SLU LAW ENTREPRENEURS FORGE PATHS TO SUCCESS

ALUMNI BUILD THEIR OWN FIRMS, ACHIEVING THEIR DREAMS AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY
Dear Alumni and Friends,

It’s hard to believe that my first semester at Saint Louis University School of Law has passed by so quickly. Stepping into the role of dean has been an exciting change for me, and 2012 brings with it many events and opportunities for the SLU LAW community.

In fact, just as we were going to print on this issue of Saint Louis Brief, we were able to announce some very exciting news — the relocation of the School of Law to downtown St. Louis.

This will be a new era in legal education at Saint Louis University, thanks to a generous gift from friends of the University, Joe and Loretta Scott.

In August, we expect to move into our new location at 100 N. Tucker Blvd. The building’s proximity to the city’s courts and many law firms will lead to new educational and professional opportunities for our students. This move will also allow us to immediately develop the flexible, multipurpose, technology-centric spaces we need to support how legal education is delivered today.

The needs of our students are always our first priority at SLU LAW, and I firmly believe we will make an immediate impact on their legal education by moving forward with this very important next step in our future. I have already heard from many of you about this wonderful news, and I thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Also in 2012, we celebrate another milestone for the School of Law with the 30th anniversary of our Center for Health Law Studies. This nationally recognized Center has been a vital part of SLU LAW scholarship and legal education, and has provided tremendous opportunities for students to learn about this dynamic area of the law. The Center is celebrating this milestone with several lectures and symposia, and I hope you will be able to join us for these events. We are also honored to be hosting our D.C. Alumni Reception at the United States Supreme Court on June 12. For more information, see page 6 and visit law.slu.edu/healthlaw.

This issue of Saint Louis Brief also takes a look at the great work of our alumni entrepreneurs (p. 10), cutting-edge interdisciplinary scholarship from our faculty (p. 16) and our students’ ongoing commitment to service (p. 19).

As you will see, while we are preparing to move to our new home, we are still very much focused on the activities and experiences of our faculty and students. We are thrilled to have new opportunities to bring the quality SLU LAW legal education that unites us all together with a new space that gives us unparalleled access to the practicing bar and metropolitan business and thought leaders.

We will continue to keep you updated on progress in these and many other areas throughout the year, and I encourage you to continue to share your thoughts and feedback with me.

Best wishes for a prosperous 2012.

Best Regards,

Annette E. Clark, M.D., J.D.
Dean and Professor of Law

**QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE JOE AND LORETTA SCOTT LAW CENTER**

- Located at 100 N. Tucker Blvd.
- Less than three miles from Saint Louis University campus
- 260,000 square feet
- Seven occupiable floors with large open floor plans
- Lobby and ground floor auditorium
- Next door to St. Louis Civil Courts and within walking distance to Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse
- Target completion date August 2012
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SERVICE DAY KICKS OFF ACADEMIC YEAR
Students, faculty and staff participated in an annual service day Aug. 19 as part of Orientation Week. More than 400 people worked at 25 community service sites, painting fences, making blankets and assembling care packages for the military. The service day introduces new law students to SLU’s Jesuit, Catholic identity and the school’s long tradition of service to others.

SLU LAW THANKS FOUR RECENT RETIREES FOR THEIR SERVICE
In the 2011-2012 school year, four long-term SLU LAW employees retired. Mary Ann Sampson and Margaret Smith both retired from the Omer Poos Law Library. After more than 25 years, Mary Ann Jauer retired from the Center for Health Law Studies, and Anne Hensley retired after 20 years in the Office of Career Services. These individuals provided incredible service to SLU LAW, and the law school community thanks them for their dedication.

VENCE BONHAM BRINGS EXPERTISE FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH TO SLU LAW
Vence Bonham will join SLU LAW as an adjunct professor in the Center for Health Law Studies teaching Legal & Policy Issues in Health Inequities during the spring 2012 semester. Currently he is an associate investigator in the Social and Behavioral Research Branch, Division of Intramural Research, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health. His research and scholarship studies law, public policy, health care and genetics. His research focuses primarily on the social and policy influence of new genomic knowledge, particularly in communities of color.

