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Dear Law Alumni,

I feel so very fortunate to be your dean! There are many reasons this is true:

The strength of the alumni network.

Since I took on this new position in July, I have crisscrossed the state of Missouri and am beginning to crisscross the United States getting to know as many of you as I can. The more of you I meet, the more impressed I am with how much you care about your alma mater and how willing you are to share your time and wisdom with the next generation.

The law school continues to be one of the best bargains in legal education in the United States.

Even before we lowered the average debt burden of our students by $10,000 in the last year, we were named a Top 25 Best Value Law School by National Jurist magazine. Based on our new statistics, I expect us to be named a top ten value nationwide in the coming year.

Although our debt statistics are partly a result of our Thrifty Budget counseling program, they are also a result of our scholarship program
generously funded by alumni like you. These scholarships enable us to continue to attract talented and diverse students. In fact, this year’s entering class of 92 students had a median LSAT of 157 and GPA of 3.44. Most of these students – 72 percent – come from Missouri, 42 percent are women and 21 percent identify as minorities.

Most importantly, scholarships change lives. As I know from personal experience, scholarships open opportunities for students from modest backgrounds to pursue their dreams, and being able to graduate without a large debt burden frees students to pursue public service careers if called to do so.

I believe we stand poised to take our rightful place among the top public law schools in the United States.

Our faculty has nationally- and internationally-recognized scholars who also care deeply about teaching and mentoring tomorrow’s lawyers.

Some of our clinics, such as the Veterans Clinic, foster access to justice for deserving clients who would have no other recourse. Others, such as the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic, foster economic development in Missouri by helping entrepreneurs take their ideas from concept to capitalization. All of our clinics, however, train practice-ready lawyers for you to employ.

Meanwhile, we send well-prepared teams around the country to display their skills in oral advocacy. Our arbitration team, for example, just won the Regional Championship and competed at nationals. Furthermore, our legal writing program, coupled with our three journals, help train superior writers, which is partly why we have graduates clerking next year in two federal appellate courts, federal district courts and the Supreme Court of Missouri.

In the words of an alum whom I recently visited: “I have always felt that my law school experience was the equal to or better than my peers, even those which have a higher ranking on the U.S. News and World report listing.”

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The law school has a tradition of training leaders.

As you know, the law school has a long tradition of training leaders — of the bench, the bar, industries, the state and the nation. With your help, we will continue this proud tradition, even in the face of structural changes in the legal profession, dramatically declining state appropriations and public skepticism of the value of higher education. I became dean because I want to make a difference for tomorrow’s lawyers, and together I know we can.

Sincerely,

Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky
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A Dean for Students

Lidsky Becomes 17th Dean of the School of Law

by Casey Baker
Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky, the law school’s 17th dean, joined the law school officially in July. Unofficially, she jumped right in after she was announced as dean, attending Law Day activities in April and working with faculty and staff throughout the late spring and early summer to ensure a smooth transition to MU.

Eager to connect with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and members of the campus and legal communities, she set an energetic pace. Throughout her first semester as dean, she has outlined her vision, spoken as an expert in free speech, attended countless events and served as the law school’s CEO – all while making personal connections, including 82 individual visits to law school alumni and donors.

Theme: Students

Lidsky is often asked why she would be interested in a deanship after spending a career as an award-winning law professor. At Florida, she received student-selected awards such as Teacher of the Year (twice) and Faculty Graduation Speaker (three times), as well as Teacher of the Year, which was selected by a faculty committee.

Her answer? A student convinced her. “The student knew that I really cared about students and I wanted to improve their lives, and he convinced me that I could do more of that as a dean,” she explains.

(Her commitment to students is obvious. On the day she was interviewed for this story, she spent two hours at a local hospital, waiting for a student to come out of surgery.)

In thinking about leaving the University of Florida, where she built her career, she also considered where her desire to serve students would be the best fit. She had visited MU in the past and one of her co-authors was on our faculty, as was her former dean at Florida, Bob Jerry. She says she knew that this faculty would be a good fit for her because it is obvious that it is committed to students.

“This faculty is a collection of nationally-recognized scholars who are also deeply invested in being great mentors and being great teachers and that was very compelling to me,” she says.

Lidsky makes an effort to be a regular presence for students, walking through the library daily when she is in the office. She also teaches Advanced Torts during the spring semester to maintain her connection to students.

“I wouldn’t have become a dean if I didn’t get to teach because I feel like teaching is my life’s mission. I love teaching, engagement with students, the intellectual excitement of seeing when a student fundamentally gets an idea you’re trying to teach them, and I love when students engage with me and are inspired by what’s going on in the classroom,” she says. “But ultimately a dean exists to serve students. At the end of the day, I’m in the job because I want to make life better for students and I think it’s impossible to do the job well if I’m not continuously connected to those students. Students change all the time and as dean I need to be able to change with them and understand how they’re changing and how to respond to their needs and interests.”

Why Mizzou

Although support of students was the primary attraction for Lidsky when considering MU, it wasn’t the only one. As the child of public school teachers, and the product of public schools, she is committed to public education. More specifically, as a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, she is committed to state flagship institutions. She also finds herself to be a good fit with the MU and University of Missouri System missions.

“They offer affordable excellence for the citizens of Missouri and that’s something I believe very strongly in,” she says.

A New Vision

In the short term, Dean Lidsky hopes to increase the size of the entering class – 92 students in fall 2017 – while improving student credentials. She plans to do that by promoting the law school’s excellent and affordable education, she says.

Lidsky plans to be involved in the recruitment process to ensure that the law school has every chance to recruit talented students. She jokes about talking to anyone, anywhere, who expresses even a remote interest in coming to law school.

Her passion for the value of law school is apparent. She points to the analytical skills for which a legal education is known.

“A legal education is a powerful way of understanding what’s going on in society,” she explains.

“You don’t have to practice law to find that valuable. What I learned from law school is that I can approach any problem and ask the right questions, and start breaking it down into something that I can understand, even if at first glance the issue is outside of my background or existing expertise.”

Another goal will be to ensure that all graduates are placed in top jobs. To do this, she recognizes that she will have to raise additional funds. Last fall, she estimates that she spent half of her time as a new dean engaged in fundraising activities to support priorities like this one. She has also dedicated a significant amount of time to meeting alumni and friends, knowing that the law school’s alumni network acts as a support
Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky
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Dean Lidsky’s scholarship focuses on the intersection of torts and the First Amendment, with a particular emphasis on defamation and other free speech issues in social media contexts. Widely regarded as a prominent First Amendment scholar, she is co-author of a leading media law casebook, a First Amendment casebook, and a reference book on press freedom and has published dozens of articles, including “#IمؤسسU: Considering the Context of Online Threats” in the California Law Review. Her work on anonymous speech has been cited by a number of state supreme courts and the highest courts of Canada and Hong Kong.


The United States Supreme Court has failed to grapple with the unique interpretive difficulties presented by social media threats cases. Social media make hateful and threatening speech more common, but they also magnify the potential for a speaker’s innocent words to be misunderstood. People speak differently on different social media platforms, and architectural features of platforms, such as character limits, affect the meaning of speech, as do contextual clues unique to social media, such as gifs, hashtags and emoji. Only by understanding social media contexts can legal decision-makers avoid imposing liability on innocent speakers for constitutionally protected speech.

This article therefore advocates creation of a procedural mechanism for raising a “context” defense to a threats prosecution prior to trial. Comparable privileges protect defamation defendants from having opinion misconstrued as defamatory and allow them to have their liability resolved at an early stage of litigation, often avoiding the anxiety and expense of trial.

This article contends that criminal defendants in threats cases should have a similar defense that permits them to produce contextual evidence relevant to the interpretation of alleged threats for consideration by a judge at a pre-trial hearing. In cases that cannot be resolved before trial, the context defense would entitle a defendant to produce contextual evidence at trial and have the jury instructed regarding the role of context in separating threats from protected speech. Although adoption of the context defense would be especially helpful in correctly resolving social media cases, its use in all threats cases would provide an important safeguard against erroneous convictions of speech protected by the First Amendment.

For more information on Lidsky’s scholarship, please visit law.missouri.edu/about/people/lyrissa-lidsky.
system for students and graduates who are job seeking.

“So in the short term, it’s simple,” she says. “Get talented students in the door and send talented students out the door, placed in top jobs, and engage alumni so that all of that can happen. Ultimately it’s a continuous cycle.”

Lidsky recognizes that short-term plans must be juggled with the long game, and she has plenty of ideas for that as well. This includes making the law school a destination for students who are military veterans; creating an interdisciplinary research institute to improve the lives of veterans and their families; building upon the law school’s proximity to Jefferson City, with its opportunities in state government and the legislature; and reaching more audiences with our legal expertise, using non-traditional methods of delivery while remaining true to the traditional JD curriculum. She also strives to make this law school the best possible experience for the students. She has already asked for student feedback on renovating the student lounge space to make it more welcoming for student interaction, and announced her intention to seek funds to do so.

Advice from the Dean Team
Lidsky joins the law school at a time when there are five former deans on the law school faculty – Ken Dean, Larry Dessem, Bob Jerry, Gary Myers and Dale Whitman. Although she will blaze her own trail, she knows that she has a wealth of talent and expertise on which to draw if needed. This was one of the things that appealed to her about this deanship.

“All of them understand the difficulties of the job and when I need a sounding board I know I can go to them and they will keep my confidences, they will share their wisdom with me and they will provide support,” she explains.

In addition, the former deans bring with them a pool of administrative talent that she can lean upon when turning over projects like compliance with American Bar Association rules and regulations, as well as a big picture view, including an understanding of connections on campus and within the legal profession that can expedite projects when needed.

Lidsky notes that the body of administrative talent does not end with the former deans. It includes numerous faculty members who have served as the law school’s associate dean of academic affairs or associate dean for faculty research and development, currently filled by S. David Mitchell and Paul Litton, respectively.

Facing Challenges
No dean joins a law school without understanding that there are challenges to be faced. A downward trend in the national recruitment market and the corresponding financial implications are the dean’s biggest concern. While that is true at many law schools, there are also other concerns that take the dean’s time and energy and affect the day-to-day success of the law school – and of its dean.

At MU, one of the challenges in the latter category is the small staff. As employees have left the law school by retiring or pursuing other professional opportunities, positions have not been refilled. This is true in every single department throughout the building. As
a result, difficult decisions must be made about who will complete which tasks when an employee leaves, if the tasks will be continued at all. These decisions ultimately reside with the dean.

Lidsky has tried to be creative in her approach to handling staffing issues, reallocating staff time differently in some cases and changing department functions in others. She has had to be creative with hiring as well. A recent hire of a new event coordinator happened only because a generous donor allowed his gift to be used to fund a one-year appointment. This hire frees up the time of multiple staff members who had more extensive event responsibilities in the past, allowing them to focus on other tasks that may be more related to the core functions of their departments.

Lidsky is person- and relationship-focused so it is difficult for her when staffing levels thwart attempts to offer a truly personal touch. Her view of the donor-funded events coordinator position is that it is not just an event position – its primary function is to support relationships between the law school, its dean and a variety of constituent groups, with a special focus on alumni.

“Being able to hire an event planner has been one of the best use of resources that we’ve made this year, in terms of being able to engage with our alumni and tell our stories,” she explains. “I don’t think most people think of that, if they haven’t seen what that means. But the role of an event planner is to bring people together around a shared mission or a shared sense of community. It helps us make the connections we need to make with our alumni.”

Funding the Future

While traveling and meeting with alumni in her first semester, Dean Lidsky was asked by an alumnus: “If I were to give you one million dollars, what would you do with it?”

Like many law school deans, her thoughts first turn to scholarships because in a competitive recruitment market, offering scholarships is one way to increase the incoming class size while maintaining or improving its credentials.

Beyond that, she would seek endowments for the law school’s clinical programs which lack security in the current budget environment.

“We have extraordinary clinics, doing extraordinary work” she says, using the Family Violence Clinic as one example. “It has a long history of not only helping clients but also allowing students to publish articles and work on legislation to benefit children and families.”

