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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I have treasured being a part of the School of Law family for more than 30 years, so it has been my pleasure to serve as Interim Dean this year. Having held this position before, I know how transitions play an important role in strengthening the School of Law family and building its future.

For 11 years, we were fortunate to have Dean Jeffrey Lewis contribute his expertise and knowledge as the head of the School of Law. Throughout those years, we have seen significant strides in solidifying the educational and professional experience opportunities at the law school.

As we look to the future, the Dean Search Committee, chaired by Professor Michael Korybut and including faculty, staff, student, alumni and Jesuit members, has been hard at work. The law school community has been meeting with the final candidates, and we expect to make an announcement this spring. You can read more about the search on page 17.

To have the honor of serving as Interim Dean and to give back to our School in this role has been a blessing. The SLU LAW family is truly remarkable and your support has been felt throughout this year and all the years before. I know you will provide the same support and enthusiasm to the next Dean of the Saint Louis University School of Law.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra H. Johnson
Interim Dean

P.S. Each month, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations sends an e-mail to alumni to keep you informed about news and announcements at the School of Law. If you have not received these messages, please send your contact information to alumni@law.slu.edu to ensure you receive all upcoming announcements.
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MISSOURI SUPREME COURT JUDGE TO JOIN THE SCHOOL OF LAW FACULTY AND HEAD NEW CENTER

Judge Michael Wolff will step down from the Supreme Court of Missouri to serve full time as professor of law at the Saint Louis University School of Law beginning in the fall of 2011. He will teach civil procedure, among other courses.

“The law school has a remarkable teaching faculty and has created a highly productive community of scholars. The scholarly work of the current faculty is extraordinary, and the school is attracting some of the finest young scholars in legal education today,” said Wolff. “While I am not exactly young, I am honored to be rejoining their ranks. It is a vibrant and exciting place.”

Wolff has served on the Supreme Court of Missouri since 1998, and as chief justice from July 2005 to June 2007. He currently serves as chair of the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission. Since 1975, Wolff has served as assistant, associate and full professor at Saint Louis University School of Law, as well as held faculty appointments in Saint Louis University’s Department of Community Medicine, School of Medicine and the School of Public Health. He is currently a distinguished visiting professor of law.

“Judge Wolff is a rare individual who is held in the highest esteem by each group with whom he has been associated,” said Assistant Clinical Professor Thomas Stewart. “From judges to the practicing trial bar, from academics to law students, Judge Wolff is considered the gold standard by those who have worked with and learned from him.”

Wolff will also serve as the inaugural director of the School of Law’s new Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Contemporary Advocacy (CISCA). The new Center builds upon the law school’s excellent advocacy programs and research and will generate an interdisciplinary approach to the study of legal advocacy in every forum, rooted in experiential education for students, the judiciary, lawyers, and other professionals. The Center will create new learning opportunities for law students both inside and outside the classroom. In addition to chairing the committee structuring the Center and preparing for its launch, Stewart joins the leadership of the Center as director of education and training and Assistant Professor Molly Walker Wilson will serve as director of research.

The Center will create a distinctive niche in a core area of legal education, help the School of Law continue to attract top-flight students and faculty and build a strong pipeline for employment opportunities. And because the mission of the Center will be rooted in experiential education, it will benefit students, the judiciary, advocates and complementary fields of study.

“We are delighted that Michael is returning to the School of Law as professor of law. He has continued to be involved in the life of the law school even as he served on the Supreme Court of Missouri, and we are so fortunate to be looking forward to his return on a full-time basis,” said Interim Dean Sandra Johnson.

The tradition of faculty members with judicial experience is a valued part of the SLU LAW education. Wolff is now the third faculty member who has served as a member of the Supreme Court of Missouri, following colleagues Professor Emeritus Joseph Simeone and the late Professor Charles Blackmar. The School of Law community will greatly benefit from Wolff’s expertise and continued dedication as part of the full-time faculty.

“In attracting Michael back to our law school, we have enriched the faculty with a man who offers a terrific and unusual blend of experience and talent,” said Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Jeffrey Lewis. “He is a seasoned law professor with more than 12 years of service on the Supreme Court of Missouri and is well-known and admired by the bench and bar of Missouri, Illinois and beyond. He will be an inspirational model for our students, staff and faculty.”

NEW DIRECTOR FOR CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Interim Dean Sandra Johnson announced in October the appointment of Richard Amelung as the director of the Center for International and Comparative Law. Amelung is also associate director of Omer Poos Law Library and professor of legal research. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in French language and literature from Washington University in St. Louis, and he received his M.A.L.S. from the University of Missouri—Columbia. Amelung joined Saint Louis University in 1980 and previously served as the head of the law library’s Technical Services Department.

The Center administers visiting scholar and visiting faculty programs, prepares law students for study abroad and has established exchange programs with several international universities. The Center also administers the Jessup Moot Court Competition, the Madrid Summer Law Program and several conferences.

Johnson said Amelung’s appointment was the culmination of a “substantial planning process” by the Center’s faculty, particularly the Center’s Interim Director Nan Kaufman and Chair Jeff Redding.

Johnson said Amelung will work to enhance the Center’s ongoing growth. “Richard’s skills and experiences will greatly benefit the further development of the Center as it moves forward,” she said.

SLU LAW HELPS ESTABLISH ST. LOUIS’ FIRST INN OF COURT

Saint Louis University School of Law has helped establish, in conjunction with several legal professionals, a chapter of the rapidly growing American Inns of Court. The Theodore McMillian American Inn of Court will focus on trial advocacy and litigation.
SLU LAW joins more than 100 law schools nationally in helping found an American Inn of Court, which focus on bringing more than 25,000 lawyers, judges and students together in local chapters to improve the skills, professionalism and ethics of the bench and bar. More than 69,000 judges and lawyers nationally are alumni of the Inns.

The Honorable Catherine Perry, chief judge of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District, was appointed president of the Theodore McMillian American Inn of Court. Judge Perry joins 28 Masters of the Bench including SLU LAW Assistant Clinical Professor Thomas Stewart in leading the Inn. In addition, the Inn is comprised of professionals who hold various membership levels as well as 11 SLU LAW students who were selected as Pupils.

Namesake Theodore McMillian (1919-2006) was one of the first African-Americans admitted to the Saint Louis University School of Law. He later became the first African-American to serve on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. McMillian wrote landmark decisions on desegregation, free speech, civil rights, employment discrimination and affirmative action.

### CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW STUDIES HOSTS DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Saint Louis University Vice President for Frost Campus and aviation-safety expert Dr. Manoj Patankar spoke to students, faculty and staff at the School of Law in October to kick off the speaker series. Patankar addressed the audience about safety cultures in both aviation and health care. He stressed that aviation and health-care industries must transfer best practices in safety to optimally manage risk within these high-consequence industries.

Patankar, who began his aviation career as a pilot and aircraft mechanic, joined Saint Louis University in 2002, when he began its graduate program in aviation safety management. A noted researcher, Patankar is a co-founder of the Safety Across High-Consequence Industries Conferences and helped secure funding for the Center for Aviation Safety Research. Patankar was appointed full professor and department chair of Aeronautics in 2004, and in June 2010 he was appointed vice president for the Frost Campus.

### LEGAL CLINICS HELP BATTERED WOMEN WIN RELEASE FROM PRISON

Two St. Louis women are enjoying their freedom and another is looking forward to an early release from prison due to the work of the Missouri Battered Women’s Clemency Project and the Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinics. The project is a joint effort by all four Missouri law schools to represent abused women incarcerated since the 1970s and 1980s, when there were few shelters and few resources for battered women.

The project previously succeeded in gaining the release of eight women, but the final three, Vicki Williams, 55; Roberta Carlene Borden, 65; and Ruby Jamerson, 57, remained in prison. The women have been represented by the project since the 1990s as part of an effort to win the release of women convicted of killing their spouses after suffering significant abuse. Williams and Borden were released in October 2010. Jamerson’s release is set for 2013. The preceding eight women the Clinic represented previously won parole or clemency.

The project worked for the release of the women on the basis of a Missouri law passed in 2007 that allowed for the early release of offenders convicted of killing their spouses if they meet specific criteria: had served at least 15 years in prison, had no prior felony convictions and had a history of “substantial physical abuse or sexual domestic violence” not presented at trial.

**WATCH** videos of past SLU LAW events at: law.slu.edu/videos

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**PROMINENT AUTHOR LEADS DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATIVE LAW**

Author J. Kim Wright met in September with School of Law faculty and students as well as professional attorneys to discuss collaborative, problem-solving approaches to the law. For more than a decade, Wright has been teaching other lawyers how to act as peacemakers and healers. At the gathering Wright described personal experiences chronicled in her latest book, *Lawyers as Peacemakers*, and led a discussion group around the theme of creating a legal system that works well for all.

After beginning her law career in 1994 in North Carolina, Wright began experimenting with techniques to heal her clients’ pain after difficult lawsuits and divorces. She also created the Divorce and Family Law Center to support clients with counseling, mediation and social work in addition to legal services. Wright teaches and coaches other lawyers in the techniques she has successfully developed. A founder of the Renaissance Lawyer Society, she also writes and speaks frequently for legal groups and periodicals on innovative legal approaches based on solving problems and conflicts. The Collaborative Family Law Association sponsored Wright’s presentation and reception.

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SLU LEGAL CLINICS RECEIVE “FOR THE COMMON GOOD” AWARD

The Saint Louis University Legal Clinics, Assistant Clinical Professor Patricia Harrison and Professor Jesse Goldner were awarded the Ashley Award by LSEM for their work with the Child Health Advocacy Project (CHAP). The Ashley Award was one of a series of “For The Common Good” awards presented by LSEM at its annual awards reception. Harrison (left) and Goldner (right) are pictured here with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) Executive Director Daniel Glazer (center).

CHAP aims to improve health outcomes for low-income children by ensuring the basic needs of the child and family are met. The program provides training to health care providers in identifying legal barriers to health and assists patients and families with legal issues including medical benefits, housing, education, guardianship, domestic violence and immigration.

Goldner formed CHAP in 2008 as a partnership between SLU LAW Legal Clinics, LSEM, Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center, St. Louis Children’s Hospital and Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers. Harrison is currently director of the Child Advocacy Clinic at SLU LAW and a consultant for the CHAP program.

LSEM is an independent, non-profit organization that has provided legal assistance in civil cases to the low-income community for more than 50 years. The annual awards recognize individuals who work to ensure that the underserved in St. Louis receive equal access to justice.

CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW STUDIES KICKS OFF INAUGURAL SEMESTER IN D.C.

The Center for Health Law Studies has launched its first Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C. program. During the 2011 spring semester, four law students are clerking in health-related government agencies and working on cases with licensed practitioners dealing with health care regulations.

“Health care law is complex and fast-paced, and we’re committed to giving our students every opportunity to succeed in this field,” said Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for Health Law Studies Rob Gatter. “The semester in D.C. provides our students a hands-on opportunity to work on real cases at the federal level and learn from practicing attorneys.”

To be eligible for the program, law students must have completed coursework in health care and administrative law in addition to their general J.D. requirements. Students with placements in the 2011 Health Law Semester in D.C. are (pictured left to right): Bethany Meuret, Office of General Counsel and the Office of Risk Management at the Veterans Administration; Helen White, Office of General Counsel for the Office of the Inspector General; Donna Tran, Office of General Counsel at the Department of Health and Human Services; and Rachel Taylon, Division of Antitrust at the Department of Justice. The four will be paired with School of Law alumni mentors who work in Washington D.C. and will provide individual support throughout the semester and after the program concludes. Along with practical experience in health care law, students will complete a course on health law agency practice and have the opportunity to network within the federal government.

CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW STUDIES WELCOMES HEALTH LAW SCHOLARS

The Center for Health Law Studies, in conjunction with the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics (ASLME), welcomed four new Health Law Scholars for 2010.

The new scholars include (pictured left to right): Katrice Bridges Copeland, assistant professor of law at Pennsylvania State University School of Law; Jeffrey B. Hammond, associate professor of law at the Faulkner University School of Law; Stacy B. Lee, assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School; and Jessica L. Roberts, assistant professor of law at the University of Houston Law Center.

The 2010 scholars participated in the Health Law Scholars Workshop in October. The workshop is a forum for new entrants to health law to receive advice and critique from more experienced scholars in the growing fields of health law and bioethics. Recent scholars attending the SLU program have had papers published in pre-eminent legal journals.

The Health Law Scholars Workshop encourages health and bioethics scholars, fosters the professional development of new scholars and furthers a sense of community among academics.

LAW STUDENTS BEGIN THE ACADEMIC YEAR WITH SERVICE

More than 300 first-year law students began the academic year by participating in days of service Aug. 13 and 14. The service program is part of orientation week for incoming law students and introduces them to the Jesuit mission at Saint Louis University.

Implemented in 2009, this is an important foundation of the SLU LAW experience, which strives to educate and train compassionate, community-minded lawyers. While nearly 100 percent of first-year students took part in the service days, many returning law school students, faculty and staff also helped out at nearly 30 community service projects in several St. Louis communities.

“It was such a positive experience to help the community and see how just a little paint could brighten someone’s day,” said Tony Mitchell, first-year law student. “The service project was also
SLU LAW CONTINUES WORKING FOR DISABLED CITIZENS 20 YEARS AFTER ADA
Twenty years after the historic Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law the Missouri History Museum is commemorating the anniversary with a 1,000-square foot gallery display and a new website.

