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An Exciting and Energizing Time to be Dean

It is a great honor to write my first column for the “Dean’s Corner.” Since I was named as incoming dean in April, I have received a warm welcome from faculty, staff, students and alumni. I am excited about moving to Columbia and taking on the leadership of this great law school. Mizzou Law is a state flagship law school with a strong reputation and history, a very impressive faculty at both junior and senior levels, a high quality student body that is small in size, and a collegial and supportive environment.

Some have asked me whether serving as a new dean in the current challenging economic and legal marketplace is a good idea. We have all seen the gloomy news reports. One recent article in The New York Times, for example, referred to the “existential crisis” facing legal education. Although these are difficult times for law schools generally, the law school is uniquely positioned to weather the storm and to continue to train graduates for positions in the bar and in public service. Several features give us a major advantage over most other law schools.

First, the law school offers an affordable, yet high quality legal education. At a time when news reports highlight students with large debt loads and limited job prospects, Mizzou Law tuition rates continue to offer law students an opportunity to consider a wide range of employment options, including public service positions. Although state law school tuition levels have increased, particularly in light of reduced state support, state law schools such as ours continue to offer tuition levels far below those of most private law schools.

Second, MU offers a first-rate legal education. From a nationally renowned dispute resolution center and programs to an outstanding faculty, the law school offers law graduates real value for their educational dollars. This outcome can be measured by consistent success in bar passage in Missouri, which at 97.4 percent is almost five percentage points above the average. Moreover, despite the difficult employment market, 88 percent of 2011 graduates are employed, including 117 in positions that require or prefer a JD degree. These figures are better than those of most law schools, including some of the leading law schools in the country.

Third, the law school has taken concrete and proactive steps to recognize the decline in law school applications and in overall employment for law graduates. Under Dean Larry Dessem’s leadership, the law school reduced the size of its entering class from 150 to 135 per year. This reduction in class size is a responsible move in direct recognition of current conditions; and it happens to offer students an even more cohesive environment in which to learn the law.

Fourth, the law school has increased the size of the Career Development staff and is taking steps toward increasing skills programming and other experiential learning opportunities for students. Once again, when you read the news stories about placement challenges and the need for more “practical” legal education, you also find real responses from our law school. In the months and years to come, I hope to see further expansion of our efforts in enhancing our skills training offerings. Alumni support plays an important part in this enterprise – through financial support for such programs and from contributions of time and effort.

These facts, and many others, make the opportunity to serve as dean at Mizzou an exciting and energizing one for me. As we work to improve the law school, I am grateful for the work of the 15 deans who have preceded me in this role, and in particular to Larry Dessem, who has been a very supportive voice of experience and reason. To continue building on the law school’s success, I look forward to your input and support in the years to come.

I will be traveling around the state of Missouri, as well as to a number of cities around the country, as part of this year’s Dean’s Tour. I hope that one or more of these events will offer a convenient time and place to meet you. In addition, if you are ever in Columbia, I hope that you will contact my office and give me a chance to meet with you in person. You can always reach me by phone or e-mail with your comments, concerns or questions. I look forward to talking about the future of this great law school with you.

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FALL FACULTY FEATURE: PROF. TROY A. RULE

Crafting Policy

With the nation on the brink of another renewable energy boom, Prof. Troy A. Rule is at the forefront, using law and economics tools to craft land use policies for wind and solar energy development that he hopes will be implemented nationwide.

by Erin E. Denson, 1L

Rule was born and raised outside of Boise, Idaho. Although neither of his parents held bachelor's degrees, he was determined to obtain a graduate-level education. After high school, Rule made the move to Utah, graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in economics from Brigham Young University in 2001.

During his time at BYU, Rule made the decision to go to law school. Although he had previously considered pursuing a PhD in economics and becoming an economics professor, Rule ultimately found his true calling. “I figured out that what I loved the most was policy itself. In legal academia, we’re at the front line – we’re actually helping to shape policy,” he explains. “The things that I write today are ideas that could be implemented somewhere, and I hope that they are.”

Before law school, Rule worked in banking for nine months. It was during this time that he gained interest and experience in finance and real estate. After taking the LSAT and scoring in the top one percent, Rule briefly taught an LSAT preparation course before heading to the University of Chicago School of Law, graduating in 2005.

Rule entered law school with an interest in teaching law, but he wanted relevant experience as a practicing attorney before delving into the world of academia. Within his first year as a real estate attorney with the Seattle-based law firm K&L Gates LLP, Rule was assigned to work on real estate legal matters for a large wind energy project. This project involved the development of the Windy Point/Windy Flats wind farm, which now spans 26 contiguous miles along the Columbia River Gorge in Washington state. After his first year on the project, Rule was appointed as lead real estate attorney on it. As lead attorney, he had the chance to completely immerse himself in the project for his last two years at the firm, gaining the experience and interest that led him into his current areas of coursework and research.

Rule’s fated turn into academia came during his work on the Windy Point/Windy Flats project. A competing wind energy developer sought to install a wind turbine that would have created a wake of turbulent wind flow behind it and rendered his client’s downwind turbine useless.

This raised an interesting legal question: Who should win in this sort of conflict? Is it a nuisance for the landowner to disrupt someone else’s wind, or are land owners entitled to harvest or capture wind above their land without liability for downwind wake effects? Rule searched for legal precedent on the issue and found that none existed. It was at this moment that his academic career was born. In his first published scholarly article, “A Downwind View of the Cathedral: Using Rule Four to Allocate Wind Rights,” in 46 San Diego Law Review 207 (2009), Rule applied a popular analytic model from law and economics literature to advocate a particular policy approach to the problem of wind turbine wake interference.

Rule says that, as the world changes, laws must constantly adapt. However, he believes that, in the realm of property law, it is usually best to merely tweak existing laws to accommodate something new, thereby preserving and acknowledging property rights that have been respected for centuries. “My research seeks ways to hold on to the virtues of current property law while still accommodating and addressing the new problems that are arising in the context of the sustainability movement,” he says.

In 2011, Rule was awarded a research grant from SolarTech, via the U.S. Department of Energy. Already a year into his research, Rule has two years to go. His task is to develop better laws to govern neighbor disputes over the shading of solar panels and to find ways of using subdivision controls to accelerate the adoption of small-scale solar energy technologies.

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shaded their own houses and reduced their power bills, or from building vertically, which is a way to combat sprawl,” he says. He believes that there many uses for airspace, some of which can be more valuable to society than protecting a solar panel from shading in some particular spot. So, he cautions, policymakers must be careful to consider unintended consequences when crafting laws that are aimed at promoting something good like renewable energy.

Compromise is at the heart of Rule’s proposed model solar access statutes and ordinances. “In some states, if you put up a solar panel, you automatically gain solar rights,” he notes, a supposedly new type of property that prevents neighbors from shading the panels. Rule maintains that what these statutes label as “solar rights” is actually just an interest in neighbors’ air space. Thus, a statute that purports to give someone “solar rights” is actually just taking long-held airspace rights away from someone else.

Rule is proposing a framework to remedy these issues in his research with SolarTech and the U.S. Department of Energy. He believes that there are more fair and efficient approaches to governing land use conflicts in the context of renewable energy development that incentivize the involved parties to act in the best interests of society. Grounded primarily in law and economics, Rule’s approaches encourage landowners and governments to put airspace and other scarce resources to the highest valued use.

Rule’s model laws and materials will be posted on the internet and published by SolarTech and the U.S. Department of Energy in hopes that local government officials addressing these issues will refer to and even adopt them in their own jurisdictions.

Rule is planning to host SolarTech on the MU campus during the 2012-2013 academic year to present information on the group’s broader Department of Energy grant project.

Having taught Land Use, Secured Transactions, Sales & Leases, and Commercial Real Estate Transactions at the School of Law, Rule will add two new courses to his teaching resume this academic year. He is teaching Natural Resources Law in the fall — a course that has not been taught at Mizzou for several years. Rule looks forward to this class because he will be able to share more of his research with his students. Rule will also be teaching Property Law to 1Ls in Spring 2013.

Rule realizes the importance of preparation for his classes and the impact that quality teaching can have on current students and their futures — students he believes will one day lead the state of Missouri in both politics and in the profession of law. Rule was thrilled to begin his career in teaching at MU because of its great history and because he feels Columbia is a great college town, and as a father of three — a great place to raise children.

Rule also says the positive, motivational and professional atmosphere provided at the School of Law does not go unnoticed. “The faculty do respect the students here,” he says. “A lot of the students here are pioneers in their families who are the first to graduate law school, and the first to experience this level of education.”

Rule observes the students to be ambitious, proactive and self-starters, and believes that the faculty at the School of Law recognize and admire that. From the dean’s office to the offices of the faculty, the School of Law feels obligated to keep an open door to make students feel respected, because as Rule puts it, “Our students are going to be our leaders.”

Conversely, Rule equally garners respect and admiration from his students. In 2011, he was awarded the Gold Chalk Award, which is a campus award designed to recognize professors who have made significant contributions to the education and training of graduate and professional students.
Rule’s passion for educating and love of renewable energy do not stop in the classroom or with his research. At home, Rule and his family use solar panel lights for home landscaping and Rule hopes to one day have his own small wind turbine. Sharing his enthusiasm, Rule’s daughter, Kiersten (10), built a toy solar car that sits on Rule’s desk in Hulston Hall. Kiersten and his oldest son, Peyton (7) had the chance to join Rule and his wife, Amy, in visiting the Windy Point/Windy Flats wind project upon completion of a major phase of the project in 2009 before leaving Seattle to move to Columbia. The family’s newest son, Preston (1), was born in the summer of 2011.

Rule currently serves as the faculty advisor for the School of Law’s Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Law and on the campus Environmental and Sustainability Committee. He says that the university’s biggest accomplishment in terms of sustainability in recent years has been MU’s newly acquired biomass boiler. Many share Rule’s sentiment that MU’s renewables portfolio has put it in the forefront of universities nationwide. MU also has a plan in the works to install a mid-sized wind turbine on university land to allow students to study wind energy.

In the past three and a half years, Rule has placed articles for publication in six academic journals, two professional journals, The Seattle Times, and as excerpts in The Renewable Energy Reader, a new coursebook published by Carolina Academic Press, 2011. Rule is currently working on his own book, Solar, Wind and Land: Conflicts and Renewable Energy Development, which focuses on land use conflicts in the context of renewable energy development and is due to his London-based publisher, Earthscan, in 2013.

Rule believes that environmental law is increasingly focused on sustainability. Citing examples such as smart growth, wind farms, biomass and solar energy, he predicts the continued rapid growth of this area of law. Through his teaching and research, he hopes to help shape the way that communities accommodate wind turbines, solar panels and other forms of sustainable development in the decades to come.

President-Elect of Bar Speaks at Hooding Ceremony

The School of Law hosted Patrick B. Starke, ’79, at its annual May hooding ceremony for new graduates. Starke, who practices with the Starke Law Offices in Blue Springs, is president-elect of The Missouri Bar. He is also the proud father of May graduate Vanessa M. Starke, ’12.

During his comments, Starke emphasized the importance of advising clients at important times in their lives. “Your job is to tell them what hole they have fallen into, but always make sure to let them leave with some hope,” he said.

Starke with the most recent School of Law graduate in the family, daughter Vanessa, who joined him in practice in Blue Springs.
FALL FEATURE: GARY MYERS JOINS THE SCHOOL OF LAW AS DEAN

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[Image of a person in a natural setting]
On April 9, MU Provost Brian Foster announced the appointment of Gary Myers as the 16th dean of the School of Law. Myers joins the law school with impressive credentials. For the last 23 years, he has taught at the University of Mississippi School of Law, most recently serving as associate dean for research and professor of law. He is an honors graduate of Duke University School of Law, where he also obtained a master's degree in economics, and received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude in economics from New York University. Before entering academia, he was an associate with Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy in Atlanta and served as a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Jacksonville, Fla. He has written or co-written eight published books, is an elected member of the American Law Institute and is a member of the American Law and Economics Association and the American Bar Association.

According to those who know him, Myers will continue the tradition of approachability and friendliness in the School of Law's deanship. Louis J. Leonatti, '74, has known him for several years, after they met trying a civil jury trial in St. Louis. According to Leonatti, Myers is good with people. “He is very open,” he explains. “He will bring a lot of enthusiasm and he will listen to people and I hope they listen to him.” The dean at the University of Mississippi School of Law, Richard I. Gershon, agrees. “Gary is a nationally recognized scholar in the area of intellectual property law, but he also has great interpersonal skills,” he says. “He’s a good guy and that goes a long way.”

