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Leadership at the School of Law

For 135 years, the School of Law has been known for training outstanding lawyers and judges. We have graduates practicing in every county in Missouri, and Law School alumni practice in 47 of the other 49 states in our nation and around the world. As I tell our students at their first-year orientation each fall, we will give special recognition to the first MU Law graduates who locate in North Dakota or Rhode Island — the only two states in which we do not have alumni!

The School of Law is not only known for training outstanding lawyers and judges, however. Our alumni are also noted for their leadership, both within and outside the legal profession. C. Ronald Baird, ’74, serves as president of The Missouri Bar this year, following many other alumni who have served as the leader of all lawyers in Missouri. Claire C. McCaskill, ’78, now serves in the U.S. Senate, joining Ike Skelton, ’56, and J. Russell Carnahan, ’84, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Although these alumni are among the most visible current alumni leaders, you will find Law School graduates leading all sorts of organizations in all sorts of ways. In selecting entering students, we look for those who are leaders, and during their time with us, encourage student leadership in many and varied ways.

Our featured story in this issue of Transcript highlights some current student leaders. You will enjoy reading about what this group of students is up to, as well as the way in which they are providing leadership not only within our student body but well beyond.

Within just the last few weeks, our students have held a blood drive at the School of Law; raised almost $10,000 for local charities through the Women’s Law Association Annual Auction; recognized George Gaines, nephew of Lloyd Gaines, and other outstanding African-American alumni at the annual Lloyd Gaines Scholarship Event; volunteered over their spring break in New Orleans to assist those impacted by Hurricane Katrina; and argued a case arising from our Family Violence Clinic in the Supreme Court of Missouri. The leadership illustrated by the students featured in this issue is not unique to these particular students, but is the sort of leadership that we see (and expect) from all of our students on a regular basis.

At the end of the fall semester, we bid farewell to two faculty leaders at the School of Law — Professors Len Riskin and Pat Fry, both of whom retired from MU in December. Professors David Fischer and Dale Whitman will both retire in May, and we will miss the tremendous amount of leadership that they have brought to their students, to this faculty and to this law school over the past several decades.

Although he actually “retired” from our faculty eight years ago, Professor Ed Hunvald continues to teach both criminal law and evidence on a regular basis. The “Hun’s Hundred” and many more had great fun in recognizing Ed for his 30 years of teaching at the School of Law at a Mizzou basketball game in February.

Each of these five faculty have epitomized true leadership over the span of their careers, and they always put their students first. They will be missed, and I encourage those of you who have been touched by their teaching or their work outside the Law School to let them know just how much they have meant to you.

I also thank the alumni leaders who have supported the School of Law in so many ways since graduation. We recognize in this issue those individuals and law firms who hosted Dean’s Tour events this past fall. Please let me know if you’d like to serve as such a host this coming fall. We also have a feature concerning our October 2006 Supreme Court Swearing-In Trip to Washington, D.C. The School of Law was pleased to offer this trip as a special thank you to the members of The Law Society and other alumni leaders. We have scheduled a similar trip for March 2008 and look forward to another exciting and rewarding time.

I encourage all Law Society members to think about joining us for this trip and, if you aren’t yet a member of the Law Society, joining soon.

On the cover of this issue is one of Missouri’s most famous sons — Mark Twain. This portrait was created by one of our students, 3L Maggie O’Brien (who illustrates the myriad talents within our student body that go well beyond the study and practice of law).

Twain once said about leaders: “The miracle, or the power, that elevates the few is to be found in their perseverance under the promptings of a brave, determined spirit.” The School of Law has been blessed for more than a century with a simply amazing group of students, faculty, staff and alumni who are among the few who have persevered “under the promptings of a brave, determined spirit.”

May it always be so.

Larry
Hunvald Honored for 50 Years of Teaching at MU

The “Hun’s Hundred” came out in full force on Feb. 3 to honor Edward H. Hunvald Jr., R.B. Price Professor Emeritus of Law, for 50 years of teaching at the School of Law.

To celebrate this unique achievement, the School of Law organized a block of tickets at a men’s basketball game that was filled with the “Hun’s Hundred” — law school alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students. Participants wore matching commemorative t-shirts featuring a sketch of Hunvald drawn by third-year student Maggie O’Brien. During the game, Hunvald was joined on the court by MU Chancellor Brady Deaton and Dean Dessem to be recognized by the sell-out crowd.

Individuals in the “Hun’s Hundred” section and many other faculty, staff, alumni and friends contributed to the Edward H. Hunvald Jr. Scholarship Fund as part of this event. As a result, nearly $52,000 has been raised to benefit a fund to honor a professor who has taught approximately 80 percent of the school’s alumni, and who continues to teach today.
Prominent Members of Faculty Announce Retirement

David A. Fischer, associate dean for faculty research and development, James Lewis Parks professor of law and Isidor Loeb professor of law, and Dale A. Whitman, James E. Campbell Missouri endowed professor of law, announced their retirements, effective at the end of the spring 2007 semester.

“Whitman and Fischer are two individuals who epitomize this law school at its very best,” Dean Larry Dessem says. “They have achieved national and international reputations as legal scholars, yet they have always put their students first. They have set a high standard not only for their students but for everyone who has been fortunate to have served with them as faculty or staff at the School of Law.”

David A. Fischer received his bachelor’s degree from MU in 1965 and graduated from the School of Law in 1968. He served in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the U.S. Army before returning to his alma mater to teach in 1972. In his time at the law school, he has taught torts, products liability, evidence, constitutional law, conflict of laws and trial practice.

Fischer is the co-author of a nationally-used products liability casebook and has published articles dealing with a full range of issues in torts and products liability law, including the meaning of defect, comparative fault, market share liability, proportional liability and causation. He is a life member of Clare Hall in Cambridge, England, and is a member of the American Law Institute. He has served as chair of the Tort Liability Study Committee of the Torts and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) of the American Bar Association; vice-chair of the Products, General Liability & Consumer Law Committee of TIPS; and chair of the Academic Advisory Sub-committee of the Products, General Liability & Consumer Law Committee of TIPS.

In his 35 years at the law school, Fischer has seen an increase in resources that has benefited the institution and its students. “The increase in resources has both significantly enhanced the student experience and also the ability of the faculty to perform its scholarly function,” he says. When he was a law student, it was more of what he describes as a “bare bones” operation. He notes that the faculty has always done a good job of providing instruction to the students and a presence to the profession, but the increase in resources means that there are more activities available to students, more ways for the students to gain experience and recognition, more office space and a notable increase in technology.

Without hesitation, Fischer says his favorite part of working at the School of Law has been teaching and working with the students. “During my time on the faculty,” he notes, “they just continue to get better and better.” This work with students is one of the things he will miss most. The other is the association with his colleagues on the faculty. And they agree. “David is one of the most thoughtful, well respected and considerate people that I have ever met in all of the years that I have been teaching,” fellow Associate Dean Jim Devine says.

Following his retirement, Fischer plans to continue teaching, as many retired law school faculty have done. In the fall, he will teach torts and products liability at University of Notre Dame Law School. After that, he will teach one or two classes, generally at MU but sometimes as a visiting professor at another law school.

In his free time, he and his wife, Liz, plan to enjoy their condo in Winter Park, Colo., during ski season and during the hot summer. In the spring, they will travel, wanting to “do it all while we’re still healthy, able to travel and enjoy the things we like to do,” Fischer says.

“Dave and I have been friends since we started law school together over 40 years ago. Dave was at the top of his class throughout law school and would have been the student body consensus pick as a future law professor. He was always the legal scholar but never in an ivory tower sense. He was pragmatic and able to see the law in a real-world context.

Dave and I, along with five of our class mates, entered the Army Judge Advocate Program together and attended the JAG school at the University of Virginia, where once again Dave excelled. His reward for academic excellence turned out to be a tour in Vietnam.

Dave’s years at the law school have been marked by scholarship, publishing and dedication to teaching. He has been a mentor to many of our graduates and has devoted his professional life to our law school and the law. The University, the law school and many of today’s lawyers owe Dave Fischer a profound thank you for his extraordinary service.”

James D. Ellis, ’68
Senior Executive Vice President
AT&T, Inc.
Dale A. Whitman received his bachelor’s degree in 1963 from Brigham Young University and his law degree in 1966 from Duke University. He began teaching at the School of Law in 1976 as a visiting professor from Brigham Young University. In 1982, he returned to MU to become dean of the law school, a position in which he served until 1988. In 1991, he returned to Utah to care for elderly parents and resumed teaching at his undergraduate alma mater. In 1998, he came back to MU. He has spent 19 years of his career teaching property, real estate finance and land use planning to School of Law students.

Whitman is one of the nation’s premier experts on property law. He has served as co-reporter of the American Law Institute’s Restatement (Third) of Property — Mortgages, has written a comprehensive property treatise and has served on the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools, an organization he also served as president in 2002. He was the reporter for the Uniform Non-Judicial Foreclosure Act, which was approved in 2002.

Whitman’s retirement was prompted by a desire to visit some old friends and to travel. “The prospect of not having committee and other administrative work seems pretty attractive too,” he says. Although he is looking forward to these things, he will miss the students he teaches at MU.

“We have wonderful students,” he says. “They are smart but respectful and I greatly prize my relationship with them.” He also will miss the personal relationships he has developed with other faculty members in his 19-year tenure.

Like Fischer, Whitman plans to continue teaching. He will serve as a visiting professor at other law schools, particularly “ones located in warm places in the winter semester,” he says. During the upcoming academic year, he will teach at Washington University in St. Louis in the fall and at the University of Florida in Gainesville in the winter. The following year, he plans to spend the winter semester at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. Despite these travels, Whitman and his wife, Marge, will keep their home in Columbia and plan to “really retire” here.

Whitman counts among his favorite law school memories the day that the state legislature appropriated funds to build the law building. Raising the money to supplement the legislature’s appropriation from private sources is one of Whitman’s proudest accomplishments. He is also proud of helping to create the school’s nationally recognized Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution. Both the building and the center “have stood the test of time, and have made the law school a better place,” he says. Another favorite memory involves the father of a prospective student offering to make a gift of $1 million to admit his son. Whitman refused.

Although School of Law administrators still will not accept money to admit students, many other things have changed. In Whitman’s time, the faculty and school administration have grown. The current faculty, he notes, is increasingly productive in terms of published scholarship.

“Dale’s retirement is a great loss for our law school, but it does give us an opportunity to recognize and celebrate his amazing list of accomplishments,” Professor Wilson Freyermuth says. To do this, Freyermuth spearheaded “A Fest-schrift in honor of Dale A. Whitman,” a symposium featuring legal scholars of national prominence in the area of property law.

“Dale has been my partner in scholarship and one of my closest friends for almost 35 years, so I can be accused of bias in my admiration for him. It goes without saying that he and Marge have been a major blessing for the Nelson family.

“While Dale has been one of nation’s leading property and real estate finance scholars, his most important impact on the MU School of Law came in his service as its dean during the 1980s. Under pressure from outside accreditation agencies, Dale worked tirelessly for many years to secure legislative and private funding for Hulston Hall, the law school’s current magnificent building. He deserves almost all the credit for its existence and it is a monument to his leadership as dean.

“Equally important, he was the major impetus for the creation of the law school’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, one of the first such programs in the nation and one that is consistently ranked in the top three nationally. In short, as current and former members of the MU Law community, we should all be grateful for Dale’s magnificent service to the institution and the state.”

Grant S. Nelson
Professor of Law
University of California Los Angeles School of Law
On Oct. 9, 2006, a group of 12 alumni and their guests gathered at Bistro Bis restaurant in Washington, D.C., to kick off a once-in-a-lifetime experience. These alumni treked from across Missouri and the nation to be sworn in at the Supreme Court of the United States. With guests eagerly looking on, Dean Dessem moved the admission of the group, which was then sworn in before the justices of the Supreme Court. Following the ceremony, participants were able to stay for a treat — audience at oral argument.

The swearing-in was the capstone of a trip which included meals at some of Washington’s power restaurants; a visit to the office of Congressman Isaac N. “Ike” Skelton, ’56; a tour of the U.S. Capitol; and a panel of Washington lobbyists featuring James H. Davidson, ’69, of Davidson & Company; John B. Montgomery, ’73, of Tighe Patton Armstrong Teasdale; Anita R. Estell, ’86, of Van Scoyoc Associates; and John J. Pollard, ’73, of Turner Pollard Strategies. The lobbying session, moderated by Dean Dessem, was generously hosted by John P. Hoel, ’90 (not pictured), at the Altria Corporate Services office across from the U.S. Capitol.

The distinguished group included the following:

- Deanna Apperson Burns, ’83
- Jeffrey A. Burns, ’83
- Elvin S. Douglas Jr., ’57, with guest Linda Sherman
- Anne Westlake Elsberry, ’75, with guest Howard Elsberry
- Mark T. Kempton, ’76, with guest Krista Kempton
- William H. Leedy, ’52
- Rodney E. Loomer, ’74, with guests Kathy Loomer and Betsy K. Loomer, ’05
- William F. Northrip, ’02
- Nancy L. Shelledy, ’83, with guest Jack Shelledy
- Richard G. Steele, ’68, with guest Gayle Steele
- Guest Thomas G. Strong, ’55, who was previously admitted to the Court
- John R. Whitmore, ’58, with guest Suzanne Whitmore

Alumni Sworn-In at Highest Court
A bright morning sun highlighted the Supreme Court building following the swearing-in. The trip’s participants included:

(front row, l-r) Deanna Apperson Burns, Dean Dessem, Anne Westlake Elsberry, Nancy Shelledy and School of Law Director of External Relations Casey Baker.