ERICA BREDEHOFT IN THE YOUNG LAWYER
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing Erica Bredehoft is lending her advice to The Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section with a new column in its quarterly publication, The Young Lawyer. Bredehoft is answering research and writing questions relevant to new attorneys.

SLU LAW ALUMNI VISIT WITH DEAN CLARK AT FALL ALUMNI RECEPTIONS
SLU LAW faculty and alumni attended an evening with Lawrence Biondi, S.J., president of Saint Louis University, and Dean Annette Clark Nov. 3 at II Monastero. Fr. Biondi and Dean Clark spoke to the attendees about their goals for the University and the School of Law. More than 140 faculty members, alumni and their guests attended the event.

The Honorable Mary R. Russell of the Supreme Court of Missouri hosted SLU LAW alumni Nov. 29 for a reception at the Supreme Court of Missouri in Jefferson City, Mo. The event offered alumni a chance to meet Dean Clark and visit with judges from the state’s highest court.

DAGEN FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED TO 77 STUDENTS IN 2011
For the summer of 2011, 77 students received Irvin and Maggie Dagen Public Interest Fellowships. Dagen Fellowships are awarded to students who are committed to working in public interest law and who obtain summer volunteer positions with public interest organizations whose work entails serving the underrepresented or ensuring justice. Students worked in positions at various judicial and government offices and nonprofit organizations including attorney general offices, public defender offices, and legal and health services. The fellowships are funded by the School of Law, the Public Interest Law Group, and the Irvin and Maggie Dagen Fellowship Fund.

LEGAL CLINICS WIN UNEMPLOYMENT CASE
SLU LAW Legal Clinics won a ruling in the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District in October to allow the wife of an Army soldier who was transferred to Texas to claim state unemployment benefits because her decision to leave her job in Missouri was not voluntary. The Missouri Division of Employment Security had previously denied her claim for unemployment benefits.

DIRECTOR LAWRENCE REBMAN VISITS LEGAL CLINICS
Lawrence G. Rebman, director of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, visited the SLU LAW Legal Clinics Nov. 9. Rebman met with Dean Annette Clark, Legal Clinics Director and Clinical Professor John Ammann, current Clinic students and recent alumni. Rebman took questions from the group and discussed the work of the department. He also congratulated the Clinic students on their work representing claimants in front of the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission.

AARON W. BANKS WINS THOMPSON COBURN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
St. Louis law firm Thompson Coburn awarded the 2011 Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship to Aaron W. Banks, a first-year SLU LAW student. Representatives from the firm presented the scholarship Sept. 19
to Banks at the School of Law. The firm’s diversity committee, working with the firm’s employment committee and diversity manager, developed the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship in memory of the firm’s late partner and former U.S. Senator Tom Eagleton. The scholarship is awarded to a qualified minority candidate attending his or her first year of law school at Saint Louis University, University of Illinois-Champaign, University of Missouri or Washington University in St. Louis. The scholarship provides a monetary award to a deserving law student, a full year of mentoring provided by one of the firm’s partners and a paid internship for the summer following the student’s first year of law school.

ALUMNI JOINS STUDENTS FOR ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON NEW BOOK

The Center for Health Law Studies hosted a roundtable discussion Oct. 28 for students to meet with Jonathan D. Fleece (’97), principal with Blalock Walters in Brandenton and Sarasota, Fla. Fleece, co-author of The New Health Age, discussed select chapters of his book and his experiences as a health law attorney and took questions from students. Fleece acknowledged Chester A. Myers Professor of Law Tim Greaney, co-director of the Center for Health Law Studies, for his support on the book, and law students and recent alumni who provided research assistance: Jessica Claire Burt (’12), Lauren Groebe (’11), Eric Knickrehm (’11), and Ann Schunicht (’12).

AWARDS & HONORS

SLU Law faculty and students have been recognized recently for their scholarship, public service and other professional accomplishments.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR GEORGE DRAPER NAMED TO SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon named Judge George W. Draper III as the newest member of the Supreme Court of Missouri. Draper, who has served on the bench of the Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District since 2000, will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Michael Wolff in August, who returned to teach full time at SLU LAW.