The exhibit is open through June 6, 2011 and is the only one of its kind profiling the changes that have occurred since the Act was enacted, which aids in supporting independent living for individuals with disabilities. The exhibit website features more in-depth information on the law, including personal stories and teaching materials and can be accessed at www.actionforaccess.mohistory.org. The anniversary and the exhibit were highlighted in a special episode of HEC-TV’s series “Legally Speaking,” which featured Professor Elizabeth Pendo and was filmed at the Missouri History Museum on Sept. 20.

SLU LAW faculty and students continue to work on behalf of disabled citizens. Clinical Professor and Director of the Legal Clinics John Ammann, is working with Clinic students on a class-action lawsuit in federal court on behalf of 1,000 deaf Missourians seeking mental health benefits.

As students, SLU LAW alumni Annie Harkins (’09) and Nick Brescia (’10) worked with the St. Louis city commissioner to have the curbs outside the entrance to the Legal Clinics on North Spring Avenue fixed to allow disabled students and clinic clients to enter the building. Both continue to work on ADA awareness and enforcement.

WATCH VIDEO: http://www.hectv.org/programs/set/legallyspeaking/

SLU LAW AND HEC-TV PRESENT “LEGALLY SPEAKING”
The Saint Louis University School of Law hosted a live weekly television series that highlighted School of Law professors and staff addressing timely and topical legal matters.

SLU LAW teamed with St. Louis television station HEC-TV to produce the 7-week series “Legally Speaking,” which was filmed at the William H. Kniep Courtroom each Monday night from May 24 through July 26. It was hosted by local attorney and radio personality Don Wolff and broadcast live on both television and the Internet.

Professors Joel Goldstein, Susan McGraugh, Peter Salsich, Sidney Watson, Doug Williams and Assistant Dean for Career Development Mary Pat McInnis lent their expertise to the series. Topics included the judicial selection process, immigration, social media, healthcare reform, environmental law, real estate issues, family law and criminal law.

“Legally Speaking” also produced additional episodes featuring Professor Elizabeth Pendo discussing the 20th anniversary of the ADA on Sept. 20, and Professors Alan Howard and Ann Scarlett discussing the beginning of the Supreme Court term on Oct. 4.

The series highlighted the School of Law’s ability to assist the community in understanding some of the legal issues it is facing by breaking them down into relatable terms.

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DAGEN FELLOWSHIPS SUPPORT 64 LAW STUDENTS WITH SUMMER WORK GRANTS
Saint Louis University School of Law assisted 64 students with Dagen Fellowships this past summer, providing approximately $82,000 worth of assistance. The fellowship was established by the late Maggie and Irv Dagen and the program is assisted by the Dean’s Office and SLU LAW’s PILG Auction.

A committee of Assistant Dean for Career Development Mary Pat McInnis, Associate Director of Career Services Jocelyn Brennan-Witzel and Assistant Clinical Professor Brendan Roediger managed the selection process.

PROFESSOR GOLDNER AWARDED JOINT GRANT WITH SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Saint Louis University School of Public Health Professor Jason Turner, Ph.D., and School of Law Professor Jesse Goldner, J.D. have received a $150,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s (RWJF) Public Health Law Research Program (PHLR) to study community benefit activities conducted by non-profit hospitals. Such activities are required to maintain their tax-exempt status. The study will focus on how these resources can best be used to improve the health of the public.

“The goal of this research is to clarify both for non-profit hospitals and the federal government, the evolving nature of community benefit—what things hospitals are currently doing and what they should be doing to maintain tax-exempt status and improve public health,” Goldner said.

For years, federal and state governments have granted tax-exempt status to hospitals in exchange for services or—community benefits aimed at improving the health of the communities in which they reside.

According to Goldner, new Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations will re-
require that hospitals provide more extensive information than previously required about the benefits they are providing to the community. Using data from hospital responses to new, but preliminary, IRS reporting requirements, Goldner and Turner will document which community benefit activities are currently undertaken and which of these are considered public health activities.

The findings of this study, which may be available as soon as May 2012, may ultimately help shape IRS policy, Goldner said.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY AND WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOST LABOR LAW COLLOQUIUM

Saint Louis University School of Law and Washington University Law School co-hosted the Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law Sept. 24-25. Now in its fifth year, the Colloquium provides an opportunity for labor- and employment-law scholars to present works-in-progress and receive feedback from their colleagues in the field.

Topics included issues in employment law, employment discrimination, labor law and employee benefits, including international and comparative work in these fields. The topics were the focus of 60 panel presentations and papers in related areas.

The Saint Louis University Law Journal will publish a symposium issue in connection with the colloquium.

BARBARA GILCHRIST NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE LEGAL CLINICS

Interim Dean Sandra Johnson and Clinical Professor and Director of the Legal Clinics John Ammann, announced that Clinical Professor Barbara Gilchrist has been named to the position of Assistant Director of the Legal Clinics. The new designation will help meet the growing demands of the Clinics, which has expanded in physical size, and in number of faculty and students. Professor Gilchrist will assist with the overall administration of the Clinics in addition to working with Assistant Dean for Career Development Mary Pat McInnis on the implementation of the SLU LAW PLUS program.

WEFEL CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT LAW DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER DISCUSSES LABOR RELATIONS

Claude (Chip) Harrell, Regional Director of Region 14 of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), spoke to students Nov. 3 about the Wagner Act of 1975 and new developments within the NLRB. Harrell was appointed regional director in February 2010 and supervises the processing of representation and unfair labor practice cases filed under the National Labor Relations Act. During the course of his career with the NLRB, Harrell has been involved in numerous complex and difficult cases. He has served on national committees affecting policies and procedures within the agency such as the Representation Case Committee which substantially revised both pre- and post-election procedures, and the Field Quality Committee, which works to maintain the highest quality of unfair labor practice and representation case handling procedures.

EMPLOYMENT LAW PRACTITIONER-IN-RESIDENCE OFFERS ADVICE TO STUDENTS


Chair of the Epstein Becker Green law firm’s national labor practice, head of the hospitality labor and employment practice group, and chair of the firm’s Health Employment and Labor (HEAL) Initiative, Krupin represents many national and international businesses, counseling on appropriate employment procedures. He represents businesses all across the United States, advising on federal and state labor, employment and personnel law issues and defending them before administrative agencies and in court proceedings. Krupin also serves on the firm’s board of directors.

Krupin is well-versed in management-union issues, employment discrimination matters and wage-hour practices. He has also represented corporate clients in virtually every aspect of labor and employment law. In traditional labor relations matters, he has successfully negotiated more than 350 collective bargaining agreements, and has represented companies in more than 100 union elections and campaigns. In 2010, Human Resource Executive magazine listed Mr. Krupin on Lawdragon’s Top 100 list of “The Nation’s Most Powerful Employment Attorneys.”

OUTLAWS HOSTS TRANSGENDER RIGHTS ACTIVIST

The SLU LAW OUTlaws hosted a presentation by Kylar W. Broadus, an expert on transgender and sexual orientation law, Nov. 5 in the William H. Kniep Courtroom. Broadus spoke to students on his own personal experiences and about legal issues related to transgender and sexual orientation law. Broadus is an associate professor of business law at Lincoln University of Missouri, a historically black college where he served as interim chair of the business department from 2007 to 2008, and is on the American Bar Association’s Committee-Section for Individual Rights and Responsibilities. In addition, he is also the board chair for the National Black Justice Coalition and has maintained a general practice of law in Columbia, Mo., since 1997.
Formerly State Legislative Manager and Counsel at the Human Rights Campaign, Broadus has been an active public speaker to various law audiences about transgender issues since 2003. In August 2005, he, along with two other panelists, was the first to present information before the American Bar Association regarding transgender clients. Broadus continues to speak and lobby on the national, state and local levels in the areas of transgender and sexual orientation law and advocacy, and is a founding board member of a national think tank, The Transgender Law and Policy Institute.

SLU LAW OUTlaws is a student organization, which works to promote acceptance and awareness of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and allied students and faculty of Saint Louis University School of Law.

THE SCHOOL OF LAW WELCOMES NEW DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR
Terri Andrews joined the School of Law in January as director of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Previously director of development and external affairs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy, Andrews brings with her more than 14 years of university and non-profit development experience. The School of Law is happy to welcome her to Saint Louis University.

Andrews can be reached at 314-977-3303 or tandre11@slu.edu.

SLU LAW PLUS HIRES 18 NEW LAWYERS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE POSITIONS
Saint Louis University School of Law has created an innovative new program employing 18 recent SLU LAW graduates to provide important legal services to the Missouri and Illinois communities. The SLU LAW PLUS (Practicing Lawyers Unified in Service) attorneys began their work in mid-January at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, the SLU LAW Legal Clinics, Prairie State Legal Services (Illinois), and the Chicago Board of Education. Additional attorneys in the program are also serving as law clerks to area trial judges in St. Louis City; St. Louis County; St. Charles County, Mo.; Lincoln County, Ill., Southern District of Illinois; and the Illinois Supreme Court.

“SLU LAW grads have a great reputation for being well-rounded, service-minded professionals,” said Interim Dean Sandra Johnson. “Our recent J.D. graduates who have passed the bar exam can provide essential services to the School of Law while they continue to gain significant legal experience and serve the community.”

“In keeping with our ongoing support of our graduates long after they leave law school, the SLU LAW PLUS program is the next evolution of our alumni-tailored career programs and services,” said Assistant Dean for Career Development Mary Pat McInnis. “Our desire is for 100 percent of our graduates to be employed in their top-choice positions, and this is a tremendous opportunity to provide a hands-on, competitive experience for recent graduates looking to break into the legal profession.”

Created in October 2010, this innovative program is designed to give recent Saint Louis University School of Law graduates hands-on experience under the direction and leadership of fellow legal professionals. The SLU LAW PLUS lawyers will be employed on a part-time basis for 12 weeks. Their work with the local legal community will also benefit learning at SLU LAW. At the end of their term, each attorney will submit a capstone project that brings forward best practices and key insights for the larger SLU LAW community.

“We received many outstanding applications for the inaugural year of the program,” said McInnis. “It’s a great match – our recent graduates are gaining valuable, real-world experience and the St. Louis community is benefiting from much-needed legal services. We look forward to seeing this program take shape over the next several months.”

ALUMNI RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR ETHICS CLEs AND NETWORKING RECEPTIONS
The offices of Alumni Relations and Career Services co-sponsored two free ethics CLE classes and networking receptions last fall presented by Professor Carol Needham and Associate Professor Marcia McCormick. The CLEs were open to SLU LAW alumni and the St. Louis area legal community. Nearly 125 members from the community attended the sessions including more than 100 SLU LAW alumni. Following each CLE course, attendees stayed for a networking reception enjoying conversation and complimentary cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. Visit law.slu.edu/CLE for more information on upcoming free CLE opportunities at the School of Law in April and June.

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIP AND COMMUNITY
In 1968, The National Black Law Students Association (formerly National Black American Law Students Association) was formed to articulate and promote the needs and goals of black law students and effectuate change in the legal community. Just two years later, 13 black law students at Saint Louis University School of Law were inspired by the new organization to create a chapter of BLSA in the fall of 1970.

In the spring of 1971, six Saint Louis University law students represented the new chapter in D.C. at the NBLSA national convention and SLU LAW BLSA immediately began making strong contributions to the national organization. Charles Bussey (’73) served as NBLSA Midwest regional director and later serving as vice chairman for the NLBSA board of directors. The law journal, BLSA Reports, was published for many years from the Saint Louis University School of Law with Ettie Collier (’73) serving as the first editor.

Today, 40 years later, the Saint Louis University School of Law Black Law Students Association is a strong celebration of those who pioneered the organization. BLSA currently has 30 members who are focused on articulating and addressing the academic, financial, political, social and professional needs of its membership and promoting the interaction between the membership and other organizations within the law school and the University generally, and the legal community and black community specifically.

The organization hosts networking and scholarly events throughout the academic year and on Jan. 26 hosted a Reparations Panel, which included an early pioneer of SLU BLSA, Adjoa Aiyetoro (’78), associate professor of law at the University of Arkansas Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law.

Former BLSA President Ronda F. Williams (’02) remembers how being a part of BLSA contributed to her law school experience, “I feel fortunate to have had the guidance, education, resources, mentorship and camaraderie that BLSA offered me. Many of us in BLSA shared a lot coming in the door, but the shared law school experience developed those similarities into rich long-term friendships. I am proud to have served as a president of BLSA and believe it is a priceless resource to any student who chooses to use it.”

To learn more about BLSA, visit law.slu.edu/studentlife/organizations/BLSA.html.
AN ESTEEMED LINEAGE OF LEGAL HISTORIANS:
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ANDERS WALKER, MARION RICE KIRKWOOD PROFESSOR OF LAW AT STANFORD LAW SCHOOL LAWRENCE J. FRIEDMAN, JAMES MONROE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF LAW AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW BARRY CUSHMAN (from L to R)
According to the Spanish philosopher George Santayana, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” If one must learn the past to ensure a brighter future, Saint Louis University School of Law students may gain an advantage in the world of legal education. Dating as far back as the early 1930s, legal history has been a staple of the SLU LAW education.

Legal history is an examination of how the legal system was developed, how it has evolved, and society’s role in shaping it. By studying the history of the law, students gain an understanding of how the people who came before us contributed to creating the legal system that we have today.

