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During the rebuilding of the House of Commons after the Blitz, some suggested that the war’s destruction provided an opportunity to eliminate the odd corners, walls and rooms that had built up over the centuries. Winston Churchill, though, realized the significant history and tradition that these structures represented, noting, “We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.”

As I write this Dean’s Corner, we can look out our windows in Hulston Hall at the major renovation underway at Tate Hall. Until this summer, Tate Hall has been pretty much the same building from which the Law School moved in 1988. The wasps and pigeons were removed, and there was more than the single women’s restroom that existed when many of you attended the Law School. However, the basic structure was pretty much the same, although the classes taught in Tate over the last 22 years have been English literature and composition rather than property, contracts and torts.

Hulston Hall has been the Law School’s home for the last 22 years. Large classrooms accommodate the required first-year courses, smaller rooms hold seminars and advanced elective courses, and students, faculty and staff have a single building that they can call home. Both Tate Hall and Hulston Hall have shaped generations of law students. Our classrooms are designed so that all students can participate in the professor’s Socratic questioning; in the courtroom students examine witnesses and give closing arguments in simulated trials; and classrooms are arranged so that students get to know others in their first-year sections quite well as, together, they master the art of “thinking like a lawyer.”

The faculty and staff in these buildings also have shaped generations of lawyers and judges. In this issue of Transcript we recognize two legendary faculty who taught in both Tate and Hulston Hall classrooms: Jim Devine and Ron Smull. Jim began his teaching career at the Law School in 1980, by which time Ron already had been teaching as an adjunct professor for five years. Both of them taught hundreds of students over the decades. Much more importantly, they modeled the professionalism and character for which Mizzou lawyers always have been known. Last spring we also recognized three law school staff who have served MU for the past 25 years: Tamara Guilford Davis, Elaine Litwiller and Cheryl Poelling. They too have shaped this law school and the education of many fine men and women whom we are proud to call MU alumni.

Our buildings, our faculty and our staff shape our students in many predictable, and unpredictable, ways. Our cover story focuses on one alumnus of the Law School and of Tate Hall: 1979 graduate Ezra Eli Borntrager. Ezra left his Amish community and obtained his law degree at MU. Shaped by Tate Hall and those he encountered at MU, Ezra used his degree to help others. In the final months of his life Ezra returned to his family, his community and the Law School, leaving his Missouri farm to us in his estate. His gift, and the gifts of the other alumni and friends featured in our annual Honor Roll of Donors, will enable the Law School to shape lives in the future just as our own lives have been shaped by the Law School and the law school community.

During the Tate Hall construction this summer, workers discovered blocks with the inscription “Lee H. Tate Hall” that had been covered over since the Law School left that building in 1988. We have asked that those stones be preserved and moved to Hulston Hall. Some of our very finest graduates learned law and were shaped by Tate Hall and the legendary faculty who taught in that building. Bringing a small part of that legacy to Hulston Hall should inspire current faculty, staff and students to strive, in the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., to “live greatly in the law.”

As always, thanks for your help. Whether you’re a graduate of Tate Hall or Hulston Hall, please stop by to say hello the next time you’re near the Law School.

Very truly yours,

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Fresh Faces

Here in the Fall

Visiting faculty bring exciting and impressive experience

by Paul M. Schwinn, 1L

This fall, the School of Law opens its doors to four distinguished visiting faculty members. Carli N. Conklin, Chuck Henson, Nicholas J. Spaeth and Ben Trachtenberg all bring different areas of expertise and will instruct students in a wide variety of courses.

Each spent time on the coasts, but the Midwest has lured them all to teach at the School of Law. All four look forward to fitting in well with the respected faculty at MU.

Carli N. Conklin
Visiting Associate Professor of Law

Carli N. Conklin says she's always had an interest in history. She has always been fascinated by laws, trying to understand their meaning to the culture in which they're derived. That is why Conklin gravitated toward the University of Virginia's joint-degree program in law and legal history. She is passionate about the correlation between law and history, and enjoys sharing it with students. “I just get excited for students to look at the history of the law and to get that sort of eye opening ‘whoa,’” she says. “The way things are today aren't how they've always been and not how they always have to be.”

After receiving her law and master's degrees in 2003, Conklin became an assistant professor of history at John Brown University in Arkansas. While teaching myriad law and history-related courses, Conklin developed the Pre-Law Professional Program, which helps mold students into successful law school candidates.

Conklin left JBU in 2007 and became a teaching assistant at the University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History. She balanced this job and working on her doctorate in American legal history (primary focus) and Roman Republic (secondary) from the school. She continues to work on her dissertation on the pursuit of happiness in the Declaration of Independence while teaching here. She expects to receive her PhD in 2011.

Conklin is a Missourian at heart. She received her undergraduate degree from Truman State University. “There is a friendliness and a mentality of service in the Midwest and being here reminds me of why I came back to teach here,” Conklin says.

Conklin is not only excited to be back in Missouri, but she has been very impressed with MU. She spent the last semester conducting research at MU and therefore was around the students and faculty frequently. “The faculty genuinely enjoys the students and interacting with them. And the students I have talked with have great things to say about the Law School,” Conklin says.

Conklin is not used to a small law school atmosphere — at Virginia there are more than 1,000 students. “That's really thrilling to me to be a part of something like that where I will have someone in class, and have a meaningful conversation later in the hall,” Conklin explains. “Building those relationships is what really makes teaching rewarding for me.”

Conklin teaches negotiation and non-binding methods of dispute resolution in the fall, and public policy and law & society in the spring. She gives students fair warning that she is not an easy teacher. She believes that if you're going to pay for the education, you might as well get the most out of it. She understands that her classes might be temporarily uncomfortable; however, Conklin is confident that the hard work will pay off. “The brain is a muscle, you just need to exercise it to make the class more enjoyable,” Conklin says.

Chuck Henson
Visiting Professor of Law

When humbly mulling over his many accolades, Chuck Henson is quick to point out that he never was able to grow to six feet tall. Other than that, the Georgetown Law alumnus has not left many stones unturned in his life.

Henson received his bachelor's degree in economics and political science at Yale University before attending law school. After completing three years at Georgetown, Henson took a job at Holland & Hart in Denver. As part of his pro bono work at the firm, Henson created and taught a jurisprudence of race class at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Henson has always loved teaching. Both of his parents were professors, and he says the teaching gene didn't skip a generation. Henson's strong relationship with his parents brought Henson, his wife and his 7-year-old daughter to Missouri so he could pursue a distinguished teaching career of his own.

Now that he is in Missouri, it is hard to miss him. In the short time he has been on campus, Henson has already turned heads with his classy attire. “I've heard every time he comes here, he looks like a GQ model,” 2L Abraham L. Forth said.

But Henson is more than meets the eye. The tattoos evident beneath his rolled-up sleeves are a product of what he calls his “late-blooming rebel” stage, branching from left wrist to right wrist. These markings show a blend of unrelated meaningful
tokens from his life added one at a time, starting with a simple stick figure, blossoming into a collective and cohesive work of art.

At MU, Henson teaches trial practice, lawyering, professional responsibility and client counseling. Like the tattoos, the classes represent individual concepts, but, as Henson describes it, there is a bond between them that gives his students broad exposure to the realities of practicing law.

Henson takes pride in how much his students learn from his lecture. In his classes, Henson is prepared to not only introduce the different subjects, but to make them relevant. He says there is nothing more rewarding as a teacher than having his students take something away from his classes.

The well-traveled professor has experienced the legal profession across the United States, and repeatedly notes his admiration for how Missouri is able to create an interconnected culture of legal professionals. He is wide-eyed at the opportunity to pass along his admiration by shaping the next generation of future lawyers and judges to fit into the great system that has developed in Missouri.

Nicholas J. Spaeth
Visiting Professor of Law

Experience always seems to pay dividends, especially for a professor. Nicholas J. Spaeth has plenty of relevant experience in his field, both in and out of the classroom. When the MU School of Law looks for a professor to teach securities law and business law, there is no one better than Spaeth given his accomplished career.

After graduating from Stanford Law School in 1977, Spaeth notched six years of trial practice with an emphasis on commercial disputes before serving as North Dakota state attorney general from 1985 to 1993. This experience led Spaeth into corporate law, where he specialized in areas such as securities and contracts.

