AUSBURN HARMON was appointed chair of MU Development's Professional Development Committee, which is responsible for on-campus professional training programs for approximately 160 staff of the alumni and development division. Harmon is the Law School's senior director of development.



HEATHER M. KALB, a member of the staff in the Law School's administrative office, celebrated her 5th anniversary at the Law School in February.

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(Why is Harry Tate the face of the Law School on Facebook, you ask? Lee Harry Tate graduated from the Law School in 1913 and died after honorable service in the Navy during World War I. In his memory, his parents donated half the cost for the construction of Tate Hall, the former home of the Law School, to be named in his honor. The bust of Lee Harry Tate now lives in the Law Library, watching over students as they study.)

Or join our group, University of Missouri School of Law Alumni, on LinkedIn.

Law Staff Recognized for Excellence

PATTY H. EPPS AWARD

N. DENISE BOESSEN and **ROBIN K. NICHOLS** are the recipients of the 2009 Patty H. Epps Award, which is presented to one staff member, or more in case of a tie, 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 official announcement.

Boessen joined the Law School in 1995 and serves as its coordinator of records and registration and as law school registrar. While she has experienced changes in her position since she arrived, the constant has been student registration, retention of records and degree verification. In her free time, she enjoys biking, walking, reading, baking and anything water-related.

Nichols has worked at the Law School since 2006, when she joined the Dean's Office as the assistant to the associate deans. In her free time, she attends classes through the MU in the Evening program.

JO ANN HUMPHREYS LAW LIBRARY EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE AWARD

SCOTT F. WEISER is the recipient of the 2009 Jo Ann Humphreys Law Library Employee Performance Award, which is presented to a staff member of the Library who honors the memory of Jo Ann Humphreys. The awardee is determined based on outstanding contributions to the law school community that enhance the quality of law school life and purpose through support of its core teaching, research and service activities. Nominations are submitted by faculty and staff and the awardee is selected by the Law Library management team. The award recipient is kept secret until the official announcement.

Weiser joined the Law Library in 2000, beginning as a computer support specialist in the computer lab. He is now a user support analyst and multimedia specialist in charge of creating videos and DVDs, overseeing the computer lab and library staff computers and other general technology duties. In his free time, Weiser enjoys films and music and has recently started homebrewing.



FACULTY NOTES



Dennis D. Crouch's Patently-O Web site was selected as one of the top 100 legal blogs by the American Bar Association for the third year in a row. In 2009, the site received

more than 3,000,000 visits in addition to its almost 20,000 e-mail subscribers.

Crouch's article, "Nil: The Value of Patents in a Major Crisis Such as an Influenza Pandemic," was recently published in the *Seton Hall Law Review*. His article, "Is Novelty Obsolete? Chronicling the Irrelevance of the Invention Date in U.S. Patent Law," was recently published in the *Michigan Telecommunications & Technology Law Review*.

In 2009, Crouch was a keynote speaker at the annual IP Law Summit for Corporate IP Counsel and also spoke at the University of Texas 10th Annual Intellectual Property Symposium, the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference, the Intellectual Property Owners annual meeting, the Santa Clara Federal Circuit Symposium, and as part of the George Washington University Law School IP Speakers Series. He was also the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Patent Information Users Group.



Melody Richardson Daily, '86, and Greg Scott presented "Coordinating the Team" at the 2009 Central Region Legal Writing Conference, held at Marquette University

Law School. They discussed the educational benefits of MU's collaborative approach to teaching first-year legal writing courses, an approach that includes legal writing faculty, doctrinal faculty, librarians, teaching assistants, Board of Advocates members, appellate judges and attorneys.

Daily serves on the editorial board of the *Journal for the Association of Legal Writing Directors*, a peer-edited publication dedicated to scholarship focusing on the substance and practice of professional legal writing.

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THE SCHOOL OF LAW'S Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution (CSDR) and faculty member S.I. Strong were honored for their contributions to the world of alternative dispute resolution recently.

CSDR was presented with the Problem Solving in Law School Award for 2010 by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR Institute) in recognition of achievements in alternative dispute resolution. The center was one of the first law programs to integrate alternative dispute resolution into the curriculum in the 1980s and has shaped this growing field since then – and will continue to in the future.

"As we look to our next 25 years, it is important to present our students with the best information and be a resource and model for our colleagues and professionals who are looking to enhance the field of law," says Bob Bailey, assistant dean and director of the CSDR. "We need to continually search for the best ways to serve our clients, and dispute resolution is one area that is constantly evolving. Having these scholars here in one place allows us to utilize their expertise as we train the next generation of the legal profession."

Professor S.I. Strong, a senior fellow of CSDR, was recognized by CPR Institute with the Best Professional Article award for "The Sounds of Silence: Are U.S. Arbitrators Creating Internationally Enforceable Awards When Ordering Class Arbitration in Cases of Contractual Silence or Ambiguity," published in the *Michigan Journal of International Law*. The argument Strong makes in the article – that corporations and governments should accept the legitimacy of international awards granted from class-action arbitration – was presented in the Supreme Court of the United States as part of *Stolt-Nielsen SA v. AnimalFeeds Int'l Corp*, an international maritime law dispute.

"My work on international class arbitration is very much on the cutting edge of law, and receiving this kind of recognition from such an esteemed institution helps give my work credibility," Strong explains. "I am incredibly honored that the selection committee chose my article from among so many worthy submissions."

Story contributor: MU News Bureau



Photo courtesy of CPR Institute

Strong and John Lande, director of the LLM in dispute resolution and Isidor Loeb Professor of Law, accepted the CSDR award from Helena Tavares Erickson, senior vice president of CPR Institute.

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LAW DAY 2009



DISTINGUISHED RECENT GRADUATE AWARD
Bryan T. Pratt, '99, the 2009 Distinguished Recent Graduate Award recipient, was introduced by **C. Patrick McLarney, '68**. Pratt has served as speaker pro tem of the Missouri House of Representatives since 2007 and was first elected as a state representative in 2002.

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CITATION OF MERIT

Ronald A. Norwood, '86, (left) received the Citation of Merit following his introduction by Assistant Dean **Robert G. Bailey, '79**. Norwood has practiced with Lewis, Rice & Fingersh in St. Louis since 1988.



CITATION OF MERIT

Harold A. "Skip" Walther, '79, (right) was introduced for the Citation of Merit award by his stepfather, **Scott O. Wright, '50**. Walther is a principal in the firm of Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer in Columbia.

SHOOK, HARDY & BACON LLP EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

At Law Day, two faculty members received the Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP Excellence in Research Award, which is presented annually to the faculty member(s) who demonstrates excellence in research based on a published article from the preceding year.



Christina E. Wells, Enoch H. Crowder Professor of Law, was selected for this award in recognition of her article, "Privacy and Funeral Protests," published in the *North Carolina Law Review* in 2008.

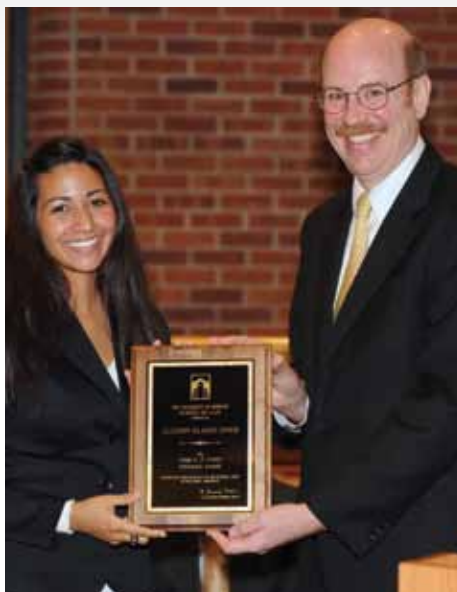


Paul J. Litton, associate professor of law, was selected for this award in recognition of his article, "Non-Beneficial Pediatric Research and the Best Interests Standard: A Legal and Ethical Reconciliation," published in the *Yale Journal of Policy, Law, and Ethics* in 2008.



LOYD E. ROBERTS MEMORIAL PRIZE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Dean Dessem presented the Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice to Richard C. Reuben, James Lewis Parks Professor of Law and co-director of the Center for the Study of Conflict, Law & the Media, a partnership with the Missouri School of Journalism. This prize honors the MU law professor or student who has made the most significant contribution to improving the administration of justice, within Missouri, nationally or internationally, during the preceding year.



JUDGE L.F. COTTEY ADVOCACY AWARD

Allison Elaine Singh, a second-year law student from St. Louis, received the Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award from Dean Dessem. She holds degrees from MU in political science and Spanish and was a top oral advocate during her first year of law school.



ORDER OF BARRISTERS

Walter H. Bley Jr., '80, (right) was the 2009 honorary initiate into the Order of Barristers. Bley, who was introduced by **Mark D. Pfeiffer, '92**, practices with the Bley Law Firm in Columbia, where he provides representation of people injured as the result of the fault of another.