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Brittany Bartley, University of Mississippi '12
And his students feel the same way. Brittany Bartley, a 2012 Mississippi graduate who served as a research assistant to Myers, notes that he had a positive relationship with the students there, due in large part to his openness in taking questions in class and assisting students with the course material outside of class. “Students at Mizzou can expect Dean Myers to go above and beyond for them,” she says. “His greatest strength is his passion for the law and his students.”

On Aug. 15, the friendly countenance of Gary Myers entered the doors of Hulston Hall, full of enthusiasm and vision, with years of experience in both practice and academia under his belt. It’s been baptism by fire, as they say — he arrived on the first day of 1L orientation and had his first alumni event just two weeks after his arrival. Immersing himself in people is at the top of his to-do list. “My first priority as dean is to get to know the people who make this law school great — the faculty, staff, alumni and student body,” he says.

We hope you’ll take a minute to meet Myers in this issue of Transcript. And when you’re done, feel free to send him an e-mail to introduce yourself. You can reach him at myers@missouri.edu.

**Q** You were nominated to be considered for the deanship at the School of Law. What did you think when you were notified you’d been nominated? Were you actively seeking a deanship?

**A** I was nominated for the deanship at Missouri, and members of the dean search committee then contacted me and invited me to submit my application. I was truly honored to be considered for the position. I was also very impressed with MU’s dean search committee, including its very capable co-chairs, Joan Gabel and Thom Lambert.

Prior to being nominated at Missouri, I had some conversations about the deanship at other law schools, but I was not actively seeking a deanship.

A successful deanship necessarily involves a good fit between the law school and the person who serves as dean.

**Q** Why are you a good fit for the law school and for Mizzou?

**A** It is helpful that I have 23 years of experience in the legal academy, primarily at a state flagship law school that shares many similarities with Mizzou, including (now) membership in the Southeastern Conference.

I also had experience working at three other law schools, which gave me a chance to see various approaches to the day-to-day management of a law school. I have learned a great deal about being a dean from people such as Richard Gershon, Dave Shipley, Parham Williams, Sam Davis and the late Louis Westerfield (deans at Mississippi), as well as Larry Ponoroff (then at Tulane, now at Arizona), Taylor Reveley (William & Mary) and the late Brian Bromberger (Loyola).

Moreover, I hope that I can bring an entrepreneurial approach to the law school and a heightened focus on raising funds to increase the number of scholarships, expand the number faculty chairs and add new programs to the law school.

**Q** What do you see as the law school’s current strengths and how do you plan to build on those?

**A** The law school has many strengths, the most important being the quality of its faculty. We have an outstanding group of teachers and scholars who have expertise and national reputations in a wide variety of fields. In addition, we have a tremendous group of alumni, thanks to Missouri’s position as a flagship state law school with a long tradition of training lawyers who have taken positions of leadership in the bar, on the bench, in the business world and in public service.

The school has achieved a great deal under the excellent leadership of its prior deans, including Larry Dessem, who has been tremendously supportive and helpful to me. I hope to build on these strengths by increasing the resources available to attract and retain a strong and diverse faculty and student body, and by continuing the strategic planning process so that we can respond to changes in the legal marketplace.
What new ideas do you have for the law school and how quickly do you hope to implement them?

To accomplish new things, the School of Law will need increased resources, particularly in light of reduced state support.

Probably the single greatest need is for scholarships to recruit outstanding law school applicants. I hope to see us expand the number and type of scholarships available – for example, with scholarship funds dedicated solely to applicants who have graduated from a specific undergraduate institution. We currently have one such scholarship, the Anne Westlake Elsberry and Howard Elsberry Family Scholarship, which is awarded to graduates of Truman State University. This is a great way for alumni to support both the law school and their undergraduate alma mater. Particularly in today’s competitive environment, when other law schools are offering prospective students significantly larger awards than in the past, we will need these scholarships to attract a strong and diverse student body.

Second, I hope the law school will consider additional programs, such as new clinics and new or expanded centers. Both of these developments would improve the depth and quality of the experience our students receive. There are a number of ideas related to this goal that I hope to share with faculty and alumni this year.

Third, I would like to see us increase the level of support for faculty scholarship and development. One of my first priorities is to assure that the Tim Heinsz Professorship becomes fully funded, so that it can be awarded to honor Tim’s memory and to recognize the work of one of our outstanding faculty members who would be the first holder of that professorship.

There is also a need for support for travel to conferences and other national programs, which truly does help raise the profile and reputation of the law school. More generally, we need to get the word out about the great things going on at Mizzou Law. A recent rating of the impact of our faculty’s scholarship found that we ranked very well, prompting the ABA Journal to highlight us as one of the schools that stood out in this category.

Finally, I would also like to increase the number and type of opportunities for alumni to be involved in the life of the law school. This involvement can take the form of helping recruit law school applicants to attend Mizzou, coming to the law school to speak or meet with students, or helping us expand our skills training offerings.

How do you feel your career has led you to this point?

My experience thus far has included working as a law clerk in the federal court system, practicing law with a large firm in Atlanta, teaching at Mississippi, William & Mary, Tulane and Loyola (New Orleans), and serving as associate dean at Mississippi. The deans at these institutions, whom I named earlier, have been great role models for me, as has Katherine Bartlett, former dean at Duke Law School. I have also been an entrepreneur, establishing my own real estate management and investment business, which has been in operation for more than 20 years. I plan to draw on all of these experiences in my work as dean.

What is your vision for the law school? Do you feel like our goal should primarily be to educate the citizens of Missouri to become Missouri lawyers? Do you want us to be a national law school?

Developing a vision for the law school is a collaborative effort that requires the input of the faculty, administration, alumni, students and other constituencies. In general, I hope to build on Missouri’s position as a flagship state law school with a long tradition of producing nationally recognized scholarship and of training lawyers to practice law anywhere in Missouri, nationally and indeed worldwide. To me, these two goals are complimentary – a great national law school can continue to train practice-ready lawyers. I hope to expand the law school’s experiential learning opportunities, to continue recruiting and retaining outstanding faculty members, and to assemble a diverse and high quality student body.

We have many supportive and enthusiastic alumni. How can they support you as you become dean?

The alumni have been very welcoming and supportive. Our greatest need is to increase the number and size of financial contributions to the law school. It would be great if every graduate of the law school could make a financial contribution to its continued success. That being said, alumni involvement is also paramount in recruiting, guiding, teaching and placing our students. The goals I described earlier cannot be achieved without the help of our alumni and friends.

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It would be nice to have an opportunity to teach courses in the future, including possibly a course in entertainment law or antitrust law.

Do you plan to teach in your first year as dean? How important is teaching to you in your role as dean? If you don’t teach, do you have other plans for interacting with the students?

I do not plan to teach in the first year or two of my deanship, in order to focus all of my energies on the administration of the law school and on raising funds to support the goals set by the faculty and administration. It would be nice to have an opportunity to teach courses in the future, including possibly a course in entertainment law or a seminar related to intellectual property or antitrust law.

I intend to have many other opportunities to interact with students, both informally and at various law school events. Stephanie Liu, president of the Student Bar Association, has given me a copy of the SBA’s current event list. I have placed these events on my calendar, and hope to attend as many of them as my schedule will permit.

What role, if any, do you see your family playing at the law school? (Myers brings with him to Columbia his wife, Bridget, an attorney and a registered nurse, and three-year-old twins Abigail and Elinor.)

I hope that my family can be involved in the life of the law school and the university, including attending law school functions and university-wide events. The law school community has been very welcoming to all of us.

We are very excited to move to Columbia and MU and are enjoying all that this city and this institution have to offer. My Great Dane, Charlie, will no doubt be involved in the Jim Devine Dog Walk, and will probably be a pretty strong candidate for cutest pet! I might be a little biased though.

Where are you from? What can you tell Mizzou Law alumni and friends about yourself?

I was born in Southern California and have lived in 12 states. My teachers all thought I should go to medical school, but I was drawn to study economics in college. My interest in law was sparked when I took a course in the law of ancient civilizations in the Classics Department at New York University. My time at Duke Law School provided other formative experiences for me, including my interest in intellectual property (which was spurred by Prof. David Lange) and my teaching style (which is modeled, however imperfectly, on Prof. Tom Rowe). My clerkship with Judge Gerald Tjoflat of the Eleventh Circuit provided me with a “capstone” for my legal education. The judge, by the way, is the longest serving active federal circuit judge in the nation.

I have had the good fortune to have visited 46 states (so far) and the District of Columbia, as well as a large number of foreign countries. Travel, music and the outdoors are three of my favorite outside interests.

What would you tell a prospective student who asked you, “Why should I go to law school at MU?”

Mizzou offers an excellent legal education in a great college town location, with a student body that is smaller than most law schools — we have only 135 students currently enrolled in our first-year class. This small class size allows students to get to know each other, and the faculty, much more easily than at the high-enrollment schools.

Moreover, MU offers prospective students the best of two worlds — a high quality education and a reasonable level of tuition. Particularly in today’s challenging economic environment, it would really be a mistake for a prospective law student to not give an excellent state law school such as Mizzou very serious consideration. Our graduates have a wide range of employment options, from large national law firms to small firms, judicial clerkships and public service positions. With significantly lower levels of student loan debt than graduates of private law schools, our students have considerably greater freedom to choose the employment setting that suits their interests, including a desire for a work-family balance.

Columbia is a great place to live, as I myself have found since my move here. It is home to a world-class research university, which offers a wide range of facilities and events that are open to law students. The city has great hiking and biking trails, a nice downtown arts district and a wide range of cultural opportunities.

For additional information, I would encourage prospective students to view this page on our website, which provides the personal stories of some of those who have made the wise choice of attending Mizzou Law: law.missouri.edu/admissions/pdf/whychosemizzou.pdf.

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Serving as a judicial clerk provides a unique opportunity to view a court from behind the scenes and to gain an understanding of the inner workings of a judge's chambers. In this role, a lawyer might research legal issues, write memoranda and observe court proceedings.

In addition, clerks often develop meaningful, lifelong mentoring relationships with their judges. These relationships, and the clerkship experience, can open career doors for many years to come. Judicial clerkships are coveted positions, and being selected by a judge to serve as a clerk is both an honor and an accomplishment.

The School of Law has many alumni who have served as judicial clerks, and many alumni and friends who have hired clerks of their own. Here’s a sample from recent years.

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The Honorable Gary W. Lynch, ’77
Missouri Court of Appeals for the Southern District
and
The Honorable Mark Pfeiffer, ’92
Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District

Jennifer J. Artman, ’11, for
The Honorable William Ray Price Jr.
Supreme Court of Missouri

Chinemereem U. Chukwu, ’11, for
The Honorable Camillo Nocket
Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court

John C. Constance, ’12, for
The Honorable Laura Denvir Stith
Supreme Court of Missouri

Chris D. Dandurand, ’11, for
The Honorable Patricia A.
Breckenridge, ’78
Supreme Court of Missouri

Omar A. Fuentes, ’12, for
The Honorable Alia Moses Ludlum
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Mary Cile Glover-Rogers, ’11, for
The Honorable Kenneth R. Neill
8th Judicial Circuit, Great Falls, Montana

Danielle M. Baan Hofman, ’11, for
The Honorable John R. Hawkinson
9th Judicial Circuit, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Josephine M. “Jody” Larison, ’11, for
The Honorable Brent Powell, ’96
16th Judicial Circuit, Jackson County, Missouri

Kameron M. Lawson, ’11, for
The Honorable Roy L. Richter, ’76
Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District

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The Honorable Duane Benton
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The Honorable Glenn A. Norton, ’85
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As internet usage among elementary and secondary school students skyrockets, so too have instances of cyberbullying, i.e. using online media to target and harass classmates. As schools adjust their policies to this new form of bullying (often by legislative command), important questions emerge: What are the effects of bullying, especially internet-based bullying? How can schools best implement effective, appropriate regulation of cyberbullying in particular? Are legislation and the schools’ new cyberbullying policies constitutional? If not, can they be rewritten to satisfy constitutional requirements?

In February, the Missouri Law Review Symposium explored the impacts of cyberbullying and its regulation, ranging from the psychological and emotional impacts of bullying to the constitutional and legal implications of school regulation, including the challenges faced by administrators and teachers who implement these regulations in the schools.

**Constitutional/Legal Implications of Regulating Cyberbullying**

Moderated by Prof. Christina E. Wells, symposium co-chair

Lyrisa B. Lidsky
University of Florida
Fredric G. Levin
College of Law

Barry P. McDonald
Pepperdine University
School of Law

Ari Waldman
California Western School of Law

**Psychology and Emotion: Effects of Cyberbullying**

Moderated by Prof. Philip G. Peters Jr.