With such an impressive past, Spaeth transitioned into senior vice president, general counsel and secretary at GE Employers Reinsurance Corporation. He held the same position for a year at Intuit Inc. before claiming the role of senior vice president and chief legal officer at H&R Block.

Spaeth’s final position before coming to MU was at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, holding the position of executive vice president, chief legal officer and chief risk officer.

“It has certainly given me a broad background to not only allow me to talk about the concepts but also give specific examples to how something can be applied in the real world,” Spaeth says.

Spaeth believes that having a wide knowledge base is not the most important part of teaching. “The key to being a good teacher is communication,” Spaeth says. “You need to take what seem to be complex concepts and break them down into something meaningful.”

In talking with Spaeth, it becomes clear that he is truly passionate about teaching. He understands that he has the opportunity to develop the next generation of lawmakers in the world, and he says just thinking about the opportunity excites him.

However, Spaeth recognizes the challenges that come with teaching in this era. Instructing law classes has changed since Spaeth graduated in 1977. With technological advances, the student’s potential to learn has never been higher. Law school will still be competitive, however, “it is still a level playing field,” Spaeth says. “It’s just the playing field is at a higher level.”

Spaeth recognized last year that he should be in a classroom. “I got to a stage in my life where all I wanted to do was teach. I really wanted to go back and be a part of a university and be with students,” Spaeth says.

Ben Trachtenberg
Visiting Associate Professor of Law

After graduating with a political science degree from Yale University in 2001, Ben Trachtenberg was granted the George Mitchell Scholarship. Only 12 American students earn this scholarship a year, giving Trachtenberg a unique learning experience — pursuing his masters in international studies in Ireland. “With a small group of people spread through the island, it made it easier to coordinate events,” Trachtenberg says. “I was able to enjoy the country a little more than if I went alone.”

One of those events was having tea with the president of Ireland at its equivalent of the White House. Trachtenberg met the prime minister of Ireland as well, but did not have the opportunity to enjoy the meeting over a spot of tea. When asked if they served Irish tea or Irish coffee, Trachtenberg quickly quipped, “Definitely Irish tea…. Irish coffee is a whole different product.”

Trachtenberg’s wit took center stage when he was one of the comedy writers for the Columbia Law Revue. He deems his rendition of Neil Diamond’s “I’m a Believer,” titled “I’m a Tort Feaser,” his shining accomplishment at the revue.

Within the short time that he has been looking for a place to stay for the year here in Columbia, he says the faculty has stepped up to help offer great advice. Trachtenberg says he is honored to come to MU because “the students and faculty are reputed to be very good at what they do.”

Trachtenberg is not far removed from his time as a student. He says initially the transition to teaching was daunting and intimidating, but he knows that law school students are encouraged to contribute to discussions during class and this engagement makes teaching enjoyable for him.

After his senior year at Yale, Trachtenberg was awarded the Sigma Chi Fraternity International Balfour Award. The award is presented to the fraternity’s most outstanding senior in the United States and Canada. Trachtenberg is a 2005 graduate of Columbia Law School. As a 1L, he received the Class of 1912 Prize, awarded to the most proficient student in contracts class.

This fall, Trachtenberg teaches evidence. In the spring he will teach trial practice and criminal procedure. These are all courses he is highly interested in, but this is the first time he will teach these subjects. Previously he taught at Brooklyn Law School.

“The key to being a good teacher is communication.”
CARLI N. CONKLIN comes to the School of Law from the University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History, where she served as a teaching assistant while pursuing a doctoral degree in American legal history. She expects to complete this degree in 2011. Previously, Conklin was an assistant professor of history at John Brown University and served as co-director of the university’s Pre-Law Professional Program and as a teaching assistant at the University of Virginia School of Law.


At the School of Law, Conklin teaches negotiation, public policy dispute resolution, and law and social science.

ERIKA S. FADEL joins the Office of Admissions, Career Development and Student Services as coordinator of career development. Previously she was visiting associate professor of legal research and writing at the School of Law. In her new position, Fadel will build a public interest/public service program, identify public interest/public service opportunities for law students and build additional bridges to these employers. Fadel received her bachelor’s degree from Emory University, a master of divinity degree from Boston University and a law degree from Southern Methodist University.

RACHEL M. HEALD comes to the School of Law from the Legal Writing & Advocacy Program at the Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California.

Previously, she served as a core adjunct instructor for the Online Legal Studies Program of Kaplan University and law clerk for Judge Carolyn Turchin, a federal magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. She also served as a panel attorney for the California Parole Advocacy Program, acting assistant director, policy analyst and writer for The Education Trust-West and was in private practice in California and New York.

At the School of Law, Heald teaches legal research and writing, and advocacy and research.

CHUCK HENSON was an assistant attorney general of Missouri before joining the law faculty. Previously he served as the vice president of Adelphi Communications, partner of Kutak Rock, trial consultant, senior attorney for U.S. WEST, Inc., in the City Attorney’s Office Code Enforcement Section for the City and County of Denver, and in private practice. His teaching experience includes lecturing in labor law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and in the jurisprudence of race at the University of Colorado.

Henson’s publications include “At-Will Employment No Longer the Norm in Colorado” in The Colorado Journal and “Preempting and Prosecuting Clean Water Act Citizen Suits” in The Colorado Lawyer.

At the School of Law, Henson teaches lawyering, professional responsibility, trial practice and client interviewing and counseling.

TONY KIM joined the staff as a user support analyst in the Law Library. He was born in Seoul, Korea, but he considers Kansas City, Mo., his hometown. Kim is a diehard Chiefs fan who has lived in Columbia for 10 years.

Kim has more than six years of experience working with information technology and consumer electronics. Before choosing this career, Kim worked for Animal Care Quality Assurance from 2001 to 2004. Kim is married, and the couple owns one dog and one cat.

JENNIFER L. McGARR joins the School of Law as coordinator of career development. Previously she practiced in Columbia and was an adjunct faculty member at the School of Law. She is a former litigation associate with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in New York City and a former staff attorney with the Louisiana legislature. In her new position, McGarr will develop contacts within small and mid-size law firms to facilitate job searching for MU Law students. She is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center.

NICHOLAS J. SPAETH was executive vice president, chief legal officer and chief risk officer for Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines before coming to MU.

Previously, Spaeth served as senior vice president of H&R Block; Intuit, Inc.; and GE Employers Reinsurance Corporation. He was also a lawyer in private practice and North Dakota state attorney general. Immediately following law school, he clerked for Judge Myron Bright of the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Byron White of the U.S. Supreme Court, and served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Minnesota.

Spaeth studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and was managing editor of the Stanford Law Review. At the School of Law, he teaches securities regulation, basic business principles for lawyers and banking law.

BEN TRACHTENBERG joins the School of Law after teaching criminal law and environmental law at Brooklyn Law School. Previously he served as a teaching assistant at Columbia Law School, was a litigation associate at Covington & Burling in New York and clerked for Judge Jose A. Cabranes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.


At the MU School of Law, Trachtenberg teaches evidence, criminal procedure and trial practice.
Goodbye, Jim

On May 12, Dean Jim Devine was scheduled to attend the Boone County Bar Association meeting in downtown Columbia to say a few words about retiring Adjunct Professor Ronald E. Smull, ’66. At the meeting, he collapsed and died unexpectedly. The news left his family, School of Law students, faculty, staff and alumni; and the legal community reeling.

In the days after his death, expressions of sympathy and special memories of Jim poured in. We share some of those memories here.

Understated Jim, who never tooted his own horn, would surely find the whole to-do humorous. Yet we could not stay quiet. He defined the School of Law. He was friend, counselor, teacher, mentor, colleague, sounding board. He was humor and compassion and true, heartfelt, sincere, caring. He is missed.

To Dean Devine’s family and loved ones,

I would just like to thank you for sharing such a wonderful man with the rest of the world.

If you had asked me when I was only 10 years old what I wanted to be when I grew up, I would have told you that I wanted to be a lawyer so I could help the poor. I didn’t have any lawyers in my family, but it was just what I had always known I was meant to be. Yet when I got to law school, I started to think that I just wasn’t cut out for it. I didn’t think I was smart enough or good enough to make it.