(second row, l-r) School of Law Senior Director of Development Janie Ausburn Harmon, Beth Dessem, Linda Sherman, Howard Elsberry and Gayle Steele.


(back row, l-r) Kathy Loomer, Betsy Loomer, Rod Loomer, Krista Kempton, Mark Kempton, John Whitmore, Suzanne Whitmore and Jack Shelledy.
“To be good is noble; but to show others how to be good is nobler and no trouble.”

MARK TWAIN

Extraordinary LEADERSHIP

Service to the profession and the community is a hallmark of attorneys. This commitment to service starts in law school, where students host panel discussions and visiting speakers, hold fundraisers, collect supplies for local social service organizations, research legal issues and provide mentoring programs. Even social events have a service component in that they develop community (and relieve the collective law school stress!). Here you will meet seven outstanding students of the School of Law. These students lead the Alliance for Tolerance & Diversity, The Co-Op at MU Law, the Black Law Students Association, the Missouri Law Review, the Student Bar Association, The Federalist Society and the Women’s Law Association. Between them there are hours and hours of service to the School of Law, the Columbia community and the profession; bright legal minds and fascinating histories. Enjoy your journey into their lives.
Andrea E. Benna
President, The Federalist Society

Andrea E. Benna has spent her life in mid-Missouri. She grew up in Jefferson City, graduating from the city’s Catholic secondary school, Helias High School. Following graduation, she entered Miz- zou. Initially she planned to major in medicine, but she found that she wasn’t that fond of science. She changed her major, eventually earning a bachelor’s degree in the classics.

As an undergraduate student, Benna was accepted into the Judge Ross T. Roberts Scholar Program, which offers early admission to the School of Law for students at select Missouri institutions who meet stringent academic criteria. Because she wanted to stay close to home and her friends, and because the School of Law offered the most enticing financial package, she chose MU.

Benna is president of the law school’s chapter of The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, a national organization for conservatives and libertarians. According to the group’s Web site, it “is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.”

At the School of Law, the chapter promotes debate on a variety of topics. Most recently, they secured speakers on issues such as assisted suicide and the judiciary. The national organization provides a list of speakers available to individual chapters, and the individual chapters are also free to bring in speakers of their own choosing. Members of the chapter strive to provide a forum for all viewpoints.

Benna became involved in the society because she had friends in the group. The group was trying to build its membership and she joined. She was able to jump right into a leadership position — as a 2L, she served as vice president.

As president, Benna’s goal has been to continue building the group’s membership. Another goal has been to improve the recognition of the group in the law school and host more events that have appeal for all students and faculty. After she graduates, she hopes that The Federalist Society chapter will continue to find ways to ally with other student organizations on speakers and service projects.

The benefits of participating in the chapter for her are personal. She describes herself as shy and says that this experience has helped her learn to talk to people and has provided extensive networking opportunities. A trip to Washington, D.C., last summer for a national society conference allowed her to meet many of her peers and others, including speakers of national prominence.

The Federalist Society isn’t the only thing that takes Benna’s time as a law student. She is active in the Women’s Law Association, Phi Alpha Delta and the Sports Law Society. For the last year, she has served as a research assistant for Professor John Mollenkamp, researching Supreme Court rules in Missouri, relating primarily to property.

“Andrea is never afraid to tackle the most difficult legal issues, and shows the sort of initiative that makes her a natural leader in the law school.”

“Both as a student and as a research assistant, Andrea has been diligent and reliable,” Professor Mollenkamp says. “She is never afraid to tackle the most difficult legal issues and shows the sort of initiative that makes her a natural leader in the law school. I expect great things from her in the practice of law.”

Benna has also held a job in the compliance office of MU’s Intercollegiate Athletics Department, handling rules education work. This experience is valuable in that her career goal is to pursue a career in sports law either at the university or professional level. She is currently working with the NCAA to secure a position in this field.

What will Benna miss most when she leaves the School of Law? The people. She says she has benefited from getting to know different types of people and her interactions with the faculty. “I have enjoyed sharing this experience with a small group of people going through the same thing,” she says.
Following the completion of her undergraduate study abroad program in Paderno, Italy, Bridges and her sister, Lindsey Davis, went backpacking throughout Western Europe. Their stops included a visit to Rome’s La Bocca della Verità, “The Mouth of Truth.” According to popular belief, a person who sticks her hand in and tells a lie will have her hand bitten off.

summer she will join the St. Louis firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal to gain exposure to general litigation. Last summer she worked at the Lowenbaum Partnership, an employment law firm in Clayton, Mo., at which she provided research to support the firm’s attorneys and prepared arbitration briefs. After graduation, she and Michael hope to practice in St. Louis.

Bridges speaks highly of her experience at the School of Law. “The students and faculty have both been wonderful,” she says. “I’ve made the best friends I’ve ever had in law school and the faculty are amazing, always willing to help.” She says that she has always been treated with fairness and respect by both students and faculty and enjoys a sense of camaraderie when working together to solve problems. Although after law school she and her husband face the challenges of looking for jobs and finding a place to settle as a couple, Bridges says that being a married student has been easy for her because she and her husband can sympathize with what the other is going through.

“The Mouth of Truth” is considered a delightsome students I have encountered in law school.”

Kaitlin A. Bridges
President, Women’s Law Association

It’s not surprising that Kaitlin A. Bridges excels in law school. After all, she has known since early in her undergraduate years that she wanted to become a lawyer. Although she comes from a family of people employed in the medical field, she admits to being averse to the sight of blood and disliking science.

When she entered the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Bridges intended to be a hospitality or food science major. When courses in that area didn’t quite strike her fancy, she switched to business and eventually added a legal studies minor. That change paid off in the end, when she graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in finance and a minor in legal studies after only three and a half years at the university.

Following her December graduation, Bridges moved home to Branson, Mo., to work as a teller at a local bank and plan her summer wedding to Michael A. Bridges, also a second year student at the School of Law. At the end of the summer, bride and groom moved to Columbia to begin life as newlyweds and law students.

Bridges chose the School of Law because she knew she wanted to return to Missouri and she had heard about the prominence of MU in the state. When she attended an admitted student reception, she found alumni who were willing to help and had a true enthusiasm for the school. That, coupled with a friendly atmosphere and her sister’s attendance at the MU School of Medicine, made the decision obvious. Bridges says that the School of Law has “really lived up to my expectations.”

At the law school, one of Bridges’ many activities is acting as president of the Women’s Law Association (WLA). Her interest in the group started when she attended the student activities fair and met then-president Meghan E. McGuire. As a first year student, Bridges assisted with events and attended meetings. This year, as president, she makes it a goal to continue the network and support for women for which WLA is known, provide information that students — in particular first year students — need and provide opportunities for all students to be engaged in service.

WLA activities include a supply drive for a domestic violence shelter in Columbia, participation in the Diabetes Walk, Project Angel Tree with the Christian Legal Society and the WLA Auction. The auction, possibly the group’s most visible and labor-intensive activity, typically raises about $10,000 for charities voted upon by the association’s members. The 2007 profits benefit The Shelter, the Happiness for Health program at MU’s Children’s Hospital (founded by Professor Doug Abrams), the law school’s Family Violence Clinic and a bar exam scholarship for WLA members. The group also hosts a series of brown bag lunches that are open to all members of the law school community. Recent topics have included transitions from law school to legal practice, pro bono work and financial planning and loan forgiveness programs.

When Bridges completes her presidency at the end of the year, she still has one year of law school to complete. This
Andrew W. Funk
Editor in Chief, Missouri Law Review

After receiving his bachelor’s degree in history from Princeton University, Andrew W. Funk moved to Washington, D.C., to work on Capitol Hill. This Kansas City, Mo., native accepted a position as scheduler for Congressman Dennis Moore of Kansas City, Kan. After a year in the scheduler position, he began to take on more legislative work, focusing on Social Security and judiciary immigration issues.

He was employed with Congressman Moore for more than two years, through two election cycles. During this time he realized that he wanted to go to law school. As such, the editorial board has been, he says, my 30 years at the law school.”

When asked what his favorite part of law school has been, he says, “The answer is easy. The answer is people.” He notes the friendships he’s made with students and faculty, the diversity of backgrounds and the interaction between students and faculty as the reason.

Funk describes the School of Law atmosphere as positive, collaborative and supportive. “People make this a place where you want to be involved,” he says. For his third year, Funk was selected as editor in chief of the Missouri Law Review. Though law review staff used to be selected based on class rankings, the process was recently changed to a writing competition that is open to all students, regardless of class rank. The faculty select a topic for the timed competition.

There are tiers in the selection process. The top tier considers grades with 80 percent importance and the writing sample provided during the competition with 20 percent importance. The next tier reverses those numbers — 80 percent importance to writing sample, 20 percent importance to grades. The final tier is based solely on writing with no weight to grades.

Funk served as editor of the sports section of the Princeton student newspaper, the Daily Princetonian, making him a natural selection as editor in chief of the law review. He says that 95 percent of what happens with the law review is up to the editor and the rest of the editorial board. They are bound only by the limits of their own creativity.

In Funk’s year as editor, he has tried to broaden the focus of the law review. One of his goals has been to try to make the publication more useful to practitioners in the state. As such, the editorial board has started a Web site, law.missouri.edu/law-review, at which case notes and law summaries can be published with comments in one month rather than one year. This is useful for law students and practitioners both, that hours of research are distributed quickly in a format that has more widespread distribution than print media.

Although Funk’s responsibility to the law review ends when he graduates in May, he keeps a five-year plan in his head. He would like to see the law review serve as a discussion forum, with a section for comments on the Web site, to further serve the profession.

After graduation, Funk will put his writing and editing experience to work when he heads to Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo., as an associate in tort litigation. This builds on his summer work experience during law school. After his first year, he worked in the Missouri Attorney General’s Office in the criminal appellate division. The following summer, he worked at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, an experience he “really, really enjoyed.”

“We are very excited to have Andy join us this fall,” firm associate William F. Northrip, ’02, said. “He exhibits all the talents and skills we look for in a young lawyer. He is bright, sharp and driven. He is a thorough researcher and careful writer. But more than anything else, he is a talented and natural leader. Andy fits right in with the many great leaders we have hired from Mizzou and I am confident that he will excel.”
At age 20, Erik G. Holland left his native city of Columbia to move to Kansas City, Mo., to pursue a career in law enforcement. After graduating from Rock Bridge High School, he served as a community service aide with the Columbia Police Department before deciding that he was interested in serving in a bigger market. He landed at the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff’s Department, where he spent three years as deputy and more than two years as detective.

As a detective, Holland conducted some basic legal research and dealt with attorneys. Ultimately he selected the MU School of Law based on its location, broad alumni base and network of attorneys in Missouri. He was swayed by the experiences of his brother, Bradley W. Wilkins, his mother, Carolyn Turner Holland, and his father, Dr. Antonio F. Holland, all of whom have degrees from MU.

During his third year in law school, Holland serves as the president of the Student Bar Association (SBA). His interest in SBA began during 1L orientation, at which then-president Bradford R. Jones, ’05, provided a compelling description of the organization’s mission and goals. Holland was particularly interested in the organization’s devotion to serving the students.

SBA is supported by voluntary dues paid by the students. These funds support a variety of services and activities, such as coffee and cleaning supplies for the student kitchen, a mentoring program for 1L students, online student satisfaction surveys and the Timothy J. Heinsz Memorial 5K Run/Walk.

Holland’s accomplishments for his presidency include making SBA a 501(c)(3) organization so that it can better utilize its money by not paying taxes, sending students into Columbia’s two public high schools to assist with mock trial teams, maintaining the progress that has been made over the past three years and providing an open door for student concerns.

“Erik is a very approachable leader,” 3L Katie Goddard says. “Any concern, no matter how minor, receives his full attention and consideration. Erik really has effectively bridged the gap between students and faculty.”

Holland has balanced leadership of SBA with a demanding course load, a job as a Westlaw BAR/BRI representative, marriage and a child. His wife, Karen, shares his passion for law enforcement and is a police officer in Riverside, Mo. They met when she was a college intern in the Platte County Sheriff’s Office and he lobbied against taking her on a late-night ride-along. They have an 11-year-old daughter, Taylor.

After graduation, Holland plans to join his wife and daughter in the Kansas City area as an associate at Schmitt, Manz, Swanson & Mulhern. This is a departure from his pre-law school goal of becoming a prosecutor or federal agent. At the end of his first semester of law school, he realized that he wanted to try civil rather than criminal law. Between the semesters of his 1L year he clerked for Judge W. Duane Benton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. The following summer, he worked in the litigation section of the Missouri Attorney General’s Office, where he was assigned primarily to defense cases dealing with police officers. During the summer between his second and third years of law school, Holland joined the civil defense firm of Schmitt, Manz, Swanson & Mulhern, focusing on insurance defense and construction cases. This led to a post-graduation job offer.