Melissa K. Holt
Boston University
School of Education

Mark A. Small
Clemson University
Department of Psychology

Philip Rodkin
University of Illinois
College of Education

**Challenges in Schools: Effective Implementation**

Moderated by Prof. Douglas E. Abrams, symposium co-chair

Joseph Laramie
Laramie Consulting

Susan P. Limber
Clemson University
Institute on Family & Neighborhood Life

Daniel B. Weddle
University of Missouri-Kansas City
School of Law

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**Earl F. Nelson Lecture**

*How To Address Meanness and Cruelty Toward Youth, by Youth: Regulating Bullying in an Era of Digital Media*

Given by John Palfrey
Faculty Co-Director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society,
Henry N. Ess Professor of Law
and Vice Dean for Library and Information Resources
Harvard University

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**Bombshell or Baby Step? The Ramifications of Miller v. Alabama for Sentencing Law and Juvenile Crime Policy**

**Keynote address by**

Judge Nancy Gertner
Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School and Former Federal District Court Judge
Ten years ago, a fresh-faced new editor gathered 11 law students at Mizzou’s Stankowski Field to have the cover photo taken for the spring issue of Transcript.

What did these students have in common, other than the law? They all had been athletes at a competitive level at some point during their young lives. The group included:

- Three football players – Craig Carey for the University of Florida, Ben Gray for Truman State University and Corby Jones for MU
- Two black belts who were members of the Sho-Rei-Shobukan Karate Club – Nikki Hininger and Aaron Locke
- A long-distance runner from Southeast Missouri State University – Leslie McNamara
- A golfer from Missouri State University – Katie Howard
- A baseball player from MU – Ryan Fry
- A basketball player from Missouri University of Science & Technology – Debra Gronewoller
- A swimmer from Amherst College – Ryan Vacca
- And a wrestler from Northwestern University – Scott Schatzman

And while the editor is still the editor of Transcript, these 11 students have scattered. Where are they now? Read on to find out.
Craig E. Carey, ’04
Managing Member | The Carey Firm, PC | Houston, Texas

I left Mizzou in 2004 and immediately started working on the creation of a sports management company, CBC Sports Group. I worked for a couple of years to get it off the ground. It was going fine, then in 2006 a lawyer friend of mine who played football with me in the Canadian Football League approached me about starting a sports agency together. We joined with another lawyer and started Gibraltar Sports Management in Los Angeles. Our parent company was one of the entertainment companies there. It was a good opportunity that was short lived due to differences of opinion with respect to finances. I decided to leave Los Angeles and return to my hometown of Houston. I continued to help my brother, who is an agent, with his clients and with recruiting, but also decided to take the bar exam in Texas and start my own practice. I took the bar in 2009 and received my license in 2010. In August 2011, I started The Carey Firm, PC, focusing my practice on family law, probate and real estate. My mother inspired me to do this myself. She was a solo practitioner for 28 years and she’s winding down, getting ready to retire. She is part of the reason I was excited to get licensed and practice. So I started my firm and she serves as of counsel. Eventually we’ll blend her practice into mine.

Ryan T. Fry, ’02
Managing Partner | Oswald Roam Rew & Fry | Blue Springs, Mo.

Upon sadly departing Columbia after the better part of a decade (August 1994 – August 2002), I returned to the eastern Jackson County area. During my 2L summer, I had clerked for the Blue Springs law firm of Cochran, Oswald, McDonald Roam & Moore. The partners at the firm were gracious enough to extend an offer of employment to me and I began working there in earnest in August of 2002. I was initially drawn to the firm because of its stellar reputation in the area and because of their representation of various school districts in the area and around the State of Missouri. In returning to the firm in August of 2002, I took on a pretty diverse practice, anything from school law issues to traffic/DWI practice and all things in between. Our firm was, and is, very supportive to its associates while they find their way into a specialty practice. As much as I hate to admit it, I even put money in the kansas (intentionally lower case) coffers and took/passed the bar on that side of the line in 2003.

Ten years later, a great deal has changed in my practice and at the same time, nothing has changed. While our firm “roster” has changed and even the name, our law firm remains a consistent presence in eastern Jackson County. My four partners – Julius Oswald, Kim Roam, ’83; Jason Rew, ’00; and Jennifer Oswald Brown – are all terrific partners and very accomplished attorneys. Additionally, we have one of the finest law firm staffs around. My partners did make the questionable decision of electing me managing partner of the firm starting in 2011. I remain in that capacity and over the years, I have narrowed the concentration of my practice to a focus on school law and corporate/business law, and I still handle misdemeanor criminal matters. The daily diversity offered by our profession, even in specialty areas, remains a draw for me. I remain a loyal and avid Tiger fan and we sneak to Columbia for a game or Murry’s whenever possible. I am appreciative for the opportunities the MU law school administration, faculty and staff have provided to me and my family in the past 10 years. Regardless of the daily jokes and jabs we all endure, I find no end to the people needing quality representation and expressing their gratitude when they feel they have received it.

As with most attorneys, my sanity comes from home and my wonderful wife, Lisa, and our two year old son, Garrett. So, until the Royals call to see if I can still pitch (seriously, I can keep my ERA under 6.00), I will continue toiling away in Blue Springs, Mo. Go Tigers!
I began my career as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Cape Girardeau County – an excellent point of beginning for a new lawyer. Immediate courtroom and trial immersion fed my competitive urges, while good advice was just a question away.

Benjamin J. Gray, ’03
Sole Practitioner  |  Benjamin J. Gray, Attorney at Law  |  Kirksville, Mo.

Three years later, I made my entry into private practice, working for some excellent lawyers at Rice, Spaeth, Summers & Heisserer, a law firm in Cape Girardeau. As a criminal defense attorney there, I quickly found my arguments prevailing less often than when I had been a prosecutor, which eventually led me to deduce that maybe my powers of persuasion were perhaps not as scintillating as I had previously imagined.

Despite such setbacks, over the years I’ve learned the intricacies of criminal and civil litigation and how to use that knowledge to my advantage. I’m very grateful for the opportunities to work for and learn from attorneys who are not only very good at what they do, but who recognize the importance of maintaining high professional and ethical standards while doing it.

In 2009, after six years in Cape Girardeau, I returned to northeast Missouri (where I grew up) to start my own practice in Kirksville. I’m very happy with that decision. Thanks to my experiences, I’ve managed to build an ever-growing criminal defense and civil litigation practice in a short amount of time. I’ve even managed to become persuasive enough to make prevailing arguments from time to time.

G. Nicole Hininger Howell, ’04
Associate  |  Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart  |  Kansas City, Mo.

After law school, I clerked for Judge John R. Gibson on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals for a year. In that clerkship, I had the opportunity to travel to other cities across the country where my judge was invited to sit and hear cases with other courts of appeals. I cannot thank Prof. Wilson Freyermuth enough for encouraging me to apply for a clerkship – this was one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.

Shortly after my clerkship, I made the decision to focus my career on employment law. In November 2005, I went to work for Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.’s Kansas City office and have been with the firm for almost seven years. I’m happy to report that the MU Law grads significantly outnumber the graduates from other law schools in our office.

My practice focuses on advice, counseling and litigation defense for corporate employers on issues such as employee leave, discrimination, harassment and retaliation. To date, I have first- or second-chaired 11 jury trials, as well as several arbitrations. I have been named as a Rising Star by the Super Lawyers publication since 2009, and was also named to the top “20 in their Twenties” by Ingram’s magazine.

On June 14, I married MU graduate Alexander Howell, who is a financial advisor. We live in Lee’s Summit with our silver lab, Brett, and our border collie, Weston.
Immediately after graduation from law school, I moved to the Kansas City area and was afforded the opportunity to work as an associate at the law firm of Welch, Martin & Albano, LLC, in Independence, Mo. This is a small firm that offers services in civil litigation, family law and probate, as well as criminal defense work. My practice was specifically in the worker’s compensation area, with some exposure to plaintiff’s civil litigation.

Upon my completion of law school, I accepted a position in the corporate/real estate department of Armstrong Teasdale, LLP’s Kansas City office. I enjoyed several years of practice on the transactional side, but 1) the loss of our lead corporate attorney to another firm; 2) the subsequent loss of our lead real estate attorney to an in-house position; and 3) the decline in the real estate market, caused me to make the difficult decision to move into our business litigation group.

After a few years handling insurance defense matters (i.e. premises liability claims, personal injury and insurance coverage disputes), for the first time in my career, I found myself unhappy and at a personal crossroads. I resolved to leave Armstrong in November 2011, in an effort to find my professional fulfillment. I spent two months interviewing for in-house positions, as well as in other arenas, while continuing to periodically do freelance legal work. However, the more options I explored, the more calls I received from former clients needing legal assistance.

Additionally, I knew that a good friend, Quentin L. Jennings, ’02, had been experiencing several similar feelings about “big firm” life, to my own. After evaluating our breadth of experience and realizing a renewed joy in the variety of matters I was handling, I mentioned to Quentin the prospect of opening our own firm. Given our combined 17 years of corporate, real estate and defense litigation experience, we knew that we could make a successful pair. In February 2012, we opened Jones Jennings, P.C.

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While working at Welch Martin, I was offered a position as a clerk to the Honorable Marco A. Roldan of the Jackson County Circuit Court. I served as Judge Roldan’s law clerk for two years, and during that time I was able to hear cases in civil, criminal and family court and I gained invaluable experience in all types of law. I witnessed numerous jury trials, including a landmark case, Ryan v. BP Oil, which was the first and only case
to reach trial based on allegations of soil contamination in the Sugar Creek area of Independence. That trial lasted five weeks and culminated in a jury verdict of $13.3 million, which in turn led to the settlement of countless other cases against BP.

Following my time with Judge Roldan in the circuit court, I worked as an associate for the law firm of Schmitt, Manz, Swanson & Mulhern, PC, which has offices in Kansas City, Mo., and Overland Park, Kan. Working for Schmitt Manz, I was able to practice throughout both Missouri and Kansas and expand my legal experience to include insurance defense work, with a focus on appellate practice. From time to time, I was even able to do the occasional plaintiff’s civil litigation as well, so it was a great opportunity to see both sides of the civil litigation system.

During my time with Judge Roldan, I decided to follow my passion and open a martial arts school in a small suburb of Kansas City. I would work a full day for the courts, then drive directly to the school to teach karate classes late into the evening. I continued to run the karate school in my extraordinarily limited free time after I started working at Schmitt Manz as an associate. Eventually I did decide that I wanted to dedicate my time to martial arts completely and I began working full-time as the owner and head instructor of Locke’s Karate Academy. Since making that decision, the school has grown to more than 100 students, including eight black belts, and three instructors. I’ve also continued my own training in the martial arts and since the original Transcript article 10 years ago, I’ve achieved a 5th Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do (similar to Taekwondo), a 4th Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Goju-Ryu (Hard-Style Traditional Karate), a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Hapkido (Joint-Locks and Throws) and attained a black belt in a fourth martial art, Matayoshi Kobudo (Traditional Martial Arts Weapons). I also currently serve on the board of advisors for the United Tang Soo Do Federation, an international martial arts organization.

While I still maintain my law license in Missouri and Kansas, I have limited my practice to defending traffic violations and the occasional probate work. I’m very happy that I’ve followed my martial arts passion and while I love the practice of law, I truly believe I am doing what I was meant to do.

I started my career in August 2003, just after taking the bar exam. My first job was as an assistant attorney general for the Missouri Attorney General’s Office. I worked in the Criminal Division for nearly two years, during which time most of my legal work involved briefing and arguing criminal appeals from all over the State of Missouri.

I left the Attorney General’s Office in 2005 to take a term position as a staff attorney for the Eleventh Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in Atlanta. During my three years at the federal court I advised the court’s judges on a wide variety of issues raised in appeals and motions before the court in criminal, civil, immigration and employment related cases.

