

Career Development Newsletter

October/November Events Schedule

Thursday October 18, Bankruptcy Court for the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Judge Dow will hold court in our Courtroom all day Thursday, October 18. Court will be in session from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Thursday October 25, Know Your Rights, The Public Interest Law Association presents this event on Landlord/Tenant issues featuring Steve Kuntz from Mid-Missouri Legal Services. This program qualifies for a general professional perspectives credit, and will be held from 1-1:50 p.m. in Room 7.

Monday October 29, Continuing Diversity Dialog/Interactive Theater, This program will be held from 1 to 1:50 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Wednesday November 7, How to perform your best on law school exams, Presented by Bev Brown and Billy Randles of Shook Hardy and Bacon. This program will be held from 1-1:50 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Monday November 12, The Bar Exam: Information for 1Ls. A BARBRI representative will discuss how 1Ls can begin to prepare for the Bar. Attendance satisfies a Career Component credit. This program will be held from 1-1:50 p.m. in Room 7.

1L Newsletter:

Hello 1Ls! We hope your semester still is going smoothly. As it begins to get busier, please remember that you are required to attend one Professional Perspectives and one Career Development program by the end of the fall semester. Several options are listed in this newsletter, but others are publicized around the law school and via e-mail. We hope you have enjoyed law school thus far. As always, let us know if you have any questions.

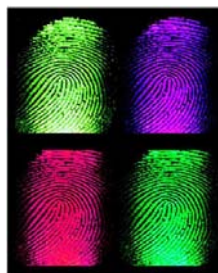
Need to get you fingerprints done the MBLE? Sign up now

A number of first- and second-year students have asked the Career and Professional Development Office about obtaining fingerprints. For students who wish to take the Missouri Bar, fingerprints must be submitted to the Missouri Board of Law Examiners (MBLE) along with a Character and Fitness Report by the early spring of the third year. These documents are filed with an accompanying fee.

The MBLE considers the information presented on each student's report and makes a determination as to whether that student can sit for the Bar. Accordingly, the MBLE encourage students to seek early determinations on Character and Fitness. As an incentive to file early, students who file before the October 1 of the 2L year will pay a lower fee than students filing later in law school. A fee schedule is available at <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.asp?id=343>.

L-1Identity Solutions will be at Hulston Hall to fingerprint students on October 31 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. To have your fingerprints made at the law school, you must register with L-1 Identity Solutions by October 29. To register, simply follow these steps:

- Visit the Web site, www.l1id.com
- Under "Fingerprinting Services," select "Schedule Appointment."
- Click on the State of Missouri icon,



Mandatory 1L Professional Development Orientation

Friday November 2, the Officer of Career Development will host: *1L Professional Development Orientation*, Attendance is mandatory for all 1Ls. 1Ls unable to attend on November 2 must receive an excused absence from Career & Professional Development Office by October 31.

Additionally, Dean Wilson Setser and Ms. Follett will be visiting the Legal Research and Writing classes the week of Nov. 5 to discuss resumes and business communication.

then select "Begin Registration."

- You will be directed to the "Application ID" page. Type the number for "State Bar Examiners" into the white box, then click "go."
- You will then be directed to enter a region. Select "Special" from the list of regions.

- On the next screen, select "Special — UM Columbia Law School."

- Select October 31 as the date of fingerprinting.

- Select an open time and follow the directions to register.

- Provide requested information; be prepared to pay at the time of registration or by money order at the time of fingerprinting. Students

cannot pay by personal check. The cost of is \$56.95.

Regardless of how much money you might be able to save by filing early, please note that the Character and Fitness Report is a lengthy document that will require you to provide information from various points in your life. You will be asked to list past addresses and previous employers. For this reason, you may want to plan to complete your Character and Fitness Report over semester break, particularly if you will be returning home and will have easier access to required information.

For more information, visit: <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.asp?id=1725>.

Missouri Eastern District Judge speaks about his life as an 'out' gay judge

By John Griesedieck

Note: All law student organizations are welcome to submit summaries of their guest speakers' presentations to the Career and Professional Development Newsletter. The following is from John Griesedieck, President of Lambda Legal Society:

Judge Lawrence Mooney of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, visited the University of Missouri-Columbia to discuss his experiences as an "out" gay judge and to share his perceptions of how the law continues to hurt gay males and lesbians.



About sixty-five people came to Judge

Mooney's speech. Most of the audience was made of law students; the rest were law faculty and staff and people from outside the Law School. His appearance was sponsored by the Lambda Legal Society, formerly the Alliance for Tolerance & Diversity.

Judge Mooney was born and raised in St. Louis. He attended St. Louis University High School, and then attended St. Louis University for college and law school. After graduating from law school, he briefly worked in private practice before he became a prosecutor in the St. Louis County Prosecutor's

Office. A few years later he left the Prosecutor's Office for private practice, but returned to the Prosecutor's Office when his former colleague and coworker, George "Buzz" Westfall, was elected County Prosecutor, and Westfall offered Judge Mooney the position of First Assistant Prosecutor. Judge Mooney accepted the position and stayed in the Prosecutor's Office until Westfall was elected County Executive. Then, Judge Mooney became Westfall's Executive Assistant, in charge of the county's many departments and nearly four thousand employees.

Judge Mooney's speech recounted his youth in a large Irish-Catholic family in St. Louis and described the difficulty that he had as a young professional struggling to accept his sexuality in a society that still largely disapproved of homosexuality. He found his own strength in the Stonewall Riots in New York City and the gay rights movement that blossomed from them. He talked about how he found support from unexpected places, such as in the Prosecutor's Office. There, Westfall promised Judge Mooney that he would never be fired because of his sexual orientation in Westfall's office.

Students and faculty also had the opportunity to ask questions about current topics facing the LGBT community, such as adoption and gay marriage. Judge Mooney distinguished civil marriage from religious marriage, and stressed that he believed in legalizing gay civil marriages, which are recognized by the state. He also said that policies

like "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" perpetuate discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Judge Mooney pointed out that, as an openly gay judge, the way that others perceive homosexuals has changed. By being up front and honest with himself and with others, he believes that slowly he has been able to help change the way that other judges and other attorneys think of homosexuals.

Visit the Career Development Web site at: www.law.missouri.edu/jd/careers.

Get ready for the Gibson Judicial Clerkship Forum

The 18th annual Floyd Gibson Judicial Clerkship Forum will be held Wednesday October 31. Attendance satisfies a Career Component Credit. This program will be held from 1-1:50 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Thinking about going into practice in Florida?

If you are considering moving to Florida after law school graduation, the Florida Bar has released its application form for registration. The application can be found at www.floridabarexam.org. Registration fees begin to increase the longer you have been in law school. Currently, the registration fee is \$75.