While Holland is excited to begin his life as a lawyer, he values his time at MU. He cites the camaraderie he has felt with faculty and students and the conversations he’s had with his fellow students as what he will miss most.

“Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”
Joshua Leran Holmes
President, The Co-op @ MU Law

Joshua Leran Holmes’ resume reads like a novel. Following graduation from Central High School in Springfield, Mo., there was service in Germany for the U.S. Army, an internship creating a marketing plan for a Turkish shipyard, car sales in pre-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans, study in Madrid and China and working at a ranch in Springfield. It comes as no surprise then that Holmes has written a novel, a piece of philosophy and adventure set in southern China. And now this third year law student begins to craft the next piece of his resume.

Holmes, a native of Mansfield, Ark., received a bachelor’s degree in international studies and marketing from St. Louis University in December 2000, following his service in the U.S. Army. He moved to New Orleans, wanting to experience new Southern culture and join up with a friend who lived in the city. He worked as an Oldsmobile salesman before taking time off to work on his novel. Eventually he left New Orleans and returned to Springfield to work on a ranch, running a music festival and helping the ranch’s non-profit organization obtain easements.

Eventually he moved to St. Louis to assist his sister with her newborn daughter, acting as his niece’s caregiver. With the apt foresight that law school would prove less challenging than rearing a newborn, he investigated the law schools at St. Louis University and Washington University. But it was at MU that he found the “comfortable air” he was seeking. He found that the people are friendly and dedicated to their academic studies, and the environment for students is not as cutthroat as other schools. Those factors, combined with its respectable ranking and more reasonable cost, persuaded him to choose MU.

It’s obvious from his enthusiasm that Holmes is passionate about The Co-op @ MU Law. The group, composed of the school’s chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Lawyers Guild and the Student Hurricane Network, is a fairly recent organization, founded by Holmes. When he was a first year student, he attended ACLU chapter meetings and asked the president about getting more involved. That president then nominated Holmes to serve as president of the ACLU chapter.

After Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Holmes became disenchanted with the ACLU because the group excluded economic rights from its platform at a pre-Katrina convention in New Orleans. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, he became interested in the National Lawyers Guild, due to the group’s solid support for economic and social rights, in addition to the political and civil rights associated with the ACLU.

The third piece of the cooperative puzzle is the Student Hurricane Network, which provides opportunities for law students around the country to undertake remote research on issues important to the Gulf Coast and travel south to help Gulf Coast residents directly with a variety of legal issues. Holmes views New Orleans as the modern front in the battle for broader human rights in America today.

With several other law students, Holmes was involved simultaneously with each of the three organizations. To maximize the work of these students, he conceived the idea of creating a cooperative to encompass all three of them, focusing on projects that bridge the organizations, and using the national organizations with which they are affiliated to serve as support for co-op initiatives. The first items of business were to vote on articles of cooperation, coordinate with other student groups — Holmes calls these “cooperative allies” — and hold joint meetings of the three organizations.

The Co-op’s activities include hosting a Day of Solidarity to support Hurricane Katrina victims, in which about 40 law schools participate nationwide; sponsoring trips to the Gulf Coast to provide legal work to hurricane victims; a Free Missouri Innocents project for assisting wrongfully-imprisoned Missourians; cooperation with other groups at the School of Law; and Liberation Radio, a talk show and music variety program which provides a forum to debate current events.

“Joshua clearly has a passion for justice—for doing the right thing and treating people fairly, coupled with an unusually strong sense of entrepreneurship...”

During Holmes’ time in China, he visited both urban and rural areas, like this agricultural community outside of Beijing. Dialogues with fellow students fueled the development of his ideology on progress and the people of modern China.
profit think tank that develops progressive policies and markets them directly to the people through arts, activism and academic research. His first goal is to set up a non-profit participatory rights practice in the city. “I want to agitate for a greater degree of the people’s right to participate in government decisions affecting their lives,” he says.

One of Holmes’ long-term goals is to spend a few years in China, where he has studied and researched several times. Whenever he returns to the United States, he says, he is haunted by vivid dreams of being back in Beijing. He wants to teach in The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies, in which he participated as an undergraduate student, and would like to work in international law.

His roots in China already run deep. During the summer after his first year of law school, he studied Chinese law at China University of Politics and Law in Beijing through Duquesne University. He met a young woman, Liu Rong or “Polly,” to whom he became engaged the following summer, when he returned to conduct research and work on an article for China Review International, a Chinese studies journal. He has plans to use the research he’s done, with some articles he’s written for classes at the School of Law, to create a book about law and morality, and the advent of progressive policies in China today. “Law School has empowered me,” he says. “It’s given me a greater awareness to affect change.”

Samuel Fibbens Addo Koranteng
President, Black Law Students Association

His lifelong nickname is Fiifi, short for his birth name, Kofi, which is an Akan name for “Friday born boy.” Samuel Fibbens Addo Koranteng has been in the United States for less than ten years, coming from Ghana in West Africa. He has accomplished an astounding amount in that time — graduation from college and, as of May, graduation from law school.

Koranteng grew up in Accra, the capital of Ghana, with a population two million. After he finished the Ghanaian equivalent of high school, he was required to repay the government for subsidizing his primary and secondary education. In a village of only 200 people, he taught social studies and English, Ghana’s official national language.

Following the completion of his national service, Koranteng stayed at home, hoping for entrance to one of the country’s five universities. A six-month strike delayed the college entrance process, leaving him examining other options. He decided to pursue his education in the United States and took both the SAT exam and the Test of English as a Foreign Language exam. He had narrowed his choice to the United States because he knew the country would allow him access to more universities than Ghana would and because he had an uncle living in Virginia. He narrowed further to Missouri and then to Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., because he had friends attending Westminster.

Koranteng received a scholarship to play soccer at Westminster. Classes started while he was waiting to receive his visa and he arrived two weeks later in the fall of 1997. During a routine physical shortly thereafter, he was diagnosed with a torn ACL and left the soccer team. He completed the year, then transferred to Jefferson College. After that, he returned to Fulton to William Woods University, from which he received a bachelor’s degree in computer information science with a business minor in May 2004.

Koranteng chose a computer degree because he knew it was marketable, that he would be able to use it as soon as he graduated. But he knew it was not really what he wanted to pursue. During the summer of his junior year, he served as the in-house computer person at a small office in Moberly, Mo., and didn’t really like it. He decided to pursue a childhood dream of becoming an attorney — he says most Ghanaian children aspire to be doctors, pilots or attorneys — even though he thought he was “too old” and that finances would present an obstacle.

MU wasn’t the only school that interested Koranteng. He also applied to the law schools at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, St. Louis University, Howard University and Creighton University. He chose MU because of his familiarity with the area, the low cost of living in Columbia and the School of Law’s tradition of high bar passage rates.

When he arrived at the School of Law, he attended the student activities fair and was introduced to the Black Law Students Association (BLSA). Initially he wasn’t
that the Salvation Army Shelter turned one load away. The second load was then given to another social service organization in Columbia, the Wardrobe.

BLSA also hosts social events to build community among its members and the law school student body as a whole. Koranteng’s plans for the year included continuing an academic summit program sponsored by BLSA, continued focus on service projects and assisting first year students with the acclimation to law school. He also wanted to promote the views of minorities, specifically African-Americans, in the law school.

In May Koranteng will graduate and move to St. Louis, where his wife, Julie, lives while she works for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He will clerk for two years for Judge Nanette A. Baker of the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District. Eventually he wants to open an immigration law practice in St. Louis so he can remain close to his three-year-old daughter, Kaitlyn, who lives in Boonville, Mo., with her mother.

During the summer after his first year, Koranteng worked for Susan Bond, an Independence, Mo., immigration attorney who once represented him. The following summer, he was an intern for Judge E. Richard Webber, ’67, of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Missouri. Koranteng’s long term goal is to return to Ghana.

While he keeps his commitment to law school, his career and BLSA in sight, he works at The Buckle in Columbia Mall to have money to send home to his mother and other family members in Ghana. He also relishes the time he spends with Kaitlyn, not scheduling classes on one or two days per week so he can have those days to spend with her.

“Fiifi sets new standards for fellow students to strive for when it comes to work ethic,” says Jaime R. Hoog, 3L. “With a job, family and law school, he has enough activities to wear anyone out, yet he still manages to be a leader in the law school by staying involved and serving the community through student organizations.”

Though he has much to look forward to, Koranteng will leave the law school with mixed emotions. As a student ambassador he tells prospective students, “I have not gone anywhere else that I felt like everyone was rooting for me to succeed.”

Jessica M. Metoui

President, Alliance for Tolerance and Diversity

Because Jessica M. Metoui wanted a career that encompassed diversity, she majored in cultural anthropology and classical archaeology, receiving two bachelor’s degrees in 2003. During her senior year in college she did ethnographical work in North Africa, focusing on child rearing patterns in rural south Tunisia. Fueled by the heightened appreciation of diversity she gained there, she decided in her final year of college that she wanted to attend law school to eventually pursue a career in civil rights law.

Metoui, a native of Billings, Mont., who graduated from high school in Oklahoma City, says that MU did a good job of recruiting her. She chose the university for her undergraduate experience because she liked the size of Columbia and the cultural opportunities that are available in the community and on campus. She stayed for law school because of the town and because of her interest in the School of Law’s alternative dispute resolution program.

During her first year in law school, the Alliance for Tolerance and Diversity was created to raise awareness of issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender law students and to foster an environment of support for all law students, regardless of sexual orientation. Metoui initially became interested in gay rights because her best friend from high school revealed that he was gay shortly after they graduated. Observing her friend face intolerance in his daily life, as well as having a desire to further civil rights in every context, fuels Metoui’s passion for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual issues.

The Alliance provides social, informational and service-oriented activities for all law students. One recent event that combined social and service was “Hulston Idol,” a variety show featuring students and faculty, with a crowd of nearly 200 people. The cover fees from the gathering raised more than $700 for RAIN of Central Missouri. The group has also hosted a panel discussion of gay marriage featuring Professors Doug Abrams, Paul Litton and Chris Wells, happy hours to build community, and plans a film screening on a relevant social issue.

Metoui’s goal with the Alliance was to continue its mission of attracting a diverse body of students and to continue to foster a supportive environment in which people of all backgrounds can learn the law.

On his days off from law school, Koranteng enjoys hanging out, cooking and watching Barney and The Wiggles with his three-year-old daughter, Kaitlyn.

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Metoui's daughter Amira has traveled widely with her, including trips to the Leaning Tower of Pisa while studying in Italy and to the White House during her summer internship with the U.S. Department of Justice.

In May, Metoui will graduate and leave the Alliance to other motivated students. She will clerk with Judge Michael A. Wolff of the Supreme Court of Missouri. This experience will complement her previous work experience — one summer in Florence, Italy, in an academic international human rights program through Gonzaga University, and one in the Fair Housing Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. During her final academic year, she has held an externship with the Boone County, Mo., Public Defenders Office.

Along with her coursework, her involvement with the Alliance, the externship and a research assistant position with Professor Rigel Oliveri, Metoui handles life as a parent. Her daughter, Amira, was born less than a year before Metoui started law school. “Time management is key,” she says, referring to juggling her responsibilities. “I can remember, particularly during that first semester of finals, balancing a bottle under my chin during nighttime rocking sessions so that I could hold torts flashcards in my hands.” Now that Amira is older, Metoui often finds herself studying at the play area at Burger King.

Metoui tries to concentrate her law school responsibilities during the day, so she can spend the evenings with three-year-old Amira. She acknowledges that being a single parent makes it hard to socialize, but says that it gives her an immediate incentive to take her coursework seriously and focus on her grades. Her efforts have been helped by the law school’s supportive environment for non-traditional students. “I have met some extraordinary students here,” she says.

She is one of these extraordinary students, according to Professor Oliveri. “Jessica has an extraordinary amount of energy, plus a willingness to seek out and take advantage of diverse opportunities, even when doing so is harder than pursuing a more conventional path,” she says. “Last summer she was accepted into a prestigious summer program in the Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division. Although it would have undoubtedly been easier to stay in Columbia and work, Jessica moved to Washington, D.C., for three months with her daughter. She traveled around the country working on high-profile civil rights cases and did an outstanding job. Jessica refuses to set limits for herself, and as a result, accomplishes more than most people would think possible.”
Swingle Sends Scoundrels to the Hoosegow

H. Morley Swingle, ’80, is a busy man. He has served as prosecuting attorney for Cape Girardeau County, Mo., for more than 20 years and teaches at seminars around the country. Many people would take a vacation or hit the golf course to relax, but not Swingle. He writes.

Swingle’s latest work, Scoundrels to the Hoosegow, is a book of Perry Mason moments and entertaining cases from his experience as a prosecuting attorney. Published by the University of Missouri Press, it contains more than 30 entertaining legal stories drawn from real life, cases both tragic and hilarious.

Informing his work is the deep appreciation of Mark Twain, Swingle aims to do for his profession what Twain did for riverboat piloting. He leads readers on a romp through crime and punishment, while offering a clear exposition of legal points. “I wanted Scoundrels to the Hoosegow to show readers what it is like to be a prosecuting attorney, in the same way that Twain used humor to describe the job of riverboat piloting in Life on the Mississippi and frontier reporting and gold prospecting in Roughing It,” Swingle says. “I describe the book as 80 percent humor, 15 percent wisdom and five percent lies.”