When my term was completed with the Eleventh Circuit, I was hired for my current position as a lawyer for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), which is part of the Department of Homeland Security. I live in Charlotte, N.C., and work out of the USCIS Field Office in Charlotte. I provide legal support and immigration expertise to three USCIS field offices in North and South Carolina as well as occasionally traveling within Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean to provide onsite legal advice and training to USCIS employees. In addition, I have completed two trips to Baghdad, Iraq, to process Iraqi refugee applicants seeking protection in the United States.
My journey since graduating from MU in 2004 has taken me all over the country. During this journey, I have lived in five different states. In fact, within a two-year period, I had lived in all four time zones in the contiguous United States. And after all of this bouncing around the country, I have ended up right where I started – back in a law school! Immediately after graduating and sitting for the bar exam, I began practicing intellectual property and products liability law at Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP in St. Louis. I worked at Stinson for three years and had the great fortune to work with a group of top-notch lawyers and to gain valuable experience. During my time at the firm, I found that what I enjoyed most about practice was spending time researching the minutia of a legal issue and thinking about how that issue interacted with the industries it was designed to affect and with other laws. About this same time, I had the opportunity to give a guest lecture on copyright law to a class studying the entertainment business and had a wonderful time engaging the students with the materials. At this point, I began to consider a career in academia. I published a few law review articles while practicing and in 2007 I moved to New York City to pursue my LLM at NYU School of Law in trade regulation with an emphasis in intellectual property. I graduated from NYU in 2008 and was fortunate to have been offered a position as a visiting professor at the University of Oregon School of Law during the 2008-2009 academic year. While at Oregon, I taught the IP Survey, Trademarks and Professional Responsibility and continued publishing. Although it was challenging and a tremendous amount of work, I loved every minute of it. I knew I had found what I wanted to do for the rest of my career. After my year at Oregon, I was offered another visiting professor position at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law during the 2009-2010 academic year. At Denver, I taught the IP Survey, Trademarks, Patents and Property. Again, I had a wonderful experience. Although visiting professor positions were great, the annual moves were getting tiring. I had been hoping to secure a tenure-track position and on New Year's Eve 2009, I received a call from the dean at The University of Akron School of Law offering me such a position. I accepted the offer, started at Akron Law in 2010, and have been here since. At Akron I teach Copyrights, Trade Secrets and Contracts, coach the trademark moot court team, serve as a faculty advisor to the IP student group and IP journal, and continue to research and publish articles about intellectual property.
Kathryn L. Howard Yates, ’03
Owner | Katie Yates Law, LLC, and Brax Property Management, LLC | Springfield, Mo.

After graduating from law school in 2003, I moved to Springfield, Mo., to start my career with Husch & Eppenberger. While working at the firm, I focused my practice on the transactional side of law and eventually, some estate planning. In 2005, my husband, Toby, and I had our first son, Jaxon. After having Jaxon, I chose not to go back to work at a law firm because I didn’t want to devote my time to billing hours. I took some time off of practicing law, but slowly began working again on a contract basis for clients who were referred by word-of-mouth. I formed my own firm, Katie Yates Law, LLC, and began working as a solo practitioner out of my house. 

In 2007, my husband and I began investing in real estate with the hopes of flipping and/or renting houses. While we didn’t have much luck flipping houses during this economy, our rental properties have been in high demand. In 2010, after noticing a need in the Springfield area, I obtained my Real Estate Brokers’ license, and my husband and I started our own property management company called Brax Property Management, LLC. We manage residential rental properties in Springfield and surrounding areas. Our property management company has grown significantly since its inception and we look forward to growing even more in the future.

My journey since graduating law school has not been traditional. I feel very lucky that I am able to work from home so that I can raise my three beautiful children – Jaxon (5), Brady (3) and Sydney (born in July of this year). I also feel very lucky that I am able to work on a variety of projects on a daily basis. Although it was a little daunting hanging up my own shingle and practicing outside of the traditional law firm environment, I enjoy being able to pick and choose my projects while giving my clients one-on-one attention and fast turn-around time. I feel blessed that my journey since law school has led me to a place where I see endless possibilities.

Debra J.G. Wright, ’02
Legal Counsel | 17th Circuit Court – Juvenile Division | Harrisonville, Mo.

I started my legal career at Shook, Hardy and Bacon, LLP, as an associate in September 2002. In the summer of 2004, I began my career in the field of juvenile justice as an attorney for the Juvenile Officer in Jackson County, Mo. I am currently legal counsel for the 17th Circuit Court – Juvenile Division. I am active with the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association by serving on the Leadership Team. As a member of the Leadership Team, I review and draft legislation and testify regarding legislation impacting juvenile justice in Missouri. I also enjoy training juvenile justice professionals and law enforcement for the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association, Department of Public Safety and the Office of State Court Administrators.

I married Scott D. Wright, ’03, and we live south of Kansas City with our two children.
Environmental Justice Issues in Sustainable Development

Renewable energy and sustainable development strategies are increasingly viewed as valuable tools for addressing climate change, thereby helping to protect vulnerable groups across the globe from flooding, famine and other possible catastrophes. At the same time, renewable energy and sustainable development themselves can sometimes raise environmental justice issues because of their potential adverse impacts on neighboring residents or certain socioeconomic groups.

In March, the Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Law explored the tension between the desire to promote environmental justice through renewable energy and sustainable development strategies, and the environmental justice concerns that such development itself can sometimes raise.

This symposium received generous funding from the Mizzou Advantage Environmental Policy Network as part of its Environmental Policy Seminar Series.

The Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Law, formerly known as the Missouri Environmental Law and Policy Review, is published in cooperation with The Missouri Bar.

Panel
Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development
Patrick C. McGinley
West Virginia University College of Law
John C. Dernbach
Widener University School of Law
Uma Outka
University of Kansas School of Law

Distinguished Lecture
Environmental Law, Civil Rights and Sustainability: The Need to Bridge Disparate Frameworks to Address Disparately Impacted Communities
Given by
Eileen Gauna
Dickason Professor
University of New Mexico School of Law

Keynote Address
What Does Environmental Justice Mean in an Era of Global Climate Change?
Given by
Michael B. Gerrard
Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice
Columbia Law School
Trachtenberg Receives Teaching Award

Ben Trachtenberg, associate professor of law, received the 2012 Gold Chalk Award from the MU Graduate Professional Council. The award is presented to graduate and professional school professors who have made significant contributions to the education and training of graduate and professional students. Recipients are nominated by students in their respective schools.

At the School of Law, Trachtenberg teaches Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Professional Responsibility and Trial Practice.

New Faces at the School of Law

Sherry R. Clark joined the School of Law as an administrative assistant in the fiscal office on July 23. She has worked at MU for seven years. Previously, she was an administrative assistant in the Learning, Teaching and Curriculum Department of the College of Education.

Clark has lived in Moberly, Mo., for the last 10 years. She has two grown daughters – Dr. Lacy James, D.C., who lives in Texas, and Shayn, a therapist at the Autistic Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. – and two grandsons, ages 5 and 3.

Kevin V. Haynes joins the School of Law this fall as a visiting professor of law. Formerly an assistant professor of law at the University of North Carolina School of Law, Haynes has also taught in the law schools at Seattle, Duke, Chicago-Kent and American University, and is faculty director of the Philip G. Hubbard Law School Preparation Program at the University of Iowa College of Law.

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Langworthy Named Senior Director of Development

Mark Langworthy, ’90, was named senior director of development for the School of Law in August.

Langworthy grew up outside of Mokane, in Callaway County, Mo. After studying agricultural economics at Mizzou, he earned his JD from the School of Law in 1990. He practiced law in Columbia before coming home to Hulston Hall in 2006. Previously he served as director of development.

Langworthy and his wife, Jacki, have two sons, Joseph and John, who are both students at Mizzou.

Strong Selected as U.S. Supreme Court Fellow

S.I. Strong, Associate Professor of Law, was selected as a Fellow of the Supreme Court of the United States for the 2012-2013 term.

Strong was assigned to the International Judicial Relations Office of the Federal Judicial Center, where she examines the federal judicial process and seeks, proposes and implements solutions to problems in the administration of justice.

The U.S. Federal Justice Center will publish a guide written by Strong, International Commercial Arbitration: A Guide for U.S. Federal Judges. She has provided expert assistance in the areas of international dispute resolution and comparative law to many state agencies.

In the spring of 2012, Strong served as the Henry G. Schermers Fellow at The Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law in the Netherlands.

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Larry Dessem serves as chair of the Membership Review Committee of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and as vice chair of the American Bar Association Task Force on the Accreditation Process. He recently was elected as a trustee of the American Inns of Court. He also serves on the audit committees of both the AALS and the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), and is a member of the LSAC Membership Issues Work Group. This spring he was asked to join a newly formed committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners to draft civil procedure questions for the Multistate Bar Examination.

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Funds Present Opportunity to Honor Mizzou Law Professors
by Mark Langworthy, senior director of development

Timothy J. Heinsz Professorship Fund

Tim Heinsz was a very popular law professor and dean at Mizzou. Unfortunately we lost Tim way too early on July 2, 2004. Tim touched the lives and careers of many students, alumni and friends of the School of Law, and there’s a good chance this included you.

Maybe you took his Labor Law class that always began on time and finished two minutes late. Although it was a three-hour course, it generated more notes than any five-hour course. And you knew that you were learning from one of the best law professors in America.

Maybe Tim counseled you when you were looking for your first job, made a phone call or wrote a letter to a partner at a firm, and you owe some of your success to his dedication to you.

Maybe you had an issue you didn’t know how to address and a call to Tim helped you solve the problem.

Maybe you made friends with Tim and learned to love his passion for the law, the School of Law and life.

If you are one of the thousands of alumni who were fortunate to get to know Tim, there is an opportunity available to honor him and help the School of Law. In 2011, $427,000 was generously donated to help establish the Timothy J. Heinsz Professorship in his honor. The minimum amount to endow a professorship at the University of Missouri is $550,000. As of now, the fund has about $495,000, so approximately $55,000 is needed. After the fund is endowed, it can be awarded in Tim’s name.

Please help us complete this important task by sending your contribution to the School of Law Development Office, 205 Hulston Hall, Columbia, MO 65211, marked “Timothy J. Heinsz Professorship Fund.”

Edward J. Hunvald Scholarship

It goes without saying that Prof. Ed Hunvald taught the law to more Mizzou Law students than any other. And there is a very good chance that if you are reading this, you were cross examined into a cold sweat by “Fast Eddie” or “The Hun” during Criminal Law or Evidence. If not, then you’ve no doubt heard the stories of others who, no matter how brilliant, were no match for the wit of the legendary professor. And the best part about it was, everyone laughed a great deal, but learned even more.

After 50-plus years of teaching at the School of Law, Prof. Hunvald was awarded the Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award at the Law Day Alumni & Faculty Awards ceremony on Sept. 15. In celebration of Prof. Hunvald’s award, we are asking Mizzou Law alumni to make gifts in his honor to the scholarship bearing his name. Contributions may be directed to the School of Law Development Office, 205 Hulston Hall, Columbia, MO 65211, marked “Edward J. Hunvald Scholarship Fund.”
Be true to your school!

**SINCE WE JOINED** the Southeastern Conference (SEC), many of us have been trying to learn more about our new athletic family. The SEC is widely regarded as the best college football conference in America. There are many reasons for its success, but the thing that seems to distinguish it the most is the great pride the alumni take in their schools. That pride is contagious and generates enthusiasm among the entire fan base which ultimately leads to success on the field.

You don’t have to be a college football fan to appreciate the effect that pride can have on an institution, whether it be a football team or a law school. We should all be very proud to be alumni of the MU School of Law. We received legal educations from excellent faculty at a relatively low cost. Our classmates have gone on to great success as leaders in business, education, government, the bench and, of course, the practice of law.

We all regularly hear stories of our alumni getting the best of an Ivy League lawyer in the courtroom or being the leader in a firm full of blue-blood pedigrees. And when we hear them, they make us proud. And they should. So be proud of the School of Law and let it show!

Yes, it’s an election year. But no, he’s not running for office.

**SPEAKING OF THE SEC,** Dean Gary Myers, whom we welcome to Mizzou from the University of Mississippi, will be travelling all over to shake the hand of each Mizzou Law alum he can reach in the next year. He wants learn hear from you, answer your questions and tell you about his vision for the School of Law. You can also ask him his thoughts on Mizzou’s chances to win the conference and get to the Sugar Bowl this year. Please look for opportunities to meet him when you can at one of the Dean’s Tour events held around the country in the next year.

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**STAFF NOTES**

- **Cindy W. Bassett,** electronic services librarian in the Law Library, was invited to attend the LexisNexis Legal Research & Writing Summit 2012 in June. The summit provided a forum for more than 30 legal research and writing professors and librarians to discuss topics such as, “Teaching Strategies for Today & Tomorrow’s Law Students” and “ABA Standards on Skills Training – Managing the Impact on LR&W.”

- **Linda L. Lorenz,** director of public service/public interest in the Office of Career Development, was invited to attend the complimentary Air Force Judge Advocate General’s Corps annual Career Services Officers Conference at the JAG School on Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Representatives from 19 other law schools also attended. The primary purpose was to acquaint law professionals with the career opportunities the Air Force offers, by explaining to participants the nuts and bolts of the recruiting and application process for the competitive JAG program.