She would also continue seeking out campus partners for interdisciplinary projects that would allow the law school to train lawyers differently, encouraging them to be more innovative and entrepreneurial in their thinking, and build on existing strengths in intellectual property and dispute resolution. She says having additional resources in this area would be helpful as she pushes the law school to adapt to an ever-changing legal environment.

“I am truly grateful for every penny we get,” Lidsky says. “I take it as a serious obligation that when somebody gives us a gift, we are careful stewards of that gift, and we invest it in a way that is really going to make a difference for the institution.”

Inter Alia

It comes as no surprise that a dean’s job is all-encompassing. She must be both in the building and out of it, making connections and attending to important relationships. She must be reachable for serious decisions or emergencies and be the law school’s biggest cheerleader, even when she’s standing in line for coffee on a Saturday morning. She must know the curriculum – what it is, and what it should be. Because she is a student-centered dean, she must make time to understand the student experience and hear concerns from students. And that’s just scratching the surface.

But to truly be effective, a dean must have balance. Lidsky says that one of her goals for 2018 is to truly find that balance for herself. In the coming year, she wants to spend more time with her husband and three sons (ages 19, 16 and 13) and run and hike the trails around Columbia. Balance for her also lies in literature – especially in the works of Jane Austen.

“I like how penetrating her insights into society are and how witty her dialogue is. Her insights into human behavior are timeless,” she says. “Jane Austen is so instructive on how to understand social dynamics and interpersonal dynamics.”

She also enjoys The Great Courses, a lifelong learning platform, particularly seminars featuring Dr. Elizabeth Vandiver, teaching literature. Lidsky holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Texas A&M University, so it may come as no surprise that she would love to write the great American novel someday.

A Dean’s Hope

At the end of every day, outside of the many tasks that demand her time, Lidsky views her deanship as a way to build and foster relationships.

“I hope everybody who has ever walked through the door of this law school will feel welcome here and connected,” she says. “I hope they feel that they have a stake in the future of the law school, which means the people.”

For information about Dean Lidsky’s research and scholarship, please visit law.missouri.edu/about/people/lyrissa-lidsky.
**New Faces**

**Lynne Byler** joined the law school in August as events coordinator. In this role, she coordinates a variety of events for the dean and departments within the law school, including Law Day and The Law Society Dinner.

Byler was born and raised in Jefferson City, Mo. After graduating from high school, she attended MU, graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education. Passionate about working with people in a creative setting, she spent the past 11 years working for a large and innovative local church. Byler’s role was to help coworkers maximize their potential in delivery and performances, but also to organize events ranging from guest speakers and visiting musicians to conferences.

In her free time, she loves being outdoors with her husband and three children and cheering on their Mizzou Tigers.

**Molly Frank** joined the law school’s Office of Admissions & Financial Aid in August as an admissions specialist. Her responsibilities include contacting prospective students, collecting and compiling application materials, attending recruiting events and spreading the word about everything Mizzou Law has to offer.

Frank was raised in Lenexa, Kan. She received her bachelor’s degree in international studies from Loyola University, Chicago, and worked in the Loyola admissions office before moving to Columbia to join the law school.

**Joe Swanegan** joined the School of Law as assistant executive director for advancement in January 2018. He returns from MU after serving for three years as senior director of development for the Wichita State University Foundation. Previously he spent six years at MU, in the advancement offices for the School of Health Professions and College of Arts & Science.

Before beginning his career at the university, he was a sales representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Champaign, Ill.

Swanegan holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.

**Kris Williams** began work as the law school’s system support analyst in May. His main duty is to provide technological assistance to all law school faculty, staff and students in and outside of the classroom.

Williams is a Columbia native and is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in general studies with an emphasis in organizational leadership and personal financial planning.
Cambridge University Press recently published Professor Thom Lambert’s book, How to Regulate: A Guide for Policymakers. According to Professor Cass Sunstein of Harvard Law School, How to Regulate “may be the best guide, ever, to the regulatory state. It’s brilliant, sharp, witty, and even-handed – and it’s so full of insights that it counts as a major contribution to both theory and practice.”

Judge Douglas Ginsburg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit wrote that the book “will be valuable for all policy wonks, not just policymakers. It provides an organized and rigorous framework for analyzing whether and how inevitably imperfect regulation is likely to improve upon inevitably imperfect market outcomes.”

Last fall, Lambert taught a law school course called How to Regulate. Here, he discusses his motivation for writing (and teaching) the book and summarizes the central problem the book addresses.

One of the things that has most surprised me during my 15 years teaching at the law school has been how many of my students have ended up — quite quickly — holding important positions at regulatory agencies. We produce lots of policymakers! Those folks obviously need to know how to regulate. But so do all lawyers, really. Lawyers frequently have to argue the merits of one regulatory approach over another.

American law schools have traditionally offered little training on how to regulate. Law schools teach administrative law, the procedures that must be followed to ensure that rules have the force of law. Rarely, however, do law schools offer instruction on how to craft the substance of a policy to address a new perceived problem. That’s a shame, because lawyers frequently take the lead in crafting regulatory approaches. They need to understand: (1) why the unfortunate situation is occurring, (2) what options are available for addressing it, and (3) what the downsides are to each of the options.

Economists study those matters, of course. But economists have their own blind spots. Being unfamiliar with legal and regulatory processes, they are often naïve about the difficulty of transforming their textbook models into concrete rules that can be easily administered by business planners and adjudicators. Many economists also pay little attention to the high information requirements of the policies they propose (F.A. Hayek’s famous “knowledge problem”) and...
the susceptibility of those policies to political manipulation by interest groups (so-called public choice concerns).

How to Regulate endeavors to provide both economic training to lawyers and a sense of the “limits of law” to the economists and other policy wonks who tend to be involved in crafting regulations.

The Regulator’s Conundrum
The traditional common law largely succeeded in banning conduct that always imposes net social harms — “always bad” behavior, we might call it. That means that regulation, which kicks in where the common law leaves off, typically addresses “mixed bag” behavior — conduct that will sometimes create net harms but sometimes produce net benefits.

For example, factory production spews pollution on the neighbors but provides goods for consumers and jobs for employees. Giving discounts to buyers who agree to purchase a large percentage of their requirements from you may harm your rivals by causing them to lose scale but such loyalty discounts result in lower consumer prices. Both behaviors, like most conduct subject to regulation, are mixed bags.

Setting forth rules to govern mixed-bag behavior is tricky. Too broad a prohibition will preclude instances of the behavior that are, on balance, good. But reducing the scope of a prohibition too much will permit instances that create net harm. When behavior resulting in net benefits is condemned — a false conviction — social welfare is reduced, but the same is true when there is false acquittal — a failure to condemn behavior that is, on balance, bad. Taken together, the social welfare losses from false acquittals and false convictions constitute a rule’s “error costs.”

There is an obvious way to reduce the error costs of a rule: make it more nuanced. The regulator might, for example, write in exceptions to a general prohibition or might specify with greater precision the circumstances in which the conduct at issue will be condemned. Nuance, though, isn’t free. Adding nuance raises a directive’s “decision costs” — the costs business planners and adjudicators must incur in reaching a decision as to what behavior is permitted and what forbidden.

All these costs — false conviction error costs, false acquittal error costs and decision costs — are intertwined. Attempting to reduce false conviction error costs (by, say, shrinking the scope of a rule’s prohibition) will enhance error costs from false acquittals. Conversely, expanding the prohibition to avoid false acquittals will increase error costs from false convictions. Trying to minimize both false convictions and false acquittals simultaneously by adding in exceptions and other nuances will raise decision costs.

For a contemporary example of these tradeoffs, consider the so-called “Volcker Rule,” which was authorized by the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reform law. Named for former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, who first proposed it, the rule prohibits federally insured banks from making “proprietary trades” — trades in securities or derivatives where the purpose is to enhance the trading bank’s profits by benefiting from short-term price changes. The idea is that a stable commercial banking sector is essential to the health of the entire financial system, and banks that have a federal backing should not be allowed to engage in risky, speculative trading for no reason other than enhancement of the banks’ own profits.

Chairman Volcker himself anticipated a short-and-sweet rule. Upon seeing the first draft of the rule, he remarked, “I’d write a much simpler bill. I’d love to see a four-page bill that bans proprietary trading and makes the board and chief executive responsible for compliance. And I’d have strong regulators. If the banks didn’t comply with the spirit of the bill, they’d go after them.”

Unfortunately, Chairman Volcker’s laudable intentions were not so easy to translate into an administrable rule that would ban bad instances of proprietary trading without also discouraging good instances. For example, the rule needed to provide leeway for banks

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1 See James B. Stewart, Volcker Rule, Once Simple, Now Boggler, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 21, 2011).
to engage in hedging transactions — proprietary trades made in order to reduce a specific risk associated with another of the trading bank’s financial positions. Too broad a prohibition would make it difficult for banks to manage investment risk, injuring their depositors. Too narrow a prohibition would permit shrewd bankers to engage in the very sort of risky proprietary trading Chairman Volcker sought to prohibit.

To avoid over- and under-inclusivity, the drafters of the Volcker rule opted for nuance. Lots of it. The end result was a 1,077-page rule that may minimize error costs, but only by raising decision costs.

The point here is not to disparage the Volcker Rule. It is simply to highlight the inexorability of the tension among false conviction error costs, false acquittal error costs and decision costs. As in a game of whack-a-mole, pushing down costs in one spot just causes them to rise somewhere else!

An Overarching Goal for Regulators

In light of this unhappy situation, policymakers ought to optimize. Although tamping down one set of costs will usually cause another set to rise, sometimes costs won’t rise as high in their new spot as in their old spot. For example, shrinking the scope of a rule’s prohibition may increase false acquittal error costs, but by less than it reduces false conviction error costs. Or creating a highly tailored loophole to prevent some inappropriate condemnation without immunizing truly bad acts may enhance a regulation’s decision cost, but by less than it reduces the rule’s overall error cost. Sometimes, reducing a rule’s complexity (loopholes, etc.) will lower decision costs by more than it raises error costs. So while there are always tradeoffs between false conviction error costs, false acquittal error costs and decision costs, some rules result in lower total costs than others.

That observation suggests a goal to which policymakers should aspire: Craft directives to minimize the sum of error and decision costs. Doing so will ensure that society gets the most bang for its regulatory buck.

This ultimate goal — minimize the sum of error and decision costs — is really just a form of cost-benefit analysis. It’s more sophisticated, though, than the simplistic cost-benefit analysis with which many people are familiar. Under that version, policymakers ask simply whether the benefits of a proposed policy exceed its costs, where those costs are taken to include the out-of-pocket costs of compliance and the losses from thwarting certain beneficial behavior.

Suppose, for example, that Policy A, a requirement that widget factories install a new pollution control technology, would cost the factories $50 million out-of-pocket, would eliminate operations that create value of $10 million, and would create benefits (reduction in illness, etc.) worth $70 million. Policy A would seem to create value of $10 million and would pass muster under a simplistic cost-benefit analysis.

That form of cost-benefit balancing, though, fails to account for a key cost of adopting the policy under consideration. Costs are simply foregone opportunities. If a widget “costs” $10, for example, then one must forego $10 worth of other consumption in order to obtain that widget. A cost of adopting Policy A, then, is the value that could have been obtained from implementing an alternative policy instead.

Suppose Policy B, which would require widget factories to adopt some other pollution control technology, would create benefits of $50 million but impose out-of-pocket compliance costs of only $20 million and losses from thwarted operations of only $5 million. Because it would create $25 million in net benefits as opposed to Policy A’s $10 million, Policy B would be the superior policy. And having Policy B as an option would cause Policy A to fail cost-benefit analysis if that analysis accounted for the opportunity cost of alternative policies. (In that case, Policy A would occasion a net loss of $15 million. While it would create benefit of $70 million, it would impose costs of $50 million out-of-pocket, $10 million in foregone benefits from thwarted operations and $25 million in benefits that could have been achieved had Policy B been implemented instead.)