“The study of legal history calls on us to get inside the minds of people who, because of their remoteness in time, are in many ways quite different from us,” said University of Virginia Professor Barry Cushman, a former SLU LAW faculty member and panelist at the 2010 Childress Lecture. “It’s important for advocates to develop the capacity to comprehend the structure and the logic of worldviews different from their own, because it’s their job to persuade others to adopt

BY: Adrienne Knopp
the positions they are advocating.”

Understanding how the past has informed our current legal system provides an important foundation for students to understand the law itself and better understand their role within the legal community.

AN ESTEEMED LINEAGE

Legal history has been an important part of the curriculum at the School of Law for nearly a century. During the 1930s, the course History of Jurisprudence was taught by Linus Lilly, S.J., a regent in the School of Law who practiced law in Missouri before becoming a Jesuit. From the 1950s to 1974, English Legal History was taught by Joseph A. McCallin, S.J., a history professor who served as the Jesuit advisor to the law school.

Throughout the past century, the School of Law has also played a role in developing stellar legal historians. Several well-known legal history scholars have been a part of the law school faculty including Lawrence M. Friedman, Gerald T. Dunne, Barry Cushman, Daniel Hulsebosch and Anders Walker.

In 1957, Lawrence M. Friedman, joined the Saint Louis University School of Law faculty after spending four years in private practice. A graduate of the University of Chicago where he earned three degrees including a B.A., J.D., and an L.L.M., Friedman is now the Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law at Stanford University.

Friedman spent his early teaching years instructing students in commercial law, and learning from several senior faculty members at the School of Law.

“It was a wonderful atmosphere at the school, people were extremely friendly and supportive,” stated Friedman on his time at SLU LAW. “They had a wonderful group of people including the late Dean Childress who was a lovely man, very intelligent and very friendly.”

While on the SLU LAW faculty, Friedman spent a lot of time doing research in the library and befriended Eileen Searls, emerita professor and former law librarian, who recalls Friedman’s suggestions helped her build the library’s 19th century collection.

Friedman left the School of Law in 1961, and has spent decades publishing dozens of books, and countless studies in legal history including his book, A History of American Law. First published in 1973, this volume accomplished the feat of presenting a comprehensive study of American legal history.

“Friedman’s reputation is not just national, but international,” commented Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law Joel Goldstein. “He is an iconic figure who has not simply written in areas of law, but helped to define them.”

The beloved late Professor Gerald T. Dunne was a notable legal history scholar who not only served on the faculty, but also was an alumnus of the School of Law. Dunne was part of the 1948 graduating class, which consisted mostly of veterans who had served in World War II. The class was also the first to graduate after the law school reopened in 1946.

Prior to joining the law school as a professor, Dunne led a promising career with the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis, serving as general counsel and later vice president. Dunne also served as editor-in-chief of the Banking Law Journal, and was on the American Law Institute and the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law.

Throughout his professional legal career, Dunne dedicated his free time to researching legal history. He spent many Saturdays in the Omer Poos Law Library working on his books, the first of which, Monetary Decisions of the Supreme Court, was published in 1960.

Dunne’s following books gave presence to an important part of legal history in examining key Supreme Court judges. His second book, Justice Joseph Story and the Rise of the Supreme Court, was published in 1970.

“Dunne really was the first to write Justice Story’s narrative,” said Goldstein. “This book solidified his reputation as a legal historian.”

In 1973, Dean Childress convinced Dunne to teach at the law school, and by 1975, in addition to teaching commercial and banking law, he also taught the course American Legal History.

Dunne’s next book, Hugo Black and the Judicial Revolution, published in 1977, was reviewed on the front page of The New York Times Book Review. For this book, he was awarded a Scribes Annual Book Award and the ABA Certificate of Merit. After his retirement, Dunne also published The Missouri Supreme Court: From Dred Scott to Nancy Cruzen, in 1993.

“Dunne made crucial contributions in the field of legal history,” remarked Interim Dean Sandra Johnson. “His books on Hugo Black and Justice Story filled in important gaps in the history of the U.S. Supreme Court.”

A NEW GENERATION OF SCHOLARS

After Dunne’s retirement, the School of Law had an opening for a new legal history scholar to join the faculty. At that time, Barry Cushman was in the Samuel I. Golieb Fellowship in Legal History program at New York University. Through the fellowship, Cushman worked closely with William Nelson, Judge Edward Weinfeld Professor of Law at NYU and a friend to the School of Law.

Cushman joined the SLU LAW faculty in 1991. While here, he worked on his first book, Rethinking the New Deal Court: The Structure of a Constitutional Revolution, which was published in 1998. His work was awarded the American Historical Association’s 1998 Littleton-Griswold Prize in American Law and Society. Cushman was twice voted the Student Bar Association’s Teacher of the Year, and today remains a dear friend of the School of Law.

“I was very fortunate...
“The study of legal history calls on us to get inside the minds of people who, because of their remoteness in time, are in many ways quite different from us.”

Professor Barry Cushman, University of Virginia

to begin my teaching career at Saint Louis University School of Law,” said Cushman. “My senior colleagues were extremely generous in helping me to develop as a young teacher and scholar.”

In 1998, Cushman returned to his alma mater, University of Virginia, where he currently serves as the James Monroe Distinguished Professor of Law, the David H. Ibbeken ’71 Research Professor of Law and professor of history.

In 1999, another promising scholar from the NYU Golieb Fellowship program, Daniel Hulsebosch, began his teaching career at SLU LAW. He served on the School of Law faculty for six years where he also learned a great deal from the senior faculty members.

Hulsebosch commented, “The Saint Louis University School of Law culture supports young faculty to a degree that I believe is unusual in today’s legal academy. In many places, the spotlight is always on the senior, widely known faculty. At SLU, the senior faculty invests an enormous amount of time and energy in encouraging, developing, and assisting younger faculty members to reach their potential.”

In 2005, Hulsebosch published his first book, Constituting Empire: New York and the Transformation of Constitutionalism in the Atlantic World. The same year, he also returned to New York to teach at NYU where he is currently the Charles Seligson Professor of Law.

In 2006, the School of Law welcomed Assistant Professor Anders Walker to the faculty. Similar to Cushman and Hulsebosch, Walker holds a Ph.D. and was a Golieb fellow who worked closely with Nelson at NYU.

Walker received his J.D. from Duke University, and his Ph.D. in African American studies and history from Yale University. In 2009, Walker published his book, The Ghost of Jim Crow: How Southern Moderates Used Brown v. Board of Education to Stall Civil Rights, and was voted teacher of the year.

Walker studies the intersections between constitutional law, criminal law and legal history. He also represents one of several School of Law faculty members who holds a Ph.D. in an academic area outside of the law. Walker currently teaches two legal history courses, American Legal History and English Legal History.

“A big reason I wanted to come to Saint Louis University School of Law is because it is more open to scholars and courses that cross-interdisciplinary boundaries,” stated Walker.

Throughout much of the past century, Saint Louis University School of Law has offered its students an important foundation in the history of the law supported by promising and established legal scholars.

The rich tradition of legal historians at Saint Louis University truly represents a “niche where the School of Law has had a number of really outstanding people,” commented Goldstein.

A CHILDRESS HOMECOMING

In recognition of the role Dean Childress played in bringing distinguished scholars to the School of Law and supporting the interdisciplinary study of the law, the 2010 Childress Memorial Lecture, held Sept. 24, 2010, paid tribute to the school’s role in developing talented legal historians.

In addition to Professor Walker, several School of Law faculty members participated in the lecture panel including: Assistant Professor Kirsten Nussbaumer, Associate Professor Ann Scarlett, and Assistant Professor Mary Ziegler. The visiting panelists included: Professor Stuart Banner, UCLA School of Law; Professor Barry Cushman, University of Virginia School of Law; Professor Sharon L. Davies, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law; Professor Carolyn Ramsey, University of Pennsylvania School of Law.
of Colorado Law School; Professor George C. Thomas III, Rutgers School of Law-Newark; and Michael Kahn, partner, Bryan Cave LLP.

“The Childress Lecture was able to bring together a number of legal historians as well as highlight the School of Law’s commitment to legal history and its role in developing many distinguished legal historians,” said Goldstein.

“Friedman was a pioneer in legal history in legal education,” said Johnson. “He gave the academy the material we need to be able to teach this important subject.”

There is no doubt that Saint Louis University has encouraged interdisciplinary work for many years. In addition, the School of Law has provided a welcoming environment for examining the law from several academic viewpoints.

“At SLU, there was an ethic of sharing and support that encouraged us to learn about each other’s work,” said Hulsebosch. “The capacity for thinking outside one’s narrow specialty is a hallmark of the legal academy, and I learned how to do that from my SLU colleagues.”

The University has more than a dozen joint-degree programs, and the School of Law has nine of those programs. The law school faculty features 13 professors with Ph.D.s or who are candidates for Ph.D.s in areas such as history, philosophy, psychology, religious studies, English and political science.

In the tradition of interdisciplinary interpretations of the law, a historical study of the legal system provides students an important foundation for understanding the way the law works, the way it developed and how it affects people’s lives.

Through legal history, students are able to look inside different societies and cultures, and to understand how the laws we have today were shaped by the people who were here before us.

During the Childress Lecture, Friedman’s excitement about legal history and new discoveries was apparent as he discussed the drama of headline trials.

“When you look at the past, I think you get a richer understanding of the path that we’ve been traveling and I think it’s very enlightening,” said Friedman.

Not only does legal history provide valuable insight into the past, it also provides an endless supply of new research and new discoveries. According to Friedman “one of the great things about going into legal history is that 99.9 percent of the possible topics haven’t been written about.”

Friedman explained to the audience the benefits of researching legal history, “Even if you do nothing but present us with some new information that sheds light on our legal history, you’ve made a valuable contribution.”

Legal history remains an important part of the School of Law curriculum...
THE CHILDRESS LECTURE, named in honor of former Dean Richard J. Childress (1969-1976), is a premier academic event, which this year highlighted a provocative and timely area of law. The lecture commemorates the contributions Dean Childress made academically, ethically and socially to benefit the School of Law. Its purpose is to enhance the exemplary teaching at the School of Law by bringing world-renowned scholars to our School for academic enrichment. For 11 years, Joel Goldstein, Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law, has chaired the lecture, which is presented by the Saint Louis University Law Journal.

On Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, the 11th Annual Childress Lecture welcomed renowned legal scholars including keynote Lawrence J. Friedman, Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law at Stanford Law School. Friedman presented “Front Page: Notes on the Nature of the Headline Trial” in which he explored historic criminal trials that have aroused great public interest, established a typology of such trials and suggested reasons for why these trials have attracted such wide interest.

Also participating in the lecture were panelists:

Sharon L. Davies, John C. Elam/Vorys Sater Designated Professor of Law, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Michael Kahn, partner, Bryan Cave LLP and mystery fiction writer
Carolyn Ramsey, Associate Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School
George C. Thomas III, Board of Governors Professor of Law and Judge Alexander P. Waugh, Sr. Distinguished Scholar, Rutgers School of Law-Newark
Anders Walker, Assistant Professor of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law
Mary Ziegler, Assistant Professor of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law

Lecture moderators included SLU LAW Associate Professor of Law Ann Scarlett and Assistant Professor of Law Kirsten Nussbaumer.
LEAH CHAN GRINVALD

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

LEAH CHAN GRINVALD SHARES HER DELIGHT IN TEACHING, EXPERTISE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADEMARK LAW, AND HER ENJOYMENT OF ST. LOUIS.
Trademark law is the heart of Assistant Professor Leah Chan Grinvald’s scholarship. Her passion for the subject developed while working as a global corporate counsel at Taylor Made Golf Company Inc. The overlap of her work with personal interests in East-Asian cultures fueled a scholarly enthusiasm for international trademark law, including that of China.

“At Taylor Made, one of my responsibilities was to assist with the anti-counterfeiting program. Representing Taylor Made, I worked with an industry group that had joined forces to reduce the amount of counterfeit golf products stemming from China. With my position, I was able to put my undergraduate degree and my law degree to use; everything seemed to just fall into place,” Grinvald describes.

Before working at Taylor Made, Grinvald received a B.A. in East-Asian studies from The George Washington University and her J.D. from New York University. She then clerked for the Honorable Frank Sullivan Jr. in the Supreme Court of Indiana. After which, she moved to San Diego, where she worked in two corporate law firms before landing at Taylor Made. There she learned the differences in practicing law at a firm versus as an in-house counsel. “When you work in-house, you can see the collective goal rather than the individual, legal goal. Everyone is working toward one common goal: to make that organization the best it can be,” says Grinvald.

After working at Taylor Made for several years, Grinvald felt the need for a change. “The demanding schedule of working in-house doesn’t allow time for thought on whether or not you agree with the law, or if the law is appropriate in its current form,” explains Grinvald. She decided to teach to explore those avenues of the law, and was attracted to the collegiality SLU LAW offers.

“This is a 360-degree supportive environment, ranging from the staff to the faculty to the students, and that is what drew me to SLU LAW,” Grinvald says.

Although teaching is a new direction in Grinvald’s life, she always knew it was something she wanted to do. And, she learned a lot after her first year on the job.

“I didn’t realize how much fun it could be. No two days are exactly the same. Even though you have the same students for the whole semester, they come in to the classroom with different attitudes every day. You have to adapt to whatever the students project that day. It is always dynamic. It is fascinating to see how the students grapple with the law.”

