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What Makes A Law School Great

IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS that I wish we had a larger alumni magazine. Just in the last few months, the School of Law has hosted:

- » Arguments before both the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Missouri Court of Appeals;
- » A spectacular *Missouri Law Review* Symposium, featuring the director of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, that brought more than 100 attorneys to the School of Law from across the country (and, in one case, from Europe);
- » Career development events such as the 6th Annual Small Firm & Public Interest Expo; and
- » The 25th Annual Lloyd L. Gaines Scholarship Celebration.

But it's the people who make a law school vibrant and great, and you will see in the pages that follow feature stories concerning amazing alumni such as Amy Lorenz-Moser and Ray Klinginsmith and remarkable faculty such as Associate Dean Rafael Gely. Just as significantly, even a cursory review of the Alumni Notes and Faculty Notes sections of this issue of *Transcript* shows that these featured alumni and faculty are representative of the excellence and achievement that typifies our law school.

If you only can find time to read one article in this spring's magazine, though, please read the cover story beginning on page 11: "Earning Their Seats at the School of Law." This piece was written by the seven featured first-year students at the time they applied to the University of Missouri School of Law. The article consists of the essays that these seven men and women submitted in support of their admissions applications, and we reprint these essays without substantive edits and in their entirety.

In their essays these students speak from their hearts about why they want to be lawyers and why they want to study at the University of Missouri. They speak of les-

sons learned from growing up in a military family or being raised by grandparents on a Missouri farm, of overcoming cancer, serving as a community volunteer, or mentoring a younger sister with autism, and of leading on the basketball court or being inspired to study law by a Mizzou lawyer.

Please read these essays to see why we are so proud of our students – and so confident that the next generation of lawyers we are training will make such a difference in our profession, in Missouri and in the world.

One of the students quotes his mother as saying, "Tough times don't last, but tough people do." These are, indeed, tough times for the Law School and University financially and for our newest graduates in securing meaningful legal employment. You can help us with both of these challenges by (1) letting us know of any employment openings or your willingness to talk with students about employment opportunities in your organization or community; and (2) joining with other alumni in financially supporting the School of Law. This year's third-year class already has given or pledged more than \$10,000 to the Law School, and I'd ask you to respond positively when you receive our spring alumni solicitation next month.

Not all of our students have overcome cancer, or had their lives touched by an autistic sister, or raised a child as a single parent. But they all have unique stories and amazing potential to make us proud to call them graduates of the MU School of Law. Won't you join with us in supporting this generation of amazing MU law students?

Very truly yours,

Larry

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Amy Lorenz-Moser, '00: Amy's Hail Mary

by Anna Vitale

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Who better to take a Hail Mary shot than bright-eyed law students?

ST. LOUIS, MO The story begins on a fall day at lunchtime. An undergrad, Amy Lorenz, is in Webster University's cafeteria, and a woman whose name we don't know is working the line for chicken strips.

Like many undergrads, Amy's life is just coming into focus. She was an opera major but has switched to political science, because she thinks she wants to be a lawyer. She's not particularly sure why.

Amy comes from a Sicilian family where opinions rain down loud and plentiful. When she was a baby, she cried at bedtime, banged her head against the crib or held her breath until her mom came and picked her up. When she was in the seventh grade, she led a student walkout to protest a middle-school injustice suffered by one of her friends.

There's another person in the beginning of this story. A man. Like the woman, we don't know his name. He has just come into the cafeteria, and he is angry.

Yelling, he hits at the woman working the chicken-strips line.

And because Amy's the type of person to take action, either by holding her breath or leading a walkout, she calls the police.

When the police come, Amy offers to be a witness. But the woman doesn't want a witness. She is terrified. She begs the police to let the man go. She knows a witness, the arrest, all of it, will make things worse for her.

"The situation was so complex that you could never really understand it," Amy says, remembering that day in the mid-1990s.

One thing was clear: Amy knew exactly why she was going to law school.

We're still in the 1990s, the summer of 1997, and a man named Joe Church is searching for an old classmate at his Mercy

High School reunion in St. Louis. He asks a friend where she is.

Prison. For killing her husband.

Now, Joe is a financial planner for Merrill Lynch and not your run-of-the-mill activist. But he's always had a soft spot for women, especially his mom, mother-in-law and three sisters.

"I've always had a hard time imagining how somebody goes home and gets beat up," he says. "And beaten by someone you know you're not going to overpower."

He asks for the name of the prison. Then he calls.

While Amy is in the cafeteria and Joe is searching for his high school classmate, two women, Carlene Borden and Vicky Williams, are sitting in prison in Vandalia.

They've been here a long time, most of their adult lives.

Carlene and Vicky have this in common: They've both been convicted of killing their husbands.

They don't know it yet, but they also have this in common: Amy.

At the end of their stories, there will be Christmas and birds and interviews and suits. Carlene will say Amy is her angel and her best friend. Vicky will say Amy gave her back her life. They'll both say they're glad Amy was on their side and not the other. But that's all a ways off.

Back to Amy. Because as much as this story is about women, and domestic violence and redemption, it's mainly about her. Today, she lives in Des Peres, a west St. Louis County suburb perhaps best known for its mall with a giant, illuminated white dove that drivers can see from Highway 270.

Amy now has another last name – Moser – and two girls, 4 and 1. The older one goes to preschool, where she's learning

to dance. The younger one emulates the dance moves, twirling and twirling around and around like a toddler prima donna until she falls down. The little girls' names are Olivia and Siena, and Dad stays home with them during the day.

"There's so much pink in this house," he says, "it's unbelievable."

Dad's name is Michael – Mike. He never imagined he'd stay home raising kids, but then his friends always have said, "Mike, you like things just a little bit different." He left his full-time advertising job in 2006, before the economy tanked. It wasn't so much prescience as a decision for himself and the family. He was ready to step out of the rat race. He loves the girls. He loves Amy.

They met at a bonfire in Columbia when she was in law school at the University of Missouri and he was working in the St. Louis ad business. She was pretty and bright, and Mike knew he would never be bored with her. They honeymooned in Italy. It was the best trip of his life.

More family: Both of Amy's parents are musicians and entrepreneurs. No one in the family was a lawyer when Amy decided on law school and her brother followed suit.

"Of course I should have known that," says Amy's mom, Phyllis. "They argued very tactfully throughout their childhood with me and with each other."

Amy's parents taught Amy that corporations aren't faceless. And today, Amy is a big-shot product liability attorney for Armstrong Teasdale.

When she comes home at night, the girls rock the house with "Mommy!!!" and Amy feels like a hero.

Back before the bonfire and honeymoon and pink spilling out all over, Amy, who never forgot the woman whose name we



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don't know, found Professor Mary Beck. Professor Beck is soft-spoken and extraordinarily articulate, with kind eyes and bobbed, dusty blond hair. She is a registered nurse and a lawyer, and her life's work is the Family Violence Clinic at the University of Missouri School of Law.

Amy came to MU because of the clinic. She met Professor Beck after Joe Church made his phone call. Actually, after he made many, many phone calls, 15 minutes here, 20 minutes there, for months. The phone calls led to conversations that culminated in a project called the Missouri Battered Women's Clemency Coalition, made up of individuals from the state's four law schools.

Like the hardest goals tend to be, the coalition's was simple: Obtain clemency for 11 women imprisoned in Missouri for killing their husbands. The women had been identified as victims of domestic abuse, but that wasn't a defense at the time of their trials.

Such abuse looks like this: A toe, broken open by pliers. Whip marks from a belt. Two identical black eyes. Sexual torture. A threat to kill a mother, a child, a dog.

All of the women on the list had been convicted and sentenced to life, without the possibility of parole. Their cases were, all of them, Hail Mary shots.

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But then, who better to take a Hail Mary shot than bright-eyed law students? Students such as Amy, who now says, “I never let my need to know something about the law slow me down.”

And so the cases were divvied up, and the students – none of whom had any idea how hard all this would be – got to work.

The steps to getting a battered woman who killed her husband out of prison might begin something like this. At least, this is how they began for Amy:

First, write a 150-page clemency petition to Gov. Mel Carnahan, who will die in a plane crash weeks after it hits his desk. Second, wait four years for it to become politically advantageous for another governor to consider clemency. Third, wait again, this time as the woman's case runs up the state's court system. Eventually, Lynda Branch gets a 2007 parole date, after the Missouri Supreme Court mandates a new hearing from the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole and says the board cannot consider the seriousness of Branch's offense in its decision.

In the meantime, Missouri Revised Statute 217.692 churns its way through the legislative process.

A word on the statute: Amy didn't write it. She'd want you to know that. Other coalition members did. What the statute did when it finally passed in 2007 is basically this: Give individuals who have no prior felony convictions, who were tried for spousal homicide before December 1990 and who are serving 50-year or life sentences the eligibility of parole.

There are more than 600 words in the statute. But it meant just one for Carlene Borden and Vicky Williams, still sitting in Vandalia: hope.

Well, maybe not at first. Hope is a tricky thing in prison.

“Do I really want to talk to them?” Vicky asks her caseworker when she first learns the coalition is taking her case. “Because I don't know what game this is trying to be.”

Amy put in about 250 hours of pro bono work in 2009 on the two women's cases and another 250 in 2010. Overall, she has put in more than 1,000 hours, easy, carrying the women and their cases from law firm to law firm, telling each new employer about “this little thing that I do on the side.” Everyone has been understanding, but Armstrong Teasdale has been “wonderful.”

Besides the common thread of thinking in terms of defense, few similarities exist between Amy's pro bono and product liability work. But she has never done one without the other. One is good work that pays the bills, and the other “is something you do because you absolutely love it.”

This is love: More than 1,000 pro bono hours, two writs of mandamus, six parole hearings.

After the first hearings, the board issues identical two-sentence denials. Amy sues the board and goes to court a few weeks after delivering her second daughter via C-section, because when somebody's waiting in prison, you don't move the court date. Mike brings the girls, so Amy can breastfeed before and after in the car.

When they arrive, Lynda, for whom Amy wrote the clemency petition, is unexpectedly there for support – and proof of what is possible.

The judge “gets it” and vacates the board's decision, determining the board hadn't included enough information in its denials to even address whether or not it could deny the women's paroles.

One year and two more parole hearings later, the board delivers more elaborate denials.

Carlene and Vicky ask Amy to call their children. Amy thinks of the room Vicky's daughter has already readied for her return. She calls, and it is the hardest thing she has ever done.

Amy fears the women will die in prison. She keeps the thought to herself.

“You're never going to win unless you put that out of your mind and charge.”

Amy can't find another case besides Lynda's that has thrown out a parole board's decision, and she doesn't know if she will win. That's the thing about a Hail Mary shot. You don't take it because you know. You take it because there's no other way.

And so Amy sues the board again.

In the order she writes, which is entered by Judge Patricia Joyce, she calls on R.S.Mo. 217.692. She says the parole board must only determine whether there is a

“strong and reasonable probability” that the women will offend after being released.

“Reconsideration of the seriousness of the offense by the Parole Board would vitiate the basis of the statute and obstruct the legislative purpose of the statute.”

She calls on the five or six ways the board had violated the previous one- or two-page court order.

She calls on the case of Lynda Branch and another coalition woman, Shirley Lute, paroled in 2007 at age 76.

She promises herself that she and Carlene and Vicky are “just going to come back” if the board again denies parole.

When the board issues its third decision, Professor Beck calls Amy on her way to work. She heard it from somebody who heard it from somebody who heard it from one of the women’s kids.

Because this time, the women called their children themselves. Carlene is 66 years old. Vicky is 55. Each has been in prison more than 30 years, and they’re coming home. On a warm October day in 2010, they do.

A story ends in Armstrong Teasdale’s offices in the Centene Building in Clayton. A conference room full of light. A view. Amy in pearls, Vicky in a suit, her daughter and Professor Beck and her kind eyes in the conference room, in the light. Talking, laughing.

A story also ends in Houston, Mo., down deep in Missouri’s beautiful Ozark country. On Christmas, Carlene’s first at home in 32 years, there is snow on

the ground, and she sits and watches the cardinals.

“It was beautiful,” she says. “It was like a picture.”

Ultimately, all the coalition’s women, including Joe Church’s classmate, Shelley Hendrickson, will be released or obtain a release date.

In a letter nominating Amy Lorenz-Moser for a *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* award commemorating her work, he will write that she and the coalition “have changed the landscape nationwide for the defense of battered women and the clemency efforts on their behalf.”

But a changed legal landscape doesn’t mean Amy’s story is over. In what comes as a surprise to no one, she has taken a new case.

She and Professor Beck will tell you the cases are a result of societal issues that haven’t changed much over the last 30 years: A tendency to blame the victim, an attitude that domestic violence is a personal – not a societal – problem in a society where 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence.

Laws like R.S.Mo. 217.692 have helped. Acknowledgment of battered spouse syndrome has helped. But at the end of the day, every day, women whose names we don’t know face situations that are impossible for anyone to understand. Situations simultaneously personal and societal, breaking and breakable.

And at the center, if they are lucky, they find an angel. ♦

FACULTY NOTES



Paul J. Litton co-wrote “What Do Physician-Investigators Owe Patients Who Participate in Research,” published in the *Journal of the*

American Medical Association. He also published “Responsibility Theory and Psychopathy” in *Philosophy Compass*.

In October, Litton presented at the sixth annual Health Ethics Conference sponsored by the MU Center for Health Ethics and MU’s Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Health Professions. His topic was whether health professionals have a moral obligation to avoid participation in state-sanctioned executions.

Litton continues to co-chair the Missouri Death Penalty Assessment Team, organized by the American Bar Association to study and make recommendations regarding the state’s capital punishment system. He also joined the editorial board of *Law and Philosophy*.



S. David Mitchell was selected to be a Missouri Supreme Court Faculty Fellow for 2011-2012. In this role, he will research offender reentry

and the provision of services to this population across the state. Mitchell organized and served as a panelist on empirical legal research at the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference. The presentation was titled “From Pilot Study to Publication: Conducting Empirical Legal Research from Start to Finish.” He also served as a panelist at the Mizzou Diversity Summit on the topic of “It’s Time to Talk: Using Dialogue in the Classroom to Bridge Moments of Dissonance.” Finally, he was selected to be a member of the Advanced Difficult Dialogues cohort and will be team teaching a course titled difficult dialogues in higher education.



Frank O. Bowman III published “Prolegomenon on the Status of the Hopey, Changey Thing in American Criminal Justice” in 23 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 93 (2010).

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Creative Job Search Assistance

A survey of recent business and legal publications will yield numerous articles describing the tight conditions of the current legal employment market. As jobs for law students have become harder to find nationwide, MU Law has responded by providing a variety of new, creative ways to assist our students in their job searches.

The first change has been the addition of two new career development coordinators to augment the services traditionally provided and to strategically target sources of potential employment. In August of 2010, Erika Fadel joined the office as a professional development coordinator with a focus on increasing student access to public service and public interest employment opportunities. A month later, Jennifer McGarr joined the office with the goal of expanding ties to small and mid-size firms throughout the state.

Together with **Andrea Mazza Follett, '99**, a professional development coordinator since 2006, the Career Development staff has developed a core plan for success-

ful job searching in a slow economy, which highlights the importance of networking, acquiring practical skills during law school, and overcoming financial and geographic obstacles in order to gain desired employment.

In 2009, less than a quarter of law students nationwide received job offers through on-campus interview programs. In contrast, more than a third of law students received job offers through self-initiated contact with an employer or through a referral to the employer through a personal contact. These figures are consistent with the experiences of MU Law students. Making contacts is a daunting task for many law students, but it is a crucial part of their job search. The Career Development Office has created several events to highlight the importance of networking, teach effective networking skills and then provide ample practice opportunities for our students to develop those skills.

The school year began with the first "Welcome Home, Lawyers" event, which coincided with MU Homecoming activi-

ties. Visiting attorneys in town for the game were invited to visit the law school and get in touch with former professors, classmates and current students.

This February was "Networking Month" at MU Law – a month-long series of programs designed to teach students the art of networking and provide opportunities to network by bringing attorneys from Kansas City, St. Louis and the mid-Missouri region for informal networking events with the students. Our informational programming included such topics as "Networking Nuts and Bolts," "How I Got My Job through Networking," and "Networking: An Expert's Advice."

Networking month was quickly followed by the 6th Annual Small Firm and Public Interest Expo on March 11. This event, which began in 2006 with 25 attorneys, has grown to more than 100 attorneys from the judiciary, government, non-profits and firms of fewer than 25 attorneys.

In addition to the typical resume and cover letter review and interview skills

MEET THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATORS



Andrea Mazza Follett, '99, has served in the role of coordinator of professional development since July 2006. During law school, she was managing editor of the *Missouri Environmental Law and Policy Review*. Upon

graduation, she joined the Missouri Attorney General's Office, where she served in the Criminal Division and received the David J. Dixon Award for Appellate Advocacy from the Missouri Bar Foundation. In 2004, she became legal counsel for the Missouri Department of Social Services' Human Resource Center, and in 2005, she became director of the DSS Office for Civil Rights. She and her husband **Daniel W. Follett, '95**, have two children.