- **Cynthia D. Shearrer** was promoted to Librarian III in the Law Library. Shearrer, who has worked at the School of Law since 1995, manages the patron services department, including reference, circulation, faculty services and instruction. A specialist in legislative research, she has developed and facilitated courses on a variety of legal research, continuing legal education and library science topics for MU.
David M. English was named chair of the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Commission on Law and Aging for the ABA fiscal year starting September 1. He steps into the capacity of chair after serving for the past three years as a member of the commission.

Established in 1979, the Commission on Law and Aging serves as the ABA’s public interest conduit for examining and addressing emerging law-related issues of aging. The commission’s mission is to strengthen and secure the legal rights, dignity, autonomy, quality of life and quality of care of elders. It carries out this mission through research, policy development, technical assistance, advocacy, education and training. Fifteen appointed experts from multiple disciplines plus an experienced elder law staff comprise the commission.

The second edition of English’s co-authored book, Wills, Trusts & Estates, was published by West Publishing in early 2012.

English traveled to Seoul, South Korea, in August to speak on U.S. trust law topics at a conference on amending South Korea’s trust law. From January through May, he presented 11 CLE programs to groups as diverse as the Arkansas and Missouri bar associations; the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law; the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; and the Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association.

In April, he concluded an eight-year term as a member of the Advisory Council to the Special Trustee for American Indians in the U.S. Department of the Interior.

English’s article, “Financial Decision-Making for Adults Lacking the Capacity to Make Their Own Decisions,” will appear this year in Generations, a journal published by the American Society on Aging.

Locally, English has been named co-chair of the Missouri Guardianship Reform Task Force, which is drafting a comprehensive revision of Missouri’s guardianship laws.

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FOUR LAW FIRMS MEDALED in the 2012 MU Law Firm Challenge, as at least 50 percent of all MU Law graduates in these firms gave to the School of Law during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Will your firm go for the gold in the MU Law Firm Challenge in 2013? Urge each of the Mizzou Law alumni in your firm to enter the race by giving to the law school between now and June 30, 2013.

Any law firm with at least five Mizzou Law alumni is eligible to compete. As with any competition, it helps to recruit at least one “coach” for your squad to give everyone a pep talk.

All gifts to the law school, regardless of the law school fund designation, will add points to the firms’ medal count.

Participating firms will be called to the podium in the fall 2013 issue of Transcript, where those reaching 50, 75 and 100 percent participation will be recognized. Please let us know if you want to field a team, and we will be glad to help you get started.

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FACULTY NOTE
Faculty in the News

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

**Douglas E. Abrams**
- “Jim Fennell’s Just Checking In: More ‘Adults’ Behaving Badly” New Hampshire Union Leader

**Frank O. Bowman III**
- “Against Attorney General Eric Holder, GOP is Fast and Furious” ABC News

**Larry Dessem**
- “MU Law School Changes Curriculum Amidst Decreasing Enrollment” KMOX (St. Louis)

**Wilson Freyermuth**
- “Mortgage Insurance Shocker: Collections After Default” credit.com

**Erin Morrow Hawley**
- “Chief Justice’s Role Takes Ironic Turn” USA Today

**Joshua D. Hawley**
- Re: the U.S. Supreme Court healthcare ruling MSNBC

**John Lande**
- “Collaborative Law Nears Maturity” The Lawyers Weekly (Canada)

**Paul J. Litton**
- “Mo. Prosecutors Stay Quiet on Death Penalty Study” San Francisco Chronicle

**S. David Mitchell**
- “Silencing Individual Voices, Silencing Communities: The Impact of Felon Disenfranchisement and Voter Identification Laws” National Bar Association Magazine

**Ben Trachtenberg**
- “A Prerequisite for Pro Bono?” The Daily Record (Maryland)
- “Pro Bono Mandate for NY Bar Admission Brings Mixed Reactions, Lots of Questions” American Bar Association/Bloomberg BNA Lawyers Manual on Professional Conduct
- “Rethinking Pro Bono” (op-ed) The New York Times

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**FACULTY NOTE**

Paul Litton served as co-chair for the Missouri Death Penalty Assessment Team, organized by the American Bar Association. The team, consisting of current and former judges, former prosecuting and defense attorneys, bar president, and professors (including Prof. Rod Uphoff), concluded its two-year study of Missouri’s death penalty laws and practices. The team’s report, published in March, received statewide press coverage, and Litton, with two colleagues, published editorials in the Kansas City Star and St. Louis Post-Dispatch in support of the team’s key recommendations.

Litton also testified before the Missouri Senate’s Governmental Accountability Committee in support of Senate Bill 786, which would require the state auditor to compare the cost of the death penalty in Missouri to life without parole.

Litton published “A More Persuasive Justification for Pediatric Research” in the American Journal of Bioethics, and he is currently serving as the chair of the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Jurisprudence.

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**FACULTY NOTE**

Gary Myers completed two book manuscripts during the summer. This includes the fourth edition of Intellectual Property, Cases and Materials, co-written by David Lange of Duke University School of Law; Mary LaFrance of the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and Lee Ann Lockridge of Paul M. Herbert Law Center at Louisiana State University. The book was published by West Publishing Company in July 2012. He also completed the second edition of his intellectual property treatise, which West will publish in October 2012.

Myers spent the summer in England, where he directed a University of Mississippi program at Downing College, Cambridge, before beginning his duties as dean of the School of Law in August.

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**Faculty News**

Women’s Law Association
Annual Auction

This spring, the Women’s Law Association held its annual auction to benefit a variety of local charities. This year’s beneficiaries of the $14,300 raised were Happiness for Health at MU Women’s and Childrens’ Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Step Up, True North and the School of Law’s Family Violence Clinic and Greg Scott Fellowship.

As always, the items auctioned off were creative – including “Dean for a Day,” in which Dean Dessem attended class for Katherine E. Vogt, ’12, and she took up residence in his office for the day.

Tim Heinsz 5K/Jim Devine Dog Walk Draws 275 Participants

The Eighth Annual Tim Heinsz Memorial 5K Run/Walk and the Second Annual Jim Devine Memorial Dog Walk was a fun and successful event. With more 275 runners, walkers and dog walkers, the event raised more than $30,000 for scholarships for law students. Next year’s race promises to be just as exciting, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on April 20 for the 2013 race and dog walk!

Gamma Legal
Wins for Spirited Cheering

Lambda Legal won first place for most spirited cheering along the race route of the Tim Heinsz 5K and Jim Devine Dog Walk. Group members stationed themselves at the corner of University Avenue and Ninth Street with silly string, confetti, noise makers, candy, Gatorade and water – as well as a liver-flavored bone cake with peanut butter icing for the dogs. (Yum!)

HATTS Trial Features Bonnie & Clyde

On April 1, 1934, notorious outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow allegedly gunned down a young highway patrolman. An eyewitness of the events said that it was Bonnie Parker who pulled the trigger. The shocking event became known as the “Grapevine Murder” and was particularly noteworthy because it was the first time Bonnie was thought to have actively participated in nefarious misdeeds of the Barrow gang.

In April, MU law students and faculty tried Bonnie Parker for her role in the Grapevine Murder. In the trial, the defense was represented by Prof. Ben Trachtenberg and the state was represented by Scott E. Fox, ’08.

The Historical and Theatrical Trials Society is a group of students and faculty dedicated to exploring the intersection of law, history and theatre.
Randy J. Diamond co-presented “Legal Practice Technology Instruction in a Variety of Formats” at the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction annual meeting in June at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.


Mitchell presented “Deconstructing Citizen-Police Interactions: The Salience of Race and Ethnicity” to the Columbia Citizens Review Board and spoke about Missouri’s Castle Doctrine and the controversial Florida “Stand Your Ground” law on KMIZ-TV in Columbia. He also served on a panel at MU, “Implications of the Death of Trayvon Martin.”

FACULTY NOTE
Rigel C. Oliveri wrote an article for the American Bar Association’s Supreme Court website, ABA Preview, in March.

In April, she appeared in a podcast for the Missouri Commission on Human Rights discussing fair housing issues. In June, she delivered a CLE presentation for the Hannibal Federal Bench and Bar Seminar on changes to the federal statutes on jurisdiction and venue.

Oliveri was recently named director of the MU Campus Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.


THE PREVAILING WISDOM REGARDING FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT for law school graduates is that such positions are scarce, highly competitive and usually require some years of legal experience. In the face of tight government budgets and reduced lateral movement among government attorneys with job security, landing a federal job has become even more challenging. Yet, with the School of Law’s long-standing commitment to public service and solid academic preparation, seven of our 2012 graduates were able to find employment with the federal government, with positions starting in summer or fall.

Amber J. Cheek, ’12, begins her career with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy, in Washington, D.C., as a Presidential Management Fellow. The Presidential Management Fellows program provides exceptional leadership training and allows new graduates to jump-start their federal careers.

Cheek participated in a rigorous and highly competitive application process, which included securing a nomination from the School of Law, completing an online assessment and traveling to Chicago for an interview. She was chosen out of 9,100 applicants to become one of only 850 finalists. After being selected as a Presidential Management Fellow finalist, she traveled to Washington, D.C., where she interviewed with federal agencies of interest to her and was ultimately offered employment with the Department of Labor.

Kirk A. Dryer, ’12, was selected as a Legal Honors Fellow for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He works in the Office of the General Counsel in HUD’s Nashville Field Office.

Dryer learned of this program from Kevin M. Muesenfechter, ’08, an attorney-advisor for HUD in Kansas City, when Muesenfechter came on campus to participate in a career development program panel. Dryer contacted Muesenfechter, who explained the application process to him and the type of work that HUD attorneys do, and credits his success in part to the information and encouragement he received. He also credits the excellent property law professors at Mizzou – Dale Whitman, Wilson Freymuth and Troy Rule.

Joshua R. Sumner, ’12, begins his legal career with the Social Security Administration’s (SSA) Office of the General Counsel in Kansas City. He first interviewed with SSA when they came to the law school for on-campus recruiting last spring. After receiving a call-back interview, he was determined to make a good impression. He thoroughly prepared for his interview by reviewing several recent cases handled by SSA and developing a solid grasp of the organizational structure of the agency and the role of attorneys within it. His hard work paid off.

Katherine E. Vogt, ’12, stopped by the exhibit table of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) at the law school’s Annual Small Firm and Public Interest Expo in March to speak with the NLRB representatives. During that conversation, she gave them a copy of her resume to review. To her surprise and delight, they followed up with a phone call, then an interview and finally a job offer for a permanent position with their Peoria, Ill., field office. Vogt utilized the Career Development Office’s video conference room to interview via Polycom with attorneys in the Peoria office.
2012 Grads Start Careers with Federal Clerkships

THREE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2012 were hired as clerks for federal judges.

Omar A. Fuentes, '12, accepted a position as a law clerk to The Honorable Alia Moses Ludlum of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. Fuentes spent his 2L summer as an intern with Ludlum. His hard work, earnest demeanor and attention to detail exhibited during the summer were well-rewarded when she selected him to return for a judicial clerkship after graduation.

David A. Martin, '12, will clerk for Judge David D. Noce, '69, a federal magistrate judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Martin has many of the qualities judges look for when seeking a clerk. During law school, he demonstrated an aptitude for legal research and writing, as well as dedication and a capacity for hard work by serving as an associate member of both the Missouri Law Review and the Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Law (JESL).

As a further testament to his talents, his article, “The Value of Crying Over Spilt Milk: A Closer Look at Required Disclosures and the Organic Milk Industry,” was selected for publication by JESL.

Since her selection as the Top 1L Moot Court Oral Advocate at the end of her 1L year, Jacqueline M. Whipple, '12, has seized upon numerous opportunities to be involved in oral advocacy through the Board of Advocates at Mizzou Law, including participation in the New York City Bar National Moot Court Competition, the MU Regional Arbitration Team, the MU Mediation Competition and the American Bar Association Regional Mediation Competition. These experiences helped her stand out as she searched for a judicial clerkship, and will serve her well when she begins a clerkship this fall with The Honorable M. Elizabeth “Beth” Phillips, ’97, of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

TROY A. RULE organized and moderated the Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Law’s symposium in March 2012. The journal, formerly the Missouri Environmental Law & Policy Review, centered its symposium on environmental justice issues arising in the context of sustainable development. Michael B. Gerrard, Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice and Director of the Center on Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School, was the event’s keynote speaker.

Rule was recently appointed as an acquisitions editor for the Real Property Books Committee of the American Bar Association Section on Real Property, Trust and Estate Law.

S.I. STRONG served as the Henry G. Schermers Fellow at the Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law and the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences from February to June 2012. During that time, she attended conferences and presented papers in the Hague, London, Salzburg, Santiago de Compostela, Girona, Brussels and Copenhagen. She also convened a three-day international symposium, “Collective Redress in the Cross-Border Context: Litigation, Arbitration, Settlement and Beyond.”