The ultimate goal set forth above thus improves upon the simplistic cost-benefit analysis often invoked in debates over proposed regulations. If we follow an approach that doesn’t just ask, “Do the benefits of a policy exceed its costs?” but instead directs, “Pick the policy that minimizes the sum of error and decision costs,” we will ensure that we are taking account of the opportunity costs of selecting one regulatory approach over its alternatives. At the end of the day, we’re still doing cost-benefit analysis; we’re just doing it a little better.

Getting There

It’s all well and good to say that policymakers should seek to minimize the sum of error and decision costs, but how, as a practical matter, would they pursue that goal? To begin with, they would need to bring “on screen” the key considerations that will determine
the magnitude of a proposed policy’s error and decision costs. It’s not enough, though, to assess regulatory proposals in isolation. To determine the opportunity cost of picking one regulatory option over another, policymakers would need to have some sense of how net welfare would differ under all regulatory alternatives.

Of course, the cost of performing all this analysis must be kept in check; at some point, the incremental cost of further investigation by regulators exceeds the incremental benefit the additional study provides, so additional investigation just isn’t worth it. The key, then, is to gather as much information about costs and benefits as can be cost-effectively gathered on all potential regulatory options, and then select the option that minimizes the sum of error and decision costs.

That sounds like a daunting task, but decision makers routinely perform similar analyses in other contexts. Take physicians. A doctor seeing a patient with a new ailment should aim to select not just a remedy that will leave the patient better off (i.e., will create more benefit than cost) but the remedy that creates the greatest expected net benefit for the patient. And the doctor needs to act quickly and efficiently; she can’t dither incessantly over potential remedies, suffering “paralysis by analysis.”

To perform the task before her, the physician marches methodically through a number of steps. First, she identifies the patient’s symptom, the adverse effects experienced by the patient but not by healthy people. Next, she seeks to diagnose the disease causing the symptom: What is it about this patient that leads him to suffer those adverse effects? After that, she catalogs the available remedies for correcting the cause of, or perhaps just alleviating, the symptom. She then assesses the net benefits of each remedy, taking into account expected benefit to the patient, the difficulty and perhaps cost of implementing the therapy, and potential side effects. She ultimately selects the remedy that will provide the highest net benefit to the patient.

The central claim of How to Regulate is that policymakers, when crafting regulations, should follow the lead of physicians. When confronted with a call to regulate, they should first identify the symptom — the adverse effect citizens are experiencing. They then should seek to determine the cause of that symptom: what market failure has caused this reduction in social welfare? The regulator should then consider the range of available remedies — for most market failures, there are several. Some may be “palliative” only, alleviating the symptom but failing to address the underlying disease. Others will seek to address not just the symptom but also the market failure underlying it. Having catalogued available remedies, the regulator should consider the effectiveness and “side effects” of each. This process will bring on screen the information needed to minimize the sum of decision and error costs.

The bulk of How to Regulate offers assistance to policymakers as they proceed through the steps described above. The book examines six “diseases” that often lead to adverse effects and are frequently invoked to justify regulation. Four of those are the classic market failures: externalities, public goods, market power and information asymmetry. The other two are agency costs and the various decision-making quirks identified by behavioral economists.

Each of the six bases for regulation has its own chapter, and each chapter is organized according to the physician analogy set forth above: What are symptoms? What is the disease causing them? What remedies are available for treating them? And what are the side effects of each remedy?

How to Regulate’s major contribution is to bring together insights of legal theorists and economists of all stripes — neoclassical, Austrian, public choice behavioral — and systematize their ideas into a unified, practical approach to regulating. While the ideas are put together in a novel and, I believe, useful fashion, I break little new ground in legal theory or economics. At times during the drafting, I wondered whether the book was “original” enough. And in those times, I took comfort in the words of C.S. Lewis, a marvelous writer whose Mere Christianity systematized the ideas of scores of philosophers and theologians, spoke plainly and became a classic. On the closing page of that book, Lewis wrote,

Even in literature and art, no man who bothers about originality will ever be original: whereas if you simply try to tell the truth (without caring twopence how often it has been told before) you will, nine times out of ten, become original without ever having noticed it.

That is what I endeavored to do with How to Regulate.
“When I was a college senior, going to law school seemed interesting. The things law students and lawyers talked about seemed like fun things to talk about,” Professor Ben Trachtenberg recalls when asked about his reasons for attending law school. “I probably didn’t have the most thought-out story in the world to go to law school, but a bunch of law schools let me in and some of them were in nice places. My then-girlfriend, now wife, was also let into law schools. We chose two law schools in the same city, and it worked out great.”

It worked out great for the School of Law and the University of Missouri, too.

Trachtenberg’s experiences as a law student, and later as a lawyer, benefit his law students. As a member of the university community, his interests in faculty governance and tenure as chair of the MU Faculty Council on University Policy benefit the campus at large.

Trachtenberg received his BA in political science, with distinction in the major, from Yale University. He graduated from Columbia Law School, where as a 3L he was a teaching assistant for the environmental law clinic as well as for his former 1L Contracts professor, Melvin Eisenberg.

“He’s the ideal of what a law professor is,” Trachtenberg says, describing how Eisenberg would give his time to students. He would meet with students outside of class and take them to lunch. Trachtenberg has been doing something similar since he began teaching, inviting students to come over to his house to socialize.

As a teaching assistant, Trachtenberg realized how easy it is for professors to focus on the students who raise their hands the most. Most law students...
would probably agree that there are many students who will not raise their hands, even if they know the answer. Trachtenberg recognizes this fact, so he uses techniques other than cold calling to draw out students.

“I’ll show a video in Evidence and say, ‘You’re the defense lawyer, you’re the prosecutor. What’s your objection to what just happened? What’s your response? You over there, you’re the judge. Is there anything you want to know before you rule on this objection?’”

He wants to get his students engaged, not just with theory and rules but also with practical applications and common problems.

“I try to get people thinking about it,” Trachtenberg explains. “I thought that some of my better teachers at my law school were those who went beyond making sure we knew the material and helped us think about things in a way that would allow us to learn more in the future, when clients needed answers to questions that never came up in law school.”

He also credits his experience as a law clerk as another reason he went into teaching. As a clerk, Trachtenberg researched and wrote a draft opinion on whether a particular remedy used by a federal judge would, or would not, have been available back in 1789. The appellant had argued that a remedy imposed on him for securities fraud was beyond the authority of federal courts to impose. Trachtenberg’s research involved reviewing treatises dated in the late 1700s and early 1800s, as well as hunting down copies of Blackstone printed before the Constitution was ratified. Ultimately, the appellate court found the answer was yes, a judge could have imposed such a remedy in 1789, and the judgment was affirmed.

“The research project was the sort of work that most lawyers rarely get to do, and Trachtenberg had a great time doing it. Therefore, when an opportunity to get into teaching presented itself, he did not hesitate. Teaching would be an opportunity to research, write and talk about the law — all things he enjoyed.

Trachtenberg’s first teaching job was as a visiting assistant professor at Brooklyn Law School. Two years later, Mizzou Law offered him a one-year visiting associate professor position that turned into a long-term associate professor position, and he is now a member of the tenured faculty. This year he teaches Criminal Procedure and Evidence at the law school, and he has previously taught Professional Responsibility.

Since settling in Columbia with his family, Trachtenberg has been committed to the city and university, not just the law school. As a community member, he served on the policy committee for the Columbia Board of Education, and he volunteers at Columbia’s synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom. Serving the university at large, he was elected in 2014 to be the law school’s representative on the MU Faculty Council on University Policy.

Faculty Council fit Trachtenberg’s interests in faculty governance well. Faculty governance, sometimes called shared governance, is the idea that the administration does not run the university alone. Faculty make certain decisions while the administration makes others. For some decisions, administration and faculty work together.

Trachtenberg has been around campus governance since birth. His father served as a university president for 30 years.

“I spent my entire life, from birth until graduating high school, living in what we jokingly referred to as ‘university housing,’ by which we meant the president’s house at two different universities,” Trachtenberg says.

Trachtenberg’s father would host events at the house and invite faculty from different departments. Then, in college, Trachtenberg covered the president’s office for the student newspaper. He spent a year thinking about Yale’s governance and the role of the president. Accordingly, when he became a professor, he was more accustomed to discussing university policy than most new academics.

He started his term on Faculty Council seeking to give his faculty colleagues a voice, a key component of a well-run university. At the end of his first year, the council elected Trachtenberg to be chair for 2015-2016, and he was later reelected for 2016-2017. As chair, he met monthly with the university chancellor and provost. He introduced himself to people around campus whom he thought the Faculty Council chair...
should know, with whom he might work later. For example, he introduced himself to the chief of police, the vice chancellor for operations and members of the Board of Curators.

His first year as chair was, to put it mildly, very eventful. The campus experienced heightened tensions regarding race and university leadership. It was a turbulent, confusing period. Because of the relationships he had built, it was easier to help campus leaders respond to crises.

As chair, Trachtenberg appointed a committee to examine how Mizzou deals with civil rights and Title IX issues, with the goal of making recommendations to the university administration and the Board of Curators. The university later adopted many of those recommendations.

In an ideal world, Trachtenberg might have chosen to run for chair after a few more years of experience, but he does not regret his tenure.

“It’s been a great opportunity for me to have a chance to try to do some good for the university when we, frankly, needed all hands on deck. There are definitely certain other times it would’ve been easier to not be chair of council, but, on the other hand, it might’ve been less interesting to serve, and I might’ve had less of a chance to make some difference.”

He also credits his involvement in campus governance as a learning experience and source of ideas. His forthcoming article, which he submitted to law reviews last summer, concerns university discipline processes and whether university discipline has a bias against students of color. He argues there is a bias and recommends universities collect demographic data on students disciplined by universities. Such data, Trachtenberg believes, will allow for conversations on how to deal with whatever bias may exist.

In his second year as Faculty Council chair, Trachtenberg served on the search committee to select a new university chancellor. He says he thought it was important to choose someone with significant administrative experience who still understood the research and teaching that composes the day-to-day work of most faculty. He also wanted a chancellor who could engage thoughtfully and intelligently on issues like budget problems while also dealing with a range of groups, from undergraduates to faculty to members of the state legislature.

Although his term as chair has ended, and he chose not to run again, Trachtenberg is still involved with the university at large. He is a member of the new Task Force on Academic Program Analysis, Enhancement and Opportunities. Appointed by the provost in response to the current budget challenges, the task force will make recommendations regarding which programs to continue, consolidate or discontinue, as well as which programs merit greater support. The goal is to make decisions sooner rather than later. Last-minute decisions, Trachtenberg says, are not fair to “the students, the faculty or, frankly, the institution.”

“We’re there for the institution as a whole,” Trachtenberg explains.

Trachtenberg expects to be at Mizzou for a long time. He is turning his attentions back toward the law school.

“There are probably going to be, one day, former students of mine on the Supreme Court of Missouri,” Trachtenberg says. “And that would be pretty cool. You talk to people who have been here a long time, and they’ve gotten to see their students do a lot of incredible things.”

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“Thrifty Budget” Results in Dramatic Debt Load Reduction

Do an online search for “law school debt load” and immediately you’ll see multiple posts showing staggering numbers for law school debt. U.S. News & World Report posts almost five pages of law schools with average debt upwards of $100,000 – one as high as $182,411, with 90 percent of that school’s students carrying some form of law school debt.

In addition, many incoming law students carry other forms of debt before attempting to finance three years of law school. Some carry student loans from their undergraduate educations, or graduate degrees, and some have personal financial obligations, such as auto loans or credit card debt.

Campus and University of Missouri System leadership have prioritized educational accessibility in recent months. This is a goal of Dean Lyrissa Lidsky’s as well.

“As the daughter of teachers and a product of public schools, I am fully committed to making law school a viable option for all talented students,” she says. “I am passionate about this field and the difference our students can make in the world. We want to make it possible for our students to consider jobs after graduation that speak to their passions, not just their pocketbooks.”

When beginning a career with a lower or no student loan payment, graduates are better able to follow their career passions, as well as make different housing choices, increase savings for the future or build up a rainy day fund.