Grinvald shares her passion for trademark law with students in the course Trademark and Unfair Competition Law. However, she also finds great rewards in teaching first-year law students.

“I have always wanted to teach first-year law students because they are so excited to be in law school. They are so eager to soak up the knowledge, it’s contagious. Some of the students don’t know what to expect from law school, and then they get here and love it,” she says.

After living on both the East and West Coasts, adjusting to life in the Midwest could have been difficult, but Grinvald is truly enjoying St. Louis.

“I am a history buff, so I love all of the architecture—walking down the block you immediately notice it. The details you see from the turn of the century are beautiful,” she says.

Grinvald adds that her favorite part about living in St. Louis is the people. “The people here are more genuine. When people say something they mean it. They won’t fake it.” SLB

UNRAVELING CHINESE TRADEMARK LAW
A Q&A WITH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR GRINVALD

WHAT IS THE LARGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AMERICAN TRADEMARK LAWS AND CHINESE TRADEMARK LAWS?
The standard for criminal liability is one big difference. In China, there are threshold levels for prosecuting criminal offenses of counterfeiting. If a counterfeiter is caught with less than the statutory threshold, they will likely only receive an administrative fine, whereas in the United States a similar case of counterfeiting would likely end up with a jail sentence for the counterfeiter.

WHY DO YOU THINK THERE IS SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN AMERICAN AND CHINESE TRADEMARK LAWS?
In my opinion, one of the reasons stems from the impetus in adopting trademark laws. Unlike the United States, trademark laws in China have not been organic, but rather were adopted due to exogenous forces. The Western world, with the United States at the forefront, has really pushed for such legal changes.

WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE CHINA HAS A LARGER PROBLEM WITH COUNTERFEITING THAN THE UNITED STATES?
I wouldn’t say that China has a larger problem with counterfeiting than the United States, but rather, China is a major source for counterfeit goods. One of the reasons for this is that China is a major hub for outsourced manufacturing. Due to this, the counterfeiters have fairly easy access to the new and soon-to-be released products, and can quickly create counterfeits (because counterfeiters are not worried about quality control) – sometimes faster than companies can release their own products!

WHAT CAN AMERICA DO TO MINIMIZE THE DIFFERENCES AND DEVELOP MORE GLOBAL TRADEMARK LAWS?
Americans look at trademark law and enforcement with an inherent bias. We see the world through certain lenses, whether that be capitalism, entrepreneurship, utilitarianism, or whatever theoretical entity we put on it; that’s how we view the world. We need to remember that notions of trademark laws and the need for such laws are not the same around the world. We also need to remember that there may not be a one-size-fits-all solution to trademark problems.

“I DIDN’T REALIZE HOW MUCH FUN IT COULD BE. NO TWO DAYS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME.”
Assistant Professor Leah Chan Grinvald
PROFESSOR MICHAEL KORYBUT KNEW HIS LOVE OF RESEARCH, WRITING AND PROBLEM SOLVING WOULD SERVE HIM WELL IN A VARIETY OF CAREERS, BUT HE WAS ESPECIALLY DRAWN TO THE INTENSE ACADEMIC RIGORS OF LAW SCHOOL WHERE HE COULD DELVE INTO ISSUES AND EXPLORE SOLUTIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF STUDENTS AND THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY.
After graduating Stanford Law School in 1990, where he was the executive editor of the *Stanford Law Review*, Korybut practiced at the San Francisco firm Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe and Gray Cary Ware & Friedenrich in Palo Alto, Calif. It was during his time at Heller where he became very interested in the area of commercial and secured transactions.

“As was customary, the firm assigned new attorneys to two partners,” said Korybut. “I was assigned to partners in the areas of corporate and finance and after six months had to pick one area to focus on. I quickly realized that financing was very interesting, I had taken a class in secured transactions in law school, but it was very abstract, so to really be able to dig in to the elements of business and commercial law and do deals was very exciting.”

Ultimately, Korybut knew he wanted to return to a scholarly environment where he could spend more time researching topics and unraveling issues about which he was passionate. He soon began teaching Commercial Law at Santa Clara University School of Law in California, and later coordinated the legal research and writing program as head teaching fellow at his alma mater. There, he also later taught Advanced Legal Writing: Business Associations covering commercial and corporate transactions focused on secured lending transactions.

In 1999, he joined the Saint Louis University School of Law as an assistant professor teaching bankruptcy, commercial transactions, international sale of goods and secured transactions.

The transition to St. Louis proved to be a smooth one as Korybut had previously visited the city where his grandfather grew up. And for the past 11 years, Korybut and his wife Caroline and children Kate and Charlotte have been proud to call St. Louis home.

“Our students are the distinguishing quality of this law school—they are very earnest and committed to their profession. And, our faculty is a collegial bunch, so teaching here has been a real privilege and pleasure,” said Korybut.

Korybut credits his hands-on experience practicing law as a critical tool in infusing the classes he teaches today at the law school with practical skills and real-world examples to enhance students’ knowledge of this important legal area.

“I’d say I’d be a very different teacher absent that background,” said Korybut.

“My goal for students who take Advanced Commercial and Business Transactions Practice is to get them to a place where any first-year attorney would be after a year practicing at a firm. At a minimum, SLU LAW graduates will have drafted, read and negotiated contracts and their ancillary documents.”

In addition to teaching his classes and pursuing scholarship, Korybut serves as the chair of the Dean Search Committee. As chair, Korybut works with the committee to identify potential candidates through print and online advertising and word-of-mouth referrals and then personally calls all of the possible leads to build a strong pool of diverse candidates.

Korybut and the committee understand the importance of their task to help bring the most qualified candidates to the law school for the school’s most important leadership position.

“If we find the right person and they find us, it’s more likely we’ll both succeed,” said Korybut. “We are having good success with the process and we’re hearing from very interested, well-informed candidates.” SLD

During February, the Dean Search Committee invited select candidates to the School of Law for face-to-face interviews with University administration and law school faculty, staff and students. Open forums were also conducted to ensure the entire Saint Louis University community had an opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions. Gary Rutledge (’83), the committee’s alumni representative, hosted dinners with the candidates and a small group of alumni. Be on the lookout for updates on these visits in future communications.

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**GARY RUTLEDGE,** 1983 graduate of the School of Law, Vice President and Zone General Counsel for Anheuser-Busch InBev

**ANN SCARLETT,** Associate Professor of Law

**JOHN STEFFAN,** third-year law student

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**Dean Search Website: law.slu.edu/dean**
Saint Louis University School of Law faculty are leading scholars whose dedication to the law and their students provides an unparalleled legal education. Nationally recognized for their scholarly achievement, legal expertise and practical experience, the SLU LAW faculty welcomes eight new members for the 2010-2011 academic year. The new faculty members will draw from their diverse range of knowledge and experience as they guide students through the complexities of the law.

JOSEPH A. CUSTER
Director, Omer Poos Law Library
Assistant Professor of Law
University of Missouri, M.L.I.S.
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University of Northern Iowa, B.A.

Professor Custer joins SLU LAW from the University of Kansas. He has written several articles, including his most recent, “The Truthiness of Thinkable Thoughts versus the Facts of Empirical Research,” which was awarded the open division of the 2009 AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Competition. In the article, he considers the use of “literary warrant” as it effects the West Digest System, and reports on the results of a survey he conducted with both legal practitioners and law faculty. He concludes that the West Digest System has some viability, but it will need to extend its literary warrant to remain a player in today’s legal culture. Along with colleague Christopher Steadham from the University of Kansas School of Law, Custer recently co-wrote Kansas Legal Research, a textbook tailored toward law students published by Carolina Academic Press. Custer is currently working on editing and authoring the 4th edition of the Kansas Legal Research and Reference Guide, a publication formerly published by Michie Press, a subsidiary of LexisNexis, and now to be published by the Kansas Bar Association.

Most recently, Professor Custer is serving as chair of the noted Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum editorial committee of the American Association of Law Librarians (AALL). He is past president of the Mid American Association of Law Libraries (MAALL). He served as MAALL president in 2008/2009. He is also chair of Continuing Status Tenure Committee of the Academic Law Librarians Special Interest Section of the AALL.

Professor Custer received his B.A. in political science from the University of Northern Iowa with high honors. He received his J.D. from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. After briefly practicing law, he received his M.A. in library and information science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is a member of the Missouri Bar. Custer is currently working on his MBA at the University of Kansas and Saint Louis University and is expected to graduate in 2012.

KERRIN MCCORMICK KOWACH
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing
Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.
Villanova University, B.A.

Professor Kowach joins SLU LAW with 17 years of experience in the private practice of law. Most recently, she was a partner at a Pittsburgh-based law firm where she specialized in complex and high-stakes commercial litigation. Her practice included the defense of securities fraud actions, class actions, and financial statements litigation. She has appeared in trial and appellate courts throughout the country. She also has handled arbitration actions governed by AAA and FINRA arbitration rules. In addition to her practice, Kowach spent five years as her firm’s hiring partner, was the deputy director of the firm’s litigation group, and served on the firm’s management committee.

Professor Kowach graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif from the Georgetown University Law Center. She received her B.A. in sociology and political science, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from Villanova University.

Following law school, Professor Kowach clerked for the Honorable Deborah K. Chasanow of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and Judge Irma Raker of Maryland’s highest court, the Maryland Court of Appeals. After a year at a D.C. area law firm, Professor Kowach relocated to Pittsburgh and spent several years as an associate at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart (now K&L Gates). Professor Kowach is a member of the bars of Missouri and Pennsylvania and is licensed to practice in various federal courts.

MONICA EPPINGER
Assistant Professor of Law
University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D.
Yale Law School, J.D., B.A.
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, M.A.L.D.

Professor Eppinger joins SLU LAW with extensive experience in diplomacy. She served nine years as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service with tours of duty at the U.S. Consulate General in Kaduna, Nigeria; U.S. Embassy, Kiev, Ukraine; and at the State Department in Washington, D.C. where her responsibilities included policy in the former Soviet Union, Caspian Basin energy development, and West African security. Prior to this, she spent two years as a volunteer university instructor in China.

Since joining the SLU LAW faculty in July 2010, Professor Eppinger completed requirements to earn a Ph.D. in anthropology of law. Her research concentrates on sovereignty and selfhood. Her main areas of expertise include property, national security, and international law.

KELLY MULHOLLAND
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing
Harvard Law School, J.D.
University of Illinois, B.A.

Professor Mulholland joins SLU LAW after years of private and government practice. After law school, she completed a federal clerkship for the Honorable Judge Charles P. Kocoras of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois. Subsequently, she practiced at private law firms in Chicago and the Silicon Valley,
concentrating on federal corporate and international taxation with a particular interest in tax litigation. She also served as a trial attorney for the Internal Revenue Service in San Jose, Calif.

Professor Mulholland received her J.D. from Harvard Law School and her B.A. from the University of Illinois both with honors. She is licensed to practice in Missouri, Illinois and California.

**KIRSTEN NUSSBAUMER**  
Assistant Professor of Law

Stanford University, J.D./M.A./Ph.D. candidate  
Transylvania University, B.A.

Professor Nussbaumer researches and writes in the areas of constitutional history, American political development, election law, and eighteenth-century Anglo-American political thought. In her scholarship, she brings together law, history, social science, and empirical political theory. Her Stanford Ph.D. dissertation explores late-eighteenth century conceptions and practices of election reform, particularly at the time of the founding of the United States.

Professor Nussbaumer clerked for the Honorable Myron H. Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, and she worked on the drafting and negotiations for the Help America Vote Act of 2002 in Washington, D.C. While a Ph.D. candidate at Stanford, she was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Law School and at Golden Gate Law School, teaching civil procedure, legislation, and election law.

**KAREN SPEISER SANNER**  
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing

University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D.; B.S./B.A.

Professor Sanner is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law where she was the lead articles editor of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution*. While in law school, Professor Sanner completed internships with Judge John C. Holstein of the Supreme Court of Missouri and the Missouri Attorney General’s Office under former Attorney General and current Missouri Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon.

Following her graduation in 1994, Professor Sanner worked as an assistant attorney general for the State of Missouri representing the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, the Second Injury Fund, and the Crime Victims’ Compensation Fund. In 1997, she joined Brinker & Doyen, L.L.P. in St. Louis where she practiced civil litigation and workers’ compensation defense. Her practice included representing insurers, third-party administrators, and health care providers in Missouri state, federal, and administrative courts as well as the Missouri Court of Appeals.

In 2008, Professor Sanner joined the pre-law department at Saint Louis University where she served as an adjunct instructor, director of the undergraduate trial advocacy program, and mock trial coach. In addition to her current role teaching first-year Legal Research & Writing, she has been an instructor in the law school’s trial advocacy program.

**MARY ZIEGLER**  
Assistant Professor of Law

Harvard University, J.D., B.A.

Professor Ziegler uses legal history to probe the assumptions underlying current debate about constitutional, reproductive-health and family-law issues. She has written extensively on the history of the eugenic legal reform movement, the abortion debate, divorce reform, and the same-sex marriage debate. Her research challenges the historical premises of contemporary constitutional, family, and reproductive-health law.

Professor Ziegler received her B.A. and J.D. from Harvard University, graduating with honors for both. She served as the head of Harvard Law School’s Project on Wrongful Convictions. She joins SLU LAW after clerking for John A. Dooley of the Vermont Supreme Court and completing a term as a Ruehhausen Fellow in Law at Yale Law School.