After my first semester, I was set to drop out. I found a master’s program that would take me, made sure my loans would transfer and headed into the law school to sign the papers so that I could be free. It was Christmas break and most of the building was empty, but Dean Devine was still there. I would later joke that he swung in on a vine like Tarzan to save the day, but maybe it wasn’t that dramatic.

Anyway, he talked me out of it. He convinced me to give it another shot. Made me realize that my dreams were worth fighting for, that I was worth fighting for. Now I’m a public defender. I’m a lawyer, and I help those less fortunate than myself. I’m here because your husband and father was there for me. Thank you.

—Sarah L. Devlin, ’09

I graduated from Mizzou Law School in 1981. Jim was a “young” professor at the Law Barn, and often joined my friends and me playing basketball at Brewer Fieldhouse. I then clerked for the Hon. J.P. Morgan at the Missouri Supreme Court, and kept in touch with him (meaning I called to ask for help when an issue stumped me) while working in Jefferson City. In 1982 I moved to Colorado, and have practiced in Boulder County ever since. Yet I kept in touch with Jim, to talk about Mizzou sports, to talk about the events at the Law School and mutual acquaintances, and often to ask him ethics-related questions. Jim was always interested in me, my family and my questions, giving freely of his time.

Within the last three months, a colleague approached me with a very difficult ethics dilemma. As usual, I suggested that we call Jim. This was a trial practice ethics issue which deserved to be the factual basis for a law school final exam, and Jim patiently talked to my friend, although he did not know her, and gave her ideas which were ultimately accepted as appropriate by a Boulder County District Court judge.

I called Jim trying to get together with him the few times I made it back to Columbia, but it seemed Jim was always scheduled to officiate a swim meet somewhere throughout the Midwest. We always talked about getting together “the next time” I was near the law school. It is my
“He was not only brilliant, he had the kindest heart in the body and soul of an imp…total mischief and dear to the bone.”

I was shocked to hear the news about Dean Devine. I still remember his orientation presentation clearly, and mostly I remember that he really wanted all of us to succeed. He definitely made us all feel as though he was rooting for us. He was the person I contacted whenever I had a problem or question, and he ALWAYS responded quickly and made me feel as though my problem or question truly mattered. He will certainly be missed in Hulston Hall.

—Sherri M. Risch, 2L

Professor Devine was one of the finest people I have ever known. Our class, the Class of 1982, absolutely adored him. What a spitfire...by way of New Jersey. His teaching was infectious. All of us actually looked forward to ethics. Who knew it could actually be as interesting as the “mystery murder” on Days of our Lives that we rushed to the student lounge to watch daily.

What struck me most about Jim was his joy for life and his “wear-it-on-the-sleeve-of-your-shirt” love for his wife and children. He spent countless hours, in total, telling us about the kids’ antics and what he was doing with his wife. I hope Sharon realized that not only did he adore her (which I am sure she knew) but that the entire rest of the world knew it too.

Professor Devine coached J. Earline Gordon, '82, and me for Moot Court regionals. He was incredible, enthusiastic and most of all, to those insecure law students, he helped us believe in ourselves. After Jim Devine finished telling me how incredible and gifted I was, I actually believed it and had confidence that I was on the right path to becoming a trial lawyer. Before that time, few people – and definitely not Jim – knew that I was questioning whether practicing law was where I was supposed to be. I know that Jim did exactly the same thing for all the kids on the Moot Court team and for hundreds, if not thousands, more of his students. He was not only brilliant, he had the kindest heart in the body and soul of an imp...total mischief and dear to the bone.

—Mary-Michael Sterchi, ‘82
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...

Robert G. Bailey, ’79, conducted Major League Baseball salary arbitration in February. In May, he completed his three-year term on the board of governors of the National Academy of Arbitrators. Bailey continues to serve as chair of the MU Health Sciences Institutional Review Board Mid-Month Committee; serves on the university’s Conflict of Interest Committee; and will be chairing the MU Athletics Department’s strategic planning process again.


She spoke on international class arbitration at the American Bar Association (ABA) International Section Spring Meeting in April and at the Center for International Legal Studies (CILS) Symposium on Arbitration, Mediation and ADR in June. She presented a paper on advocacy in international commercial arbitration at the ABA Dispute Resolution Section’s Twelfth Annual Conference in April.

Strong also recently won a Faculty Research Grant from the International Council of Canadian Studies (ICCS) to study class actions and class arbitrations in Canada and was elected to the executive committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (North American branch).

Douglas E. Abrams
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“Seven Groups Back Westboro Church in Case Against Marine’s Father”
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“Threats and Punishment”
Intelligence Report (Southern Poverty Law Center)
“What the Supreme Court Sees in Snyder v. Phelps”
The York Daily Record (Pennsylvania)
usually there is nothing remarkable about the middle of December at the School of Law, other than the tension surrounding final exam preparations. But 2009 was different. On Dec. 11, Assistant Dean Bob Bailey, ’79, asked me to make a phone call that would change the course of my work for the next few months and change the lives of students at the School of Law.

Bob received a call from one of his classmates who was dying and wanted to give his farm to the School of Law. I dialed the phone right away. After a single ring, I heard “This is Ezra.” He was expecting my call. We set up a time to meet and he asked if I would bring him something to eat. He said it had been a long time since he’d had fried chicken, so I stopped by the Colonel on my way.

That afternoon I arrived — chicken in hand — at Ezra’s farm northwest of Clark, Mo., a small town between Columbia and Moberly, known mostly for being the birthplace of General Omar Bradley, and an area populated by the Amish. It was just as he described: an L-shaped pasture with a barn and a white cabin in back. Upon opening the gate, I was greeted by Ezra’s cattle. A sleepy-looking Black Angus bull stood watch over the cows and calves. They were so attentive to my pickup that it was hard to get through. No doubt Ezra used his own pickup to haul range cubes and hay on a regular basis. The cattle wanted food.
A Picture of Frugal Practicality

I drove through the fields on the path Ezra had created over time with his truck and parked in front of the white cabin. Before me was a picture of frugal practicality I hadn't seen since I was a boy in rural Missouri. The yard was enclosed by a charged livestock fence. There were two extension cords running from a nearby utility pole to the cabin and a television antenna affixed to the roof. There was also a system of electrical wires and pipes running out of the ground near the back of the cabin to a steel water tank just outside the fence, but no connections to the house. It was a well, powered by an electric pump, and the water source for both Ezra and his cattle. Ezra could turn the pump on to fill the tank for the cattle or easily remove the pipe and fill his water containers to carry inside his home.

As I entered through the gate of the electric fence, Ezra called me in. The cabin was lit by a single desk lamp and warmed by an electric heater. His other conveniences included a small TV, stereo, dormitory refrigerator, hot plate and propane barbecue grill. He made his bedroom in a loft above the rest of the cabin. He was sitting up at his desk and had been working on the computer. Ezra told me about his life over supper….

Straddling Two Worlds

His name was Ezra Eli Borntrager. He was born in 1948 and raised in an Amish community east of Clark. In 1966, Ezra left home to join the service. He was a conscientious objector to the war in Vietnam, so he was allowed to serve in a noncombat role in Columbia. After completing his service and earning a GED diploma, he obtained a bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State University (now known as the University of Central Missouri) in Warrensburg. In 1976, he entered the School of Law, graduating in 1979. While in law school, he clerked for the Knight, Ford law firm in Columbia. After a few years as a solo practitioner in Kansas City, Mo., Ezra moved to California in 1987 where he worked for The Law Offices of Christopher G. Metzger in Eureka.

In 2003, Ezra came home. He bought a 120-acre tract outside of Clark and built the white cabin as temporary quarters, planning to build a bigger home later so he could marry and begin a family. He opened a Missouri law practice and began raising cattle. After a year in Missouri, he was asked by his old law firm to return to California. A year later, he returned to the farm for good.

Ezra lived most of his life straddling two different worlds. The Borntragers were a large, typical Amish family. They did not own automobiles or telephones. There was no electricity or the many related conveniences. Most men farmed for a living, were craftsmen, or both, while the women cared for the children, prepared food, and made and washed clothes. Every child in the family who could walk had daily chores.

