Introducing

Dean Annette Clark

Rooted in the Jesuit Mission, Dean Clark Leads SLU LAW into the Next Phase of Legal Education
Dear Alumni and Friends,

I’ve been the dean at Saint Louis University School of Law for only a few months, but the open and friendly community of students, alumni, faculty and staff has made me feel right at home. One of the consistent messages of my deanship will be that law is a noble profession, and that we aspire for all of our students and graduates to be highly competent, articulate, ethical, reflective and thoughtful lawyers who are leaders in our community. In these pages, I think you will see that, with the help of our alumni and friends, we are well on the way to meeting those aspirations.

In this issue, you will have the opportunity to learn more about me and my vision for the law school, you’ll read about the many activities and happenings within the School over the past semester, and you’ll get to hear from and about some of your favorite professors. We also profile three incredible alumni who are living the Jesuit mission right here in St. Louis in the Circuit Courts, an exemplary graduate who has devoted her professional life to representing the underserved among us, and three students who share their “up close and personal” experiences participating in the inaugural year of our exciting new Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C. program.

Speaking of our D.C. program, earlier this summer I spent time in our nation’s capital, meeting and speaking with many of our alumni at the Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception. Over and over again, I heard how much our graduates appreciate the legal education they received at SLU LAW and the doors it has opened as they pursue their many and varied careers. Several alumni mentioned the outstanding SLU LAW alumni network and the support they’ve received from fellow alumni and our Office of Career Services. Others expressed great enthusiasm for the new Semester in D.C. program and the professional opportunities such programs provide for our students. With such a great foundation to build upon, you can imagine how much I’m looking forward to working with all of you to forge an even brighter future for our law school.

I hope to meet many more of you at the upcoming SLU LAW Reunion Weekend, which will be held on campus Sept. 23-25. Please join me, your classmates, and family and friends as we celebrate this wonderful institution. Thank you again for welcoming me into this great community, and let’s all work together to advance the School of Law.

Best regards,

Annette E. Clark, M.D., J.D.
Dean and Professor of Law
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SLU LAW SUCCEEDS IN NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Saint Louis University School of Law Moot Court team placed in the top four of the 61st Annual National Moot Court Competition for the second year in a row. This year, 180 teams participated in the competition in New York City and SLU LAW was represented by students, Adam Johnson ('11), Meghan Zenser ('11) and Lindsey Hammitt ('12). The team was coached by Adjunct Professor Daniel Schramm. The team also took home honors for the second-best brief award in the competition. This is the highest placement in this category in the School of Law’s history.

As a result of the success of SLU LAW’s Moot Court team, the Moot Court program has been invited to the 2012 Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship hosted by the University of Houston Law Center. Only 16 law schools are invited to participate in this prestigious competition based upon their past year’s performance in national competitions. This will be SLU LAW’s first appearance at the Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship.

BLSA TEAM TAKES FIRST IN NATIONAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Saint Louis University School of Law Black Law Students Association’s (BLSA) Moot Court team of Courtney Logan ('12) and Kirsten Staples ('11) placed first in the nation at the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition (FDMCC) hosted by the National Black Law Students Association, held in Houston March 9-13. Staples also won the Best Overall Oralist Award, based on each competitor’s scores from all preliminary rounds.

The team placed third in the Midwest at the regional level of the FDMCC competition earlier this year in Chicago, and later defeated the Midwest regional champions to qualify for the national final round.

To take home the national title, Logan and Staples displayed extraordinary advocacy skills before a panel of United States Navy Judge Advocate Generals. Sheena Hamilton ('10), law clerk with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, coached the team. SLU LAW professors including BLSA faculty advisor Eric Miller and several alumni assisted the team during practice rounds.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINICS ASSIST IN PERMANENT INJUNCTION WIN

SLU LAW students and Legal Clinics faculty assisted in a case filed by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, in conjunction with the Justice Department and a private law firm in St. Louis, which has resulted in a permanent injunction. The permanent injunction was awarded by a United States District Court judge in June, which orders the State of Missouri to provide incontinence supplies to Missourians who receive Medicaid assistance. The ruling will allow highly vulnerable Missourians to remain in their homes instead of having to move to nursing homes.

SCHOOL OF LAW HOSTS PANEL ON SLAVERY REPARATIONS

On Jan. 26, SLU LAW BLSA brought together renowned legal scholars to discuss slavery reparations. The panel, “Understanding Reparations: Social Movement, Phantom Menace and Search for Just Recompense,” addressed the call for reparations among blacks of African descent and other supporters of reparations for the horrors suffered by those of African descent during the Trans-Atlantic Holocaust of enslavement, the period of Jim Crow “justice” and continuous discrimination leading up to today. The panel was moderated by Professor Eric Miller and included speakers Adjoa Aiyetoro ('78), associate professor of law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law; Adrienne Davis, the William M. Van Cleve Professor of Law at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law; and Carlton Mark Waterhouse, associate professor of law at Indiana University-Indianapolis School of Law.

SLU LAW PLUS UPDATE

Saint Louis University School of Law’s innovative post-graduate program had a special impact on local trial judges who were grateful for the extra assistance and resources in their area. The SLU LAW PLUS (Practicing Lawyers Unified in Service) attorneys are recent School of Law graduates who provided free and much-needed legal services to the Missouri and Illinois communities from January to April.

Seven of the 18 PLUS attorneys were assigned to specifically help meet the needs of local trial judges.

“This program has provided the Lincoln County Circuit Court a unique opportunity to obtain the research skills of an eager, licensed attorney to enable us to render well-reasoned decisions,” said the Honorable Bennett Burkemper, associate circuit judge. “It seems to me that only appellate courts get this kind of service. It has been wonderful!”

Echoing those sentiments is the Honorable Nellie Ribaudo, associate circuit judge in the 21st Circuit. “I know having help in conducting research has allowed me to work more efficiently and effectively, which in turn has a positive impact on the community who are awaiting decisions by the court.”

PUBLIC LAW REVIEW HOSTS PADILLA SYMPOSIUM

Saint Louis University Public Law Review and the ABA Criminal Justice Section hosted “A New Era for Plea Bargaining and Sentencing? The Aftermath of Padilla v. Kentucky” Feb. 25 at the School

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of Law. The symposium examined the Supreme Court’s decision in Padilla v. Kentucky, which has signaled a new era for plea bargaining and the sentencing of people charged with crimes in ruling that defense attorneys have an affirmative Sixth Amendment duty to provide accurate individualized advice to their noncitizen clients when a conviction may result in their deportation. The event featured the nation’s foremost experts on the collateral consequences of conviction, judges, criminal law practitioners, and experts on immigration law to discuss Padilla’s implications. To order the symposium issue of the Public Law Review, visit law.slu.edu/journals.

RENOVATED SCHOLAR SPEAKS ON CAMPUS ABOUT RACE AND CRIME
Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, a scholar of African-American history from Indiana University at Bloomington and the recently selected director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, gave a lecture at the School of Law March 4. The program illuminated the current relationship between the penal system and criminal justice system and Black Americans. Dr. Muhammad offered insight into how this reality has been systematically produced.

In a collaboration between SLU LAW BLSA and the Saint Louis University Cross Cultural Center and African-American Studies program, the event provided a forum for Dr. Muhammad to discuss his book Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America.

HEALTH LAW SYMPOSIUM FOCUSES ON HEALTH CARE REFORM
The Center for Health Law Studies and the Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy hosted the 23rd Annual Health Law Symposium, “Implementing Health Reform: Fairness, Accountability & Competition.” Held March 4 in the William H. Kniep Courtroom, the seminar looked at the Affordable Care Act’s ambitious timetable for implementing health reform. Nationally renowned scholars and policy makers examined some of the key issues in implementing the act’s requirements for new Health Insurance Exchanges, Medicaid expansions and Accountable Care Organizations.

Jay Angoff, J.D., senior advisor to the secretary at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, provided the keynote address as experts broke down the complexities of the law and discussed its challenges and opportunities to help inform the public on how health reform will continue to unfold and affect their individual lives. A renowned group of speakers and journal authors provided insights and perspectives on these issues, including representatives from law schools and health and governmental agencies throughout the country. To order the symposium issue of the Journal of Health Law & Policy, visit law.slu.edu/journals.

WOMEN’S JUSTICE AWARDS RECOGNIZE SLU LAW PROFESSOR AND STUDENT
Missouri Lawyers Weekly presented the Women’s Justice Awards at its annual ceremony in April. Professor Susan “Tonie” FitzGibbon, director of the Wefel Center for Employment Law, received the Legal Scholar Award, which is awarded to women faculty members or administrators at area law schools who fulfill the highest ideals of the legal profession through their own work with the justice system, through their research or scholarship, or through teaching and inspiring others. Erica Blume (’11) was recognized with the Rising Star Award, which is awarded to women lawyers 40 or under or within the first 10 years of practice who have already made a difference in the justice system or the profession and who appear on a path toward even greater accomplishment. The Women’s Justice Awards recognize women across the state of Missouri who have demonstrated leadership, integrity, service, sacrifice and accomplishment in improving the quality of justice and furthering the highest ideals of the legal profession.

SLU LAW STUDENT WINS NATIONAL LAW REVIEW WRITING CONTEST

STUDENT LEGAL WRITERS ASSOCIATION HOSTS LAW STUDENT SYMPOSIUM
The Student Legal Writers Association and Saint Louis University School of Law hosted the 2011 Law Student Symposium on April 15. This unique event was organized by Kim Novak Morse, associate director of writing support services, and gave law students a chance to share their scholarship on a variety of legal topics. The 2011 presentations included SLU LAW students Sarah Pohlmans (‘12), Sarah Rupp (‘12), Kevin Chase (‘11), Valerie Anderson (‘11) and Erica Blume (‘11). Northwestern law student Kathy Cernocky also participated. Blume presented the winning paper, continued on next page

SLU HEALTH LAW PROGRAM IS NO. 1 IN NATION FOR EIGHTH STRAIGHT YEAR
SLU LAW’s health law program has been named the best in the nation by health law scholars, according to U.S. News & World Report. The top ranking appeared in the magazine’s “Best Graduate Schools 2012” issue earlier this year. The ranking comes as ongoing changes in the nation’s health care system create an even greater need for well-trained lawyers with a strong background in health issues.

The School of Law’s Center for Health Law Studies routinely places graduates in the nation’s leading health law firms, hospitals and health care systems, as well as on legislative staffs and in agencies that regulate the health care and pharmaceutical industries.

SLU LAW HOSTS SOCIAL WELFARE FORUM WITH SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI CHIEF JUSTICE
The School of Law welcomed Supreme Court of Missouri Chief Justice William Ray Price and George Lombardi, director of Missouri Department of Corrections, on March 18 for a social welfare forum, “After the State of the Judiciary: Let’s Roll Up Our Sleeves.” Justice Price presented “Criminal Sentencing and Better Alternatives” and Lombardi presented “Closing Prisons... Will It Ever Be Possible?” Both speakers discussed activities and advocacy efforts in the St. Louis area. The event was co-sponsored by SLU LAW, Missouri Association of Social Welfare, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Louis - Criminal Justice Ministry. Pictured left to right are Conor McCullough ('12); Daniel Glazier, executive director of LSEM; Judge Richard B. Teitelman, Supreme Court of Missouri; Chief Justice William Ray Price Jr., Supreme Court of Missouri; George Lombardi, director of Missouri Department of Corrections; and Karen Newburg ('13).

RICHARD AMELUNG TAKES PART IN REBUILDING HAITIAN LIBRARIES
In addition to his roles as assistant director of the law library and director of the Center for International and Comparative Law, Richard Amelung lends his time to the Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC), as a member of its board of directors. A nonprofit cooperative of libraries, the LLMC is dedicated to the goals of preserving legal titles and government documents on film, while making copies inexpensively available either in microfiche format or digitally through its online service LLMC-Digital.

As part of the efforts to assist Haiti in the wake of the 2010 earthquake, the LLMC and its member libraries are focusing on rebuilding Haiti’s law libraries using every digital option available.

LYNNE HARTKE NEWLY ELECTED RIPS-SIS OFFICER
Assistant Professor of Legal Research Lynne Hartke was recently elected as member-at-large for the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS) for 2011-2012. RIPS-SIS is part of the American Association of Law Libraries, and its mission is to organize programs and provide a forum for discussion on topics such as reference, computer assisted legal research (CALR) instruction, bibliographic instruction, interlibrary loan, circulation and other topics relating to services provided to the patron.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERTS DESCEND ON SCHOOL OF LAW TO DISCUSS OFFENDER REENTRY
In April, the School of Law, in collaboration with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the United States Probation Office for the Eastern District of Missouri and SLU LAW BLSA, hosted the conference “Offender Reentry: The Challenges for Law Enforcement and the Community.”

The conference brought together an impressive group of speakers from community organizations, law enforcement, academia and the judiciary, who addressed issues from the local, regional and national perspectives and the challenges facing both law enforcement and the community into which offenders return.

“This forum sets a proactive platform and progressive opportunity for professionals in this field to discuss the challenges that this community and law enforcement can continue working together to enhance a positive and productive transition back into society,” said Patrick Melvin, national president of NOBLE.