PROFESSOR BRENDAN ROEDIGER NAMED TO LSEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Assistant Clinical Professor Brendan Roediger was appointed to a two-year term on the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) Board of Directors. Roediger supervises SLU LAW’s Civil Advocacy Clinic and coordinates the Pro Bono Program. LSEM is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides legal assistance in civil cases to the low-income community. In 2010, LSEM represented more than 8,000 clients in 21 counties in Missouri.
PROFESSOR HANSFORD RECOGNIZED AS A TOP 40 LAWYER UNDER 40

The National Bar Association and IMPACT honored Assistant Professor Justin Hansford as part of the 2011 “Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40” July 31 in Washington, D.C. Nation’s Best Advocates recognizes individuals within the legal community who have achieved prominence and distinction, professionally and philanthropically. The 2011 class represents a cross-section of legal professionals: solo practitioners, government lawyers, judges, academics, corporate counsel, young elected officials, and other lawyers using their degree in innovative ways. Winners were chosen based on their achievement, innovation, vision, leadership and legal community involvement.

PROFESSOR AMMANN RECEIVES “FOR THE COMMON GOOD” AWARD

John Ammann, director of the SLU Legal Clinics and clinical professor of law, was honored Aug. 30 at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s (LSEM) “For the Common Good” annual awards ceremony. The reception recognizes individuals and organizations that support LSEM’s mission of providing civil legal services and equal access to justice for the low-income community. Ammann received the Melton M. Lewis Equal Justice Award, which is given to those who have shown exceptional commitment to LSEM and have contributed to their programs in a significant way.

PROFESSOR MILLER AWARDED SLU PRESIDENT’S RESEARCH GRANT

Professor Eric Miller was awarded a grant as part of the Saint Louis University President’s Research Fund, which provides seed money for interdisciplinary research that may attract external grant funding. The grant will support Miller’s study of mental health courts in Missouri with the School of Social Work. Read more about Miller’s interdisciplinary research on page 18.

PROFESSOR GOLDMAN HONORED BY THE MISSOURI BAR

The Missouri Bar Foundation honored Roger Goldman, The Callis Family Professor of Law, with the Spurgeon Smithson Award Sept. 23. The awards were presented during the annual meeting of The Missouri Bar. Recipients of the Spurgeon Smithson Award are Missouri judges, teachers of law and/or lawyers deemed “to have rendered outstanding service toward the increase and diffusion of justice among men.”

ASSISTANT DEAN DINEEN RECEIVES YWCA LEADERSHIP AWARD

Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs Kelly Dineen was named a recipient of a YWCA leadership award. Saint Louis University nominates annually a select group of women of achievement in the University community, and this year Dineen was honored for her contributions at the YWCA Leader Luncheon Dec. 1. The event recognized women from all over the St. Louis area for their “leadership in the workplace.”

FOCUS ON DIVERSITY

SUPPORTING DIVERSITY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE SLU LAW MISSION, AND DURING THE FALL 2011 SEMESTER, FACULTY, STUDENTS AND STAFF PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL DIVERSITY INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS.

LISA SONIA TAYLOR JOINS SLU LAW AS PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AND OUTREACH

Lisa Sonia Taylor joined the School of Law in August as program director of Multicultural Affairs and Outreach, a new position in the School of Law. Taylor received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law and most recently served as assistant dean for admissions at Florida A&M University College of Law. The Office of Multicultural Affairs and Outreach develops and coordinates diversity, cross-cultural and inclusion awareness, outreach and retention programs for the School of Law.

VICTIMS OF ANTI-TRANSGENDER PREJUDICE REMEMBERED

The SLU LAW community participated in a day of remembrance to honor victims of anti-transgender hatred and prejudice. Students, faculty and staff wore black along with the name of a transgender individual who was a victim of hatred. The law school community joined together for a candlelight vigil. The student organizations OUTLaws, the Office of Student Services and the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Outreach sponsored the day of remembrance.