During her fellowship, Strong wrote a number of articles which will be released in European and American journals in the coming months. Early 2012 also saw the publication of a number of Strong’s previously written articles, including those in the Stanford Journal of International Law, the Harvard Negotiation Law Review, the North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation and the Journal of Dispute Resolution.

We are proud of the hard work and diligence of these graduates, and wish them continued success throughout their careers. If you are interested in employing a Mizzou Law student or graduate, please contact the Career Development Office at 573-882-7386 or mulawcareers@missouri.edu.
The St. Louis Club in Clayton was the setting for the April 19 dinner and recognition ceremony of The Law Society. In addition to recognizing new members and newly-elevated members, the event also featured vocal performances by third-year law students Ashton Botts and Ida Shafaie.

Since its inception in 1984, The Law Society has welcomed 264 members. This year’s honorees provided the law school with $752,449 in gifts and pledges.

Special thanks to the evening’s sponsors:

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New Dean’s Council Members
Lifetime gifts of $50,000 or more
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New and elevated members of The Law Society were honored at the annual Law Society Dinner held April 19 at the St. Louis Club. Pictured left to right are, back row: Prof. Larry Dessem, former dean of the School of Law; Brian C. Underwood, ’78; Isabel and Craig Biesterfeld, ’78; Shawn and Ken Suelthaus, ’69. Front row: Jeffrey J. Comotto, ’83, and Christine Comotto; Arthur Z. Guller, ’59, and Lois Guller; Tracy and Don M. Downing, ’82; Ann and Anthony Daus Jr.

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FACULTY NOTE
Wilson Freyermuth was appointed to a second term as chair of the Legal Education Committee of the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association. This committee has instituted a monthly teleconference, “Professors Corner,” in which professors of real estate law present a monthly panel on recent cases or issues of interest to real estate practitioners. Freyermuth participated on a panel in May and serves as one of three recurring moderators for these monthly panels.

In August, Freyermuth published the fifth edition of his treatise Understanding Secured Transactions (with Prof. Emeritus Bill Henning) to reflect new amendments to UCC Article 9 and recent bankruptcy case developments.

FACULTY NOTE

Trachtenberg’s latest article on evidence law, “Confronting Coconspirators: Coconspirator Hearsay, Sir Walter Raleigh, and the Sixth Amendment Confrontation Clause,” will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Florida Law Review.

Trachtenberg filed an amicus brief on behalf of several evidence professors with the Supreme Court of the United States in Elashi v. United States. The brief supports petitioners’ argument that the coconspirator statement exception to the hearsay rule does not cover statements made in furtherance of lawful joint undertakings.
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40s

Philip Eveloff, ’48, celebrated his 90th birthday in April, with more than 100 friends, including judges, attorneys, court clerks and court marshals in Saint Joseph, Mo. Eveloff, the principal of his firm Philip Eveloff, maintains a general practice.

Robert C. Smith, ’49, was presented with the Howard B. Lang Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the City of Columbia, Smith, who was elected as a state representative in 1954 and served as the mayor of Columbia from 1961 to 1962, is of counsel at Smith Lewis in Columbia. Howard B. Lang Jr., ’36, was a former mayor of Columbia.

50s

Robert F. Devo, ’55, was elected to the Brookfield (Mo.) High School Hall of Fame by the Brookfield Alumni Association. The Hall of Fame was created to recognize and honor anyone who has contributed significantly to the enhancement of the academics, athletics or extra-curricular traditions of the Brookfield R-3 District; or BHS alumni who have had outstanding accomplishments since attending the high school. Devo and his wife, Clare, are currently enjoying spending time with family and friends. Devo continues to volunteer and is involved with various leadership committees within his community.

Isaac N. “Ike” Skelton Jr., ’56, was presented with the Truman Good Neighbor Award. Each year, the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation honors an individual who has given exemplary service to their community and the nation. Skelton, a partner with Husch Blackwell in Kansas City, Mo., concentrates his legal practice in the areas of government contracts, advising clients on a variety of legal and public policy issues, especially matters relating to national defense, small business and international trade.

60s

Ronald C. Spradley, ’67, announced his affiliation with the law firm of Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer, with offices in Overland Park, Kan., and Wichita, Kan. Spradley has been in practice for 45 years and focuses on business, civil and commercial litigation, business and real estate transactions, construction law and bankruptcy. He is a former assistant attorney general for the state of Missouri.

70s

Larry E. Tate, ’70, has launched the firm of Larry E. Tate Attorney at Law in Columbia. Previously he was partners with G. Dale Roessman, ’59, who died in September 2011. Tate has practiced in Boonville, Mo., for the last 42 years, where he still maintains an office and focuses on family law and probate.

Michael G. Goldstein, ’71, in conjunction with the American Bar Association, released the second edition of Taxation and Funding of Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation: A Complete Guide to Design and Implementation. With more than 40 years of experience in the legal profession, Goldstein is President and CEO of Summit Alliance Executive Benefits, LLC, focusing on executive compensation, taxation, estate planning and corporate law.

Robert L. Langdon, ’72, was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL). The IATL is limited to 500 attorneys who have been selected by their peers in the academy. Langdon is a partner at Langdon & Emison in Kansas City, Mo., where he devotes his practice to representing those who have been affected by defective products, truck accidents, fatal auto collisions and workplace injuries.

Harry D. Boul, ’73, wrote an article, “Money in the Bank is Not Money, and It’s Not in the Bank,” that was published in the April issue of the American Bankruptcy Institute Journal. Boul practices at Boul & Associates in Columbia, focusing on bankruptcy law.

Timothy C. Harlan, ’74, received a Lifetime Alumni Achievement Award from Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., at the Alumni Honors Convocation Ceremony. This award is presented to alumni whose accomplishments reflect the Westminster mission and who have distinguished themselves through personal achievements, professional achievements and/or have made significant contributions to society. Harlan is a partner of the Columbia, law firm of Harlan, Harlan & Still, where he focuses his practice on helping Social Security and long term disability claimants.

Bill C. Lane, ’74, retired from MetLife as associate tax counsel in 2009. After retiring, he and his wife, Karen, moved to Washington to be near his daughters in Seattle and Vancouver.

Michael K. Whitehead, ’75, was re-appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, to the Jackson County (Mo.) Election Board for a second term. Whitehead was originally appointed to this position by former Gov. Matt Blunt in 2006.

Steven P. Kuenzel Sr., ’76, was recognized by Missouri Lawyers Weekly for being on the litigation team that was fourth on the “Top Verdicts and Settlements of 2011” list. In addition, he obtained the largest condemnation award in the history of Franklin County, Mo. Kuenzel is a managing partner of Eckelkamp Kuenzel in Washington, Mo.

Christopher J. Miller, ’76, of Doniphan, Mo., was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, as the new prosecuting attorney for Ripley County, Mo. Miller serves as a part time prosecutor and continues to operate his solo law practice, The Law Offices of Christopher J. Miller, in Doniphan, where he focuses on criminal law, title insurance, probate and municipal law, real estate and litigation.

Lawrence J. Gordon, ’78, completed a two-year term on the planning commission for the City of Oakdale (Minn.). He continues to practice at his law firm, The Law Offices of Lawrence J. Gordon, in St. Paul, Minn., focusing in the areas of small business, real estate, section 1031 tax deferred exchanges, general civil and criminal law, wills, trusts and estates, and family law. He is licensed to practice in Minnesota and Missouri.

John E. Price, ’79, was honored with a 2012 Gift of Time Award from the City of Springfield (Mo.) and the Council of Churches of the Ozarks. The Gift of Time Award honors 10 volunteers each year for their commitment to make life better for friends and neighbors in the Missouri Ozarks. Price is a shareholder of Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown in Springfield, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of environmental law, corporate law, civil litigation, real estate law and appellate practice.

Mark A. Shank, ’79, was recognized in D Magazine’s 2012 listing of the “Best Lawyers in Dallas,” based on his labor and employment law expertise. Shank is a partner in Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank in Dallas, and routinely represents companies and executives in business and litigation matters.

80s

Daniel J. Godar, ’80, an equity partner with the St. Louis law firm of Armstrong Teasdale, was re-elected to serve a three year term on the firm’s 11-person executive committee. Godar, a member of the firm’s Corporate Services Practice Group, counsels public and private corporations on a broad spectrum of legal issues.

Kevin C. Roberts, ’81, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, to the Missouri State Fair Commission for a term that ends in 2014. The commission is responsible for the operation of the Missouri State Fair, and for the selection and supervision of the fair director. He is also a member of the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri board of directors.

Roberts is a partner with Roberts, Wooten & Zimmer in Hillsboro, Mo. He focuses his practice in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, product liability, criminal defense and insurance claims.
Trina J. Scott, ’81, received the 2012 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Education in Missouri. The award is based on effective teaching, innovative course design and delivery, effective advising, service to the university community, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement. She currently teaches criminal justice, criminal procedure, ethics in criminal justice and employment law at Missouri Southern State University (MSSU), where she has taught since 1994. Prior to teaching at MSSU, Scott worked as a juvenile court legal advisor, assistant prosecutor and law clerk for the Missouri Attorney General.

Jan Robey Alonzo, ’82, was elected to the St. Louis Chapter of the Association of Corporate Council (ACC) as president. She was also presented with the Jaudes Award for her outstanding commitment to her local St. Louis chapter. Alonzo serves as general counsel for UniGroup in Fenton, Mo.

Thomas P. Hohenstein, ’85, is a shareholder with Polsinelli Shughart in St. Louis. As a member of the litigation department, he focuses his practice on construction law, insurance coverage matters and real estate litigation. Hohenstein previously practiced at Gallo Johnson & Neuman for 27 years in St. Louis as a member of the litigation department.

Susan Ford Robertson, ’86, was recently elected to the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. She is the first female attorney in Missouri to be accepted. The academy recognizes individuals who possess reputations of distinction as appellate lawyers. Robertson practices with Robertson Law Group in Kansas City, Mo.

Michael B. Maguire, ’87, was named the “Winningest Defense Lawyer” of 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly. Maguire has practiced with Brown & James in St. Louis for more than 22 years. He focuses on the defense of insurance carriers, corporations, wrongful death, arson and fraud, product liability, insured and uninsured motorist claims, automotive litigation and premises liability claims.

Kellie Wingate Campbell, ’88, presented a workshop on victims and confidentiality in The Hague at the 14th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology. The five-day conference in the Netherlands centered on improving justice for victims, forms of transitional justice and trauma resiliency. The Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA) and the Missouri Victim Assistance Network (MOVA) assisted in funding the trip. Campbell was a presenter at the 2012 MOVA statewide conference in March and for a webinar in June to MAPA on the subject of victims, confidentiality and ethics.

David P. Pursell, ’88, is vice chair of the Hospitals and Health Systems’ Fair Market Affinity Group for the American Health Lawyers Association, an educational organization comprised of more than 10,000 members who serve as public resources on legal healthcare issues.

Pursell is a partner of Husch Blackwell in Kansas City, Mo., where he concentrates his practice in the area of healthcare law, and advises on business tax planning for traditional and alternative physician practice structures and group purchasing organizations compliance.

Frank A. Rodman, ’88, a Missouri Air National Guard staff judge advocate, is currently serving in Afghanistan on a joint Air Force and Army team. He holds a civilian position in the Missouri Attorney General’s office in Cape Girardeau, where he manages the office and handles child support enforcement cases for the Financial Services Division.

Barbara L. Miltenberger, ’89, is a member of the board of directors for the American Health Lawyers Association, an educational organization comprised of more than 10,000 members who serve as public resources on legal healthcare issues.

Miltenberger is a partner of Husch Blackwell in Jefferson City, Mo., where she concentrates her practice in the areas of healthcare and administrative law, with an emphasis in regulatory matters, fraud and abuse.

Daniel K. O’Toole, ’90, was elected to serve a three-year term on 11-person executive committee of Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis. O’Toole, an equity partner, is the firm’s litigation practice group leader, and focuses on employment and labor law.

Garland T. Stephens, ’90, is a litigation partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in Houston. Stephens, who is known for his defense of leading technology companies in high-stakes patent and trade secret litigation, is a member of the firm’s Patent Litigation Practice.

David R. Angle, ’91, and Matthew C. Wilson, ’02, formed Angle Wilson Law in Columbia, focusing on consumer protection — prosecuting debt collection abuses, automobile fraud, mortgage and foreclosure issues, and all manners of consumer protection cases. Before his merger with Wilson, Angle was a trial lawyer in the public and private sectors.

Angle was recently named to the Boone County Bar Association’s Commercial Law Committee.

