

# Career Development Newsletter

## October/November Events Schedule

**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.

**Tuesday October 30,** *The Federalist Society presents: "Immigration: Boon or Bane"- James Bond*. This event qualifies for general Professional Perspectives credit, and will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Courtroom.

## Floyd 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.

## 2L Newsletter:

**H**ello 2Ls! We hope your semester still is going smoothly. As it begins to get busier, please remember to attend the required Professional Perspectives and Career Development programs 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 your semester thus far. As always, let us know if you have any questions.

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

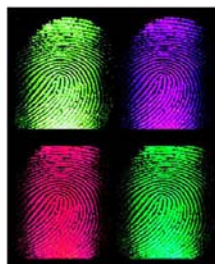
A number of first- and second-year students have asked the Career and Professional Development Office about obtaining fingerprints. For students who wish to take the Missouri Bar, fingerprints must be submitted to the Missouri Board of Law Examiners (MBLE) along with a Character and Fitness Report by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

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](http://www.l1id.com)
- Under "Fingerprinting Services," select "Schedule Appointment."
- Click on the State of Missouri icon, 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.

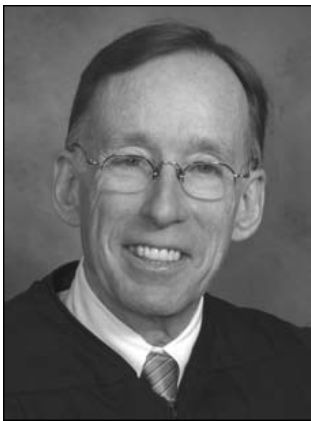
For more information about the MBLE, visit: <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.asp?id=1725>.

# 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 the 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 lesbi-

ans. About sixty-five people came to Judge Mooney's speech. Most of the audience was made of law students; others in the audience included 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 fire Mooney because of his sexual orientation.

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, as civil marriages recognized by the state. He also said that policies like "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" perpetuate discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Judge Mooney described the impact of his "openness" and said, 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 attorneys think of homosexuals.

## Looking for a summer job doing public interest work?

We have a number of books in the Career Services Library that will give you some ideas about summer internships in the following agencies/fields of interest:

- Federal Legal Agencies
- Legal Services
- Women's Rights
- Human Rights
- Environmental Law

If you are looking for permanent employment, be sure to check out our copy of *Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide*, produced by Harvard Law School. All of these materials may be checked out for two business days. Please stop by the Career and Professional Development Office for more details.

## Check out opportunities in business and corporations

Stop by the Career Services Library and check out *The Directory of Business Information Resources*. This reference book may serve as a springboard for your job search and provide you with some contact information if you wish to submit your resume. As with any document in the Career Services Library, students can keep this book for two business days (the check-out log is on Lesley Nilges' desk in a red binder).

## Bankruptcy Court in session on campus this week

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

# Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

## In Columbia:

### ***Van Matre, Harrison, Volkert, and Hollis***

The Columbia firm Van Matre, Harrison, Volkert, and Hollis is looking for a 2L or 3L to work during the academic year as a research law clerk. The firm would like the student to start as soon as possible. The selected student will work between 10-15 hours/week; the firm allows flexibility in scheduling those hours.

Interested students should submit cover letter, resume, and transcript to:

Matthew S. Volkert

Van Matre, Harrison, Volkert,  
and Hollis, P.C.

1103 East Broadway, Suite 101  
Columbia, MO 65201

For more information about the firm, visit [www.vanmatre.com](http://www.vanmatre.com), or call (573)-874-7777.

### ***Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence***

The Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) is seeking a Legal Intern for a part-time, winter/spring 2008 semester internship. MCADSV, which has been working to end domestic and sexual violence since 1980, has an eleven-member staff and a growing membership of more than 100 domestic and sexual violence programs.

Primary responsibilities for the Legal Intern position include providing assistance with the researching and drafting of memoranda regarding legal issues raised by MCADSV members, affiliated organizations, and the general public; providing assistance with the re-

searching and writing of MCADSV publications, including court advocacy resource materials; and providing support on public policy matters. MCADSV seeks a highly organized law school student.

The position requires strong research, writing, and oral communication skills. Proficiency in LEXIS/Westlaw research and Microsoft Word is preferred. Most of the intern's work must be performed in Jefferson City at the MCADSV office.

The Legal Intern will be paid \$9.00 per hour for 10-15 hours per week for one semester, with a starting date around January of 2008.

Send cover letter and resume by mail or fax to:

Cheryl Rafert, Legal Advocacy Specialist

217 Oscar Drive, Suite A

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Fax number is (573) 636-3728.

Deadline is October 19, 2007.

Contact Cheryl Rafert at (573) 634-4161 with any questions.

## Out-of-State:

### ***Department of the Air Force***

The Department of the Air Force seeks Summer Clerks to work in the Pentagon (Job Announcement Number PE-07-007). Any United States citizen who has completed the 2L year by the start of the internship may be considered for the position; approximately 5 to 8 positions will be available.

Clerks will have the opportunity to interact with civilian and military Air Force officials, learn about the mission and function of the Department of the Air Force, the Department of Defense, and other federal government agencies. Law clerks

in the Office of the General Counsel work as civilians for divisions under a Presidential appointee, the final legal authority in the Department of the Air Force.