SLU LAW HOSTS TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

The SLU LAW community paid tribute to Justice Thurgood Marshall Sept. 30 recognizing the 20th anniversary of his retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court on Oct. 1, 1991. Professors Roger L. Goldman, Joel K. Goldstein, Justin Hansford, Anders Walker and Mary Ziegler discussed some of Marshall’s contributions during one of the most distinguished legal careers in American history. Lisa Sonia Taylor, program director of multicultural affairs and outreach, moderated the event, which was co-sponsored by SLU LAW’s American Constitution Society, Black Law Students Association and Federalist Society.
PROFESSOR MILLER HONORED FOR DIVERSITY EFFORTS

As part of Diversity Awareness Month in November, SLU recognized Professor Eric Miller and other five members of the University community as part of the annual Kathy W. Humphrey Award for Diversity. The award recipients were honored for their commitment to diversity and inclusiveness at SLU. Established in 2001 by the International Student Federation, the award is presented every year to SLU students, faculty and staff who demonstrate exceptional scholarship, service and leadership skills while actively promoting appreciation and acceptance of others. In 2010, SLU LAW Assistant Dean of Student Activities and Leadership Shannon Stinebaugh received the award.

BLSA HOSTS THOUGHT-PROVOKING PANEL DISCUSSIONS

SLU LAW Black Law Students’ Association and Universal African Peoples Organization hosted the panel “Report from Libya: U.S. and NATO War in Africa” Aug. 19. The discussion featured Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney who gave a summary of her findings from two fact-finding missions she participated in with delegations of Americans to the war torn country of Libya. BLSA also hosted the panel discussion “The Grade School to Prison Pipeline: Countering the Criminalization of Black Children in Public Schools” Oct. 19. The forum hosted Judge Jimmie Edwards (’81), SLU LAW Assistant Professor Aaron Taylor, Chimelo Bandele of Pamoja African-Centered College Prep Academy and SLU Associate Professor of History Stefan Bradley as the moderator. The event discussed how many minority students are not being prepared for a professional career but instead are being prepared for a life of crime and prison. The panelists addressed this issue and then proposed alternative solutions to correct this problem.

CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

SLU LAW HOSTED SEVERAL CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIAS AND LECTURES DURING THE FALL SEMESTER FEATURING TOP LEGAL SCHOLARS AND DISCUSSIONS ON SIGNIFICANT LEGAL TOPICS.

SLU LAW HOSTS NINTH ANNUAL HEALTH SCHOLARS WORKSHOP

The Center for Health Law Studies along with the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics hosted the Annual Health Scholars Workshop Sept. 15-18 at the School of Law. The workshop hosts scholars early in their academic career who present works in progress to a panel of readers. This year’s health law scholars included Kristin A. Underhill, associate research scholar in law at Yale Law School; Paul Litton, associate professor of law at University of Missouri School of Law; Anne Marie Marciarille, lecturer at University of California-Berkeley School of Law; and Michelle Meyer, academic fellow and lecturer of law at Harvard Law School. The panel of readers included academics from SLU LAW, Washington and Lee University, Washington University in St. Louis, Wayne State University, Case Western University, Seton Hall University in addition to SLU business, public health and healthcare ethics faculty.

SLU LAW CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION DAY

The School of Law hosted a celebration of Constitution Day Sept. 16 featuring the panel discussion “The Future of the United States Constitution.” Professors Roger Goldman, Joel K. Goldstein, Douglas Williams, Jeff A. Redding and the Honorable Michael Wolff discussed how for 222 years Americans have lived under the United States Constitution, and now some voices argue that a new constitutional convention should be called to consider changing the Constitution. The panel discussed several questions including the advantages and disadvantages of such a convention, areas of the Constitution where improvement is desirable, how a new Constitution might differ from the current one, and what could be lost if such an initiative were to move forward. Professor Goldstein organized the panel and Dean Annette Clark moderated the program.

CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW STUDIES WELCOMES DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

SLU LAW’s Center for Health Law Studies welcomed three distinguished speakers during the fall 2011 semester. In addition to providing students with access to top health law scholars, the distinguished health speaker series is also a CLE opportunity for practicing lawyers.

08. 3: Joan Krause, J.D., Dan K. Moore Distinguished Professor of Law at University of North Carolina School of Law, presented “Skilling and the Pursuit of Health Care Fraud.”