SLU LAW HOSTS UNIQUE EVENTS DURING COURT WEEK

ALUMNI PRESENTATIONS SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES
Patrick L. Mickey ('02), an associate at Brown & James, P.C., who practices primarily in the civil courts, and Molly Henshaw Frances ('06), a solo practitioner and former public defender who practices in the criminal courts, discussed the daily life of trial practice with SLU LAW students. Both alumni teach in the Trial Advocacy program and coach the Trial Advocacy teams.

The Honorable Kurt S. Odenwald ('79), Missouri Court of Appeals, and Karen Callanan Schneider ('05), judicial law clerk, discussed the daily life of a judicial clerk from two different perspectives to give law students an idea of the specific work a clerk does to help a judge perform his or her duties.

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS HEARS CASES AT SLU LAW
Students and members of the community had the opportunity to see the law in action as SLU LAW hosted Missouri Court of Appeals judges as they heard cases in the William H. Kniep Courtroom March 23. The panel of judges included the Honorable...
Kathianne Knaup Crane ('71), Robert G. Dowd Jr., Gary M. Gaertner Jr. ('90), and Lawrence E. Mooney. In hearing the oral arguments of the advocates and the questions posed by the appellate judges in the process of determining the fair and proper outcome, attendees were given the chance to learn about what judges consider as they evaluate the merits of a case.

Pendo was recently elected to the American Law Institute (ALI). The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law Elizabeth Devereux ('12) was welcomed to campus by the School of Law, who presented “New Drugs and Old Statutes.” In April, the Center welcomed R. Alta Charo, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy and Alfred C. Emery Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School, who presented “New Drugs and Old Statutes.”

The 2011 Adler-Rosecan Jurist-in-Residence Lecture March 25. Judge Mihm spoke on “The Challenges for the Rule of Law in the United States and Internationally in the 21st Century.” In addition, Judge Mihm met with Moot Court students to discuss his career and give advice.

The Adler-Rosecan Jurist-in-Residence program is a highlight of the SLU LAW academic year and is dedicated to the memory of Mortimer A. Rosecan, who made notable contributions to judicial education by making outstanding jurists accessible to students.

ELIZABETH PENDO NEWEST MEMBER OF ALI
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law Elizabeth Pendo was recently elected to the American Law Institute (ALI). The Institute is the leading independent organization in the United States that produces scholarly work to clarify, modernize and otherwise improve the law. Pendo is one of 43 new members joining more than 4,300 lawyers, judges and law professors.

“Becoming a part of such an esteemed group is a tremendous personal and professional honor,” said Pendo. “I look forward to collaborating with and learning from the other members and sharing my insights and experiences with my colleagues and students.”

Pendo joins Miriam Cherry, professor of law; Professor Emeritus Don King (who was elected to lifetime membership); and the Honorable Michael Wolff, professor of law; as members of ALI on the SLU LAW faculty.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERS HONORED AT PILG AWARDS
The School of Law held its second annual Public Interest Law Group (PILG) Excellence in Pro Bono Awards March 26 during the organization’s annual Fellowship Auction at the Saint Louis Zoo. The awards recognize partnerships with the private bar and are jointly awarded by the Saint Louis University Legal Clinics and PILG. The proceeds from the Fellowship Auction support the Irvin & Maggie Dagen Fellowship Fund.

The Innovators Award went to Arch City Defenders, a nonprofit founded by SLU LAW alumni Thomas Harvey ('09), John McAnnar, ('09), and Michael John-Voss, ('09), which is dedicated to addressing the underlying issues that often leave people in the revolving door of the criminal justice system and prevent meaningful rehabilitation. Bryan Cave was awarded The Leaders Award as a leader in the effort to provide the highest quality pro bono representation to indigent clients. The firm has partnered with the City of St. Louis to be the providers of guardian ad litem services for underprivileged children. The firm also joins the SLU Legal Clinics’ service ventures. The Role Model Award went to Kathy Wisniewski ('89), an exemplary member of the St. Louis legal community. A partner at Thompson Coburn, she has provided countless hours of pro bono service to underserved clients in the St. Louis area.

SLU LAW HOSTS HEALTH LAW SCHOLARS DURING SPRING SEMESTER
The Center for Health Law Studies welcomed renowned legal scholars during the spring 2011 Distinguished Speaker Series. In January, Jonathan D. Moreno, Ph.D., professor at the University of Pennsylvania and senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, presented “Mind Wars: Brain Research and National Defense.” In February, Leslie Pickering Francis, J.D., Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy and Alfred C. Emery Professor of Law at the University of Utah, presented “Surrogate Decisionmaking and the Confidentiality of Health Care Records.” In April, the Center welcomed R. Alta Charo, Knowles Professor of Law & Bioethics at the University of Wisconsin Law School, who presented “New Drugs and Old Statutes.”

The Center also welcomed a practitioner-in-residence, Melinda Dutton, a partner with the healthcare division of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP. She also holds a leadership role within Manatt Health Solutions (MHS), an interdisciplinary policy and business advisory practice within the firm. Dutton spent two weeks in residence at SLU LAW in February and March, during which she presented “Implementing Federal Health Reform at the State Level” and met with students and faculty.

LAW STUDENTS WIN AT HEALTH LAW TRANSACTIONAL COMPETITION
On March 25, the School of Law’s Health Law Transactional Team won Best Memorandum in the National Health Law Transactional Competition held by Loyola University-Chicago School of Law. Team members included Leslie Matthews, Jay Piatt and Eric Vidrine, all 2011 graduates.

Coached by Chester A. Myers Professor of Law Thomas (Tim) Greaney, the team also placed second in oral presentation.

FORMER SUPREME COURT CORRESPONDENT PRESENTS MILLSTONE LECTURE
Linda Greenhouse, former U.S. Supreme Court correspondent for The New York Times, was welcomed to campus by the School of Law and the St. Louis Beacon as this year’s James C. Millstone
Lecturer. She is currently a scholar and lecturer at Yale Law School and won the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism “for her consistently illuminating coverage of the United States Supreme Court” while at the Times between 1978-2008. Greenhouse’s lecture, “She Says. He Says. Says Who? A Critical Look at Journalistic ‘Fairness’” on the role of journalists in reporting, was held on April 6 at the Xavier Grand Ballroom. She also appeared on a panel April 7 at the William H. Kniep Courtroom discussing the Supreme Court.

The Millstone Lecture honors James C. Millstone, a long-time editor, reporter and Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. This year’s lecture was the 17th in the series.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENT AND TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Lizzie Nelson (’11), received the Jaime Ramirez Student of the Year Award in recognition of her dedication to community service through many volunteer and charitable activities. In addition to many other activities, Nelson served as president of the Public Interest Law Group (PILG) in 2009-2010, participated in SLU LAW’s Stand Down for Veterans, led SLU’s involvement in Project XOXO, which helps unite legal organizations to raise funds for local charities, and served as a SLU LAW ambassador giving tours and assisting prospective students.

Associate Professor Anders Walker was again awarded the Teacher of the Year Award. As the recipient of the award, which is decided by the graduating class, Walker addressed the class of 2011 at the May Commencement Ceremony. Walker first won the award in 2009.

MISSOURI CLEMENCY COALITION PANEL
The public had a special opportunity to hear the personal stories of the attorneys and their clients from the Missouri Clemency Coalition at the School of Law on April 11. The Missouri Clemency Coalition helped 11 women in Missouri’s Department of Corrections serving life without parole sentences for killing their abusers seek commutation of their sentences. Panelists included SLU LAW Assistant Clinical Professor Patricia Harrison; Professor Mary Beck of University of Missouri-Columbia Law Clinic; and Missouri Lawyer’s Weekly “Lawyer of the Year,” Amy Lorenz-Moser, a partner at Armstrong Teasdale. Coalition clients Vicki Williams and Carlene Borden also participated.

SLU LAW ESTABLISHES THE VINCENT C. IMMEL LECTURE ON TEACHING LAW
The School of Law began a new lecture series to commemorate the late, revered Professor Vincent C. Immel’s legacy of fostering the highest quality legal education. Law professors and students attended the first annual Vincent C. Immel Lecture on Teaching Law April 15 in the William H. Kniep Courtroom.

“The legacy of Professor Immel is alive at the School of Law, and we want to share his passion, veracity and love of teaching law with our friends and colleagues,” said Sandra Johnson, professor emerita. “Vince’s reputation stretched well beyond the walls of the law school. He was a friend and mentor to scores of lawyers and judges in the region, and we’re proud to celebrate his life and career together under our shared interest in enhancing legal education.”

Professor Anders Walker gave the inaugural lecture based on his research and teachings on intersections of constitutional law, criminal law and legal history.

ALUMNI ATTEND FREE CLEs
The Office of Career Services and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations hosted six free CLE presentations during the spring and summer of 2011. The presentations included a variety of topics and hosted SLU LAW faculty and alumni presenters as well as other notable legal professionals. More than 500 alumni took part in these CLEs. For more information about upcoming free CLE opportunities visit law.slu.edu/CLE.

D.C. AREA ALUMNI WELCOME DEAN CLARK TO SLU LAW
Dean Annette Clark visited the D.C. area for an alumni reception in June before she officially began her position as dean of the School of Law. More than 50 alumni visited with classmates, colleagues, and professors as they reminisced about their law school experience and discussed the future of SLU LAW with Dean Clark. Alumni also attended a Washington Nationals vs. St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.

BLSA HOSTS 2011 JUDICIAL RECEPTION
The 2011 BLSA Judicial Reception on April 26 celebrated contributions by local legal professionals. The Honorable Theodore McMillian Award was presented to the Honorable Judy Preddy Draper, associate circuit judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit in St. Louis County. The BLSA Service Award was presented to Sheena R. Hamilton (’10), law clerk for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri.

JOHN AMMANN HONORED WITH FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD
Professor John Ammann received the 2011 Faculty Excellence Award. Ammann is one of only eight faculty members recognized by the University’s Student Government Association (SGA) for his dedication to the University’s students. In addition to his work as a clinical
professor of law, Ammann serves as the director of SLU LAW’s Legal Clinics, supervisor of the Civil Advocacy Clinic and faculty adviser to the Public Interest Law Group.

SLU LAW FACULTY RECEIVE THOMPSON COBURN FACULTY AWARDS
This year’s recipients of the Thompson Coburn Faculty Awards for Exceptional Legal Scholarship were honored at a ceremony April 28 recognizing the best articles published in 2009. Associate Professor Anders Walker’s “American Oresteia: Herbert Wechsler, the Model Penal Code, and the Uses of Revenge,” published by the Wisconsin Law Review, earned best article. Professor Ann Scarlett was awarded runner-up for “Shareholders in the Jury Box: A Populist Check Against Corporate Mismanagement,” published by the University of Cincinnati Law Review.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
Ranya Al-Abboud (’10) joined the Center for International and Comparative Law as the Center’s assistant director. As a law student, Al-Abboud earned a Certificate in International and Comparative Law and was awarded SLU LAW’s Academic Excellence Award for international law. She also served as an intern at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri throughout law school, starting in public benefits and special projects, before moving on to the Immigration Law Project, where she is currently a volunteer attorney.

JEFFREY LEWIS PORTRAIT UNVEILED IN SLU LAW COURTROOM
Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Jeffrey Lewis was celebrated for his tenure as dean of Saint Louis University School of Law with the unveiling of his portrait May 13 at the William H. Kniep Courtroom. Lewis was joined by family, friends, SLU LAW faculty, staff, students and alumni, as well as the portrait artist Anne Burgess Rowe, to celebrate the occasion and his contributions to the School of Law.

Dean Lewis’ portrait was installed in the Courtroom along with the portraits of SLU LAW deans throughout its history. The portrait serves as a tribute to Lewis’ 11 years as dean during which the School of Law experienced a true renaissance as investment in the law school grew; the network of faculty, staff, students and alumni expanded; and the School of Law’s Centers of Excellence continued to enjoy national recognition. Lewis stepped down to return to teaching full time in 2010.

SLU LAW HOSTS CONFERENCE ON HAPPINESS, LAW AND PHILOSOPHY
SLU LAW hosted the “Happiness, Law and Philosophy” mini-conference and workshop on May 13 and 14. The conference, chaired by Assistant Professor Chad Flanders and Professor Eric Miller, brought together local philosophers and lawyers to talk about the latest theories about what happiness is, and how a concern with happiness should influence policy and the law. The participants presented papers on ancient and modern conceptions of happiness, happiness and the law, and economics and happiness. Conference participants included Professors Eric Brown and Ann Margaret Baxley, Washington University-St. Louis; Professor Eric Wiland, University of Missouri Saint Louis; Professor John Bronsteen, Loyola University-Chicago; Professors Elizabeth Foreman and Dan Haybron, Saint Louis University; and Professor Matt Cashen, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

SLU LAW THANKS PROFESSOR EMERITA SANDRA JOHNSON FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE AS INTERIM DEAN
When Professor Emerita Sandra Johnson was asked to serve as interim dean after Dean Emeritus Jeffrey Lewis stepped down to return to full-time teaching, she accepted the opportunity to lead the School of Law through a transition period that it hadn’t seen for 11 years. With more than 30 years of teaching experience and a deep commitment to public and professional service, Johnson is a living example of the University’s Jesuit mission.

Throughout the interim year, students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to learn from her experience as the school prepared for the transition to new leadership.

“The law school was extremely fortunate to have Sandy Johnson serve as interim dean,” said Professor Tonic FitzGibbon. “Her long dedication to the law school, her experience with the University administration, her commitment to academic excellence, and her great respect and affection for law students combined to provide a flawless transition period which, I believe, greatly contributed to our success in hiring our new dean, Annette Clark.”