DISTINGUISHED NON-ALUMNUS AWARD

Lori J. Levine (right) received the Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award following her introduction by **Mary L. Rhodes Russell, '83**. At Carson & Coil in Jefferson City, Mo., Levine concentrates her practice in family law and administrative law.



ORDER OF THE COIF

The 2009 honorary initiate into the Order of the Coif was **Joyce M. Poehlman Otten, '68**, who retired her judgeship in 2002 as the longest-serving female judge in Missouri's history. She currently serves as a senior judge, hearing cases by special assignment of the Supreme Court of Missouri. She was introduced by **Wendell E. Koerner Jr., '68**.



HUSCH BLACKWELL SANDERS DISTINGUISHED FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dean Dessem presented Rodney J. Uphoff, Elwood L. Thomas Missouri Endowed Professor of Law, with the Husch Blackwell Sanders Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, created to recognize a faculty member who has established a record of distinguished achievement in teaching.

LAW DAY 2009

Class of '59 Presents Gifts to the School of Law and MU

The Class of '59 has gathered for years each spring, led by **James William "Bill" Roberts, '59**.

In 2009, this class also gathered in the fall at Law Day to celebrate its 50-year law school reunion. Members of the class shared stories of Tate Hall and legendary faculty and enjoyed plenty of laughs during the weekend, but the highlight of their visit was making gifts to the School of Law and MU.

For months, class members, led by **Sam F. Hamra, '59**, and **Larry L. McMullen, '59**, made gifts and pledges totaling more than \$50,000 to the School of Law to create the Class of '59 50th Anniversary Scholarship.

This group also made a gift to the university to fund a bench on Carnahan Quadrangle, near the west entrance of Hulston Hall, to serve as a permanent memorial for the class.

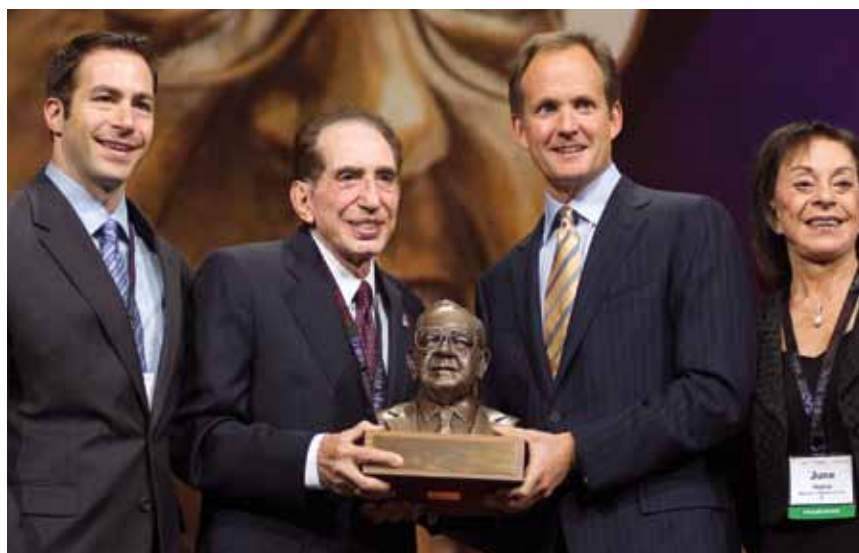
Both gifts were presented during Law Day.

If your class is interested in making a collective gift to the School of Law, please contact Janie Ausburn Harmon or Mark Langworthy in the Office of Development at 573-882-4374.



Pictured left to right: Dolores Peery, Lennie Lukehart, Jack Lukehart, Jean Paden, June Hamra, Gus Lehr, Sam Hamra, John Lewis, Bill Phelps, W.W. "Pete" Peery, Roger Hines, Herb Willbrand, Stan Grimm, Arthur Guller, Dale Reesman, Larry McMullen, Bob Maupin, Jane Grimm, Lois Guller, Gay Lewis and Phyllis Reesman.

Alumni Notes



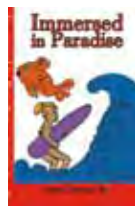
Sam F. Hamra, '59, received the R. David Thomas Founder's Award at the Wendy's International Convention on Oct. 27, 2009. The Founder's Award is Wendy's International's highest honor and is presented annually to the franchisee who best embodies the values and common-sense business approach of Wendy's founder Dave Thomas. Hamra and his wife, June, own Wendy's of Missouri, which is headquartered in Springfield, Mo., and has 28 restaurants throughout the state. The Hamras are pictured above with Ken Calwell, chief marketing officer for Wendy's International, and their son, **Michael K. Hamra, '94** (left).

50s

Patricia W. Buxton, '59, was honored by the Missouri House of Representatives and Missouri Senate for her service to the state in January. Buxton retired last year as the state's revisor of statutes. She began her career in private practice and joined state government as the assistant revisor of statutes in 1977.

Donald L. Dickerson, '59, is a former president and member of the Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) board of regents. In December 2009, the board approved the naming of the Donald L. Dickerson River Campus Commons on the SEMO campus in recognition of his efforts to create this part of the university's campus. Dickerson is a partner at Dickerson, Hill & Lange in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

60s



Thomas J. Conway, '61, published a book, *Immersed in Paradise*, featuring a cover that he designed. Conway's first book, *Protecting the Queen*, was published in 2006. He is a former prosecutor who retired from the federal government in 1994.

Darwin A. Hindman Jr., '61, was featured in "A Free-Wheeling City" in *Parade* as the mayor of Columbia. According to the magazine, Hindman is "transforming [Columbia] into one of the nation's premier cycling cities."

Marvin E. "Bunky" Wright, '64, was appointed by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**, to the governing board of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo. Wright retired as general counsel of the University of Missouri System in 2007.



Harold L. Lowenstein, '65, retired as a judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, and now serves as of counsel at Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City, Mo. He is a member of the firm's litigation practice group. At the time of his retirement, Lowenstein had been the longest serving appellate court judge of Missouri's three districts.

John E. Parrish, '65, retired from the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, on Sept. 1, 2009. At the time of his retirement, he had served for 36 years in the judiciary, making him the longest-serving judge in Missouri who was on the bench. He was first appointed to the judiciary as a circuit judge in the 26th Judicial Circuit in 1973. In 1990, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals, where he authored more than 900 opinions

and served six years as a presiding judge of one of the court's two divisions.

Philip G. Kaplan, '66, was profiled in an article in *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* on December 7, 2009. "Not Child's Play: Missouri Attorneys Counsel the Makers of This Year's Hot Toy" focuses on Kaplan's representation of Cepia, which makes popular Zhu Zhu Pets. Kaplan practices with Stinson Morrison Hecker in St. Louis.

Gene Hamilton, '67, resigned as presiding judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit of Missouri on March 26 and will officially retire as circuit judge in September. He has served as presiding judge of the circuit since 2002 and as circuit judge since 1983. In his time as a circuit judge, he presided over more than 500 jury trials. Previously he was prosecuting attorney of Callaway County, Mo., from 1970 to 1980.

C. Patrick McLarney, '68, retired from Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo. He began practicing with the firm in 1968, serving as managing partner for 17 years.

Ronald H. Bartlett, '69, opened a solo practice in Columbia. Previously he was a partner at Jones, Schneider & Bartlett in Columbia.

70s

Douglas S. Evans, '70, was elected to a three year term on the board of directors of The American Board of Certification, the organization responsible for certification of creditors' rights and business and consumer bankruptcy attorneys nationwide. Evans is a partner at Evans & Green in Springfield, Mo.

Craig A. Van Matre, '70, was appointed to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. He practices with Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Pitzer, and Taylor in Columbia.

Michael G. Goldstein, '71, of Newport Beach, Calif., was named senior vice-president and national director of strategic development for Clark Consulting, Inc., an AEGON company headquartered in Dallas. He was also elected to the board of directors for the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting, a professional trade association representing more than 2,000 life insurance agents and professionals nationwide.

Edward D. Chapin, '72, practices with Chapin Fitzgerald Sullivan, a boutique litigation firm in San Diego representing plaintiffs and defendants in business disputes, employment cases, mortgage litigation, class actions, contracts, consumer law and personal injury matters.



Douglas S. Lang, '72, was presented with the 2010 Fellows Award by the fellows of the Dallas Bar Foundation (DBF). The award is the most prestigious recognition given by the DBF and is presented

to a member of the Dallas Bar Association who has adhered to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and who is highly respected by his peers. Lang, who is a justice on the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas, was honored for promoting professionalism and mentoring young lawyers.

Warren L. McElwain, '72, retired on Feb. 26 as circuit judge for the 43rd Judicial District of Missouri. He served more than nine years in this position. Previously McElwain had a private practice in Maysville and served as DeKalb County, Mo., prosecuting attorney and DeKalb County associate circuit judge.

Richard C. Bresnahan, '73, was reelected to the board of governors of The Missouri Bar. He is a circuit judge for Division 18 in St. Louis County.

Mal V. Mayse, '73, serves on the executive committee of the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association. Mayse was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Missouri State High School Activities Association, for which he serves as counsel. He is a sole practitioner in Columbia.