Erika Simone Fadel joined the Office of Career Development in August 2010. Her focus in the office is public service/public interest. In 1998, she received her JD from Southern Methodist School of Law and began her

career as a corporate associate for Clark, Thomas & Winters, PC, in Austin, Texas. She also worked in the Dallas offices of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, PC, and K&L Gates, LLP. Fadel holds a master of divinity degree from Boston University and is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She is married to Paul Joseph Fadel Jr., who is an associate professor in the MU Medical Pharmacology and Physiology department. They are the parents of three children: Paul Joseph III (8), Olivia Simone (6), and Isaiah Adam (3).



Jennifer McGarr joined the Office of Career Development in September of 2010, and is currently working to expand ties to small and mid-size law firms throughout the state. A graduate of the Georgetown

University Law Center, she is a former litigation associate with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in New York City and a former staff attorney with the Louisiana Legislature. She has been an adjunct professor at MU Law since 2008, teaching legal research and writing, advocacy and research, and law practice management. She and her husband, Moises Arce, associate professor of political science at MU, have three daughters.

development, Career Development staff members have offered a variety of new informational programs for students designed to increase their marketability and provide strategies for succeeding in the current economic climate. Programs include: a panel discussion on the competency model of associate development, stressing the importance of developing practical skills while in law school and then seeking out opportunities to do so in the first year of practice; the “Tenacious Tactics” program series to help students identify creative ways to strengthen the presentation of their skills to potential employers; and a presentation on inter-generational communication skills in the office, helping students identify appropriate ways to work with multiple generations in the law firm setting.

In order to gain skills while in law school, students need practical experience. Sometimes geographic or financial obstacles stand in the way of their ability to pursue the experience they desire. Due to a very generous estate gift, the School of Law was able to create the Shortridge Missouri Loan Fund. This fund will provide up to 10 loans each summer of up to \$4,000 for students to work in public inter-

est and public service settings. Graduates of MU have always been known for their commitment to public service and the public interest. The Shortridge loans will enable even more of our students to pursue public service work each summer.

Additionally, the Office of Career Development offers students a location on campus that has the technology necessary to complete long-distance clerkships with firms all over the state during the academic year. We plan to add Skype capability soon, to increase the student’s ability to telecommute for clerkships, and also for purposes of conducting virtual interviews with employers who are not able to interview on campus.

The Office of Career Development is continually looking for ways, such as those described above, to help our students become as competitive as possible in the legal employment market. Career Development staff members welcome your ideas, suggestions and participation in future endeavors. ♦

[Editor’s note: This spring, former MU Law faculty member Lisa Key joined the School of Law as assistant dean for admissions, career development and student services. We look forward to introducing her in our fall issue.]

Special Thanks to Our Alumni

The Office of Career Development relies heavily on the generosity of our dedicated alumni who extend their expertise to us in the form of giving presentations, attending law school events and serving as mentors who communicate with current students regarding their specific practice areas and offer career advice. The following MU Law alumni have presented as Career Development guest lecturers during the 2010-2011 academic year:

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Anna K. Lingo, '89
Amy D. Markel, '99
Melissa L. McAllister, '98
Claire E. McClintic, '09
J. Kyle McCurry, '02
Susan Henderson Moore, '03
Kevin M. Muesenfechter, '08

S. Christian Mullgardt, '96
Cavanaugh K. Noce, '98
Robert L. Ortbals Jr., '04
Robert E. Perry, '10
Jayme Salinardi, '99
Steve C. Scott, '78
Ryan A. Tichenor, '09
Rhonda C. Thomas, '73
Janet E. Wheeler, '00

The Office of Career Development also wishes to thank the alumni who attended the 6th Annual Small Firm and Public Interest Expo on March 11. We look forward to seeing you in 2012 at our 7th annual event.

If you would like to participate in our MU Alumni Mentor Program, please contact Andrea, Erika or Jennifer in the Office of Career Development at 573-882-7386.

Students Share Their Experiences with Career Development

“Many of us in our last year of law school have realized that today’s economy may require us to find creative ways to put our law degrees to good use. Andrea, Jennifer and Erika have been tireless in helping me develop a framework for the many (many!) career ideas I’ve run past them. No matter which field of law or jurisdiction I have focused on, I always felt I was given their full attention while we researched the idea and put together a list of alumni and other resources to help me pursue it. Whether I choose to follow a path that is traditional for MU Law grads or decide to do something completely out of the ordinary, the folks in the career development office have proven they will do whatever they can to support me along the way.” Melissa Hamilton, 3L

“After watching the Office of Career Development’s presentation to the 1Ls yesterday, an important thought did come to mind. In the past two weeks, I have met with a lot of lawyers that I’ve met through my network. Time and again, each of them has congratulated me on reaching out to my network because their endorsement has pushed my resume to the top of the pile. They’ve stressed that they receive hundreds of resumes a week and it is the phone call from a friend/colleague talking up an applicant that puts your resume on their desk.” Brianna Lennon, 3L

From an e-mail to Dean Dessem: “Upon looking back on my time here at the law school, I just wanted to take a minute to tell you what a positive experience I have had with our career development office. Andrea Follett is always very encouraging and makes time to listen to concerns, offer advice and give any necessary help in order to facilitate positive decision-making in a very approachable, caring way. I am truly appreciative of the help I have received from the office.” Mallory Revel, 3L

“Erika Fadel has been instrumental in preparing me for my summer job search and a legal career. She’s provided sound advice and been a constant resource of strategies for success.” Alexander Polta, 1L

“The fact that the office has tailored the career development coordinators’ positions has been really helpful for students. Whatever the students’ needs are, there is a coordinator that can help. Jennifer McGarr has been my go-to person in the office because she has a great perspective on gaining employment out of state. From editing cover letters at very short notice to providing a calming spirit and realistic advice, Jennifer McGarr has aided many students in their job hunt pursuits.” Mary Cile Glover-Rogers, 3L



Rafael Gely: New Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Great associate deans such as Rafael creatively help students, faculty and staff

At the School of Law, the role of the associate dean for academic affairs is a rotating one, filled by faculty members willing to support the law school by taking an administrative position in addition to the tasks of teaching, research and service.

For five years, this role was filled by Jim Devine, who was so committed to this position, and comfortable in it, that it became hard to imagine anyone else assuming the title. After Devine died unexpectedly in May, thoughts slowly turned to filling this complicated and important role. For this, Dean Dessem turned to Professor Rafael Gely, who has served as the James E. Campbell Missouri Endowed Professor of Law for 2 ½ years.

At the law school, Gely is known for his affable manner, approachability and sincerity. These traits make him accessible to students, faculty and staff, who come to him with concerns, problems or the need for sound advice. Gely picked up where Devine left off with the students, caring about them personally and as students, assisting them, providing counsel. He hopes to assist students with the sometimes competing demands they face.

“Dean Gely’s dedication to his students, his teaching and the School of Law is remarkable,” 3L Dane Martin explains. “Throughout my time at the law school, he has gone out of his way to ensure that both my academic life and personal life are going well.”

Dean Dessem describes Gely’s deanship as unique because he works on a daily basis with faculty, staff and students, citing examples such as assisting a faculty member with her teaching schedule, help-

ing a student transfer credits or organizing staff to proctor final exams. He notes that the associate dean must see the big picture while focusing on the details of law school administration.

“Great associate deans such as Rafael creatively help students, faculty and staff accomplish their goals at the law school, while being able to gracefully say ‘no’ in appropriate situations,” Dessem says.

Though Gely’s associate deanship can be demanding and time-consuming, he is committed to teaching. This allows him to stay in touch with students and hear directly from them what issues concern them. “There is a strong tradition at MU Law that individuals serving in the various deanships are expected to engage in some form of teaching,” he says. “I think this is a great idea.”

Students appreciate his presence in the classroom as much as he enjoys being there. “Dean Gely taught my contracts class and not only made it more entertaining, but was an exceptional educator,” 3L Amanda Yoder says. “In my second year, Dean Gely was more than happy to take on additional work and help me with a note I was writing.”

Jason R. McClitis, ’09, who practices with the Brown Law Office in Columbia, agrees. “As an instructor, Dean Gely has a clear passion for the law and carries out his classes in an inviting and open manner that entices and brings out the best of his students,” he explains. “His mastery of the law could only be surpassed by his sincerity and kindness.”

Gely is happy to serve as associate dean and professor at the School of Law because of the environment. “There is a very strong

sense of what I would refer to as a learning community,” he explains. “Students, faculty and staff are seriously dedicated to the process of teaching and learning.” As proof of this, he cites the students’ involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities, from academic journals to clinics to externships to academic competitions, as well as the commitment and caring the faculty and staff demonstrate toward law students. “Every single person does their best to guarantee that we continue to fulfill our mission to educate the next generation of lawyers,” he says.

Gely holds a bachelor’s degree, cum laude, from Kansas State University, and master’s, law and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois. Before joining the faculty at MU, he taught at the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University, Chicago-Kent College of Law and the University of Cincinnati.

Gely’s scholarship reflects his interdisciplinary academic training and his background in labor and industrial relations. His research, which focuses primarily on the regulation of labor markets, incorporates a variety of theoretical paradigms and methodological approaches, drawing from the expertise of co-authors in a wide range of disciplines.

At the School of Law, Gely teaches employment law, labor arbitration and labor law, among others, in addition to his role as associate dean. ♦

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

- "They're Only School Kids" *The Union Leader* (New Hampshire)
- "Just Checking In: Not Bad for a Girl from Back East" *The Union Leader* (New Hampshire)

- Re: alcohol rules for high school athletes and coaches' obligations to refrain from criticizing the rules WFAN (New York)
- Re: players' constitutional rights when they resist high school coach's efforts to set rules concerning matters such as hair length, dress code and use of profanity WFAN (New York)
- "Sending the Right Message (Usually)" *The Union Leader* (New Hampshire)



Dennis D. Crouch

- "Can't We All Just Get Along? These Days, Not in the World of Big Tech" *The Wall Street Journal* (blog)
- "Paul Allen's Lawsuit Renews Patent Debate" *The Wall Street Journal*



Carl H. Esbeck

- "Charitable Choice Finds Staying Power" *MissouriNet*
- "Missourians to Vote on Proposition C, Which Relates to Purchase of Health Insurance" *Kansas City Star*



Rafael Gely

- "Labor Loses Leverage in Bad Economy" *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*



Richard C. Reuben

- "Challenge to Federal Health Mandate to Appear on August Ballot" KRCU (Southeast Missouri State University)
- "Missouri Voters Reject Federal Health Mandate" "All Things Considered," NPR

- "Prop C Passes Overwhelmingly" *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
- "Will Populist Backlash Stand Up in Court?" aolnews.com



Troy A. Rule

- "Catch the Wind: Ownership of This Ephemeral Energy Source Poses New Legal Questions as Turbine Farms Grow" *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

- "Sharing the Wind" *The Environmental Forum*



Rodney J. Uphoff

- "Justice for All: The Future of Missouri's Public Defender System" KSMU Radio (Springfield, Mo.)



Christina E. Wells

- "Church's Military Funeral Protests: Contemptible, But Likely Protected Speech" *The Kansas City Star*
- "Court to Get Hackle-Raising Free Speech Case" *The Sacramento Bee*

- "Free Speech: Westboro Church Supreme Court Case Tests First Amendment" *The Christian Science Monitor, Flathead Beacon* (Montana)
- "Funeral Protest is a Free Speech Test" *The Times Union* (New York)
- "Lawyers Ponder Picketing Case" *The Topeka Capital-Journal*
- "Legal Rights and Moral Wrongs" *The Sydney Morning Herald, The Canberra Times, Adelaide Independent Weekly, Brisbane Times* (Australia)
- "Military Funeral Picketing Tests Free Speech" *ArmyTimes*
- "Protest at Military Funeral Ignites a Test of Free Speech" *USA Today*
- "Snyder v. Phelps: Case of Protesting Anti-Gay Messages Outside a Funeral Reaches Supreme Court" *The Washington Post online Q&A*
- "Some Tour Guides Challenge Constitutionality of District's Licensing Test" *The Washington Post*
- "Supreme Court to Consider if Church's Protests at Military Funeral are Protected Speech" *The Seattle Times*
- "Supreme Court to Hear Funeral Protests Case" *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
- "The Trouble with Regulating Messages" *The New York Times*
- "Westboro Baptist's Funeral Protests Put Free Speech to Test" *Miami Herald*
- "WikiLeaks' Releases Raise Critical Questions" *Johnstown Tribune-Democrat* (Pennsylvania)

FACULTY NOTES



Wilson Freyermuth

continues to serve as executive director of the Joint Editorial Board (JEB) for Uniform Real Property Acts. In this capacity, he

is the principal drafter of model state legislation banning the enforcement of private transfer fee covenants. Legislation based upon (or comparable to) this model has been enacted in more than 16 states during the past year. On behalf of the JEB, Freyermuth submitted formal comments to the Federal Housing Finance Agency in October regarding its proposed guidance on private transfer fee covenants. This work on private transfer fee covenants resulted in two published articles – "Putting the Brakes on Transfer Fee Covenants," published in July 2010 in *Probate and Property* magazine, and "Private Transfer Fee Covenants: Cleaning Up the Mess," published in the Fall 2010 issue of the *Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Journal*.

In November, Freyermuth released the 3rd edition of his property casebook, *Property and Lawyering*, published by Thomson West.

He served as program chair and moderator for the program "Climate Change, the 'Green Building' Movement, and Renewable Energy: Transaction and Policy Implications" at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. He has also been appointed as chair of the Legal Education Committee for the American Bar Association's Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section.



Rodney J. Uphoff

made several presentations during the fall of 2010 on handling physical evidence: at the American Bar Association (ABA)

Criminal Justice Standards Project Roundtables at Washington & Lee University School of Law; Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and Vanderbilt University Law School. He also served on a panel, "Guilty Until Proven Innocent – The Human Stories, the Work of Lawyers and Journalists, and the Science Impacting Justice," at The Missouri Bar/Missouri Judicial Conference.

Uphoff also taught at Harvard University at the week-long Trial Advocacy Workshop.



Cowboy Logic

by Missy A. McCoy, 2L

...taking pride in work, talking less and saying more, doing what has to be done, and that some things just aren't for sale.

“Cowboy Logic.” This is the song and mentality through which **Ray Klingensmith, '65**, has chosen to define his term as president of Rotary International which began in June 2010 and runs through May 2011. The idea behind “Cowboy Logic”? It reflects the warm and positive atmosphere of Rotary meetings, provides a common sense approach which embodies the spirit of Rotary and is based in Klingensmith's rural northern Missouri roots.

Klingensmith's path to the presidency of Rotary International originated in humble beginnings in Unionville, Mo. He graduated from MU in 1959 with a degree in business administration. In 1961, his involvement with Rotary International began after he was selected as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. His hometown Rotary Club in Unionville allowed him to attend their meetings for free after his selection as a Scholar. As part of this selection, Klingensmith set sail from New Orleans to South Africa to study for a year, making him the first person from his home town to study abroad.

After returning from South Africa, Klingensmith entered law school at MU and graduated in 1965, describing his law school experience at Tate Hall as very positive. He saw it as “an opportunity to learn the rules of society, and [found] it fascinating to see how such rules have evolved and developed through the English Common Law system.” After a few years of general practice, he began 22 years of service at Truman State University (formerly

Northeast Missouri State University) in Kirksville as general counsel at a time when the university was transitioning from a teachers college to a public, liberal arts and sciences university.

“My legal skills were part of the teamwork that was needed to assist the administrators, led by Pres. Charles McClain, and the board in making an innovative change that was accorded national recognition,” Klingensmith says. “Similarly, I am now leading a worldwide team of Rotarians to create a culture of innovation for needed improvements in Rotary International as it responds to societal changes in its second century of service.”

Through his election as Rotary International president in June 2010, Klingensmith has carried forth the theme of “Building Communities – Bridging Continents” and an intention to keep Rotary simple through “Cowboy Logic.” In carrying out “Cowboy Logic,” Klingensmith has stressed the importance of taking pride in work, talking less and saying more, doing what has to be done, and that some things just aren't for sale.

His primary goal as president has been to reassess its policies and practices and to review their effectiveness in current society. In furtherance of this goal, Klingensmith notes, “Rotary International's board of directors, made up of 19 members from around the world, has responded positively

and adopted a new strategic plan that simplifies and streamlines our objectives to support and strengthen our 34,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries, to focus and increase our humanitarian service projects and enhance our public image.” Klingensmith has seen a positive response to his call for a common sense approach to the challenges and opportunities that Rotary clubs face.