As interim dean, Johnson oversaw a year of new opportunities for students and advancement in academics, including the introduction of the Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C., SLU LAW PLUS and the development of the new Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law & Advocacy. Her dedication to the School of Law was experienced by all students, staff, faculty and alumni as the community joined together to continue the mission of SLU LAW.

“Sandy’s work as our interim dean this year was nothing short of amazing — she dealt with the students, faculty, staff, alumni and University administration with extraordinary grace, tact and intelligence,” said Jesse Goldner, John D. Valentine Professor of Law. “Typically, interim deans have a successful tenure if they can keep a school treading water rather than moving too far backwards, but she managed to move us forward in so many respects. I could not imagine anyone else being as successful as she proved to be.”

The School of Law community wishes to thank Professor Emerita Sandra Johnson for her service as interim dean for the second time, and wishes her much happiness in her well-deserved retirement.
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW HOODING CEREMONY
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011

THE CLASS OF 2011
Dean Clark, welcome to Saint Louis University School of Law! When you were first announced as the new dean of the School of Law, you mentioned that you were looking forward to moving to St. Louis. What do you think of St. Louis so far?

AC First, I want to offer my thanks to everyone who has reached out and welcomed me to my new home. The warm welcome has certainly reaffirmed my view that this is a place where I can thrive and put down roots. As for St. Louis, my younger son attends college here so I’ve had the opportunity over the past three years to visit, and I’ve been consistently impressed with what the city has to offer. The size of St. Louis is very attractive to me — it’s large enough to offer cosmopolitan art and cultural amenities while still retaining a small-town feel. I love the variety of neighborhoods and restaurants in St. Louis, the beautiful parks, the community feel, particularly in the Central West End, and the friendly reception that newcomers receive. St. Louis is a place with such a strong sense of history, and I appreciate the fact that so much of that history has been preserved in the form of historic buildings and homes. I am proud of the way that Saint Louis University has been an active partner in working with the city on revitalization efforts, and I look forward to exploring the ways in which the School of Law can play an even more active role.

WELCOMING DEAN ANNETTE CLARK

WITH HER BELIEF THAT LIFE IN THE LAW IS A CALL TO LEADERSHIP IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS, DEAN CLARK SAT DOWN WITH SAINT LOUIS BRIEF TO TALK ABOUT HER VISION FOR INTEGRATING THE HALLMARKS OF A SLU LAW EDUCATION – COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE COMMUNITY – INTO EVERY ASPECT OF LEGAL EDUCATION AT SLU.
You will succeed Dean Emeritus Jeffrey Lewis who spent 11 years as the dean of the School of Law. What challenges and opportunities come from following in the footsteps of a dean who had such a long and accomplished tenure?

AC I’m both humbled and grateful to be following in the footsteps of Dean Lewis. In a world where the average tenure for a law school dean is four years, his 11 highly successful years as dean at SLU are a testament to his deep love for, and commitment to, this law school. One of the comments I heard over and over again when I interviewed was how much the faculty, staff, students and alumni appreciated his leadership. One has only to consider Dean Lewis’ many accomplishments during his tenure to see the profound effect he has had on Saint Louis University School of Law.

Dean Lewis has proven to be exceedingly generous in sharing his time and insights with me as I’ve prepared to take on the deanship, and I have no doubt that I will rely on his wise counsel many times in the coming years. I want to also add that Interim Dean Johnson has been equally helpful during this transition period, and I am very grateful for her advice and counsel as well.

Dean Lewis and Dean Johnson are two examples of a wonderful tradition within the ranks of law school deans nationally, which is that the more experienced deans regularly reach out to new deans and offer their assistance.

You have discussed your vision for the next phase of the law school and a significant part of that includes capitalizing on SLU’s Jesuit mission and the law school’s ability to contribute to social justice. What are your top priorities to help achieve that vision?

AC My vision of Jesuit legal education is broader than a social justice mission, although education for justice is surely an important part. It’s about being very intentional in our mission as a Jesuit law school to educate the whole person and to produce lawyers who are thoughtful leaders and members of society. If we believe in that mission and that vision, we then have an obligation to critically evaluate our program of legal education to determine whether it is designed, through the knowledge, skills and experiences we’re providing to our students, to produce outstanding lawyers and individuals who meet those lofty aspirations.

My plan would be to incorporate this critical assessment into a strategic planning process so that we can ensure that we’re delivering to the best of our ability on the Catholic, Jesuit mission of academic excellence, education for justice, rigorous and open inquiry in teaching and scholarship, authentic valuing of diversity, and emphasis on service to others. I am firmly and deeply committed to a vision of legal education that encourages students to approach their professional lives as a calling and a vocation. It’s admittedly a high bar to set for ourselves and our graduates, but one that I believe the SLU LAW community is uniquely equipped to meet.

There are additional opportunities to focus on service at SLU LAW by building a more coherent, comprehensive and integrated public interest and service program that would benefit our students and the legal community and move us to the forefront of law schools that are educating leaders to view service to others as a core part of what it means to be a lawyer. What I hope we can instill in our graduates, no matter how they plan to use their law degrees, is the recognition that the legal profession is a service profession, that with privilege and power come responsibility, and that giving of our time in service to others is a way to maintain the humanity and nobility of the law.

You previously served as interim dean at Seattle University School of Law. How has your experience in that role prepared you for the position of dean at SLU LAW?

AC My year as interim dean at SU was a transformational one for me. I found myself enjoying deaning far more than I had expected, and I realized that I was ready for the new challenges that came with being dean. I experienced an exhilarating year in which I stretched and grew and refined the skills that are so important to leading and to working with internal and external law school constituencies, and my experience made me eager to take on a more permanent deanship.

My interim year turned out to be an ideal training ground for my new position at SLU as I had the advantage of being an “inside dean.” Because I knew the people and the school, I was able to concentrate on managing and leading a complex organization while being the external face of the law school. I learned a great deal about the importance of vision, of encouraging faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the law school to work together in a common enterprise, of communicating regularly so that alumni and the greater legal community feel connected to the school, and constantly working to enhance the regional and national reputation of the institution.

I also had some humorous experiences — I had to do my first speaking engagement away from the law school in clothes that I’d been wearing for three days straight because the airline lost my bag even though it was a direct flight, which taught me that a real dean never checks her bag. And, I had the singular experience of losing retired Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who was a keynote speaker at one of our events. You can imagine how I felt as my staff and I and her security personnel frantically searched everywhere for her (she had unexpectedly left the premises), an experience that taught me that a real dean never, ever lets go of a Supreme Court justice!

More seriously, having had that year of deaning at my alma mater, I’m thrilled to have been given the opportunity to be the dean at SLU LAW. The key will be getting to know the people who make this such a wonderful place so that I can take the SLU LAW message to the external legal community and to the academy, working of course from the strong foundation already laid by Deans Lewis and Johnson. And as I do this work, I’ll have the satisfaction of knowing that, unlike my interim dean year, I’m here for the long term and will be able to enjoy the fruits of our joint labors as the school forges ahead, grows, and changes.

Your background as a law school dean with both a J.D. and M.D. is very unique. Why did you decide to go to law school after you graduated medical school?

AC I hadn’t planned on being a lawyer or a legal academic — I was going to be a physician for as long as I can remember. Although I graduated medical school?

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cal school, I discovered in my third year as we moved out of the classroom and into clinical practice that I was uncomfortable with the physical nature of the practice of medicine. In one of the most difficult and agonizing decisions I’ve ever made, I withdrew from the medical residency match during my fourth year (while still completing my M.D. degree) and moved my life and career in a different direction.

Fortunately, I had the opportunity to do some medical-legal consulting work while in medical school, and the challenge of integrating medicine and law captured my imagination, offering me a way to continue to use what I had learned of medicine but in a different discipline, one that was more consonant with my skills and abilities. So, that next year after graduating, I applied and was accepted into law school. I knew from the very first day of my first law school class (Criminal Law) that I was where I belonged. Leaving medicine for law was an unconventional choice, one that my medical school classmates and professors didn’t fully understand, but it was the right decision for me. Although I didn’t plan on obtaining both an M.D. and a J.D degree when I started down my career path, today I wouldn’t have it any other way because it’s that exotic combination that opened the door to an academic career that I love. In law, I found my passion and my vocation.

**SLB** SLU LAW has four Centers of Excellence focusing on health law, employment law, comparative and international law and now the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law & Advocacy. What do you think makes these Centers important for legal education at SLU LAW?

**AC** I’m a long-time advocate of such academic Centers of Excellence because they support and encourage interdisciplinary study and research and provide a way for students to integrate theory with practice. Centers give students opportunities for deep and contextualized learning and can be an extremely useful vehicle through which the law school can promote Center faculty and their scholarship/expertise nationally. Centers also provide a visible interface for outside constituencies to connect with the law school. I appreciate the fact that the SLU LAW Centers are multi-layered (with curricular classroom and clinical skills components, scholarly endeavors and writing opportunities, associated symposia and journals, student-led service and other activities) because this type of layered structure promotes synergies within each Center and across Centers and disciplines.

The new Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law & Advocacy (CISLA) is an exciting venture, the first of its kind in the nation, I believe, in its focus on preparing law students to advocate in settings other than the courtroom, and in bringing together such disparate academic disciplines as behavioral science, psychology, theater, linguistics, sociology, and neuroscience in order to research and study what those disciplines can teach us about the advocacy enterprise. CISLA will draw on expertise from the larger University, and we are particularly fortunate to have former Supreme Court of Missouri Judge Michael Wolff returning to the law school to lead its development. This new center will put SLU LAW on the cutting edge within the legal academy by bringing together interdisciplinary study and lawyering skills development.

**SLB** The School of Law has a wide base of accomplished alumni, how do you plan to further engage the alumni with current SLU LAW students?

**AC** My overall strategy is to bring the outside community (local, regional, and national) into the law school as much as possible and to take the law school out into the community. Being student-centered in my role means that in every interaction I have with alumni or other individuals outside the law school, I will be strategizing about how I can utilize that interaction for the benefit of students. The possibilities are endless; it’s the dean’s job to help make those possibilities a reality for our students.

One of my first duties as incoming dean was to attend the alumni reception in Washington, D.C. in June. I’m a big fan of using such events to bring together prospective students, current students, and alumni, and I was so pleased to learn that SLU LAW, through the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, had already designed the reception in just that way. The key to this type of event is to help and encourage students to put themselves out there to network and build the professional relationships that may ultimately lead to a job. Other terrific ideas have already been put in place at SLU, such as the Alumni Advisory Network, including the new “Going Home for Summer?” program, and I will seek to both build on those programs and reach out to students and alumni for their ideas.

Another concept I discussed with a group of students when I interviewed is the creation of something like a recent alumni committee. Such a committee could be very useful, for example, in helping us determine how best to harness social networking in order to connect alumni with the school and with current students. This group would also be particularly well suited to advise and counsel current students on strategies for breaking into what is admittedly a difficult legal market.

My experience has been that alumni are extraordinarily generous with their time and expertise as long as they feel that their contributions are meaningful and as long as their participation with
SLU LAW is structured in a way that is respectful of their busy lives and the many demands on their time.

SLB The law school is currently running a campaign to raise funds for a new building and updated facilities. How do you plan to advance the campaign and complete this project?  
AC I believe this building campaign is essential to the law school’s future, and with the help of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, I plan to make the campaign one of my first priorities as dean.

With the rapid change in the way law is practiced in the United States and globally, students will be better equipped for professional legal careers if they have practical skills training and diverse law school experiences. Smaller classroom space for small groups and LRW courses and an expanded courtroom for simulating arguments and getting the feel of a trial will be critical to students’ continued growth and success.

The building is also a very important way that we present ourselves to the outside world, and right now, there’s a dissonance between SLU LAW’s high quality student body, faculty, and program of legal education and the physical plant that houses the operation. My goal is to make a persuasive case to alumni and friends of the law school that in order to serve our students well and continue to attract outstanding students and faculty, we need to add new classroom, courtroom, and gathering space and refurbish/repurpose the existing law school building.

In carrying forward the campaign, I will obviously build on the good work that’s already been done by Dean Lewis and Interim Dean Johnson. A campaign is a great way to bring the law school community together, and the importance of having a building that better reflects the school’s quality and of which we can be proud simply can’t be overstated. I anticipate having more detailed plans and announcements to share with the community this year, and I am very much looking forward to working with our generous and committed alumni to make the new building and updated facilities a reality.

SLB You have had a chance now to experience the unique SLU LAW community, which is known for its fellowship among students, faculty, staff and alumni. How do you plan to personally foster and contribute to this aspect of the law school?  
AC If I had to identify the one thing that most attracted me to SLU LAW, it would be that sense of community that permeates the school. Not all law schools are so fortunate, as I’m sure many of our students have learned from their colleagues at other law schools, but I want to also emphasize that this kind of community doesn’t come from luck or fortune, but rather because it is actively nurtured by SLU LAW’s faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

I see the dean’s role as setting the tone in valuing community and fellowship, in encouraging people to pull together in support of a common enterprise, and in ensuring that everyone’s contribution to that enterprise (including that of staff) is seen as important and valued. Some of the most successful community-building experiences I’ve had have been where students, faculty and staff are brought together in a different context or setting other than what they’re used to, such as book clubs, informal get-togethers at a faculty member’s house, a law school night at a local sports event, or a service project where students, faculty and staff work together. I’m also exploring having a “scholarship day” in the spring, which would be an entire day where panels of faculty and students who have written/published scholarship during the academic year would present their work and lead discussions for the law school and local legal community. At the suggestion of a group of students who I lunched with during my interview, I’m also planning to hold periodic “breakfast with the dean” opportunities for small groups of interested students (or “dinner with the dean” opportunities for part-time, evening students).