As a boy, Ezra had little exposure to anyone outside of the Amish community. He wasn’t sent to public school, but was educated in a one-room Amish schoolhouse. He was smart and loved to read, but there was little reading material available in the community other than the Bible and Amish worship books. Eventually, he discovered the local library’s bookmobile and would sneak away to it when he could. He also managed to acquire a transistor radio he kept hidden from his family. Books and radio broadcasts fed his curiosity about the rest of the world. When he transitioned into the “English” society, Ezra learned to take advantage of resources most of us take for granted and worked to blend in. But, he continued to reflect the modesty, frugality and generosity of his Amish family.

When he left home for the service, Ezra disappointed some people in his Amish community. Because he didn’t adhere to the Amish
ways, he was eventually excommunicated from the Amish church. Subsequently, the communication with his family became infrequent. He occasionally corresponded with his mother. But by the time I met him, he had visited with his family only a handful of times since the mid 1960s.

**Going Home**

In December 2009, Ezra’s cancer diagnosis was only a month old. He said he waited too long to see the doctor about the back pain he suffered for months, so when the cancer was diagnosed, it was too late to cure. He knew he was dying. He wanted to give everything to the law school that meant so much to his life, to help students get a legal education. He wanted to give it all away immediately and return to his family in the Amish community to live out his remaining days.

Over the next few days, I made several trips to see him, learn more about the farm and cattle, and discuss the terms of the gift. I brought more food, his mail from the post office and the odds and ends he requested from the store. Just one week after our first introduction, my van was packed with a few of Ezra’s belongings and Ezra left the farm for the last time. We drove to a bank in Moberly where Ezra executed the paperwork to make the gift to the Law School and then made the trip up Highway 63 to La Plata, Mo., so Ezra could return to his family.

La Plata is the home of Ezra’s sister, Lydia Mullett, and her husband, Harley. Lydia is the only member of Ezra’s immediate family left in Missouri. He wasn’t sure that she and her husband would take him in and care for him. He hadn’t spoken with them in a long time and they didn’t know he was sick. By this time, he was in a great deal of pain, and wanted to go to them right away.

Ezra had never been to Lydia’s home. Neither one of us knew how to get there. When we drove into the area that was clearly populated by the Amish, Ezra suggested we stop and ask for directions. We came upon a house where a young man with a beard and Amish clothing was working with a team of horses. Ezra rolled down the window as the young man approached and, much to my surprise, started speaking German. The two men conversed for a few minutes, and while I could tell Ezra was getting directions, I otherwise had no clue what was being said. Eventually the young man cocked his head and said to me in perfect English, “You have no idea what we’re talking about do you?” We all laughed and they switched to English for my benefit. The man knew Harley and Lydia; they lived down the road about two miles. He thought they would welcome Ezra into their home, but if they would not for some reason, we were to come back. The young man and his family would take him in and care for him for the remainder of his days.

As we were leaving he told us we would probably see his children coming home from the school, which was just a couple hundred yards from the Mulletts’ home. Sure enough, on the way we met school children — boys with the Amish hats and girls with Amish bonnets, making the long walk on the gravel road towards home. We even saw a pony-driven small wagon, just big enough for its three small Amish riders, with their books and lunch boxes strapped down on the back.

We decided that a big white farm house ahead belonged to the Mulletts. There was a barn in the back and a new workshop across the driveway. Cattle were in the pasture, pigs in a nearby pen. A horse-drawn buggy was parked to one side. We were greeted by three of Lydia’s grandchildren as they came out of the shop.

“Before me was a picture of frugal practicality I hadn’t seen since I was a boy in rural Missouri.”
“Ezra’s resourcefulness and frugality, even on his deathbed, resulted in a scholarship for MU Law students.”

About Ezra...

Ezra was a complex person, because he left a regimented lifestyle in the Amish community. He was very guarded in his personal relationships, particularly at first. As his three years in Tate Hall progressed, he acculturated to the law school environment and became a good friend to many in our class.

—Bob Bailey, ’79

He took a lot of pride in the small house he built for himself out here in California. It was very utilitarian and green. He used solar panels as a power supply, and raised some of his own food on the small bit of acreage. Everyone really liked him, but you could tell he never felt completely comfortable away from the Amish.

—Chris Metzger
Ezra’s colleague

Ezra rolled down the window to speak to them in German. “They’re raised speaking German,” Ezra said. “They’re taught English in school so they can interact with the outside world, but the Amish generally speak German to one another.”

A woman in a bonnet and simple dress stepped out of the house onto the front porch. “Lydia?” Ezra cried out. “I’m Ezra, your brother.” Lydia smiled and came out to the van. We helped Ezra into her home and onto a sofa. After the introductions, Ezra said, “I have cancer and I’m dying. I can’t take care of myself anymore and I wanted to come home.” Lydia assured him that she was very glad to see him and that she and Harley would take care of him. I stayed awhile, and listened as Ezra told his sister about his life since leaving home. Saying goodbye to Ezra, I assured him I would come back and see him again.

A week later, I received a call from Harley. We discussed Ezra’s care and how he was coping. He said that Ezra’s mother and other family were coming from Wisconsin to see him. Ezra was in good spirits and they were all getting reacquainted. On Jan. 12, I received another call from Harley. Ezra wasn’t feeling well. I went to see him on January 14. At the beginning of my visit, Harley told me Ezra was really bad. He was asleep and had been for two days. Ezra died the next day.

During Ezra’s visitation, I met more of his family, including his elderly mother, who came from Wisconsin to bury her son. I was the only “Englishman” out of about 50 people who were there. We were in the Mulletts’ large front room, sitting on the benches that are kept there for times when the Mulletts take their turn hosting the Sabbath worship service. Everyone was very nice and tried to speak English for my benefit. We exchanged how we knew Ezra and what we knew about him, which was little on either account. They were eager to educate me about their ways, expecting my curiosity. Harley took me into a side room where Ezra’s body was laid out and let me say goodbye. The next day, his Amish family buried him.

The Mullett family made several trips to Ezra’s farm to clean up. I assured Harley it wasn’t necessary and the Law School would take care of it. He insisted they were glad to do it. It was their obligation as his family. Their effort was at least partially rewarded when they found an old German family Bible Ezra kept with him. But that wasn’t the reason for the trip. It is what they do.

Since that first day with Ezra, I’ve heard from his neighbors and friends. All were sad to learn of his illness and talked about how he was always willing to help
Bob Hines ['57] called Hamp Ford ['64] and me to tell us about a young man who was looking for work as a law clerk, but didn’t want to be paid. So we decided to give him some work. He always wore a blue suit and tie, and we noticed he always worked through the noon hour. So we took him aside and asked him about his situation. It turned out he wasn’t eating lunch, as he couldn’t afford much. And the blue suit was the only suit he had and he didn’t have any other proper clothes to wear. So we told him that we were going to start paying him a wage, and that he didn’t need to wear the suit every day, as casual attire was appropriate for clerks. He eventually relaxed and got comfortable with things. And we would take him to lunch occasionally, and he would tell us about life in the Old Amish community. —David L. Knight, ’62

Ezra’s resourcefulness and frugality, even on his deathbed, resulted in a scholarship for MU Law students. In recognition of his generosity, he was inducted posthumously into The Law Society during the group’s annual dinner, represented by Harley and Lydia. Guests learned more about Ezra’s life away from the Amish and the many who visited with Harley and Lydia learned about the beginning and end of Ezra’s life from them.

I didn’t get to know Ezra very well. I’m not sure anyone ever did. But he provided me with one of the most memorable experiences I’ve ever had. It’s clear that he was a man who asked little, and gave to everyone around him. His final gift will be a lasting one. It funds a scholarship at MU to benefit young people like Ezra who want to learn the law so they can help other people. 

About Ezra...
School of Law Represented at ABA Conference

School of Law Faculty, staff and alumni were featured speakers at the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution annual conference in April. This is the premier alternative dispute resolution conference every year, with only a fraction of the program proposals accepted.