The Air Force General Counsel recommends policy and gives legal advice to the Secretary of the Air Force. Clerks will encounter issues from various divisions, including Fiscal and Administrative Law, National Security and Military Affairs; International Affairs; Contractor Responsibility; Dispute Resolution, Environmental Law; and Defense Acquisitions. The Air Force legal team includes both civilian and military attorneys.

For additional information, please go to the Air Force General Counsel's Web site: [www.safgc.hq.af.mil](http://www.safgc.hq.af.mil).

To apply: in addition to a transcript and either a resume or Optional Form 612 (available at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)), applicants should address these Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) on a separate sheet of paper (applicants should state when, where any how they obtained each; either through experience, education or training. Failure to submit this information may affect ranking for referral for this position):

- 1) Knowledge of and understanding of diverse legal issues;
- 2) Ability to communicate legal issues and principles effectively orally and in writing;
- 3) Skill in conducting thorough legal research on a variety of issues;
- 4) Skill in properly analyzing facts and legal questions;
- 5) Skill in conducting a proper legal investigation to obtain facts.

Applicants should also specify whether they prefer to begin the

internship on 14 May 2007 or 29 May 2007.

Mail complete applications to:  
11 AFDW/DPCP  
1460 Air Force Pentagon, Room  
4B683  
Washington, DC 20330-1460,  
ATTN: Announcement # PE-07-  
007 R. Voeller.

Questions may be directed to  
Danae Johns at (703) 695-4435.  
This ad may also be viewed at:  
[http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/  
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**Applications must be received  
by November 16, 2007.**

***DeFranco and Bradley, P.C.  
(Illinois)***

DeFranco and Bradley, P.C.,  
a law firm in O'Fallon, Ill., seeks  
current 2Ls for Summer Associate  
positions in 2008. The firm prefers  
students in the Top 33 percent of  
the class with law journal and/or  
moot court experience. Students  
must be interested in litigation.

Send cover letter, resume,  
and writing sample via e-mail to  
Rebecca Van Court, [vancourt@  
defrancolaw.com](mailto:vancourt@defrancolaw.com). For more infor-  
mation about the firm, visit [www.  
defrancolaw.com](http://www.defrancolaw.com).

***Scudder Law Firm (Nebraska)***

Scudder Law Firm seeks to hire  
summer associates. Applicants  
must have excellent academic  
credentials, superior writing and  
interpersonal skills, an interest in  
sophisticated business transactions,  
and a desire to live in Lincoln,  
Neb.

Scudder Law Firm is a business  
law boutique located in Lincoln,  
with a nation-wide clientele and a  
transactional practice.

Beginning in 2008 summer as-  
sociates who have completed the  
2L year will earn \$1,500/week.  
The firm described itself as hav-  
ing small-firm collegiality, client  
contact, and law practice oppor-  
tunity in a city that is safe, clean,  
and friendly, and features excellent  
schools and manageable traffic.

The firm asks that only students  
with a sincere interest in making a  
long-term commitment to living in  
Nebraska interview. Each sum-  
mer associate is deemed to have  
the potential for employment as an  
associate attorney, and each of the  
latter is believed to be a prospect  
for becoming a principal attorney.

The firm seeks to continue  
tradition of hiring attorneys with  
"superior academic backgrounds"  
and will schedule telephone inter-  
views with associate and summer  
associate candidates.

If interested, please submit a  
cover letter, resume, transcript,  
and writing sample to [hhornung@  
scudderlaw.com](mailto:hhornung@scudderlaw.com). Applicants should  
include a brief summary of the ap-  
plicant's interest in Lincoln.

For more information about the  
firm, please visit [www.scudderlaw.  
com](http://www.scudderlaw.com).

***Department of Veteran Affairs  
(Washington, D.C.)***

The Department of Veterans  
Affairs seeks law students for  
summer 2008 positions. These  
positions (a minimum of eight)  
are in Washington, D.C. Job duties  
include researching and analyzing  
a wide range of both medical and  
legal issues. Interns will have an  
opportunity, under supervision of

counsel, to draft tentative decisions  
or remand orders for review by a  
Veterans Law Judge.

Required knowledge, skills, and  
abilities (KSAs):

- 1) the ability to support attor-  
neys by completing appellate  
decision-writing assignments;  
and
- 2) the ability to research and  
analyze both medical and legal  
issues.

To qualify for this position,  
applicants must be United States  
citizens and must have completed  
the 2L year of law school.

To apply, mail the following in-  
formation: 1) resume; 2) narrative  
statement responding to the KSAs  
(above). This information will be  
used to determine your eligibility  
and/or rating and is required. If  
you are claiming veteran's pref-  
erence or eligibility for VRA or  
VEOA, provide basic eligibility  
information in a cover letter; 3)  
writing sample that reflects legal  
analysis; 4) law school transcript.

Send information to:

Department of Veterans Affairs,  
VETERANS AFFAIRS (01)  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW,  
Room 855,  
Washington, D.C. 20420.

For questions, please contact  
Kevin Taugher at (202) 565-6084  
or [Kevin.Taugher@mail.VA.gov](mailto:Kevin.Taugher@mail.VA.gov).  
Applications must be postmarked  
by November 2, 2007.

*For more job listings,  
check out the Career  
Development Web site at  
[www.law.missouri.edu/jd/  
careers](http://www.law.missouri.edu/jd/careers).*