With the book, Swingle pays tribute to his favorite writer. There are 14 references to him throughout the book. Swingle uses Twain quotations to start out some of the chapters, such as “It’s better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt.” One of the chapters focuses on Swingle’s successful attempt to get an excerpt from Life on the Mississippi introduced into evidence in one of his jury trials involving a drug dealer, and the book is dedicated to his daughter, Olivia, who is named for Mark Twain’s wife.

The book also includes appearances by several School of Law faculty teaching legends, such as Professors Ed Hunvald, William Fratcher and Willard Eckhardt.

Swingle, whose previous work, The Gold of Cape Girardeau, was published by Southeast Missouri State University Press, is currently writing four new books. Scoundrels to the Hoosegow is available for purchase by visiting umsystem.edu/upress.

A Fond Farewell to Professors Fry and Riskin

On Nov. 30, 2006, Professors Patricia Brumfield Fry and Leonard L. Riskin taught their final classes at the School of Law before embarking on retirement. In keeping with tradition at the law school, professors are honored by an extended round of applause offered by students, faculty and staff as they leave their classrooms for the last time. Neither professor is idle in retirement. Fry enjoys activities she has not had time for in the past, including traveling and weaving, while Riskin headed south to teach at the University of Florida.
This year’s LLM class again includes a diverse group of attorneys from the United States, Bulgaria, China, India, the Philippines, Russia, Sierra Leone and South Africa. Front row, from left: Thomas Alpha, Jiaqi Liang, Eleanor Rabuy, Amrita Chadha, Martha Halvordson, Kathy Birkhofer, Leyli Khalikova. Middle row, from left: Aaron Jones, Roger Brown, Stephanie Sloggett-O’Dell, LoValerie Mullins, Lisa Draga, June O’Toole. Back row, from left: Gayden Drew, Angel Dimov, Mohan Srimat Tirumala Peddinti, Karen Prasifka, John Blankenship. Not pictured: Anna Lingo, Peggy McNeive.

The master of laws (LLM) in dispute resolution degree program provides a deep understanding in dispute resolution. Students and alumni often comment on how the challenging academic work gave them a better perspective on the field and intensified their interest.

Many students have been able to adapt papers written for LLM classes into published articles. John Blankenship recently published “Developing Your ADR Attitude: A Template for Adaptive ADR,” in the November 2006 issue of the Tennessee Bar Journal. The article argues that dispute resolution processes should be fashioned to fit disputes, rather than the reverse. Daxton R. “Chip” Stewart published “The Promise of Arbitration: Can it Succeed in Journalism as it has in Other Businesses?” in Appalachian Journal of Law 135 (2006). The article argues that arbitration offers many potential advantages in resolving complaints by the public against the press, even though it may not be a perfect fit. Both of these articles were adapted from papers students wrote for the LLM major research project. Papers written by LLM students and alumni can be viewed at law.missouri.edu/llm/publications.

The LLM Program also has a practical component that many students use to develop tools and techniques for use in their practice. John R. Phillips, ’71, played an instrumental role in getting an externship program at the American Arbitration Association (AAA) in New York City established for LLM students. The Summer Externship Program is funded by Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo. Three LLM students have been funded by the program: Maria Elena Jara Vasquez, LLM ’04, Jose Ramirez, LLM ’05, and Gil Tabucanon, LLM ’06. In addition, Ongmu Tshering, LLM ’06, completed an externship at AAA in summer 2006. This year, the Summer Externship Program will fund LLM student Amrita Chadha for an internship with the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution in New York City.
On Wed., Jan. 31, the Office of Career Development hosted a professional dress presentation, “Extreme Makeover: Law School Edition.” The idea for the event came from similar seminars held this fall at MU’s College of Business and College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Assistant Dean Tamra Wilson Setser and Coordinator of Professional Development Andrea Mazza Follett thought a similar program would be a good idea at the law school, given the number of students who visit the office with questions about appropriate interview etiquette and attire.

Prior to the event, Wilson Setser and Mazza Follett asked students to submit e-mails explaining why they deserved to receive an extreme makeover. The two contest winners, 1L Julia Riley and 3L Jacob Shellabarger, received complimentary hairstyling and skin care from Columbia’s Salon Nefisa, and their new looks were unveiled at the extreme makeover event. Sara El-Toumi, the owner of Salon Nefisa, and esthetician Niki Aberle were on hand at the event to explain the techniques they used on Riley and Shellabarger and to answer questions about business-appropriate hair and cosmetics. Both Shellabarger and Riley were happy with the results of their makeovers. Riley stated that she had never had professional hair coloring before this experience and that this was one of the best haircuts she had ever received. Shellabarger admitted that getting a facial was very relaxing.

Bill Dieber, a menswear expert from Jos. A Bank in Columbia Mall, also spoke at the extreme makeover about men’s suit options while Mazza Follett fielded questions about women’s suit and shoe selection. Law students Jessica Metoui, 3L, and Joseph Bredehoft, 1L, joined Riley and Shellabarger in modeling interview-appropriate looks from Macy’s and American Shoe.

Mazza Follett thought that the event was a success and was impressed by how many students turned out for the event. She plans for the next professional dress presentation to focus on demystifying the meaning of “business casual.”
Election Officials, Association of Clerks, Recorders and Industry Association and the International Association to the Property Records spoke about the study this spring to groups reporting this summer.

For enactment. It is charged with making a decision of the laws relating to notaries, the committee was formed to make recommendations about “eNotaries.”

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Naeger started working at the university in July 1974 while her late husband attended the College of Arts & Science, accumulating over 20 years of full-time employment while raising three children. She has worked for the College of Engineering, Student Financial Aid and, since 1994, the School of Law, all in the fiscal area. In her personal time she enjoys traveling and knitting for charities and for her two beautiful granddaughters.

Michelle L. Heck
Admissions Representative

Michelle L. Heck was promoted to admissions representative at the School of Law following the departure of Andrea Cathey, who joined the university’s development division. Heck previously served as administrative assistant for the Office of Admissions and Student Services.

Originally from Southeast Missouri, Heck graduated from Union University, with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. After graduation, she moved to Columbia to settle with her husband, Scott, an MU graduate.

Heck enjoys traveling, scrapbooking and spending time with her family — her husband and their two cats, Ollie and Dewey.

Elaine D. Litwiller
Administrative Assistant

Elaine D. Litwiller moved from the Office of Development to the law school’s fiscal operations following the retirement of Barbara Hill. In her new fiscal role, she assists faculty with travel expenses and manages Missouri Law Review subscriptions.

Litwiller came to the School of Law in 2001 with 15 years of experience at MU, ranging from purchasing to coordinating events to supporting a dean. She and her husband, Jeff, reside in New Franklin, Mo., with their canine companion, Yukon. In her personal time, Litwiller enjoys working with her dog and knitting.

Joyce A. Naeger
Administrative Associate I

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Janie Ausburn Harmon
Senior Director of Development

Janie Ausburn Harmon presented and served as a panelist for a session titled “Alumni Relations as Friend Raising: Programs, Goals and the Effect on Fundraising” at the Association of American Law Schools 2007 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in January. Harmon has worked at the School of Law since 1995. Previously she served in the development office of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

Katherine L. Carollo
Administrative Assistant

Katherine L. “Katie” Carollo joined the Office of Development following the move of Elaine Litwiller to the School of Law’s fiscal department. She served as a temporary member of the Office of Development staff before joining the school permanently in December 2006.

A native of Sullivan, Mo., Carollo received a degree in art from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., and worked as an art teacher before joining the law school. She hopes to continue her education in the arts and enjoys her involvement in various artistic endeavors. When she’s not at the School of Law, she can be found throwing clay around, finding her way in a darkroom, wandering the Katy Trail or savoring one of the many great eateries in Columbia.


Fry has accepted the position of chair of the Study Committee on Revision of the Law on Notarial Acts for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). With the emergence of electronic deeds and notes and the acceptance of electronic records for filing in recording systems, and as the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act is presented to the state legislatures for enactment, questions have arisen about how and when signatures on electronic records may be notarized. At the same time, examination of the laws on notaries reveals that there is a great deal of discrepancy from state to state about just about every issue governed by such laws. The emergence of national real estate finance systems, however, reveals a need for uniformity among the states. At the same time, technological issues are being discussed and technological claims are being made about “eNotaries.”

The committee was formed to make recommendations to NCCUSL about the need for revision of the laws relating to notaries, the scope of such a law, whether or not there is a need for uniformity and the prospects for enactment. It is charged with making a report this summer.

In connection with the study, Fry spoke about the study this spring to groups ranging from the American Land Title Association to the Property Records Industry Association and the International Association of Clerks, Recorders and Election Officials.
School of Law Staff Recognized for Excellence

Karen M. Neylon, Heather M. Kalb, and Carol DeHoyos were the recipients of the 2006 Patty H. Epps Award, which is presented to one staff member, or more in case of a tie, who honors the memory of Patty H. Epps with exceptional public service, cheerfulness, and indomitable spirit and dedication to the School of Law. Faculty and staff vote by private ballot each year and the award recipient is kept secret until the final announcement.

DeHoyos has worked at MU for ten years. Before starting at the School of Law five years ago, she held positions at the School of Nursing and University Hospital. She is a single mother to four children. Christina, 23, is pursuing a degree in genetics counseling at MU and Charles, 18, is the manager of a local restaurant. Ricky, 17, and John, 16, attend Columbia’s Hickman High School. Ricky is a junior and plans to attend MU to pursue a degree in engineering.

Kalb has worked in the administrative office of the law school for two years. She and her husband, Greg, reside in Hallsville, Mo., and have four children — Emily, 13, Erica, 11, Hanna, 10, and Joseph, 2. She is a native of Peru, Ind., and moved to Missouri four years ago. Before working at the School of Law, she was a general manager of Amerihost Inn & Suites. She says, “I love working with such a wonderful, understanding group of people.”

Neylon has worked at MU for 15 years. Before joining the law school in November 1998, she held positions in the MU Graduate School and the Office of Research. She is an MU alumna with degrees in art (AB ’82) and advertising (BJ ’83) and is a native of St. Charles, Mo. She and her husband, Pat, also an MU alumnus, live in Columbia.
Law Library

by Randy J. Diamond

The far-reaching Lawson Trial Collection of American and British trial materials is housed in the Law Library’s William F. Fratcher Rare Book Room. It offers a veritable treasure trove for legal history buffs and researchers with general interest in famous, infamous and obscure events leading to and occurring during trials. As former MU Law Library Director Susan Csaky, author of a brochure describing the collection, wrote:

[I]t is through the study of trial materials that the true working of the legal system is revealed. Although judges apply and often expand on legal principles, thereby contributing to their evolution, this process is not solely based on abstract reasoning. In the trials the law is integrated with the human element. Procedures, such as the presentation of evidence or the testimony of witnesses, take life and influence the ultimate decision.

These trial materials were collected by John Davison Lawson (1852-1921), a Canadian who in 1891 became professor of contract and international law, and between 1904 and 1912 served as our third law school dean. A nationally recognized legal expert, he also served as president of The Missouri Bar Association. With the help of William Keeney Bixby, a St. Louis industrialist, Lawson acquired hundreds of trial pamphlets containing actual reports of the proceedings, descriptions of evidence, jury instructions, opinions of judges, confessions of the accused, eyewitness accounts and counsel orations.

Lawson selected less than 20 percent from this voluminous collection to include in the 20-volume set of American State Trials, his best known and most outstanding contribution to American legal literature. The rest became the property of the School of Law and was designated as the Lawson Library of Criminal Law and Criminology.

Highlights of the collection include James Varnum’s pamphlet on the Rhode Island case of Trevett v. Weeden, a pre-Marbury v. Madison case purporting to employ judicial review; The Trial of John Peter Zenger, which includes defense lawyer Andrew Hamilton’s eloquent articulation of freedom of the press; and two early 19th century U.S. insanity defense cases, Abraham Prescott and William Freeman, proximate to the landmark British case, M’Naghten. Infamous characters such as Jesse James’ brother Frank are depicted in trial pamphlets (Quantrill and the Border Wars) as are unusual circumstances such as the throwing of a hang-
man’s noose through an open window where jurors were deliberating a murder case (Life and History together with the details of the Trial of Bill Fox). The jurors felt they were not unduly influenced by this act.

The introduction to Fred C. Conybeare’s The Dreyfus Case captures the spirit and approach of many of the trial reports in this collection: “I have endeavoured, so far as I could, to let the documents and depositions speak for themselves.” Closer to home, Lawson introduces several St. Louis trials in volume 9 of the American State Trials:

The history of nearly every American city has a dark page on which is recorded the betrayal of official trusts, the embezzlement of public funds, the theft of valuable franchises. Perhaps the city of St. Louis has been no worse than others in these things, but certainly no picture of civic corruption has ever been shown so clearly as that which Joseph W. Folk, Prosecuting Attorney, exposed to the world in the trials in the Missouri courts, of which five are reported in this volume.

Under the direction of Needra Jackson, associate law librarian for collections, the Law Library recently obtained a grant from the Missouri State Library to complete the retrospective conversion of 2,000 titles from this collection into our online catalog.