Rotary International is a premier organization currently on the world stage because of its 30-year effort to eradicate polio. In the last 23 years, Rotary has partnered with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and Centers for Disease Control to reduce the incidence of polio from 500,000 cases per year, with 50,000 deaths, to less than 1,000 cases last year. Klingensmith describes the effort as the largest public health initiative ever undertaken. “Polio will be only the second disease to ever be eradicated,” he explains.

“This is a great time to be a Rotarian, and I am pleased that so many lawyers respond to the invitation to join their local Rotary clubs for our core values of fellowship, service, leadership, integrity and diversity,” he says. “Rotary has an outstanding record of achievements since the first club was started in 1905, and I am confident that the best days of Rotary are still ahead!” ♦

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Last spring, more than 1,000 hopeful applicants threw their hats in the ring for a seat in the incoming class at the School of Law. There are only 150 seats available, and competition is fierce. Many factors come into play when the applicant's file is considered – resume, letters of recommendation, LSAT score,

undergraduate grade point average and personal statement.

The personal statement is the most...well, personal. A chance for the applicants to tell their stories, and detail their reasons for wanting to attend law school and what they hope to accomplish with a law degree.

Seven first-year law students were kind enough to let us share their personal statements with you here. As you'll see, these students have very different backgrounds and life experiences, bringing these to the law school to color our classes and the educational experience.



HEATHER R. BROOKS
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Florida International University

THERE IS A RUNNING JOKE in my family that my father and I are competing to see which one of us has the most sets of initials after our name on our headstone. We are both what our family has lovingly – and in good, old-fashioned New England sarcasm – teasingly dubbed “lifelong academics.” Though not always in the optimal position to make education or career goals a top priority, both of us have made nontraditional and often difficult decisions to further our success. As life moves forward, the game continues. Current score: Captain Pitts, 3, and Heather, 1. Obviously, I have some catching up to do.

In the military, my father is what they call a mustang. He entered into the enlisted ranks, worked his way up, and is now a high-ranking, respected officer with over 30 years of service. With his education and career, he has often had to do things in a manner that many people consider to be the hard way. He left college after completing just one year and joined the service and started our family. He became the very definition to a nontraditional student, earning his associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees over many years through evening programs while serving in the Coast Guard – with the goal to further both his education and career.

I am a bit of a mustang myself – having made some nontraditional choices that have led me to pursue my legal education. During my junior year of high school, I was approached by Johnson & Wales Uni-

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versity about their ACCESS program – an opportunity they give to select academically inclined would-be seniors to enter college a year early. My peers all thought I was crazy to leave high school during what they perceived to be the best year, but I saw the opportunity to get into college – and on with life – that much quicker. At the age of 17, I moved from New England to Florida to attend my freshman year in JWU’s business program, and in doing so I put myself an entire academic year ahead of my peers. Heading to college was a big deal for my family, as I’m the sole grandchild on my dad’s side to have attended college and one of just two who have bachelor’s degrees on my mother’s side.

My path of nontraditional decisions continued when I transferred schools after my freshman year to attend a communications program that I felt would put me in a better position within my chosen field of advertising. While earning my com-

munications degree, I enrolled in courses in many fields, including criminal justice, creative writing and international relations; I also earned a women’s studies certificate that included anthropology, psychology, biology and other fields of study. I worked hard to earn a diverse education because I knew that I would eventually pursue a legal career and having a dynamic background would benefit my studies and make me a more versatile candidate for school and a worldlier attorney in practice.

My plans to study for and attend law school after obtaining my bachelor’s degree were changed when I found out that I was expecting a baby. I then went through the most challenging experience of my life: my pregnancy, labor and delivery and the first four months of my son’s life alone. My husband was serving in the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and I was left to be the sole caretaker of our young family. The mental and emotional stresses of having a husband at war and being a new mom were greater than I had ever imagined. For the first time in my life, I had to put something else in front of my education – my son – and I made the hard decision to put off law school and build a career in communications. I accepted my first position at a museum and enjoyed very much the non-profit sector’s flexibility, commitment to community and ever-changing job description. Not long into my first job, I became a single mother and was the sole provider for my family. I have worked diligently to build a dynamic résumé of service and I have helped to affect change in several communities; I am proud of my career thus far but still have the desire to become an attorney.

I have relocated and remarried and have a newfound confidence in pursuing my legal education.

Throughout these several difficult years, my father has always been there encouraging me; his most recent accomplishment was a great reminder to me that it is never inappropriate to work towards your dreams. He had to compete for a promotion to the rank of captain as a junior commander because of a more than usual number of positions opening up. He stayed positive, even though his odds of being selected were very low because there were

so many qualified senior commanders to compete against. The stakes were high; if he was passed over for promotion he would have to retire as a commander and his 30-year career was suddenly over. After weeks of uneasy worry, he was selected and was promoted last spring. His years of dedication, hard work and tenacity paid off and it was a proud moment for my entire family – and an inspiring one for me.

When earning his most recent degree in his late forties when I was an undergrad, my father made a speech at a celebration dinner and the theme was one that I didn't realize would end up meaning so much to me. He told a little bit of his story and said: "It doesn't matter *when* you do it, just *that* you do it."

To be honest, I never thought that I would land myself into the similar situation of attending school after having a family and working on a career and I never realized the challenges he had stared down until I found myself in his shoes.

My father's against-the-odds success for promotion was my final nudge to dare to dream again and register for the LSAT – even though I took it eight months pregnant and without having the opportunity to study as much as I would have liked. I am confident that I will contribute positively both as a student at MU Law and as an attorney, and my lifetime spent in a military family will be a great advantage when it comes to my particular law interests. My father has been in the Coast Guard my entire life and my experiences as an officer's daughter were invaluable; I've lived all over the country among all walks of life, I've grown up with a great respect and curiosity for the government, military and the law and I continue to desire to work with or for our government. When I was married to someone who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, my military knowledge grew and changed – and my understanding for the real sacrifices became very clear when my husband returned with

irreparable damage to his spirit and our marriage. I grew up idolizing the men and women in uniform – and I still do – but now I see the faults in the system and policies and would like to be someone involved in making positive changes. The University of Missouri's concentration in public law and policy is of special interest to me and I look forward to exploring it in conjunction with taking advantage of some of the international curriculum. I know that my plans may change as to exactly what area of the field I build expertise in, but whether pursuing a career in the public or private sector, I plan to eventually end up back in academia as a professor. As that lifelong academic my family calls me, it seems only natural to end my career cycle where it all began and where my passion lies – and it doesn't hurt to add a few more initials to my name and narrow my father's lead.



MELISSA A. CULLMAN
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"Law school has always been an intimidating future, something that I was interested in but scared of. It was cancer that taught me I have the drive, ability and will to go to law school."

THREE DAYS before I was to return to my second semester as a college freshman, I was given a gift. Not a pleasant one but, as I would come to learn, a gift nonetheless. I was diagnosed with mouth cancer. It has been two years since I beat cancer and everything that came with it. My experience did not spark my interest in law; instead it taught me that I have the capability to make it happen. Through this experience, I have learned that I am tough, that stress is relative and that I can do anything – including succeed in law school.

The first few weeks after my diagnosis were a blur. Mine was an unusual case that required extensive oral reconstruction. Although my type of cancer was resistant to chemotherapy and radiation, the good news was that it rarely recurs. I was forced to take a semester off for surgery and over the course of the following months, I learned to eat again, gained back the weight I had lost, my mouth healed and I resumed a normal life – as normal as it could be with continued doctor's appointments and close monitoring.

I often think about how cancer has changed my life. I think about the gifts

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I have received and what I have learned about myself. I dealt with everything calmly, taking it in stride oftentimes with humor and a sarcastic comment. Law school has always been an intimidating future, something that I was interested in but scared of. It was cancer that taught me I have the drive, ability and will to go to law school. These qualities and characteristics have gotten me through cancer and they are helping me succeed in college, but mostly they are my guiding principles in life.

It was not until taking business law that I realized law was what I wanted to focus on. As the semester progressed my interest grew, I researched career options and it became obvious that law school was in my future. In every business class that I have taken since, we have discussed the impact new legislation is making on businesses. As we become a more global society, this impact will only increase with corporations having to focus on the laws of each nation they conduct business in. I want to be a part of this change and influence the way corporations conduct business in the future.

At Truman State University, I have had many successes both in and out of the classroom. Through a “Service as Learning”

project, I researched and designed a survey instrument for the Developmental Disability Board of Adair County under the direction of Dr. Datha Damron-Martinez. We delved into the legal aspects of privacy concerning medical conditions and learned how to incorporate legalities into our marketing research while still gaining the information we needed. As team leader, I was able to work closely with the director of the Developmental Disability Board and my professor to gain a deeper understanding of the details and considerations needed to complete our project. This semester I will complete a cultural, economic, political and legal analysis of international markets to create a comprehensive marketing plan to introduce Gatorade into China. My group and I are exploring Chinese culture and policies related to creating a new market not only for Gatorade but for the entire energy and sports drinks industry. In each of these projects I have focused on the legal aspects and implications in the project more than anything else and it has only increased my appetite to learn and study more.

My interest in the University of Missouri Law School stems from my desire to pursue business law and contract law. The Center for Dispute Resolution and the law

school’s commitment to teaching negotiation and mediation techniques are the main reasons I first looked at the law school.

While visiting the MU campus, I was impressed with the friendly yet competitive learning environment offered. Despite having lost a semester during my cancer treatment, I have maintained a 3.59 cumulative GPA through Truman’s rigorous business program and will graduate on schedule. I am also proud to have been accepted for the Roberts Scholars program and, as my academic reports and letters of recommendation will attest, I have excelled. If given the opportunity I will continue to do so at the law school.

During the past four years I have learned that life is unpredictable, that life can be tough. Although this may seem trite to someone who has never faced her own mortality, I have learned that each day is a gift. Every day I make a concerted effort to get as much from and give the most to each day that I can. I have been blessed with a strong intellect and I strive to make the most of it. I intend to pursue my degree in corporate law with gusto. I realize that law school will be full of new and exciting challenges, and I have no doubt that I can succeed.



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I HAD NEVER GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO my hands until my dear Chinese grandmother commented, “*Ay-yah!* So many lines – stop thinking!” She was referring to an old wives’ tale in which the number of lines across an individual’s palms is believed proportional to how much one thinks; thus, according to her, I have the markings (literally) of an overly-intense thinker. Intrigued, I began to contemplate just what the network of lines, crisscrossed upon my palms like miniature Grand Canyons, represents. If I could catalogue a frame of the thoughts exuding from my “thinker” hands, what would be revealed?

Unveiled would be my feeling on how eager society is to categorize everything and everyone – good or bad, right or wrong. I believe situations can be as simple as black-or-white but also know that infinite shades of gray exist. I think about how much power and responsibility individuals have to determine and interpret that

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middle ground. I think about how a single action can define a future, and I believe that we are all, to a certain extent, in charge of our fates. Even though life isn’t fair, it doesn’t mean I cannot be.

My thoughts float to how being a member of Theta Kappa Phi, an Asian-American interest sorority, provided opportunities I never imagined and ultimately allowed me to be comfortable with my ethnicity and culture. And I like knowing that while I may not be perfect, I am perfectly content and proud of the person I am today.

Perhaps my palm lines represent my appreciation of education and the desire to further pursue it. As a volunteer with the Neighborhood Legal Services, I’m constantly hit with the acknowledgement of how fortunate I am to have the tools to analyze words and interpret information,

whether whilst assisting litigants with a divorce or in responding to an eviction notice. I think about how mistaken people are in equating my goal of becoming an attorney with financial success; what they don’t know is that I’m driven to obtain a legal education for those who cannot. I want to know the law for what it is and what it can be.

I believe that working for Roseman & Associates was more than just a part-time college job; it gave me an insider’s perspective to see that the law is an intricately solid compilation of research, communication and critical thinking. I think about how I’m so much more than the numbers state; I can prove those three digits of a GPA and LSAT score do not define my limits.

My thoughts are constantly occupied with how I want to attend MU Law because I know the legal foundation I stand

to gain would be unparalleled. Having been raised as the daughter of an avid MU alumnus and Jefferson Club Fellow, I feel that Missouri would be an excellent fit for my education and myself, especially after exploring the campus last year and sitting in on classes. I can honestly picture my future self at this school, in the library and classrooms and in Missouri. My ability to think, write and act critically and analytically are ready for the challenges that Miz-zou has to offer.

The creases in my palms could bare my beliefs in underdogs and miracles, as well as my commitment to always examine an issue from alternate perspectives in spite of how I may otherwise feel. Just because I think before I speak does not mean I lack passion; if anything, sometimes I care too deeply. I wonder if there are limits on feelings and if, as The Eagles believe, love is enough to keep us alive. Ultimately, I am proud to be a thinker, and perhaps the lines upon my palms are signs that I am meant for bigger things and even greater thoughts. I believe that within my hands, heart and entire being lay the curiosity, intellect, strength and passion to excel in law school.



JORDAN A. MASON

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University of Missouri

EVERYONE HAS SOMEBODY that has influenced his or her life, its events, and its future, more than anyone else. The most influential person in my life has provided me with guidance and life goals for which I will always be grateful. This influential person is my little sister Hilary.

Hilary was diagnosed with autism when I was four years old. It was a devastating blow to our family, but without delay I decided to step up and be a loving older sister, fulfilling sisterly roles along with other responsibilities – like attempting to teach her how to talk. Growing up with Hilary was obviously going to be difficult at times, as proven by challenges like taking care of her at school, helping her understand our parents’ divorce and other responsibilities, but I attributed Nietzsche’s quote – “That which does not kill us makes us stronger.” – to the difficulties I encountered throughout supporting Hilary. I gained an ever-increasing amount of humility and great respect for those who

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have any sort of disability, whether it be physical or mental, and most of all a passion for helping those that have difficulty helping themselves. After witnessing Hilary become the subject of relentless taunts and teasing in high school, I feel like my eyes have been opened to the negativity of the world and made me a better person for myself and more importantly, for my sister.

Although I can never change what Hilary has gone through in her life, I hope I can help her and witness her live a full and happy life in the face of adversity. She may have been mistreated – especially at school – but I know in my heart how she thinks and feels; she deserves and will receive better than those who taunted her in the past.

In high school I became active in the Circle of Friends club, which provided social and life skills activities for our high school students with myriad disabilities.

I also became active in volunteering and providing volunteers for Team Activities for Special Kids, which is a program that provides social and sporting activities for children and teens with disabilities. I still volunteer with these programs today. Along with my extensive volunteer experience, I am also an avid swimmer. With my swimming expertise, I have taught numerous children with disabilities how to swim, providing them with a social and physical activity they can use for the rest of their lives.

With my passion for helping the disabled, I naturally decided a career path working with them would be ideal. Originally I chose the path of physical therapy for obvious reasons but I decided to change to law after witnessing the legal battle my mother was in with Hilary's school district. Hilary was the victim of educational dis-

crimination for a number of years. After fighting relentlessly with the school district, our family hired an attorney. This attorney fought the school district and won, changing my family's life by giving Hilary the educational rights she deserved. After seeing how Hilary's case made our family so much happier, I decided that I want to give disabled children and families everywhere the same chance.

Continuing my education as a law student will provide me with the tools I need to become a great, responsible and successful attorney. In possessing such a great passion for those in need, I feel that I will definitely be able to help and provide them with excellent advocacy. If someone does not have a voice to protect themselves, they need someone to talk and fight for them. I want to be that person.



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“I have decided that my lifetime commitment will be to an occupation that will satisfy my ability to problem solve and think critically, as well as my desire to make a difference.”

MY MOTHER would always say, “Tough times don't last, but tough people do.” As a child I watched my mother, a teenage parent, struggle to make ends meet. I have always been appreciative for all of my mother's efforts to provide the very best. Driven by the values that she instilled in me, I have decided that my lifetime commitment will be to an occupation that will satisfy my ability to problem solve and think critically, as well as my desire to make a difference. The University of Missouri School of Law has been my home for six weeks this summer, and I think that I would be a great candidate for admission and an addition to a culturally diverse community in Columbia Mo.

As an adolescent I adopted a passion for basketball where I developed a tenacity to win, lead and compete at an extremely high level. During high school, as the co-captain of the basketball team, I helped lead my team to a national #1 ranking in *USA Today* and the Associated Press. After a successful academic and athletic high school career, I was awarded the opportunity to extend my leadership, versatility and service on a basketball scholarship to Old Dominion University. Old Dominion was a great experience but I transferred to Southern Polytechnic State University after completing my freshman year, to be closer to my mother. While at Southern Polytechnic State, I became the first person in the university's history to hold the position

as basketball team captain for three consecutive years. Under my leadership, our team and the university gained national recognition.

Early in my scholastic journey I was awarded the Rebecca Mae Johnson academic and community achievement award. Rebecca Mae Johnson was the first African American principal in Springfield, Mass. She was an activist in the Civil Rights movement and community development for minorities. This award was given to the pupil who excelled academically and displayed a commitment to community service. In spite of marginal standardized test scores, I have a history of high academic performance. An intense work load in addition to rigorous athletic demands did not deter my efforts to consistently obtain the Honor Roll Award at Saint John's at Prospect Hall in high school.