08. 17: Carolyn Clancy, M.D., director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), presented “Redefining Health Care: Closing the Gaps Between Research, Practice and Policy.” As director of AHRQ, Clancy launched the

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first annual report to Congress on health care disparities and health care quality.

**NOV. 14: Arti Rai, J.D., Elvin R. Latty Professor of Law with Duke Institute for Genomic Sciences and Policy and Duke University School of Law, presented “What Life Science Patenting Controversies Teach About American Health Care.”**

**MILLSTONE LECTURE HONORS LONG-TIME ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH CORRESPONDENT**

The School of Law and the St. Louis Beacon welcomed Jon Sawyer as the 2011-2012 James C. Millstone Lecturer Oct. 6 in the William H. Kniep Courtroom. Sawyer’s lecture, “Bringing Stories Home: New Approaches to Covering the World,” focused on the evolution of international reporting. The Millstone Lecture honors James C. Millstone, a long-time editor, reporter and Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Millstone, who died in 1992, covered the civil rights movement and in the course of his career was responsible for much of the paper’s coverage of constitutional law and legal issues. The Millstone Lecture hosts nationally recognized speakers and focuses on the connection between law and journalism.

**CHILDRESS LECTURE FEATURES YALE LAW SCHOLAR JUDITH RESNIK**


**THE CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW STUDIES CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**

Throughout 2012, the Center for Health Law Studies will celebrate 30 remarkable years of national leadership in health law scholarship and education. To celebrate this milestone, the Center is hosting a variety of special programs and events that reflect on the significant
history and dynamic future of health law studies and Saint Louis University’s role in pioneering this field. Throughout this year, SLU LAW will honor the contributions of Center faculty, students and alumni in forming the field of health law and anticipate how we will shape health law into the future. Check law.slu.edu/healthlaw for updates on these exciting events.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING HEALTH LAW EVENTS

MARCH 7 Health Law Distinguished Speaker Series: “Uncontrolled Donation After Cardiac Death” Nancy Neveloff Dubler, LL.B. Noon, SLU LAW, William H. Kniep Courtroom

MARCH 30 Annual Health Law Symposium: “Drugs & Money” 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., SLU LAW, William H. Kniep Courtroom

JUNE 12 D.C. Alumni Reception and Center for Health Law Studies 30th Anniversary Celebration at the United States Supreme Court

OCT. 26 30th Anniversary Symposium
SLU LAW
SLU LAW ANNOUNCES SIX EXCEPTIONAL NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

The Saint Louis University School of Law community welcomed six new faces to the faculty for the 2011-2012 academic year in addition to Dean Annette Clark. Each of these individuals has outstanding academic credentials and brings unique talents to an already accomplished faculty, one that is committed to educating, challenging, supporting and inspiring our students as well as producing cutting-edge scholarship.

The Honorable Michael A. Wolff returns to SLU LAW after 13 years on the Supreme Court of Missouri, including a term as chief justice from July 2005-June 2007. He also served as chair of the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission.

While previously on the faculty of SLU LAW, he held secondary appointments in the University’s Department of Community Medicine, School of Medicine and the School of Public Health.

Wolff served as transition director, chief counsel and special counsel for Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan. Previously, he directed Black Hills Legal Services in Rapid City, S.D. and worked with Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver and Legal Assistance of Ramsey County, Minn. Missouri Lawyers’ Weekly named him “Lawyer of the Year” in 2007.

Professor Aaron Taylor joins SLU LAW after a career as a law school administrator. He served as associate dean for admissions and scholarships at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. Previously, he directed admissions for master’s degree programs at the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

Taylor practiced ethics law in Washington, D.C. and was selected as a Harvard University Administrative Fellow in 2005. His teaching and research interests are in the area of education law, exploring the intersection of education, politics, economics, and sociology.
Professor Justin Hansford’s research incorporates legal history, legal ethics, critical race theory, human rights, and the Global Justice Movement. He clerked for Judge Damon Keith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and was a law fellow with the University of Maryland School of Law and Georgetown University Law Center. He also worked for the Obama For America presidential campaign and in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel.