Mizzou Law average student debt in the last decade has reached as high as $78,110. That was in 2012. In response to the incremental rise of student debt load, and the corresponding reality that this rise made the law school less accessible and graduating students less nimble in job selection, the law school’s financial aid coordinator devised a proactive approach to student financial management.

In the fall of 2014, Jeff Turnbull, who is an Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC®), created the Mizzou Law Thrifty Budget. The goal in implementing the Thrifty Budget was to help students budget their money effectively and to reduce student loan debt. Besides tuition, the largest cost for getting a law degree is living expenses. Because students have control over this, unlike tuition, the plan concentrates primarily on the reduction of student living expenses, with suggestions like living with roommates and taking public transportation.

“I tell the students upfront that certain expenses are fixed, such as tuition and fees, but many expenses are within their control,” Turnbull says. “Skipping that daily latte, having a roommate or riding the bus is a small inconvenience if it means you don’t have to be handcuffed with onerous debt for years after graduation.”

Incoming law students default to the Thrifty Budget, which is about $7,000 less than the standard budget used to calculate student financial aid. There are many legitimate reasons for students opting out of the Thrifty Budget – those with families, for example. The intention is to encourage, not require, students to take careful consideration of their potential costs and indebtedness over the three years of their legal educations.

There is no question the Thrifty Budget works. During the last academic year, 74 percent of students participated in this program. Since 2012, the average student loan debt has declined by 31 percent. The Class of 2017 is the first three-year cohort for using the Thrifty Budget, with an average law school debt load of $53,480 – down $10,000 from just the year before.

In addition to the Thrifty Budget, Turnbull oversees a financial literacy program at the School of Law. The goal of the program is to provide up-to-date information and rational suggestions to empower students to make informed decisions about the cost of professional school, spending, managing money, reducing debt, maintaining credit worthiness, purchasing insurance, and saving and investing.

To do this, Turnbull:

• Helps students understand everything financial for law school, including loans, billing, tuition, cost, refunds, etc.
• Provides loan entrance counseling for new borrowers and exit counseling upon graduation
• Communicates about debt awareness throughout law school
• Provides pre-law school communications and counseling
• Offers a variety of programs promoting financial wellness and resiliency, including one-on-one counseling and workshops on a variety of financial topics.
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Citation of Merit

Rodney E. Loomer, ’74, (right) joined the firm of Turner, Reid, Duncan, Loomer & Patton in Springfield in 1974. He concentrates his practice on products liability, insurance defense and medical malpractice. He was introduced by the Honorable Gary Oxenhandler, ’73.

Citation of Merit

Rhonda C. Thomas, ’73, (center) received the Citation of Merit following an introduction by Jan Robey Alonzo, ’82. Thomas has been a partner in Thompson Coburn for more than 27 years, practicing public and corporate law.

Distinguished Recent Graduate Award

Darryl M. Chatman, ’08, (center) currently serves as general counsel for the Missouri Department of Agriculture. He holds four degrees from the University of Missouri and serves as a member of the University of Missouri System Board of Curators. He was introduced by Assistant Dean Emeritus Bob Bailey, ’79.
Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award

The Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award was presented to Joan M. Krauskopf (right), who taught at the School of Law from 1963 to 1987 as its first female faculty member. Her courses included Family Law, Torts and Elderlaw Seminar. She was introduced by the Honorable Nanette K. Laughrey, ’75.

Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award

Abigail Williams, a third-year law student from Lake Ozark, Mo., received the Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award. She holds a bachelor’s degree in political science with a minor in English from the University of Kansas.

Entrepreneurship Award

An entrepreneur, educator and filmmaker, Chad A. Troutwine, ’97, (center) is co-founder of Veritas Prep, Codesmith, Spectrum Station, Torn Label and Rock Bridge Brewery. He has financed and produced 17 documentary and narrative feature films and is the co-founder of Freakonomics Media. He was introduced for the Entrepreneurship Award by former Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander.

Husch Blackwell Distinguished Faculty Award

Professor Rafael Gely received the Husch Blackwell Distinguished Faculty Award, which was created to recognize a faculty member who has established a record of distinguished achievement in teaching. He joined the law school faculty in 2008 and currently serves as the director of the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP Excellence in Research Award

Professor S.I. Strong was selected for the Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP Excellence in Research Award for her article, “Mass Torts and Arbitration: Lessons from Abalat v. Argentine Republic,” which was published in Uncertain Causation in Tort Law (Cambridge University Press, 2015). This award is presented annually to the faculty member who demonstrates excellence in research based on a published article from the previous year.
Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice

The 2017 recipient of the Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice was Professor Wilson Freyermuth, who joined the law school in 1992. He teaches Property, Real Estate Finance, Real Estate Transactions, Real Estate Leasing and Secured Transactions. He also serves actively in national law reform efforts.

Order of the Coif Honorary Initiate

MaryMichael Sterchi, ’82, (right) this year’s Order of the Coif Honorary Initiate, was introduced by her daughter, Megan Sterchi Lammert, ’15. Sterchi has served as a trial lawyer for nearly 35 years. She began her litigation career with the Woolsey, Fisher firm in Springfield, Mo., then practiced with the Baker, Sterchi firm in Kansas City, Mo., becoming their first woman partner in 1988.

Order of Barristers Honorary Initiate

The Order of Barristers Honorary Initiate presented at Law Day was Morry S. Cole, ’97 (center). Cole, who was introduced by Rodney E. Loomer, ’74, practices with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis, where he handles complex litigation. He has served as lead trial and appellate counsel in a wide variety of complicated cases in state and federal courts throughout Missouri and the Midwest.

Order of the Coif Initiates from the Class of 2016

Travis Aaron Braun
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Suzanne Louise Specker
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Joseph E. Dumas
Sheaffer K. Fennessey
Miles Figg
Tamar Hodges
Jenna E. Homeyer
Alex Langley
Courtney Lauer
Theresa M. Mullineaux
Aaron Snipes
Daily received her BA in English, her MA in English and her JD from MU. Before attending law school, she taught English composition to high school and university students and she practiced law in Glasgow, Mo.

In retirement, Daily and her husband, William J. Daily, ’78, are traveling and spending time with their family (especially their grandchildren). In 2017, they visited San Francisco, New Orleans and the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior. Next on the list: Alaska, New Zealand and Australia.

While making time for travel and family, Daily continues to be involved with the law school. Last fall, she taught Legal Research & Writing for international students in our LLM programs. During the spring semester, she is supervising an independent research project. She is also editing a book for Professor Emeritus Len Riskin. She also continues to be active in her community, serving on the Lewis Library of Glasgow Board of Directors, which just completed a restoration project on the library building, built in 1866.

“I miss my students and all my friends at the law school, but I am enjoying retirement,” Daily says. “Finally I have time to read some of the books on my must-read list.”

Melody Richardson Daily, ’86, retired after the spring 2017 semester. Daily taught Legal Research & Writing, Advocacy & Research, Education Law, and Client Interviewing & Counseling, and provided one-on-one writing instruction to law students through the Mizzou Law Writing Center. During her time at the law school, she also served as externship director for 19 years, supervising more than 500 law student externs who provided 50,000 hours of unpaid work for judges, federal and state government agencies, public defenders, prosecuting attorneys, and public interest organizations.

Daily served on the editorial board of Legal Communication and Rhetoric: J ALWD and was an active member of the Legal Writing Institute and the Association of Legal Writing Directors. She regularly presented programs on legal writing at regional and national conferences.

John Dethman retired after the fall 2017 semester. Dethman had served as a reference librarian in the Law Library since 2001, providing expert research assistance to faculty and patrons and coordinating the library’s access services department.

He also amused his colleagues with his sense of humor. When asked for his biography for this magazine, he wrote:
Once upon a time, in a galaxy far, far away … oops, wrong story.

Born in Washington, D.C., as Dwight Eisenhower was feted to a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue.

Raised in Arlington, Va., and, more importantly, in Dearborn, Mich., where I luckily graduated from Dearborn High School.

Long periods of lackluster higher education followed (intercepted by two years at Ford Motor Company): Northwestern (BS), University of Denver (JD) and New York University (LLM in Taxation).

Finally really employed: first, with the IRS and U.S. Chamber of Commerce, in the town of my birth; nine years of teaching; and 16 years of private practice (mostly transactional with some disputes with the IRS). Then I found my true calling as a law librarian at MU. That has been a good gig. I will miss it.
Faculty Awards

Over the last year, six law school faculty members have been recognized for excellence in teaching, research and service. We congratulate these faculty members and thank them for their dedication to the School of Law and to the legal profession!

Anne Alexander, ’08, received the Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award from the MU Office of the Provost. The award aims to recognize junior faculty for superior teaching and advising on the MU campus and recognizes up to three junior faculty members each year. A main qualification for the award is teaching excellence and dedication to the teaching-learning process inside and outside the classroom. Full-time assistant and associate professors who have served as faculty for five or fewer years are eligible for the award.

Alexander is an associate teaching professor of law.

R. Wilson Freyermuth was recognized by the Mizzou Alumni Association with a Faculty-Alumni Award. He was noted for his distinguished career as a teacher and scholar, including service as the executive director of the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Real Property Acts and service to the Uniform Law Commission as Reporter for four uniform laws. Faculty-Alumni Awards recognize the achievements of faculty and alumni. Assistant, associate and full professors are considered for their work as teachers, researchers and administrators.

Freyermuth has been a member of the law school faculty since 1992 and currently serves as the John D. Lawson Professor of Law.

Angela K. Drake was announced as the 2018 recipient of the Deborah L. Rhode Award from the Association of American Law Schools’ (AALS) Section on Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunity. She received the award at the AALS annual meeting in January.

The Rhode Award is presented to a full-time faculty member or dean who has made an outstanding contribution to increasing pro bono and public service in the law school setting through scholarship, leadership or service. Drake was recognized for her determination and dedicated work with veterans.

Since 2014, Drake has directed the law school’s Veterans Clinic.

Rafael Gely was presented with the David Petersen Award by the National Academy of Arbitrators. The award was established to recognize individuals, either academy members or non-members, who have given invaluable and quiet service to the academy. Gely was selected in recognition of his work on arbitrationinfo.com, the neutral website which is a partnership between the academy and the School of Law. The site was created to provide educational resources about arbitration for journalists, involved parties, advocates, scholars and interested members of the public.

In selecting him for this award, the academy noted that Gely’s “diligence and hard work contribute significantly to the understanding of labor and employment arbitration in both the U.S. and Canada. Indeed, we believe that, over time, his efforts will serve to elevate the level of public discourse about the process to which Academy members have devoted their professional lives.”

Gely serves as the director of the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution and James E. Campbell Missouri Endowed Professor of Law.

Thom Lambert was presented with a 2017 William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, which is given to only five outstanding teachers at MU each year.

According to Lambert’s students, it is his commitment to his students’ careers and well-being that makes Lambert stand apart as a professor.

“Professor Lambert’s greatest gift is his ability to explain difficult concepts clearly and concisely, walking his students through myriad legal principles in a straightforward and organized way,” said Brian Stair, ’14.

“His ability to teach reaches far beyond
the confines of his classroom. He often makes himself available to students to discuss career opportunities, future classes and other professors with which to work.”

The Kemper awards are presented each year by the university chancellor and the CEO of Commerce Bank, joined in celebration by faculty, staff and students. The William T. Kemper Fellowship was established in 1991 with a $500,000 gift. Kemper, a 1926 MU graduate, was a well-known civic leader in Kansas City until his death in 1989.

Lambert serves at the law school’s Wall Chair in Corporate Law and Governance and Professor of Law.

James M. Niemann, ’93, was presented with the University of Missouri System President’s Award for Economic Development, which recognizes faculty of the four UM System campuses who have directly contributed to the economic development of the state. He was formally recognized by UM System President Mun Choi during an awards celebration in June.

His nominator, Professor Gary Myers, wrote: “The scale of Jim’s involvement in the entrepreneurial fabric of Missouri is truly marvelous. His clinic has already advised 70 business ventures, helped train 24 law students...and provided valuable collaboration with those in the economic development sphere – whether at the MU campus, at the System level, in the transactional business law world, or in the broader community.”