W. Patrick Resen, '73, is a priest of the Diocese of Knoxville, and became pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Church in Copperhill, Tenn., in August 2009.

Joseph P. Rice III, '73, was elected to the board of governors of The Missouri Bar. He practices with Rice, Spaeth, Summers & Heisserer in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Gregg I. Anderson, '74, joined Gordon & Rees, working in the firm's Southern California and Denver offices. His intellectual property practice focuses on patent litigation.

K. Stanley Clay, '74, was elected president of the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association for 2009-2010. He practices with the Law Office of Clay Kline Young & Faurot in Columbia.

Elizabeth K. "Betty" Wilson, '74, was appointed to a four-year term as a member of the City of Columbia's Citizens' Police Review Board. She practices with Oliver Walker Wilson in Columbia.



W. Dudley McCarter, '75, received the 54th Annual Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor awarded to an MU alumnus, at the Mizzou Alumni Association's 42nd Annual Faculty-Alumni Awards on

Oct. 2, 2009. The award recognizes outstanding service by an individual whose efforts have added to MU's excellence. McCarter is a principal of Behr, McCarter & Potter in Clayton, Mo.

King E. Sidwell, '76, received the Distinguished Service Medal at the 35th Engineer Brigade Ball at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The Distinguished Service Medal, the third most prestigious given by the Army, is the highest non-

valorous military and civilian decoration of the U.S. military. It is presented in recognition of exceptionally meritorious service to the government of the United States in a senior government service position or as a senior officer of the U.S. armed forces or other uniformed services. Sidwell is the former Missouri National Guard adjutant general.

Deborah Daniels, '77, received the ASTAR (Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource) Award for taking case assignments involving scientific and technological topics and helping plan and develop educational programs for other judges. She will help train non-ASTAR judges, serve as a resource about various scientific topics in cases and act as a liaison to law schools, bar associations and the public. Daniels is an associate circuit judge for the 13th Judicial Circuit of Missouri.

Thomas M. Schneider, '77, was elected vice president of the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association for 2009-2010. He practices with Jones, Schneider & Stevens in Columbia.

Jane L. Adam, '78, is senior vice president of global tax and enterprise risk management for Brown-Forman Corp. in Louisville, Ky. Brown-Forman is a producer and marketer of fine wines and spirits, including Jack Daniels Whiskey, Finlandia Vodka, Sonoma-Cutrer and Bonterra wines, and Herradura and el Jimador tequilas.



Carol J. Miller, '78, was elected as a national officer for the international Academy of Legal Studies in Business and will serve as its president in 2012-2013.

Miller is a distinguished professor at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., where she has taught business law for 25 years.

Thomas V. Bender, '79, is the 2010 Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association president. Bender is a partner at Walters, Bender, Strohhorn & Vaughan in Kansas City, Mo.



Gerard T. Noce, '79, was a faculty member at the 2009 International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy, a program for developing defense trial advocacy skills. He is a partner with HeplerBroom in

St. Louis.

Harold A. "Skip" Walther, '79, was confirmed as 2009-2010 president of The Missouri Bar at the group's annual meeting in September 2009 and was inducted into the United States Tennis Association Missouri Valley Hall of Fame in 2009. He began playing the game when he was 15 years old and has an impressive tennis resume – winning a national title and being named the Heart of America Player of the Year, among other achievements. He practices with Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer in Columbia.

80s

Christine Carpenter, '80, received the ASTAR (Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource) Award for taking case assignments involving scientific and technological topics and helping plan and develop educational programs for other judges. She will help train non-ASTAR judges, serve as a resource about various scientific topics in cases and act as a liaison to law schools, bar associations and the public. Carpenter is an associate circuit judge for the 13th Judicial Circuit of Missouri.

Stephen Snead, '80, was appointed to the Missouri State Lottery Commission for a term ending in 2011 by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. He practices with Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown and Enochs in Springfield, Mo.

Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81, was appointed to the Council of Governors by President Obama. The council was created to work closely with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security and other defense and national security advisors to exchange views, information and advice on matters of mutual interest pertaining to the National Guard, homeland defense, synchronization and integration of state and federal military activities in the United States, and civil support activities. Nixon is the governor of Missouri.



Melodie A. Powell, '81, received a Mizzou Alumni Association Faculty-Alumni Award at the 42nd Annual Faculty-Alumni Awards Ceremony on Oct. 2, 2009. This award recognizes achievement of

faculty and alumni. Alumni are considered for their accomplishments in professional life and service to their community and alma mater. Powell is of counsel at Evans & Dixon in Kansas City, Mo.

Nancy M. Watkins, '81, was appointed to the Missouri Public Defender Commission by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. The commission is responsible for the hiring of the state public defender director, reviewing the budget request prepared by the director, proving support of the request before the legislature and making any rules needed for the administration of the state public defender system. With the assistance of the director, the commission determines the philosophy of the state public defender system. Watkins practices with Schuchat, Cook & Werner in St. Louis.

Janet M. Robey Alonzo, '82, graduated from the Washington University Executive MBA Program and received the Ambassador Award from her class. She is senior vice president and general counsel of UniGroup, Inc. in St. Louis.

Don M. Downing, '82, was selected as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, law faculty and legal scholars who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. Downing is a principal of Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.



Robert M.N. Palmer, '82, received the Orrin G. Hatch Trial Lawyer of the Year Award for 2009 from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. Palmer practices with Palmer Oliver in

Springfield, Mo.

Lynn Dillard Malley, '84, LLM '03, presented a teleseminar, "Military Families: How are They Faring in This Time of Repeated Deployment? What Can Mediators Do to Help?," for the Family Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution. She also spoke at the Conference on Veterans and Higher Education, focusing on the distinctions between the educational needs of National Guard and Reserve members and active-duty service members, and was a panelist at the Association for Conflict Resolution conference.

J. Bartley Spear Jr., '84, was appointed to serve as DeKalb County, Mo., associate circuit judge by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. He was appointed prosecutor for DeKalb County in 1994 and won election to the position in 1998, 2002 and 2006. He served as an assistant county prosecutor from 1990 to 1994. Spear has also maintained a private practice in Cameron, Mo., since 1988.

Erik A. Bergmanis, '85, was reelected to the board of governors of The Missouri Bar. He practices with Bergmanis & McDuffey in Camdenton, Mo.

Kimberly Jade Norwood, '85, received a 2009 Excellence in Service Award to Outstanding Women in the category of education from the Archway Chapter of the Links, Inc. Norwood is a professor of law and professor of African and African American studies at Washington University in St. Louis.



Susan Ford Robertson, '86, and **J. Zachary Bickel, '06**, formed an appellate practice, the Robertson Law Group, in Kansas City, Mo. Robertson focuses her practice on assisting parties in complex

litigation by identifying, protecting and preserving issues prior, during and post-trial and on appeal. Previously Robertson practiced with Ford, Parshall & Baker in Columbia. She was also appointed to the advisory committee of the Supreme Court of Missouri by the court en banc and was chosen as editor of the "Attorney Discipline" section of the *Missouri Courts Bulletin*, a publication which keeps Missouri Bar members current with rulings in selected areas of law.

Kimberly S. Zellmer, '86, joined the National Neurological Disorders and Stroke Advisory Council of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), which is part of the National Institutes of Health. The council serves as the principal advisory body to NINDS regarding the institute's research program planning and priorities. Composed of physicians, scientists and members of the public, the council reviews applications from investigators seeking financial support for biomedical research and research training. Zellmer is an advocate for research on Batten disease, a rare childhood neurodegenerative disorder that



Janet M. Thompson, '84, LLM '02, published an article, "It Need Not Be 'The War of the Roses,'" in the summer 2009 issue of *Precedent*, the magazine of The Missouri Bar. In November 2009, she was honored as the 2009 Horse Person of the Year by the United Professional Horsemen's Association American Royal National Championship. This award is given to one person in the equine industry annually for outstanding accomplishments. Thompson was recognized for many accomplishments and contributions to the equine industry, including organization of a charity horse show and mentorship of young riders. Thompson was also recognized with a proclamation by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**, of Nov. 17, 2009, as Janet Thompson Day at the American Royal. Thompson is an assistant public defender in Columbia.

has affected her family. She practices with the Zellmer Law Firm in Leawood, Kan.

R. Scott Watson, '87, is vice president of human resources for St. John's Regional Medical Center in Neosho, Mo. Previously he served as prosecuting attorney for Newton County, Mo.

David B. Pursell, '88, co-wrote a chapter, "Introduction to Fraud and Abuse for Physicians," for the book *Avoiding Fraud and Abuse in the Medical Office*, a collaborative effort between the American Medical Association and the American Health Lawyers Association. Pursell is a partner with Husch Blackwell Sanders in Kansas City, Mo.

Shannon A. Shy, '88, received the Department of the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award Medal, which is the highest honorary award the secretary of the Navy can confer upon a civilian employee. Shy was recognized for his work as associate counsel for the commandant of the Marine Corps at the Pentagon from 2006 to 2008. Shy currently serves as head of the Environmental and Occupational Safety & Health Law Section at the Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, D.C. Also, following the publication of his book "*It'll*

be Okay": How I Kept Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder from Ruining My Life, the International OCD Foundation has asked Shy to deliver a lecture at the its annual conference in Washington, D.C., in July 2010.