SLB While you will spend much of your time at the School of Law, what do you like to do in your free time?  
AC When I have the opportunity to unwind, I find that I’m a pretty quiet and contemplative person at heart, and my activities generally reflect that. I love to read — I prefer fiction over non-fiction — and my favorite vacation is to go somewhere tropical with sand and surf, set up my lounge chair and umbrella on the beach, and read to my heart’s content. I enjoy gardening — flowers rather than vegetables — and have come to appreciate perennials because they’re so optimistic, coming up year after year, bringing with them the promise of summer. I also like to cook, but I don’t consider myself an expert at all, and I’m hoping to find time to take some cooking classes over the next few years. Perhaps students will be willing to try out some of my creations as I experiment!

I’m a big sports fan, both college and professional. Football, basketball, baseball, soccer, hockey, tennis, you name the sport and I’ll know at least a bit about it (although I draw the line at curling!). I grew up watching professional football on television with my dad and I used to listen to professional basketball games on the radio at night when I was supposed to be sleeping. I’m looking forward to being a Billiken, and on the professional side, the transition from being a Seattle Mariners fan to being a St. Louis Cardinals fan should be a relatively easy one. It’s going to take me a bit longer, I’m afraid, to transition my allegiance from the Seahawks to the Rams, especially since they’re in the same division in the NFL, but I’m sure I’ll get there. Anyway, I’m hoping that my interest in sports will be one way that I can make connections with some of our SLU LAW alumni.

SLB What else should the SLU community know about you?  
AC First, that I feel profoundly privileged and honored by the SLU community’s trust in me, and that I will put my heart and soul into leading Saint Louis University School of Law in this next, exciting phase of its history. Second, that I value integrity above almost all else, and I am committed to maintaining a level of consistency and congruence in who I am as a person and as a professional, what I value, what I say and what I do. And third, that I will strive to keep the best interests of the students at the center of the decision-making processes because our students are the core of our educational mission. SLB
THOMAS STEWART

ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR STEWART SHARES HIS TRIAL LAW EXPERIENCE, HIS JOY OF TRAINING APPRENTICE TRIAL LAWYERS, AND HIS GOALS FOR THE NEW CENTER FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF LAW & ADVOCACY.
As a veteran trial lawyer with 23 years of experience, Assistant Clinical Professor Thomas Stewart knows his way around the courtroom, and for more than a decade, he has shared his expertise with SLU LAW students as they learn the art and practice of trial law.

In 2009, Stewart joined the School of Law faculty after 12 years as an adjunct professor. A 1986 graduate of SLU LAW, he specialized in products liability, medical negligence, class action litigation and toxic torts while in private practice. Today, Stewart is the director of Trial Advocacy, assistant clinical professor of law, and he was recently named the co-director of the new Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law and Advocacy (CISLA).

Dedicated to teaching students the art of persuasion and the rules of evidence, Stewart’s background provides a unique perspective for students. He teaches Evidence to students from the viewpoint of the practicing lawyer who must present that evidence to a courtroom consisting of 12 jurors, a judge, and opposing counsel.

“When I entered law school all I wanted to be was a trial lawyer,” said Stewart. “It is the courtroom where one can most dramatically see the intersection of substantive law principles and the impact the law has on people’s lives.”

Trial Advocacy provides SLU LAW students with the opportunity to step into the shoes of a trial lawyer in an actual courtroom. They prepare a simulated case working on fundamental trial techniques such as jury selection, opening statements, closing arguments, and presenting evidence. The semester-long exercise culminates with a half-day trial where students present their case in front of jurors.

Stewart believes that trial law is rewarding to students because they see the “definitive result” of their work in the judgment. “There is an immediacy to the courtroom where lawyers see the reality of the law colliding with the people in the courtroom,” he said.

He also finds it satisfying when students find their place in law through Trial Advocacy. “My favorite comment from students is when they tell me they didn’t know what they were going to do in the law, or how they fit in to law school until taking Trial Advocacy,” said Stewart. “There is nothing better than helping students find their place in the legal profession doing something they really enjoy.”

“Opening up and demystifying the courtroom for students is very rewarding,” said Stewart. “One of my main objectives is to encourage apprentice trial lawyers to stop thinking of themselves as students, and start thinking of themselves as a lawyers.”

Stewart also plays a big part in fostering fellowship within the legal community in the St. Louis area. In 2010, he worked with many of the areas most respected legal professionals to establish the city’s first chapter of the American Inns of Court. The Theodore McMillian American Inn of Court is led by 28 “Masters of the Bench,” including Stewart and the president of the Inn, the Honorable Catherine Perry, chief judge of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri. The Inn is a professional community of more than 80 attorneys, judges and students from the St. Louis area who gather for fellowship and training focusing on trial advocacy and litigation aspects of the law. During the first year, 11 students participated in the Inn as “pupils.”

“The Inn represents the tangible manifestation of my goal to push the law student into the practice of law; to get our students to turn the corner from thinking of themselves as students to legal professionals in the development process of becoming lawyers,” explained Stewart.

In addition to his work at SLU LAW and with the Inn of Court, Stewart also serves on the teaching faculty of the Missouri Judicial College. The organization provides programming for continuing legal education for Missouri judges, and serves to update the collective judiciary on developments in the law. Stewart was also the first non-member of the judiciary to help present the biannual update on the law of evidence with St. Louis County Circuit Judge Barbara Wallace.

This year, Stewart adds a new role to his work at SLU LAW as co-director of the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law & Advocacy. The Center is a cutting-edge program that will bring together insights across several academic fields to foster the study and practice of contemporary advocacy.

As co-director of CISLA, Stewart will serve as director of education and training. Professor Molly Walker Wilson will also serve as co-director, focusing on the research and scholarship component of the Center’s efforts. The Honorable Michael Wolf serves as the inaugural director and will ensure the Center stays true to its mission of encouraging interdisciplinary scholarship and research, and to make that research and scholarship both accessible and useful to law students and the practicing bar.

“Trial Advocacy by its very nature is interdisciplinary. Attorneys are required to master the subject matter of the claim of the criminal charge, present and explain expert testimony, persuade 12 strangers as to the merits of the case, and choose jurors who are best suited to fairly and dispassionately evaluate the evidence presented to them,” said Stewart. “Any number of academic disciplines have insights and empirical data that can be invaluable to today’s courtroom advocate.”

Above all, Stewart hopes his efforts enable SLU LAW students to understand the courtroom and their role in it before they try their first cases.

“My goal for SLU LAW advocates is that they receive the best training to prepare them for the courtroom,” said Stewart. “The students get their first trial experience from us, and we must prepare them to be competent, knowledgeable courtroom storytellers.” SLB

**CISLA**

The Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law & Advocacy is in the planning process. Check law.slu.edu for announcements about the development of the Center.
A CLOSER LOOK AT SLU LAW ENDED PROFESSORSHIPS

BY ADRIENNE KNOPP

The SLU LAW community of alumni and friends generously supports legal education at the School of Law in many meaningful ways. Several SLU LAW donors have chosen to recognize the excellent teaching and continued scholarship of the law school faculty through endowed professorships.

SLU LAW currently has six endowed positions that support some of its most admired faculty. In the fall of 2010, Bruce (‘73) and Jane Robert announced plans to establish and fund in perpetuity a seventh endowed professorship which will be named for the 2013-2014 academic year.

By establishing a professorship, donors support faculty members who dedicate much of their professional lives to furthering legal scholarship and preparing future lawyers to join the professional legal community.

The Robert family, a SLU education is a family tradition. “SLU education provided us, our son, and our daughter-in-law career opportunities,” said Bruce. “Jane, during her teaching of French at SLU, and all of us acquired many cherished friendships during our time at SLU. Additionally, our SLU experience helped build our sense of community service and our appreciation of the value of an education.”

“Dean Emeritus Jeffrey Lewis kept us connected to the law school and is responsible for introducing us to the value of an endowed professorship,” said Bruce. “I am, to this day, extremely grateful to Dean Richard Childress and Professor Roger L. Goldman for their involvement in my law school experience at SLU.”

“We hope this professorship will help SLU recruit and retain dedicated faculty for the law school,” said Bruce. “Further, we hope it will help enhance the value of the SLU LAW degree for all its graduates.”

The Robert professorship joins an esteemed lineage of professorships created by alumni of the School of Law. In 2002, Lance Callis (‘59) established a professorship in his family’s name to encourage and promote excellence in teaching and research. The professorship was the first endowed position established at SLU LAW since the Chester A. Myers professorship was created nearly 15 years earlier through a bequeathed donation from the estate of Chester Myers.

According to Dean Lewis, the support of faculty scholarship is a key component of a law school’s success. “Students are attracted to a law school because of the quality of the faculty, who help to produce the future generation of lawyers, and through their scholarship, substantially shape and develop the law.”

In 2004, Tom (‘78) and Rita Keefe established an endowed professorship in the memory of their friend, John D. Valentine (‘78), who passed away in 2002. In 2005, the Keefes funded a second endowed professorship, in honor of the legendary Professor Vincent C. Immel.

The Keefes’ connection to SLU goes back 50 years. Tom’s father graduated from SLU LAW in 1953 and his uncle served as dean of admissions. SLU is a part of their family culture: Tom’s brothers, their son and several nephews have also graduated from the law school, and their daughter is a current SLU LAW student.

“In truth, nothing is more important than the professors, and their commitment to students,” said the Keefes. “We felt it was appropriate and fitting to focus our support on scholarship.”

During Dean Lewis’ tenure, three professorships were added through the generosity of the Keefe family and Lance Callis. Lewis also oversaw the expansion of the Chester A. Myers professorship into two endowed positions.

According to Lewis, endowed professorships provide an opportunity to recognize some of the most dedicated scholars on the School of Law faculty.

“An endowed professorship offers three things to the School of Law: it provides recognition of a highly productive faculty member, it enhances the reputation of the University in the broader legal community, and it provides an opportunity for alumni and friends of the law school to contribute to the tradition of scholarship and teaching excellence,” said Lewis.

In recognition of the support the endowed professorships provide to the faculty at the School of Law, Saint Louis Brief takes a look at the professors who currently hold the endowed positions and learn about their current scholarship.

THE CALLIS FAMILY PROFESSOR OF LAW

In 2005, Professor Roger Goldman was appointed The Callis Family Professor of Law. A 30-year veteran of the School of Law, Goldman’s scholarship has largely focused on police licensing and license revocation laws. Goldman has played a major role in helping states develop and implement police decertification laws, which helps to ensure police misconduct does not go undetected as officers move from one jurisdiction to another.

Goldman’s work has led him to assist several government, trade and community organizations on the issue of police accountability. He is currently working with the national committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police to create a guide for police chiefs on combating sexual violence by police. Goldman is also working with the U.S. Department of Justice on recommendations for decertification, and he is working with the heads of the state license agencies to improve the National Decertification Index.

Goldman adds that while his research has enriched his teaching, the contributions of students are extremely important as faculty fellows or research assistants. “As you personally relate to the students and get to know them, you add to the multiplication of legal knowledge, where your research expands outward through your students and throughout society.”

JOHN D. VALENTINE PROFESSOR OF LAW

In 2005, Professor Jesse Goldner was appointed The John D. Valentine Professor of Law. The professorship is a tribute to the Valentine’s contributions to the legal community. Goldner was hoping that Valentine could share his expertise with future students as he tried to recruit John Valentine to teach a course on estate planning at the School of Law. Unfortunately, Valentine passed away before having the opportunity to teach at SLU LAW.
As a faculty member for the Center for Health Law Studies, Goldner’s scholarship heavily revolves around health care issues. Currently, Goldner is working on research funded by a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant with the School of Public Health to study the effects of IRS regulations on community benefit activities conducted by nonprofit hospitals. In addition, he actively works with the ABA accreditation committee to conduct law school site visits and serves on the board of directors of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

According to Goldner, an endowed professorship recognizes more than one area of a faculty member’s work. “The expectation of a professor who receives an endowed position is that he or she will have a very active scholarship, solid teaching record and service to the law school.”

Professor Joel Goldstein
VINCENT C. IMMEL PROFESSOR OF LAW

Professor Joel Goldstein was appointed in 2005 as the Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law. For Goldstein, this professorship has provided him a unique experience of holding a position that honors a fellow faculty member he knew well.

“Vince, of course, had a unique commitment to teaching,” said Goldstein. “In a sense, a professorship named for Vince Immel implicitly has a focus on our students and our alumni because those were among his enduring and deepest commitments.”

Professor Goldstein continued, “Vince Immel’s impact was historic. It is inconceivable that any teacher could have the influence he had on the St. Louis legal community and it is doubtful that many anywhere have affected a legal community in the way he did. Nonetheless, Tom and Rita Keefe’s example serves as a challenge to me and my colleagues to try to contribute to students in a way that will help them in their professional careers.”