The bibliographic work was done by Robin Kespohl, a long-time Ellis Library cataloger, with assistance from Jessica Longaker, the Law Library’s cataloging specialist. Researchers can now search for Lawson trials on our Library Catalog Quick search link at law.missouri.edu/library to begin their exploration of this collection. This project also lays the groundwork for the eventual digitization of the full text of selected titles in the collection.

The Law Library welcomes scholars and researchers to visit us and use these materials by appointment in the William F. Fratcher Rare Book Room. Please contact a reference librarian at law.missouri.edu/library/contact or 573-884-6362 for assistance.

Philip G. Peters Jr. has been studying medical malpractice litigation. His intensive review of all existing empirical studies will result in a series of articles outlining what is known about this area of tort law. The first, “Doctors and Juries,” synthesizes the existing data on jury outcomes and concludes that juries are tougher on plaintiffs than the medical experts who are hired by insurance companies to give them an honest appraisal of the case. This article will appear in the Michigan Law Review in May.

The second article, “What We Know About Malpractice Settlement,” collects the existing data on medical malpractice settlements. Based on the total body of evidence, Peters found that the strength of the plaintiff’s case is directly correlated with the odds that a settlement payment will be made and the size of that payment. These findings won’t surprise trial lawyers of either stripe, but advocates of malpractice reform have long denied that the system sorts cases rationally, relying principally on a flawed study by Harvard University researchers from the 1990s. This article will be published in July by the Iowa Law Review. Both manuscripts are available at law.missouri.edu/faculty/petersp.
## Faculty in the News

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

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<td>Robert G. Bailey</td>
<td>Attended the annual National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) meeting in July 2006 where he was a member of the Uniform Volunteer Emergency Health Care Act Drafting Committee. In October 2006, Bailey attended the Fall Education Conference of the National Academy of Arbitrators in New Orleans. Bailey has been appointed to NCCUSL’s Drafting Committee on Collaborative Law, an emerging area of alternative dispute resolution. He chaired the New Member Orientation Committee and was nominated to the academy’s executive board. In January, Bailey was asked by Major League Baseball to be a salary arbitrator for the 2007 season. Bailey has been reappointed chair of the Mid-Month Institutional Review Board for the MU Health Sciences Center. He has also been reelected chair of the Boone County Family Resources Agency as well as being appointed to the Columbia’s Vision Committee. The committee is charged with facilitating the creation of a plan for Columbia’s vision and future.</td>
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<td>Walter Ray Phillips</td>
<td>Honored with an endowed student scholarship fund in his name, created by one of his former students at Texas Tech University School of Law. The announcement of the Phillips scholarship was made at the law school’s 40th Anniversary Banquet on Sept. 22, 2006.</td>
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| Douglas E. Abrams | “Bar Blasts ‘Assault’ on Judicial Power” *St. Louis Daily Record*
“Brawlers Should be Prosecuted” *The Oklahoman* (op-ed)
“Conflict over ‘Activist’ Judges” *Kansas City Star*
“Fight at Ice Rink Highlights Need to Control Parents” *Meriden Record-Journal* (Connecticut)
“Kids in Sports Who Did Themselves Proud” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
“Muggings on Court Demand Action” *Tallahassee Democrat* (op-ed)
“Muggings on the Court Demand Action in the Courts” *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Louisville Courier-Journal* (op-ed)
“Sports Brawls Merit Legal Action” *Omaha World-Herald* (op-ed)
“When Teaching Sports, Teach Citizenship as Well” *The Baltimore Sun* (op-ed) |
| Frank O. Bowman III | “Cook the Books, Get Life in Prison: Is Justice Served?” *The Washington Post*
“Irrational Sentencing, Top to Bottom” *National Journal*
“Regulation? Directors Want More Rules” *Sunday Times* (London)
“Revision of 24-Year Prison Term Ordered in Accounting Fraud” *The New York Times*
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| Amy B. Monahan | “Appeals Panel Rules Employers Need not Pay for Contraceptives” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
“First Class will go Down with Steerage when Health-Care Titanic Sinks” *The Wall Street Journal* (letter to the editor) |
| David M. English | “Ask Encore/Focus on Retirement” *The Wall Street Journal* |
| Carl H. Esbeck | Re: religious freedom
“Freedom’s Ring with Alan Reineach” (radio broadcast) |
| Edward H. Hynvald Jr. | “Missouri Governor Backs Mandatory Executions, Despite Precedent” *KCTV5 News* (Kansas City) |
| Thomas A. Lambert | “Against Restaurant Smoking Bans” (op-ed) *washingtonpost.com* |
| Michael A. Middleton | Re: Honoring Martin Luther King Jr. *KMOX Radio* (St. Louis) |
| Rigel C. Oliveri | “Harassed at Home — by Your Landlord” *abcnews.com* |
In September the School of Law hosted a path-breaking symposium aimed at assessing the impact of news reporting on conflict. "We all have an intuitive sense that the media has an impact on conflict, but there has been very little empirical research to test that assumption," says Professor Richard Reuben. As a result, Reuben adds, little is known about the conditions under which media can have a constructive impact on conflict it covers, rather than a destructive one. "These are important questions, especially at a time when conflict is so prevalent around the world," Reuben says.

The conference was sponsored by the Center for the Study of Conflict, Law & the Media, a partnership of the law school and the Missouri School of Journalism. Reuben, the center’s co-director, says one of the reasons that the center decided to focus its research attention on this question is that it naturally brings together the highly acclaimed research strengths of the School of Journalism and the School of Law’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution. He adds that the center will continue to work on other research projects exploring the impact of news media coverage on conflict. Journalism Professors Esther Thorson and Michael Grinfeld, also a center co-director, also played key roles in organizing the conference.

Conflict can be studied from a wide variety of disciplinary perspectives, so the conference included leading researchers from law schools and universities across the country — Harvard, Wisconsin, University of Southern California, Purdue, George Mason and Texas A & M, along with Missouri — and scholars from a wide variety of disciplines, including law, dispute resolution, journalism, communication, psychology and political science. Several law school faculty presented papers or facilitated discussions at the conference, including Professor Emeritus Len Riskin and Professors Phil Harter, John Lande, Jim Levin and Richard Reuben. MU Provost Brian Foster also spoke to the conference at lunch on the value and challenges of interdisciplinary research.

The papers presented at the conference will be published this spring as a cutting-edge symposium edition by the Journal of Dispute Resolution, which is published by students at the School of Law. The symposium is serving as a basis for a special edition of Dispute Resolution Magazine, which is published by the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution. A book is also in the planning stages.

For more information about the conference or the Center of the Study of Conflict, Law & the Media, see the center’s Web site at www.csclm.org.
Stephen D. Easton continues to be a popular speaker. In the past few months, he has presented trial advocacy seminars in Ohio, North Carolina, Oregon, Michigan and New Jersey; ethics seminars in California, Missouri and North Carolina; and an evidence lecture for the Kentucky Judges Judicial College.

On the home front, he is teaching a new course this semester about famous trials. The students in the course study historically prominent trials, from the Salem Witchcraft trials through the O.J. Simpson trial. Each student is a member of a group that will research, write a written report and conduct a classroom presentation on a prominent Missouri trial.

Easton is working with Dean Dessem, Deputy Chancellor Mike Middleton, Assistant Dean Bob Bailey, Professor Kandice Johnson and Diversity Coordinator JR Swanegan, along with members of the Boone and Cole County bar associations, Kandice Johnson and Diversity Coordinator JR Swanegan, along with members of the Boone and Cole County bar associations, including many law school alumni, to organize an Inn of Court that will give our law students and recent graduates the opportunity to interact with leading litigators and judges.

Rigel C. Oliveri spoke about the housing discrimination faced by Hurricane Katrina evacuees and returnees at a campus panel discussion on Hurricane Katrina, “After Katrina: New Opportunities, New Challenges.” She also discussed this topic on the KMOX radio program “...And Justice For All.”

In January, Oliveri presented her forthcoming paper: “Is Access Everything? Protecting the Rights of Occupants Under the Fair Housing Act” at Villanova School of Law.

Our Students

I wish you had the opportunity to witness today’s law school students in action. They are impressive in the classroom and in dozens of community benefit activities. They are successful, results-oriented leaders. They are not intimidated by a challenge.

One example of student initiative is the 2006 Class Fund. The third-year class raised more than $21,000 — a new record! — with an impressive 17 percent participation rate from members of the class.

The Class of 2007 does not intend to be outdone. This year’s class committee organized an aggressive response to their predecessors. Results will be listed in the Fall 2007 issue of Transcript.

If you have the opportunity to work with a recent graduate, let me warn you to sit back and enjoy the ride!

For All We Call Mizzou

The School of Law has reached $15 million and 89 percent of its campaign goal, to be completed by December 2008. Private gifts to the law school provide additional student scholarships to help defray the cost of fees that top $15,000 per year. Faculty funds allow the School of Law to recruit and retain outstanding faculty while dozens of funds support the Law Library and law school programs. You can participate in For All We Call Mizzou at any level by making gifts to the School of Law to support the funds closest to your heart.

This year’s alumni giving participation rate is 8 percent, compared with last year’s rate of 11 percent and last year’s graduating class rate of 37 percent. According to your feedback, I believe we can improve the participation rate by fiscal year-end on June 30.

Leave a Legacy

The Law Legacy Club honors individuals who choose to support the School of Law with estate gifts. Sixty alumni and friends have provided documentation regarding their estate plans to become members of the club. Recently confirmed new members are:

- John R. Gibson, ’52
- Don K. Pettus, ’63
- Terrence T. Schoeninger, ’76
- Cathy D. Venters
- Jerry W. Venters, ’76
- Scott O. Wright, ’50
- Shirley F. Wright

New Funds

- The 1959 Class 50th Anniversary Scholarship is created by proud classmates who anticipate a successful 50th anniversary of graduation from the School of Law.

On Nov. 29, 2006, Lambert presented his views on “bundled discounts” at a Washington, D.C., hearing jointly hosted by the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.

Amy B. Monahan presented her research on the effect of Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) preemption on Massachusetts’ fundamental health care reform as part of the University of Kansas Law Review symposium focused on the Massachusetts Plan and the Future of State-Based Universal Coverage. She presented the same research as part of the University of Nebraska College of Law’s faculty colloquium series.

In January, Monahan was a panelist at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, speaking about how the teaching of employee benefits law has changed in response to a dramatic shift in the retirement plan landscape.
Alfred C. Sikes II, ’64, received the Citation of Merit following his introduction by Marvin E. “Bunky” Wright, ’64. Sikes divides his time between business consulting for The Hearst Corporation and board work, primarily for the Reading Excellence and Discovery Foundation, an organization he founded and now chairs.

Dean Dessem presented Judge Laura Denvir Stith with the Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award following her introduction by Judge Patricia A. Breckenridge, ’78. Stith is the second woman ever to serve on the Supreme Court of Missouri. On July 1, 2007, she will become the court’s chief justice.

Cathy J. Dean, ’82, was the 2006 honorary initiate into the Order of the Coif. Dean, who was introduced by Judge Nanette K. Laughrey, ’75, is the chair of the Litigation Department at Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus in Kansas City, Mo.

Stephen F. Hanlon, ’66, received the Citation of Merit following his introduction by Roger W. Hultquist, ’66. Hanlon manages the Community Services Team, which provides legal representation to people and groups that could otherwise not afford it, of Holland & Knight in Washington, D.C.

Dale A. Whitman is the 2006 recipient of the Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, which was established in 1980 by alumni and friends in the Kansas City firm bearing its name. It is presented each year to the full time faculty member who established a record of distinguished achievement in teaching.
Dean Dessem presented Professor Frank O. Bowman III with the Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP Excellence in Research Award. The award was created to recognize a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in research based on a published article from the preceding year.

Dutto E. “Bruce” Campbell, ’96, accepted the Distinguished Recent Graduate Award from Dean Dessem. Campbell is a member of the law firm of Husch & Eppenberger, LLC, where he concentrates his practice in the area of intellectual property litigation. He was introduced by Joseph H. Knittig, ’96.

The 2006 honorary initiate into the Order of Barristers was John W. Cowden, ’70, who is a member of Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice in Kansas City, Mo. He was introduced by John C. Holstein, ’70.

Jennifer K. Turner, a second-year law student from Hannibal, Mo., received the Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award from Dean Dessem. She holds a bachelor’s degree in history from MU and a master’s degree in history from the University of California–Berkeley.
Dean Dessem presented the Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice to Professor David A. Fischer. This prize honors the MU law professor or student who has made the most significant contribution to improving the administration of justice, either within Missouri, nationally or internationally, during the preceding year.

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Guests at the pre-game Law Day picnic were treated to custom-made omelets prepared by chefs from the University Club.

The University’s A.L. Gustin Golf Course provides a vivid backdrop for a photo of the Distinguished Alumni Luncheon participants. The luncheon honors alumni who graduated from the School of Law 40 or more years ago.
For more information about these or other School of Law alumni events, contact the School of Law Office of Development at 573-884-7833 or mulawevents@missouri.edu, or visit our Web site at law.missouri.edu.
Thank You to Hosts of the Dean’s Tour ’06!

During the Dean’s Tour 2006, several individuals and firms hosted events at their homes or offices on behalf of the School of Law. Dean Dessem would like to thank them.