Hansford was a founder of The Georgetown Journal of Law and Modern Critical Race Perspectives and assisted in founding Imagine Southeast Public Charter School in Washington, D.C. The National Bar Association recently named him as one of the “Top 40 Lawyers Under 40.”

Professor Maggi Carfield joins SLU LAW after completing a visiting assistant professorship at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. Prior to teaching, she practiced public interest law and clerked for Chief Judge David R. Herndon, United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois. Her current research explores property law within the context of international development; she has conducted research in Haiti, South Africa, and Uganda.

Carfield holds a joint degree in law and social work, and the focus of her M.S.W. was community organizing and development. She also served as executive notes editor for the Washington University Law Review.

Professor Miriam Cherry’s scholarship focuses on the intersection of technology and globalization with business, contract, and employment law topics. She co-authored the book Global Issues in Employment Law with New York University Professor Samuel Estreicher.

Cherry clerked for Justice Roderick Ireland, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, and then for Judge Gerald Heaney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. She also worked with Foley Hoag LLP and Berman, DeValerio & Pease. Cherry has taught at several law schools including the University of Georgia, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, and Cumberland School of Law. She is also an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Professor Antonia Miceli is a member of the California, Missouri, Illinois, and District of Columbia bars and is also admitted to practice before the United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri. She clerked for Judge Rodney W. Sippel and then Judge Audrey G. Fleissig of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri. She also practiced at Thompson Coburn LLC.

During law school, Miceli served as a comment writer and then as the chief managing editor of The Transnational Lawyer, now the Pacific McGeorge Global Business and Development Law Journal. She also interned in the Office of War Crimes Issues at the U.S. Department of State.
SLU LAW ENTREPRENEURS FORGE PATHS TO SUCCESS

ALUMNI BUILD THEIR OWN FIRMS, ACHIEVING THEIR DREAMS AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

BY ADRIENNE KNOPP

Saint Louis University School of Law provides students with a legal education rooted in hands-on experience, giving them the tools they need to succeed as new attorneys. SLU LAW alumni excel in a wide range of fields, from large firms to the government, to corporate law and even by building their own businesses. It is this entrepreneurial spirit that thrives at SLU LAW, leading many alumni to seek out ways they can fill a gap in the legal marketplace.

Throughout SLU LAW’s history, many alumni leave the School of Law with a desire to build their own business so they can practice in a way that best suits them and assists with unmet needs in the community.

Whether it is working with other businesses; helping elder citizens plan their care; assisting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) families navigate their legal options; or assisting immigrants; SLU LAW alumni have found that they can make a difference while also building their own practices.

Only a few years after graduation, Julie Ostrom (‘09) has followed her own path in the law. Ostrom attended SLU LAW as a part-time student while working in real estate. After graduation, she worked as in-house counsel at a small real estate development company, but she always knew she wanted to open up her own practice.

In December 2010, she joined forces with Jennifer Thompson to form Thompson & Ostrom, P.C. The partners drew on Ostrom’s experience with small businesses and Thompson’s seven years of private practice to build their own company.

“How Jen’s experience helped us find a balance between bookkeeping, marketing and managing the business,” said Ostrom. “Working for a small business, you wear a lot of hats. I had experience before and during law school with small businesses, where I learned how they were run.”

In her practice, Ostrom uses her experience in real estate development to assist her clients in real estate and corporate law, business development and estate planning.

“When someone has an idea for a new business, we work with them throughout the entire process: from setting up their company, referring them to banks or lending institutions, directing them to commercial realtors for space, and working with them in lease negotiations and the permitting process.”

Ostrom credits SLU LAW for helping her build the skills she needed to strike out with her partner to create their business. Particularly, through her work with the SLU LAW Legal Clinics, she gained vital professional experience in civil practice and client counseling.

“My experience with the Legal Clinics taught me that my job is to help my clients solve a problem. I have to understand what they are going through,” said Ostrom.

In January 2011, the partners moved into a new space in south St. Louis. The building was formerly used as a showroom for a masonry company and features unique brickwork in each room. In addition to their quirky office and the chic designs of their website and marketing materials, the partners know there are many avenues through which to reach prospective clients.

Drawing from Ostrom’s background in marketing, the firm developed the logo, website, and marketing materials with a fresh image of their business in mind. They also actively participate in social media and author a blog, which offers them more opportunities to reach people.