Being a student athlete had many demands, however, I wanted to excel both athletically and academically in the college community. I was a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, as well as the Math Club. I taught a prep course through Emory University on the math section of the SAT at Washing-

ton High School in the city of Atlanta. Halfway through my collegiate career, I became overwhelmed and my schedule presented quite a few obstacles and conflicts between academics, social projects and the birth of my son. Though terrified at first, I embraced the opportunity to become the father to my son that I never had but always desired.

Accepting full custody of my son as a result of postpartum depression suffered by his mother, my days became longer and my nights shortened. Living by the quote, "Tough times don't last, but tough people do," I persevered and the momentary setback in academics has afforded me the greater appreciation of time management, success and determination.

After my collegiate career, I have had the opportunity to participate, lead and organize a number of programs and community service projects through my fraternity, Omega Psi Phi. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is an organizational brotherhood whose aim is to enhance the community through service. Being an only child I enthusiastically embraced the brotherhood as well as the commitment to give back and uplift the community. Currently,

I hold the position as court docket coordinator in Fulton County Superior Court. Under the direction and guidance of the clerk of Superior Court, I give assistance to the public in the process of filing their pleadings and complaints. My position has provided me the opportunity to work with the community and assist in the overall judicial process.

When given the opportunity to attend MU School of Law, I will play an integral role in enhancing an already talented and diverse student body. I am a lifelong learner, constantly striving to increase my knowledge base. My background in industrial engineering and technology makes me a good candidate for admission. I have the ability to be disciplined and structured in my learning habits. Furthermore, I feel that my profuse disposition, which has been cultivated through various community and professional activities, as well as my employment experiences, coincides with School of Law's mission statement.

Therefore, when given the opportunity to attend this prestigious university, I will become a part of a community of well-rounded lawyers prepared to lead, promote justice and serve clients.



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“On my graduation day I got to watch both sides of my family come together for the occasion. That was one of the best days of my life.”

I CAN SAY WITH CONFIDENCE that I am very glad to be in the position I am in today. Being a bi-racial kid raised by a single white mother in the city, and by my white grandparents in the country, certainly had its complicated moments; however I would not change that fact if given the choice. My life has been filled with trials and tribulations, but I believe that those exact obstacles have groomed me for success in law school and beyond.

After being born, my white mother from Higginville, Mo., was ridiculed for having a “black” baby. She finally decided she could not take it anymore and moved

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to Kansas City with my father. After my birth, my father took up selling drugs to help support his new baby boy. Consequently, six months into his new venture he was killed when a drug deal went wrong. My mother decided to stay in Kansas City and raise her kid. Growing up as a bi-racial child near Swope Park in Kansas City was not easy. I remember white kids calling me black and black kids calling me white. Although I knew I was somewhat different, I didn't really care what the other kids said. I started to get thick skin as a young child.

With no father figure, rough neighborhoods and bad schools, my grandparents made a suggestion to my mother that would change my life. They asked my mother if she would let me live with them in Higginsville. She did not have to move back to Higginsville – all they wanted was the best for me. She agreed and guardianship was subsequently given to my grandparents the year I entered the third grade.

My grandparents live on a farm; the farm taught me how to work hard. I had to

feed cows, milk cows, feed pigs and maintain the garden. This was to be done before my school bus came. Being from the city I had no clue about what a farm was about but I learned really fast. As a result, today I can do anything from driving a combine to fixing fence without batting an eye. My grandparents and the farm have helped mold me into what I am today. Without their desire to get me out of the situation I was in, I would not be where I am today.

May 8, 2008, was the date that I achieved one of my biggest accomplishments. I was the first person from my family to graduate from college. On my graduation day I got to watch both sides of my family come together for the occasion. That was one of the best days of my life. In May 2010, I will have my MPA degree, something that my family and I are very proud of as well. But, everyone that knows me knows I have always had one ultimate goal – to get my law degree.

As I have grown older, I realize the profound impact my grandparents' decision to take me in had on my life. I realize that I

was given an opportunity to make it out of poverty and I almost feel an obligation to help those who are in the same situation as I was in as a young boy. I believe that to make a profound impact you have to put yourself in a position to do just that. An MU law degree would give me the credentials and knowledge I need to help my community the most effectively. I want to educate blighted communities about the law and let them know that they don't have to be afraid of the police and the court system that was put in place to essentially help them. I also want to help stop the cycle of poverty and educate blighted communities on the importance of wills and estate planning.

I have had to overcome many personal challenges in my life to be in the position that I am in today. The MU School of Law is another challenge that I am willing to take. If given the opportunity to attend your law school, I will make your decision worthwhile by making my family and school proud at graduation.



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“Throughout my childhood, my parents made it clear that there is little I inherently deserve, but there is nothing unattainable through continuous effort.”

WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD, Smitty's Grocery Store had the best quarter vending machines in all of Springfield, Mo. I remember going shopping every Sunday with my mom and seeing them strategically placed just inside the front doors of the store, ensuring that I would have to pass them twice before we made our way home. The clear plastic bubbles held everything from Chiclets and stickers to the fake Rolex watches that I swore moved back up to the top every time the machines were refilled. I generally knew not to plead with my mom for a quarter before we picked out a shopping cart, but by the time we got back around to the checkout counter, the glare from the prizes taped on the inside of the machines would be too much for me to resist. I would tug on my mom's shirt and gaze up at her with as helpless a look as I could muster. Yet, almost every time, she simply shook her head and reminded me of a chore at home that I had failed to finish.

Perhaps my mother had set a precedent with one of my older siblings and wanted to avoid the “we didn’t get a quarter when we were his age” complaints when we arrived home. But I do not think that was her only reason for refusing my requests. What I have come to realize is the consistency with which she handled this and similar requests throughout my childhood served a larger purpose than merely saving change. Looking back, I believe she wanted me to understand that what I want in life will not simply be handed to me, and that I will have to work for and appreciate even the smallest opportunities I receive along the way, because every once in a great while, my mom would dig into her purse to find some change. The excitement I felt on those occasions was worth a lot more than twenty-five cents.

Today, my aspirations are far more valuable than a handful of gum, but nonetheless the same rules apply. My ambitions still have costs, and I cannot expect to be given anything without putting forth the effort to deserve it. For this reason, I have made the most of the opportunities that come with my education and my experiences. When I first started at Saint Louis University, the late nights, early mornings and extra work were not always easy, but I realized they were a means to a greater end. Now, awards and internships serve as a reminder of the opportunities that I can create. I have done my best to ensure that my undergraduate chores are complete, and I believe the effort I put forth in accomplishing them has made me prepared and deserving to continue toward my larger goals.

One of my greatest long-term desires is to advise individuals or companies. I want to help them achieve their goals and solve their problems in an environment where issues are changing daily. I also expect to be challenged to grow as a person and a professional. In the short-term, I hope to establish a foundation from which I can achieve my long-term goals. My interests in accounting, especially in the areas of contracts, taxation and estate planning, have narrowed down my potential career paths, and I am convinced that the versatility of a law degree is the next step to bring my desires to fruition. The only remaining question is where to attend.

Because I have grown up in Missouri and hope to establish myself professionally here as well, my search for law schools

began with the universities in the state. When I read that MU Law is nationally recognized; has solid, business-oriented programs; and places approximately a quarter of their graduates in the St. Louis area – with the large majority staying in Missouri – my decision narrowed considerably. Then, I thought of the professionals I have encountered who have attended law school at Mizzou. I remembered attorneys like Ron Baird [**C. Ronald Baird, ’74**], who established his own practice and then went beyond the courtroom to become a member of the board of governors of The Missouri Bar. I saw how Ron and others have graduated from MU with ambitions to succeed and the skill sets and networks to enable them to do it. Finally, I visited the campus. After meeting with current students and faculty about their time spent at Mizzou and seeing the state of the art facilities, my decision on where to continue my education was final.

Throughout my childhood, my parents made it clear that there is little I inherently deserve, but there is nothing unattainable through continuous effort. I believe my desire to attend law school is backed by the correct motivations for applying, many of the skills and experiences needed to compete, and the work ethic to succeed. I have worked hard to deserve the opportunity to continue toward my long-term aspirations, and I hope that one day I can reflect on the decision I made to attend MU Law as being the opportunity that put me in the position to attain them. ♦

Faculty News



RIGEL C. OLIVERI

Rigel C. Oliveri and her husband, Michael Byrne, announce the birth of their daughter, Shenandoah Jean Byrne, on Jan. 13. At

the time of her birth, she weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 in. long. At the School of Law, Oliveri serves as associate dean for faculty research and development and associate professor of law.

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David English was appointed to the Nominating Committee of the American Bar Association, which is charged with selecting the

president and other officers of the association. He was also appointed to the Nominating Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Last fall, English began a three-year term as chair of The Missouri Bar’s Probate and Trust Committee.

The third edition of English’s book, *Wills, Trusts and Estates*, was published by West Publishing in 2010. The second edition of his book, *Principles of Wills, Trusts and Estates*, will be published by West in 2011.

Last October, English gave the closing address at the First World Congress on Adult Guardianship Law.



Carl H. Esbeck co-wrote an amicus brief in *Spencer v. World Vision* in the 9th Circuit. The circuit panel upheld a broad definition of

“religious” in the federal exemption to employment nondiscrimination for religious organizations employing those of like-minded faith. Petition for rehearing en banc was likewise denied. He also co-wrote pro bono two additional amici briefs in equal protection cases, one for filing in the 1st Circuit and the second filed in the 9th Circuit.

In January, Esbeck was hosted by MU’s Federalist Society, speaking on the pending Supreme Court case of *Arizona Christian Sch. Tuition Org. v. Winn*. In February, he spoke at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law about President Obama’s Faith-Based Initiative, and he attended the board of directors meeting of the Center for Law & Religious Freedom, a public-interest law firm.



Rigel C. Oliveri’s article, “Discriminatory Housing Advertisements On-Line: The Lessons of Craigslist,” was published in August by the *Indiana Law*

Review. In January, she served as one of four experts invited by the National Fair Housing Alliance to conduct a nationwide conference call discussion for fair housing attorneys.

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Douglas E. Abrams has been named to the 15-member bi-partisan advisory board of the Missouri Division of Youth Services, whose juvenile justice treatment program is widely regarded as the nation's finest.

Abrams' article, "Judges and their Editors," appears in the *Albany Government Law Review* and in *Precedent*, The Missouri Bar's quarterly magazine. At the invitation of the Bucharest Court of Appeals, the article will also appear in the *Romanian Judges' Forum Review*.

His article, "Sports in the Courts: The Role of Sports References in Judicial Opinions," appears in the *Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal* and in *Precedent*. For the American Bar Association Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Convictions Project, Abrams also helped research and write "Collateral Consequences in Missouri."

At New England Law School, Abrams spoke about the public schools' constitutional authority to discipline student cyberbullies. He also spoke at a Missouri Bar citizenship education program on "Evaluating the Missouri and Federal Judicial Branches in the 21st Century." He spoke at The Missouri Bar CLE program on the U.S. Supreme Court's 2009-2010 term. At the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association's Fall Educational Conference, he lectured about recent legislative and judicial developments in juvenile justice and family law.

Abrams has joined the team of experts of MomsTeam, which provides youth sports parents information about safety, nutrition, health, coaching and related issues. On the national organization's website (www.momsteam.com), he writes "Youth Sports Hero of the Month," a column that "salutes a youth sports parent, coach, player or team for inspiring us with values that set an example on and off the field."



Royce deR. Barondes presented his paper, "Federal District Judge Gender and Reversals" this fall at Yale Law School, as part of the Conference on

Empirical Legal Studies, and at the University of Colorado during the annual meeting of the Midwest Law & Economics Association.



CINDY SHEARRER

JOHN DETHMAN

LAW LIBRARIANS John Dethman and Cindy Shearrer made a CLE presentation to staff and attorneys at the Missouri Attorney General's office in Jefferson City in January. Twenty of the 37 participants joined the presentation by closed circuit television.

The topic of the CLE was effective legal research using free or inexpensive online resources and covered searching tips and information for Fastcase, Pacer, Google and research guides on the Law Library website. The Attorney General's office has access to Westlaw and Loislaw. In the long run, overuse of these databases can become expensive as contracts are renegotiated year after year. Dethman and Shearrer demonstrated how the office might get a jump on electronic research before shifting to the fee-based systems. It was made clear that the shift would become mandatory if it became necessary to update case law through Keycite.

Fastcase is a newer competitor for Westlaw and Lexis. As the name implies, it was developed primarily to search for case law. While the system has continued to improve its access to statutes, regulations and other legal materials, case law is still its forte. And, importantly, it is free to members of The Missouri Bar.

Pacer is a federal database of filings in federal courts. It is not searchable – users

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must know the names of the parties or the docket number. It can be a treasure trove of information that previously was only obtainable by going to the courthouse. Access to it is free, but there is a charge to view some documents, capped at \$2.40 (8 cents per page).

Ever hear of Google? You'd have to be living in an undersea bubble not to. Dethman and Shearrer did show the attorneys some tricks that might help them use it for legal research. Of these, the most useful might be the ability to limit searches by the type of document. Court documents on the web are generally in Adobe .pdf format because they cannot be changed. A search so limited will recover fewer results than a more open-ended search, which reduces the shifting to find relevant information.

They also noted one other free source for legal research – the library! The MU Law Library is open for legal research, and even has a free Westlaw Public database available to local attorneys. But you don't have to be in Columbia to visit the MU Law Library – see our website at law.missouri.edu/library for online help and tips (see the "legal research" section). The law librarians at MU Law Library always welcome your questions. Give the reference desk a call at 573-884-6362 and librarians Steve Lambson, John Dethman or Cindy Shearrer will be glad to assist you.

Call For Papers and Proposals

On **Oct. 21**, the School of Law's Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution will convene its annual symposium. This year's meeting, "Border Skirmishes: The Intersection Between Litigation and International Commercial Arbitration," features world-renowned expert Gary Born as keynote speaker, as well as expert panelists from Canada, Austria, Switzerland and the United States.

Two new events are being organized in connection with the symposium:

- A works-in-progress conference for academics and scholarly-minded practitioners. **Proposals are due on May 20.**
- A student writing competition with a \$300 prize.

Papers are due on Aug. 15.

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LLM PROGRAM IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION: EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS



KAREN NEYLON

STUDENTS IN THE LLM in Dispute Resolution degree program often round out their curricula by participating in an externship, during which the students have a chance to observe and often participate in the activities of dispute resolution professionals, and to participate in the dispute resolution system design or implementation activities of a court, administrative agency, educational system or company.

John R. Phillips, '71, played an instrumental role in getting an externship program at the American Arbitration Association (AAA) in New York City established for MU Law LLM students. This program is generously funded by Husch Blackwell in Kansas City, Mo. Four LLM students have held externships at AAA: **Maria Elena Jara Vasquez, LLM '04**; **Gil Tabucanon, LLM '06**; **Govinda Jayasinghe, LLM '08**; and **Chipili Salati, LLM '10**.

"This internship was an extremely valuable personal and professional experience," writes Jara in her externship journal. "I was involved in various activities that gave me the chance to gain insight into the practical and theoretical aspects of the ADR world."

Jara, who is from Quito, Ecuador, came to study at MU through the Fulbright Faculty Development Program. She had been teaching law at Simon Bolivar Andean University in Ecuador and working in a private law firm.

"I finished my studies in the LLM Program with a very rewarding experience," Jara explains. "As an international student, this internship was particularly valuable for me because in addition to strengthening the knowledge acquired during my studies, I had the chance to become familiar with new perspectives about ADR provisions and organizational culture. Coming back to Ecuador, I am actively involved in arbitration cases, sometimes as a lawyer for one of the parties, and sometimes as secretary appointed by arbitral tribunals constituted by the Center of Mediation and Arbitration of the Chamber of Commerce of Quito, the

most important ADR center in Quito. I think that the internship provided me with useful skills in order to improve my performance in these cases, even in a different legal context. I am happy to share my experience in the AAA with my arbitration students at the ADR graduate program recently started at Simon Bolivar Andean University."

Two students completed internships through the program at the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) in New York City: **Amrita Chadha, LLM '07**, and **Andrew Gange, LLM '09**. In Summer 2011, LLM student Kelly-Anne Cleophas will work at CPR.

"Being the proud recipient of the Husch Blackwell fellowship, I benefitted greatly from my time in New York City working as an extern at the CPR Institute," says Gange. "I decided to pursue the externship after speaking to Professor Lande about the high degree of satisfaction among students who had previously spent time working at CPR. I was eager to gain more practical experience working with a broad array of ADR processes."