Niemann serves as the inaugural director of the law school’s Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic.
The School of Law recognizes the following individuals who provided financial support during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. Classes achieving a 15 percent or better participation rate are noted. Class giving totals are indicated only when there are five or more donors included.

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A Note About Transcript

Transcript – or some form of printed alumni news – has been published in some iteration since at least 1957. In the early days, it took the form of a 6-page newsletter. Changes in technology and consumer habits caused the publication to evolve to the format you read today – a glossy 40- to 60-page full-color magazine designed and printed professionally.

During Dean Lidsky’s first semester as dean, she has looked at the way the law school operates to determine what we are doing well, and what we can do better. One of her goals has been to improve our communications efforts and Transcript is a very large piece of our communications plan, used to inform alumni and friends, donors, hiring partners, judges, other law schools, etc.

Transcript is a labor-intensive piece to produce, taking the time of several members of the faculty and staff, and it is expensive to produce. Over my 16-year tenure at the School of Law – during all of which I have served as the magazine’s editor – we have had several conversations about the future viability of the magazine. Typically these conversations occur in conjunction with university-driven budget cuts.

Dean Lidsky recently made the difficult decision to reduce the publication of Transcript from twice per year to once per year. By doing so, the law school will save an estimated $20,000 per year that the dean can use on other priorities. In addition, this will free the time of our small communications staff to better balance the daily needs of digital communication (website, social media, electronic newsletters, etc.) with the demands of print.

We are not yet certain exactly what format the magazine will take or when that issue might be distributed. We are also not yet certain how Transcript’s most-read content – news about alumni – will be conveyed to the magazine’s readers. But rest assured that we strive to continue to provide a platform – or multiple platforms! – for news about the law school and all the members of its community.

As we reimagine Transcript, I welcome your feedback. Please feel free to email or call me with your thoughts at bakercd@missouri.edu or 573-884-7833.

Casey Baker
Editor
50s

Herbert C. Willbrand, ’59, received the Distinguished Professional Award from the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic in September. The award recognizes a bar association member in practice for 15 or more years who exemplifies the highest legal and ethical standards to which all legal professionals should strive.

Willbrand practices with Brown Willbrand in Columbia.

60s

W. Hampton Ford Jr., ’64, received the Distinguished Professional Award from the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic in September. The award recognizes a bar association member in practice for 15 or more years who exemplifies the highest legal and ethical standards to which all legal professionals should strive.

Ford is a senior partner with Ford, Parshall & Baker in Columbia.

70s

Michael Middleton, ’71, received the Lifetime Achiever in Education Award at the St. Louis American Foundation’s Salute to Excellence in Education Scholarship and Awards Gala. Proceeds from the event benefit the foundation, which distributed more than $700,000 in minority scholarships and grants last year.

Middleton serves as the interim president of Lincoln University, in Jefferson City, Mo. He will hold the position until the university board of curators names a replacement. Middleton most recently served as interim president of the University of Missouri System. Before that, he retired in August 2015 from the deputy chancellor position at MU.

David C. Zucker, ’71, was re-elected for a four-year term as mayor of the City of Dardenne Prairie, Mo.

He also serves as chair of the St. Charles County Republican Central Committee.

Zucker retired from Express Scripts, Inc., in 2013. He previously practiced law for 21 years in California, and for 20 years in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps.

James C. England, ’72, celebrated his 41st year on the bench. He was appointed U.S. magistrate judge for the Western District of Missouri on Nov. 15, 1976. He has served for 36 years as an active judge and five years on recall.

John M. Carnahan III, ’74, was selected by Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyers magazine as among the top attorneys in Missouri for 2017.

According to Super Lawyers, only five percent of attorneys in Missouri and Kansas are selected for inclusion. The research team “undertakes a rigorous multi-phase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by the attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area, and a good-standing and disciplinary check.”

Carnahan practices with Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown in Springfield, Mo.

Randall R. Jackson, ’74, retired from the position of circuit judge, Division 1, for the 5th Judicial Circuit of Missouri, which serves Buchanan and Andrew counties. Jackson served 40 years and eight months and was Missouri’s longest-serving active judge at the time of his retirement on September 1.

Elizabeth Lang-Miers, ’75, serves as chair of the Multi District Litigation Panel for the State of Texas. She is a justice on the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas, located in Dallas.

Michael K. Whitehead, ’75, and his son, Jonathan, were local counsel for Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc., before the U.S. Supreme Court on April 19. The court ruled 7-2 in favor of the church in an important First Amendment precedent (137 S.Ct 2012 (June 26, 2017)).

Whitehead practices with his son, a 2004 Harvard Law School alumnus, in Lee’s Summit, Mo.

Kenneth D. Dean, ’76, was recognized with a Faculty-Alumni Award by the Mizzou Alumni Association.

Dean, who was presented with an award as an alumnus, was noted for “his excellence in teaching as well as for his judicious administrative leadership, especially in times of transition for the School of Law and for the university.”

The Faculty-Alumni Awards recognize the achievements of faculty and alumni. Alumni are considered for both their accomplishments in professional life and service to their alma mater. Dean most recently served as interim dean of the School of Law. He is retired but continues his years of service to the Law School Foundation as secretary-treasurer.

Steven P. Kuenzel Sr., ’76, was named a senior fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA). He has been an LCA fellow since 2010.

The LCA is a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship is highly selective and by invitation only. Fellows are selected based upon excellence and accomplishment in litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels, and superior ethical reputation. Senior fellow status is reserved for advanced commitment to and support of the LCA, Diversity Law Institute and Trial Law Institute.

Kuenzel serves as managing partner of Eckelkamp Kuenzel in Washington, Mo. He is also a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and a life member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Ann K. Covington, ’77, former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri, was among five notable MU alumni recognized with the inaugural Jefferson Club Golden Quill Alumni Excellence Award. Her name appears on the Jesse Hall Notable Alumni Wall inside the south entrance of Jesse Hall on the MU campus.

John E. Price, ’79, was selected by Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyers magazine as among the top attorneys in Missouri for 2017.

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ALUMNI PROFILE: ROGER E. COMBS, ’76
by Shajiah Jaffri, 1L

Major General Roger E. Combs’ long and accomplished careers in the military and legal field began in a one-room country schoolhouse with no electricity and no running water. Born on a family dairy farm in rural Gentry County in northwest Missouri, Combs was one of three first grade students who attended that one-room country school. All three of those first grade students went on to earn advanced degrees.

Although he originally intended to attend veterinary school, Combs believes going to law school was a blessing in disguise. He credits Edgar Shook, partner at the law firm Shook, Hardy, & Bacon, for his decision to attend law school at MU. Combs, who drove a cab during his last two years as an undergraduate, regularly drove Shook and his wife to football games when the pair visited Columbia.

Combs began law school in the fall of 1967. Unfortunately, the Vietnam War was escalating, and two months into his first semester, Combs received a draft notice. By early 1968, he was at the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va. The following year, he was selected to attend flight school, and, in 1969, he was deployed to South Vietnam for a year as a combat helicopter pilot. He describes that year as “unforgettable.” After his tour in Vietnam, Combs married his wife, Gloria, and spent another two and a half years back at Quantico flying training missions.

Combs returned to MU in 1973, with aid from the GI Bill and part-time jobs, one of which involved working as an evening supervisor at the Hearnes Center, and the other of which was flying helicopters with the Missouri Army National Guard. As a 28-year-old veteran, he wondered if he made the right decision to return to law school. He discovered that several of his classmates also were veterans and their common background in military service brought them together. As a group, they decided to build relationships with their veteran professors by having a “War Stories, Beer and Pizza” party.

After graduation, Combs moved to St. Joseph, Mo., for his first job as a legal adviser in the Missouri Division of Workers’ Compensation. After three years, he became a partner in a small firm in St. Joseph. While there, he also transferred to the Air National Guard and became Director of Intelligence at the 139th Airlift Unit.

Eventually, he moved back to Gentry County and started a solo general practice while also serving as a prosecuting attorney. In 1990, he was elected associate circuit judge. He served until 2006, when he retired.

Through his legal career, Combs continued his military service. He was selected as Missouri Assistant Adjutant General for Air and promoted to brigadier general. While at the Missouri Air National Guard Headquarters in Jefferson City, Combs became involved in strategic and long-range planning for Air Guard units and was chosen as an advisor to the

Director of the Air National Guard. He also served as co-chairman of the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee and, in that role, briefed the Secretary of the Air Force on relevant policy issues.

Combs’ final assignment as a deputy to the Chief of the Joint National Guard Bureau saw him promoted to major general. He was responsible for strategic plans and policy for the men and women in the Army and Air National Guard. He retired as a major general in 2007 after more than 39 years of military service.

In retirement, Combs and his wife have been able to enjoy some traveling and rest, but a cancer diagnosis prevented his plans to practice law part-time and offer some defense consulting.

Combs’s judicial and military careers, he says, entwined. They influenced each other. The Marine Corps instilled in him the determination and self-discipline to succeed in law school. His military experience influenced his time as a prosecutor and judge. His law degree from the University of Missouri and ensuing legal career formed the foundation for his later achievements in the Air National Guard.
statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by the attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area, and a good-standing and disciplinary check.”

Price practices with Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown in Springfield, Mo.

80s

Christine Carpenter, ’80, retired from the 13th Judicial Circuit of Missouri in Boone County on August 31. She continued to serve as a senior judge until her mandated retirement date of October 19.

Carpenter was first appointed to the bench en banc as a drug court commissioner. Throughout her tenure on the bench, she has been a leader in both Missouri and the United States in the field of recovery courts.

Jerome S. “Rusty” Antel III, ’81, received the Outstanding Service Award from the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic in September. The award recognizes a bar association member who has made significant contributions to the benefit of the legal profession, the justice system and/or the community.

Antel is managing partner of Walther, Antel & Weber in Columbia.

Don M. Downing, ’82, was named a recipient of a 2018 “Influential Lawyer” award by Missouri Lawyers Weekly, along with Pat Stueve of Stueve Siegel Hanson in Kansas City, Mo. They were honored on January 26 for their work as co-lead plaintiff counsel in a federal multi-district litigation involving hundreds of thousands of corn producers, exporters and other industry participants’ claims against Switzerland-based Syngenta over a strain of the company’s genetically modified corn seed.

In June 2017, the first of eight statewide class action lawsuits certified to date in the multi-district litigation was tried in the U.S. District Court of the District of Kansas. Downing, Stueve and the two other co-lead counsel represented more than 7,000 Kansas corn growers in the bellwether litigation. After a three-week trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs of $217.7 million, which was 100 percent of the compensatory damages requested Downing and Stueve.

Downing practices with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis, Mo.

Jeffrey J. Comotto, ’83, was named national Make-A-Wish Volunteer of the Year. He has served as a volunteer for Make-A-Wish Missouri since 1986. He was recognized for “a passion for the mission of Make-A-Wish, a commitment to excellence, always putting wish children first, a strong sense of community, and an innate ability to inspire and lead others into action for the children” the organization serves. The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Comotto retired from Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis.

Kim M. Roam, ’83, retired from the private practice of law after 34 years and now serves as executive vice president and division manager of the Wealth Management Group of Blue Ridge Bank & Trust Co. in Independence, Mo.

Previously Roam practiced with the firm historically known as the Cochran, Oswald Law Firm in Blue Springs, Mo.

Glen R. Ehrhardt, ’85, received the Outstanding Service Award from the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic in September. The award recognizes a bar association member who has made significant contributions to the benefit of the legal profession, the justice system and/or the community.

Ehrhardt practices with Rogers, Ehrhardt & Weber in Columbia.

Kimberly Norwood, ’85, was among the 2017 Spirit of Justice awardees from the St. Louis Bar Foundation, which recognizes lawyers, non-lawyers and organizations who “have demonstrated accomplishments, leadership and integrity in fostering and maintaining the rule of law and in facilitating and promoting improvement of the administration of justice.”

She serves as a commissioner on the American Bar Association Standing Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. During her three-year term, she will work specifically on the Model Diversity Survey Committee and the Programs and CLES Committee.