George A. Kiser, '89, is a partner with HeplerBroom in Edwardsville, Ill. He concentrates his practice in the areas of products and premises liability with special emphasis on toxic tort defense, including

asbestos, manganese and silica.

Eric J. Wulff, '89, was reelected to the board of governors of The Missouri Bar. He practices with Burke Wulff Flach Lubert & Briscoe in St. Charles, Mo.

90s

Alana M. Barragan-Scott, '90, was appointed director of the Missouri Department of Revenue in October 2009 by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. Previously she served as deputy director and general counsel for the department.

Curtis O. Poore, '90, practices with The Limbaugh Firm in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Previously he practiced with Jones, Deimund, Poore & Lipke in Cape Girardeau.

Shawn T. Saale, '90, received the Legacy Award at Community Living's Tenth Annual Legacy Ball. The award is presented to "individuals whose service to people with disabilities and the community as a whole creates a lasting legacy for generations to come." He was selected for his commitment and service to the St. Charles County, Mo., community and families who have members with special needs. Saale is a partner with Saale & Bailey in St. Peters, Mo.

Gary D. Witt, '90, was appointed by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**, to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, in Kansas City.

R. Steve Wyatt, '90, is vice provost for economic development at MU.

Bruce E. Hopson, '91, was selected for the 2009-2010 Missouri Bar Leadership Academy. He practices with the Law Office of Bruce E. Hopson in St. Louis.

Christopher A. Slusher, '91, joined **Michael S. Holder, '91**, and **Bogdan A. Susan, '92**, in the firm of Holder, Susan & Slusher in Columbia, with a practice concentrated in criminal defense and personal injury.

Gerald D. Mueller, '92, opened a solo practice in Columbia. Previously he practiced with Jones, Schneider & Stevens in Columbia.

Paul C. Wilson, '92, was appointed by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**, to the Cole County, Mo., 19th Judicial Circuit Court.



Daniel J. Carpenter, '93, is a litigation partner with Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis. He focuses his practice on personal injury defense, including product liability and toxic tort.

Photo courtesy of NBA



Mavis T. Thompson, '90, was sworn in as the 67th president of the National Bar Association (NBA), the oldest and largest national network of minority lawyers and judges. During 2009-2010, she serves as the chief executive officer of the 84-year-old NBA, the 10th woman to do so. Thompson's theme for the year is "Standing on Shoulders, Keeping the Promise." On May 16, Thompson will serve as the School of Law's commencement speaker. Thompson is the former circuit clerk for the City of St. Louis. Currently she is in private practice, is an adjunct professor of nursing and serves as the prosecuting attorney for the City of Berkeley, Mo.

Art Hinshaw, '93, LLM '00, posted an article, "Doing the Right Thing: An Empirical Study of Attorney Negotiation Ethics" (with Jess K. Alberts), on the Social Science Research Network, located at ssrn.com. He presented "The Elephant in the Room: A Look at Attorney Negotiation Ethics" at the University of Oregon's 23rd Annual Mediation Association Conference in November.

Jason O. Klumb, '93, is regional administrator of the General Services Administration Heartland Region. The Heartland Region includes Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, and is responsible for managing federal real estate and information technology at 400 government-owned or leased buildings.

Thomas M. Mingus Jr., '93, is an at-large executive committee member of the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association. He practices with Mingus Law Office in Columbia.

Craig R. Heidemann, '94, was selected to speak at the Sterling Education Real Estate Symposium on recent developments in landlord/tenant relations. While he has no new births to announce, he has recently taken in a stray dog named Riley. Heidemann practices at Douglas, Haun & Heidemann in Boliver, Mo., with fellow MU Law alumni **Kerry D. Douglas, '70**; **Verna L. Haun, '84**; **K. Patrick Douglas, '99**; **Reggie L. Breshears, '01**; and **Nathan A. Duncan, '07**.

Scott M. Kellett, '94, is president and CEO of Bank of Florida Trust Company, a wealth-management company with more than \$734.5 million in assets and offices in Naples and Fort Lauderdale.

Ronald N. Sweet, '94, has opened a solo practice in Columbia. Previously Sweet practiced with Oliver Walker Wilson in Columbia.

Jill R. Jackson, '95, was elected treasurer of the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association. She practices with Ford Parshall & Baker in Columbia.

Glenn R. Hancock, '96, is a commander in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Navy. He is the executive officer of the Region Legal Service Office in Yokosuka, Japan.



Michael B. Hunter, '96, was included on the "Up & Coming Lawyers" list by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*. This list recognizes the state's premier lawyers who are younger than 40 years old or within their first 10 years of practice, and who are making a positive difference in the quality of justice while exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession. Hunter practices with Williams Venker & Sanders in St. Louis.

Matthew T. Schelp, '96, has opened the firm of Jensen, Bartlett & Schelp in Clayton, Mo. He was formerly an assistant U.S. attorney in St. Louis.

Trina R. LeRiche, '97, is a shareholder with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart in Kansas City, Mo. Previously she was a partner with Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Kansas City.

Mary E. "Beth" Phillips, '97, was nominated by President Obama for U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. She has served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri since 2008, prosecuting child exploitation cases. Previously she practiced with Bartimus, Frickleton, Robertson & Gorny in Leawood, Kan.

Stephen W. Richey, '98, is the city prosecutor for Columbia. Previously he served as an assistant public defender.

Jennifer L. Barth, '99, is legal counsel at Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance in Columbia.

Amy D. Markel, '99, practices with Markel & Lingo in Columbia.



Flowers celebrated his recognition by MU and the Missouri Community College Association Presidents and Chancellors Council with School of Law Assistant Dean **Bob Bailey, '79**, Flowers' mentee Reba Grimes and President Bernard Franklin of Penn Valley Community College.

Tyrone J. Flowers, '98, was honored as one of the 2009 National TRIO Achievers on Sept. 11, 2009, at the Council for Opportunity in Education's 28th Annual Conference.

Flowers received a Mizzou Alumni Association Faculty-Alumni Award at the 42nd Annual Faculty-Alumni Awards Ceremony on Oct. 2, 2009. This award recognizes achievement of faculty and alumni. Alumni are considered for their accomplishments in professional life and service to their community and alma mater.

He was also honored by MU and the Missouri Community College Association Presidents and Chancellors Council at a recognition ceremony for distinguished and successful mutual alumni. The presidents and chancellors of the Missouri Community College Association selected outstanding graduates from their community colleges, who later chose to attend and graduate from MU. Flowers received an associates degree from Penn Valley Community College before attending MU. He is the founder of Higher M-Pact in Kansas City, Mo.



Scott E. Nutter, '99, and his wife, Susie, announce the birth of Samuel William on Nov. 12, 2009. Sam joins big sister Lilly and big brother Luke, age 3. Nutter was selected as one of the Best of the Bar by the *Kansas City Business Journal* and was elected one of Missouri's Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the American Trial Lawyers Association. He is a partner at Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman in Kansas City, Mo.

OOs

Ann Ahrens Beck, '00, is general attorney in the St. Louis office of AT&T's legal department.



Courtney E. Goddard, '00, was promoted to associate general counsel of Park University in Parkville, Mo., which serves more than 25,000 students at 43 campus centers in 21 states. Goddard previously served as assistant general counsel.



Tyson H. Ketchum, '00, and **Amanda Pennington Ketchum, '01**, announce the birth of their son, Beau Anthony, on Oct. 5, 2009. At the time of his birth, he weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and was 19.5 in. long.

Ketchum is a partner with Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City, Mo. Pennington Ketchum practices with Dysart Taylor Lay Cotter & McMonigle in Kansas City. She was reelected to the Young Lawyers' Section Council of The Missouri Bar.

Phebe A. LaMar, '00, is an at-large executive committee member of the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association. She practices with Smith Lewis in Columbia.



Amy J. Lorenz-Moser, '00, was one of the three first recipients of St. Louis University School of Law's Excellence Awards recognizing *pro bono* work. She began her *pro bono* work at the School of Law's Family Violence Clinic and has continued her service through the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Volunteer Lawyer Project. Moser is a litigation partner with Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis. She focuses her practice on personal injury defense, including product liability and toxic tort.

Michael J. Sudekum, '00, became a member of the board of governors of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys in June 2009. He practices with Schlueder, Mandel & Mandel in St. Louis.

David A. Townsend, '00, received the 2009 Young Title Professional Award, which is given to a title industry professional under the age of 35 for superior work in the title insurance field, from the Missouri Land Title Association. Townsend is president and CEO of Agents National Title Insurance Co. in Columbia.

Sidney Eckman Wheelan, '00, practices with Tatlow, Gump, Faiella & Wheelan in Moberly, Mo., specializing in workers compensation, Social Security disability and other selected areas of litigation.

Jean M. Dickman, '01, is a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo. She concentrates her practice in intellectual property.