Her articles have appeared or are forthcoming in the *Law and History Review*, the *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*, the *Cardozo Journal of Law and Gender*, the *Brigham Young University Law Review*, and the *Marquette Law Review*.

**SPEARLT**  
Assistant Professor of Law

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, J.D.  
University of California, Santa Barbara, Ph.D.  
Harvard University, M.T.S.  
University of Houston, B.A.

Spearlt joined the SLU LAW faculty as a recent law school graduate with extensive teaching experience, having served as a teaching fellow at Harvard University; teaching assistant at University of California, Santa Barbara; and graduate student instructor at University of California, Berkeley. In addition, Spearlt taught for several years at the Law & Society Program at UC Santa Barbara, where he earned the Certificate for College and University Teaching. Most recently, he taught inmates for two semesters for the Prison University Project at San Quentin State Prison.


Spearlt earned a B.A. in philosophy, magna cum laude, from the University of Houston; a master’s in theological studies at Harvard Divinity School; a Ph.D. in religious studies at UC Santa Barbara; and J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law, where he also earned the Certificate in Law & Technology and served two years on the *Berkeley Journal of Law & Technology*. 
The Mess We're In:
Five Steps Towards the Transformation of Prison Cultures

by Lynn S. Branham
Visiting Professor of Law

In March 2010, Professor Branham participated in a panel discussion on “Changing Prison Conditions and Cultures” at the Yale Law School’s Thirteenth Annual Arthur Liman Colloquium. Set forth here is a summary of her remarks. An article to be published in 2011 in the Indiana Law Review further amplifies Professor Branham’s reform proposals.

I once saw a sign that serves as a reminder of the importance of details. The sign said:

“Let’s eat, Grandpa.”
“Let’s eat Grandpa.”

What a difference one small detail—in this case, a comma—can make.

Whether proposals for reforming prison conditions and changing prison cultures can realize their objectives depends on myriad details. Some of those details bear on the content of those proposals. Others relate to their implementation. But while it behooves us to remember that “the devil (or his counterpart) is in the details,” I have set forth below five abbreviated proposals designed to overhaul prisons and transform prison cultures.

RECOMMENDATION #1
Each state and the federal government should establish a maximum limit on the per-capita imprisonment rate for that jurisdiction that is dramatically lower than the current national rate and should adopt mechanisms to implement and enforce that limit responsibly. These per-capita imprisonment caps—whether half the current national rate or even lower—will free us from a mindset fixated on the status quo. This inertia-driven mindset leads, at best, to changes in prison conditions only at the margins and helps to foster unrelentingly high recidivism rates. As President Ronald Reagan once aptly observed, “Status quo, you know, that’s Latin for the mess we’re in.”

It bears emphasizing that the proposal calls for each state and the federal government to establish a firm cap on their imprisonment rates. The taking of what, by comparison, is the tepid step of setting only a goal to decrease the imprisonment rate would not suffice. Rather, each jurisdiction would need to emplace this cap in a statute, making the cap not just an aspiration, but a codified requirement.

RECOMMENDATION #2
Each state and the federal government should develop a comprehensive plan to ensure that the public is aware of conditions and operations in that jurisdiction’s prisons. The plan should include, among other components, the establishment of an independent, public entity to monitor, and report publicly on, conditions in the prisons. These entities should meet the “Key Requirements for the Effective Monitoring of Correctional and Detention Facilities” promulgated by the American Bar Association.

Five of the twenty requirements endorsed by the ABA for the effective monitoring of prisons particularly warrant highlighting:

1. The independent, public monitoring entity would have the duty to inspect, on a regular basis, each prison in the jurisdiction.
2. The monitoring entity would have the authority to conduct scheduled and unannounced inspections of the prisons at any time, day or night.
3. The monitoring entity would be vested with the authority to examine all facets of a prison’s operations and conditions.
4. The monitoring entity’s reports on a prison would be public and readily accessible. They would be posted on the Internet as well as distributed to the media, the legislature in that jurisdiction, and its top elected official—the governor or the president.
5. Facility administrators would be required to develop and implement, with dispatch, action plans to resolve problems identified in a monitoring report. And they would need to inform and update the public every six months on their implementation progress.

RECOMMENDATION #3
To transform prison cultures, prisons should be suffused with a restorative-justice ethos. A premise of restorative justice is that people convicted of a crime have the responsibility to repair, to the extent possible, the harm caused by their criminal conduct. Obviously, restorative aims can be achieved much more readily when individuals remain within the community while being held accountable for their criminal misdeeds. But for those who must be confined in prison, effective structures and processes should be in place in each prison to make restorative justice a shared and expected norm. Those structures and practices, if contoured properly, would enable prisoners to understand the harm their crimes have caused others and to redress that harm as much as it is possible to do so.

Examples of mechanisms for reorienting the culture and normative values in prisons towards restorative justice include: (1) victim-offender mediation programs; (2) victim-impact panels comprised of victims of the crime of which a prisoner was convicted who can impress upon the prisoner the real-life impact of his or her crime; (3) prison work programs that produce goods or services that benefit the neighborhoods most directly affected by prisoners’ crimes; and (4) opportunities to live in faith-based prison units. Restorative-justice principles should also be integrated into prison disciplinary processes so that prisoners become more cognizant
of the harm their misconduct inflicts on the prison community and have the opportunity to remedy that harm.

**RECOMMENDATION #4**

Each prisoner should be assigned a trained and dedicated mentor at the outset of his or her imprisonment. Mentors can provide significant assistance in preparing prisoners for their return to the community. But the assignment of a mentor to a prisoner at the very beginning of the prisoner’s confinement can serve another laudable purpose, mitigating the debilitating isolation from the outside world that attends incarceration. And the support and encouragement of mentors can help to eradicate the hopelessness, despair, and bitterness that, today, permeate prisons.

**RECOMMENDATION #5**

Prisoners should play a central role in the development of their reentry plans, whose implementation would commence upon incarceration and would encompass involvement in prison programs and other constructive activities. There is a tendency for people to want to intercede in prisoners’ lives and “fix” them. But if reentry plans are to be effective and if visible and comprehensive efforts to prepare prisoners for reentry are going to alter prison cultures for the better, prisoners need to be in the forefront, not at the sidelines, in the preparation of those plans. Assigning prisoners this responsibility will bring them something that is so elusive in prisons…hope. And treating prisoners, not as objects, but as the human beings they are, no matter how despicable their prior acts, will demonstrate an unflagging commitment to human dignity. It is that commitment that will be the essential underpinning of any endeavor to transform prison cultures.

Every year in my first-year criminal law class, I have my students consider a sample “Sentencing Assessment Report” provided by the Missouri Commission on Sentencing. The report describes the facts and the nature of the crime—in this case, a loser who turns online predator—some mitigating circumstances, and a recommended sentence. I ask my students in class to play judge and assign an appropriate sentence.

My students debate whether the offender deserves jail time or probation, whether he’s a good candidate for rehabilitation, and how many years is enough for someone who seduces children online. What the students don’t consider, because it isn’t part of the sentencing report, is how much each punishment would cost. But this is going to change, and one thing my students will be debating next time I teach criminal law will be whether the cost of a punishment should matter as judges make their decision.

According to a recent *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article, initial reaction is mixed. A prosecutor quoted in the story worried that judges might not sentence offenders to prison time because alternatives would be cheaper. A defense attorney seemed to endorse the reform for the same reason—once judges see the cost of prison, they might see probation as more appealing.

Of course, finding the exact cost of any punishment is going to be hard. Some seemingly less punitive sentences, such as drug treatment, may cost more money compared to prison time alone. And although the sentencing reports will include information on recidivism rates for each crime, these aren’t calculated into the cost of punishment itself. The price tag will only reflect how much, say, drug treatment will cost right now—it won’t reflect the savings gained from successful drug treatment, treatment that manages to keep the offender from more jail time in the future.

The more important issue is whether this is the kind of information judges should have in sentencing an offender. Should the question of which punishment is appropriate for this offender, for this crime, turn on how costly the punishment is?

Whether you find yourself more sympathetic to the prosecution or the defense, such judicial bean-counting is worrisome. Sentences should be based on the severity of the crime and on the characteristics of the individual offender. They shouldn’t be based on the savings to the state. Putting price tags on sentencing assessment reports invites judges to misconstrue what their role is.

The question of cutting costs is properly given over to legislators, who are in a better position to make decisions about sentences in the aggregate—about what kinds of punishments the state can afford and the appropriate sentencing range for each crime. By giving the judges a role in reducing costs, legislators can avoid tough choices about building more prisons or reducing sentences for nonviolent offenses. Instead, they can blame judges for not choosing the cheaper sentence.

The motivation for putting cost in the sentencing assessment reports is probably benign. It was likely meant to show how truly cost-effective punishments other than prison can be. But if this is a good idea, it is a good idea that the legislature should hear and heed.

As it stands, judges get the worst of both worlds. If they base their punishment on cost, they will be basing their sentence on something that should be irrelevant to sentencing. But if they don’t take cost into account, they risk the ire of citizens and legislatures for spending money the state doesn’t have. It would be better not to put judges in that position in the first place.

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**by Chad Flanders**

*Assistant Professor of Law*

This Op-Ed by Professor Flanders originally appeared in the *St. Louis Beacon* on Sept. 17, 2010.
This is the remarkable story of Professor W. Thomas “Tommy” Smith (’05), a popular professor at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy—and one of only a few law academics in the United States who specializes in the intersection of pharmacy and legal issues.

His scholarship explores the ethics and legal issues involved in clinical drug research trials; accessibility of pharmacies for customers with disabilities; health policy; and similar issues for future pharmacists from a distinctly legal perspective.

Professor Smith grew up in the small city of Decatur, surrounded by cornfields in central Illinois. Three generations of pharmacists had come before him. The family’s two pharmacies—where Smith spent his childhood stocking shelves and sweeping floors—were the kind of places where customers who couldn’t pay were allowed to purchase goods with food from their gardens. People of modest means also sometimes turned to the pharmacists for medical advice.

“People would come in and speak with my grandfather and great-grandfather about a whole host of health ailments because they were intimidated to go to the doctor, or embarrassed,” Smith recalls from his office in Gainesville, Fla. “So I’ve always had this firm belief that pharmacy can be an important part of the health care system, and that pharmacists have to be armed with the skills and the knowledge to do so.” It was only a matter of time before Smith felt a calling to follow the family tradition and become a pharmacist too. He graduated in 1994 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and spent five years working to establish a pharmacy to serve the long-term residents of Delmar Gardens nursing homes in St. Louis.

A LIFE FOREVER CHANGED
On New Year’s Eve in 1999, Smith left a party feeling like he was coming down with the flu. The next day, he ended up in the emergency room, and soon after, in an induced, 10-week coma. Smith was diagnosed with meningococcal meningitis—a fast-moving, deadly form of the disease that can block circulation to limbs and leave its victims either dead or severely disabled. When he woke, each of his arms and legs had been partially amputated: one leg above the knee, the other below it, one arm in the middle of his forearm, the other at his wrist.

Smith knew from the very beginning that he “had to recover emotionally, physically and mentally in order to learn how to live life in a new way, a positive way. I wasn’t going to let this cause me to feel sorry for myself.”

After a battle with his health insurance company over medical and rehabilitation expenses, Smith became interested in becoming a lawyer. Recovering from a major illness incurs substantial costs, and Smith quickly realized many people do not have vital knowledge to ensure those costs are covered, and he wanted to help educate and support them.

“As a pharmacist, I could ‘talk the talk,’” Smith said. “But what about people who don’t have that kind of knowledge? I wanted to be an advocate for the disabled, and I thought law school would help me to do it.”

For two years, Smith focused on his recovery and his goal of attending law school. He spent his time learning to do everything from brush his teeth to operate his new wheelchair and medical assistance devices. In 2002 at the age of 32, he finally arrived at Saint Louis University School of Law.

“Going to SLU was the first thing I’ve done on my own in the hard, cold new world,” Smith says. His family was worried. “What if I dropped a pen, or something? I hadn’t been alone for two years,” he said. “So going to SLU, for me, was this sense of freedom, of doing something that not everyone else was capable of doing.”

Above all, Smith was grateful. “I felt being there was a gift,” he says.

Smith met professors such as Sandra Johnson, now Interim Dean, and the late Professor Vincent C. Immel, whose “crusty” exterior belied a generosity of spirit that reminded Smith of his grandfather.

The demanding Professor Immel, who taught Smith’s contracts class,
A NEW CALLING

During law school, Smith earned a Certificate in Health Law from the Center for Health Law Studies. He worked under Professors Johnson and Sidney Watson, as well as other leaders who, to Smith’s relief, didn’t treat him differently than anyone else.

“My class at that time, Bioethics, had 95 students in it,” Johnson recalls. “Yet when Smith spoke, he spoke in a way that held people’s attention. But above all, he was a good student who knew how to master the study of law, in a distinctively Jesuit tradition. He understood the human element in law, and that’s part of what embodies Jesuit education: his ability to see his colleagues as whole persons, whether students or faculty. I thought he’d be a really great teacher because I knew he would be a master of the subject—and care about his students.”

It wasn’t long after Smith graduated that Johnson received an e-mail from an old friend, Professor David Brushwood, who directs the pharmacy program at the University of Florida. Brushwood was looking for a legal scholar to teach at the University’s College of Pharmacy—a combination not easily found. Johnson thought of Smith, and as a result, Brushwood and the young lawyer/pharmacist started talking.