Current faculty and staff who presented included:

- **Paul H. Ladehoff**
  Effective Cross-Cultural Communication in ADR

- **John Lande**
  Law Professors’ Shoptalk Forum: Revisiting Core Concepts

- **Ilhyung Lee**
  The Art and the Practice of Mediation in Hong Kong, China, and Korea

- **Richard C. Reuben**
  The Obama Administration and Collaborative Governance
  The Town Hall Meeting: Conflict, Governance, and Free Speech

- **S. I. Strong**
  Advocacy in International Commercial Arbitration: What You Don’t Know Will Hurt You (and Your Client)

Former faculty and senior fellows of MU’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution who presented included:

- **Art Hinshaw, ’93, LLM ’00**
  Attorney Negotiation Ethics and the Real World

- **Bobbi McAdoo**
  A Web of Learning Opportunities: How ADR Programs Can Weave Together Legal Instruction, Research, and Services to the Community

Leonard L. Riskin
Party Participation in Mediation: The Desire to be Heard, Not Just Seen
Finding the Appropriate Problem Definition in Mediation

Jean R. Sternlight
An In-Depth Look at Class-Action Arbitrations in the Consumer and Employment Contexts
Whether, When and How Representation in Mediation Matters

In addition, many of our LLM alumni were on the program, including:

- **Nivedita C. Gutta, LLM ’06**
  Transparent Mediation - Giving Away Our Strategies?

- **James W. Reeves, LLM ’04**
  Mudslinging, Manners and Mediators

- **Mary Ellen Reimund, LLM ’00**
  All Criminal Mediation Is Not Created Equal: A Continuum – Restorative Justice to Case Management Mediation

- **Sukhsimranjit Singh, LLM ’06**
  Effective Cross-Cultural Communication in ADR

- **Jane A. Smith, ’80, LLM ’02**
  “Whiskey is for Drinking and Water is for Fighting” - Does Mediation Work in Large Scale Water Disputes?

- **Paula M. Young, LLM ’03**
  Ethical Quandaries in Mediation

- **Christine Harris Taylor, LLM ’03**
  Teaching At The Table - Assisting the Parties in Being Better Negotiators

Richard C. Reuben
was a member of the conference program committee and Art Hinshaw, ’93, LLM ’00, was on the planning committee for the Legal Educators Colloquium in the conference.
Harter and Smull Retire

In April, two faculty members celebrated their retirement from the School of Law.

Philip J. Harter, now the Earl F. Nelson Professor Emeritus of Law, joined the faculty in 2003, after serving as the director of the Program on Consensus, Democracy and Governance at Vermont Law School. He is considered a pioneer in the theory and practice of the use of consensus and other forms of dispute resolution involving governmental agencies.

Ronald E. Smull, ’66, taught as an adjunct faculty member at the School of Law since 1975. He retired as a partner of Brandecker, Smull and Whitworth, where he practiced for 44 years. Dean Larry Dessem points to student evaluations to demonstrate Smull’s impact on students: “You are an excellent teacher. I’ll be a better lawyer for having taken this course. Thank you.”

Both retiring faculty members were recognized by crowds of clapping faculty, staff and students, as they left their last classes, as is the School of Law’s tradition.

MU LAW CAREER DEVELOPMENT thanks the following alumni for speaking at our programs during the 2009-10 school year. We really appreciate the insight and advice they shared with our students.

Laura Krebs Al-Shathir, ’03
Jennifer L. Barth, ’99
Patricia A. Breckenridge, ’78
Michelle M. Drake, ’97
Kellie R. Early, ’85
Bianca L. Eden, ’00
Patrick N. Fanning, ’98
Shane L. Farrow, ’95
Thomas G. Glick, ’95
Michael S. Hargens, ’01
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Michael A. Williams, ’98

We value the variety of experiences and advice our alumni share with our students. If you would be interested in participating in panel discussions or other career-themed programming, please contact our office at 573-882-7386.

FACULTY NOTES


Esbeck participated in a workshop, The Changing Religion Clauses, at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting. He spoke on the ways in which the Establishment Clause worked to prevent harm to religion and religious organizations.

The Supreme Court of the United States granted certiorari in a case where Esbeck co-authored a brief amici curia urging that the court do so. The issue in Sossamon v. Texas is whether state officials have sovereign immunity and thus are not subject to damages for violations of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

In April, Esbeck co-authored two briefs amici curia. The first was filed in the Supreme Court and involves written speech of a religious viewpoint by public school students. The school prohibited all such speech without any showing that the speech disrupts the educational environment of the school. The second brief sought reconsideration of a federal circuit decision which involved applying to an elementary teacher in a religious school the First Amendment’s ministerial exception.

Rodney J. Uphoff was the keynote speaker at the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Annual Conference in April and was moderator and organizer of the 2010 Missouri Law Review Symposium, “Broke & Broken: Can We Fix Our State Indigent Defense Systems?” in February. He was also a panelist at a School of Law session on “Lessons from the Reggie Clemons Case.”
Broke and Broken: Can We Fix Our State Indigent Defense Systems?

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, systems for providing legal services to indigent criminal defendants are facing crises on a number of fronts. Stagnant or declining state appropriations are leading to oppressive caseloads for public defenders. These caseloads, coupled with low salaries and difficult working conditions, are driving public defenders out of their positions into more lucrative and less stressful areas of practice. Indigent criminal defendants bear the true costs of these crises when they are represented by exhausted public defenders who are unable to adequately serve their clients.

While these challenges are well known, seldom have academics and practitioners gathered to discuss affordable yet effective solutions to the problems. In February, the Missouri Law Review Symposium, moderated by Elwood L. Thomas Missouri Endowed Professor of Law Rodney J. Uphoff, explored the causes of the crises facing public defenders, examined potential solutions and considered the impact of legal and ethical considerations on overburdened indigent defense systems.

Webcasts of all symposium panels are available at law.missouri.edu/webcast10.

The Presenters

Boots on the Ground: The Ethical and Professional Battles of Public Defenders

Phyllis E. Mann  
National Legal Aid & Defender Association

Stephen F. Hanlon, ’66  
Holland & Knight, LLP

Peter A. Joy  
Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

Anatomy of a Public Defender System

Ronald F. Wright  
Wake Forest University School of Law

Adelle Bernhard  
Pace Law School

Sean D. O’Brien  
University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law

Cat Kelly  
Missouri State Public Defender

Patching the System: The Next Steps in Reform

Wayne A. Logan  
Florida State University College of Law

Darryl K. Brown  
University of Virginia School of Law

Robert P. Mosteller  
University of North Carolina School of Law

Rescoe C. Howard Jr.  
Andrews Kurth LLP

Commentator

Norman Lefstein  
Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis

Commentator

Richard Rosen  
University of North Carolina School of Law

Commentator

Barbara E. Bergman  
University of New Mexico School of Law
CINDY BASSETT, electronic services librarian for the Law Library, was promoted to the rank of librarian II. Bassett has worked at the library for three years and is actively involved in projects such as creating online tutorials for students conducting legal research, providing online research guides and assisting with the library’s webpage redesign.

MICHELLE L. HECK served on the Law School Admissions Committee Annual Meeting Planning Committee for the 2010 academic year. She also presented at the Electronic Services Convention in April on the paperless admissions process. Heck is the coordinator for admissions and recruitment at the School of Law.

Law Staff Celebrate 25 Years at MU

LAW STAFF MEMBERS Tamara Guilford Davis, Elaine D. Litwiller and Cheryl R. Poelling were recognized this spring for reaching a milestone — their 25th anniversaries at MU.

Guilford Davis, who is a library information specialist in the Law Library, has worked at the Law School for nine years, as has Litwiller, who has been employed in both the development and fiscal offices. Poelling has been at the school much longer – 17 years – and is housed in the administrative office, providing support to faculty members.

Litwiller has thoroughly enjoyed her time at MU, especially at the Law School. “I can easily see myself staying at this job for the rest of my career,” she says.

Bingham Paintings in Protective Custody

IN 1927, TWO PAINTINGS BY FAMOUS MISSOURI ARTIST George Caleb Bingham joined the law school portrait collection.

These paintings, featuring Henry Sheffte Geyer and his second wife, Joanna Easton Quarel, were donated by Louisa Geyer, wife of Henry and Joanna’s son Henry Pryor Geyer. Presumably they were given to the law school because Mr. Geyer was a renowned Missouri attorney. He was also author of the Geyer Act, which created a public school system in Missouri, including the creation of a state university.

For years they hung in the faculty lounge of Tate Hall, subject to the elements. Now they are kept in a locked, climate controlled room in Hulston Hall, viewable by appointment only. They have recently been appraised by an art expert from St. Louis, who says they are in good condition, despite their exposure to changes in temperature and humidity that could have damaged them. In spring 2011, the paintings will be loaned to the MU Museum of Art & Archaeology as part of the university’s celebration of Bingham, to coincide with the 200th anniversary of his birth. The exhibit will focus on Bingham’s portraiture.
Wilson Freyermuth spoke at a program on Comparative Studies on Real Estate Transactions in China and the United States, held at Renmin University School of Law in Beijing, China.