Gange joined the LLM Program in Fall 2008 after completing his JD at Vermont Law School in May 2008. He is now working as a staff mediator and ADR assistant coordinator at the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in Towson, Md. He adds, "CPR and its staff were highly organized and offered me direct responsibilities on my very first day in the office. Mainly, I would conduct legal research, participate in conference calls with clients, and write articles for the CPR web site and various publications. I really got a good sense of all that goes into the 'behind-the-scenes' preparation and administration of mediation and arbitration cases. The staff at CPR juggles many duties and has rigid deadlines, so I quickly learned to attribute much of its success to a collegial and supportive workplace. I felt valuable and appreciated during my time at CPR, and I continue to have a strong relationship with many in the office today."

Full information about the LLM program

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FACULTY NOTES



Robert G. Bailey, '79, chairs the MU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' strategic planning committee for the 5th

time.

He moderated a panel discussion on "Federal Sector: How FLRA Reviews and Overturns Arbitration Awards" at the 2010 National Academy of Arbitrators annual meeting and also moderated a National Academy of Arbitrators session on "Primer on Federal Health Law: The ABC's of HIPAA and FMLA" at the 2010 Fall Education Conference.

Bailey's arbitration decision in CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC, concerning a reclassification dispute, was published in 127 *Labor Arbitration Report* 1552.



Peter N. Davis recently had updates published in the 2010 pocket parts to *Waters & Water Rights 3d ed.* 2009 (A. Kelley & R. Beck eds.). The entireties

of four of Davis' chapters and his Missouri water law summary were replaced with updates. The updated chapters are: 57, Common Law of Water Pollution plus state-by-state case appendix; 59, Drainage; 60, Flooding; and 61, Wetlands Preservation.

In Davis' Missouri water law summary, he concludes that the recent decision in *Citizens for Ground Water Protection v. Porter*, 275 S.W.3d 329 (Spfld. Mo. App. 2008), was wrongly decided. It misinterpreted *Higday v. Nickolaus*, 469 S.W.2d 859 (K.C. Mo. App. 1971), in holding that Missouri had adopted the American rule of groundwater allocation, which forbids export of groundwater for off-site use, but imposes no liability for consequences from on-site groundwater use. Instead, *Higday* expressly adopted the comparative reasonableness rule and allowed export for off-site use. Also, *Citizens* failed to acknowledge that the Supreme Court of Missouri had held in *Heins Implement Co. v. Missouri Hwy. & Transp. Comm'n*, 859 S.W.2d 681 (Mo. 1993), that in adopting the comparative reasonableness rule for drainage water, the court had rendered uniform the rules for surface watercourses, groundwater and drainage water – beginning in 1993, all were to be subject to the comparative reasonableness rule. *Heins* has not been overruled.

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Brad M. Desnoyer, '09, adjunct associate professor of law, recently had two short stories published through DC Comics.

DC Comics released its Batman 80-Page collection of short stories on Dec. 2, featuring Desnoyer's "Within the Walls of Dis." The story chronicles infamous Batman villains Two-Face and The Joker engaged in twisted mind games – all in the midst of a very strange birthday party. Comic critics call Desnoyer's script "outstanding" and say this "beautifully crafted" story is "one of the creepiest and best short stories I have read in a while...."

Desnoyer is also included in DC's *Detective Comics Annual #12*, published Dec. 8, with a tale starring female detective The Question and her quest to better understand her identity. Comicvine.com says, "This story is absolutely amazing" and that "the dialogue ... makes this inspirational." And *WeeklyComicBookReview.com* applauds, "Crisp dialogue and emotional tension made the backup story work."

The comics are available online or at local comic book shops.



Larry Dessem spoke at the American Bar Association Accreditation Site Chair's Workshop in September. He also moderated a plenary session at The Missouri Bar

Annual Meeting concerning merit judicial selection and retention. In October he spoke at the Harvard Law School on a panel on "The Progression of Legal Education."

Dessem concluded his three-year term on the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) at the AALS Annual Meeting in January. During the annual meeting, he also spoke on a panel at the AALS Workshop for Deans and Law Librarians.



Martha J. Dragich's article, "Uniformity, Inferiority, and the Law of the Circuit Doctrine," is forthcoming in the *Loyola Law Review*. This article continues her

examination of the structure and decision-making methods of the United States courts of appeals.

MU Law Hosts Order of the Coif Distinguished Visitor



ON SEPT. 21, the School of Law was honored to host the 2010 Order of the Coif Distinguished Visitor, Professor Michael Klarman, Kirkland & Ellis Professor of Law at Harvard Law School.

The Order of the Coif Distinguished Visitor Program brings distinguished members of the legal profession to select law schools across the country. These visits contribute to the intellectual life of the campus by fostering an exchange of ideas with individuals whose experiences and ideas may be expected to stimulate discussion about important issues confronting the legal profession.

Klarman's presentation focused on "Why *Brown v. Board* was a Hard Case: The Justices' Internal Deliberations." He concentrates his research interests on constitutional history and law with a focus on race. His recent publications include "Social Reform Litigation and Its Challenges: An Essay in Honor of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg," in the *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*; "Race and Rights (1920–2000)" in *The Cambridge History of Law in America*; and *Brown v. Board and the Civil Rights Movement and Unfinished Business: Racial Equality in American History*, published by Oxford University Press.

Klarman has served on the faculty of Harvard Law School since 2008. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in political theory from the University of Pennsylvania, a law degree from Stanford Law School and a doctorate from Oxford University. He is a 2005 recipient of the Bancroft Prize for his book *From Jim Crow to Civil Rights: The Supreme Court and the Struggle for Racial Equality*, published by the Oxford University Press.

MU is one of only 80 law schools in the country that have been awarded an Order of the Coif chapter.

John D. Lawson Award Established

THE CANADIAN American Bar Association established the John D. Lawson Award to recognize Canadians who have excelled in the practice of law and/or made an outstanding contribution to the law or legal scholarship in the United States.

The award is named after John D. Lawson, a Canadian lawyer who established a legal career in the United States. He was a noted practitioner, law reformer, judge, treatise writer, national bar journal editor, law professor and dean. He was one of the founding members of the Association of American Law Schools and a leader of the International Law Association. He worked in Missouri, New Jersey and California and maintained close ties to Canada.

The School of Law has a named professorship for Lawson, which is held by Professor Wilson Freyermuth. Lawson served as the third dean of the School of Law from 1904 to 1912 and also served as a professor of contract and international law. The Law Library collection includes the John D. Lawson Library of Criminal Law and

Criminology, containing trial materials compiled by Lawson as he collected items for his 20-volume set, *American State Trials*.

MU Law Granted Recognised Course Provider Status

THE SCHOOL OF LAW was granted Recognised Course Provider status by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) for four courses in the JD program: lawyering, international commercial arbitration, arbitration, and arbitration and labor problems. MU joins a select group of world-renowned universities who have been granted course provider status by CIArb and is the first and only U.S. law school to be named a Recognised Course Provider for courses offered during the regular academic year.

"This is a great opportunity for our law students and for the university as a whole," says S.I. Strong, associate professor and an expert in international commercial arbitration. "The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators is one of the world's leading professional organizations for arbitrators, and naming the School of Law as a Recognised

nised Course Provider demonstrates that MU is offering its students a top-notch, professional-level education that is on a par with programs developed by CI Arb itself.”

The School of Law is known for its expertise in arbitration and other forms of private dispute resolution. Its Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution has consistently been recognized as one of the best research and training centers in the nation.

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators provides training and professional services for arbitrators, practitioners, judges and

other interested persons. Founded in 1915 and granted a Royal Charter in 1979, the organization has a global membership of approximately 12,000 persons who have professional training in private dispute resolution. CI Arb not only promotes, facilitates and develops private forms dispute resolution, including both arbitration and mediation, it also acts as an international center where practitioners, policy makers, academics and business people can come together to promote cost-effective and early settlement of disputes.

Law Staff Recognized for Excellence



Patty H. Epps Award

Judy Tayloe is the recipient of the 2010 Patty H. Epps Award, which is presented to a staff member who honors the memory of Patty H. Epps with exceptional public service, cheerfulness, and indomitable spirit and dedication to the School of Law. Faculty and staff vote by private ballot each year and the award recipient is kept secret until the official announcement.

Tayloe joined the School of Law in 2006 as executive staff assistant in the Dean’s Office. One of her favorite pastimes is spending time with her three grandchildren.

Jo Ann Humphreys Law Library Employee Performance Award

Alan A. Whitman is the recipient of the 2010 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.

Whitman works in the School of Law’s information technology department, assisting students, faculty and staff with computer maintenance and troubleshooting, and maintaining the School of Law website.

FACULTY NOTES



Troy A. Rule presented his article, “Renewable Energy and the Neighbors,” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting in August 2010 and at Villanova

University School of Law in September. The article, which will be published in the *Utah Law Review*, advocates using state-level property tax credits to incentivize local governments to accommodate small wind turbines and solar panels in their land use controls.

Rule’s most recent article on wind rights, “Sharing the Wind,” was published in volume 27, issue 5 of *The Environmental Forum*. The article was quoted in the *Pittsburg Post-Gazette* in November.

Rule also presented an article at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) annual meeting in January on how green energy development is affecting landowners’ airspace rights. The article was selected from a call for papers for inclusion in the joint program of the AALS Real Estate Transactions and State and Local Government Sections.



Michael J. Panella, adjunct professor of law, had an article, “Death Investigation Liability of Medical Examiners with Proposed Recommendations to Mitigate Legal Risks,” accepted for publication in the *Journal of Legal Medicine*.

He presented a lecture at the 2010 Missouri Bar Association annual conference titled “Forensic Evidence in Court: An Attorney’s Approach to Problematic Forensic Cases.”

As part of his service to the community, Panella successfully changed the death certificate for James T. Scott, a 1923 lynching victim in Columbia. The death certificate had listed “committed rape” as one of the causes of death and did not mention the manner of death. The changed death certificate crossed out “committed rape” and under it listed “never tried nor convicted of rape” with the manner of death now stating “homicide.”



Ben Trachtenberg’s February 2010 *Hastings Law Journal* article, “Coconspirators, ‘Coventurers,’ and the Exception Swallowing the Hearsay Rule,” was cited in a

brief submitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The brief, filed in October on behalf of Ghassan Elashi, discusses Trachtenberg’s writing on the coconspirator statement exception to the hearsay rule, in particular the so-called “lawful joint venture” theory of that hearsay exception.

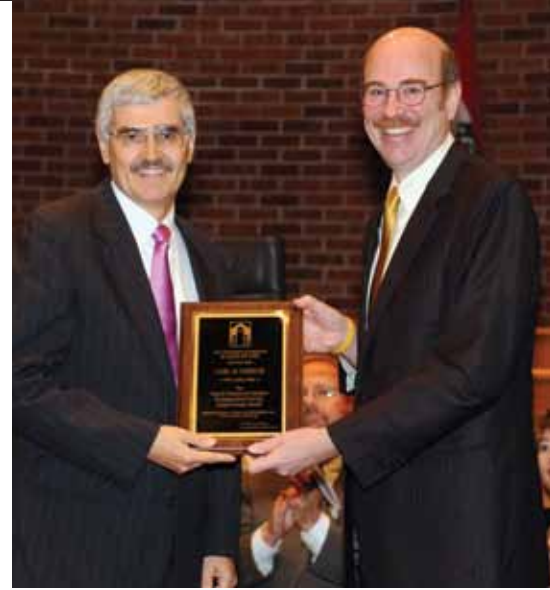
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Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice Dean Dessem presented this award to **Melody Richardson Daily, '86**, director of legal research and writing and clinical professor of law. This prize honors the MU Law professor or student who has made the most significant contribution to improving the administration of justice, within Missouri, nationally or internationally, during the preceding year.



Husch Blackwell Distinguished Faculty Award Dean Dessem presented **Carl H. Esbeck**, R.B. Price Professor and Isabelle Wade & Paul C. Lyda Professor of Law, with the Husch Blackwell Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, created to recognize a faculty member who has established a record of distinguished achievement in teaching.



Order of the Coif The 2010 honorary initiate into the Order of the Coif was **Jack L. Campbell, '70**, who practices with Polsinelli Shughart in Kansas City, Mo. He was introduced by **Irwin E. Blond, '70**.



Citation of Merit **Kimberly Jade Norwood, '85**, received the Citation of Merit after being introduced by Assistant Dean **Robert G. Bailey, '79**. Norwood is a professor of law and professor of African and African-American studies at Washington University in St. Louis.



Citation of Merit **Craig A. Van Matre, '70**, is president of Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Pitzer & Taylor, P.C., in Columbia. He was introduced by **Robert C. Smith, '49**.

Special Thanks Gary W. Tappana, '84, and Anheuser Busch Companies for making a product donation to the Dean's All-Class Reunion Reception at Law Day 2010!

LAW DAY 2010

SPRING FEATURE



Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP Excellence in Research Award is presented annually to the faculty member who demonstrates excellence in research based on a published article from the preceding year. In 2010, it was presented to Frank O. Bowman III, Floyd R. Gibson Missouri Endowed Professor of Law, in recognition of his article "Debauch: How the Supreme Court Has Mangled American Sentencing Law and How It Might Yet Be Mended," which was published by the *University of Chicago Law Review* in 2010.

Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award Daniel W. Graves, a second-year law student originally from Rosemark, Tenn., received the Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Southeast Missouri State University and has worked as a legislative researcher and assistant and a private lobbyist in Missouri.

Order of Barristers Susan Ford Robertson, '86, was the 2010 honorary initiate into the Order of Barristers. The founder of The Robertson Law Group in Kansas City, Mo., Ford Robertson was introduced by her father, **W. Hampton Ford, '64**.



Citation of Merit Ronald E. Smull, '66, was introduced for the Citation of Merit award by his wife, Annette Smull. He retired from active general practice in Columbia in summer 2010 and also retired from teaching drafting of legal instruments as an adjunct professor of law at the School of Law, a position he held for 35 years. Smull died on Nov. 2, 2010. His obituary appears on page 34.

Distinguished Recent Graduate Jason C. Grill, '04, the 2010 Distinguished Recent Graduate Award recipient, was introduced by his father, Brad Grill. Grill is an attorney with King Hershey in Kansas City, Mo., and an adjunct professor at Park University in Parkville, Mo. Previously he represented District 32 in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award was presented posthumously to Associate Dean James R. Devine, for his years of service to the School of Law. It was accepted on his behalf by his son **Joshua C. Devine, '07**.

Family Celebrates Wright's Birthday with Scholarship



Wright's family joined her to celebrate her 90th birthday in Columbia, including her sister, Judge **Marybelle Mueller, '50**, of Jackson, Mo., her children and grandchildren. The one who travelled the farthest for the celebration was grandson John Wright of New York, who is pictured here with his grandmother and Dean Dessem.

Giving Participation

The state's fiscal challenges require us to look for other ways to meet the increasing costs of providing a legal education.

We work hard to improve efficiency, but sometimes the burden is passed to the students in the form of tuition increases. Do you remember the annual tuition when you were in law school? Beginning in the fall of this year, it will be nearly \$18,000 for in-state students. The average law school related student debt of our law students is already almost \$70,000.

Now more than ever, your gifts to the MU School of Law are crucial to its mission. If you're not already making regular contributions, please start. If you already give regularly, we thank you, and urge you to consider adding to your regular contributions.

Contributors are listed each fall in the Honor Roll of Donors in *Transcript*. Be sure your name will be listed this fall by giving before the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2011. Which class will reach the highest giving percent this year? Which law firms will achieve 100 percent in the Law Firm Challenge? Plan now to reach your goals with the help of our office.

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EDITH D. WRIGHT, '44, was surprised when Dean Dessem knocked on her door on the afternoon of February 12 – and even more surprised when he presented her with a certificate declaring the establishment of the Edith D. Wright Scholarship Fund at the MU School of Law. The Wright family funded the scholarship with a beginning amount of \$90,000 in honor of her 90th birthday.

After graduating from the School of Law, Wright began her career with the firm of Ryland Stinson Thomson and Mag in Kansas City, served as legal counsel to the Children's Code Commission of Missouri and served as trust officer and vice-president in charge of the Trust Department of Boone County National Bank in Columbia. Her late husband, **Jackson A. Wright, '44**, immediately began practicing law in Mexico, Mo., following

graduation from the School of Law. He was a member of the Board of Law Examiners and president of The Missouri Bar from 1961 to 1962. In 1964 he accepted the position as the University of Missouri System general counsel and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright clearly had inspirational careers, as two of their children and two of their grandchildren followed in their footsteps to study the law. The School of Law is also pleased to hold the Jackson A. Wright Scholarship Fund, which was established by Wright and her family in 2005.

Alumni Notes

1950s

Warren E. Hearnese, '52, was inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians. A bronze bust of Hearnese was unveiled in September and is displayed in the third-floor rotunda of the state capitol. Hearnese died in August of 2009. During his lifetime, he served in all three branches of Missouri government, as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, as governor and secretary of state, and as a circuit judge.