“I had a number of responses, but Sandy told me this guy is very special. She told me nothing about his disability. She told me nothing about his disability,” Brushwood says.

Today, Brushwood values Smith as an exceptional teacher and leader at the school, pursuing scholarly work in an area of increasing importance.

“As the country’s population ages, the demand for effective pharmaceutical access increases with each passing year. Smith’s chosen, as a scholar, to develop expertise in disability and pharmacy, an area relatively unoccupied now in the profession,” Brushwood says.

Smith researches the disability issues in health care, specifically in the profession of pharmacy. “I present it from a patient’s perspective, navigating through inaccessible pharmacies, crowded aisles, dealing with counters that are not accessible, or phone systems or websites that are not accessible for people with visual or hearing impairments,” Smith said.

“Pharmacy is starting to understand now far better than before that it’s not just our responsibility to give people a label that 90 percent can understand, but that everyone can understand,” he says.

He is active in the American Bar Association, and is currently serving as chair of the ABA’s Interest Group on Medical Research, Biotechnology and Clinical Ethical Issues.

Smith believes that pharmacy should play an increasingly significant role in the overall U.S. health care system, and he is energized at the prospect of helping to get it there.

“Because pharmacists are so accessible, it’s important they be aware of people’s challenges, and be able to counsel patients on proper diet, exercise and being compliant with their medical regimes,” he explains.

“I’m lucky to be able to put to good use both of my educational backgrounds in pharmacy and law, and to incorporate a lot of my personal experience, especially as a person with a disability. I really am a fortunate person on many levels,” Smith said.

ALUMNI PROFILE
Alvin Wolff Jr. ('79), didn’t begin his career as a medical malpractice and personal injury lawyer. In fact, when this second-generation attorney—his father also practiced law—started out more than 30 years ago, he handled everything from divorce cases to collections, worked night court and even tried a few felonies.

“Then one day an anesthesia case just walked into the office,” says Wolff of an incident in the mid 1980s. “I knew nothing about malpractice, so I went into the hospital, like Paul Newman did in “The Verdict,” with a camera, and I started taking pictures. Eventually security caught me and escorted me out, but that’s how I started doing malpractice work.”

Even though handling cases during what may be a family’s darkest moments can be stressful and taxing, this kind of work offers fulfillment for Wolff, a husband and father of three. He says he appreciates “putting some hope in someone’s life when it feels hopeless. Giving people something to look forward to. Righting a wrong. And sometimes being able to make positive changes in the health care system.”

Drawing on more than 30 years of experience helping accident victims, Wolff offers advice to bicyclists and motorcyclists in his recent publication, *The Total Guide for Motorcycle and Bicycle Accident Victims in Missouri*. An avid cyclist himself, Wolff understands what people go through when injured in these accidents.

Wolff spends much of his free time on two wheels, training and riding as many as 200 miles during one cycling event. He actively raises funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society through cycling each year—in 2010, he collected donations for the organization totaling about $33,000.

Wolff’s newest publication, *How to Pick a Lawyer or What the Advertisers Don’t Want You to Know*, is for consumers seeking a legal professional. Both of Wolff’s publications are available free on his website, www.stlouismissouriaccidentlawyer.com.

Wolff also keeps busy as an adjunct professor at SLU LAW, having taught trial advocacy at his alma mater. From his law office in Clayton, Mo., he shares more insights into his career, life outside work, and offers advice for law students:

**SLB:** How did your experience at SLU LAW prepare you for your line of work?

**AW:** Law school trained me to think about things differently. When I was in law school, a classmate and I did research for solo practitioners. After seeing the way a lot of different lawyers worked, I didn’t think I was going to fit the firm mold. So when I graduated, I used my contacts and asked lawyers to send me the cases that nobody else would handle.

**SLB:** You’re actively involved with more than a dozen charities—Boy Scouts of America, Hope Lodge Cancer Hospice, the Jewish Federation and The Mathews-Dickey Boys’ and Girls’ Club. Has community service always been important to you?

**AW:** My father was very involved, my mother is very involved, and my parents trained me to be very involved in the community. I started attending various committee meetings, then heading committees. I find it fun and rewarding to serve and head committees because it’s another way for me to make a difference in the community.

**SLB:** The Total Guide for Motorcycle and Bicycle Accident Victims in Missouri is your first book. What inspired you to write it?

**AW:** I raise a lot of money for multiple sclerosis with the MS 150 ride, and I’ve seen a fair number of bicycle accidents. During the last few years, my largest cases have been for motorcycle accidents. I didn’t see anything written for both bicyclists and motorcyclists, and I wanted to write a book that offers a simple how-to guide that serves as a roadmap on what happens on a case, what you need to do, and what you need to look for in a lawyer.

**SLB:** With your experience, both practicing and teaching law, what advice can you offer law school students?

**AW:** If you’re interested in trial work, go to court and watch trials. Take all the trial courses that are offered and be prepared for the amount of work you’re given. If you want to do trial work, you’ll need to work hard, because it takes a lot of work to win a case. SLB
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THE NEW YORK TIMES

Consumer Risks Feared as Health Law Spurs Mergers
Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010

“The new law is already encouraging a wave of mergers, joint ventures and alliances in the health care industry. The risk that dominant providers and dominant insurers may exercise their market power, individually or jointly, has never been greater.”

Thomas Greaney, Co-Director, Center for Health Law Studies and Chester A. Myers Professor of Law

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Hewlett-Packard Sues To Keep Former CEO From Going To Oracle
Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010

Even if Hurd [former Hewlett-Packard CEO] signed agreements prohibiting him from sharing trade secrets with competitors, the law may still give him substantial latitude, according to Matthew T. Bodie, a professor at Saint Louis University School of Law who studies corporate and employment issues.

“It’s not an open-and-shut case,” Bodie said. For one thing, California law does not generally recognize so-called noncompete agreements, in which departing employees pledge not to work for rival companies.

Matthew Bodie, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and Associate Professor of Law
Op-Ed: Sorry, folks -- Biden is Here to Stay
Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010
Over the years, “Let’s Dump the Vice President” has played inside the Beltway more often than “Casablanca.” So it’s not surprising that some are speculating that President Obama may replace Vice President Biden in 2012 with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. It’s not going to happen. Let’s move on.

Joel Goldstein, Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law

ADA at 20: Breakthroughs Abound, but Some Attitudes Unchanged
Monday, July 26, 2010
One key element in expanding opportunities for people with disabilities is technology. The Internet and improvements in assistive devices make it a very exciting time for the disabled rights movement, says Professor Elizabeth Pendo. “The promise of technology is exciting because it harbors what ADA has strived for since the beginning, which is fuller participation in society.”

Elizabeth Pendo, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law

Military Hunts Test To ID Potential Drug Abusers
Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010
Sandra Johnson, a professor of health law and ethics at Saint Louis University, questioned the need for a predictive test for abusers, saying it could “widen the class of persons that might be viewed as untreatable for pain.” She pointed to studies that show that for someone who has never abused drugs, the odds of becoming hooked on pain pills is remote — 0.19 percent, she said. For those who do have a history of abuse, it rises to 3.27 percent.

Sandra Johnson, Interim Dean and Professor Emerita

More Workers Facing a Sick Leave Conundrum
Monday, Sept. 27, 2010
“Everyone is being squeezed for as much productivity as possible,” said Marcia McCormick, an associate professor at Saint Louis School of Law and an editor of the Workplace Prof Blog. Some employers, she continued, may believe they can’t afford to allow people to take the leave they might be entitled to and some intentionally, or unintentionally, put pressure on workers to return to work soon after medical issue, or not take time off at all.

Marcia McCormick, Associate Professor of Law

Op-Ed: A Good Man’s Good
Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010
Walter F. Mondale was a central figure in the United States Senate during its peak years from 1964 to 1976. Only 46 other men have served as vice president, a tiny number over 221 years of American history. Of them, Mondale was the one who transformed the office from a sinecure to a consequential job.

Joel Goldstein, Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law

Op-Ed: Perspective: Accountable Care Organizations — The Fork in the Road
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010
Critical to the achievement of these ends are the regulations and guidance soon to be issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). One of the most important judgments these agencies will be called on to make entails determining how best to ensure that ACOs foster, not hinder, competition in health care markets.

Thomas Greaney, Co-Director, Center for Health Law Studies and Chester A. Myers Professor of Law

Op-Ed: Public Defenders Must Give Adequate Time To Clients
Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010
The Constitution of the United States guarantees that no one, including those citizens whose poverty requires them to seek free legal counsel, can be locked in a prison without the opportunity to defend himself. A properly staffed and funded public defender is the embodiment of a working U.S. and Missouri constitution.

Susan McGraugh, Associate Clinical Professor of Law, and Patricia Harrison, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law

The 14th Amendment — Roundtable
Monday, Oct. 4, 2010
KETC-TV encourages community discussion about immigration through The Homeland Project Roundtable Series. As part of the series, Professor John Ammann and law student Lindsey Rendlen participated in a debate about the birthright citizenship clause of the 14th amendment.

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John Ammann, Director of Legal Clinics and Clinical Professor of Law, and law student Lindsey Rendlen
CLINIC STUDENTS AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
WELCOME FAMILIES HOME

The Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinics offer free legal services to many organizations and individuals throughout the St. Louis area, but one organization gives new meaning to the idea of building a home.

Habitat for Humanity St. Louis works to combat the problem of substandard housing by creating quality, affordable homes for committed homebuyers in the St. Louis area. The non-profit invests in building energy-efficient homes through the efforts of volunteers and the homebuyers themselves.

Habitat for Humanity faces a continual cycle of acquiring and preparing building lots, evaluating and supporting homebuyer applications, building energy-efficient homes through the efforts of volunteers and homeowners, coordinating the sale of the homes to the homebuyers, and supporting its homeowners through workshops and special programs.

Throughout this effort, law students with the Community & Economic Development Clinic work side-by-side with the non-profit providing free legal services, which assist Habitat for Humanity in purchasing, constructing, and selling homes to area families. Supervised by Assistant Clinical Professor Dana Malkus, Clinic students gain experience with legal activities related to real estate acquisition and the closings for each of the homes. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the organization’s law committee with local volunteer attorneys.

“The law school has been very supportive of the Clinic’s efforts to support Habitat for Humanity through valued legal counsel and services,” said Malkus. “Through the partnership, we have a part in providing affordable, quality housing to dedicated homebuyers.”

The Saint Louis University Legal Clinics’ partnership with Habitat for Humanity began in 1994. In fact, when Clinical Professor and Legal Clinics Director John Ammann joined the School of Law, the first call he received was from Habitat for Humanity asking if the Clinics would be interested in helping the organization. Since then, law students have helped Habitat for Humanity welcome hundreds of families home.

During the Fall 2010 semester, Alexa Strong, a January 2011 graduate, spent her Clinic hours working at the Habitat for Humanity offices with SLU LAW alumna and real estate development manager, Virginia Williams ('10). Strong has assisted Williams in legal research, requests for proposals, property research and property acquisitions.

“This experience has given me a greater appreciation of the political and legal issues affecting the development of affordable housing in St. Louis,” said Strong. “It has also given me the ability to view the provision of affordable housing from the developer’s perspective and through a business lens.”

Strong’s experience working at Habitat for Humanity has also shown her the flexibility and the value of her law degree. “It has been nice to work with Virginia because she demonstrates how you can do so much with a law degree—her knowledge of the law informs what she does as the real estate development manager,” stated Strong.

While many alumni have worked with Habitat for Humanity while at SLU LAW, the experience has also shown new career opportunities to students like Kate McAnnar ('10) who is now in SLU’s Master of Sustainability program and worked with Habitat for Humanity during the spring of 2010.

“Habitat helped me understand what sustainability is. Habitat really looks at all three elements of sustainability— the environment, social concerns and economics. The organization addresses these not only by building “LEED Certified” at the platinum level, but also by reducing the utility bills of people with low incomes. Now these homeowners not only have a nice new house to live in, but most have also dramatically lowered their monthly bills from their previous residence.”

Habitat for Humanity homes are certified on the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) criteria, and during the past two years, most of its homes have received, or are expected to receive, a platinum level certification. Throughout construction, Habitat for Humanity takes careful steps to ensure the homes it produces are water and energy efficient.
Each year, Habitat for Humanity builds dozens of homes to be sold to St. Louis area families. Much of the Clinic’s work is dedicated to preparing for and conducting closings as legal counsel for Habitat for Humanity. In November 2010, students Jennifer Kawicki and Ryan McGinty had the opportunity to conduct closings on 10 Habitat for Humanity houses built in 2010 in St. Louis’ Old North neighborhood.

By serving as legal counsel for Habitat for Humanity, Clinic students gain experience by preparing documents for closings, representing Habitat for Humanity in the closings and creating a final record of all of the closing documents.

“All of our homebuyers are first-time homebuyers and many are the first out of their immediate family or friends to buy a house,” said Williams. “The Clinic does a tremendous job in educating homebuyers and going over the legal documents to make sure they understand.”

To ensure the homebuyers are fully prepared for the responsibility of purchasing, owning and maintaining a home, Clinic students conduct home-buying education meetings prior to the closings. These meetings are conducted at the request of Habitat for Humanity to review the process of purchasing a home as well as all of the legal documents the homebuyers will encounter.