**Reception in Sikeston, hosted by Burns, Taylor, Heckemeyer & Green**

The Sikeston law firm of Burns, Taylor, Heckemeyer & Green hosted a Dean’s Tour breakfast for area alumni and friends in November. Shown above are the firm’s namesakes: Kimberly A. Heckemeyer, ’00; Boyd A. Green, ’96; Rice P. Burns Jr.; and Stephen L. Taylor, ’72.

**Luncheon in Springfield, hosted by alumni affiliated with Turner, Reid, Duncan, Loomer and Patton**

The luncheon in Springfield was hosted by MU Law alumni Rodney E. Loomer, ’74; Joseph P. Winget, ’90; Kenneth H. Reid, ’48; Michael J. Patton, ’80; Jake Reinbold, ’04; Jeffrey T. Davis, ’95; and Ben K. Upp, ’74 (not pictured).

**Luncheon in Joplin, hosted by Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter, P.C.**

The host of the Joplin luncheon, Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter, is housed in a 100-year-old building that is on the National Register of Historic Places. The firm, which was founded in 1942 and has 12 attorneys, has had its offices in the building for 20 years.

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**Reception in Sedalia, hosted by Kempton & Russell**

**Reception in Jefferson City, hosted by Cook, Vetter, Doerhoff and Landwehr**

**Reception in Kansas City, hosted by Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin**

A few School of Law alumni attorneys at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin take a break from billable hours to support the school. Front to back: Larry L. McMullen, ’59; Nathan E. Oleen, ’06; Kim K. Gibbens, ’96; H. Fred Northcraft, ’67; School of Law Director of Development Mark Langworthy; and John D. Moore, ’94.

**Reception in Chillicothe, hosted by Cleaveland, Macoubrie & Cox**

The reception in Chillicothe, hosted by Cleaveland, Macoubrie & Cox, was held in the home of David P. Macoubrie, ’65, and his wife, Darla (shown above with Larry and Beth Dessem).
Karl L. Blanchard Sr., ’40, was honored with the Award of Merit by The Missouri Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers for meritorious service to the college, the legal profession and the Missouri legal community. He became a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1968 and was active in the organization during his entire career. Blanchard is a partner at Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter in Joplin, Mo.

Robert C. Smith, ’49; Joan Butcher, widow of James C. Butcher, ’57; Thaddeus C. McCance, ’49, and his wife, Trudy, enjoy the Founders Day celebration hosted by the Boone County (Mo.) Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association. Guests at the event watched Mizzou play the Iowa State Cyclones men’s basketball team at Harpo’s in downtown Columbia.

Ross W. Lillard, ’54, was named in the employee benefits law section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City, Mo.

Thomas G. Strong, ’55, was honored with the establishment of the Thomas G. Strong Trial Attorney Award for the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys (MATA). The award will be presented each year at the association’s annual summer convention to the trial attorney who most closely exhibits all the attributes for which Strong is known — skill in the courtroom, integrity in professional and personal dealings, compassion for the underdog and respect for the courts and opposing counsel. Strong will present the inaugural award at the 2007 MATA summer meeting. He also received the Bronze Bear Award from Missouri State University in honor of his “extraordinary achievement and/or outstanding support.” Strong, a 1952 alumnus of Missouri State, is past president of the Missouri State University Foundation board of directors and the university’s alumni association.

William E. Farris, ’56, wrote Under Special Circumstances, “the story of the impact of the World War II evacuation of the Japanese Americans to concentration camps upon the life of 17-year-old Mike Murata.” It was published by Publish America in 2005.

Larry L. McMullen, ’59, was awarded the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District VI Volunteer of the Year Award. He practices with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo.

H. Dee Wampler, ’65, was named in “The Top Attorneys in Missouri & Kansas” listing by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers 2006. The article cites the top 100 Missouri and Kansas attorneys out of approximately 50,000 practicing attorneys.

Joe D. Holt, ’67, is associated with Riley & Dunlap in Fulton, Mo. He was formerly a Callaway County, Mo., Division VI associate circuit judge.

J. William Newbold, ’67, was named in the commercial litigation section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

E. Richard Webber, ’67, received the Dudley C. Dunlop Distinguished Service Award for 2007 from the St. Louis County Bar Association.

James M. Beck, ’68, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He was also listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.

Ralph H. Jaynes, ’68, retired from the 14th Judicial Circuit of Missouri in Howard County after 36 years of judicial service.

Harvey L. Kaplan, ’68, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal, was named an outstanding product liability lawyer by Who’s Who Legal: The International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers and was chosen for the Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America. Kaplan practices with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.

C. Patrick McLarney, ’68, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006 and was listed in the 2006 “Best of the
Richard N. Nixon, ’69, was named in the banking law and corporate law sections of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City, Mo.

John W. Cowden, ’70, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice in Kansas City, Mo.

John Holstein, ’70, was named in the commercial litigation section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He was also selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Shughart Thomson & Kilroy in Springfield, Mo.

Charles E. Valier, ’68, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Lashly & Baer in St. Louis.

J. David Wharton, ’68, was named in the intellectual property law section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City, Mo.

Dennis D. Palmer, ’70, was named in the franchise law section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He has been included in the annual publication since its inception. He was also selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Shughart Thomson & Kilroy in Kansas City, Mo.

Thomas R. Corbett, ’71, was named in the trusts and estates section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

Michael G. Goldstein, ’71, was elected a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He is senior vice president and counsel for The Newport Group, a national full service provider of retirement plans and investment advisory services located in Newport Beach, Calif.

Paul E. Kovacs, ’69, was elected to serve as a member of the executive committee of Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis. He will serve a three-year term and will be partially responsible for directing the firm’s strategic and long-range planning, admitting new partners, establishing policies and procedures and overseeing its overall management. He is a senior partner and member of the firm’s Litigation Department.

Robert W. McKinley, ’69, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Mo.

Michael A. Middleton, ’71, and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their first grandchild, Mikayla Dee Middleton, on Feb. 6, in Atlanta. Mikayla is the daughter of the Middletons’ son, Michael II, and his wife, Teneka Dee.

John R. Phillips, ’71, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo.

Paul W. King, ’73, was selected as a 2006 “Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyer” by Law & Politics. Selection procedures include peer nominations, a blue ribbon panel review process and independent research on candidates. Only five percent of Missouri and Kansas lawyers receive this honor each year. King practices with the Law Offices of Paul W. King in Springfield, Mo., advising and representing management clients regarding the full range of labor and employment law issues.

W. Patrick Resen, ’73, was ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Knoxville on Nov. 18, 2006, at St. Patrick Church in Morristown, Tenn. He is expected to be ordained to the priesthood on June 2 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Knoxville, Tenn.

Ellen S. Roper, ’73, retired in January as a Boone County (Mo.) circuit judge. She began her career as a probate judge in 1976. She was the first female circuit judge in the state of Missouri and the county’s first female probate judge.
C. Ronald Baird, ’74, of Springfield, Mo., was elected president of The Missouri Bar for 2006-2007. He is a shareholder with Baird, Lightner, Millsap & Harpool and has been a member of the board of governors of The Missouri Bar since 1996.

W.R. “Trip” England III, ’74, was elected chair of the State Capital Global Law Firm Group at its annual meeting in Baltimore. He practices with Brydon, Swearingen & England in Jefferson City, Mo.

Frank M. Evans III, ’74, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Lathrop & Gage in Springfield, Mo.

W. Dudley McCarter, ’75, was named in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices in construction, business and commercial litigation at Behr, McCarter & Potter in St. Louis.

Bill L. Thompson, ’75, is the 2007 president of the Cole County (Mo.) Bar Association. He is legal counsel to the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Timothy R. Wolf, ’75, was named principal at Brown & James in St. Louis.

Edward T. Wright Jr., ’75, and James J. Gross, ’75, had a mini-reunion in Washington, D.C., including reminiscences of their days in Tate Hall and in the Commons. Wright, who teaches American history and the U.S. Constitution at his alma mater, Brentwood High School in Brentwood, Mo., was in Washington to present a workshop at the National Conference of Social Studies. Gross has a successful law practice in the Washington area and has written several books on domestic relations issues.

Stanley B. Cox, ’76, was appointed to serve on a blue ribbon panel tasked with recommending reforms of the state’s housing finance agency by Gov. Blunt. The bipartisan panel is charged with examining the Missouri Housing Development Commission and its operations. Cox is a Missouri state representative.

Gary R. Cunningham, ’76, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Lathrop & Gage in Springfield, Mo.

Dennis E. Egan, ’76, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with the Popham Law Firm in Kansas City, Mo.

John W. Kurtz, ’76, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Hubbard & Kurtz in Kansas City, Mo.

Gary R. Long, ’76, was recognized as an outstanding product liability lawyer by Who’s Who Legal: The International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers and was chosen for the Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America. He practices with Shoook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.

Garrett W. Walton, ’76, was named chairman of the Windstorm Mitigation Study Committee by Florida Gov. Charlie Crist. Walton is the president of Herons Forest Development Company and was a founder of Rebuild Northwest Florida, a not-for-profit disaster recovery organization assisting need-based hurricane victims.

Daniel K. Barklage, ’77, was profiled in the Sept. 18, 2006, edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in an article titled “Lawyer Will Be Honored for His Work for Community College.” The article focuses on Barklage’s involvement in the creation and leadership of St. Charles Community College. As a result of his involvement with the college, he was presented with the Professional Excellence Achievement Recognition award from the St. Charles Community College Foundation on Oct. 7, 2006.

Deborah Daniels, ’77, was elected associate circuit judge for Boone County (Mo.) Division XI.

Charles W. German, ’77, is the president of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. German is a shareholder with Rouse Hendricks German May in Kansas City, Mo., where he practices civil and criminal litigation in areas such as financial transactions, corporate governance, capital markets and professional liability.

Charles Christian Kirley, ’77, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Husch & Eppenberger in Kansas City, Mo.

Patricia A. Breckenridge, ’78, was honored with a portrait in the Associate Courtroom of the Vernon County (Mo.) Courthouse. The portrait joins those of other prior Vernon County associate circuit judges. Breckenridge serves as a judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District.

David S. Limbaugh, ’78, published Bankrupt: The Intellectual and Moral Bankruptcy of Today’s Democratic Party. In the book, the best selling author “highlights the dangers of what a Democratic resurgence could mean for America.” It was published by Regency Publishing in 2006.

Andrew B. See, ’78, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Shoook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.

William L. Allinder, ’79, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Shoook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.

Bradley T. Baumgart, ’79, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Walters Bender Strohbehn & Vaughan in Kansas City, Mo.

Stephen E. Cupples, ’79, was included in the trusts and estates section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

Joaanne Spears Jackson, ’79, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. She practices with Shughart Thomson & Kilroy in Springfield, Mo.

Richard E. McLeod, ’79, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with McLeod & Heinrichs in Kansas City, Mo.

Leslie A. Schneider, ’79, succeeded retired Judge Christopher S. Kelly, ’89, as Boone County (Mo.) Division X associate circuit judge. Previously she practiced with Harper, Evans, Schneider & Netermeyer in Columbia.

Mark A. Shank, ’79, received the Judge Sam Williams Leadership Award from the State Bar of Texas. The award is presented.
annually to lawyers who display exemplary dedication to the bar in both leadership and service, as well as to their local bar association. Shank is a partner at Hughes & Luce and serves as legal counsel to U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions.

H.A. “Skip” Walther, ’79, was elected as a representative to The Missouri Bar. He practices with Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer in Columbia.

Melody A. Emmert, ’79, practices in the Health Care Group of Quarles and Brady in Phoenix.

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Scott J. Goldstein, ’80, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Spencer, Fane Britt & Brown in Kansas City, Mo.

Daniel E. Scott, ’80, was appointed to the Missouri Southern District Court of Appeals by Gov. Matt Blunt. Scott brings to the bench 25 years of general civil practice experience. Previously he was a partner in Copeland, Scott & Brown in Joplin, Mo.

Jean Paul Bradshaw II, ’81, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Mo.

Julie Pape Jensen, ’81, was named Outstanding Philanthropist by the Association of Fundraising Professionals and members of the National Capitol Philanthropy Day. She was nominated by the Washington (D.C.) Area Women’s Foundation.

Richard C. Miller, ’81, was honored posthumously by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association for his work to publicize the bar’s public service projects. He practiced with Monsees, Miller, Mayer Presley & Amick in Kansas City, Mo., prior to his death.

Jeff Mittelhauser, ’81, was appointed by Gov. Blunt to the Missouri Task Force on Alternative Sentencing. He is the prosecuting attorney for Pettis County, Mo.

Mary E. Nelson, ’81, is general counsel of Kwame Building Group Inc. in St. Louis.

Jason A. Reschly, ’81, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo.

Don M. Downing, ’82, was named in the commercial litigation section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.

Paul M. Macon, ’82, was named in the real estate law section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Thompson Coburn in Kansas City.

Richard N. Bien, ’83, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He was also listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Mo.

Nancy E. Kenner, ’83, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. She practices with Kenner & Kavanaugh in Kansas City, Mo.

G. Mark Sappington, ’83, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Kutak Rock in Kansas City, Mo.

F. Richard “Rick” Van Pelt, ’83, was named in the family law section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He was also selected as a 2006 “Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyer” by the publishers of Law & Politics and KC Magazine. Van Pelt practices primarily in the areas of family law and adoption with the law firm of Van Pelt & Van Pelt in Springfield, Mo.