Thomas G. Strong, '55, was appointed to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. He is an advisor and teacher with the firm of Strong-Garner-Bauer in Springfield, Mo., which he founded in 1976. He is a current member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an organization consisting of 100 of the leading trial lawyers in the United States.



Isaac N. "Ike" Skelton Jr., '56, was presented with the Dr. Warren H. Soloman Award for Civic Virtue by The Missouri Bar

Citizenship Education Program in recognition of his exemplary public service and long-standing and avid support of civic education.

Skelton was recognized on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for his 34 years of service, at which time various members of the House honored him publicly. A transcript of the comments is available in the Dec. 1, 2010, issue of the *Congressional Record*.

W. Andy Dalton, '58, was appointed to the Missouri Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. The group is charged with protecting Missouri's environment, developing energy alternatives and promoting economic development via financing, technical assistance and research. Dalton is of counsel with Haden, Cowherd and Bullock in Springfield, Mo.

1960s

Harold L. Lowenstein, '65, wrote an article, "Redevelopment Condemnations: A Blight or a Blessing upon the Land?," which was originally published in 74 *Missouri Law Review* 301 (2009). It was also published in the 2010 *Zoning and Planning Law Handbook*, published by West. Lowenstein is of counsel at Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City, Mo.

Peter L. Statler, '66, joined the Statler Law Firm in Cape Girardeau, Mo., practicing with his sons, **Travis L. Statler, '01**, and **Daniel A. Statler, '01**. He is a former Cape Girardeau County associate circuit judge.

Helen B. Fenlon, '67, and **Robert M. Fenlon, '68**, received the Stribling Community Service Award from the Mexico (Mo.) Area Chamber of Commerce. They practice with Fenlon and Fenlon, Attorneys at Law, in Mexico.

Gene Hamilton, '67, retired after 28 years as a judge. He served the 13th Judicial Circuit in Missouri, which serves Boone and Callaway counties, overseeing more than 500 jury trials. Before joining the judiciary, he served as Callaway County prosecuting attorney. Following his retirement, he became of counsel to Riley & Dunlap in Fulton, Mo., where he provides mediation and arbitration services.



Richard E. Dorr, '68, checked off one of his "bucket list" items on Oct. 11, 2010, on the third day of a muzzleloader elk hunt in the Sacramento Mountains near Ruidoso, N.M. He hiked over two ridges to get to this point over steep terrain and had to hike back over them to leave. Dorr is a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri in Springfield.

Richard G. Steele, '68, was elected vice chairman of The Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Company. In conjunction with its subsidiary, The Bar Plan Surety and Fidelity Company, The Bar Plan writes court bonds in 49 states. Steele practices with Bradshaw, Steele, Cochrane & Berens in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

1970s

Jack L. Campbell, '70, received the President's Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA). The award is given to individuals who have contributed significantly to the work of the bar, have added value to the organization and provided leadership during the past year. He practices with Polsinelli Shughart in Kansas City, Mo.

Theodore R. Kulongoski, '70, was profiled in "Trust in the People" in Oregon's *The Register-Guard* on Dec. 30, 2010. The article focused on Kulongoski's political career as he prepared to leave the office of Oregon governor.



Robert Parker Mills, '70, announces the publication of *Between Rock and a Hard Place*, about his defense of late actor Rock Hudson in a case brought by Hudson's alleged sexual partner,

Marc Christian. Christian claimed that Hudson exposed him to the AIDS virus during numerous encounters. Mills wrote the book grew out of his "tenacity and sense of moral justice." The goal of the book, released during the 25th year of Hudson's death, is to let the reader see both sides of the case and to "restore Rock Hudson's reputation to the Pantheon of movie greats." Mills' book can be purchased from AuthorHouse.com. He practices with the Mills Law Corporation in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Craig A. Van Matre, '70, was nominated to the University of Missouri board of curators by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. Van Matre has previously served on the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the board of trustees of Stephens College, and as chairman of the community advisory committee to the Missouri Foundation for Health and as vice chairman of the Boone County Mental Health board of trustees. He practices with Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Pitzer and Taylor in Columbia.

Nick Dunagan, '71, and his wife, Cathy, were honored with the naming of the Nick and Cathy Dunagan Alumni Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Dunagan is the chancellor emeritus of the university, having served as chancellor from 2001 to 2007. During his career, he held other roles at the university, including director of development, executive vice chancellor, vice chancellor for student affairs and interim chancellor.



John R. Phillips, '71, received the inaugural Mike Wood Presidential Citation of Merit from the Kansas City-based International Relations Council (IRC) for his service to IRC and contributions toward helping

the group engage Kansas Citizens in international affairs. The IRC, founded in 1959, has educated more than one million students and community members on international culture and politics. Phillips is a partner at Husch Blackwell in Kansas City, Mo.

Robert A. Cahn, '72, retired from the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation after more than 35 years as an executive attorney and more than 37 years with the panel.

Robert L. Langdon, '72, was named a Missouri Lawyers Awards Legal Champion. This recognition is given to plaintiffs or defense lawyers, not based on the size of verdicts but the importance of the principle or policy at stake. Langdon practices with Langdon & Emison in Lexington, Mo.

Sanborn N. Ball, '73, was appointed judge of the 42nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. The circuit includes Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne counties. Ball has served as associate circuit judge since 2002.



Ayres returns to campus frequently, including this trip for the Mizzou Alumni Association's Leaders Weekend, where he met up with Tornado Alley Tigers chapter president Rebecca Gegg, a Missouri School of Journalism alumna.

Ted D. Ayres, '72, was named a member of the national board of directors of the Mizzou Alumni Association. He was also named Person of the Year by the Wichita Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Ayres is vice president and general counsel of Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan.

Keith A. Birkes, '73, received the Herbert Harley Award from the American Judicature Society (AJS). The award, the society's premier state award, is reserved for individuals or entities that make outstanding efforts and contributions that substantially improve the administration of justice in their state. AJS is an independent, national, nonpartisan organization of judges, lawyers and other members of the public who seek to improve the justice system. He was also named to the board of directors of The Bar Plan Foundation, whose goal is to promote and improve ethics and professionalism in the practice of law. Birkes is executive director of The Missouri Bar.

Louis J. Leonatti, '74, was appointed to the Missouri Ethics Commission by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. He practices with Leonatti & Baker in Mexico, Mo.

Elizabeth Lang Miers, '75, was elected secretary of the Appellate Judges' Conference of the American Bar Association and is chair-elect of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas. She is a justice on the Fifth District Court of Appeals of Texas in Dallas.



Robert J. Wise, '75, and **Julie A. (Haverly) Anderson, '04**, have formed the law firm of Wise & Anderson, LLC, for the practice of law in Missouri and Kansas. They have also co-written *The Wise Guide to Landlord-Tenant Law*, a comprehensive reference to Missouri landlord-tenant law, along with a complete set of forms for use by lawyers and landlords. Wise has

been selected as general counsel for The International Crime Free Association, a group which works to reduce crime on rental property.

Roger M. Baron, '76, published a family law book, *Cases and Materials on Family Law for the South Dakota Lawyer* (7th Ed.), which is intended to serve as a primary resource for the student and practitioner of South Dakota family law. Baron has taught at the University of South Dakota School of Law since 1990.

Stanley B. Cox, '76, was reelected to the Missouri House of Representatives, representing District 118.

Vernon R. Dawdy, '76, was appointed to the Missouri Ethics Commission by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. He practices with Lofftus & Dawdy in Fenton, Mo.

Steven P. Kuenzel Sr., '76, was selected as a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society comprised of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellows are selected for effectiveness and accomplishments in litigation and superior ethical reputation. Kuenzel is managing partner of Eckelkamp Kuenzel in Washington, Mo.

John W. Kurtz, '76, received the Harold L. Holiday Sr. Civil Rights Award from the Kansas City, Mo., branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He practices with Hubbard & Kurtz in Kansas City.

Kim R. Moore, '76, is general counsel of The Bank of Missouri. Previously he practiced with Toohey and Moore in Perryville, Mo., served as general counsel for TG USA (now known as TG Missouri) and as executive vice president of administration and vice president for corporate administration for TG North America in Detroit, practiced with Buerkle, Ludwig, Boner and Jackson in Jackson, Mo., and opened a law office in Perryville.

Ann K. Covington, '77, was named 2011 Woman of the Year by the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation. The award is presented annually to recognize a prominent female citizen of Missouri or a Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge alumna who exemplifies a Greater Missouri Woman.

David A. Baird, '78, was appointed prosecuting attorney for Worth County, Mo., by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. Previously Baird served as prosecuting attorney for Nodaway County, Mo., a position he held since 1981. He also operated a private practice in Maryville, Mo., from 1981 to 2006. Baird has served as an adjunct instructor of business law at Northwest Missouri State University since 1982.



Gary A. Powell, '79, was sworn in as president of the Springfield (Mo.) Metropolitan Bar Association in January. He is one of two managing partners of the Springfield office of Husch Blackwell and is a member of the firm's partner board.

Leslie A. Schneider, '79, was appointed administrative judge of Missouri's 13th Judicial Circuit Family Court. Previously she served as associate circuit judge for Division 10 of the 13th Judicial Circuit.

Mark A. Shank, '79, was selected as one of the nation's 100 most powerful employment attorneys by the editors of *Human Resources Executive* magazine. He is the only attorney in Dallas and only one of four from Texas included in the listing. *Human Resources Executive* is considered the nation's premier publication focused on strategic issues in human resources, with more than 75,000 print subscribers. Shank is a partner with Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail in Dallas.

Nancy K. Yendes, '79, received the Lou Czech Award from the Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association, for outstanding contributions to municipal law and professional accomplishments in serving the public's interests and various governmental jurisdictions. She is an assistant city attorney in Springfield, Mo.

1980s

Christine Carpenter, '80, was appointed by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**, as judge of the Missouri 13th Judicial Circuit, which includes Boone and Callaway counties. Previously she served as an associate circuit judge.



M. Douglas Harpool, '80, was appointed to the Federal Practice Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. The committee advises the court on local rules and procedures and occasionally undertakes special projects as requested by the chief judge. Harpool is a former five-term Missouri State Representative. He has practiced with Baird, Lightner, Millsap & Harpool in Springfield, Mo., since 2006.



Stephen G. Newman, '80, was inducted into the Jefferson City (Mo.) Public Schools Foundation's Hall of Leaders. He served for nine years on the Jefferson City School District board of education and is a past president. He established the district's foundation and served for 11 years on its board of directors. Newman is a shareholder with Newman, Comley & Ruth in Jefferson City.

Donald L. Cupps, '81, was nominated to the University of Missouri board of curators by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. Cupps also serves on the board of trustees for the Public School Retirement System of Missouri and previously served on the boards of directors for the South Barry County Hospital District, the County Employee Retirement Fund and the Cassville Industrial Development Corporation. He practices with Ellis, Cupps and Cole in Cassville, Mo.

Kristi L. Kenney, '81, was appointed to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. The board provides an independent review of child abuse and neglect determinations in instances in which the perpetrator is aggrieved by the decision of the Children's Division. In addition to being an attorney, Kenney holds a teaching certificate and is a licensed insurance agent.

Mary E. Nelson, '81, was appointed to a six-year term on the Missouri Administrative Hearing Commission by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. The commission is a neutral, independent administrative tribunal that decides disputes involving state agencies and another party, usually a private person or corporation. Nelson has served as director of boards and commissions for the Missouri governor's office since January 2009.

Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81, was named chairman of the National Governors Association's Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Committee for 2011. The committee, one of four standing National Governors Association committees, is charged with issues related to early childhood, elementary, secondary and higher education, work force development and labor. Nixon is the governor of Missouri.

H. Scott Summers, '81, was appointed prosecuting attorney of Schuyler County, Mo., by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. Previously he served as prosecuting attorney for Clark County, Mo., a position he held since 1987. He has operated a private practice in Kahoka, Mo., and is a licensed title insurance agent in the state of Missouri.



Deborah L. Doak, '82, practices with Brown & Crouppen in St. Louis. Previously she served as a St. Louis County public defender, practiced with Selner, Glaser & Komen and had her own firm.

Don M. Downing, '82, was named a Missouri Lawyers Awards Legal Champion. This recognition is given to plaintiffs or defense lawyers, not based on the size of verdicts but the importance of the principle or policy at stake. Downing practices with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.

Darrell L. Moore, '82, was named chief litigation counsel for Missouri Auditor Tom Schweich. Previously Moore served for more than 26 years as a prosecutor in Greene County, Mo., including 12 years as the prosecuting attorney.

Robert M.N. Palmer, '82, was elected president by the board of governors of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys at the group's 52nd Annual Convention in June 2010. He practices with The Law Offices of Palmer Oliver in Springfield, Mo.

J. Robert Penninger Jr., '82, is of counsel at Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown in Springfield, Mo. He practices in the firm's estate planning practice group and concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration, probate and trust litigation, and related tax matters.

John Warshawsky, '82, was recognized by the Washington Council of Lawyers as the 2010 recipient of its Government Pro Bono Service Award, which is presented annually to recognize the pro bono work of government attorneys. The council is a bar association located in the nation's capital with a mission of promoting the practice of pro bono and public interest law. Warshawsky was also selected as an inaugural recipient of the John W. Douglas Award for Pro Bono Service, which is awarded by the U.S. Justice Department to recognize

volunteer legal service contributions by attorneys practicing in the Civil Division.

J. Russell Carnahan, '84, was reelected as U.S. Representative for District 3 of Missouri. He was first elected in 2005.



Heather S. Heidelbaugh, '84, was appointed co-chair of the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA). She previously served as first vice president and will serve a two-year term as

co-chair, holding one of two highest leadership roles within the association and overseeing the duties of the governing body. The RNLA convenes Republican lawyers for legal education related to law in political, government, legislative and private firm settings and seeks to promote open, fair and honest elections at all levels of American society in a non-discriminatory manner. Heidelbaugh is a shareholder in the Litigation Services Group of Babst, Calland, Clements, and Zomnir in Pittsburgh.

Lynn Dillard Malley, '84, LL.M. '03, presented at the National Association of Black Veterans' (NABVETS) national convention. Malley spoke about the community outreach activities she has been involved with to support current service members and their families. Malley co-wrote the book *Improving College Education of Veterans* and is involved with a nonprofit group, College Educators for Veterans Higher Education.

Jeffrey J. Rosanswank, '84, relocated to Los Angeles to rejoin the federal Public Defender System. Previously he had a solo practice in Columbia, worked with the system for 14 years in Missouri's Eastern District and served as a Boone County, Mo., public defender.

Eugene J. Twellman, '84, is senior vice president and general counsel of Bank Midwest in Kansas City, Mo. He serves on the management committee and is responsible for all legal matters and compliance at Bank Midwest and Hillcrest Bank. He serves as chief legal officer, advises the bank committees and serves as the secretary of the banks and their boards of directors. Previously Twellman served as associate general counsel of the bank's previous owner, Dickinson Financial Corp.



Joel R. Elmer, '85, is division director of the Missouri State Public Defender System. He supervises approximately 10 trial offices in the western part of the state. Previously Elmer served as the district

defender in the Kansas City trial office for more than 20 years. He joined the system as an assistant public defender in Rolla in 1987, transferred to the Columbia trial office in 1988 and was promoted to district defender in 1989, and transferred to the Kansas City trial office as the district defender in 1990.



Paul G. Lawrence, '85, was appointed circuit judge for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, which includes the counties of Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean and Woodford. Before becoming a judge,

he practiced with the law firm of Lawrence, Moore and Ogar in Bloomington, Ill. In 2002, he was appointed as an associate circuit court judge.

Kimberly J. Norwood, '85, was named to the Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. The commission's purpose is to increase awareness and understanding of Missouri's role in the Civil War. Norwood is a professor of law and African and African American studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

Sara J. Miller, '86, was reappointed as Missouri 13th Circuit family court commissioner for a four-year term.

Melissa Kemper Force, '87, jointly presented a paper arguing changes in The Moon Treaty Prior to Construction, with **Edythe E. Weeks, '87**, at the 20th International Aeronautical Federation Congress in Prague. Force was one of only 20 individuals accepted into the advanced air and space law program at Leiden University in the Netherlands.

Herbert E. Hardwick, '89, was appointed to the board of curators for Lincoln University by Gov. **Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81**. The board assures good management of the university, establishes policy, sets fees, grants degrees, selects and supports a president, and monitors presidential, institutional and board performance. He previously served on the board from 1993 to 1997. Hardwick is the founder and principal of the Hardwick Law Firm in Kansas City, Mo.

Christopher S. Kelly, '89, was reelected to the Missouri House of Representatives, representing District 24. He was previously elected to the House in 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992 and 2008.

Janis L. Prewitt, '89, received the 2010 Distinguished Teacher Award, the highest award bestowed by Drury University in Springfield, Mo. At Drury, she teaches business law, the legal environment of business and courses in the MBA program in addition to serving on the University Judicial Board and the Faculty Grievance Committee.