The closings represent a rewarding end of a journey for the homebuyers. Once homebuyers are accepted to the Habitat for Humanity program, they are required to contribute 350 hours of “sweat equity” throughout the construction of their homes.

McAnnar points out the sustainability theme in this process: “Habitat is teaching a man to fish instead of just giving him a fish—homeowners have to physically work on their houses themselves. They also have to learn about paying a mortgage and maintaining an escrow account for repairs and insurance. This organization truly teaches people how to be homeowners and responsible neighbors.”

“We have helped these families achieve the goal of homeownership, and I would like to think that we have made them more informed homeowners than many,” said Kawicki. “It’s that feeling of helping others that makes me proud to be part of the legal profession.”

For years, law students have helped Habitat for Humanity provide quality, affordable homes for committed families in the St. Louis area. Throughout its 25 years of service, the organization has built more than 300 homes. For more than 16 years, the partnership between Habitat for Humanity and the SLU Legal Clinics has given students the experience to be confident in their legal knowledge and skills, and the partnership with Habitat for Humanity is no exception.

“The most important aspect I drew from my experience with Habitat for Humanity was realizing exactly how much influence and power we have as attorneys,” McGinty explained. “We have the ability to really affect people’s lives for the better; people take your opinions and point of view very seriously, and I was very excited that I was able to use it in such positive, life changing way.”
1956
Saint Louis University School of Law Professor Emeritus John E. (Jack) Dunsford recently received an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the National Academy of Arbitrators. In addition to his full-time teaching and service to the law school, Jack was a leader and driving force in the National Academy of Arbitrators serving, among other capacities, as its membership committee chair, president, and founder of the committee on academy history.

John Kintz was recently elected to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

1958
Joseph McGlynn was named chair of Fontbonne University’s Board of Trustees.

1962

1965
Jack Buechner was recruited by Bloomberg LLP to join the first advisory board for the new online product, “BLOOMBERG government,” which has projections of more than 2500 accounts and revenue in excess of $25 million by the end of 2011.

1966
Ned Gold left his law firm of 44 years where he was senior partner to join Ford, Gold, Falgiani Law Group. He is a five-year Ohio “Super Lawyer” and a certified labor and employment law specialist.

1967
William Halpin is an adjunct professor at the School of Economics and Business Administration at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, Calif. teaching business law, advanced legal topics and operations management. He is also a lecturer at University of California-Berkeley’s Haas School of Business, teaching law for business managers.

1968
Robert Ritter, chairman of the law firm Gray, Ritter & Graham, was named “St. Louis Mass Tort Litigator of the Year” for 2011 by Best Lawyers. Ritter also was selected to the list of 2010 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, and cited as one of the top 50 attorneys in St. Louis and top 100 in Missouri and Kansas.

Robb Scoular has been elected treasurer of Public Counsel, Los Angeles, and in 2012, he will become chair of its board of directors. He is general counsel for the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and recently served as president and chair of the council’s board of directors.

1969
Thomas Dittmeier was named last summer as executive assistant U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Missouri.

1970
Joseph Conran, co-chairman of Husch Blackwell Sanders and president of the Cardinal Ritter College Prep Board of Directors, was an honoree at the school’s 30th anniversary gala in the spring of 2010.

1971
Paul Kirk was among the first group inducted into the Ozark Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America’s Trail of Honor. The award recognized his 29 years of volunteer service to scouting. He also received the Cliff Dochterman Award from the Rotary Club, recognizing exemplary service to scouting.

1972
Mark Keaney recently was awarded the 2010 F. William McCalpin Pro Bono Award by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.

1973
Kevin O’Malley, an officer with Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., was appointed by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon to the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, which oversees and disciplines physicians and other health care providers. O’Malley is the only non-physician member of the board.

1974
James Coles joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as a partner. He will serve as co-chair of the firm’s intellectual property practice group.

Francis O’Connor, a solo practitioner in Great Bend, Pa., was elected to a third one-year term as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. O’Connor is a former member of the PBA Board of Governors and past chair of its membership committee.

1975
Scott Brinkmeyer was included in the 2011 edition of the Best Lawyers in America.

Francisco Canseco was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a republican for the 23rd District of Texas in the November 2010 general election.

Leslie Rice Melman is assistant general counsel for litigation for the Federal Trade Commission in Washington.

Veo Peoples joined Brown & James, P.C. as a principal attorney in the firm’s intellectual property and technology practice group.

1976
Lawrence Altman joined the Kansas City Public School System as exceptional education lead compliance officer and attorney. He received the Warren Welliver Award from the Missouri Lawyers Assistance Program (MOLAP) recognizing his exemplified compassion and concern for impaired lawyers. Altman also joined an American Bar Association taskforce to deal with issues of chronic mental illness among attorneys.

Robert Duffy retired as administrative judge for the EEOC and works as an attorney/advisor for the TSA Mission Support Center in Atlanta.

Mark Hassakis was installed as the 134th president of the Illinois State Bar Association. He and his wife, Janet, reside in Mount Vernon, Ill. and manage the law firm, Hassakis & Hassakis, P.C.

George Marifian was elected to fellowship by the board of regents of the American College of Tax Counsel. Associate Judge John Mehlick retired after more than 21 years on the
bench in Sangamon County, Ill. handling cases from traffic, to juvenile to small claims. He plans on doing more volunteer work as well as some under-determined legal work.

Richard Watters was named the “St. Louis Health Care Lawyer of the Year” for 2011 by Best Lawyers. He was also listed for the 20th straight year in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the health care law category.

1977
Robert Chong was recognized in the area of workers’ compensation law in Best Lawyers of America and Best Lawyers in Hawaii

Stephen Mudge is a senior partner of Reed, Armstrong, Gorman, Mudge & Morrissey and an advocate in The American Board of Trial Attorneys. He was also named an Illinois “Super Lawyer” in personal injury defense and general litigation. Mudge has been married to Brenda Ludwig for 30 years and the couple has two children, John and Taylor, ages 25 and 18 respectively.

Donald Russo handles commercial and industrial real estate transactions in the Pacific Northwest as well as much of the country.

James Sutton was selected as the IRS appeals area director to Field Operations West, Area 7. Jim joined the IRS as an LMSB Revenue Agent in 2003, and came to Appeals as an ATM in 2009. He is a certified public accountant and has a L.M. in taxation.

1978
Jay Krupin was named to Lawdragon’s Top 100 list of “The Nation’s Most Powerful Employment Attorneys.”

1979
Bradley Small was appointed vice president of the commercial banking and bankruptcy law council of the Illinois State Bar Association.

1980
Midtown Printing, owned by Thomas Auffenberg, was one of 18 companies nationwide to receive the prestigious Management Plus Merit Award and admission to the Management Plus Society from the National Association for Printing Leadership.

Timothy Casey was named to the 2010 Michigan Super Lawyers list. Casey has nearly three decades of experience in insurance coverage and indemnity contract matters.

1981
Judge Jimmie Edwards, Chief Juvenile Court Judge of the City of St. Louis was among the honorees at Cardinal Ritter College Prep’s 30th anniversary gala in the spring of 2010. Edwards is a circuit judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit in Missouri and chief judge of the St. Louis City Family Court. Edwards also received the 2010 Legal Service Award from the Mound City Bar Association in June 2010.

Reuben Shelton was elected to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

Richard Zalasky was hired by Brown & Crouppen as an attorney, focusing on personal injury cases.

1982
Roger Cammon was named president and co-chief executive officer of Bryant Group Inc., which specializes in assisting clients with wealth transfer planning and employee and executive benefits and planning.

Gerard Mantese was awarded the Champion of Justice Award by the State Bar of Michigan. It is the State of Michigan’s highest award for service to the disadvantaged. He was given this honor for his work in successfully prosecuting a class action lawsuit in favor of autistic children and their parents.

1983
Susan Denigan was chosen by the St. Louis Business Journal as one of the 2010’s “Most Influential Business Women.” She is employed by Nestle Purina PetCare Co.

1984
Laura Grandy was one of three alumni who were inducted on Belleville East High School’s (Ill.) Wall of Fame. The Honorable Fa’a’uuga “Louis” To’oto’o, former Hawaii State District Court judge was sworn in to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit (Oahu) on Oct. 7, 2010, making him the first judge of Samoan ancestry to ever serve on Hawaii’s Circuit Court bench. His term expires in October 2020.

1985
Todd Brower was voted best lawyer in health care law in The Best Lawyers in America 2011. He counsels hospitals, physicians and physician groups, home health agencies and other health care institutions.

Patrick Hagerty, principal in Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., was named to the list of 2010 Super Lawyers. The Best Lawyers of America 2010 also listed Patrick Hagerty in the personal injury litigation category.

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Beverly Beimdiek was elected to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

John Simons, attorney at The Simon Law Firm in St. Louis, was named a Missouri and Kansas “Super Lawyer” personal injury plaintiff attorney for the sixth year in a row. He was also among the top 50 St. Louis attorneys for the second year.

Stephen Woodley, principal in Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., has been named to the list of 2010 Super Lawyers. He also has been listed in The Best Lawyers of America 2010 in the personal injury litigation category.

1987
Nancy Dilley joined Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP as a partner in its St. Louis estate planning trust & estates practice group.

The Illinois Supreme Court appointed Stephen McGlynn as circuit judge at large in the 20th Judicial Circuit of Illinois. McGlynn had served before by appointment on the Fifth District Appellate Court.

Michael Schaller joined the law firm of Holtkamp, Liesch, Schultz & Hilliker, PC as of counsel. He will focus his practice on insurance defense, real estate and employment law.

1988
Michelle House-Connaghan is a family law practitioner with the law firm Green, Cordonnier & House in Clayton, Mo. She was recently admitted to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

John Nations joined Metro, the agency which owns and operates the St. Louis Metropolitan region’s public transportation system, as president and CEO. Prior to his appointment, Nations was a partner in the St. Louis office of Armstrong Teasdale and mayor of Chesterfield, Mo.

John Pollard was named a principal in the St. Louis office of Bobroff, Hesse, Martone & Doetzal, focusing continues on next page
Anthony Simon, of the Simon Law Firm, was recognized as a Missouri and Kansas “Super Lawyer” in the area of intellectual property.

Nancy Watkins was appointed to the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission, which works to recommend sentencing that promotes certainty, consistency, and proportionality of punishment and encourages the rational use of correctional resources.

David Zevan, a partner with Zevan & Davidson, received the Thomas G. Strong Trial Attorney Award from the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, which recognizes an attorney whose advocacy skills in difficult cases demonstrates great skill and passion for the injured, who has handled complex cases with some frequency and who has a reputation for professionalism, ethics and integrity.

Jane Berman Shaw joined the office of U.S. Attorney Richard Callahan as an assistant U.S. attorney. Previously, she had served as general counsel to the St. Louis Metropolitan Chief of Police and the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners from 2004-2009.

Bryan Cave LLP named Daniel Crowe deputy leader of the intellectual property client service group.

Lori Schmidt was selected as president-elect of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis.

The tax services firm Ryan has promoted Susan Bittick to principal. Bittick, an executive in Ryan’s public affairs practice based in Austin, Texas, specializes in state tax legislative and regulatory analysis and advocacy services.

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Federal prosecutor Sara Frizzell Darrow was nominated by President Barack Obama to fill a vacant federal judgeship in the Central District of Illinois. Darrow serves as an assistant United States attorney for the Central District of Illinois, where she is chief of the violent crimes section.

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James Hacking was awarded the 2010 F. William McCalpin Pro Bono Award by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. He was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Greg Radinsky is vice president & chief corporate compliance officer for North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, the second largest non-sectarian health system in the United States. He lives in Port Washington, N.Y.

1998

Eric Christensen has joined Early & Miranda PC as a principal.

Thomas Gibbons was sworn in as state’s attorney in Madison County, Ill., serving until the November 2012 general election. Gibbons was previously assistant state’s attorney and also maintains a private legal practice in Edwardsville, Ill.

The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis elected Heather Hays as vice president for 2010-2011.

Christopher Thompson is a co-founder of Greenway Family Office, which offers financial services to families with investable assets of at least $10 million and net worth of $25-500 million.

1999

Michael Barth was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Kelly Burris, a shareholder in the Ann Arbor, Mich. office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, is a recipient of the 2010 Women in the Law award from Michigan Lawyers Weekly. She was recognized for her success with intellectual property protection, the creation of a electronic/paperless filing system, her work with academia, and her long-time volunteerism and fundraising for the Air Charity Network.

Widener University School of Law Associate Professor Michael Hussey was named to the Central Penn Business Journal’s prestigious Forty Under 40 list of the central Pennsylvania’s most accomplished young leaders.

Jessica Liss was installed as president of the Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis.

Michael Owens joined the criminal defense law firm of Pleban & Petruska. Owens was a 35-year veteran of local television news, working for KSDK for the last 27 years.

Michael Schluer opened The Schluer Law Firm, P.C. in Webster Groves, Mo. He focuses his practice on helping injury victims.

Christine Shaw Zych opened the Law Office of Christine M. Zych, L.L.C. She focuses her practice on advising clients on issues of estate planning, probate, estate administration and trust administration.

2000

Kristine Weingart Bridges was installed as president-elect of the Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis.

Matthew Casey was elected second vice president of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis.

Andrew Corkery was named partner at the Belleville, Ill. law firm of Boyle Brasher LLC. He focuses his practice on litigation concerning railroads and health care providers.

James Crowe was named partner at Dowd Bennett LLP, focusing his practice on commercial litigation.