Professor Goldstein is currently working on a series of interdisciplinary works drawing upon his training in law and political science. He is working on several projects including books on the vice presidency as a constitutional and political institution, and a book on Paul A. Freund’s writings about Justice Louis Brandeis (with Charles A. Miller). In addition, Goldstein writes in the area of constitutional law and the U.S. Supreme Court, and he plans to work on a political biography on Senator Edmund Muskie.

Professor Thomas (Tim) Greaney
CHESTER A. MYERS PROFESSOR OF LAW

In 2004, Professor Tim Greaney was appointed as one of two Chester A. Myers professors of law. As the co-director of the Center for Health Law Studies, Greaney’s scholarship resides in the area of health law and currently focuses on the Health Law Reform Act, its enactment and implementation.

Prior to joining the faculty at SLU LAW, Greaney worked for the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice. Currently, Greaney advises state attorneys general on implementation of the reform and participates in national workshops on health care competition.

“An endowed professorship recognizes a commitment to the School’s mission of scholarship and service,” said Greaney. “It rewards and encourages these important aspects of teaching.”

Professor Peter Salsich
McDONNELL PROFESSOR OF JUSTICE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

The longest serving current endowed professor, Professor Peter Salsich was appointed as the McDonnell Professor of Justice in American Society in 1989. The professorship was established in 1975 through a gift from the McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Foundation. Originally a rotating professorship at the University, it eventually found its home at the School of Law.

Salsich’s scholarship focuses on state and local government in relation to urban development and affordable housing. His current research has examined local land use regulations and the development of affordable housing. Salsich is also working on scholarship on the foreclosure crisis and an analysis of President Barack Obama’s administration’s work on housing and community initiatives.

In addition, Salsich has been involved with other areas of the University outside the School of Law. He serves on the Education and Service Learning Committee, he adds his expertise to the public policy department and as a pre-law advisor, and he is involved in the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Salsich suggests that the endowed professorship not only compliments a professor’s work, but is an impetus for further effort. “The endowed professorship strengthens the School of Law by giving recognition to a person’s accomplishments, but it also enriches faculty achievements by stimulating additional work,” said Salsich.

To learn more about the faculty at SLU LAW, visit law.slu.edu/faculty.
KELLY DINEEN

ASSISTANT DEAN DINEEN SHARES HER EXPERIENCE IN NURSING, ITS CONNECTION TO LEGAL PRACTICE AND HER ROLE AT SLU LAW, AS WELL AS HER DEEP CONNECTION TO SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY.
Kelly Dineen (’04), assistant dean for academic affairs and instructor of health law, is truly a Billiken through and through. As a student, a nurse, and a law school faculty member, Dineen has been part of the University since 1987.

Dineen was a nontraditional student as a young mother during her undergraduate career working toward a bachelor’s degree in nursing. After earning her B.S.N. in 1991, she worked as a nurse in SLU Hospital’s ICU for neurosurgery and abdominal transplants, where she cared for patients with conditions ranging from new liver transplants to acute spinal cord injuries to ruptured cerebral aneurysms. She also was a manager in neurosurgery acute care, and later she worked as a clinical nurse with a neurosurgeon who specialized in the surgical treatment of movement disorders and chronic pain using programmable implantable devices.

In her nursing career, Dineen found she enjoyed investigating and solving problems, ranging from infection control in the ICU to helping with insurance claims. Due to her skills solving complex problems, a colleague suggested she consider going to law school.

While in nursing school, Dineen realized for the first time that she was capable of being successful both academically and professionally, and she credits that experience for giving her the confidence to pursue this new path. “Previously, I’d never thought about being a lawyer, mostly because I hadn’t believed it was possible for me,” said Dineen. “But a co-worker told me I could do it, and eventually I took the LSAT.”

Dineen entered SLU LAW in 2001 as an 1843 Scholar. She took classes with Professor Sidney Watson and John D. Valentine Professor of Law Jesse Goldner, and she also worked as a research assistant with Professor Emerita Sandra Johnson. In 2004, she graduated with a Certificate in Health Law Studies.

During law school Dineen participated in the summer program for Husch & Eppenberger, LLC (now Husch Blackwell LLP). Upon graduation, she joined the firm’s health law practice group, working on matters ranging from litigation to regulatory and corporate advising. At the firm, Dineen found her nursing experience especially helpful as her clinical perspective gave her an edge in fostering relationships with health care clients. In addition, when working with medical care facilities, she could speak the language of health care and build rapport.

“Health care law is particularly context dependent and having an understanding of the health care enterprise made a huge difference for me,” said Dineen.

While at the law firm, Dineen was instrumental in the Children with Disabilities Pro Bono Project, designed to assist families and children with disabilities navigate the associated hurdles, such as access to health care and special education and related services. She worked with fellow SLU LAW alumni Jennifer Schwendemann (’90) and Jim Monafo (’91) to launch the Children with Disabilities Pro Bono Project in 2005.

During law school, two of Dineen’s three children developed new and worsening disabilities. Despite her nursing experience and legal education, she was overwhelmed by the complexity of navigating all of the systems and resources involved.

“The need for support touches every aspect of my children’s lives. But we were completely lost at times even though we had incredible advantages: we had health care coverage, my husband and I both had health care backgrounds, and I knew how to research the issues. It got me thinking … if I feel this lost, how do parents without these advantages feel?” said Dineen.

After listening to other parents’ frustrations, she realized that there was a substantial need for assistance. While many assistance programs were available, some excluded children and families through income restrictions, or they were designed to assist children and not the entire family.

Today, the project continues to assist families with matters such as special education access, medical debt difficulties, landlord-tenant disputes and planning for special needs.

After a few years with the law firm, Dineen returned to SLU LAW as assistant director of the Center for Health Law Studies. The transition back to academic work was an easy one for her.

“I loved the daily work in the Center, the chance to be surrounded by incredible health law faculty and also support the students interested in health law. In academics you have a lot of freedom to be creative, but the essence of what I do is still identifying problems and potential solutions — whether it involves students, academic policies or a health care issue I am writing about,” said Dineen.

In 2008, Dineen took the position of assistant dean for academic affairs. In her role, she supports academic programs, assists with curricular issues, plans the schedule of classes, and coordinates the development of dual-degree programs. She also supports adjunct faculty members and supervises the Academic Advising and Bar Preparation programs as well as the Legal, Research and Writing and Trial Advocacy programs. Additionally, she teaches health law seminars and the course Bioethics and the Law.

“Part of the reason why I chose to attend and also return to the law school is that people are so genuine and accessible at SLU LAW,” said Dineen.

Currently, Dineen is pursuing a Ph.D. in health care ethics. In addition to the “traditional” bioethics issues, she is interested in the policies relating to and the treatment of people in pain and those with cognitive and/or psychiatric disabilities, as well as the developing practices surrounding the surgical treatment of serious psychiatric disorders.

Throughout her legal career, academic work and in her health ethics studies, Dineen has benefited from her training and experience in nursing.

“Nursing is a holistic practice,” said Dineen. “You must look at the whole picture in context and generate practical and ethical options for the patients and their support systems, and you must advocate for those options.”

This philosophy also transfers into practicing law as advocacy is at the heart of both professions. In her role as assistant dean for academic affairs, Dineen still stands by this commitment. She has found a unique balance between nurse, lawyer and ethicist, and it helps shape her work at the law school each day.

“I have to keep in mind how even little decisions may impact the student population,” said Dineen. “Just as a nurse has to advocate for the patient, I must try to advocate for what will most benefit our students.” SLB
I n the spring of 2011, four SLU LAW students were given the opportunity to take part in the inaugural Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C. Through the Center for Health Law Studies, students were matched with internships at government agencies, and they worked on cases with licensed practitioners dealing with health care regulations. The first semester of the program sent Bethany Meuret, Rachel Taylor, Donna Tran, and Helen White, all 2011 graduates, to D.C. for some in-depth training in health law.

“Health care law is complex and fast-paced, and we’re committed to giving our students every opportunity to succeed in this field,” said Rob Gatter, professor of law and co-director for the Center for Health Law Studies. “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.”

The students set off for the district at the beginning of the semester and were paired with alumni mentors working in the area, including Bryant Godfrey (‘07), Katie Pawlitz (‘05), Ritu Singh (‘05), and Patricia Wagner (‘00). The mentors provided individual support throughout the semester and built strong bonds with the students. In addition, the students completed a course on health law agency practice taught by Mal Harkins (‘76), a partner in the health care department of Proskauer Rose LLP in D.C.

“After excelling in the health law program, these students had the chance to represent Saint Louis University, the School of Law and the Center for Health Law Studies while they contributed to important health law practices,” Gatter said.

With health care reform issues continuing to dominate United States policy and news, well-trained legal health experts are needed more than ever. The Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C. provides a unique perspective to the students, and a valuable understanding of the law in action.

“Donna, Bethany, Rachel and Helen did an excellent job in their placements and were terrific ambassadors to the program,” said Gatter. “We are looking at offering the same placements again and are pursuing additional placements for the spring 2012 semester, as we have several students who have already expressed interest in taking part in the program. The Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C. was a great success and we look forward to seeing it grow over the next several years.”

To be eligible for the semester in D.C., law students must have completed coursework in health care and administrative law in addition to their general J.D. requirements.

The students who took part in the first semester in D.C. not only had great experiences learning the law first-hand through their positions with government agencies, but they also had wonderful opportunities to experience the nation’s capital and all that it has to offer. Three students share their experiences in the Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C. program below:

**HELEN WHITE (‘11)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

I spent the spring semester working in the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General in the Department of Health and Human Services. The Office provides general legal services to the Office of Inspector General, including advice and representation regarding Health and Human Services programs like Medicare and Medicaid. The attorneys work on cases involving medical providers who have defrauded federal medical programs. My work focused on exclusion cases where providers who have acted fraudulently or abused the system are prevented from receiving reimbursements from these federal medical programs.

The Office also monitors compliance programs of entities involved in corporate integrity agreements with the government. I had the opportunity to sit in on meetings with representatives from these companies. I also had the chance to work inside a growing government agency responsible for enacting some of the biggest changes that our country’s health care system has been through.

I learned how the government expects medical providers to act in order to remain compliant with regulations. The semester in D.C. provided me the unique opportunity to add three months of full-time legal experience to my résumé. Additionally, the program enhanced my law school experience, because it allowed me to apply what I’ve learned in my health law classes to actual work situations.

One of my favorite parts of the semester in D.C. was living in a city where decisions with far-reaching effects are made daily. The other interns and I even watched an oral argument in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Because many SLU LAW alumni live in D.C., each of the interns was matched up with an alumni mentor. My mentor and I met about once a month. It was great to talk...
with her about her health law position at a large firm, how she got there, and the career advice she had for me.

RACHEL TAYLON (’11)
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

During my last semester, I worked at the Department of Justice in the Antitrust Division. My section of the antitrust division is responsible for the health care cases that come to the division. Generally, the division’s role is to determine whether mergers between health care entities or certain conduct of health care entities is harmful to competition. For example, one of the primary cases the division is currently litigating is United States v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

My experience at the division was like that of other young attorneys in my office. I drafted many legal documents, completed legal research, helped conduct depositions, as well as interviewed numerous market participants involved in markets that we were actively investigating.

The semester in D.C. allowed me to see both how governmental agencies function and how Washington, D.C. functions as our nation’s capital. Because health care law is highly federally regulated, it was invaluable to get an inside perspective on how the government enforces laws and makes policy decisions. Further, I was able to learn so much about other agencies and how those agencies function just by listening to the daily happenings of the other SLU LAW students. My other favorite experience was eating at new restaurants. There are many different ethnic cuisines available here in D.C. that are not available in the Midwest. In addition, seafood is always so much tastier on the east coast!

DONNA TRAN (’11)
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

While in Washington, I worked as the legal intern at the Office of General Counsel, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Division, Department of Health and Human Services. While CMS is considered the main client, the Office also serves the Office of Medicare Hearings Appeals and the Office of the National Coordinator. The main functions of the Office are to handle all litigation for which CMS is involved, including the health care reform lawsuits and fraud, waste and abuse of CMS programs, as well as administrative issues such as review of pending rules and regulations, guidance, other policy decisions and official correspondence.

My work in D.C. has been extremely valuable for me because not only was I able to use the skills I learned in law school in real situations rather than just in academic exercises. My alumni mentor was absolutely fabulous. We spent time together chatting both about the legal world and about life in general. She has become not only an invaluable resource for getting advice on being a young female attorney, but also a friend.

One of my favorite experiences here in D.C. was discussing each other’s experiences at our respective agencies. I was able to learn so much about other agencies and how those agencies function just by listening to the daily happenings of the other SLU LAW students. My other favorite experience was eating at new restaurants. There are many different ethnic cuisines available here in D.C. that are not available in the Midwest. In addition, seafood is always so much tastier on the east coast!

As I previously mentioned, the semester in D.C. program was an invaluable experience. I probably learned more than I realize at this point, but one of the primary things I learned was how to be a lawyer. I was able to use the attorneys. I provided legal clearance for CMS official documents such as responses to the Office of the Inspector General’s audits and drafting Medicare identity theft forms. I negotiated an amount for repayment of CMS overpayments, and as lead attorney, I consulted with CMS policy experts to determine whether certain coding and billing schemes were fraudulent. Additionally, I searched for a legal theory and worked with FDA investigations concerning a clinical research fraud case.