Philip J. Boeckman, ’91, received a Lifetime Alumni Achievement Award from Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., at its Alumni Honors Convocation Ceremony. This award is presented to alumni whose accomplishments reflect the Westminster mission and who have distinguished themselves through personal achievements, professional achievements and/or have made significant contributions to society. Boeckman is managing partner of the London office of Cravath, Swaine & Moore and is a partner in the firm’s Corporate Department.

Art Hinshaw, ’93, LL.M ’00, and his wife, Sarah Selzer, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Selma Hinshaw, in March. Hinshaw is the director of the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Michael D. Griffith, ’98, is an associate with Roberts, Wooten & Zimmer in Hillsboro, Mo. Previously he served as chief assistant prosecuting attorney for the Jefferson County (Mo.) Prosecuting Attorney’s office.

All four attorneys in the firm are Missouri Law alumni: Griffith, Deron L. Sugg, ’00; Charles Wooten, ’01; and Kevin Roberts, ’01.
Reachel Jennings Beichley, ’97, is general counsel of MRGlobal in Kansas City, Mo. Beichley also serves as corporate compliance officer, and as a member of the Crisis Management Team, Enterprise Risk Management program and the Senior Management Council.

Rachael F. Kennedy, ’97, was appointed president of the Missouri Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). Her one-year term began on Apr. 19. AFCC is an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict. Kennedy practices with the Kennedy Law Firm in Columbia.

Teresa M. Niederwimmer, ’98, is vice president of claims for The Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Company. She is responsible for both lawyers’ professional liability and bond claims. Previously Niederwimmer served as bond claims manager for The Bond Plan Surety & Fidelity Company.

Lauren P. Allen ’00, was named to the Missouri Lawyers Weekly “Up & Coming 2012” list. She practices with Foland, Wickens, Eisfelder, Roper & Hofer in Kansas City, Mo.

Allen and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Wheeler Allen, on Feb. 13.

Thomas D. Bixby, ’00, of the Thomas D. Bixby Law Office, created a listen-on-demand and CD of his webinar, “Medical Loss Ration Rebates: How Health Plans Are Handling 2012 Rebates and Preparing for Future Years.” Before entering private practice, Bixby served as the director of the Division of Consumer Affairs for the Missouri Department of Insurance.

Joshua J. Engelbart, ’00, is a partner with Buckley & Buckley in St. Louis. He concentrates his practice in the areas of general civil litigation and insurance defense. Engelbart and his wife, Ann K. Englebart, ’00, have four children: Luke, Ava, Emily and Zach.

Jessica Krumme Hathaway, ’00, was awarded the Robert Duncan Award for excellence in appellate advocacy from the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She practices with the Office of the Missouri State Public Defender.

Amy Lorenz-Moser, ’00, received the American Bar Association (ABA) Pro Bono Publico award for her work on behalf of abused women and was honored during a luncheon held during the ABA’s annual meeting in Chicago.

The ABA Pro Bono Publico Award is presented each year by the Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service to honor individual lawyers, law firms, law schools, government attorney offices, corporate law departments and other institutions in the legal profession that have enhanced the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to the poor.

Lorenz-Moser is a partner with Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Edith L. Bartley, ’01, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), and a member of the CFR-sponsored Independent Task Force on U.S. Education Reform and National Security. The task force includes 31 prominent education experts, national security authorities and corporate leaders who reached consensus on a set of contentious issues.

Courtney E. Goddard, ’00, (front row, second from left) was named to the “40 Under 40” list for 2012 by Ingram’s, a Kansas City, Mo., business magazine. The selection honors Kansas City’s most accomplished young business and community leaders.

Goddard serves as associate vice president and general counsel for Park University in Parkville, Mo.

Bartley is the director of government affairs for the United Negro College Fund, where she leads and manages government affairs federal policy work. Previously Bartley worked as a member of the government affairs team of Thelen Reid & Priest in Washington, D.C. She has worked in five congressional offices and served as a congressional speechwriter and legislative aide.

Stephanie D. Coleman, ’01, and her husband, Ralph, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Renee, on Oct. 29, 2011. Olivia joins big sister Mikayla. Coleman is the sole practitioner at The Coleman Firm in Atlanta.

Holly J. Henze, ’01, was chosen by the 8th Judicial Circuit of Quincy, Ill., judges to replace retiring Adams County (Ill.) Chief Public Defender Ed Downey. Henze has practiced law in Quincy for 10 years and been an assistant public defender for Adams County since December 2003.

Elise V. Saadi, ’01, is regional sales manager of Arizona operations for Red Rock Financial Services. She practices and negotiates in the financial recovery sector. Saadi was previously of counsel at Potts Waldron in Tempe, Ariz.

Cory L. Collins, ’02, was named to the “40 Under 40” list for 2012 by the Springfield Business Journal. The award honors 40 area leaders under the age of 40 for their accomplishments as business and community leaders. Collins is a business litigation partner at Husch Blackwell in Springfield, Mo., focusing his practice on litigation in the areas of construction, real estate development, employment, products liability, contracts, negligence and property claims matters.

Kimberly Middleton Gray, ’02, is a senior attorney with the domestic litigation firm of Cordell & Cordell in Nashville and Franklin, Tenn. Previously Gray worked as an attorney for the Juvenile Office of Jackson County (Mo.), where she prosecuted child abuse and neglect cases.

Robert R. Harding, ’02, was named to the Missouri Lawyers Weekly “Up & Coming 2012” list. He practices with Husch Blackwell in Jefferson City, Mo.

Michael J. Payne, ’02, was named to the Missouri Lawyers Weekly “Up & Coming 2012” list. He practices with Frankel, Rubin, Bond, Dubin, Siegel & Klein in St. Louis.

S. Jacob Sappington, ’02, practices with Sanders, Warren & Russell in Springfield, Mo. He concentrates his practice in the areas of products liability, medical/professional liability, insurance coverage and defense and business litigation. Previously he practiced with Husch Blackwell.

Scott S. Smith, ’02, is principal and chief operations manager for FactRight. He oversees due diligence evaluation and reporting tool for broker deals. Previously Smith served as director of alternative investments at Ameriprise Financial.
Matthew C. Wilson, '02, and David R. Angle, '91, formed Angle Wilson Law in Columbia, focusing on consumer protection — prosecuting debt collection abuses, automobile fraud, mortgage and foreclosure issues, and all manners of consumer protection cases. Before his merger with Angle, Wilson was the managing member of Sandberg Wilson Law in Columbia, and specialized in consumer protection issues.

Michelle M. Coady, '03, is an associate with HeplerBroom in Springfield, Mo. She focuses her practice in the areas of premises liability, automobile accidents, workers’ compensation, contract dispute, products liability, labor law, municipal law, probate, creditor rights and employment discrimination in Missouri and Illinois.

Previously Coady practiced with the Illinois office of David R. Fines, where she engaged in private practice with an emphasis in family law and civil litigation.

Melissa A. Faurot, '03, was elected president of the board of directors for the Rainbow House in Columbia, whose mission is to keep children safe and to support families in crisis through prevention, assessment and intervention in child abuse and neglect. Faurot opened the Law Offices of Melissa A. Faurot in Columbia in 2011. She focuses her practice on family law, adoption, juvenile law, criminal law, bankruptcy, taxation, business law, wills and trusts, and landlord/tenant law. Previously Faurot was an attorney for the 13th Judicial Circuit in Boone County, Mo. She was also a managing partner at the law firm of Clay Kline Young & Faurot.

Timothy A. Garrison, '03, graduated with distinction from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He is a civilian assistant U.S. attorney in Springfield, Mo., and a major and judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Stephen J. Jasper, '03, was elected to membership in the firm Bass, Berry & Sims in Nashville, Tenn. Jasper focuses his practice on state and local tax litigation.

Michael W. McCrory '03, is one of 40 bankruptcy attorneys nationwide to be selected to attend the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Next Generation Program. This program provides an opportunity for the nation’s leading bankruptcy practitioners to meet and receive special training and oversight from a panel of sitting and retired bankruptcy judges. McCrory is a partner in the firm Kespohl, McCrory & Cornejo, with offices in Columbia and O’Fallon, Mo.

Alyson M. Carrel, '04, was recently featured on the cover of the Spring 2012 Dispute Resolution Magazine in an issue focusing on alternative dispute resolution. The magazine is published by the American Bar Association. Carel is the training director at the Center for Conflict Resolution in Chicago. She is also an adjunct professor at Northwestern University Law School, teaching a negotiation workshop and training students in mediation skills.

Corbyn W. Jones, '04, co-founded the firm of Jones Jennings in Kansas City, Mo. He focuses on business litigation, business and real estate transactions, employment and workplace law, personal injury, sports and entertainment law, and traffic law. Jones has served as a National Football League Players Association certified contract advisor and has served as a college football analyst for Fox Sports Net’s coverage of the Big 12.

Before co-founding the firm, he was a member of the business litigation department at Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City, Mo.

Michael L. Miller, '04, is managing member of Lowther Johnson Attorneys at Law in Springfield, Mo. He began his legal career with Lowther Johnson in 2004 and practices in a variety of areas, including corporate law, civil litigation, real estate, banking and finance, landlord rights and creditors’ rights.

Talmage E. Newton IV, '04, received the Robert Duncan Award for Appellate Excellence by the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. This award is given to those who exhibit outstanding appellate skills and an unyielding desire to insure fair trial processes for the innocent accused. Newton is a member of the Litigation Group of Pleban & Petruska Law in St. Louis, where he handles a variety of civil and criminal litigation matters in state and federal courts.

Christopher R. Pieper, '05, was named to the Missouri Lawyers Weekly “Up & Coming 2012” list. He is general counsel for the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Marissa L. Todd, '05, is the director of alumnae relations and philanthropy at Stephens College in Columbia. Previously Todd worked at Stephens College as the director of planned giving.

Ellen J. Brooke, '06, is a partner with Reeg Lawyers, a corporate litigation firm in Clayton, Mo. Formerly a senior associate at Evans & Dixon in St. Louis, Brooke focuses her practice on first-party insurance law, with an emphasis on fraud, misrepresentation and incendiary fire.

Adam Dowling, '06, was elected to the board of directors for the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, which provides a way for criminal defense lawyers in Missouri to interact and share their respective legal experiences. Dowling is a criminal attorney with Eng & Woods in Columbia.

Kate N. Profitt, '06, graduated from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association’s 2012 Bar Leadership Academy, Profitt is the director of legal services at Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocate Association in Kansas City, Mo.

Katie D. Whitman, '06, is an assistant vice president and trust officer with Landmark Bank in Columbia. Previously she was an associate with Nygaard Law in Leawood, Kan.

Mark G. Boyko, '04, completed the rigorous pre-season training to become a referee for Major League Soccer (MLS). The training includes interval runs, sprints, written tests, on-field assessments and psychological evaluations. In 2012, he has worked games between the LA Galaxy and Real Salt Lake of the MLS and between Honduras and El Salvador as they prepared to qualify for the Olympics. He was also selected to referee the U.S. Amateur soccer national championships in Chicago. Boyko practices with Schlachter, Bogard & Denton in St. Louis, where he concentrates on cases involving alleged mismanagement of retirement investments and representing plaintiffs in wrongful death and other injury cases.

Boyko (left), who has served as a soccer referee since high school, joined the officiating crew before a game between Sporting Kansas City and Mexican club Chivas Guadalajara at LIVESTRONG Park.
Julia Bonham, ’07, launched the firm of Julia Bonham & Associates in Columbia. Previously she practiced with the Missouri State Public Defender system. Bonham focuses her practice on criminal defense, traffic cases, family law and wills.

Thomas R.B. Ellis, ’07, opened the Law Office of Thomas Ellis in Bonnville, Mo. He continues to serve clients in Columbia and Boone County. Ellis concentrates his practice in family law, criminal defense, traffic law and estate planning.

Richard L. Kroeger, ’07, is an assistant district defender in the St. Louis Trial Public Defender’s Office. Previously Kroeger served as the assistant public defender in the same office.

Marc N. Middleton, ’07, and his wife, Catherine, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie Alana, on Apr. 12. Middleton is an associate with Fisher Patterson Sayler & Smith in Overland Park, Kan. He focuses his litigation practice on municipal construction and personal injury defense.

Kaitlin A. Bridges, ’08, was named to the Missouri Lawyers Weekly “Up & Coming 2012” list. She practices with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.

Darryl M. Chatman Jr., ’08, was named to the Missouri Lawyers Weekly “Up & Coming 2012” list. He practices with Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Nathan D. Leming, ’08, is an associate with Williams Venker & Sanders in St. Louis. He concentrates his practice on defense litigation in the areas of insurance defense, products liability, transportation law, medical malpractice and employment law.