Eric Gustafson was hired as an associate by the Brown & James Law Firm. His practice areas include construction and insurance law.

John Gunn was elected secretary of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis.

Julia Kerr joined Brown & Groupen as an attorney, focusing on personal injury cases.

Zachary Pancoast became a partner with Hefner, Eberspacher & Tappella, LLC, practicing as a plaintiff’s personal injury and medical malpractice trial attorney.

Jennifer Rathburn joined Quarles & Braddy LLP as a partner in their Health Law Group. She practices out of the firm’s Milwaukee office.

Matthew Radefeld was elected to the Young Lawyers Section Council of the Missouri Bar Board of Governors. Lathrop & Gage attorney Eric Schmitt was chosen as a 2010 recipient of the Lewis & Clark Statesman Award by the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association. A Missouri state senator from the 15th District in St. Louis County, Schmitt was recognized for his legislative efforts to improve business climates and create new economic development.

2001

Zachary Abeles was recently elected as a shareholder with Polsinelli Shughart PC, with a focus on corporate law, banking and financial institutions.

Aaron French of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC was invited to join the Council on Litigation Management.

Bradley Hansmann, principal at the law firm Brown & James, was awarded the prestigious Lon O. Hocker Award by the Missouri Bar Foundation. The award is presented annually to three lawyers 36 years of age or younger who have demonstrated unusual proficiency in the art of trial advocacy.

Bridget Hoy was installed as treasurer of the Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis.

Joel Green was elected to the board of directors of the St. Louis Crisis Nursery.

Diane Keefe joined the law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC as a senior associate focusing on business transactions.

Joshua Meyer was voted onto the 7th Judicial Circuit as an associate judge in Macoupin County, Ill. Meyer was Macoupin County’s first full-time public defender.

Tara Nealey was elected a shareholder with Polsinelli Shughart PC focusing on intellectual property law.

Christopher O’Connor was selected as a 2010 Kansas & Missouri Super Lawyers “Rising Star” for his practice at Moline & Mehan, LLC, in Clayton, Mo. in the areas of corporate law, securities litigation, business litigation, securities, and corporate finance.

K. Lindsay Rakers has started her firm, Rakers Injury Law Firm LLC. Her practice is focused on personal injury and medical malpractice cases.

Russell Schenewerk’s $450,000 Plaintiff’s verdict for a fraudulent real estate disclosure in the Wyche v. Cresswell case in Stone County was named by Missouri Lawyers Weekly as one of the “Top Trial Verdicts” of 2009.

Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC announced Scott Shanker has joined the firm’s pharmaceutical, medical device and healthcare industry group in the firm’s Memphis, Tenn. office.

Frontenac Bank named David Wulkof as general counsel.

2002

Robert Enyard was elected a shareholder with Polsinelli Shughart PC with a focus on intellectual property, science and technology.

Timothy Forneris won the Missouri Bar Association’s David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in appellate practice by young lawyers.

Margaret Fowler joined the firm of HeplerBroom LLC as an associate. Fowler concentrates her practice in insurance defense and litigation.

Jason Hancock joined Hospital Corporation of America Physician Services (HCAPS) as assistant vice president of mergers and acquisitions. Jason has spent nearly five years in HCA’s planning division.

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**Daniel Hasenstab** is a principal with Brown & James in their Belleville, Ill. office. He focuses his practice on arson and fraud litigation, insurance law, product liability and premises liability.

**Cardina Johnson** joined Evans and Dixon LLC as an associate.

**Christopher Schmidt** was elected as a partner with Bryan Cave. He practices with the commercial litigation and class & derivative actions client service groups. Through his commitment to pro bono cases, he has developed a national reputation for handling international child abduction cases.

**2003**

**Kathryn Forster** was elected as a member-at-large to the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis for 2010-2011.

**Brian Massimino** opened his practice, Massimino Law, LLC, located in Chicago. He will continue to focus on civil litigation, corporate and real estate matters.

**Jane Grimaud O’Toole** joined the Columbia, Mo. branch of Wells Fargo Advisors as a financial adviser. O’Toole has served as the chief counsel for the Missouri state treasurer, the legal aid fiscal officer for the Supreme Court of Missouri and as a financial adviser in St. Louis and Jefferson City, Mo.

**Adam Randle** was elected as a shareholder in Polsinelli Shughart PC focusing his practice on wealth planning.

**2004**

**Jennifer Geschke** joined Danna McKitrick PC and will practice in their civil and commercial litigation division as well as in family law.

**Mindi Johnson** joined the law firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC in its Holland, Mich. office. She focuses her practice on health law, representing health care organizations.

**Caroline Lavelle** joined Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren as a member of the firm’s health care practice in its Milwaukee office. She counsels health care clients on general corporate, regulatory and compliance issues.

**Ryann Mantovani** was named a 2010 Multiple Sclerosis Corporate Achiever Alumni for career commitment and contributions to the community.

**Renee Auderer Read** was hired as an attorney by Remley & Sensenbrenner, SC in Neenah, Wis. She focuses her practice on family law, Social Security disability, personal injury and workers’ compensation cases.

**Jeffrey Roseman** was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

**2005**

**Christine Freeman** joined Coyne, Cundiff, and Hilleman, P.C. as an associate focusing on the practice of family law and civil litigation.

**Matthew Fry** was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

**Stephen Grimes’** article “Pressure Rising: Health Care Businesses Face Tougher Fraud Enforcement Amid Increased Criminal Presence in the Industry,” was published in the Spring/Summer 2010 edition of the Washington College of Law Business Law Brief. He currently works in the Washington area.

**Ryan McAlvey** was named director of compliance with the Columbia University Department of Athletics and Physical Education responsible for oversight and enforcement of NCAA and Ivy League bylaws.

**Shane Moskop** was named a partner at Freeark, Harvey, Mendillo, Dennis, Wuller, Cain & Murphy PC.

**Megan Seper** joined Steven M Hamburg PC as a real estate and litigation associate.

**2006**

**Apollo Carey** of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC was elected to the Leadership Academy of the Missouri Bar. Carey also was one of 15 specialists in commercial real estate receiving the 2010 Developing Leaders Awards, presented by NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association.

**Paul Fagyal** has joined Mathis, Marfian & Richter as an associate in the estate planning practice group.

**Benjamin Fletcher** was hired as an associate by the law firm Evans and Dixon LLC.

**Johanna Larsson** joined the legal team at Emerson Electric Co. as senior attorney of the trade compliance group.

**Andrea McNairy** was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

**Kristi Pfotenhauser** was elected to the Young Lawyers Section Council of the Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

**Rachel Roman** was recognized by Super Lawyers as a “Rising Star” for the second year in a row.

**Lisa Shannon** is a corporate compliance manager for RehabCare Group, Inc., She works to ensure that their hospitals, agency sites and other offices are adhering to the current regulatory and state requirements. She is also responsible for the development and maintenance of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Program.

**Matthew Voorhees**, an associate at the Law Office of Susan L. Amato, was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Matthew practices exclusively in the area of family law.

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**Anne-Marie Brockland** was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

**Alicia Campbell** was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

**John Campbell** of The Simon Law Firm was named a 2010 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers “Rising Stars” in the area of class action/mass torts.

**Bryan Godfrey** is a regulatory counsel with the U.S. Food & Drug Administrator’s Center for Drug Evaluation & Research, Division of Drug Marketing Advertising & Communications.

**Timothy Grochocinski** was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

**Kilby MacFadden** is an assistant state’s attorney for Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office in Chicago.

**Timothy Niedbalski** of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC was one of the winners of the 2010 St. Louis Business Journal’s 30 Under 30 Award given to young professionals who are set to become the region’s next top newsmakers.

**Bryan Sanger**, assistant circuit attorney for the City of St. Louis has been elected to the Young Lawyers’ Section Council of the Missouri Bar from the 9th District.

**Apollo Carey** is a principal with Brown & James, Belleville, Ill. He focuses his practice on civil litigation, corporate and real estate matters.

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**Barbara Bentrup** was named chief financial officer for Delta Dental of Missouri.
Michael Brockland was named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly. Jared Byrne joined Rabbitt, Pitzer & Snodgrass PC as an associate focusing on catastrophic injury, product liability and trucking law. Cole Combs opened Cole O. Combs, Attorney at Law PC in St. Charles, Mo. Christopher Durso was promoted to senior associate in the law firm of Evans & Dixon’s legal collections and subrogation practice group. Durso was also named a 2010 “Up & Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Angie Fletcher joined Armstrong Teasdale in their as an associate in its St. Louis office. She focuses her practice primarily on securities, corporate governance and commercial and general business law.

Natasha Lipovac was the recipient of the 2010 Excellence Award conferred by the Public Interest Law Group at SLU LAW. She received the award for her work with juveniles charged with crimes and helping to institute a pro-bono committee to serve juvenile clients in the City of St. Louis.

Erin Luke joined Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal as an associate in its litigation primarily on securities, corporate reform and financial services litigation.

Jittaun Dill joined Williams Venker & Sanders LLC as an associate. Dill regularly volunteers with Almost Home and is a child advocate for Court Appointed Special Advisors (CASA).

Martin Kehoe is an administrative law judge for the Illinois Labor Relations Board in Springfield, Ill.

Heather McCallum was promoted to senior consultant at Polaris Management Partners in New York. She married Eric A. Breitbart, M.D. in June 2010.

The St. Louis County Counselor hired Jason Murray as an assistant. He previously worked at the Gusdorf Law Firm.

Megan Nolan was hired as an attorney by Blake & Allen, PC. She focuses her practice on estate planning and trusts and family law.

Stephen Ranz joined the West Plains, Mo. office of the Missouri State Public Defender System.

Sara Reeb is an assistant attorney general at the Missouri Attorney General’s Office in St. Louis. She married Joe Robertson in September 2009.

2010

Salim Awad joined Williams Venker & Sanders LLC as an associate.

Patrick Barkley joined Hepler-Broom LLC as an associate attorney, working out of the St. Louis office and focusing his practice on civil defense and litigation.

William Benoist was hired as an associate by Lewis, Rice, Fingerhut LC in its St. Louis office, focusing his practice on business litigation.

Donald Christopher Burnette joined Renew Missouri, a Project of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, as efficiency coordinator. Renew Missouri (www.RenewMO.org) promotes strong renewable energy and efficiency policy in Missouri. Burnette will help advocate for higher efficiency standards throughout the regulatory process in the State of Missouri.

Ivan Cason was hired as an attorney by the law firm Gori Julian & Associates PC.

Colleen Eagan was hired by Brown & James Law Firm as an associate. Her practice areas include arson-fraud litigation, insurance law and premises and retail liability.

Brittany Ems was hired as an associate by the law firm Husch Blackwell. She will practice in the areas of labor and employment law.

Sherin Johari-Fard was hired by Brown & James Law Firm as an associate practicing in the areas of construction law, governmental affairs/municipal law, premises and retail liability and product liability law.

David Kelm wrote the cover article to the September 2010 Illinois State Bar Association Agricultural Law Newsletter. His is director of communications with the law firm Hennessy & Roach, PC.

Jeffrey Lester was hired by Brown & James Law Firm as an associate practicing in the areas of arson-fraud litigation, construction law, insurance law and premises liability.

Brian Marstall was hired as an associate by the law firm Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, in Milwaukee.

Kristin Steinkamp joined Brown & James Law Firm as an associate practicing in the areas of arson-fraud litigation, insurance law and premises liability.

Richard Thomas was hired as an associate by the law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP and will work in its intellectual property practice group. He formerly served as project manager for GE Automation Services.
Matthew Vanderpool won first place in the 2010 Epstein Becker Green Health Law Writing Contest. Entries in the top 20 percent are considered for publication in the *Annals of Health Law*, published by the Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Maria Wever joined Frank, Juengel, & Radefeld, Attorneys at Law, P.C. as an associate. The Clayton, Mo. firm focuses on criminal defense.

Christina Williams joined the Brown & James Law Firm as an associate practicing in the areas of insurance law, premises liability and product liability and transportation.

Christopher Wintrobe won second place in the 2010 Epstein Becker Green Health Law Writing Contest. Winners are awarded a cash prize. Entries in the top 20 percent will be considered for publication in the *Annals of Health Law*, published by the Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Adam Wuller joined the law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP as an associate in the intellectual property group. Wuller is a registered patent attorney with the U.S. Patent Office.

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The Office of Development and Alumni Relations has developed this new section to look at why alumni give to the School of Law and the different avenues available to you to support future legal education at Saint Louis University School of Law. In this first installment, we take a look at the SLU LAW Annual Fund:

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25-26 Admitted Students Weekend - Moot Court Finals
26 Public Interest Law Group Auction at Saint Louis Zoo

APRIL
1 Health Law Distinguished Speaker Series: R. Alta Charo, J.D.
6-7 Millstone Lecture: Linda Greenhouse, M.L.S.
14 CLE: “Critical Employment Cases Before the Supreme Court” (FREE)
Register at: law.slu.edu/CLE
15 Academic Excellence Awards
27 Clayton, Mo. Alumni Luncheon at Luciano’s Trattoria

MAY
17 Downtown, St. Louis Alumni Luncheon at Carmine’s Steak House
19 SLU LAW Hooding Ceremony
21 Saint Louis University Commencement

JUNE
15 Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception

SEPTEMBER
15-17 Health Law Scholars Workshop
23-25 SLU LAW Reunion Weekend