Norwood is the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law and Professor of African & African American Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Ronald A. Norwood, ’86, received the 2017 St Louis County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Medgar Wiley Evers Legal Advocacy Award at its annual Freedom Fund leadership dinner in St. Louis.

Norwood is a member of Lewis Rice in St. Louis, Mo., and serves as chair of the firm’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Melissa K. Force, ’87, is the general counsel for Spaceport America, the world’s first purpose-built commercial spaceport, located in southern New Mexico. Previously she was the principal partner of a consulting firm in Los Angeles, Calif., where she provided legal advice on complex international policy and legal issues to clients in the aerospace industry. While in Los Angeles, she taught courses on aviation and space law as an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School.

Force is an elected member of the International Institute of Space Law and is co-chair of its Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Committee. She holds an LLM from the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University in the Netherlands, in addition to her law degree and a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from MU.

M. Shawn Askinosie, ’89, and his daughter, Lawren, recently published Meaningful Work: A Quest To Do Great Business, Find Your Calling, and Feed Your Soul.

According to the book’s publisher, Penguin Random House, the book is an “inspiring guide to discovering a vocation that feeds your heart and soul….” Askinosie describes his quest to discover more meaningful work — a search that led him to volunteering in the palliative care wing of a hospital, to a Trappist monastery where he became inspired by the monks focus on ‘being’ rather than ‘doing,’ and eventually tramping through jungles across the globe in search of excellent cocoa bean farmers to make award-winning chocolate. Askinosie shares his hard-won insights into doing work that reflects one’s values and purpose in life. He shares with readers visioning tools that can be used in any industry or field to create a work life that is inspired and fulfilling. Askinosie shows us that everyone has the capacity to find meaning in their work and be a positive force for good in the world.”

Askinosie is the founder and chief executive officer of Askinosie Chocolate in Springfield, Mo. His daughter serves as the company’s chief marketing officer.
When Ronald A. Norwood joined Lewis Rice as a litigator in 1988, after serving as a law clerk for Federal District Court Judge Scott O. Wright, ’50, he was the firm’s only African-American associate. The only other African-American attorney was a partner at the firm and served as his firm mentor. Today, based on his leadership as chair of the Lewis Rice Diversity and Inclusion (DAI) Committee, Lewis Rice has been recognized for its commitment to diversity, and the firm is the most diverse it has been in its over 100-year history. In 2017, the firm was selected to receive the Corporate Diversity Award given by the St. Louis American Foundation—the first law firm to receive the award in the 18 years it has been given. The award is evidence of the hard work and success of the firm’s DAI Committee since its creation in 2013.

Norwood was appointed committee chair because of his personal commitment to equality in the legal profession and his community outreach efforts, which included facilitating firm job shadowing for high school students. Lewis Rice also believed Norwood would help advance its longstanding commitment to diversity. In facilitating job shadowing for high school students, Norwood would lead small group tours that would visit the firm, a local law school and then federal or state courthouses to watch civil and criminal proceedings. The students would have the opportunity to meet lawyers and non-lawyer professionals and ask questions over lunch.

Since its creation, Lewis Rice’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee has redoubled the firm’s commitment in this area with the goal of becoming a recognized leader in legal diversity. The DAI Committee’s work revolves around four pillars: proactive, diverse recruitment; proactive mentorship of young associates; proactive community outreach with student and professional organizations and other community oriented programs; and proactive retention efforts. Through its work, the DAI Committee has supported the College Bound Program and Black Law Students Associations at Missouri law schools, including MU, as well as organizations that support women and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.

Norwood says that one of the main challenges for the DAI Committee is convincing some attorneys that these initiatives are good for business. The committee has been successful in moving the needle by convincing those attorneys that bringing in more women and people of color, and getting rid of implicit biases about whether these groups can perform well, is good for the firm’s business, as well as being the right thing to do.

“Our profession is a service-oriented profession,” says Norwood. “The job is supposed to be about justice. And achieving justice for our clients is one thing. But in a broader context, social justice is also very important.”

Being African-American helped Norwood see the practice of law from different vantage points and navigate the legal terrain from different circumstances. Even before his role as chairperson, Norwood recognized the value of diversity and inclusion in the legal community. He has been active in the community as a mentor and with different organizations that celebrate diversity and inclusion. He works with the Black Law Students Association at the School of Law. He mentors college students, law students and new lawyers. He serves as chair of the Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents.

Community involvement is important to Norwood because he remembers the people who mentored him. Maurice D. Early, ’84, encouraged him to attend the School of Law. Assistant Dean Emeritus Robert G. Bailey, ’79, advised and taught Norwood during his time in law school. And his wife, Washington University School of Law Professor Kimberly Jade Norwood, ’85, served as an inspiration during law school, and her current work in implicit bias and colorism serves as a constant motivation for Norwood to inspire others in the area of legal diversity.

As someone coming from a humble background, Norwood feels an obligation and commitment to give back and to make sure other upcoming law students and lawyers have the same opportunities and successes he has had.
Lashly & Baer in St. Louis, Mo. Group and the Transportation Practice Group at business-related areas of law.

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The election is in spring 2018.

Kevin L. Fritz, ’93, is the vice chair of the 2017-2018 USLAW Network’s Executive Committee. USLAW Network is an international organization composed of more than 100 independent, defense-based law firms experienced in commercial and business law, employment and labor law, litigation and other business-related areas of law.

Fritz is the chair of both the Litigation Practice Group and the Transportation Practice Group at Lashly & Baer in St. Louis, Mo.

Brian R. Hajicek, ’93, practices with Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Taylor, and Elliott in Columbia. He concentrates his practice in the areas of general civil litigation, commercial litigation and transactions, and real estate litigation and transactions. He also assists clients with estate planning needs.

Randy Charles Alberhasky, ’94, was elected to the executive committee of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys. He has served on the board of governors since 2012 and has more than 20 years of trial and appellate court experience representing injured workers, veterans and their families.

Alberhasky practices with the Alberhasky Law Firm in Springfield, Mo.

W. Brent Powell, ’96, was selected by Missouri Governor Eric Greitens as the newest judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri. His formal investiture was held on September 8 at the Supreme Court in Jefferson City.

“He loves the law,” Governor Greitens said. “He loves Missouri. He respects the constitution. He is a mentor who helps with young lawyers… He is a servant-leader devoted to the community.”

Powell served as an associate with Lathrop & Gage after graduating from law school before spending four years as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Platte County, Mo. He then joined the United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Missouri. At the time of his appointment, he had served for more than nine years as a circuit judge in the 16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri in Jackson County.

Brian D. Waller, ’96, serves as vice president of government relations for the Shelter Insurance Companies, based in Columbia.

Joe Vanover, ’98, returned to private practice after 14 years as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Platte County (Mo.) and a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri. He focuses on appellate law, real estate and litigation. He started Vanover Law LLC and works of counsel with Gunn, Shank & Stover in Kansas City, Mo.

Tyson H. Ketchum, ’00, is deputy general counsel of Armstrong Teasdale. He is responsible for protecting the firm’s legal interests, maintaining its operations within the scope established by law and providing guidance on risk management and related liability issues. As an experienced litigator, Ketchum primarily focuses on employment discrimination, insurance coverage, personal injury and commercial litigation cases. His practice is unique in that he has handled high-stakes cases for clients involving many different areas of law.

Ketchum is based in the firm’s Kansas City, Mo., office.

Julie Westcott O’Dell, ’00, is a partner with Bryan Cave in Irvine, Calif. She assists clients with their employment needs, defending against employment-related claims brought under Title VII and California’s Fair Employment and Housing Act, including discrimination, harassment, retaliation and wrongful discharge. She also defends against claims of wage and hour violations, including class and representative actions. She advises and counsels clients on employment-related issues for compliance with federal and state employment laws, discipline and termination, requests for accommodation and leaves of absence. She also provides training to employers for harassment, leaves of absence, workplace violence and handling of employee complaints.

Aimee Davenport, ’01, is a partner with Stinson Leonard Street in the firm’s Jefferson City, Mo., office. She assists local governments and private clients in all aspects of environmental and energy law. She has an extensive background in regulatory permitting and defense of enforcement actions under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts. She also assists local governments in resolving territorial disputes that impact the provision of public utilities.

Amanda Pennington Ketchum, ’01, was elected to the 2017-2018 USLAW Network’s Board of Directors. USLAW Network is an international organization composed of more than 100 independent, defense-based law firms experienced
in commercial and business law, employment and labor law, litigation and other business-related areas of law. Ketchum also serves on the organization’s Managing Directors Steering Committee.

Ketchum serves as managing director of Dysart Taylor Cotter McMonigle & Montemore in Kansas City, Mo.

Stefan A. Mallen, ’02, is a partner with Bryan Cave in St. Louis, Mo. He has a national practice that includes litigating, leading and managing complex product liability, commercial litigation and class action matters in state and federal courts across the country, including in multidistrict litigation and mass tort proceedings. He has extensive experience in pharmaceutical, medical device and automotive litigation, and represents several Fortune 500 manufacturers.

Thomas K. Neill, ’02, was elected commissioner of the Appellate Judicial Commission for the Eastern District of Missouri for a six-year term. The seven-member commission selects nominees to fill vacancies on Missouri’s three appellate courts, as well as the Supreme Court of Missouri. The governor then appoints one of the three nominees to serve on the court.

Neill practices with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis, focusing primarily in civil litigation.

JR Swanegan, ’04, is an Association of International Education Administrators Presidential Fellow for the 2017-2018 academic year. As an AIEA presidential fellow, he works with a mentor from another campus to learn how an experienced senior international officer and the officer’s institution address international education challenges and solve problems.

Swanegan is the assistant dean for international programs at Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Ryan Vacca, ’04, joined the faculty of New Hampshire School of Law and its Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property. Previously, he was the David L. Brennan Professor of Law at The University of Akron School of Law, where he also served as the interim co-dean and director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Technology.

Vacca’s research in intellectual property covers a broad range of topics including 3D printing, genetically modified food, patent reform efforts, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, empirical studies, the music industry and healthcare.

Christopher R. Pieper, ’05, manages the new Columbia office of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch. His practice focuses primarily on regulatory and government solutions, administrative law, professional licensing, real estate, public finance and tax incentives, local government, environmental law, and state and local tax.

Robert W. Stephens, ’05, is an associate with Swanson, Martin & Bell in St. Louis, Mo. He concentrates his practice in toxic tort litigation including asbestos litigation defense. He was formerly an associate at Pitzer Snodgrass in St. Louis.

Melissa Lawyer, ’06, was appointed by Missouri Governor Eric Greitens to serve as circuit court judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Missouri, which encompasses Buchanan and Andrew counties. She is the first woman to serve as circuit court judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Before her appointment, she served as the deputy city attorney for the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Amy M. Ludwig, ’06, was named to Airport Business magazine’s “Top 40 Under 40” list for delivering “outstanding results during her five years leading aviation for the Missouri Department of Transportation” and for making Missouri “one of the top aviation-friendly states in the nation.”

Ludwig is the administrator of aviation for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) in Jefferson City. She serves as the National Association of State Aviation Officials regional director for the central region and on the association’s legislative committee. Previously she served as an attorney for MODOT.

Adam D. Woody, ’06, was named in Best Lawyers in America for his work in DUI/DWI defense. He was also selected by the editorial board of the Springfield Business Journal as one of three attorneys to be named a Trusted Advisor in Southwest Missouri, and was elected to the executive board of the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as secretary.

Wood practices with the Law Office of Adam Woody in Springfield, Mo.

G. Michael Brown, ’07, is the deputy general counsel for the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. Previously, he was a political consultant in Texas, serving as the national political director for Ben Carson’s 2016 presidential campaign and working as the chief of staff for Texas State Representative Jason Isaac.

Emily J. Fretwell, ’07, practices with Call & Gentry Law Group in Jefferson City, Mo. She has a decade of experience in family law, child custody, modification, criminal law and personal injury.

Elijah Haahr, ’08, is of counsel with Lathrop Gage in Springfield, Mo. He is a member of its product liability, toxic and mass tort team.