1990s



Robert M. Thompson, '90, received the President's Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA). The award is given to individuals who have contributed significantly to the work

of the bar, have added value to the organization and provided leadership during the past year. He was appointed as KCMBA's legal advisor in 2009. Thompson is managing partner of the Kansas City office of Bryan Cave, where he concentrates his practice in the area of complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

Timothy A. Hausman, '92, is the director of development for the Robert J. Trulaskie, Sr. College of Business at MU.

Previously Hausman served as director of development and career services for the MU College of Engineering.

Kevin L. Fritz, '93, was elected chair of the Transportation Group of USLAW Network, Inc., a national organization composed of more than 65 independent, defense-based law firms with more than 4,000 attorneys covering the United States and Latin America. Fritz practices with Lashly & Baer in St. Louis, where he engages in civil litigation with an emphasis on insurance defense and coverage, commercial litigation, premises liability, product liability, vehicular negligence matters and personal injury work, as well as transportation-related matters that include interstate and intrastate issues, and cargo, breach of contract and casualty claims.

Art Hinshaw, '93, LLM '00, married Sarah Selzer on Oct. 10, 2010, in Phoenix. He is the director of the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She practices with Lewis & Roca in Phoenix.

Sara Parker Pauley, '93, was nominated as director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources by Gov. Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81. Previously she was a project manager for D.J. Case & Associates. She served as the deputy director of the Department of Natural Resources from 2001 to 2005.

Diana L. Rolands, '93, opened a law office in Osceola, Iowa. Previously she practiced with the Booth Law Firm in Osceola.

Steven G. Kaufman, '94, is a partner at Brinker & Doyen in St. Louis.

Eric A. Farris, '94, finished the Missouri River 340, the world's longest non-stop canoe and kayak race, on the 20-person dragon boat crew "Team Beauties & Barnacles." The crew broke the world record for the longest distance ever paddled in a dragon boat by covering 340 miles from Kansas City, Mo., to St. Charles, Mo., in 38 hours, while raising money for the Shriner's Hospital for Children in St. Louis. Farris is the managing member of the Farris Law Group in Branson, Mo.

Michael K. Hamra, '94, was appointed president and CEO of Hamra Enterprises, which is based in Springfield, Mo. He joined Hamra Enterprises in 2001. Previously he served as president and chief operating officer. Hamra Enterprises employs 3,000 workers in five companies: Wendy's of Missouri, Boston Bread, Chicago Bread, SJH Hotels and Jade Properties.



Russell N. James III, '94, is an associate professor in the Department of Personal Financial Planning at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is also director of graduate studies in charitable planning.



D. Andrew Olson, '94, is a senior trade and government relations advisor at Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg in Washington, D.C. He represents clients on a broad range of trade issues before Congress and

federal agencies and provides guidance on moving trade policy through the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government. Before joining Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, Olson was minority staff director and senior counsel for the Disaster Recovery Subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, where he also served as principle advisor to Sen. Lindsey Graham on defense policy.

Karen S. Sanner, '94, is an assistant professor of legal writing at Saint Louis University School of Law, teaching first-year law students legal research and writing skills.

Rachel L. Bringer, '95, was appointed judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit of Missouri by Gov. Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81. The circuit includes Marion, Monroe and Ralls counties. Previously Bringer served as the representative for the 6th District in the Missouri House of Representatives for eight years.

Jon D. Perkins, '95, is an assistant professor of accounting at Iowa State University in Ames. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in taxation.



Jason L. Bush, '97, is a shareholder of Polsinelli Shughart in Overland Park, Kan. He practices in the trial department with a focus on business and health care litigation.



Penelope S. Hopper, '96, and her husband, Carl Manthe, announce the birth of twin sons, Maxwell James and Anderson Jake Manthe, on April 27, 2010. Hopper is senior counsel at Aon Corporation in Chicago.

Terry M. Jarrett, '96, and Sharon Pohlman were married March 4, 2010, in Jefferson City, Mo. Jarrett is a commissioner with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Joseph H. Knittig, '96, was recognized as a distinguished alumnus by Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. He is CEO of the Global Orphan Project Inc., which builds sustainable orphan villages in the poorest areas of the world and ensures that children in these villages have access to school and basic health care.



Timm W. Schowalter, '96, was elected chair of the Private Business Practice Group of Lashly & Baer in St. Louis.

Alicia C. (Carpenter) Albus, '97, and **Thomas C. Albus, '97**, announce the birth of their fourth child, John Carpenter Albus, on Aug. 6, 2010. Alicia is an elder law attorney with Oelbaum, Brown & Alsop in Webster Groves, Mo., and Tom is an assistant United States attorney in St. Louis. They reside in Glendale, Mo., with their children: Charlie (7), Billy (4), Mary (2) and baby John.

Jill A. Duffy, '98, published "Dissents from the Bench: A Compilation of Oral Dissents by U.S. Supreme Court Justices," in *Law Library Journal*, volume 102:1, with Elizabeth Lambert. Duffy is a research librarian for the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C.

Aaron D. Jones, '98, LLM '09, serves as a part-time substitute judge for the City of Springfield, Mo., and is the chair of the ADR Committee for the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. He practices with Hulston, Jones and Marsh in Springfield.

Michael D. Babb, '99, and his wife, Kristi, announce the birth of their son, Tucker William, on April 29, 2010. Tucker joins his sister, Sydney, 7, and brother, Jackson, 4. Babb is the general counsel for the Peoples Bank of Alabama.

Christopher P. Bennett, '99, is a partner at Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago. He concentrates his practice on counseling companies in capital markets transactions involving the sale of securities and their issuance in mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, including IPOs and public and private offerings of high yield and investment grade debt.

Samantha Snow Ward, '99, published *The ABA Spanish Legal Phrasebook*, a pocket-sized guide that identifies common American legal phrases and concepts and provides accurate Spanish translations. Ward founded Ward & Associates Professional Development, based in Austin, Texas, in 2007. She has designed curriculum for top-level executives, attorneys, bar associations, law schools, law firms, legal assistants, paralegals, law enforcement and the military, among others.



Sonya Day Brandt, '99, has opened Brandt Law Office in Linn, Mo. She previously practiced with Hendren Andrae in Jefferson City, Mo.

2000s

Lauren Perkins Allen, '00, and Mark Allen announce the birth of their daughter, Rainey Elizabeth, on Dec. 31, 2010, in Kansas City, Mo. At the time of her birth, she weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz.



Amy J. Lorenz-Moser, '00, was named Missouri Lawyer Awards' Lawyer of the Year. She was recognized for her pro bono work to obtain clemency for battered women, work which began when she was a student at the School of Law. She is a partner at Armstrong Teasdale, concentrating her practice on complex personal-injury defense.

Deron L. Sugg, '00, was appointed to the Missouri Hazardous Waste Commission by Gov. Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon, '81. The commission works to ensure proper management of hazardous wastes so that public health and the environment are protected, to act as an administrative board of appeals of department decisions, to serve as the official rulemaking authority for the generation, transportation, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste, and to aid in the promotion of hazardous waste recycling, reuse or reduction. Sugg practices with Breeze, Roberts, Ponder-Bates, Wooten & Zimmer in Festus, Mo.

Lindsay E. Cohen, '01, was named to the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* "Up & Coming 2010" list. She practices with Bryan Cave in St. Louis.



Tanya White Cromwell, '01, and **Thurston K. Cromwell, '01**, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Virginia Cromwell, on Sept. 16, 2010. The Cromwells live in Leawood, Kan., with Anna and their other children, Isaac and Caroline. Thurston Cromwell is general counsel for TMNG Global.



Amanda Pennington Ketchum, '01, is a shareholder of Dysart Taylor as of Jan. 1. During the past year, she was named the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Young Lawyer of the Year and was selected as a Best of the Bar attorney in the *Kansas City Business Journal*.



Brett A. Emison, '02, is a partner at Langdon & Emison in Lexington, Mo. He joined the firm in 2004 as an associate and since then has represented victims and their families in Missouri and across the country in a wide variety of litigation.

Matthew J. Landwehr, '02, is a partner at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis. He focuses his practice in banking litigation, concentrating in the areas of creditor's rights, lender liability and disputes involving check collection and check fraud, and other aspects of the Uniform Commercial Code.

J. Kyle McCurry, '02, was named to the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* "Up & Coming 2010" list. He practices with Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City, Mo.

Sarah C. Nichols, '02, is a senior tax manager for Panera Bread Company in St. Louis. She and her husband, Brian, welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth "Ella" Reese Nichols, on April 13, 2010.

Marc W. Vander Tuig, '02, is a partner at Senniger Powers in St. Louis. He concentrates his practice on litigating intellectual property disputes such as trademark infringement and misappropriation of trade secrets.

Clifton K. Verhines, '02, practices with the Birk Law Firm in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he focuses his practice in workers' compensation cases and Social Security issues. Previously Verhines was an assistant attorney general for Missouri specializing in workers' compensation.

Jodine R. Debbrecht, '03, was appointed judge of the 51st District Court in Waterford, Mich., by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Previously, she served as magistrate/court administrator for 45A District Court in Michigan and as an assistant prosecutor of Macomb County, Mich.

Benjamin J. Gray, '03, opened the firm of Benjamin J. Gray, LLC, in Columbia. He established his own firm in Kirksville, Mo., in 2009, and then expanded his practice to Columbia, focusing on federal and state criminal defense, DWI defense and civil litigation. Previously he was an assistant prosecutor in Southeast Missouri and practiced criminal defense in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Timothy A. Laycock, '03, is a partner and a member of the real estate division of Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City, Mo. He represents clients in a variety of commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions and sales, financing, joint ventures, and leasing of all major property types. He is accredited by the Green Building Certification Institute as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional.

Susan Henderson Moore, '03, practices in the public policy practice of the business department of Polsinelli Shughart in Jefferson City, Mo. Previously she served in the nonpartisan Missouri Senate Division of Research advising and drafting legislation for senators.

Sara G. Neill, '03, is a shareholder of Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan in Clayton, Mo.

Brian D. Rogers, '03, is partner of Evans & Dixon in St. Louis and serves as head of the firm's business services practice group.



Jeffrey R. Schmitt, '03, is principal of Danna McKittrick in St. Louis. His commercial and general civil litigation practice includes financial and lending, construction and real estate law, as well as providing general legal counsel for small to mid-sized businesses. Schmitt began a one-year term as president of the Clayton (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce in January. He became involved with the chamber in 2006, as a participant in the chamber's Leadership Clayton program. He later served as co-chair of Leadership Clayton from 2008 to 2009 and joined the chamber's board of directors in 2008 for a three-year term.

Brian R. Sinclair, '03, opened a solo law practice, Sinclair Law Office, in Troy, Mo. His practice serves the Missouri counties of Lincoln, Pike, St. Charles and Warren. Sinclair is a former prosecutor with significant jury trial experience who focuses his practice on family law, DWI,

and traffic and criminal cases, with a special emphasis on felony criminal cases.

Gregory W. Weaver, '03, was elected to the board of directors of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southwest Missouri. He practices with Weaver Law in Springfield, Mo.

Josephine M. "Josie" Pottebaum Abshier, '04, and her husband, James, announce the birth of their daughter, Violet. Abshier is a litigation associate at Buckley and Buckley in St. Louis.

Joy I. (Pinson) Ahern, '04, opened the firm of Ahern & Bach in Columbia and Ashland, Mo., with **Andrew W. Bach, '05**. They focus their practice on civil litigation, insurance defense, business law and estate planning.



Julie A. (Haverly) Anderson, '04, and **Robert J. Wise, '75**, have formed the law firm of Wise & Anderson, LLC, for the practice of law in Missouri and Kansas. They have also co-written

The Wise Guide to Landlord-Tenant

Law, a comprehensive reference to Missouri landlord-tenant law, along with a complete set of forms for use by lawyers and landlords. Anderson was named to the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* "Up & Coming 2010" list.

Talmage E. Newton IV, '04, was named to the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* "Up & Coming 2010" list. He practices with Evans & Dixon in St. Louis.

Kristen E. Paulsmeyer, '04, is enforcement counsel at the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration. Previously she was a unit leader in the Labor Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

T. Drew Schaffler, '04, is an associate with the A.W. Smith Law Firm in Columbia. Previously he practiced with Ford, Parshall & Baker in Columbia.



Nevada M. Smith, '04, and his wife, Monica, announce the birth of their son, Phoenix Chase Smith, on May 26, 2010. Smith and his wife have their own firm, Smith Law Offices, in St. Charles, Mo., where he focuses on family law while she focuses on immigration law.

Jennifer L. Thompson, '04, opened Thompson & Ostrom in St. Louis.

Ryan G. Vacca, '04, was quoted in "Mardi Gras Indians Work to Copyright Costumes" in *The New York Times*. Vacca is an assistant professor of law at The University of Akron School of Law.

Andrew W. Bach, '05, opened the firm of Ahern & Bach in Columbia and Ashland, Mo., with **Joy I. (Pinson) Ahern, '04**. They focus their practice on civil litigation, insurance defense, business law and estate planning.

Jason O. "Jay" Barnes, '05, was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, representing District 114.

Erick S. Creach, '05, practices with Gilmore & Bell in St. Louis. Previously he practiced with Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Pitzer & Taylor in Columbia.

Justin Douglas Fowler, '05, was named to the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* "Up & Coming 2010" list. He practices with Horn Aylward & Bandy in Kansas City, Mo.

J. Andrew Hirth, '05, returned to mid-Missouri to join the Litigation Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office after practicing for three years with Jenner & Block in Chicago.

Eric E. Bohl, '06, is legislative director for Vicky Hartzler, who represents the 4th District of Missouri in Congress. Previously he practiced real estate law, corporate law and litigation at The Limbaugh Firm in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Jennifer Koboldt Bukowsky, '06, opened The Bukowsky Law Firm in Columbia, handling matters in state, municipal and federal courts throughout mid-Missouri. Previously she practiced with the Boone County Public Defender's Office.



Kristin R. Morin Walker, '06, relocated from the Kansas City office of Husch Blackwell to the Denver office. She concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate transactions and real estate

development. She has practiced with Husch Blackwell since 2006.

Megan R. Banks, '07, was named to the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* "Up & Coming 2010" list. She practices with Dunn & Davison in Kansas City, Mo.

G. Michael Brown, '07, is the CEO of the Columbia Board of Relators. Previously he served as a political consultant.



Kathryn A. Busch, '07, and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of their son, Clayton Charles Busch, on Sept. 16, 2010. She is an assistant prosecuting attorney in Warren County, Mo.

Joshua C. Devine, '07, is an associate at Ford, Parshall & Baker in Columbia. Previously he was an associate at Husch Blackwell in St. Louis. He concentrates his practice in litigation.



Amy D. Fitts, '07, is an associate with Polsinelli Shughart in Kansas City, Mo. She practices in the firm's trial department and concentrates her practice in business litigation. She rejoins the firm after a two-year

clerkship for the Honorable **John R. Gibson, '52**, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Marc N. Middleton, '07, is an associate with Fisher Paterson Saylor & Smith in Overland Park, Kan. He concentrates his practice on litigation of municipal, construction and personal injury matters.

Jacob W. Shellabarger, '07, was elected prosecuting attorney of Audrain County, Mo., in the November election.

Donald R. Weaver, '07, practices with Weaver & Associates in Columbia. He has worked as a full-time police officer since 1999, maintains a part-time general practice and provides police training and consulting.



Elijah J.L. Haahr, '08, was unanimously elected to serve as president of the Springfield (Mo.) Jaycees, an organization dedicated to member and community improvement. Haahr practices with

McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips in Springfield. He concentrates his practice in civil litigation by defending the interests of small businesses and their insurers to minimize their liability in matters of work-related injuries, frivolous actions and personal injury claims.

Caleb M. Jones, '08, was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, representing District 117.

Jennifer K. Oldvader, '08, published "Hiring and Firing in the Facebook Age (With Sample Provisions)" in *The Practical Lawyer*, with Willam C. Martucci and **Justin D. Smith, '10**. Oldvader practices in the National Employment Litigation and Policy Group of Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.



Patrick J. Woods, '08, is an associate in the Workers' Compensation and Civil Litigation Practice Groups at Evans & Dixon in Kansas City, Mo.

Talley M. Kendrick, '09, was elected prosecuting attorney of Monroe County, Mo., in the November election.

Ashley F. Kremer, '09, opened a solo practice in Columbia concentrating in estate planning and probate.

Stacy L. Vincent, '09, assists in the collection of delinquent personal property taxes with the Boone County Collector's Office. Previously she clerked for the general counsel of the Missouri Department of Labor and for Integrated Benefits.

Christopher L. Braddock, '10, practices with Cline & Braddock in Columbia.

Three members of the Class of 2010 and Professor Mary Beck wrote an article which was published in the September-October 2010 issue of the *Journal of The Missouri Bar*. **Ashley P. Brittain, '10**, **Zachary A. Crowell, '10**, **Justin D. Smith, '10**, and Professor Beck collaborated on "Investigating the Justice System Response in Missouri to Child Homicides Related to Hostile Environments." The article was based on the attempts of the School of Law's Family Violence Clinic to "identify systemic gaps in Missouri's response to domestic violence issues."