R. Clay Hagedorn, '01, is a shareholder at Polsinelli Shughart in Kansas City, Mo. He focuses his practice on real estate transactions.

Brian D. Sleeth, '01, focuses on family law cases at Mid Missouri Legal Services in Columbia. Previously he practiced with Shurtleff, Froeschner, Harris & Sleeth in Columbia.

Todd C. Werts, '01, was elected secretary of the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association. He practices with Lear & Werts in Columbia.

Cory L. Collins, '02, is a partner at Husch Blackwell Sanders in Springfield, Mo. He focuses his practice on business litigation law and handles a variety of cases including matters involving construction, real estate development, employment, contracts, and negligence and property claims.

Matthew L. Dameron, '02, was named chief of staff for Missouri Attorney General **Christopher A. Koster, '91**. Previously Dameron practiced with Stueve Siegel Hanson in Kansas City, Mo., where he focused on cases involving consumer protection, securities and wage laws.

Richard M. Elias, '02, is a partner at Husch Blackwell Sanders in St. Louis. He focuses his practice on business litigation law, handling all phases of business and complex commercial litigation.



Brett A. Emison, '02, and his wife, Nikki, announce the birth of their daughter, Charlea Nicole, on Dec. 14, 2009. Emison practices with Langdon & Emison, with offices in Lexington, Mo., St. Louis and

Chicago.



Ryan T. Fry, '02, was inducted into the MU Athletics Hall of Fame in January. Fry played baseball for MU from 1995 to 1998, is among the top offensive players in school history and holds numerous career

and season records. He practices with Cochran, Oswald & Roam in Blue Springs, Mo.

J. Kyle McCurry, '02, was selected for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce's Centurions Leadership Program. He is a member of the financial services division of Stinson Morrison Hecker, focusing his practice primarily on representing regional financial institutions, community banks and thrifts, and bank holding companies.

Jalilah Chilcoat Otto, '02, was selected for the 2009-2010 Missouri Bar Leadership Academy.

S. Jacob Sappington, '02, is a partner at Husch Blackwell Sanders in Springfield, Mo. He focuses his practice on business litigation law.

Hollie R. Birkholz, '03, was elected to the Young Lawyers' Section Council of The Missouri Bar.

Melissa A. Faurot, '03, practices with Clay, Kline, Young & Faurot in Columbia.

Michael L. Foster, '03, is a co-owner at Faber & Brand in Columbia.

Adam W. Graves, '03, practices with Langdon & Emison in Lexington, Mo.

Timothy A. Laycock, '03, achieved the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED accredited professionals must demonstrate a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED rating system by passing an exam. Laycock practices with Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City, Mo.

Jason A. Paulsmeyer, '03, was reelected to the Young Lawyers' Section Council of The Missouri Bar. He practices with Andereck, Evans, Widger, Johnson & Lewis in Jefferson City, Mo.

David A. Brose, '04, practices with Langdon & Emison in Lexington, Mo.

Jason C. Grill, '04, was recognized as a "Rising Star" of Kansas City business by *KC Business Magazine* and was featured on its February cover. Grill is a Missouri state representative and practices with King Hershey in Kansas City, Mo.

Robert L. Ortvals Jr., '04, is an advising co-chair of the 2009-2010 Missouri Bar Leadership Academy. He prac-



Timothy A. Garrison, '03, and his wife, Traci, announce the adoption of a daughter from India. Selah, age 16 months, joins big brothers Silas and Luke at their home in Springfield, Mo. Garrison is a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri and a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

tices with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart in Kansas City, Mo.

Andrew D. Popplewell, '04, is a partner at Eng & Woods in Columbia.

Katherine R. "Katie" Lee Rizzo, '04, and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their daughter, Jamie. Rizzo is litigation counsel for Ascension Health in St. Louis.

George W. "Jake" Reinbold, '04, is a principal in the firm of Turner, Reid, Duncan, Loomer & Patton in Springfield, Mo.

Shomari L. Benton, '05, practices with Finch & Campbell in Kansas City, Mo.

Jennifer A. Brodersen, '05, is an associate with Turner, Reid, Duncan, Loomer & Patton in Springfield, Mo.

Jeffrey R. Brown, '05, opened the Law Office of Jeff Brown in Bloomington, Ill. He specializes in criminal defense and personal injury cases.



Ryan T. DeBoef, '05, is an associate in the labor and employment department of Husch Blackwell Sanders in Springfield, Mo. Previously he was a law clerk for Judge **Richard E. Dorr, '68**, of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

Andrew S. Lyskowski, '05, was reelected to the Young Lawyers' Section Council of The Missouri Bar. He practices with Bergmanis & McDuffey in Camdenton, Mo.

Marissa L. Todd, '05, is the project director for the Voluntary Action Center in Columbia. In this capacity, she is responsible for coordinating the

Adopt-a-Family Christmas program and the center's marketing and fundraising efforts.

Eric M. Wilson, '05, is legislative counsel for The Missouri Bar. Previously he was an assistant attorney general in the St. Louis office of the Missouri Attorney General, specializing in tobacco litigation.

J. Zachary Bickel, '06, and **Susan Ford Robertson, '86**, formed an appellate practice, the Robertson Law Group, in Kansas City, Mo. Previously Bickel practiced with Ford, Parshall & Baker in Columbia.

Ellen J. Brooke, '06, is a senior associate at Evans & Dixon in St. Louis. She works within the firm's civil litigation unit, specializing in first-party insurance disputes involving issues of coverage, incendiary fires, fraud and misrepresentation.

Ramona (Capkovic) Gau, '06, joined the St. Louis City Public Defender's Office. Previously she practiced with the Hannibal, Mo., Public Defender's Office.

Courtney C. Stirrat, '06, returned to practice after a year's break following several deaths in her family. She practices maritime and admiralty law, specializing in federal motion and appellate practice, at Tonkin & Mondl in St. Louis. She says she is delighted to be working close to many of her law school classmates, particularly **Jason D. Sapp, '06**, **Ellen J. Brooke, '06**, and **Tabitha G. Davisson, '06**.

Fibbens Addo "Fiifi" Koranteng, '07, was selected for the 2009-2010 Missouri Bar Leadership Academy. He practices with Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard in St. Louis.

Adam P. Pihana, '07, was selected for the 2009-2010 Missouri Bar Leadership Academy. He practices with Hall Ansley Rodgers & Sweeney in Springfield, Mo.

Dianna R. Reed, '07, was selected for the 2009-2010 Missouri Bar Leadership Academy. She practices with Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale in St. Louis.

Jacob W. Shellabarger, '07, was selected for the 2009-2010 Missouri Bar Leadership Academy. He is the prosecuting attorney for Audrain County, Mo.

Stephanie D. White Thorn, '07, is an assistant attorney general in the Missouri Attorney General's Office in Jefferson City.

Kristol L. Whatley, '07, is an advising co-chair of the 2009-2010 Missouri Bar Leadership Academy.



Elijah J.L. Haahr, '08, was named to the 2010 "20 Under 30" list for Southwest Missouri by *417 Magazine*. He is an associate at McNany, Van Cleave & Phillips in Springfield, Mo.



Alexander R. Knoll, '08, launced mediateme.com, an online marketplace connecting mediators from all backgrounds with disputing parties to facilitate quality resolutions, in October 2009.

The project was spotlighted at the National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution's Cyberweek. Knoll practices with Smith Lewis in Columbia.

Rebecca K. McKistry, '08, is an associate at Harlan, Harlan & Still in Columbia, concentrating her practice on Social Security disability. Previously she was an assistant attorney general.



Grant J. Ankrom, '09, is an associate in the litigation practice of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in St. Louis.



Kate A. Aplington, '09, is an associate at HeplerBroom in St. Louis.



Joseph E. Bredehoff, '09, is an associate in the banking and finance department of Husch Blackwell Sanders in St. Louis.

Gregory D. DeBeer, '09, is an associate at Copeland Thompson Farris in St. Louis, where he concentrates his practice in commercial and residential landlord-tenant law and bankruptcy.

Robert B. Harry, '09, has opened The Law Office of Robert Harry in Columbia.

Adam J. Kliethermes, '09, is an associate at Cripps & Simmons in Columbia.

Ashley F. Kremer, '09, is an associate at Grimes, Fay & Kopp in Columbia.



Blake I. Markus, '09, is an associate at Carson & Coil in Jefferson City, Mo., where he concentrates his practice in business litigation, insurance defense and other general areas of law.

Amy E. Moore, '09, practices with the Moore Law Firm in Columbia.



Mary M. Nero, '09, is an associate at McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips in Kansas City, Kan.



Brandon A. DeWitt, '09, and **Cathleen R. Barkett, '09**, were married on Aug. 14, 2009, in their hometown of Sikeston, Mo. DeWitt practices with Behr, McCarter & Potter in St. Louis. Barkett now uses the name Cathleen R. DeWitt.



Jessi R. Paschall, '09, is an associate in the litigation department of Husch Blackwell Sanders in Kansas City, Mo.