Freyermuth’s article, “Putting the Brakes on Private Transfer Fee Covenants,” was published in the July/August 2010 issue of the American Bar Association’s Probate and Property magazine.

Freyermuth serves as the chair of the Real Estate Transactions Section for the Association of American Law Schools, and is the program chair for the section’s 2011 annual meeting program on the transactional implications of green building standards. He has also been appointed chair of the Legal Education Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law.


Lande was a panelist at the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Conference Legal Educators’ Colloquium. He gave presentations at Michigan State University College of Law on cooperative legal practice and how alternative dispute resolution can help legal education.

Mavis T. Thompson, ’90, president of the National Bar Association, addressed this year’s graduating law students. She practices with the Law Office of Mildred Motley and Mavis Thompson, where she specializes in civil and criminal trial practice; is an adjunct professor of nursing; and serves as a prosecutor for the City of Berkeley, Mo.

Thompson holds both nursing and law degrees from MU and is also a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Christina E. Wells and Sara L. Kelly were named recipients of the 2010 Tribute to Women Award. Recipients are selected for working to create an environment of equity, fairness and justice for all women on the MU campus, including all students, faculty and staff; respecting the diversity of women’s experiences; and helping promote the advancement of women through education, advocacy, support and activism. The awards are presented by the Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of MU Women.

Paul H. Ladehoff, director of Campus Mediation Services and training coordinator for the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, has been named interim assistant dean of the Office of Admissions, Career Development and Student Services. He replaces Assistant Dean Tracy Z. Gonzalez, who joined the Boone County Pros-ecuting Attorney’s Office.
This year, the School of Law celebrated 26 years of The Law Society and its members with a reception and dinner at The Club at Old Hawthorne in Columbia. The evening’s highlight was the recognition of new and newly-elevated members, listed below with their areas of support. Guests were also entertained by presentations by Lindsey R. Laws, ’10, and Ashley N. Franz, ’10, recipients of the Gene Langdon Scholarship, and Robert L. Langdon, ’72, who created the scholarship in honor of his father.

The invitation for membership in The Law Society is extended to donors who make gifts of $25,000 or more. Since its creation in 1984, 252 law school alumni and friends have joined. We thank all members for their generous support of the School of Law.

The 27th annual celebration of The Law Society will be held next spring in Kansas City.

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Stephen N. Limbaugh Sr., ’51, received the American Inn of Court’s 2010 Professionalism Award for the Eighth Circuit. This award is presented bi-annually to honor a senior practicing judge or lawyer whose life and practice display sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession. Limbaugh served as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri from 1983 to 2008 and is currently senior counsel in the litigation practice group of Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis. He also serves as a mediator in civil cases.

Isaac N. “Ike” Skelton Jr., ’56, received the 2010 Congressional Award by The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. He received the award for his outstanding service to national defense and homeland security, and to veterans, service members and their families. He has served as the representative for the Fourth Congressional District of Missouri in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1977.

Sam F. Hamra, ’59, was awarded the 2010 Ozarks Technical Community College Excellence in Business Award. Recipients are leaders of regional businesses in the Ozarks who have entrepreneurial success, innovative business growth, ability to overcome challenges with integrity, customer-driven quality and community achievement, and who support educational development. Hamra was also selected for the Lifetime Achievement in Business Award by the Springfield Business Journal. Hamra is the chairman & CEO of Hamra Enterprises in Springfield, Mo.

Harold L. “Hal” Lowenstein, ’65, was presented with the H. Michael Cebulski Award by the Young Lawyers of the Kansas City Metropolitan Lawyer’s Association. This award is given to a member of the bar who, in the judgment of the Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court, and in the judgment of his or her colleagues, has distinguished himself or herself as a trial lawyer of uncompromising professionalism. The recipient exemplifies qualities of excellence in trial advocacy, civility and a dedication to ethics. Lowenstein practices in the Litigation Practice Group of Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Harvey L. Kaplan, ’68, received the Excellence in Legal Writing Award during the 11th Annual Burton Awards for Legal Achievement ceremony, held at the Library of Congress on June 14. Kaplan and his co-author, Jon Strongman, wrote an article, “Developments in U.S. Product Liability Law and the Issues Relevant to Foreign Manufacturers,” to provide a detailed overview of the American legal system for the benefit of foreign product manufacturers. Kaplan is a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.

Richard L. Wieler, ’68, published Chasing Normality: With a Little Help From Family & Friends. Wieler was diagnosed with polio in 1955, yet beat the odds and finished high school, college and law school. The book serves as a way to thank the many influential individuals in his life.

Robert W. McKinley, ’69, was reappointed to his sixth term on the Missouri Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and recommending changes to civil rules that govern civil practice and procedure in Missouri courts. McKinley practices with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Mo.

Kenneth H. Suelthaus, ’69, was appointed to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81. The commission works to preserve, enhance and support the state’s transportation system, making and tracking transportation policy and holding authority over all state transportation programs and facilities. Suelthaus practices with Polsinelli Shughart in St. Louis.

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John W. Cowden, ’70, received the 2010 Deans of the Trial Bar Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBTA) at the Bench-Bar & Boardroom Conference held in May. The award is presented annually to one or more members of the KCMBTA whose litigation skills and professional demeanor are viewed as exemplary by their peers. Cowden is a member of Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice in Kansas City, Mo., where he serves as a member of the firm’s executive committee and maintains an active litigation docket.

Douglas S. Lang, ’72, was presented with the President’s Award by the State Bar of Texas board of directors in recognition of outstanding contributions to the legal profession. He was nominated by the State Bar of Texas Professionalism Committee for his dedication and commitment to young lawyers entering the legal profession, demonstrated through his leadership in the mentoring program and “Transition to Practice” initiatives. Lang is a justice on the Texas Fifth District Court of Appeals.

Keith A. Birkes, ’73, was named to the board of directors of the Bar Plan Foundation. The foundation’s mission is to promote and improve ethics and professionalism in the practice of law. Birkes has served as executive director of The Missouri Bar since 1985.

Gary Oxenhandler, ’73, is presiding judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit of Missouri, which serves Boone and Callaway counties. Before becoming a judge, Oxenhandler practiced law in Columbia.

Donald K. Anderson Jr., ’77, is president of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Citizens’ Academy Alumni Association, which educates local communities and dispels myths in order to enhance trust and confidence in the FBI. Anderson practices law in St. Louis and is the Ellisville, Mo., municipal judge.

Jeffrey O. Parshall, ’76, became a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, which limited membership to one percent of the total lawyer population of any state. He is a partner with Ford, Parshall & Baker in Columbia.

Roy L. Richter, ’76, was elected chief judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District by unanimous vote of the judges of the court. The chief judge is the chief administrative officer of the court, presides at court on banc meetings and represents the court to the public. Richter was appointed to the court in 2006.


William W. Francis Jr., ’77, was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81. Francis served as an attorney in private practice in Springfield, Mo., for more than 32 years prior to his appointment to the bench.

Robert S. Hyatt, ’77, was appointed chief judge for the 2nd Judicial District in Denver. He has served on the district court bench since 1987.

Jeff W. Schaaperkoetter, ’77, was appointed to the Missouri State Tax Commission by Gov. Jeremiah W.
“Jay” Nixon, ’81. The commission supervises assessment and equalization practices, conducts hearings for individual cases from local boards of equalization, assesses railroad and utility distributable property and determines the level and quality of assessments in 114 counties and the City of St. Louis.

Donald S. Holm III, ’78, was elected vice chair of the American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing & Community Development Law. He practices witharris Bobango in Memphis, Tenn.

Robert A. Horn, ’79, received the Congenial Counselor Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KC MBA). This award is presented annually to one or more members of KC MBA whom their peers believe to exemplify professional gallantry. Horn is a member of Horn Aylyard & Bandy in Kansas City, Mo.

Daniel L. Chadwick, ’80, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, as circuit judge for the 43rd Judicial Circuit of Missouri. He previously served as an associate circuit judge and was in private practice, specializing in dispute resolution.