The unique experiences I was exposed to did not stop at my assignments, however. I was fortunate and privileged to be able to observe some high-level meetings. I was present at a meeting with the Solicitor General’s Office and the two involved parties concerning an amicus brief CMS was filing in the U.S. Supreme Court, which I helped research. I also sat in on a meeting held by the CMS administrator and attended a very educational American Health Lawyers Association conference, the Institute on Medicare and Medicaid Payment Issues.

The entire experience was a perfect culmination of my law school career. It took the theory that I learned in class, immersed it into real life, and suddenly, it all made more sense. I could not have asked for a better opportunity to gain experience, cultivate invaluable relationships for my career, and even make some lifelong friends. SLB
LIVING THE JESUIT MISSION IN ST. LOUIS’ CIRCUIT COURTS

BY FRANCESCA JENDUSA-CURCURI

LEFT TO RIGHT: CHIEF JUDGE JIMMIE M. EDWARDS ('78), FAMILY-JUVENILE COMMISSIONER ANNE-MARIE CLARKE ('73), AND DRUG COMMISSIONER MICHAEL NOBLE ('04) FROM THE FAMILY COURT DIVISION OF THE 22nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURTS IN ST. LOUIS.
Law; an ordinance of reason for the common good, made by him who has care of the community.” St. Thomas Aquinas’ quote comes alive in the work of the judges and commissioners serving the family and juvenile divisions in the 22nd Judicial Circuit Courts of the City of St. Louis. The desire to serve others is a common bond between the Honorable Anne-Marie Clarke (’73), Jimmie M. Edwards (’78), and Michael Noble (’04). They each live by example that a SLU LAW education prepares lawyers in a special way to serve the community and stand up for those who need help.

Judge Edwards serves as the chief judge presiding over the family court division of the Circuit Courts. The family court has jurisdiction over divorce actions, legal separations, child custody, adoptions, juvenile proceedings, adult abuse and name changes. The family court also includes the juvenile division, which has jurisdiction over accused offenders who are 16 years old and younger. The majority of the youth in St. Louis’ juvenile system, however, are not offenders. They are victims of neglect and abuse, who have been removed from their current living situations for their own safety.

As a circuit judge and in life, Edwards holds the community close to his heart. Edwards is a Vashon High School graduate, who was raised by his single mother in the St. Louis housing project Pruitt-Igoe.

“My wonderful mom,” Edwards proudly remarked. “She always told me that what you do for others matters most. My most important character trait was from mom — decency.”

Edwards earned his bachelor’s degree in English and J.D. from Saint Louis University. Edwards credits SLU with helping to form his passion and compassion for serving children. His experiences at the School of Law helped him to understand, “What matters most is what you do for others; everything else is secondary. Mom told me that and SLU gave me the opportunity to understand sacrifice and decency.”

He practiced corporate law for Sabreliner and Southwestern Bell, but looking for a chance to do more to help the community, he took the opportunity to serve as a circuit judge in April 1992.

“When reality checks in, you have to make sure that there is some value to your life,” explained Edwards. “I paused to do something more, to do some good.”

“There is no difference between me and the children we serve,” said Edwards. “Juvenile court has an opportunity to give back. We are a statutorily mandated rehabilitative state.”

Edwards understands that to be rehabilitated, the children have to be educated. “They aren’t born criminals, thieves, or sex offenders. They have not been appropriately socialized,” Edwards stated. “It starts in the womb. Everything they have learned is negative. They need positive socialization.”

Edwards works hard to ensure there is a place for these children to receive the help they deserve. Since 2009, he has gained national recognition from the Technology Entertainment Design Conference and from media outlets from The Huffington Post to People magazine, for his Innovative Concept Academy (ICA). ICA aims to educate youth who have been removed from traditional St. Louis city schools and are working toward their GEDs. Because Edwards operates the juvenile truancy program out of ICA, one floor of the school is occupied by youth who have been criminally charged and have gone through the juvenile court system.

“Judge Edwards brings a unique vision to family court,” Commissioner Noble explained. “It is the combination of his legal knowledge and knowledge of where we live. ICA is a practical solution to an enormous problem, and Edwards has the heart to go along with the vision.”

As another member of the family court, Commissioner Clarke is commissioner of the family–juvenile court. Clarke graduated from St. Louis’ Rosati-Kain High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Northwest Missouri State University.

The choice of Saint Louis University School of Law was an easy one for her. Clarke was first exposed to the legal profession through her father, who was a lawyer. His work as an attorney with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri instilled in her the value of using her career to serve the greater good. When it was time for her to choose a law school, SLU LAW was the only one they both considered for her because of its dedication to public service.

Clarke explains that her law school experience was unique as she graduated when there were few women and minorities in the school. Her legal education was greatly impacted by the beloved late Professor Vincent C. Immel. Clarke explained, “He scared and terrified everyone, but was so great. You knew what was expected and knew what would work in his class.”

Clarke became family–juvenile court commissioner in 1998 after working for a utilities company and in private practice.

“In juvenile work, you definitely see the impact of the system,” explains Clarke. “Recently, I ran into a girl whose case I heard some time ago. The first thing she did was run up to me and give me a hug. It is gratifying because the people I serve and see in the community know that I am their judge. You don’t get that outside of juvenile courts. That is the reward. I know I impact families.”

When asked what cases have particularly affected her, Clarke clarifies, “When I first got here, I learned that I can’t let anything affect me. I leave it at these doors. I can’t change things. I can’t get a family housing or get a parent off drugs.”

Clarke explains that she tries to give a voice to those who don’t have one. “My goal is to be effective with the time I have with a victim who needs to let the system know how a crime has affected him or her. With the parents that I see in court, they see that the system hasn’t served them.”

It is important to Clarke that juveniles in foster care know they can be successful in spite of the stigma attached to being in the foster care system.

She sees many of the juveniles in her courtroom when they first enter the foster care system. Clarke wants to make sure that if and when they reappear in court, they always return to her. “I am their judge. They know, ‘that lady, she’s our judge.’”

However, some cases are hard for Clarke to leave at the court. One disturbing case was a murder involving three girls, ages 14 through 16. The girls killed a woman days before Christmas. They were certified and eventually tried as adults. What Clarke remembers most about the case is that it was the first time she saw children with such a lack of remorse after committing a heinous crime.

However, Clarke also is able to preside over happy outcomes such as cases where parents are reunited with their children who were placed in foster care. Clarke describes, “They have done what was required of them to bring their family back together for a happy ending. That is what we live for.”

It is Clarke’s professional collaborations with Commissioner Noble and Judge Edwards that can make a big impact in the work of the juvenile court. Clarke explains that because of the impact of drugs on their court, Noble works with them using his resources to assist the families by providing drug testing and treatment options.
Clarke expressed her respect and friendship for Edwards, and how pleased she was when he joined the court. “He follows in the steps of Judge Theodore McMillian. To have the population we serve see a black man as their judge is very important to these juveniles.”

On the other side of the family-juvenile courts building, Commissioner Noble presides over the drug courts, which include an adult drug court docket, family drug court, and two juvenile drug courts. As the issue of drug abuse and addiction touches so many areas of the courts, drug courts are gaining more attention in the public system as a response to overcrowded prisons. The objective of the drug courts is to provide treatment, resources, and opportunities to drug-addicted participants, and to equip them with the tools necessary to become drug-free, productive contributors to their families and the community.

A Saint Louis University High graduate, Noble attended the United States Military Academy at West Point graduating with a bachelor’s degree in engineering. He then served in the United States Army and Army Reserve and later earned his J.D. from SLU LAW in 2004.

Noble began his legal career following a sales career in surgical devices and pharmaceuticals and planned to utilize his success in these positions as a lobbyist for the pharmaceutical industry. He also worked at Armstrong Teasdale as a patent engineer and later as a patent attorney, where he assisted with drafting patent applications and amendments.

But, while he was working at a great firm, Noble knew a career as a patent attorney didn’t fit his extroverted personality.

It was because of his experiences in Trial Advocacy that his career path began to diverge from his original plans to take form in the courtroom. Noble credits classes with Adjunct Professor Brad Kessler and Assistant Clinical Professor Thomas Stewart, who previously taught as an adjunct professor, for introducing him to the excitement of the trial work.

“I fell in love with the courtroom,” said Noble. “In Trial Ad, I was attracted to how the professors showed that it was about telling the best story and knowing the details of the case inside and out.”

Like many SLU LAW students, Noble contributed to cases the professors were working on at the time. In fact, he developed an opening argument that Kessler used in a case.

After graduating from SLU LAW, Noble used the skills he learned in Trial Advocacy as an assistant public defender. Although, he was achieving many “not guilty” verdicts, he watched many of his clients come back through the revolving door of the court, and he felt he wasn’t doing enough for them.

It was at the urging of his friend Associate Circuit Court Judge Paula Bryant, a 1983 SLU LAW alumna, that Noble applied for the position of drug commissioner. Noble believes that his passion and timing were the combination for his selection in October 2007.

Today, Noble lives in two different worlds of the public courts. He makes daily decisions about the acceptance, promotion, and retention of drug court participants, as well as manages a 10-person drug court team. In family drug court, he makes evidentiary rulings and findings of fact, and prepares orders regarding the custody of children exposed to drugs and alcohol.

“I get to work with people at their most vulnerable state when they are saying ‘I need help,’ and I get to assist them in getting back on their journey, whatever that might be,” said Noble.

“We focus on the substance abuse, but there are so many other things that go along with substance abuse. Technically, to get someone clean, all you have to do is lock them in jail. They will get clean for a while. But, in drug court you work with people to rebuild their families, you allow them to achieve the goals they previously had, before they got so side tracked,” said Noble.

“There are so many people who wanted to get a GED or get a better education, they just didn’t know how. We get to help them ‘clear the fog away from their eyes’ and then place different options in front of them. Just the fact that we can help them reconnect with families they’ve lost is the best part of it. Being at the drug court graduation, it’s really hard to not tear up. The number of people who thank the police officers who arrested them for saving their lives is amazing. That intervention, when they look back, is truly their turning point. The fact that I am part of that journey — that makes it all worthwhile.”

Noble knows his diverse legal career has been inspired by his SLU LAW education. “What I really enjoyed about SLU LAW is that there is no cookie-cutter program. It allows someone who has a desire to learn law but may be unsure of which path to take to experience a patent class that is taught by a patent attorney,” said Noble. “You can take a trial advocacy class that is taught by one of the premier defense attorneys or one of the premier civil attorneys.”

Noble continued, “The fact that SLU LAW has adjunct professors who are experts in their fields teach these programs is the reason I am here. If it weren’t for my experiences with my adjunct professors, I would not be here today.”

Noble explained how the Jesuit mission impacted his career path, “The Jesuit philosophy of ‘live for others’ was indoctrinated within me since my freshman year in high school. It was not even a choice for me when I came to law school. I was familiar with and liked the Jesuit philosophy.”

Noble continued, “It wasn’t so much the status you achieved, but the actual whole person. I liked the way the Jesuit education was always a three-dimensional education. You leave SLU LAW believing the good guys can win.”

Edwards said, “At SLU LAW, I was encouraged that there was a lot of forgiving, respect, and decency. When people treat you that way, you want to give that back. I take all that I learned in law school, translate it, and use it at our school. I feel more awesome today when I look in the eyes of these kids we work with and see that they are happy.”

Clarke provided advice for current law students, “As a SLU LAW graduate, there is great value and recognition attached to your degree. SLU LAW prepared me to do virtually anything. I encourage today’s students to work in the community, in the Legal Clinics, and get involved in your legal and non-legal community. What you know and are prepared for is not enough. Demonstrate by what you do.” SLB
From working with patients during the early stages of the AIDS outbreak to setting up a field hospital in the middle of the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm, Yuri Walker (’05) has been on the frontlines of public service the majority of her life. As a young girl, she heard stories about the exciting cases her mother worked on as a surgical technician. Upon graduating high school, Walker followed in her mother’s footsteps and went directly into nursing school. Five years later, she joined the Air Force as a flight nurse to travel the world while serving her country.

It was while training at Los Angeles County – USC Medical Center, the public county hospital that treats the most impoverished patients in the area, that Walker realized public service was going to be a focal point in her life. “I found the patients to be very appreciative of the services that were provided to them and developed a preference for working with underserved populations based on that experience,” said Walker.

Walker continues to live this creed in her work as director of the Risk Management Program for the Veterans Health Administration in Washington, D.C. Launched in 2008 at the recommendation of Congress, the program for the Veterans Health Administration in Washington, D.C. and her advice for students.

SLB What duties do you have in your role as an attorney supervisor?

YW Because we continually have an overflow of work in our office, the student that I supervised was able to assist me with the projects that I haven’t been able to devote time to. I met with her regularly to discuss the political ramifications related to some of our policy decisions as well as help her have an understanding of the critical role that the VA plays for America’s veterans.

SLB What was the experience like for your student?

YW I supervised one student this semester. She divided her time between the Risk Management Program and the Office of General Counsel, where she was co-supervised by an attorney colleague. We tried to balance her experience by exposing her to the federal tort claim process as well as VA policy development in a broad range of quality and safety considerations.

SLB What do you see as the benefits of this program?

YW It is an opportunity for students to see the inner workings of the federal government at a high level. Since Washington is the “corporate headquarters” of the federal government, the training opportunities here cannot be easily replicated elsewhere.