Samantha J. Reeves, '09, is an associate at Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer in Columbia. She focuses her practice on family law.

Paul J. Walker, '09, is an associate at the intellectual property firm of Hovey Williams in Overland Park, Kan.



Brian J. Weaver, '09, is an associate in the banking and finance department of Husch Blackwell Sanders in St. Louis.

Nathan C. Wright, '09, is an associate at the Darrough Law Firm in Columbia. He focuses his practice on construction and real estate law.

FACULTY NOTES



Robert G. Bailey, '79, received the Association of Missouri Mediators Kathleen Bird Award in recognition of his service to the growth of mediation in Missouri.

Bailey's arbitration case involving Jackson County and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 42, has been published in 125 *Labor Arbitration Reports* 396.

Bailey was asked by Missouri Bar President **Harold A. "Skip" Walther, '79**, to serve on the 2010 Missouri Bar Annual Meeting Planning Committee. He was the featured guest, along with Cape Girardeau County Prosecuting Attorney **H. Morley Swingle, '80**, at Southeast Missouri Hospital's Navigating the Hemispheres program, a first-hand experience with technologies and techniques of 21st Century micro-neurosurgery. Bailey has been re-appointed chair of the University of Missouri Health Science's mid-month institutional review board and the Boone County Family Resources program.



Rigel C. Oliveri began serving as associate dean for research and faculty development at the beginning of the academic year.

In January, Oliveri presented her paper, "Discriminatory Housing Advertisements in the Internet Age: The Lessons of Craigslist," at the Association of American Law Schools annual conference. The paper was one of two selected from a call for papers for inclusion in a joint program of the Property and Real Estate Transactions Sections and will be published in the *Indiana Law Review*.

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Art Hinshaw, '93, LLM '00, posted an article, "Doing the Right Thing: An Empirical Study of Attorney Negotiation Ethics" (with Jess K. Alberts), on the Social Science Research Network, located at ssrn.com. He presented "The Elephant in the Room: A Look at Attorney Negotiation Ethics" at the University of Oregon's 23rd Annual Mediation Association Conference in November.

Brian Jarrett, LLM '01, is an associate researcher to improve mediation cases through the Baltimore State's Attorney's Office, tracking criminal cases that are referred to mediation. His article, "Beauty and the Beast: Mediating Claims of Sexual Harassment," will be published in 7 *Rutgers Conflict Resolution Law Journal* 1 (2010). Jarrett also serves as an assistant professor in conflict analysis and dispute resolution at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Md.

Janet M. Thompson, '84, LLM '02, published an article, "It Need Not Be 'The War of the Roses,'" in the summer 2009 issue of *Precedent*, the magazine of The Missouri Bar. In November 2009, she was honored as the 2009 Horse Person of the Year by the United Professional Horsemen's Association American Royal National Championship. This award is given to one person in the equine industry annually for outstanding accomplishments. Thompson was recognized for many accomplishments and contributions to the equine industry, including organization of a charity horse show and mentorship of young riders. Thompson was also recognized with a proclamation by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**, of Nov. 17, 2009, as Janet Thompson Day at the American Royal. Thompson is an assistant public defender in Columbia.

Lynn Dillard Malley, '84, LLM '03, presented a teleseminar, "Military Families: How are They Faring in This Time of Repeated Deployment? What Can Mediators Do to Help?," for the Family Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution. She also spoke at the Conference on Veterans and Higher Education, focusing on the distinctions between the educational needs of National Guard and Reserve members and active-duty service members, and was a panelist at the Association for Conflict Resolution conference.

Paula M. Young, LLM '03, continues to serve on the Mediator Review Committee of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The committee is the regulatory body that reviews complaints filed against mediators. She presented two programs on mediator ethics at the Tennessee Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission's 7th Annual Advanced Mediation Training. One program discussed complaints filed against mediators in five states with grievance processes, while the other concerned mediator impartiality. Young is an associate professor of law at Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Va.

Maria Elena Jara, LLM '04, works at a major law firm in Ecuador and teaches at Catholic University and Andean University. She also works with the Chamber of Commerce as an arbitration secretary, a case manager for arbitration cases. In this capacity she teaches media-

tion and negotiation courses around the country to open mediation centers organized by the Justice Ministry.

James W. Reeves, LLM '04, presented at a CLE co-sponsored by United States Arbitration & Mediation Midwest, Inc., and Washington University School of Law's alternative dispute resolution program. He also presented "Rules, Reputations and Civility: Ethical Considerations in Negotiations" in Madison County, Ill., and "Using Negotiation and Settlement Skills to Your Tactical Advantage" at the Missouri Bar program, "Stepping Up & Stepping Out: The New Lawyer Experience." Reeves was elected to the board of the Association of Missouri Mediators.

Jeffrey Goldfien, LLM '05, and his mediation business were featured in *The Recorder*, a legal newspaper in California, in June 2009.

Gil M. Tabucanon, LLM '06, was awarded the international Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship. At Macquarie University, located in Sydney, Australia, he plans to pursue a doctoral degree in law focused on migration in the Pacific.

Jiaqi Liang, LLM '07, had an article, "The Enforcement of Mediation Settlement Agreements in China," published in *The American Review of International Arbitration*, volume 19, numbers 3-4.

John Blankenship, LLM '08, published an article, "The Vitality of the Opening Statement in Mediation: A Jumping-Off Point to Consider the Process of Mediation," in the *Appalachian Journal of Law*.

Brian A. Pappas, LLM '08, published "Online Court: Online Dispute Resolution and the Future of Small Claims" at 2008 *UCLA Journal of Law & Technology* 1.

Andrew Gange, LLM '09, published an article, "Sonia on Settling: The New Justice Emphasizes Agreement," in 27 *Alternatives to the High Cost of Litigation* 138 (2009), which excerpts testimony from the confirmation hearings of Sonia Sotomayor to be a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, about her experience with negotiation. Gange also co-authored "Temple Dean Addresses Diversity Task Force" in 27 *Alternatives to the High Cost of Litigation* 144 (2009) and "Recent Developments in International Commercial Arbitration" in the fall 2009 issue of *Dispute Resolution Magazine*.

Michael Moroni, LLM '09, published an article, "The Missouri Workers' Compensation Legal Advisor System: Can It Be Resurrected Under the New Law?," in the *Southern Illinois University Law Journal*.

About Alumni Notes (from the editor)

Due to ongoing budgetary concerns, the size of *Transcript* has been reduced. We know that Alumni Notes is a popular and important part of the magazine. As such, we want to include as much information as possible.

We also know that our many, many accomplished alumni are frequently listed in publications such as *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers*. While we would like to recognize each of these alumni individually, we do not have space to do so at this time due to the volume of alumni listed in such publications.

We encourage you to continue submissions of your professional and personal accomplishments to us for the magazine.

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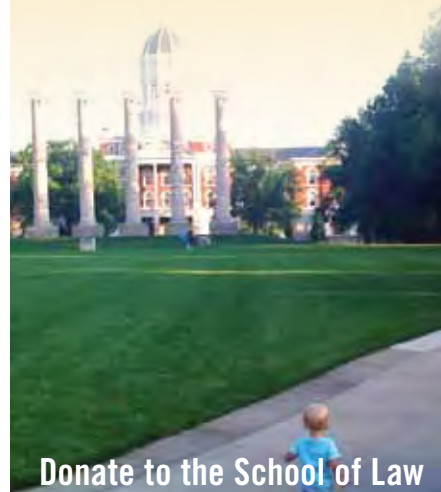
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LLM Alumni Use Degree as Stepping Stone

THE SCHOOL OF LAW'S LLM PROGRAM has graduated 101 students since 2000. While many are now working across the world in the dispute resolution field, some have used the degree as a stepping stone to continue their education, pursuing doctoral degrees in a variety of fields.

Brian Jarrett, LLM '01, moved from Missouri to Hawaii to pursue a PhD in sociology at the University of Hawaii. After graduating in 2006, he now lives in Maryland, where he is on faculty at Salisbury University in the Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution Program.

Jiaqi Liang, LLM '07, started in the master of public affairs program in MU's Truman School of Public Affairs before completing her LLM. After earning her MPA in 2008, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she is a doctoral student at American University studying comparative politics and policy analysis.

Brian A. Pappas, LLM '08, began his PhD in public administration at the University of Kansas in the fall of 2009, studying dispute resolution and public management. He will continue his work as the associate director of the ADR Program at the Michigan State University College of Law.

Donna L. Pavlick, LLM '00, completed her PhD at MU in 2008 in educational leadership and policy analysis. Now she is the assistant dean for academic programs & registrar at Vanderbilt University Law School.

Daxton R. "Chip" Stewart, LLM '07, started the LLM program while also working on his PhD in journalism, which he completed in 2009. Now he is on the faculty of the Schieffer School of Journalism in the Department of Communication at Texas Christian University.

Gil Marvel Tabucanon, LLM '06, returned to the Philippines after his graduation where he became an accredited court-annexed mediator and returned to his deanship at the Western Leyte College School of Law. In February 2010, he moved to Australia to begin a PhD in law program at Macquarie University in Sydney.