Greg L. Roberts, ’81, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, to the Missouri State Committee of Mantal and Family Therapists for a term lasting until January 2014. He is an attorney with The Roberts Law Firm in Chesterfield, Mo.


Michael E. Warrick, ’82, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, to the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan Board of Trustees. He is general counsel for the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Edward N. Peters, ’82, has been named a referendary, or designated canonical advisor, to the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura in Rome. This is the Catholic Church’s highest court, second only to the Pope in matters of ecclesiastical law. He is the first layman to hold the position in more than 100 years. Peters holds the Edmund Cardinal Szoka Chair at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

John Warshawsky, ’82, joined the civil fraud section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., where he will handle False Claims Act cases. Warshawsky rejoined the Justice Department, which he calls his “professional home for most of the past two decades,” after a stint handling failed bank litigation for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dennis C. Eckold, ’83, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, as an associate circuit judge of the Sixth Circuit (Platte County, Mo.). Previously Eckold practiced in his own firm, Dennis C. Eckold and Associates, in Kansas City, Mo.

Jeffrey S. Jamieson, ’83, practices with Bryan Cave in St. Louis. Previously he practiced with Husch Blackwell Sanders.

Nancy E. Kenner, ’83, has formed a new law firm, Kenner Schmitt Nygaard, with Ben Schmitt and Diane Nygaard, located in Kansas City, Mo. Previously she practiced with The Kenner Law Firm in Kansas City.

Gregory B. Gillis, ’84, was elected historian of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. He is an associate judge for the Jackson County 16th Judicial Circuit Court.

Philip M. Hess, ’83, was elected president-elect by the board of governors of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys at the group’s 52nd annual convention in June. He practices with Larsen, Feist & Hess in St. Louis.

Lynn Dillard Malley, ’84, LLM ’03, presented a day-long symposium to the staff of Hunter College in New York City about the cross-cultural transition issues facing service members as they return to the civilian higher education setting.

Kellie R. Early, ’85, joined the National Conference of Bar Examiners as director of administration. Previously she served as executive director of the Missouri Board of Law Examiners.

John L. Roark, ’85, became a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, which limits membership to one percent of the total lawyer population of any state. He is a partner at Smith Lewis in Columbia.

Barbara L. Miltenberger, ’89, was named to the board of directors of the American Health Lawyers Association. She is a partner at Husch Blackwell Sanders in Jefferson City, Mo.

Thomas J. Murphrey, ’90, was invited to join the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, commemorating litigators who win settlements of more than $1,000,000. Murphrey also recently launched his website: www.TomMurphreyLaw.com, a site outlining his services and offering advice for potential clients.

Gary D. Witt, ’90, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, to the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District. Witt was previously an associate circuit judge of the Sixth Circuit (Platte County, Mo.).

Mark M. Edington, ’91, is engaged to Christine McCurry, a paralegal for a family law firm in Atlanta. Edington is human resources manager for Emory Healthcare in Atlanta.

Bruce E. Hopson, ’91, was elected president-elect of The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis for 2010-2011. He is principal at The Law Office of Bruce E. Hopson in St. Louis.

Kevin M. Zoeller, ’93, received the Board of Directors Trial Award for Outstanding Advocacy in Capital Cases for 2009-2010, presented by the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation. The award recognizes Zoeller’s work in the high-profile murder case involving the assassination of Sgt. Carl Dwayne Graham Jr. of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Zoeller is an assistant attorney general in the Public Safety Division in Jefferson City, Mo.

Michelle W. Smith, ’94, earned a master’s degree in pastoral studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. She is owner and principal of Michelle Smith Legal Ministry and is general counsel for Mycroft, Inc.

Christine M. Blegen, ’95, has opened her own criminal defense law firm in Lee’s Summit, Mo.

Christian L. Faiella, ’95, has been certified as a life member of both the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, groups designed to honor trial lawyers who have won million or multi-million dollar verdicts or settlements. Faiella is a managing member of Tatlow, Gump, Faiella & Wheelan in Moberly, Mo.

Thomas G. Glick, ’95, was elected president of The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis for 2010-2011. He is a principal at Danna McKe投机 in St. Louis.
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Elizabeth J. Romines, ’96, is counsel at Bryan Cave in St. Louis. She is a member of the Product Liability and Class Actions Client Service Groups.


Tyrene J. Flowers, ’98, spoke at the Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum’s Second Semi-Formal Youth Banquet. He is the founder of Higher M-Pact, which assists high-risk urban youth in Kansas City, Mo.

Mark A. Grider, ’98, is vice president of the Public Sector Market Group – Program Integrity Coordination for United Health Group in Minnetonka, Minn. Previously he served as assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C.

Stephen C. Pratt, ’99, practices with Brady & Crane in Fulton, Mo. Previously he practiced with Mid-Missouri Legal Services in Columbia.

Lindsay E. Cohen, ’01, is counsel at Bryan Cave in St. Louis. She is a member of the Intellectual Property Client Service Group and concentrates her practice on trademark law, including all aspects of the development and protection of copyrights, trademarks, service marks and trade dress.

Amanda Pennington Ketchum, ’01, received the 2010 Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. This award recognizes excellence in public service, professionalism and legal accomplishments. Ketchum practices with Dysart Taylor Lay Cotter & McMonigle in Kansas City, Mo., where she concentrates her practice on personal injury and employment litigation.

Rebecca Henry Sellers, ’01, moved back to Missouri with husband, Eric, and two children: Mary (4) and Luke (1).

Julie F. Oswald Bautista, ’02, announces the birth of twin sons, Benjamin Daniel and Nicolas James Bautista, on Jan. 20.

Kathleen Schleif Hamilton, ’02, is an associate at Hepler Broom in St. Louis. She concentrates her practice in insurance defense and litigation.

Galen R. Mason, ’02, practices with Foley & Lardner in Chicago. Previously he practiced with Jenner & Block in Chicago.

Garrett S. Taylor, ’02, is a shareholder in Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Pitner, & Taylor in Columbia. He joined the firm in 2003 and concentrates his practice on civil litigation, real estate and general corporate and business law.

D’Onica N. Hodgkin, ’03, and Jabulani S. Leffall announce their engagement. Hodgkin is a trial team leader in the Family Support Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office in Kansas City, Mo.

Jason A. Paulsmeyer, ’03, has joined The Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS/PEERS) as staff attorney. PSRS/PEERS provides service retirement, disability and survivor benefits for more than 130,000 active members and more than 63,000 retired Missouri public school teachers, school employees and their families. Previously Paulsmeyer practiced with Anderbeck, Evans, Widger, Johnson & Lewis in Jefferson City, Mo.

Kimberly J. Shields, ’03, is a government consultant for Lexis Nexis, serving state, local and federal government customers in Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina and Kentucky.

Reno R. Cova III, ’04, is an associate with Hawkins, Parnell, Thackston & Young in St. Louis.

Joy N. Jackson, ’04, is a partner at Faber & Brand in Columbia.

Ryan E. Murphy, ’04, opened The Ryan E. Murphy Law Firm in Springfield, Mo.

JR Swanegan, ’04, was presented with the Booker T. Washington Advisor of the Year Award by the MU NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) college chapter. Swanegan is director of diversity and outreach initiatives for the MU College of Engineering and works with the National Society of Black Engineers to plan events and trips.

Ryan G. Vacca, ’04, is an assistant professor of law at the University of Akron School of Law. Previously he served as a visiting professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. On April 11, Vacca and his wife welcomed a son, Graham Finley Vacca.

Christopher J. Wynes, ’04, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, as prosecuting attorney of Pemiscot County, Mo. Previously he served as an assistant prosecutor for Pemiscot County.

Christopher R. Pieper, ’05, is acting general counsel at the Missouri Department of Economic Development in Jefferson City, Mo. Previously he served as legislative liaison for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

John C. Ayres, ’06, is counsel in the Corporate and Securities Group of Angen Inc., a biotechnology company based in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Previously Ayres was an associate with Latham & Watkins in Chicago.

Jacob G. Jackson, ’06, is co-owner and general counsel of The Apothecary Shoppe, Inc.; co-owner and senior consultant of CPCSI Consulting; and partner of Jackson & Jackson in Tulsa, Okla.

Natalie J. Nichols, ’06, and Ben D. McIntosh, ’06, were married on April 23 in St. Louis. Nichols is an associate at Jenkins & Kling in St. Louis, and now uses the name Natalie N. McIntosh. McIntosh is an associate at Carmody MacDonald in St. Louis.