SLB What are the objectives of the Risk Management Program?

YW We are responsible for establishing and overseeing implementation of policy related to the disclosure of adverse events, monitoring the VA internal and external peer review program, and working closely with the VA Office of Medical Legal Affairs and Office of General Counsel for developing policy related to tort claim processing and management.

SLB What is the biggest challenge in your job?

YW It can be challenging to balance and be sensitive to the reputational risk and ethical requirements associated with some of the difficult decisions that we have to make.

SLB Do you have any advice for those pursuing a career in public service?

YW I have spent the majority of my professional life in public service at the local and federal level. I have found it to be a very rewarding experience, but it is not for anyone who is easily frustrated by bureaucracy.

SLB Have you had any unique “beltway” moments?

YW I truly enjoy the cultural opportunities available in the Washington area. The most exciting encounter I recently had was being able to hear oral arguments in a torts case at the U.S. Supreme Court with my SLU LAW student and her other attorney supervisor, arranged for us by Associate Professor Ann Scarlett. It was fascinating to watch the verbal exchanges among the Supreme Court justices.

SLB You’ve traveled and lived all over the world — do you have a favorite place?

YW I enjoy international travel with my husband and family and always have lasting memories from the places I visit. One of my most recent trips was a Dubai cruise last summer that included port stops in Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, and Oman. In March of this year, we went to Rio de Janeiro for Carnaval followed by a few days in Argentina and Uruguay. SLB
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**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL WOLFF, PROFESSOR OF LAW**

1951

Joseph Nacy has been a federal administrative law judge since 1970, and he has been with The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission since 1980, where he is a senior serving judge.

1953

Leo Konzen was one of seven attorneys recently named Laureates of the Academy of attorneys recently named Adjudication and Review.

1959

Francis J Eyerman retired after 34 years as an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration, Office of Adjudication and Review.

1960

The Illinois State Bar Association named Joseph McDonnell as a distinguished counselor, which recognizes attorneys who have practiced law for at least 50 years.

Bernard O’Reilly is retired and living in Reston, Va.

1965

Samuel Fitzpatrick retired as associate general counsel of Unitrin, Inc. at the end of 2010.

1967

David Harlan joined Armstrong Teasdale as a partner in the intellectual property group.

1968

John Diggins is a Martindale-Hubbell rated “AV” attorney for the past 25 years.

1971

Ron Klein is a retired special agent for the FBI, where he was legal advisor to the Intelligence/Counter-Terrorism Division. He is currently serving his third term as mayor of Sunset Beach, N.C.

Thomas M. Lang was installed as president of the St. Louis County Bar Association for 2011.


1972

Arthur “Mike” de Graffenried retired again after two and a half years of running a start-up Islamic investment bank in Doha, Qatar.

1973

The Lawyers Association of St. Louis presented Thomas J. Casey with the Award of Honor at its annual dinner in April 2011. He is the founding partner of the personal injury firm of Casey & Devoti, PC, former president of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis, and a current member of the Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

1974

Hon. John Beatty retired in 2009 as a judge in the Illinois 14th Judicial Circuit. He is currently practicing law part time as well as working in the areas of mediation and arbitration.

John Beeson retired from the U.S. Army and from Trichel Corporation and is politically active.

1975

Charles Brunette retired from the Veterans’ Administration in February of 2010. He and his wife, Chris, enjoy leisure activities, Indianapolis Colts games, Xavier University basketball games, and are active in church service activities.

Barbara Geffen assists colleagues around the country with the challenges of work/life balance and combines professional trips with visiting her grandchildren. Her fifth grandchild was born in February 2010.

Prudence W. Kramer received the Public Service Practitioner Award at the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Women’s Justice Award ceremony in April 2011.

1976

Hon. William Balestri retired in June 2011 after 16 years as LaSalle County (Ill.) traffic judge. He plans to travel with his wife, Margaret, and spend more time with his grandchildren.

George Marifian, of Mathis, Marifian & Richer Ltd., was reappointed to the Illinois State Bar Association federal taxation council.

Mitchell Stevens retired as a federal administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration and joined Jensen, Bartlett & Schelp as of counsel focusing on federal litigation and white collar criminal defense.

1977

Robert Bollengier has practiced law and accounting for 34 years, and holds master’s degrees from Boston University and an advanced graduate degree from Bryant University. He is a visiting lecturer at Providence College and Bryant College.

John Hessel was named the 2011 “Municipal Lawyer of the Year” for the St. Louis metropolitan area by Best Lawyers in America.

1978

Edward Blake Jr. is a partner in the Belleville, Ill. firm Blake & Allen, PC focusing his practice on real estate, business law, estate planning, trusts and estates, and family law.

David Crane joined Gallop, Johnson & Neuman as a partner.

Douglas Dowd has practiced in downtown St. Louis for 32 years. His daughter, Lia Obata, and his son, Thor, recently joined his practice, which also includes several SLU alumni.

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Hon. Esteban Sanchez is an associate judge in Sangamon County and an adjunct professor of law at University of Illinois College of Law.

1979

Patrick Conroy, S.J. was sworn in as the 60th chaplain to the U.S. House of Representatives in May 2011. He is the first Jesuit priest to serve in this position.

Joseph Porter Jr. was named vice chair of Polsinelli Shughart PC’s general corporate practice group.

Charles “Clary” Redd joined Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP as a partner.

1980

Ruth Eisenberg is a partner at Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg LLP in D.C. She specializes in employment law, representing both employees and nonprofit employers. Ruth was named a 2010 “Super Lawyer.”

Mary Schroeder has been in practice since 1980 in Mascoutah, Ill. and has been in solo practice since 1995.

1981

Terry Gould is a member of the Missouri, Wisconsin and Arizona bar associations. He has achieved an “AV” rating from Martindale-Hubbell every year since 1992.

John Houston joined the Minneapolis firm, Fredrikson & Byron, Pa., as an officer.

Erich Vieth received the Influential Appellate Lawyer Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Dorothy White-Coleman received the Litigation Practitioner Award at the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Women’s Justice Award ceremony in April 2011.

1982

Hon. Patrick Connaghan was named to the board of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges.

Paula J. Lemerman marked her 27th anniversary as an associate county counselor in February 2011, defending the tax base of St. Louis County, Mo. Her husband, Stewart Shilcrat, works for SLU LAW, and their two children attend college in New York.

James Lemonds, of Brown & Croupen, received the Winningest Plaintiff Attorneys Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

L. Jack Vasquez Jr., formerly an administrative judge with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, is deputy director for the Commission’s St. Louis District Office.

1984

SLU LAW Professor Susan “Tonie” FitzGibbon received the Legal Scholar Award at the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Women’s Justice Award ceremony in April 2011.

John Mulligan, University City attorney, is a winner of the Largest Plaintiff Wins Category Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

1985

Joseph Benson received semicha (rabbinic ordination) in 2007, and served as rabbi-in-residence at Temple Beth El, and founding rabbi at Congregation Shaare Tikvah, both in Jefferson City, Mo. He lectures on Judaism, writes a column for the Missouri Bar publication, Precedent, serves on the book publication subcommittee of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and has authored three monographs for the Court.

Patrick Bira was elected as an American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Regent for Missouri in November of 2010.

Michael Correale is a dentist in Leadington, Mo.

Jack H. Humes Jr. recently merged his firm, Humes Law Office, with Sivia Business & Legal Services, P.C. with offices in Edwardsville and Alton, Ill.

Hon. William Mudge was sworn in as a circuit court judge in December 2010 in Madison County, Ill.

William Ruby has been a volunteer with SLU Campus Ministry with a student-alumni choir since 1991. He returned to grad school in 2009.

T. Michael Ward, of Brown & James, received the Law Firm Leader Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

1986

Cordell Schulten is an associate professor of American law on the faculty of Handong University in Pohang, Korea. She teaches in the University’s U.S. & international law program of study within its undergraduate law school.

John Simon of the Simon Law Firm was named 2011 “St. Louis Personal Injury Litigator of the Year” by Best Lawyers, received the Influential Appellate Lawyer Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly, and was named a fellow by the American College of Trial Attorneys.

John Stephens was promoted to chief financial officer at AT&T Corporation effective June 2011.

Michael Skinner is an adjunct professor at SLU LAW teaching trial advocacy, appellate advocacy and coaching the undergraduate mock trial team.

1989

Cheryl Kelly received the Business Practitioner Award at the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Women’s Justice Award ceremony in April 2011.

Martin Kerckhoff was promoted to deputy general counsel by the American Water Company.

1990

Peter B. Ries is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He recently completed a one-year tour in Balad, Iraq as the staff judge advocate for the 103rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command and was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge.

1991

Melissa Markey is a member of the board of directors of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Alan Pirtle is a trial lawyer, chairman of the Democratic Party in Monroe County, Ill., and president of the Illinois Democratic County Chairmen’s Association. In 2010, Politics magazine named him one of Illinois’ 50 most influential democrats who is not an elected official.

1992

Mary M. Bannister joined Polsinelli Shughart PC as a shareholder in the business department focusing on all aspects of corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions of privately owned enterprises.
Todd Palmer joined the Michael Best & Friedrich LLP as a partner in its Madison, Wis., office leading the environmental law group within its energy & sustainability industry team.

Randy Parham is a member of Doster Ulmann, LLC’s business law group and general chairman of the Scramble For Kids Children’s Charities.

1993

David Bub, of Brown & James, received the Winningest Defense Attorneys Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Timothy Gearin, of Armstrong Teasdale, received the Largest Defense Wins Category Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Christine Kovach (Peverly) joined the Coffey & McCracken Law Firm to lead its family law practice after serving as assistant state’s attorney in Madison County, Ill. She is the director of the Illinois Family Support Enforcement Association.

Paul Maddock joined Senniger Peck & Street as an of counsel attorney.

Mary Ann Ohms was elected in April 2011 to the city council for the City of St. Charles, Mo.

Evan Owens is state’s attorney for Franklin County, Ill.

1994

James Harper joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP as an of counsel patent attorney concentrating his practice on client counseling, opinions and the preparation and prosecution of U.S. and international patent applications in diverse technologies.

Margaret “Meg” Tebo published the book, Shakespeare for Lawyers, in 2010. In addition to practicing law, she teaches Media Ethics and Law at Columbia College in Chicago.

1995

Janet Bander was promoted to vice president, senior counsel & Suddenlink Communications.

Gregory A. Gold, of The Gold Law Firm in Greenwood Village, Colo., was chosen as one of 10 “Lawyers of the Year” by Lawyers USA.

James McNichols joined The Lowenbaum Partnership LLC as an of counsel attorney.

Erik Solverud, a partner at Spencer, Fane, Britt & Brown LLP was named leader of their litigation practice group. He focuses on complex commercial litigation including trade secrets cases, non-compete litigation, shareholder disputes, insurance coverage and bad faith litigation and other business-related claims.

Jennifer Stockton Tucker (Griffin) married William B. Tucker on Oct. 9, 2010 at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. She was also recognized by Super Lawyers magazine as a Missouri & Kansas 2010 “Rising Star.”

Melissa Vighi of Lashly & Baer received the Member-to-Member Business Award by the St. Louis Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women.

1996

Rashida M. Buttar assumed the role of corporate secretary in addition to serving as vice president & associate general counsel at Patriot Coal Corporation allowing her greater responsibility for corporate governance matters, working directly with the company’s board of directors.

Judy El-Amin married Ronald Wayne Browne on July 24, 2010. Missouri Governor Jay Nixon appointed Kevin Gunn as chairman of the five-person Missouri Public Service Commission, which regulates investor-owned electric, steam, natural gas, water, sewer and telephone companies.

Susan Myers was promoted to the position of general counsel with Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

Petra Schwartz works for the First Judicial District attorney in Santa Fe, N.M., as deputy district attorney of the domestic violence unit. She lives in the Albuquerque, N.M. area with her husband, Brian, and two dogs.

1997

Erika Schenk of Bryan Cave LLP was named a 40 Under 40 honoree for 2011 by the St. Louis Business Journal.

Robert “Rob” Wilson continues to enjoy in-house practice in Memphis and was promoted to legal director of the biopharmaceutical company, GTx, Inc.

1999

Eric Barnhart is the chairman of the Missouri State Public Defender System.

Christianne Dougherty-Cunningham is secretary of the James Kent Inn of Court, a speaker at the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Improvement Conference, and a committee member for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative-Virginia Beach.

John Mazzei joined Brinker & Doyen LLP as an associate attorney.

Amy S. Rubin joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP as an of counsel attorney.

2000

Jeffrey Berger was named a St. Louis Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 honoree. He works for McBride and Sons.

Stacy Bratcher (Rummel) and her husband, Doug, welcomed their first child, a daughter, in December 2010.

Marc Cervantes married Diana Diaco in June 2010 in Chicago.

Amy Gulinson, a partner at the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady, was named a 2011 “Illinois Rising Star” by Super Lawyers.

John R. Gunn has been elected to the boards of directors of The Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Company and The Bar Plan Surety and Fidelity Company. He is also serving in the ABA House of Delegates and is vice president of The Gunn Law Firm, P.C. in west St. Louis County focusing his practice on probate and estate planning.

Deborah Hawkins opened her own practice, the Hawkins Law Office, PC. She lives in Edwardsville, Ill.