Haahr is the speaker pro tem for the Missouri House of Representatives, having served as a state representative for the 134th legislative district since 2013. He was elected as the next speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, replacing current House Speaker Todd Richardson, who will be termed out of office in 2018. Haahr’s term will begin in 2019.

Tana Benner, ’09, announces the opening of her own law firm, Benner Law, in Columbia. Her practice focuses on family law and divorce. She has worked exclusively in family law matters for more than a decade. Prior to opening her own firm, she was an attorney at Columbia Family Law Group in Columbia.
A. Jay Preston, ’11, was selected to participate in Leadership Springfield Class 34, a nine-month comprehensive community-based leadership program in Springfield, Mo. Preston practices with Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown in Springfield, where he is a member of the litigation/dispute resolution group and concentrates his practice in the areas of business and civil litigation, as well as real estate litigation.

Daniel S. Rich, ’11, is vice president of Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) operations for Managed Health Services in Indiana. In this role, he is responsible for operations of HIP, including administering enrollment and invoicing programs, maintaining program compliance and achieving operational excellence. Previously he served as corporate operations manager for Centene Corporate.

Nathan Atkinson, ’12, joined the Missouri Attorney General’s Office in Kansas City, Mo., in the Consumer Protection Division.

Joseph N. Blumberg, ’12, is an associate with Perkins Coie in Chicago. He is a member of the firm’s Personal Planning Practice Group. He helps clients develop and implement proactive estate-tax planning strategies, multi-generational trusts and family-owned investment companies, and business succession plans. Previously he practiced with Polsinelli in St. Louis, Mo.

Shin Cho, ’13, is the owner and principal attorney in the Law Office of Shin Cho. He focuses his practice on criminal defense, with an emphasis on DUI and DWI, serving clients in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

John D. Risvold, ’12, is a trial lawyer with The Collins Law Firm in Naperville, Ill., where he concentrates his practice on personal injury, medical negligence, nursing home abuse and neglect, and environmental and toxic tort cases exclusively on behalf of plaintiffs.

Kelisen R. Molloy, ’13, was elected as a director on the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association board of directors, with a term expiring in 2018. She practices with Dana Outlaw Law Firm in Blue Springs, Mo., focusing on family law.

Christine Ford, ’14, interned at the Law Library of Congress last summer while doing directed fieldwork for her M.L.I.S. degree at the University of Washington. Upon completion of the internship, she will return to Washington, D.C., to work for the IRS Historical Research Library.

Salama Gallimore, ’14, received the 2017 Emerging Leader Award from MU’s Griffiths Leadership Society for Women, a program created by the Mizzou Alumni Association to provide mentoring and networking opportunities among collegian and alumnae women. Gallimore is the director of investigations and deputy Title IX coordinator in the Office for Civil Rights & Title IX at MU.

Mishelle S. Martinez, ’14, received the 2017 Robert C. Welch Volunteer Attorney Project Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. KCMB presents the annual award to an individual or firm who, through their work with Legal Aid of Western Missouri’s Volunteer Attorney Project, demonstrates exemplary commitment to the delivery of pro bono legal services in the Kansas City community. She donates more than 100 hours of legal services annually.

Martinez is a member of the national Construction and Energy Litigation Practice Group at Polsinelli in Kansas City, Mo., where she works with clients in the construction, energy and real estate industries to develop complex legal and business strategies when resolving disputes.

Darrion A. Walker, ’14, was elected as a director on the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association board of directors, with a term expiring in 2020.

### Alumni Selected for Leadership Academies with The Missouri Bar and KCMB

**THE MISSOURI BAR** selected five alumni to join The Missouri Bar Leadership Academy’s Class of 2017-2018. The program’s mission is to recruit, train and retain lawyers for leadership positions who are less than 40 years old or have practiced for 10 years or fewer, with an emphasis on diversity of ethnicity, culture, gender, area of practice and region within the state.

- **Nathan Atkinson, ’12**
  Missouri Attorney General’s Office
- **Nicholas Austin Fax, ’15**
  Lowther Johnson Attorneys at Law LLC
- **Josephine Larison, ’11**
  U.S. Attorney’s Office
- **Melesa Johnson, ’14**
  Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice LLC
- **Jacob Thessen, ’14**
  Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard PC

**The KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION** selected seven alumni to its 2017 Bar Leadership Academy. The seven-month program helps emerging leaders of the legal profession in Kansas City develop the skills, knowledge, and experience needed to become leaders in both the profession and the community.

- **Stephanie Carol Bradshaw, ’14**
  Bryan Cave
- **LaceShionna Cline, ’15**
  Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office
- **Kate E. Gallen, ’13**
  Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart
- **Vincenzo M. Iuppa, ’10**
  Missouri National Education Association
- **Mishelle S. Martinez, ’14**
  Polsinelli
- **Kelisen R. Molloy, ’13**
  Jackson County Circuit Court
- **Wesley McCreaey Rogers, ’07**
  Rogers Law
He practices with D.A. Walker Law in Kansas City, Mo., where he focuses his practice on representing people charged with crimes, particularly DWI and drug offenses. The firm also handles plaintiff workplace discrimination and harassment cases, as well as serious personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Jeremiah Wheeler Nixon, ’14, practices with the St. Louis (Mo.) Circuit Attorney’s Office as a prosecutor on misdemeanor cases. Previously he was an associate for Thompson Coburn.

Amie M. Coleman, ’15, practices in the areas of probate, trust and estate planning with Coleman & Dunn in Columbia.

Maggie Skinner, ’16, practices with Columbia Family Law Group in Columbia as an associate attorney.

Maikieta A. Brantley, ’17, is an associate with Lewis Rice in St. Louis, Mo. She is completing a rotation in the Estate Planning Department, followed by a rotation in the Litigation Department.

Jack A. Downing, ’17, joined Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis, Mo. His primary areas of practice are commercial litigation, class action and mass torts. The firm’s primary areas of practice are catastrophic injury and death, complex commercial and consumer litigation, product liability, railroad and river worker injuries, automotive and aviation litigation, and medical malpractice.

Courtney Lauer, ’17, was named by Missouri Governor Eric Greitens to the University of Missouri System Board of Curators as the student curator. She is currently pursuing her master of laws in dispute resolution degree at the School of Law.

Jared M. Logan, ’17, was appointed as an assistant district attorney in the Queens County (N.Y.) District. The district first assigns new assistants to either the Criminal Court/Intake Bureau or the Domestic Violence Bureau, after which the district offers assignments in the Appeals Bureau and the Investigations Division. Thereafter, they enter an intensive trial-training program before assignments to the Supreme Court Trial Bureau.

Alumni Memoriam

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James E. Craig, ’47, of McMinnville, Ore., died October 25, 2017, at age 96. He received his undergraduate degree from Mizzou and had started law school when he was drafted for World War II in 1942. Upon his discharge in 1946, he returned to law school, where he earned Order of the Coif, and met his future wife, who was an undergraduate student at the time. He completed a master of laws program at Harvard Law School in 1948 and then began working for a law firm in Portland, Ore.

In 1950, he and his wife, Marilyn, moved to McMinnville, where he began his law practice, which eventually became the firm of Craig, Brand, Lake & Hart. During his career, he also served as the district attorney for Yamhill County for eight years. In addition, he was the city attorney for the towns of Dundee, Amity and Willamina for many years.

Craig was active in county and local civic affairs including the Jaycees, Boy Scouts and the chamber of commerce, and as a member of the volunteer fire department. He joined the McMinnville Kiwanis Club in 1950, served as its president in 1955 and continued as an active member (and was the club’s oldest living member) until his death.

Robert L. Hawkins Jr., ’48, of Nashville, Tenn., died November 25, 2017, at age 95. A seventh-generation Missourian, he grew up in Monroe City, Mo. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and was a radio operator on both B-17 and B-29 bombers. Following his discharge from the military, he started law school. After graduation, he practiced in Moberly, Mo., and then Monroe City, before moving to Jefferson City to practice for the remainder of his over-50-year career.

While in Moberly, Hawkins was commissioned in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Army and entered the U.S. Army Reserve. He remained active in the Army Reserve and later the Missouri National Guard, advancing to the rank of colonel and retiring in 1982 after more than 35 years of service.

Hawkins was active in the profession, including service to The Missouri Bar Board of Governors and the American Bar Association House of Delegates, and with the law school, serving as general chairman of the fund drive to build Hulston Hall and creating the first chair at the law school, the Robert L. Hawkins, Jr./Dale Whitman Chair of Law, with his wife, Elizabeth.

Hawkins was the father of Robert L. Hawkins III, ’79.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Robert L. Hawkins, Jr. Faculty Research Fund at the School of Law, 205 Hulston Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

A. Leon McNally, ’48, of Kennett, Mo., died March 28, 2017, at age 102. He was a World War II veteran, and completed his law degree after returning from the war. After practicing in St. Louis, he returned to Kennett. He was the prosecuting attorney from 1953 to 1958, and then served as associate circuit judge from 1953 until his retirement in 1981. An athlete all his life, his passions were pool and golf. He participated in both until he was 90. He then wrote his autobiography with several editions.

Ray D. Jones, ’49, of Mission Hills, Kan., died May 21, 2017, at age 93. He started his studies at MU, where he played on the football team. However, service in the U.S. Navy during World War II interrupted his time in Missouri, and he continued his studies in night school at the University of Hawaii. After the war, he returned to MU to finish his education and then attend law school, where he was always the first to say he graduated “last in his class.”

He started his own law practice and was a tenacious attorney; he argued a case in front of the Supreme Court of the United States at age 30. He drifted from practicing law to start 14 different businesses, including ADA Sports Badminton & Tennis, where he was still active at the time of his death. He was proud to have helped form the Cub Scout baseball program and Johnson County YMCA football league in the early 1960s.
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Virgil V. Anderson, ’50, of Springfield, Mo., died June 19, 2017, at age 92. He earned an undergraduate degree in economics from Druy University and after a short stint on their faculty, completed his formal education at the School of Law. Shortly after graduation, he was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, where he served one term before joining the legal department of State Farm Insurance. In 1953, he and his father organized Anderson and Son, a manufacturer and distributor of truck equipment. Virgil’s life partner, Leslie Gritzmaker, soon joined them.

Virgil’s interests were many. He was a musician in high school and college, and a radio announcer in college, and was involved with summer Boy Scout camps. His two great interests were the theatre and the game of bridge. In 1990, the Springfield Regional Arts council presented him with The Ozzie Award for contributions to the arts. He was a member of the American Contract Bridge League, winning a national championship in 1993 and reaching the rank of Emerald Life Master. He served on the executive council of the World Bridge Federation, where he traveled the world. On a trip to China, the Vice Premier invited him to the Great Hall in Beijing for a private game.

William G. Flora, ’50, of Overland Park, Kan., died January 19, 2017, at age 96. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, receiving two promotions in rank, ending as lieutenant (senior grade). He was a two-time member of the Caterpillar Club, as he had to parachute from an airplane on two occasions due to emergencies. Upon release from the Navy, he completed law school and then returned to Houston, Mo. He was elected prosecuting attorney for Texas County that fall, serving two terms. In 1956, he and his wife, Roberta, moved to Rolla and he began a law practice. He was the attorney for the cities of Newburg, Belle and Rolla. He drafted many of the ordinances for the City of Rolla when it moved up to a City of the Third Class.

In 1974, he was elected circuit judge of Division II of the 25th Judicial Circuit. He retired in 1988 and took senior judge status, continuing to hear cases by assignment until December 1998. During his tenure as a judge, he was appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri to serve on the Select Transition Committee to implement the 1974 Judicial Article to the Missouri Constitution. He served on the executive council of the Missouri Judicial Conference, and was a frequent lecturer on trial and court procedure at Missouri Trial Judges College. He sat as an appellate judge in both the southern and eastern districts of the Missouri appellate courts as well as the Supreme Court of Missouri. He was a co-recipient of the Light-Bramlett Award for upgrading the Juvenile Justice System in the 25th Circuit. He co-wrote local court rules for the circuit in 1975, most of which are still viable, and many multi-circuit courts of Missouri adopted these rules.