Tal G. Zarankin, LLM '03, stayed at Mizzou after earning his LLM, earning a PhD in business administration in 2009. He is an assistant professor of management at Radford University College of Business in Virginia.

Shudong Zhang, LLM '03, also stayed at Mizzou after earning his LLM, earning a PhD in sociology in 2009. He is an assistant professor at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, teaching in the Criminal Justice Program in the Department of Behavioral, Applied Sciences, and Criminal Justice.

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Paul J. Litton co-chairs a committee of Missouri judges and attorneys that reviews the state's death penalty laws, procedures and practices on behalf of the American Bar

Association.



S.I. Strong wrote "The Sounds of Silence: Are U.S. Arbitrators Creating Internationally Enforceable Awards When Ordering Class Arbitration in Cases of

Contractual Silence or Ambiguity?, in 30 *Michigan Journal of International Law* 1017 (2009). This article was not only named Best Professional Article 2009 by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR Institute) in New York but was cited to the U.S. Supreme Court as authority in the parties' and amicus briefs in *Stolt-Nielsen, S.A. v. AnimalFeeds Int'l Corp.* In December, Strong spoke on international class arbitration at the ICC Institute's 30th Anniversary Meeting on Multiparty Arbitration. Earlier in the year, she traveled to Harvard Law School to present a paper at the Association of American Law Schools' Dispute Resolution Works in Progress conference.



Rodney J. Uphoff taught at Harvard Law School's trial advocacy workshop in September. In October, he presented a Supreme Court case law update on search and seizure issues

at the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' conference, and provided an inside look at *Oklahoma v. Terry Nichols* to the Mid-American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting. In November, Uphoff was a panelist for a criminal law update for the American Constitution Society's annual Supreme Court Series.

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John Lande was appointed to the Executive Advisory Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. He was a panelist at the annual

conference of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, a symposium sponsored by Hofstra University School of Law, and a CLE program sponsored by the King County Bar Association and Seattle University School of Law. He conducted CLE programs sponsored by the Family Law Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association; Hennepin County Bar Association; and William Mitchell College of Law and Minnesota chapters of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts and American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.



Michelle Arnpol Cecil recently published an article, "A Reappraisal of Attorneys' Fees in Bankruptcy," in volume 98 of the *Kentucky Law Journal*. In the article,

Cecil proposes a statutory amendment to the Bankruptcy Code establishing clear guidelines for when debtors' attorneys are entitled to have their fees treated as administrative priority expenses in a bankruptcy proceeding.

Cecil was reappointed to a second term on the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools' Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights.



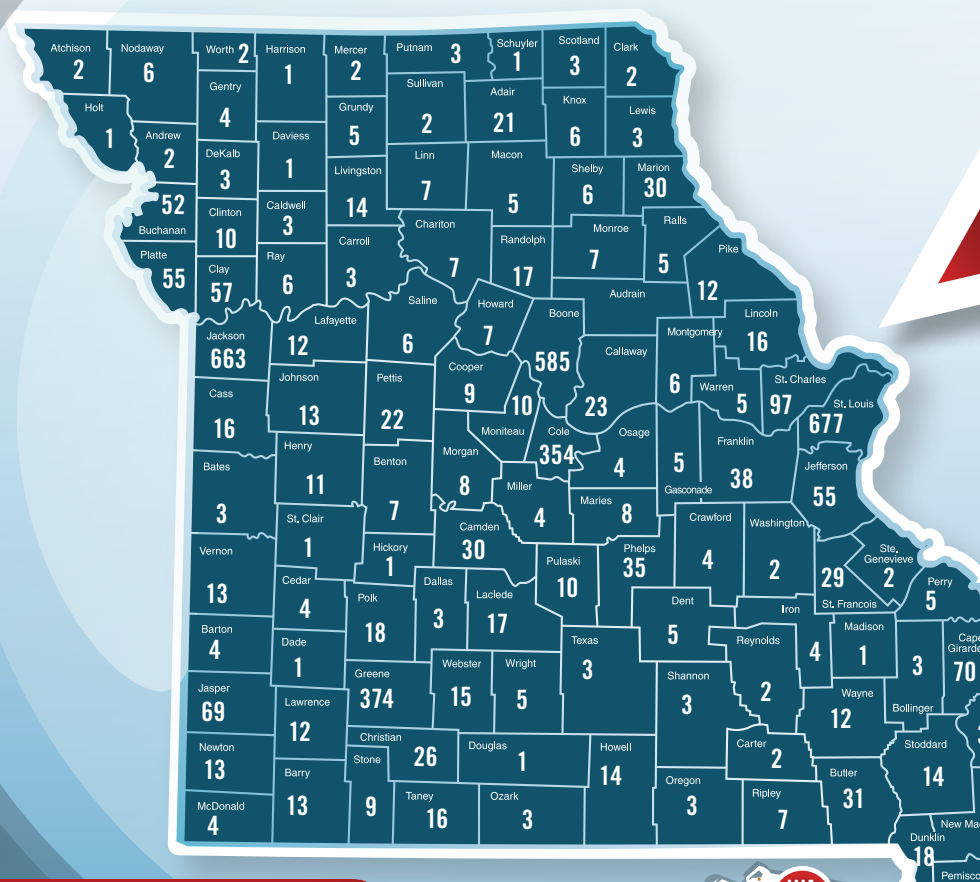
Peter N. Davis updated his chapters in the third edition of *Waters and Water Rights*. His chapters about the common law of water pollution, drainage, flooding and

wetlands protection appear in volume 3. He has continued and updated his extensive state-by-state list of common law water pollution cases in appendix 57A of the book and his Missouri state water law summary appears in volume 4.

This semester, Davis teaches natural resources law, including state doctrines, federal powers, interstate allocation and public rights; private mineral and oil and gas rights law; and solar and wind power rights.

Law Alumni Concentration

AS OF FEBRUARY 2010



Alumni, Wherefore Art Thou?

Though School of Law alumni start at the same place, they scatter after graduation. Most alumni – 4,501 – stay in Missouri to live and practice, but the rest move across the country and around the world. The School of Law boasts alumni practicing in every county of Missouri, as well as 48 American states. (Our records show no alumni in Rhode Island or Vermont. If you are an alumnus living in one of those states, please contact us to update your record – and make the dean's day!)

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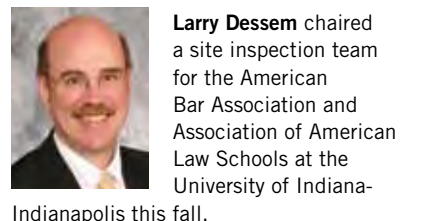
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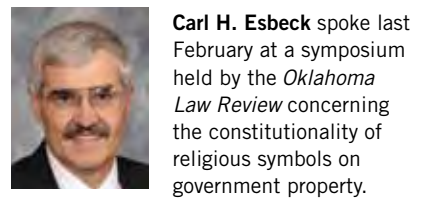
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Indianapolis this fall.

At the ABA midyear meeting, he co-chaired the annual Deans' Workshop.

Dessem continues to serve on the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools.



Carl H. Esbeck spoke last February at a symposium held by the *Oklahoma Law Review* concerning the constitutionality of religious symbols on government property.

In October he did a House Staff Briefing at the Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill concerning the constitutionality of religious exemptions in legislation.

In November, Esbeck published “Why the Supreme Court Has Fashioned Rules of Standing Unique to the Establishment Clause,” in 10 *Engage* 83 (2009). The paper made the Social Science Research Network’s Law & Religion Top Ten List of downloaded articles.

In February, Esbeck filed a brief *amicus curia* on behalf of the petitioner in *CLS v. Martinez* before the Supreme Court of the United States. The case involves the right of expressional association of student religious groups to equal access to state university facilities notwithstanding limiting leadership to those who subscribe to the organization's statement of faith. In December, he assisted in a brief *amicus curia* filed with the U.S. Seventh Circuit appealing the denial of an application for asylum by the Board of Immigration Appeals. A month later the court reversed and remanded the matter for reconsideration of evidence of religious persecution. In November, he assisted in a brief *amicus curia* urging the Supreme Court of the United States to grant an appeal in a free speech matter involving a high school student penalized for wearing a T-shirt with a political message.

Alumni and Faculty Honored by The Missouri Bar

Outstanding School of Law alumni and faculty were recognized at The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting in September 2009.