About Alumni Notes

(from the editor)

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

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

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

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Kathryn N. Nolen Proffitt, ’06, is the director of legal services of Jackson County CASA in Kansas City, Mo. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a non-profit organization that trains and supports volunteers in representing the best interests of children in family court. Proffitt has been a staff attorney with CASA since 2008. Previously she clerked for the Hon. Peggy Stevens McGraw, ’76, of the 10th Judicial Circuit of Missouri.

R. Adam Vickery, ’06, is senior corporate counsel at Savvis in St. Louis. Previously he practiced with Bryan Cave.

James J. Eufinger, ’07, is an associate at Faber & Brand in Columbia.

Jason P. Gubbins, ’07, is an associate at Faber & Brand in Columbia.

Craig M. Cooper, ’08, is an associate at Faber & Brand in Columbia.

Paul M. Gantner, ’08, completed The Elder-Centered Law Practice – Life Care Planning for the Elderly, a workshop that equips attorneys to offer Life Care Planning services, an innovative approach to elder law that helps families respond to the wide variety of challenges created by the long-term illness or disability of an elderly loved one. Gantner practices with Purcell & Amen in St. Louis.

Ryan C. Westhoff, ’08, joined the litigation and surety department of Levy and Craig in Kansas City, Mo. Previously he practiced with Allmayer & Associates.

Tana Sanchez Benner, ’09, is an associate at Knight & Salladay in Columbia. She concentrates her practice on family law.

Miranda J. Fleschert, ’09, is the Jack Nelson Legal Fellow at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press in Washington, D.C., area. In February, Fleschert and her husband Ben welcomed a son, Bennett Grant.

Elizabeth A. Haden, ’09, practices with Bryan Cave in Kansas City, Mo., in the firm’s Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditors’ Rights Client Service Group. In May, she obtained her LLM degree in tax from Boston University.

Jobeth A. Lynch, ’09, is an associate at Harlan, Harlan & Still in Columbia.

William E. Marcantel, ’09, is the deputy staff judge advocate at the Marine Corps Base Camp in Lejeune, N.C.

David M. Zugelter, ’09, is an assistant attorney general for the State of Missouri in Jefferson City, Mo.

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Salvador S. Panga, LLM ’01, was engaged by the Asian Development Bank as its alternative dispute resolution consultant for the Philippine justice sector. He also serves as secretary-general of the Philippines’ commercial arbitration center.

Cynthia J. Alkon, LLM ’02, joined the Texas Wesleyan School of Law faculty as an associate professor of law.

Lynn Dillard Malley, ’04, LLM ’03, presented a day-long symposium to the staff of Hunter College in New York City about the cross-cultural transition issues facing service members as they return to the civilian higher education setting.

Pamela Faith Muduwa, LLM ’04, is working at the United Nations with the Legal and Judicial System Support Division of the Mission in Liberia.

Gil Marvel Tabucanon, LLM ’06, published Mediation Manual for Barangay and Lupan Officials: A Guide on How to Become a More Effective Mediator. He is dean of the Western Leyte College ofOrmoc City School of Law in the Philippines.


Andrew Gange, LLM ’09, works in the civil, family and domestic alternative dispute resolution program at the Baltimore County Circuit Court.


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 ideals of the legal profession.” This year’s awards were presented on April 22 and recognized five School of Law alumnae, including the Woman of the Year.

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**Ann K. Covington, ’77**

**Legal Scholar Award**

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David M. English was appointed co-chair of the Diversity Committee of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Real Property Trust and Estate Law and spoke at the ABA Annual Meeting in August on the challenges in recruiting diverse attorneys.

English made numerous presentations this year to a variety of audiences. In February, he spoke on recent developments in special needs trusts to the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. In April, he spoke on the Civil Rights Tax Relief Act to a group of ABA leaders assembled in Washington, D.C., for the Annual ABA Day.

In June, he spoke on Indian Probate Code reform at the Indian Sovereignty Symposium and to the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. In June and July, he spoke on the Uniform Trust Code to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and at the ALI-ABA (American Law Institute-American Bar Association) program “Representing Trust and Estate Beneficiaries and Fiduciaries.” In July, his topic was the Uniform Adult Guardianship Jurisdiction Act at the Midwest/Midsouth Estate Planning Institute.


Randy J. Diamond was promoted to professor of legal research and continues serving as director of library and technology resources. Diamond was a panelist at a workshop at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in July. The workshop, “From Novice to Knowledgeable: Newer Directors Tell What They Had to Learn,” addressed budget management, change management, personnel management, project management, collection development, and balancing administrative and faculty duties.
John M. “Jack” Kilroy, ’42, of Kansas City, Mo., died July 9, at age 92. After he graduated from law school, Kilroy joined the U.S. Army as a private, rising to the rank of captain. When he returned, he began practicing law and did so in Kansas City for more than 40 years. He was one of the founders and eventual chairman of Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, which is now Polsinelli Shughart, one of the largest firms in the Midwest. Kilroy was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and was a member of the International Society of Barristers, International Association of Defense Counsel and American College of Legal Medicine. He was an avid tennis player.

Cecil Claude “C.C.” Orear Jr., ’42, of Marshall, Mo., died May 6, at age 92. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Orear was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1942 and was designated as senior counselor in 1992 in recognition of his 50-year career. In 1980, Orear returned home to Marshall to manage family-owned farms and properties.

Charles D. Ferm Sr., ’51, of Kansas City, Mo., died Jan. 19, at age 82. Ferm came to the School of Law after being honorably discharged from the army. He had a wide array of specialties, but he focused on estate planning and administration. He received the title of senior counselor from The Missouri Bar recognizing his 50-year career.

W. Bruce Saxe, ’54, of Newburgh, Ind., died March 10, at age 82. Saxe served in the U.S. Army as a private, rising to the rank of captain. When he returned, he began practicing law and did so in Kansas City for more than 40 years. He was one of the founders and eventual chairman of Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, which is now Polsinelli Shughart, one of the largest firms in the Midwest. Kilroy was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and was a member of the International Society of Barristers, International Association of Defense Counsel and American College of Legal Medicine. He was an avid tennis player.

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Jack A. Bennett, ’81, of Camdenton, Mo., died March 2, at age 63. After graduation from law school, he served as prosecuting attorney for Camden County, Mo., for seven years. In his spare time, Bennett enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, kayaking and climbing the mountains of Colorado and Arizona with his family and friends. He served as an associate circuit court judge from 1990 to 2010.

Susan J. Decker, ’85, of Columbia, died March 12, at age 57. She had a private practice in Hilo, Hawaii, for nearly 10 years and later practiced family law in Columbia. She was a writer, completing a novel and several short stories, which remain unpublished. She was a member of the Columbia Writers Guild, Columbia Kiwans Club, First Presbyterian Church, Rock and Lapidary Club of Columbia and Columbian Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Carol M. Tomaszczuk, ’85, of Arlington, Va., died on Nov. 22, 2009, at age 51. While earning her undergraduate degree, Tomaszczuk was the president of Delta Gamma sorority. She was active with the Arlington Schools PTA and the National Capital Region Girl Scouts. She worked most recently at Freddie Mac.

Friends
Mary Ellen Farris, of Santa Ana, Calif., died March 17, at age 76. She was the wife of William E. Farris, ’56.

Arla Mae Kolasch, of Oakton, Va., died May 23, at age 68. She was the wife of Joseph A. Kolasch, ’60.
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Four law firms scored touchdowns in the Law Firm Challenge — all MU Law graduates in their firms have given to the School of Law during the fiscal year ending June 30.

Will your firm head to a bowl game like these firms? Bring each eligible receiver in your firm onto the gridiron by June 30, 2011, and join the list of firms who have reached 100 percent participation to benefit the School of Law.

- Any law firm with at least five MU Law alumni is invited to suit up. At least one coach is needed, to encourage colleagues to make gifts to the School of Law each year.
- All gifts, regardless of the law school fund designation, will count toward the firm’s score.
- Participating firms will be recognized in the fall 2011 issue of Transcript, where those reaching 50, 75 and 100 percent participation will be listed. Please contact us, though, if you plan to attempt a 4th down so we may assist in calculating alumni giving in your firm.

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