Dan G. Blair, ’84, was designated by President George W. Bush as the first chairman of the Postal Regulatory Commission. Prior to this, he served as deputy director of the Office of Personnel Management and as senior counsel of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Heather S. Heidelbaugh, ’84, is featured on WQEDtv’s Emmy award-winning television news magazine, OnQ, as a member of the show’s popular OnQ panel. Each Friday night, the panel takes part in a no-holds-barred review of the week’s hottest topics and headlines. Heidelbaugh is a shareholder in the Litigation Services Group of Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir in Pittsburgh.

Bennett S. Keller, ’84, was selected as a “Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He is a principal attorney with Blumenfeld, Kaplan & Sandweiss in Clayton, Mo.

Lois M. Zerrer, ’84, was chosen as president elect of the Missouri Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She previously served a two-year term as chair of The Missouri Bar Elder Law Committee. She practices with Zerrer Elder Law Office in Springfield, Mo.

William M. Corrigan Jr., ’85, serves on the executive council of the National Council of Bar Presidents.

Robert T. Adams, ’87, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He was also listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal and was chosen for the Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America. He practices with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.
Kevin M.J. Crane, ’87, succeeds retired Judge Ellen S. Roper, ’73, as Boone County (Mo.) Division III circuit judge. He was previously the Boone County prosecutor.

Robert C. Gaynor, ’87, and his wife, Lisa, of New Hope, Pa., celebrated the birth of their second child, a daughter, on May 31, 2004. In 2005, Gaynor passed his fourth state bar exam, 13 years after passing his third. He writes, “Currently, I’m writing a book on how to pass bar exams!”

Mark Moedritzer, ’87, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Shughart Thomson & Kilroy in Kansas City, Mo.

Christopher J. Molzen, ’87, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Shughart Thomson & Kilroy in Kansas City, Mo.

Charles W. Riley, ’87, is vice president of Lane Powell in Seattle. He chairs the Trusts and Estates Practice Group and is a member of the firm’s board of directors. Riley focuses his practice exclusively in the trusts and estates area. Lane Powell was founded more than 130 years ago and has more than 180 attorneys located throughout Washington, Oregon, Alaska and London.

John G. Schultz, ’87, was listed in the 2006 “Best of the Bar” by the Kansas City Business Journal. He practices with Franke Schultz & Mullen in Kansas City, Mo.

Susan C. Cagann, ’88, is special counsel in the Business Transactions Group of Farella Braun + Martel in San Francisco.

Debra M. Shantz, ’88, was selected as one of the Twenty Most Influential Women for 2006 by the Springfield, Mo., Business Journal. The honorees were selected for their professional accomplishments, influence on others and efforts to serve the community. Shantz is senior vice president and lead general counsel for John Q. Hammons Hotels and Resorts.

Donald M. Bastian, ’89, practices with Bastian & Hale in Hannibal, Mo.

Thomas M. Harrison, ’89, was elected to the 2006-2007 board of directors for the Family Counseling Center of Missouri Inc. He serves as treasurer. Harrison practices with Van Matre, Harrison & Volkert in Columbia.

Christopher S. Kelly, ’89, retired as an associate circuit judge in Boone County, Mo.

Mark E. Parrish, ’92, joined Nash & Francis-kato in Kansas City, Mo., as of counsel.

Daniel K. Knight, ’92, was elected prosecuting attorney for Boone County, Mo.

C. Todd Ahrens, ’95, is senior vice president and general counsel of Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal, Mo.

Stuart K. Shaw, ’92, was honored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association for his work as chairman of the bar association’s Publications Advisory Board. He is a senior attorney with Black & Veatch in Overland Park, Kan.

David A. Dick, ’93, was named in the St. Louis Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” listing for 2007.

Kevin L. Fritz, ’93, was selected as a “Missouri Kansas Super Lawyer” for 2006. He practices with Lashly & Baer in St. Louis.

Coleman J. McAllister, ’93, was elected to serve a four-year term as Sioux County Attorney in Orange City, Iowa, in November 2006. He took office on Jan. 2.

Dana L. Kollar, ’94, is an associate at Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Widger in Jefferson City, Mo. Previously she practiced civil litigation with an emphasis on employment and family law with Baird, Lightner, Millsap & Kollar in Springfield, Mo.

Marjorie M. Lewis, ’94, is a shareholder in Brown, Willbrand, Simon, Powell and Lewis in Columbia. Her practice focuses on real estate, contracts, corporate, business and employment law, and civil litigation.

C. Todd Ahrens, ’95, is senior vice president and general counsel of Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal, Mo.

Thomas G. Glick, ’95, says he’s thrilled that his niece, Lauren Sandweiss, is a first-year student at the School of Law. He notes, “It took a lot of badgering, cajoling and scheming to get her to go to Mizzou but I think she is very happy so far.”
Nicole A. Hileman, ’95, was named in the St. Louis Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” listing for 2007.

Kevin T. McLaughlin, ’95, joined Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale in St. Louis as an officer in the Labor and Employment Department.

Mark D. Berry, ’96, is a tax attorney for Koch Industries, Inc., in Wichita, Kan. He focuses on tax planning for acquisitions, divestitures and restructurings.

Kelly Nelson Broniec, ’96, was appointed by Gov. Matt Blunt to the position of associate circuit judge in Montgomery County, Mo., on Aug. 10, 2006. She fills the position of Judge Roy L. Richter, ’76, who was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District. Broniec was appointed after winning the primary election on Aug. 8. She notes that other School of Law graduates in the 12th Judicial Circuit are Circuit Judge Keith M. Sutherland, ’73, and Warren County Associate Circuit Judge Wesley C. Dalton, ’88. Prior to this appointment, Broniec served as the Montgomery County prosecuting attorney since 1998.

Debora L. Hale, ’96, practices with Bastian & Hale in Hannibal, Mo.

Todd M. Siegel, ’96, was named partner of Klarquist Sparkman in Portland, Ore. He practices solely in intellectual property litigation with an emphasis in software-related patent disputes involving operating systems, image processing and internet technologies. Before joining Klarquist Sparkman, Siegel gained experience in the software industry as an information systems consultant for Andersen Consulting.

Mark L. Stoneman, ’96, is an officer of the St. Louis Capital Alliance, an initiative to raise the profiles of local venture capital operations. He practices with Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Rodney J. Boyd, ’97, is a member of the Public Law & Policy Strategies Group at Sonnenchein Nath & Rosenthal in St. Louis, where he is a partner. He and the other members of the group are charged with developing a state component to the national public law practice group. Previously, Boyd operated his own government relations and litigation consulting firm.

Jay S. Carleton, ’97, and his wife, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabel Kathryn, on March 1, 2006.

Morry S. Cole, ’97, was named in the personal injury litigation section of the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.

Anthony G. Fussner, ’97, was elected principal of Harness, Dickey & Pierce, a national intellectual property firm. His practice involves conducting freedom-to-practice, infringement and invalidity investigations, and preparing and prosecuting patent applications in the mechanical, aerospace and computer-related arts.

Joseph P. Dubinski, ’98, is a partner at Bryan Cave in Kansas City, Mo. He practices in the areas of mergers and acquisitions with a particular emphasis on transactions in the telecommunications industry. His experience includes site acquisition and zoning approval for telecommunications facilities, facilities leases and reseller agreements, collocation agreements, coordination agreements and advising clients in various state and federal regulatory matters.

Funder L. Assouad, ’99, is associated with the firm of Burroughs, Hepler, Broom, MacDonald, Hebrank & True in St. Louis.

Christian S. Nafzger, ’99, was appointed by the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho as a special assistant United States attorney assigned to prosecute gangs throughout the District of Idaho. His wife, Jodi A. Espey Nafzger, ’99, continues to work as a prosecutor for the City of Boise, Idaho. They live in Boise with their 2-year-old, Henry.

Jack A.L. Goodman, ’98, was appointed to serve on a blue-ribbon panel tasked with recommending reforms of the state’s housing finance agency by Gov. Blunt. The bipartisan panel is charged with examining the Missouri Housing Development Commission and its operations. Goodman is a Missouri state senator.

Robert L. Anderson, ’99, is a partner with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Mo.

Justin L. Assouad, ’99, was associated with the firm of Burroughs, Hepler, Broom, MacDonald, Hebrank & True in St. Louis.

Carol A. England, ’00, was elected associate circuit judge of Callaway County (Mo.) Division VI.

Nicholas M. Burkemper, ’01, joined The Barklage Law Firm in St. Charles, Mo. His practice emphasizes estate planning, probate and trust administration, business formation and succession planning, corporate restructuring, and individual, corporate and transfer tax planning.

Thurston K. Cromwell, ’01, is general counsel and corporate secretary of TMNG.
Ritsumeikan University School of Law. Advocacy” in Kyoto, sponsored by the Penalty; and “Teaching Effective Trial Committee on Moratorium of Death Case in U.S.” in Tokyo, sponsored by “Defense Activities in the Death Penalty Hitotsubashi University School of Law; the Innocent: Aberration or Systemic Ethics Education” and “Convicting March, he presented several seminars in Public Defender Council in October. In February. He also presented “Ethics for of Justice: Current Perspectives conference on Uniform State Laws.

J. Whitman chaired a portion of a program on “The Ratings Game” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in Washington, D.C., on January 3. He served as chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) site team visiting the University of Alabama School of Law in connection with its reaccreditation by the ABA. In February he spoke on the reaccreditation program at a workshop sponsored by the ABA Section on Legal Education.

In March, Whitman spoke to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers on recent developments in property law. He serves as a liaison from the American College of Real Estate Lawyers to the drafting committee for a new uniform act on Transfer on Death Deeds, sponsored by a workshop sponsored by the ABA Section on Uniform State Laws.

Dale A. Whitman gave a plenary presentation, “Convicting the Innocent: Why it is Not Just an Isolated Occurrence,” at the Miserriages of Justice: Current Perspectives conference at the University of Central Missouri in February. He also presented “Ethics for Criminal Defense Lawyers” for the Indiana Public Defender Council in October. In March, he presented several seminars in Japan: “The Role of Lawyers and Legal Ethics Education” and “Convicting the Innocent: Aberration or Systemic Problem?” in Tokyo, sponsored by the Hitotsubashi University School of Law; “Defense Activities in the Death Penalty Case in U.S.” in Tokyo, sponsored by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations Committee on Moratorium of Death Penalty; and “Teaching Effective Trial Advocacy” in Kyoto, sponsored by the Ritsumeikan University School of Law.

Global, a leading provider of professional services to the converging communications media and entertainment industries and the capital formation firms that support it, in Overland Park, Kan.

Jane C. Drummond, ’01, was appointed by Gov. Matt Blunt as the director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Previously she served as general counsel for the governor’s office.

Drew W. Hilpert, ’01, practices with the Jefferson City Law Group in Jefferson City, Mo. He previously practiced with Brandecker & Smull in Columbia.

David M. Kurtz, ’01, left Smith Lewis in Columbia to become a political blogger at www.talkingpointsmemo.com. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he was a journalist.

Ryan R. Cox, ’02, announces the opening of his firm, Ryan R. Cox and Associates, LLC, in St. Charles, Mo. He specializes in personal injury matters, including car accidents, premises liability and wrongful death.

Deena A. “Day” Al-Mohamed, ’03, is the director of advocacy and governmental affairs for the American Council of the Blind in Washington, D.C.

Laura Krebs Al-Shathir, ’03, is an associate in the tax planning law group of Blumenfeld, Kaplan & Sandweiss in Clayton, Mo.

Rebekah E. Bromberg, ’03, is a financial advisor with Renaissance Financial Corporation in St. Louis.

David L. Grebel, ’03, is a senior associate at Brown & James in St. Louis.

Kimberly J. Shields, ’03, is a staff attorney with the Public School & Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri in Jefferson City, Mo.

April S. Wilson, ’03, practices with the Boone County, Mo., prosecutors office.

Reno R. Cova III, ’04, is an associate in the civil defense practice group of Evans & Dixon in St. Louis.

Jason C. Grill, ’04, was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in the November 2006 elections with 60.08 percent of the vote. He represents the 32nd District of Missouri, which is located in Platte County and stretches from north of downtown Kansas City to the Kansas City International Airport. Grill is an attorney at the Grill Law Firm, LLC, and is a professor of graduate and undergraduate courses at Park University in Parkville, Mo.

Christopher M. McGrath, ’04, is an associate at Lovell Stewart Halebian in New York City.

Joseph J. Piatchek, ’04, managing member of The Piatchek Law Firm, announces that the firm has expanded into a new office and is now located at 1334 E. Kingsley, Suite C, Springfield, MO 65804.

Joshua M. Raaz, ’04, married Amy Sanchez on Dec. 27, 2005, in Salt Lake City. He is an attorney in Golden, Colo.

Laura (Sides) Reinbold, ’04, is an associate at Schmidt, Kirby & Sullivan in Springfield, Mo. She practices in the areas of insurance defense and workers’ compensation defense.

Helen L. Wade, ’04, is a partner in Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer in Columbia.

Laurie J. Wiedenhoff, ’04, is an associate at Smith, Schneider, Stiles & Serangeli in Des Moines, Iowa. Previously she served as a judicial law clerk for the 5th Judicial District of Iowa.