DAVID J. DIXON AWARD

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

James E. Meadows, '01

LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Presented annually to lawmakers and others 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

Jack A.L. Goodman, '98

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

Susan Ford Robertson, '86

PRO BONO AWARD

Acknowledging outstanding pro bono activities

Charles W. German, '77

SENIOR COUNSELORS

Bestowed upon lawyers who have reached the age of 75 or who have been admitted to The Missouri Bar for 50 years

J. Turner Jones, '63

Professor James E. Westbrook

Herbert C. Willbrand, '59

SPURGEON SMITHSON AWARD

Acknowledges significant contributions to the administration of justice

C. Patrick McLarney, '68

THEODORE McMILLIAN JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Created to recognize jurists who, by virtue of their integrity, leadership and diligence in the pursuit of the efficient administration of justice, inspire other members of the judiciary to similar noble purpose

E. Richard Webber, '67

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

Michael D. Murphy, '91

Ross D. McFerron, '07

YOUNG LAWYER SECTION CHAIRPERSON'S AWARD

For meritorious service by a young lawyer

Michael J. Sudekum, '00

Michael A. Williams, '98

Warren E. Hearnese, '52

by Paul Schwinn

Former Governor of Missouri Warren E.

Hearnese, '52, passed away on Aug. 16, 2009, in Charleston, Mo., at age 86.

Hearnese served in all three branches of state government, starting his political career in 1950 as a Democratic state representative from Mississippi County, Mo. He served in the legislature for 10 years. He also served as Missouri's secretary of state and was the state's first governor to serve two consecutive terms.

Reminders of the governor can be seen throughout the state. Hearnese has myriad buildings named after him, from an elementary school in Charleston, to a psychiatric center in Fulton, Mo. Though he served as the state's highest elected official from 1965 to 1973, and later as a circuit judge in Southeast Missouri, his post-politics service to legal aid is an equally important legacy.

After leaving the governor's office, Hearnese went back to Charleston to provide legal assistance to local residents. His wife, Betty Hearnese, fully supported his move home to help. "They always thought a lot of him; he was a local boy," she says.

In 1979, Hearnese was asked to become the executive director of the adjudicate office in Charleston, responsible for looking through clients' cases and assigning them to a particular lawyer in the area. "He'd look through the whole case and make his decision," Mrs. Hearnese says. "That kept him pretty busy."

The program helped the people in Southeast Missouri because it saved them the expense of driving firm-to-firm to hire an attorney. Hearnese would find an attorney that was best suited for the particular case and send it along.

Mrs. Hearnese says her husband went back home to help because the people of Charleston had always supported him. "He dared to take the job of mayor and reach so many people," Mrs. Hearnese says. "The people in this area, I always thought they were proud."

William M. "Bill" Kimberlin, '39, of Harrisonville, Mo., died June 10, 2009, at age 93. After he completed his law degree, Kimberlin worked in Harrisonville for the law firm Crouch & Crouch. His legal career was interrupted when he served for four years in the Army Air Corps during World War II, training with the British and becoming a radar specialist. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service and six campaign stars. After serving in the military, he returned to Harrisonville, holding the title of mayor, prosecuting attorney and city attorney during his career. Kimberlin was eventually elected to the position of circuit judge of the 17th circuit, a position he held for 29 years until his retirement in 1982.

William H. Abram, '41, of Overland, Mo., died June 14, 2009, at age 91. Abram was a retired commander and naval aviator in the U.S. Navy Reserve and was the retired vice-president and midwest legal counsel of the U.S. Brewers Association.

Wayne F. Ricketts, '51, of Kansas City, Mo., died April 30, 2008, at age 81. Ricketts served in the Philippines during World War II. Ricketts had his own private law practice in Kansas City, Mo., for many years. He owned and managed rental property in the Kansas City area until his death.

Rolin T. Boulware, '52, of Chillicothe, Mo., died Dec. 1, 2009, at age 82.

John A. Dew, '54, of Leawood, Kan., died Sept. 7, 2009, at age 79. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. His legal career included service as general counsel for United Telecommunications and North Supply Company/Sprint.

Robert S. Gardner, '55, of Sedalia, Mo., died Oct. 6, 2009, at age 77. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1953 and served non-active duty from 1955 to 1957 as a judge advocate general and top secret courier. After active duty he transferred to the 35th Infantry Division of the Missouri National Guard, where he last served as captain and acting staff judge advocate of the division until 1963. Following military service, he practiced in Sedalia, at one point joined by his son and daughter. He served as city counselor of Sedalia from 1961 to 1963; trustee of the Bothwell Regional Health Center board of director for 33 years, including two years as president; and a four-year term on the Missouri Ethics Commission, including two years as chairman.

C. Gene Fee, '59, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Dec. 23, 2008, at age 78. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Missouri National Guard from 1960 to 1991. Fee was employed with the Missouri Public Service Commission from 1970 until his retirement as chief hearing examiner in 1991. He lived in the Jefferson City area for 40 years.

Forrest K. "Keith" Brown, '59, of Nevada, Mo., died Aug. 30, 2009, at age 74. After graduating from law school, Brown began the firm now known as the Russell, Brown and Breckenridge Law Firm. Brown had a career that spanned 50 years.

William Drummond Sr., '61, of Odessa, Mo., died April 7, 2009, at age 77. Drummond was a member of the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army. He was a patent attorney until his death, and a member of the Illinois, Missouri, Arizona and California Bars.

Richard A. Massie, '61, of Forsyth, Mo., died July 19, 2009, at age 74. Following his graduation from law school, Massie served as the assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Charles, Mo. He later took a position as an attorney with the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., and served in the U.S. Government Accountability Office in San Francisco for the next five years. In 1970, Richard returned to Missouri and built a successful private law practice in Forsyth over the next 25 years. During those years, he served as city attorney for Forsyth and legal counsel for Boatman's Bank. He also owned and operated Evans Title Company, participating in the initial rapid growth of real estate development in the Branson area. He retired from formal practice in 1996, when he moved to Seattle to follow his dream of owning a live-aboard sailing vessel.

Richard L. "Dick" Sonnich, '62, of Shawnee, Kan., died Nov. 12, 2009, at age 72. Sonnich was an attorney in the Kansas City area for 45 years following his graduation from law school and chartered Plan Services Inc., a pension services corporation, in 1991 with his wife Penny.

Donald B. Kammerer, '66, of Ashland, Mo., died Oct. 20, 2009, at age 78. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served in the Korean War. During his legal career, Kammerer served as general counsel for the State of Missouri, the Department of Social Services and the Division of Medical Services. He was a member of various federal and national organizations involving welfare.

Larry Strong Phillips, '67, of Edina, Mo., died Aug. 27, 2009, at age 68. Following his graduation from law school, Phillips practiced with the Brown and Normile firm in Knox County, Mo. At the time of his death, he owned the Phillips Law Firm in Edina. Phillips enjoyed hunting and spending time with family and friends, particularly his grandchildren.

Dennis S. Schwartz, '67, of Lake Quivira, Kan., died Feb. 22, 2009, at age 66. Schwartz served as a lieutenant of military police at the Presidio during the Vietnam War. He then returned to Kansas City to complete his master's degree in tax law and was in private practice as a tax attorney. He was an avid golfer and a resident and member of Lake Quivira for 30 years.

J. Steve Weber, '67, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Oct. 1, 2009, at age 66. Weber served six years in the Missouri Army National Guard and after graduating from law school, served as attorney for Missouri Power and Light and the Missouri Edison Company. Weber concluded his career as director and attorney of governmental affairs for AT&T, a position he held for 20 years. Following his retirement from AT&T, Weber volunteered legal services to the Samaritan Center. With a strong belief in giving back to the community, Weber served on the Jefferson City Charter Commission, the Jefferson City Planning and Zoning Commission and the Jefferson City YMCA board of directors, among others.

Lathrop Mead Gates, '75, of Kansas City, Mo., died July 6, 2009, at age 62. From 1969 to 1973, he was an officer in the U.S. Navy. He then attended law school and, following graduation, practiced at Gage and Tucker, where he worked for more than 20 years. He retired early, then pursued interests in horticulture and travel and actively supported organizations that were meaningful to him.

C. David Henderson, '75, of Monroe City, Mo., died July 10, 2009, at age 59.

Ezra Eli Borntrager, '79, of Clark, Mo., died Jan. 13, at age 62.

Michael T. Pivac, '83, of Springfield, Mo., died Feb. 3, at age 51. Following his graduation from law school, Pivac moved to Springfield and practiced with longtime friend **Thomas H. Hearne, '78**, in the Hearne & Pivac firm until the time of his death. Throughout his career, Pivac was active in professional and civic activities, including The Missouri Bar, the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, Legal Aid of Southwest Missouri, March of Dimes – Southern Missouri Chapter, Ozark Trails Council Boy Scouts of America and Green County Democratic Alliance. He was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed coaching children's basketball and baseball.

Mark A. Liter, '03, of Carl Junction, Mo., died March 5, 2009, at age 31. He worked for the Warten, Fisher, Lee, and Brown Law Firm in Joplin, Mo. since 2003 and was a partner with the firm since 2008. He was a member of The Missouri Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Jasper County Bar Association. Liter was an avid Red Sox fan.

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Jean Holmes McDonald Deacy, of Kansas City, Mo., died Feb. 18, at age 91. She was the wife of **Thomas E. Deacy Jr., '40**.

Mary M. "Peggy" Webber, of St. Louis, died Aug. 17, 2009, at age 63. She was the wife of **E. Richard Webber, '67**, and the mother of **Erin A. Webber, '96**.

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