Ross A. Bridges, '10, is an associate at Atwill & Montgomery in Columbia. He concentrates his practice in workers' compensation, personal injury, employment law and environmental law.

Ashley P. Brittain, '10, is an associate at Schlichter, Bogard & Denton in St. Louis. She concentrates her practice in pharmaceutical and personal injury matters.

Michael T. Carney, '10, practices with Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corp. in Columbia, where he leads the Housing Project, assisting low-income tenants and training Rule 13 law students.

Ashley N. Franz, '10, is an associate with Brown, Willbrand, Simon, Powell & Lewis in Columbia.

Shayne W. Healea, '10, was elected prosecuting attorney of Moniteau County, Mo., in the November election.

Chelsea R. Mitchell, '10, practices with the Moberly (Mo.) Public Defender's Office.

Erin P. Seele, '10, is an associate with Cunningham, Vogel & Rost in Webster Groves, Mo. She concentrates her practice in general municipal law and municipal litigation.

Justin D. Smith, '10, published "Hiring and Firing in the Facebook Age (With Sample Provisions)" in *The Practical Lawyer*, with Willam C. Martucci and **Jennifer K. Oldvader, '08**. Smith was a summer associate with Shook, Hardy & Bacon when he assisted with this article. He practices in the environmental law practice group of Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.

Ashley E. Woods, '10, is an associate at Eng & Woods in Columbia. She concentrates her practice on workers' compensation, automobile accident, personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Karen Zelle, '10, is an associate at Polsinelli Shughart in St. Louis. She practices in the trial department with a focus on intellectual property and technology litigation matters.

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Art Hinshaw, '93, LLM '00, married Sarah Selzer on Oct. 10, 2010, in Phoenix. He is the director of the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She practices with Lewis & Roca in Phoenix.

Gerardo Pico, LLM '00, is an administrative law judge in the Administrative Law Judge Corps of the United States, assigned to the Social Security Administration's Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR) in San Juan, Puerto Rico. ODAR is an appellate administrative court that reviews the decisions of the Social Security Administration, mainly in disability cases.

Cynthia J. Alkon, LLM '02, presented "Rearranging Deck Chairs on the Titanic: Rule of Law Development Assistance to Countries in Conflict" at the University of Oregon School of Law's Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution.

Lynn Dillard Malley, '84, LLM '03, presented at the National Association of Black Veterans' (NABVETS) national convention. Malley spoke about the community outreach activities she has been involved with to support current service members and their families. Malley co-wrote the book *Improving College Education of Veterans* and is involved with a nonprofit group, College Educators for Veterans Higher Education.

Paula M. Young, LLM '03, received the Distinguished Mediator Award from the Virginia Mediation Network.

The award recognizes a prominent member of the mediation community in Virginia who demonstrates personal and professional commitment to advancing peaceful conflict resolution. Young was elected to the organization's board of directors and serves as co-chair of its Spring 2011 Training Conference Committee. She was also reappointed to the Mediator Review Committee by the executive secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court. The committee is a regulatory body that reviews complaints filed by dissatisfied parties against mediators.

James W. Reeves, LLM '04, conducted conflict management workshops for business people in February. He also presented "The Accidental Mediator: HR's Role in Managing Conflict in the Organization" at the St. Louis Human Resource Management Association meeting.

Jeffrey Goldfien, LLM '05, is an ombuds/mediator for Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara, Calif.

Sukhsimranjit Singh, LLM '06, was elected as a board member of the Oregon Mediation Association. His recent presentations include training Oregon state employees in cross-cultural dispute resolution; CLE workshops on diversity, ethics and negotiation; and a talk on Sikhism and dispute resolution at the Annual Sikh Civil Rights Conference in December 2010.

John Blankenship, LLM '08, published "Isomorphism of Construction Arbitration: The Key to Its Prevention and Reversal," in *Dispute Resolution Journal*.

Aaron D. Jones, '98, LLM '09, serves as a part-time substitute judge for the City of Springfield, Mo., and is the chair of the ADR Committee for the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. He practices with Hulston, Jones and Marsh in Springfield.

Mary Jude Cantorias, LLM '10, presented a paper, "Judicial Review of Arbitral Awards in the Philippines: A Look into the Application of the Public Policy Exemption Under the New York Convention Applying United States Precedents," at the University of Massachusetts-Boston conference, "Conflict Studies: The New Generation of Ideas." She also presented "Court-Annexed Mediation in the Philippines: Lack of Good-Faith Standard Requirement, quo vadis? – A Comparative Paradigm" at the 20th Annual Symposium on Conflict Resolution in Ottawa, Canada.

Bin Zhou, LLM '10, is a paralegal in the International Department of the Intellectual Property Agency, Beyond Attorneys at Law, in Beijing.

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Alumni Memoriam

Thomas P. Rose, '50, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Sept. 14, 2010, at age 86.

Howard Winget, '51, of Springfield, Mo., died May 30, 2010, at age 83. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force and was discharged in 1946, then received his undergraduate and law degrees at MU. He worked for Shelter Insurance for 40 years until retiring in 1991.

William B. Anderson II, '52, of Kansas City, Mo., died Jan. 5, at age 83. He began his legal career with the Air Force Judge Advocate Corp., achieving the rank of major. In 1956, he joined the law department of the city of St. Louis before joining the law firm founded by his uncle in 1906, where he practiced for 12 years. In 1968, he joined the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, teaching civil procedure, torts, evidence, law and medicine, legal methods and appellate advocacy for 24 years. He served as a professor emeritus at UMKC since 1992.

Lane D. Bauer, '52, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mesa, Ariz., died Feb. 7, at age 84. As an undergraduate at MU, Bauer played on the men's basketball team. He left college to serve in the U.S. Army as a technical sergeant with a military government unit in Occupied Japan during World War II. While in the Army, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal. Following his release from the army in 1946, he returned to MU and received his business degree in 1950 and his law degree in 1952. He was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. In 1952, he joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon as the firm's seventh lawyer. He spent his entire career with the firm and when he retired in 1997, the firm employed 343 lawyers. He headed the pharmaceutical division at Shook, Hardy & Bacon for many years, defending most of the major pharmaceutical companies in the United States in product liability cases. Memorial contributions may be made to the Law School Foundation, 205 Hulston Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Philip R. Schaper Jr., '53, of Bowling Green, Mo., died Sept. 12, 2010, at age 80. Before graduating from high school, he guarded prisoner of war camps in Europe with Junior ROTC. After law school, he became an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Air Force. He then entered private practice in Bowling Green and did so for 50 years. He served on the board of directors of Community State Bank since 1968 and was a member of the Rotary Club since at least 1959. He was the father of **Raymond L. Wiggins III, '02**.

John Edwin Young, '53, of Kansas City, Mo., died Dec. 18, 2009, at age 80. After he graduated from law school, he passed the certified public accountant exam on his first attempt and began his career at Arthur Young & Company. He became a partner of the firm in 1966 and retired in 1983, later starting his own tax consulting service. During his career, Young served as chairman of the

Southtown YMCA, Kansas City director of the Estate Planning Council, president of the K.C. Breakfast Club and as Alpha Tau Omega fraternity's Man of the Year. He served as volunteer treasurer for organizations such as the First Baptist Church, Friends of the Zoo, the Kansas City Chapter of People-to-People and the Armour Home/Armour Oaks.

Rodger N. Alleman, '55, of Los Altos, Calif., died July 4, 2010, at age 79. After receiving his law degree from MU and completing graduate studies in patent law at George Washington University, he worked in private practice in Washington, D.C. In 1958, he moved to California to set up the patent law department at Lockheed Missiles & Space Co. He spent 35 years as chief patent counsel in Sunnyvale, Calif. He was committed to the Boy Scouts of America and was a volunteer with the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District in Los Altos.

James L. Smith, '57, of Plano, Texas, died May 29, 2010, at age 81.

Ronald S. Reed Jr., '58, of St. Joseph, Mo., died Nov. 19, 2010, at age 78. He began his work as an attorney in 1958 as an assistant prosecuting attorney, then practiced with his father, **Ronald S. Reed, '32**. He served from 1965 to 1970 in the Missouri legislature, sponsoring the bills that created Missouri Western State University and secured the site of the university's present campus. The main entrance drive of the university is now named in his honor. After leaving the legislature, he served as legal advisor to the Buchanan County Commission, special counsel to the St. Joseph City Personnel Board, and U.S. attorney for the Western District before returning to private practice.

James R. Spradling, '61, of Carthage, Mo., died Aug. 9, 2010, at age 74. He first practiced in Oklahoma before moving to Carthage and joining the Frank Birkhead Law Firm. He later opened his own firm in Carthage. He also served as a municipal judge in Carthage. Spradling was active in numerous civic organizations, including the Jasper County Bar Association, Grace Episcopal Church, Carthage Rotary Club, Carthage Board of Public Works, and Carthage YMCA. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves. He received the Outstanding Educator of America Award in 1971 and was named Citizen of the Year by the City of Carthage in 2003.

Charles B. Adams, '62, of Aventura, Fla., died Oct. 4, 2010, at age 76.

F. William Joyner, '63, of Springfield, Mo., died Jan. 26, at age 71.

Leo W. Schrader, '63, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Jan. 1, at age 72. He was a practicing attorney in both Missouri and Florida for 47 years. He served in the Missouri General Assembly for eight years, was retired from the City of Clearwater, Fla., and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Signal Corp.

Ronald E. Smull, '66, of Columbia, died Nov. 2, 2010, at age 69. He practiced law in Columbia for 44 years and taught a course on drafting legal

instruments at the School of Law for 35 years. He was a member of Memorial Baptist Church for 49 years and served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, trustee and choir member. He was the father-in-law of **Tony E. Swetnam, '80**.

A. Keith Weber, '69, of Mission Hills, Kan., died Feb. 18, at age 68. As an undergraduate at MU, he excelled at football and baseball, still holding the lowest career earned run average record in NCAA Division 1. He was the team captain and received all-American honors. He pitched for the U.S. Olympic Team in the 1964 Olympics and later signed with the New York Mets. He was the quarterback for the Tigers and later served as assistant varsity football coach at MU under Dan Devine while attending law school. In 1998, Weber was inducted into the MU Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame. Following his graduation from law school, he started his real estate career in Kansas City and later moved to Dallas to become one of the vice presidents of Redman Development Corp. In 1972, he returned to Kansas City and founded Midland Properties Inc., to develop and manage apartment properties in Kansas and Missouri, and later nationally. In 1991, he and his business partner founded Midland Loan Services, which became one of the nation's largest servicers of commercial loans.

James N. Travis, '71, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died May 31, 2010, at age 65. He practiced law in Colorado Springs from 1971 until shortly before his death. He was a partner of the law firm of Gresham, Stiffler and Travis in Colorado Springs before becoming a sole practitioner. He was an avid backpacer and fly fisherman.

Robert W. Bosslet Jr., '76, of Belleville, Ill., died Aug. 20, 2010, at age 61. He practiced law primarily in Illinois. During his career, he served as president of the Missouri/Southern Illinois Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Madison County Bar Association and the Tri-County Bar Association. He also served on the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association board of governors and was a member of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. He was also active in his community.

Samuel J. Sandifer, '76, of Monroe City, Mo., died Nov. 29, 2010, at age 59. He was a former prosecuting attorney for Monroe County, Mo. He opened his own law practice in 1984.

Michael D. Addleman, '95, of St. Louis, died Dec. 18, 2010, at age 49. He worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis before moving to Mt. Vernon, Mo., and working as a corporate attorney. He returned to work at the Federal Reserve Bank as a bank examiner. Addleman was an Eagle Scout, was a member of Lions Club of Freistatt, Mo., was involved in Walk to Emmaus and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mt. Vernon.

Jessa C. Schauman, '03, of St. Louis, Mo., died Jan. 27, at age 33. She was a former St. Louis city prosecutor.

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 2010.

DEFENDER OF DISTINCTION AWARD

To the public defender who exemplifies the ideal of public defense

Donald L. Catlett, '81

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

LON O. HOCKER AWARD

Presented annually to young lawyers who have demonstrated unusual proficiency in the art of trial advocacy

John N. Koester Jr., '02

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Darrell L. Moore, '82

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

Karl A.W. DeMarce, '97

Darwin A. Hindman Jr., '61

John W. Maupin, '75

PRO BONO AWARD

Presented annually to three people – one each from St. Louis, Kansas City and outstate Missouri – who have, within the past year, rendered outstanding pro bono service to indigent or low-income persons in need of legal assistance

Willard C. Reine, '60

SPURGEON SMITHSON AWARD

Presented annually by the Missouri Bar Foundation to Missouri judges, teachers of law and/or lawyers deemed to have rendered outstanding service toward the increase and diffusion of justice

Adjunct Professor of Law James R. Layton

TOM COCHRAN AWARD

Presented by the Young Lawyer section to a lawyer whose service and professionalism have significantly enhanced his or her community

Associate Dean James R. Devine

YOUNG LAWYER SECTION CHAIRPERSON'S AWARD

Presented by the chair of the Young Lawyer Section for meritorious service by a young lawyer

Heidi Doerhoff Vollet, '00

YLS PRO BONO AWARD

Acknowledging outstanding pro bono activities

Benjamin B. Nelson, '05

THE MISSOURI BAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Seven MU Law alumni were selected for The Missouri Bar's Leadership Academy, which fosters the development of future bar leaders. The academy's mission is to recruit, train and retain Missouri attorneys who have been admitted for 10 years or less for leadership positions in The Missouri Bar.

J. Zachary Bickel, '06

Darryl M. Chatman Jr., '08

Susan B. Henderson Moore, '03

Jason R. McClitis, '09

Jessica A. Mikale, '03

Kate E. Noland, '08

Coordinator of Diversity Programs **Jerri J. Zhang, '09**

SENIOR COUNSELORS

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

Dewitt T. Barker, '60

Donald L. Barnes, '60

Richard J. Blanck, '61

Patricia L. Buxton, '59

John C. Crow, '59

James N. Foley, '62

Cynthia A. Goforth, '84

James R. Hall, '60

Franklin D. Holder, '60

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David P. Macoubrie, '65

James E. Miller, '61

Arthur L. Poger, '59

John Max Price, '66

John D. Rahoy, '60

Willard C. Reine, '60

John W. Ringer, '60

Robert G. Russell, '63

James R. Spradling, '61

Thomas A. Vetter, '64

Donald L. Wolff, '62

FACULTY NOTES



John Lande gave the Robert Burgess Memorial Lecture, "Lawyering and Mediation: What We Can Learn From the USA," at the University of Strathclyde

Law School in Glasgow, Scotland. He also taught a master class for the Scottish Mediation Network titled "Doing the Best Mediation You Can."

Lande gave the keynote luncheon address, "Planned Early Negotiation: A New Role for Lawyers and Mediators," at the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute. He was a panelist in a program, "Connecting Doctrinal and Practical Problem-Solving Instruction to Enhance Legal Education," at the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting. He made presentations to the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association ("Cooperative and Collaborative Legal Practice: What They Are and How Attorneys Can Use Them to Get Better Negotiation Results for Their Clients") and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Juvenile Law Committee ("Using Mediation to Improve Outcomes in Child Protection Cases").

Lande published "Helping Lawyers Help Clients Make Good Decisions About Dispute Resolution," in 17 *Dispute Resolution Magazine* 14 (Fall 2010); "Before You Take a Collaborative Law Case: What the Ethical Rules Say About Conflicts of Interest, Client Screening, and Informed Consent," in 33 *Family Advocate* 31 (Fall 2010) (with Forrest S. Mosten); and "Can We Resolve Franchise Disputes Faster, Cheaper and Better?" in *LJN's Franchising Business & Law Alert* 1 (July 2010) (with Steven K. Fedder and Peter R. Silverman).



S.I. Strong was recently elected to the American Law Institute and the Academic Council of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration.

She has published two articles: "From Class to Collective: The De-Americanization of Class Arbitration," in 26 *Arbitration International* 493 (2010), and "Opening More Doors Than It Closes: *Stolt-Nielsen SA v. AnimalFeeds International Corp.*," in 2010 *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 565.

Strong spoke at several events in 2010, including a conference convened by the Center for International Legal Studies.

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Speaker: Missouri Attorney General

Christopher A. Koster, '91

Jesse Hall Auditorium

1:30 pm

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John K. Hulston Hall

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• Distinguished Alumni Luncheon

• The Dean's All-Class Reunion Reception

• Individual Class Reunions for Featured

Classes

• Law Day Breakfast

• Law Day Awards Ceremony

• Law Day Picnic

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held in conjunction with The Missouri Bar

Annual Meeting

Kansas City, Mo.

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Between Litigation and International

Commercial Arbitration

John K. Hulston Hall

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