Erick S. Creach, ’05, is an associate at Van Matre, Harrison & Volkert in Columbia.

Caroline A. LaVallee, ’05, is a staff attorney with the Family Law/Domestic Violence Unit of Legal Aid of Western Missouri in Kansas City, Mo.

Katherine M. Massa, ’05, is an associate at Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard in St. Louis. Previously she was a law clerk to the Honorable Kathianne Knaup Crane of the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District.
Mark L. Means, ’05, practices with Runft and Steele in Boise, Idaho.

Benjamin B. Nelson, ’05, is an associate at Truman Allen, P.C., in Columbia. Previously he practiced at Jones, Schneider & Bartlett in Columbia.

Eric J. Wieland, ’05, practices with Samuels Yoelin Kantor Seymour & Spinrad in Portland, Ore. He assists individuals and businesses in the areas of estate, tax, business and trust law.

Christopher L. Benne, ’06, is an associate with Husch & Eppenberger in Jefferson City, Mo. He practices in the firm’s Health Law and Corporate Practice Groups.

J. Zachary Bickel, ’06, is an associate at Jones, Schneider & Bartlett in Columbia.

Ramona A. Capkovic, ’06, joined the public defenders office in Hannibal, Mo.

Erin K. Cozad, ’06, joined the Municipal Court Unit of Legal Aid of Western Missouri in Kansas City, Mo.

D. Adam Dowling, ’06, practices with Eng & Woods in Columbia.

Amanda E. Dysart, ’06, is an associate at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo.

Ryan P. Kovacs, ’06, joined the Clayton, Mo., office of Boggs, Boggs & Bates as an associate.

Kevin A. Meyers, ’06, is an associate at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo.

Kristin R. Morin, ’06, is an associate at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo. She concentrates her practice on real estate law.

Nathan E. Oleen, ’06, is an associate at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo.

Doreen Saltiel, ’06, joined the public defenders office in Moberly, Mo.

Adam D. Woody, ’06, joined the Springfield (Mo.) Public Defender’s Office.

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Paula M. Young, LLM ’03, was appointed to the Standing Committee on Ethical Guidance of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution. The committee issues advisory opinions on the revised national Model Standards Of Conduct For Mediators.

Tal Zarankin, LLM ’03, and James A. Wall, a senior fellow of the School of Law’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, wrote a paper for the 2006 International Association for Conflict Management. The paper compares mediation in the United States and Israel.

Jeffrey H. Goldfien, LLM ’05, published an article, “Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor: RLUIPA and the Mediation of Religious Land Use Disputes,” in 2006 Journal of Dispute Resolution 435. He argues that religious land use disputes have become widespread since adoption of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 and recommends that parties use mediation at an early stage in such disputes. The article is based on the paper he wrote for his LLM major research project course.

Nivedita Chowdary Gutta, LLM ’06, joined Safe Horizon, a nonprofit victim assistance program that provides dispute resolution services in New York City. She does outreach, mediation and volunteer coordination.
James Holmes Greene Jr., ’39, of Midland, Mich., died March 28, 2006, at age 90. Following his graduation from law school, he worked as an insurance adjuster before commencing the practice of law in Kansas City, Mo., with the law firms of Sebring & Shook and Popham & Thompson. In 1950 he began his own private practice in Raytown, Mo., and continued that practice until his retirement in 1983. He was an active participant in many city- and civic-related functions, such as the Raytown chamber of commerce, the Raytown Kiwanis Club, the Raytown school board, the Masonic Lodge of Raytown, the Ararat Shriners of Kansas City and the Raytown Baptist Church.

J. Marvin Motley, ’41, of Branson, Mo., died Sept. 8, 2006, at age 88. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1964, he moved to Branson from Moberly, Mo., and was the founder of the Motley & Motley Law Firm. He was a member of the American Legion, Rotary Club, Jefferson Club, Masonic Lodge, the Shrine and the Taneyshills Library Club. He received a Chamber of Commerce Pioneer Award.

Earl E. Shouse, ’41, of Houston, died July 6, 2006, at age 90. He served during World War II in the Army and the Air Force and was discharged from active service in 1946 as a colonel. He remained in the Air Force Reserve until 1976. He was a licensed attorney in Missouri and Texas and was an active member of the bar until his death.

Celia G. Fustos, ’46, of Tucson, Ariz., died Nov. 20, 2006, at age 82.

Hugh A. Miner, ’47, of St. Joseph, Mo., died Oct. 26, 2006, at age 85. From 1942 to 1945, he was an officer and bomber pilot in the U.S. Air Corps. He worked for the City of St. Joseph in the legal department from 1947 to 1949; the U.S. attorney’s office in Kansas City, Mo., from 1949 to 1952; and as assistant attorney general for the State of Missouri. He was involved in the practice of law from 1947 to 1999. He was a trustee for U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Missouri, from 1964 to 1990. For more than 20 years, he served as legal advisor to draft registrants in Buchanan County, Mo., on a pro bono basis. For this, he received a commendation from President Lyndon Johnson. He was the father of Robert B. Miner, ’74.


Lloyd A. Hamrick, ’51, of Kansas City, Mo., died Feb. 18, at age 83. He was an Army veteran, serving his country in World War II. He was an attorney with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and a partner in the Francis, Hamrick and O’Connor Law Firm in Kansas City. Hamrick was a member of the Methodist church and enjoyed farming and playing golf.

Robert J. Virden, ’51, of Kansas City, Mo., died Jan. 19, at age 79. He served in the Army from 1946 to 1948. In 1950 he joined the Kansas City firm of Kemp, Koontz, Clagett and Norquist. He was instrumental in facilitating the merger of the Kemp firm with two other firms that later became Lathrop & Gage. Virden served as managing partner in the 1980s and continued to practice law until 2005.

Randolph E. Puchta, ’55, of Hermann, Mo., died Oct. 26, 2006, at age 78. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and a senior judge of the Missouri judiciary.

Robert E. Lusk, ’57, of Sun City West, Ariz., died May 20, 2005, at age 75. He worked for Trans World Airlines Inc. for 17 years and retired as a director of civic affairs in 1983. He also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as an attorney and retired in 1994. He was a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and served as a combat forward observer and artillery fire direction officer during the Korean War, during which he received a Bronze Star.

Charles W. Denny, ’58, of Orinda, Calif., died Aug. 24, 2006, at age 71. He was a descendant of pioneer settlers in the Fayette, Mo., area. He began his law career as an assistant to the Missouri attorney general in Jefferson City, Mo. In 1963 he joined the Oakland, Calif., law firm of Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May, where he remained until he became ill. He specialized in business law, especially international and multi-state business law, and assisted foreign-based companies starting operations in the United States. He was active in the licensing and transfers of technology developed in the United States and Europe for use in Asia and was notable for his ties to law firms in the Pacific Rim.

John Ed Luther, ’59, of Memphis, Mo., died Aug. 21, 2006, at age 75. Following his graduation from Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., he joined the U.S. Navy, attaining the rank of 1st lieutenant. He was an officer on the Pandemus, ARL 18 from 1953 to 1956. After his Navy service, he entered law school, graduating in 1959 and then returning to Memphis to begin his law career with his father and grandfather at Luther and Luther, Attorneys at Law. He practiced law during the 1960s and 1970s. In 1980, Luther was elected associate circuit judge and held that position until his retirement in 2000. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Memphis, the Memphis Masonic Lodge #16 AF & AM, Boy Scouts of America and Rotary Club International.

James Frank Crews, ’63, of Tipton, Mo., died Nov. 20, 2006, at age 67. Following his graduation from the School of Law, he practiced in Tusculumia, Mo., then Tipton, for more than 40 years. He was a farmer and continued to raise cattle up to the time of his death.

Judson L. Palmer Jr., ’69, of Liberty, Mo., died Sept. 12, 2006, at age 61. He practiced law in Kansas City, Mo., from 1970 to 1996, and was president and CEO of Emergency Providers, Inc.


Michael R. Caldwell, ’70, of Ruidoso, N.M., died Feb. 1, at age 61. After completing law school, he worked for Price Waterhouse in St. Louis. He then moved to Dallas, where he was in-house counsel for the Trammell Crow Company. After moving to Memphis, Texas, he worked for Greene Dry Goods Store before moving to Muleshoe, Texas, where he maintained a legal practice. In 2000, he retired to his mountain home in Ruidoso. In his retirement, he was an avid world traveler, a voracious reader who loved to tell stories, a regular swimmer and tennis player and a yoga practitioner.

Jess L. Mueller, ’70, of Troy, Mo., died June 2, 2006, at age 63. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. In 1971, he moved to Troy and practiced law until his partial retirement in 2001. He was a member of Troy Rotary Club, Troy Elks Lodge #2805 and American Legion Post #8828.

Ernest F. Brasier, ’74, of St. Louis, Mo., died Dec. 19, 2006, at age 57. He was a partner with Boggs, Boggs & Bates, where he specialized in defending personal injury cases. He had practiced law since 1976. He was the cubmaster of Pack 624 of St.
Clement School, coach of St. Clement teams and Indian Princess leader.

**Edwin J. Carlton, ’75, of Fredericktown, Mo.,** died Dec. 31, 2006. Prior to attending law school, he moved to California, where he served as a naval lieutenant aboard the 1355 Rainier during the Vietnam War. He later became a partner at the Columbia firm of Oliver, Walker, Carlton and Wilson, where he worked for more than 20 years. He was active in the community, serving on the boards of the Salvation Army and Cancer Research Center. In 1996, he moved to Oklahoma, where he continued to practice law. He spent the last years of his life in southeastern Missouri.

**Erik P. Rocksund, ’81, of Columbia Falls, Mont.,** died April 20, 2005, at age 55. He worked his way through college logging his family’s 170 acres north of Columbia Falls, where he later made his home. He worked as a probation and parole officer in Missouri for several years prior to receiving his law degree from MU. For most of his career, Rocksund practiced law in Columbia Falls. Prior to his death, his law office was located in Kalispell, Mont. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and volunteered for 12 years as a youth soccer coach.

**Yvonne Smith, ’84, of St. Louis, Mo.,** died Jan. 7, at age 47. She served as a judicial law clerk for the late Honorable Clyde Cahill, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. She was later employed at Lashly & Baer as one of its first African-American attorneys. She was also an adjunct professor at the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. She was in private practice for many years, both in Missouri and Illinois, until her health failed. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Omicron Eta Omega Chapter, and the Archway Chapter of the Links.

**Maj. Grant McLoone, ’87, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla,** died Jan. 12. He was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force (USAF) in 1987. He served in the USAF Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois; Castle Air Force Base in California; Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri; Korea; Singapore; Army JAG School in Virginia; Royal Air Force in Mildenhall, England; and Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He was formerly known as Grant Blowers.

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**Alumni Triumph at the Polls**

Last fall, nine School of Law alumni won legislative elections for the U.S. Congress and the Missouri General Assembly. They are:

- Rachel L. Bringer, ’95
  Missouri House of Representatives, District 6
- J. Russell Carnahan, ’84
  U.S. Representative, District 3 of Missouri
- Stanley B. Cox, ’76
  Missouri House of Representatives, District 118
- Jason C. Grill, ’04
  Missouri House of Representatives, District 32
- Claire C. McCaskill, ’78
  U.S. Senator, Missouri
- Bryan T. Pratt, ’99
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Established by the bar’s board of governors in 2004, this award is presented to judges who set an example of judicial excellence by leadership in the advancement of the administration of justice, providing outstanding public and community service to the people of the state of Missouri, and a person of the highest character, integrity and honor who inspires other members of the judiciary to a similar noble purpose.
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Presented to legislators who have played a key role in supporting legislation of interest to the state bar, or who have taken the lead in sponsoring bar-drafted legislation within the Missouri General Assembly.
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President’s Award
For meritorious service to The Missouri Bar.
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Acknowledging outstanding pro bono activities.
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Purcell Professionalism Award
Recognizes outstanding professionalism in a Missouri lawyer who has consistently demonstrated an exceptional degree of competency, integrity and civility.
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Spurgeon Smithson Award
Acknowledges significant contributions to the administration of justice.
James E. Baldwin, ’66

At the bar’s annual meeting, attorneys from across the state welcomed incoming bar president C. Ronald Baird, ’74. He is a shareholder in the firm of Baird, Lightner, Millsap & Harpool in Springfield, Mo. He has been a member of the board of governors of The Missouri Bar since 1996.

H.A. “Skip” Walther, ’79, was elected a representative to the bar’s board of governors. He practices with Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer in Columbia.
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May 24, 2007
School of Law Campaign Committee Meeting
Via conference call
9:00 a.m.

June 6-8, 2007
Mediation Training for Civil Cases
(21.7 hours of CLE credit offered, including 1.2 hours of ethics)
John K. Hulston Hall
8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

July 19, 2007
School of Law Campaign Committee Meeting
Via conference call
11:00 a.m.

September 28, 2007
Law School Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting in conjunction with The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting
Springfield, Mo.
Time TBA

September 28, 2007
Law Alumni Relations Committee Meeting in conjunction with The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting
Springfield, Mo.
Time TBA

September 28, 2007
Annual Alumni Luncheon in conjunction with The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting
Springfield, Mo.
Time TBA

November 9-10, 2007
Law Day and Class Reunions ’07
Times and Locations TBA