Moore was active in his community, including service on the library and airport boards in Rolla. An avid golfer, he was twice club champion at Oak Meadow Country Club. An active member of the Democratic Party, the first time Stuart Symington ran for the U.S. senate, he served on his campaign committee. He was appointed colonel on the staff of Missouri Governor Warren E. Hearnes, ’52.

William J. Cason, ’51, of Clinton, Mo., died January 4, 2017, at age 92. A World War II veteran, he served in the Missouri Senate from 1960 through 1976. He was the majority floor leader and president pro tem and was responsible for the passage of significant legislation that improved the life of Missourians. He introduced and sponsored the Open Meetings and Records Law – commonly known as “The Sunshine Law.” He also sponsored the Missouri Land Reclamation Bill, requiring mining companies to reclaim lands after mining and to make efforts to heal the scars on the land. He also sponsored and obtained the passage of the bill that made Medicaid available to Missourians. As a veteran himself, he was sensitive to the needs of those who served in the military, so he drafted and sponsored the legislation that established the Missouri Veterans Commission.

In addition to his work with state government, he was an assistent prosecuting attorney and prosecuting attorney for Henry County, Mo. Known as a master of the language, he was a very effective advocate in his law practice. He was a people person and, in the end, spent his life in service to the people of Missouri – whether in politics or service to his community or his practice of law.

Keith E. Mattern, ’58, of St. Louis, died January 13, 2017, at age 85. He served his country as an Army MP. He was offered a $40 scholarship to attend the University of Illinois and then chose to pursue his love of negotiation at the School of Law. His career encompassed many aspects of law, including prevailing before the Supreme Court in 1972. In his 32 years at Intesco, his wisdom and wit were much more valuable than his law degree. Upon retirement, he quickly appeared on the short list of arbitration experts and schooled many young attorneys along the way.

Byron A. Milgram, ’58, of Leawood, Kan., died January 11, 2017, at age 85. After graduating from law school, he practiced law for a short time in Kansas City, before transitioning his career into psychiatry. He received his M.D. from the University of Missouri and completed his residency at Duke University. Following his residency, he returned to Kansas City for a long, accomplished career as a psychiatrist. He served on the board of directors at Menorah Medical Center.
William E. Rulon, '59, of San Diego, Calif., died April 30, 2017, at age 84. He attended MU for his undergraduate and law degrees, serving in the U.S. Army between degrees. He also earned an unofficial Ph.D. as a provocateur. His work with Ralston Purina brought him to San Diego in 1973, where he continued and finished his career with Foodmaker, Inc.

Ronald B. Safren, '59, of University City, Mo., died September 21, 2017, at age 86. He was a retired administrative law judge. He loved a good mystery, a drive to nowhere and his family.

Donald G. Smith, '59, of Santa Barbara, Calif., died September 7, 2017, at age 85. After attending a one-room grammar school in Madison, Mo., he graduated from high school and attended Hannibal-LaGrange College. Between semesters, he taught rural grammar school for two years, eventually finishing his bachelor's degree in education. He served his country as a Nike guided missile technician in the U.S. Army. After an honorable discharge, he attended law school.

After law school, he worked as a claims attorney for Employers Reinsurance Corp. in Kansas City, Mo. He then moved to Alamosa, Colo., where he maintained a legal practice with his brother. He served as a trial attorney in civil and criminal law, tax and business, real estate, corporate and governmental law. He served as an assistant district attorney, county attorney and town attorney for small towns within the judicial district. He was appointed district judge of the 12th Judicial District of Colorado for six counties and water judge for Division 3, having exclusive jurisdiction over all water rights for the Rio Grande River Watershed. At that time, he was the youngest judge appointed to the bench in Colorado.

With his brother, he owned and operated Skyview Cooling Company, a successful and innovative produce growing, packing and shipping company with facilities in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Mexico. When he retired from the bench in 1976, he moved to Santa Barbara, Calif., but continued his work with Skyview Cooling. In 1989, he sold his interest in the business to devote his time and energy to his family.

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Jim Spain, '60, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died January 8, 2017, at age 82. He practiced law in Bloomfield, Mo., and Poplar Bluff for more than 50 years. During his legal career, he served as a member of the board of governors of The Missouri Bar, Missouri Bar Foundation and Missouri Supreme Court Advisory Committee, and as an appointed member of the Missouri Ethics Commission. He also served as chair of an appointed committee that reviewed proposed changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct. He was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He served in the Missouri State Legislature for six years and as chair of the Democratic State Committee for two years.

An avid sports fan, he enjoyed watching and attending Mizzou football and basketball games, Raider games and other local sporting events. He passed his love for Mizzou athletics to his children and grandchildren, including son Samuel P. Spain, '88.

B. Vincent Tyndall, '60, of Springfield, Mo., died June 13, 2017, at age 82. After law school, he taught business law, and then returned to Springfield in 1963 to establish a general law practice with W. Clark Kelly, '59. In 1967, he became the first trust officer at Citizens (now Commerce) Bank, where he spearheaded the new trust department. In 1972, he joined the law firm of Miller, Fairman, Sanford, Carr & Lowther, where his practice centered on trusts and estate planning. He retired from the firm in 1995 as its senior partner.

He was a past president of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association and the Greene County (Mo.) Estate Planning Council. A fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, he also was a frequent presenter at continuing legal education seminars around Missouri. He was a pioneer in right-to-die legislation and deeply involved with the Cox Medical Center Bio-Ethics Committee.

Tyndall made a lasting contribution to his hometown by serving in leadership positions for many civic organizations. Two were especially dear to his heart: he was co-founder of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, and instrumental in the development of the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Foundation. His many hobbies and projects were a testament to his creative energy and voracious curiosity.

He reveled in the travels, adventures and accomplishments of his daughters, three sons-in-law and seven grandchildren. In particular, he shared Mizzou Law with his daughter Elizabeth Tyndall Bacum, ’88.

Daniel Brunson Hollingsworth II, '61, of Bismarck, Mo., died July 3, 2017, at age 84. After graduating from Mizzou with his undergraduate and law degrees, he began practicing law. He was a former Jefferson County (Mo.) prosecuting attorney, a U.S. Navy veteran, member of Masonic Lodge Joachim #164 in Hillsboro, Mo., and a lifelong Democrat.

Maurice B. Soltz, '61, of Overland Park, Kan., died October 1, 2017, at age 80. He practiced law for 53 years in downtown Kansas City, retiring in 2014. He was a member of Beth Shalom Synagogue and Kehilath Israel Synagogue, as well as a member of the Jewish Community Center.

Malcolm Robertson, '63, of Joplin, Mo., died May 13, 2017, at age 79. While in law school, he won the Moot Court Competition with his friend, Ross T. Roberts. '63. After law school, he returned to Joplin where he practiced for more than 50 years with Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter.

Though he played football and basketball and ran track in high school, he helped develop the Greater Ozark Soccer Association in the 1970s and brought varsity soccer to Joplin High School in the 1980s. He coached youth soccer for many years and was a member of the National Interscholastic Soccer Officials Association.

Martin Allen Barnholtz, '64, of St. Louis, Mo., died August 21, 2017, at age 78.

Donald Wilson Sr., '64, of Key West, Fla., died May 11, 2017, at age 78. He practiced law throughout his lifetime in St. Louis, Mo.; Zurich, Switzerland; and most recently in Chicago, as general counsel of his son’s trading firm. He had recently retired to Key West.

J. Max Price, '66, of Salem, Mo., died August 15, 2017, at age 81. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and practiced law for more than 30 years. He was a former assistant attorney general; Dent County, Mo., prosecuting attorney; circuit court judge and senior judge for the 42nd Judicial Circuit in Crawford County, Mo. He greatly enjoyed the legal profession.
Claude M. “T” Day, ’71, of Hartsburg, Mo., died July 20, 2017, at age 72. He worked for many years for the Missouri Department of Labor, where he was chief of administrative hearings at the Division of Employment Security.


Eckelkamp was a member of the board of directors of United Bank of Union in Union, Mo., and Citizens National Bank of Greater St. Louis in Maplewood, Mo. Additionally, he was a member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Church and The Missouri Bar.


Larry G. Taylor, ’82, of Tulsa, Okla., died March 19, 2017, at age 70. He retired from practicing law in Tulsa.

Peter C. Myers, ’83, of Gun Barrel City, Tex., died February 20, 2017, at age 59. Throughout his life, he always said that he wanted to be five things: a farmer, a lawyer, a preacher, a teacher and a playwright. He grew up on a farm in Matthews, Mo., and was in 4-H. He helped to raise hogs and cattle, as well as grow a variety of crops. After earning an undergraduate degree, he attended law school, graduating summa cum laude. He was editor of the Missouri Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif.

After law school, he practiced in a private law firm and for AT&T, Halliburton and Xerox. He was chair of his Disciples of Christ local church and had his preacher’s license. In 2004, he quit his law practice to earn his teaching credentials. He then taught in the law academy at Creekview High School in Carrollton, Tex., leading the Mock Trial Team to the Texas State Championships in 2013, 2014 and 2016. He fulfilled his goal of becoming a playwright, writing “The Hand of God,” which was performed at the Edinburgh International Fringe Festival in 2008. In the end, he achieved all five of his goals.

Diane L. Painter, ’83, of Sturgeon, Mo., died February 17, 2017, at age 62. After completing her law degree, she first worked as assistant prosecuting attorney in Randolph County (Mo.), and later worked as a legislative attorney for the State of Missouri for many years. She was a member of The Missouri Bar Association.

John J. Campbell, ’86, of Englewood, Colo., died April 1, 2017, at age 62 while scuba diving at the Blue Hole in Santa Rosa, N.M. Regarded as the “dean” of elder law attorneys by his Colorado colleagues, Campbell was the owner of the Law Office of John J. Campbell, P.C., and of counsel to the Hughes Law Firm, both in Denver. Campbell was active in the elder law community both in Colorado and nationally. He was a pioneer and noted expert in Medicare set-aside trusts, helping to create the first one ever used in 1995.

Robert Oberzalek, ’87, of Birch Tree, Mo., died September 15, 2017, at age 69. His first job after law school was working for a judge in Springfield, Mo. He later worked with attorney David Neal, before beginning his many, many years as the prosecuting attorney for Shannon County (Mo.). He later joined Charles Cantrell at the Cantrell and Oberzalek Law Office in Mountain View, Mo.

Scott D. Reynolds, ’90, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died May 1, 2017, at age 54. An avid athlete in high school and college, he had a tennis scholarship to Southeast Missouri State University. He was on the Missouri Law Review while in law school, and joined Bryan Cave in St. Louis, working there for two years and then the St. Louis prosecuting attorney’s office for two years. Reynolds then returned to his hometown of Cape Girardeau to open his law practice.

Andrew J. Klinghammer, ’91, of St. Louis, died November 27, 2017, at age 51. He was a partner at Thompson Coburn, the firm he joined following his graduation from law school.

Jennifer L. Moore, ’97, of La Crescent, Minn., died September 24, 2017, at age 46. After graduating from law school, she worked as a public defender for Joplin County, Mo. She was licensed to practice in Missouri, as well as in her home state of Minnesota. For many years, she proudly hung a plaque in her office area: “Advice is Free … Until you Hire a Lawyer!”

Elizabeth E. Westbrooks, ’10, of Greenville, Ill., died November 15, 2017, at age 32. As an attorney, she first worked in the eDiscovery Department at Bryan Cave in St. Louis. She moved to Boggs Avellino Lach & Boggs and later Weidner & McAuliffe, concentrating her practice on defending insurance companies. In 2013, she rejoined Bryan Cave to serve as a conflicts attorney, identifying ethics issues and providing attorneys with solutions to resolve conflicts of interest related to new representations. In 2016, she transitioned to Thompson Coburn as loss prevention counsel, collaborating with general counsel and the loss prevention partners to resolve potential and actual conflicts of interest related to both new representations and incoming firm employees.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elizabeth Westbrooks Memorial Scholarship Fund at the School of Law, 205 Hulston Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.
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John K. Hulston Hall
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Alumni Reception in Jefferson City
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Price Sloan Symposium for Media, Ethics & Law
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