John Howard joined Wellmont Health Systems as general counsel. He oversees Wellmont’s legal affairs and participates in the oversight and management of its medical practices and clinical affiliations.

Joan B. Killgore, an attorney with Polzinelli Shughart PC, was selected as the vice president of the Missouri Society of Health Care Attorneys.

Irene Marusic, of Brown & James, received the Winningest Defense Attorneys Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Amanda Mueller became a partner at HeplerBroom LLC focusing on complex litigation matters including: premises liability, personal injury, religious/school institution, third-party criminal acts, and business litigation.

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Angela Quinn was named a partner by Husch Blackwell.

Robert Slenker, a member of Armstrong Teasdale’s intellectual property practice group, has been named of counsel focusing on the areas of patent, trademark and intellectual property.

2001

Bradley Allen is a partner in the Belleville, Ill. firm Blake & Allen, PC focusing his practice on real estate, business law, estate planning, trusts and estates, and family law.

Jennifer L. Elliott, a partner with Stites & Harbison, was elected chairperson of the board of trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. She serves on the audit and investment committees and chairs the retiree health, and legal, compliance & governance committees of the board.

Lowes Finney was re-elected to a second four-year term in the Tennessee State Senate District 27 in November 2010.

David Nienteimer was elected an officer at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, PC, serving in their litigation practice group.

Jennifer Price was named a partner at Thompson Coburn.

Jennifer Vuchich was one of two attorneys to receive the first SILEC/SIPCA Prosecutor Award honoring a state’s attorney, assistant state’s attorney, or federal attorney in the Southern District of Illinois.

2002

Tabitha Atwell, with Affinity Law Group, LLC, was elected to the board of directors for the Society of Financial Service Professionals, Greater St. Louis Chapter. She is a member of the Missouri Bar’s Probate and Trust, Elder Law and Taxation Committees, and a member of WealthCounsel.

Tyler Breed joined the Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Co. as claims counsel.

Nicholas “Nick” Gerhart joined Sammons Financial Group in West Des Moines, Iowa as the vice president of compliance and regulatory affairs.

Mandy Kamykowski was elected as an officer at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, PC, serving in the litigation practice group.

Robert John Klevorn was elected as a partner by The Stolar Partnership LLP.

Corey Kraushaar, of Brown & James, received the Largest Defense Wins Category Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Cicely Lubben (Miedendorf) was selected as a partner with Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP. She is a member of the business litigation division, focusing on commercial litigation, products liability and employment law.

Aaron Pawlitz is a member at Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. He was named a 2010 “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers and recently authored articles on negotiating data center leases and on bank-arranged tax-exempt obligation issuances.

Dr. Dora B. Schriro, commissioner of New York City’s Department of Correction received the 2011 American Justice Award presented by the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center.

Sara Stock of Lewis, Rice & Fingersh was awarded the Member to Member Business Award by the St. Louis Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women.

James “Jay” Zych was elected an officer at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, PC, serving in their litigation practice group.

2003

Jeannie Boettler was named as a partner at Armstrong Teasdale. She is a member of the intellectual property group.

Patrick Brennan was named as a partner at Armstrong Teasdale. He is a member of the intellectual property group.

Kevin Buchek was named a 40 Under 40 Honoree for 2011 by the St. Louis Business Journal. He was also named chief executive of E.M. Harris Construction Co.

Jonathan Moberly and his wife, Jennifer, have a two-year old daughter. Jonathan is the curriculum coordinator for the Eckelkamp College of Business and Professional Studies at Fontbonne University and varsity football coach at Lutheran High School.

Cassandra Sanford of KellyMitchell was named a 40 Under 40 honoree for 2011 for the St. Louis Business Journal.

2004

Thomas Crocco was named the director of the Missouri Public Defender’s Office in Troy, Mo. and was previously assistant public defender in Union, Mo.

Kevin Etzkorn was named to Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard as an associate.

Nancy Hawes was elected as a partner by The Stolar Partnership LLP.

Mary V. Khouri joined Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C in its employee benefits practice group as an associate.

Tarra Morris and Matt Morris welcomed the birth of their second son on Nov. 30, 2010. Matt practices law in Edwardsville, Ill., at Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen. Tarra is the owner and president of Pride Cheer and teaches as an adjunct professor at Fontbonne University.

Howard Podolsky completed his MBA at Washington University in St. Louis in 2010, and is national chief medical officer for NextCare Urgent Care based in Mesa, Ariz.

Mark Ryerson joined the Chicago office of Howard & Howard, PLLC.

Joshua Stegeman and his wife, Amanda, adopted a baby boy in August 2010. Joshua continues to practice as a litigation attorney at Brown and James, P.C. and co-chairs the BAMS Young Lawyers’ Division Trial Advocacy Competition.

Trisha Strode Edwards is an attorney advisor for the Social Security Administration’s Office of Disability Adjudication and Review.

Timothy Wagner is co-founder of Lawtomatic.com, which creates online exposure for attorneys to grow their clientele and referral network, and creates an outlet for potential clients to ask questions and find attorneys for their legal needs.

Misty Wuebbels (Booth) is an attorney in the Belleville, Ill. firm Blake & Allen, PC.
2006

Matthew Aplington joined The Lowenbaum Partnership LLC as an associate.

Andrew Briscoe joined the Missouri Department of Public Safety as legal counsel with a primary focus on the Missouri Highway Patrol. He is an adjunct professor at the Jefferson City, Mo. campus of Columbia College.

Halle Dimar, of Brown & James, received the Largest Defense Wins Category Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Dennis Harms joined Brinker & Doyen LLP as an associate attorney.

Michael Hodge and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child on July 17, 2010. He is general counsel for the Special School District of St. Louis County, Mo.

Timothy McFarlin joined Clark Law Firm, LLC as an associate attorney. The firm concentrates on complex business litigation.

Suzanne Strothkamp joined Express Scripts, a pharmacy benefit management company, as an associate attorney. She lives in St. Louis with her husband, Rob, and two daughters.

2007

Richard Brophy joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP as an associate in the intellectual property group focusing on litigating infringements of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade dress.

John Campbell was named as one of the Winningest Plaintiff Attorneys in 2010 and received the Influential Appellate Lawyer Award presented in January 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Danette Davis of SNR Denton was named to the executive board of Support Dogs, Inc.

David Frenzia joined The Lowenbaum Partnership LLC as an associate.

Laural Grady joined Foley & Mansfield as an associate.

Ashleigh Johnson joined the St. Louis office of Foley & Mansfield LLP.

Greg Meyer joined Armstrong Teasdale as an associate focusing on intellectual property law.

Katherine Moore (Fansler) practices municipal law, condemnation law, and land use/zoning law as an associate attorney at Paul Martin, PC.

In September 2010, David Pfeffer joined the U.S. Department of Justice’s civil division in D.C. as a trial attorney in the torts branch, focusing on aviation and admiralty litigation.

Ross Titzer joined Williams Venker & Sanders LLC as an associate in the toxic tort, commercial litigation and transportation law groups.

2008

Kevin Babcock is district director of the Missouri Public Defenders Office in Ava, Mo., which covers Wright, Douglas and Ozark counties.

Jennifer Behme, nee Sentowski, is an attorney in the Belleville, Ill. firm Blake & Allen, PC focusing her practice on real estate, business law, estate planning, trusts and estates, and family law.

Julie Bittner (Tomka) and her husband, John, were married on Aug. 21, 2010, in Arcadia, Iowa. Julie is an attorney with Gonzalez, Saggio and Harlan in West Des Moines, Iowa, and John is a firefighter with the Fort Dodge, Iowa fire department.

Jeffrey Gamber joined Niedner, Bodeux, Carmichael, Huff, Lenox & Pashos, LLP as an associate.

Chad Marzen joined the faculty of the College of Business at Florida State University as a tenure-track, assistant professor of legal studies in the department of risk management/insurance, real estate and legal studies.

Corey Schaecher joined Lewis, Rice & Fingersh LC as an associate.

Falon Wrigley joined Constagy, Brooks & Smith as an associate.

2009

Christine Carney (Campbell) married Brett Carney at Saint Francis Xavier College Church on Oct. 30, 2010. They both work at Emerson Electric Co., Christine is an attorney in the real estate group and Brett is a senior commodity manager.

Matthew Diehr joined Jensen, Bartlett & Schlep LLC.

Lauren Harris joined Brown & James, PC as an associate attorney practicing in the business & commercial litigation, employment law and premises & retail liability practice areas.


Benjamin Smith joined Pitzer Snodgrass PC as an associate.

Manasi Venkatesh, an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice in the Eastern District of Virginia, won her first jury trial in December 2010 and settled her first large case, in which Univision Auto, LLC pleaded guilty to structuring more than $1.78 million to avoid triggering IRS filings.

2010

In March 2010, Ranya Al-Abboud joined SLU LAW as assistant director for the Center for International and Comparative Law.

Matthew Beckmann is chief of staff for Missouri’s State Auditor Tim Schweiich. Matt also received his MBA from SLU and is a certified personal trainer.


Ryan Bruning joined Page Law LLC as an associate. Bruning’s focus will be on serious injuries and deaths related to tractor trailer, motorcycle and auto accidents.

Brett Buchanan joined the Jeffrey J. Bunten Law Firm.

Markus Cicka is director of the Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Office, part of the Missouri Division of Social Services overseeing an $8 billion Medicaid budget for fraud, waste and abuse on both the provider and the participant sides.

Kimberly Cotsworth joined Holtkamp, Liese, Schultz and Hilliker PC as an associate.

Kristin Mueller Crace joined Polsinelli Shughart PC as an associate.

Michael Gilgrist joined Weiss & Associates, PC as an associate focusing primarily on litigation, general business practice and real estate.

Courtney Green is the Midwest account manager for Cannondale Bicycle Corp. with 23 accounts in four states. She also advises on product liability and intellectual property concerns and was recently interviewed by Women’s Adventure Magazine.

Andrew Gulotta joined Greensfelder, Henker & Gale PC as an associate.

Brett Heger joined Bryan Cave LLP as an associate in their life sciences and health care client service group focusing on regulatory and transactional matters related to the health care industry and health care providers.

William P. Hoffman joined Greensfelder, Henker & Gale PC as an associate.

David Kelm is a contract attorney litigating underground storage tank violations on behalf of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall.

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Emily Kiser was promoted to associate with Danna McKitrick, PC.

Justin Mason joined Brown & James, PC as an associate attorney practicing in the insurance law, transportation and premises & retail liability practice areas.

Jamie Benedick McGavic joined the Stange Law Firm LLC as an associate.

Elizabeth Nguyen joined Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale PC, as an associate focusing on litigation.

Constantino “Tino” Ochoa joined Bryan Cave LLP as an associate in their real estate, banking, business & public finance, and bankruptcy, restructuring & creditors’ rights client service groups.

Michelle Radice joined Holtkamp, Liese, Schultz and Hilliker PC as an associate.

Kristin Steinkamp joined the title litigation practice of Danna McKitrick, PC focusing on real estate and title litigation representing lenders and insurers who face potential adverse claims implicating title insurance policies.

Chavon Williams joined Brown & James, PC as an associate attorney practicing in the construction law, premises & retail liability and product liability and professional liability practice areas.


Katie Hatscher Wykoff is an assistant state’s attorney (juvenile abuse and neglect division) in the Madison County (Ill.) State’s Attorney’s Office.

SLU LAW congratulates our alumni who were named “Most Influential St. Louisans” by the St. Louis Business Journal.

Leo Guccione, 1942
Joseph Becker, 1948
Hon. Carl Gaertner, 1948
Andrew Deschu, 1951
Robert Kaucher, 1951
Jerome Duff, 1952
David Godfrey, 1952
Claude Hanks, 1955
James Delaney, 1956
Lester Fries, 1956
Francis Linek, 1956
Hon. James Gallagher, 1957
Walter Petring, 1957
George Hubel, 1961

Monica Gallagher, 1966
Carl Myrick, 1966
Charles Chapman, 1967
Richard Jaudes, 1968
Robert Neil, 1968
Hon. Timothy Kelly, 1973
William Victor, 1980
Michael Beck, 1982
Anne Snitzer, 1982
Deborah Van Arink, 1990
Diedre Foster, 1991
William Harnett, 1992
Margaret Farrell, 2006
Susan Ingmire-Weber, 2007

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The Development and Alumni Relations Office is focusing on 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 installment, we take a look at Charitable Bequests.

**PATRICIA AND MICHAEL FORSTER**

**PAT** (A&S ’69)
**MIKE** (A&S ’71, LAW ’74)
**SHAREHOLDER, SANDBERG PHOENIX & VON GONTARD, P.C.**

The Forster family lineage is deeply rooted in Saint Louis University beginning with Mike’s father, Archibald, who attended SLU Medical School to Pat and Mike’s daughter, Katie, who attended SLU LAW. In addition to including SLU in their estate plans, the Forsters are annual donors, DuBourg Society members, 1818 Society members, and are committed to the Women’s Council.

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   SLU LAW Family Day
   SLU LAW Faculty Presentation
   SLU LAW Meet the Dean Reception
25 Alumni Mass at St. Francis Xavier College Church

OCTOBER

6 2011-2012 James C. Millstone Lecture
7-9 Black Law Students Association 40th Anniversary

NOVEMBER

3 An Evening with Lawrence Biondi, S.J. and Dean Annette Clark
11 Richard J. Childress Memorial Lecture

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