Julie K. Brown, ’08, is an associate with HeplerBroom in Edwardsville, Ill. Previously she served as a judicial law clerk for the Illinois Court of Appeals.

Julia M. Hargraves, ’09, is an associate on the corporate team of Husch Blackwell in St. Louis. She has experience in SEC compliance matters with respect to restricted stock transfers and required annual filings, and has performed due diligence for the sale of large companies. Previously Hargraves practiced with Gallop, Johnson & Newman in St. Louis and was a law clerk for the Honorable Zel Fischer of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Eric M. Jasso, ’09, founded On Campus Attorney in Columbia. Jasso completed an MBA at MU then specialized in utility regulation for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Energy. With On Campus Attorney, he focuses on criminal and traffic law, with plans to expand into other areas of general practice.


Matthew R. Watkins, ’09, practices with Williams Venker & Sanders in St. Louis. He works primarily within the toxic torts practice group, focusing on litigation. Previously Watkins was an associate with the law firm of Sivia Business & Legal Services.

Bradley S. Dixon, ’10, is a member of the litigation group of Spencer Fane in Kansas City, Mo.

Sara M. Holzschuh, ’10, is an associate with Husch Blackwell in Kansas City, Mo., where she concentrates her practice in the area of government compliance, investigations and litigation. Previously she served as a special assistant U.S. attorney of the Organized Crime Strike Force & Violent Crimes Unit in the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Western District of Missouri.

Andrew J. Smolik, ’10, is a senior associate with Husch Blackwell. He works directly with the Missouri Technology Corporation and provides strategic, legal and financial leadership to the State of Missouri’s public-private partnership to grow the economy through entrepreneurship and high-tech innovation.

Casey E. Elliott, ’11, is an associate with Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Taylor, and Bacon in Columbia. She focuses her practice in the areas of bankruptcy, financial planning, corporate and business, and debtor-creditor issues. She previously worked as a law clerk for the firm.

Lynsie R. Gabel-Upton, ’11, practices with the Law Office of Steven Privette in Willow Springs, Mo., where she focuses on family law, employment law and civil litigation.

Elizabeth A. Russell, ’11, is a clerk for Commissioner Patrick Campbell of the 16th Judicial Circuit in Jackson County, Mo. Previously she was an attorney at the law office of Faber & Brand in Columbia.

Joshua D. Scott, ’11, is an associate with Sanders Warren & Russell in Overland Park, Kan. He focuses his practice primarily in insurance coverage and defense litigation, commercial and construction litigation.

Allyson E. Walker, ’12, married Brad Cunningham on Aug. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia. She will begin practicing with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Mo., in January 2013. He is the assistant director of employee relations for Veterans United Home Loans in Columbia.

Art Hinshaw, ’93, LLM ’00, and his wife, Sarah Selzer, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Selma Hinshaw, in March. Hinshaw is the director of the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Paula M. Young, LLM ’03, presented “Teaching Mediator Ethics Using Active Learning Techniques” at a faculty workshop at the Quinnipiac-Yale Dispute Resolution Workshop in Hamden, Conn.

Daxton R. “Chip” Stewart, LLM ’07, published an article on copyright and Facebook photographs, “Can I Use This Photo I Found on Facebook? Applying Copyright Law and Fair Use Analysis to Photographs on Social Networking Sites Republished for News Reporting Purposes,” in vol. 10 of the Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law (2012).
Alumni Memoriam

30s
Louis W. Benecke, ’38, of Gastonia, Mo., died May 13, 2011, at the age of 97. After serving his country as a first lieutenant in the Army Reserves, Benecke worked as an attorney with his father in the firm of Benecke and Benecke. He went on to a 25 year career with the U.S. Treasury Department and became the city prosecutor for the city of Kansas City, Mo., in 1969.

Paul F. Niedner Sr., ’38, of Saint Charles, Mo., died Oct. 16, 2011, at age 96. During the Depression, he worked on oil drilling rigs and as a cowboy. He served at sea in the Merchant Marine during World War II. After graduating from the School of Law in 1938, Niedner went on to practice law for more than 50 years in Saint Charles, Mo., at Niedner, Altheim, Bodeux & Dorsey, LLP, the oldest law firm in Saint Charles County (Mo.).

50s
Newton R. Bradley, ’50, of Lexington, Mo., died April 3. After graduating from high school, Bradley served in the U.S. Navy, reaching the rank of ensign. He was stationed in Japan in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1946. Bradley practiced law for more than 45 years in Lexington, where he was active with numerous community groups, and served for four years on the Missouri board of governors.

Lloyd A. Cleaveland, ’50, of Chillicothe, Mo., died July 22, at age 85. For 56 years, he practiced with the firm now known as Cleaveland, Macoubie & Cox in Chillicothe, until his retirement in 2008. He was a member of The Missouri Bar Association, the Livingston County Bar Association, the First Christian Church of Chillicothe, Friendship Lodge #89 AF and AM, Chillicothe Shrine Club and the Moila Shrine Temple in St. Joseph, Mo.

Fred A. Murdock, ’52, of Kansas City, Mo., died May 1, at age 90. Murdock served with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and was a technical sergeant in the Pacific Theater. After receiving his law degree in 1952, he went to work at the Kansas City, Mo., firm of Johnson, Lucas, Bush and Gibson, before opening his own practice in Kansas City. Murdock was appointed by Gov. Warren E. Hearnes, ’52, to serve as chairman of the board of election commissioners for Kansas City. He served on the board for eight years. After retiring, Murdock and his wife, Mary, enjoyed traveling the world.

Elvin Sidney Douglas Jr., ’57, of Harrisonville, Mo., died Aug. 4, at age 79. He retired in 2009 from the firm of Crouch, Spangler & Douglas, where he practiced for more than 50 years. He was active in many community organizations throughout his life, including 25 years of service as a trustee of Cass Medical Center. He was recognized by the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce and the Harrisonville Rotary Club for his contributions in community leadership.

Douglas was the father of E. Sidney Douglas III, ’83, and Scott S. Douglas, ’84; the brother of Kerry D. Douglas, ’70; the uncle of K. Patrick Douglas, ’89; and the cousin of Dwight Douglas, ’68.

60s
Victor L. Stephens, ’61, of Alamo, Calif., died Feb. 25, at age 76. Upon completion of active duty in the U.S. Army, Stephens enrolled at the School of Law, graduating in 1961. He enjoyed a long career in the shopping center industry, first with Montgomery Ward and lastly with Marvyn’s Department Stores. After his retirement, Stephens volunteered with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Contra Costa, Calif.

David Van George Brydon Sr., ’63, of Lohman, Mo., died June 11, at age 75. Brydon’s legal education was temporarily suspended when he entered active military service as a commissioned first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. His military duty ended with his retirement eight years later as captain, commanding the 1035th Ordinance Company in Jefferson City, Mo. He returned to MU complete his law degree and upon graduation, he started the practice of law in Jefferson City, where he worked until his retirement in 2008.

John K. “Jack” Pruallage, ’65, of Ladue, Mo., died May 5, at the age of 71. After obtaining his law degree, Prouallage joined the U.S. Air Force, where he rose to the rank of captain, and received an LLM with an emphasis in taxation from George Washington University. He spent his entire 42-year legal career at Lewis, Rice & Fingersh in St. Louis, where he served as chairman of the firm at the time of his death. He had a corporate practice, specializing in finance, banking and securities, and was active on a number of company and nonprofit boards.

Anthony J. “Tony” Sestric, ’65, of St. Louis, Mo., died May 27, at age 71. After obtaining his law degree, Sestric clerked for Judge Roy W. Harper, ’29, a chief federal judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. He maintained a private legal practice and worked as a consultant for the St. Louis assistant prosecutor, charging $1 per year until he retired in 2010. Sestric was the author of 57 Years: A History of the Freedom Suits in the Missouri Courts, chronicling the stories of judges, lawyers and their clients who sought to end slavery.

70s
Lex Allen Passman, ’72, of Pottsboro, Texas, died Apr. 12, at age 68. As a first lieutenant and ranger in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, Passman was wounded in combat, for which he received a Purple Heart. He was a construction attorney for 30 years, both domestically and abroad, including roles as senior vice president and general counsel for L.K. Comstock and H.C. Price Co. Passman also worked for J.A. Jones, Inc., Spie Capag and Morrison Hecker law firm.

90s
Women’s Justice Awards
presented by Missouri Lawyers Media

Missouri Lawyers Media presents the Women’s Justice Awards annually to Missouri women “who have demonstrated leadership, integrity, service, sacrifice and accomplishment in improving the quality of justice and furthering the highest ideas of the legal profession.” Congratulations to this year’s Mizzou Law awardees:

Leaders of Tomorrow Award
Awarded to women law students at area law schools who demonstrate leadership, professionalism and a passion for making a difference in the justice system or the legal profession
3L Lauren C. Collins

Legal Scholar Award
Awarded to women faculty members or administrators at area law schools who make a difference through their research or scholarship, or through teaching and inspiring others
Prof. Carli N. Conklin

Litigation Practitioner Award
Awarded to women trial practitioners who work to improve the quality of justice or contribute to the betterment of the profession
Nancy E. Kenner, ’83

Public Official Award
Awarded to women judges and other public officials for their outstanding public service
Nanette K. Laughrey, ’75

Public Service Practitioner Awards
Awarded to women government and non-profit lawyers for their noteworthy accomplishments in the public sector
Susan M. Alverson, ’85

Rising Star Award
Awarded to women lawyers 40 or under or within the first 10 years of practice who have already made a difference in the justice system or the profession and who appear on a path toward even greater accomplishment
Ginger K. Gooch, ’00

FACULTY NOTE
Carl H. Esbeck completed a manuscript, Religion During the American Revolution and the Early Republics, this summer. It will be used to compare the role of religious establishments and religious conscience in the French and American Revolutions, all as part of a larger anthology published by Ashgate Press in Great Britain.

Two First Amendment cases in which Esbeck filed briefs amicus curiae were successful. In Moss v. Spartanburg County School District, the federal appeals court for the Fourth Circuit upheld a South Carolina law permitting secondary public schools to award limited credit toward graduation to students taking certified internet courses, including courses in religion. In Bronx Household of Faith v. the Board of Education of the City of New York, the federal district for the Southern District of New York upheld the free-exercise claim by an African-American church to have equal access to space in public school buildings to hold worship services.

FACULTY NOTE
Philip G. Peters Jr. spent much of the past year speaking to groups across the state about the cases challenging the constitutional legitimacy of the Affordable Care Act. “While I like to think that my legal analysis was pretty good, the court’s recent decision reveals that I am a terrible odds maker,” he says. He correctly predicted that the court would rule that the individual mandate exceeded Congressional power under the Commerce Clause (contrary to the expectations of most health law professors), but he says he is as shocked as the rest of the nation that Justice Roberts saved the mandate under the taxing power, and equally surprised that the court restricted Congressional power to expand Medicaid under the spending power. Peters describes himself as happy to have been wrong about the fate of the mandate; he strongly favors universal access to health care.
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**Dean's Tour Reception in St. Joseph**  
*Hosted by Daniel F. Kellogg, '88*  
Foster’s, 726 Felix Street  
5-7 pm  
> **INFO** 573-882-4374

#### 26
**Dean's Tour Reception in Kansas City**  
*Hosted by Patrick B. Starke, ’79, & Debbie Starke*  
Home of Pat & Debbie Starke, 501 NE Lake Pointe Circle in Lee’s Summit  
5:30-7:30 pm  
> **INFO** 573-882-4374

### October 2012

#### 2
**Dean's Tour Reception in Columbia**  
*Hosted by Walter H. Bley Jr., ’80*  
Country Club of Missouri, 1300 Woodrail Avenue  
5:30-7:30 pm  
> **INFO** 573-882-4374

#### 11
**Dean's Tour Reception in Washington, D.C.**  
*Hosted by Polsinelli Shughart*  
Offices of Polsinelli Shughart, 1152 15th Street, Suite 800  
5-7 pm  
> **INFO** 573-882-4374

#### 19
**Annual Alumni Luncheon**  
*held in conjunction with The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting*  
Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, St. Louis  
12:15 pm  
> **INFO** 573-882-4374

### December 2012

#### 5
**Dean's Tour Reception in Springfield**  
*Hosted by Sam F. Hamra, ’59*  
Hamra Plaza, 1855 South Ingram Mill Road  
5:30-7 pm  
> **INFO** 573-882-4374

### March 2013

#### 8
**Missouri Law Review Symposium**  
*“Bombshell or Baby Step? The Ramifications of Miller v. Alabama for Sentencing Law and Juvenile Crime Policy”*  
John K. Hulston Hall  
Time TBA  
> **INFO** 573-882-7055

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