“You can’t ignore social media. We have a blog which we post to Facebook and as other people share it, we extend our spheres of influences and our potential client base,” said Ostrom.

To get a small business off the ground, Ostrom stresses the importance of offering opportunities for potential clients to get to know you and your business. “You have to have an open house, so that people are aware of who you are, where you are and what you do.”

Ostrom has also benefitted from local organizations and encourages others to use them as a resource. “Get involved in your local bar association, it is a great way to get referrals. As people get to know and trust you, they won’t hesitate to refer you to potential clients,” said Ostrom.

The experience of opening her own firm has been a rewarding one for Ostrom, but it has also been a big learning experience.

“It was overwhelming in the beginning, because you are not only practicing law, but...
you are now running a business,” said Ostrom. “I didn’t have the kind of practice that I wanted before I started my own firm. Now I get to be the captain of my own ship, which is important to me.”

While Ostrom struck out to build her new firm soon after graduation, some alumni have developed their ideas for businesses over years of practice, drawing from many diverse experiences.

For Debra K. Schuster (’91), her practice has merged personal experience with her law and health administration backgrounds. Previously a health law attorney with Greensfelder Hemker & Gale, P.C., Schuster later joined a law school friend’s elder law practice before beginning her own practice.

In 2003, she opened Debra K. Schuster, P.C. focusing exclusively on elder law. Today, the practice employs five people including attorneys, a social worker, an administrative assistant and a paralegal. The staff not only addresses the legal needs of their clients, but they focus on counseling them throughout many aspects of their lives to determine their best lifecare plan.

“I take a very holistic type of approach because of the specific needs of the client population,” said Schuster. “Nine out of ten of them need so much more than just legal help. My approach to elder law is very different than most — it’s very hands on.”

Schuster comments that as their relatives age, many people can relate to elder law issues such as lifecare planning, end-of-life planning, estate planning, guardianship and mental health law. And her own experience with her mother has particularly helped her better understand her clients.

“My mother was a geriatric social worker, and she later developed dementia,” said Schuster. “I have experienced what my clients go through every day.”

Her practice addresses the entire support system of elder individuals. This way they not only receive the best care possible, but they can also make plans that are in the best interest of the entire family.

“It is very relationship focused because you are dealing with clients and families in crisis,” said Schuster. “You not only must identify their legal issues, but also the psychological and social issues. Clients are literally working with a team to help them, and many have commented that when they leave my office, they feel a weight has been lifted.”

When Schuster began her practice working from her house, she admits that it was a bit terrifying at first. But she relied on resources available through The Missouri Bar Small & Solo Practice Group and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. “The Small and Solo Practice Group provided a structure and a roadmap to follow, and BAMSL helped me connect with my initial clients.”

Schuster also credits the Elder Law Clinic (formerly the Health Law Clinic) in the SLU LAW Legal Clinics for providing invaluable experience and helping her get started in elder law.

“All the professors in the Clinic were very service oriented and encouraging of me and others in the classroom, and they have remained a resource throughout my career,” said Schuster. “Though I am not working specifically in public service, I am working with a vulnerable, underserved population.”

“In my experience, the students attracted to SLU LAW come with their own unique perspectives, and many already have a defined purpose,” Schuster said. “Our law school education was a pragmatic approach to the practice of law, it focused on hands-on experiences, which has really made a difference.”

Several SLU LAW entrepreneurs expressed the view that their personal experiences and backgrounds have had a huge impact on how they wanted to build their careers. This sentiment is echoed by Todd Sivia (’04), founder of Sivia Business & Legal Services P.C.

Sivia’s father owned an office supply company, and even before Sivia began law school, he knew he wanted to have his own company as well. While working his first job after graduation, he realized he could build his own company while helping other business owners.

“I saw that there was a need to work with other business owners to help them start a company and do it successfully,” said Sivia. “I built my practice by helping them put together their business plans and understand what it takes to start and run a business.”

In 2006, Sivia began what he characterizes as an asset protection firm focusing primarily on business, real estate and estate planning. His practice now includes a law clerk, a marketing specialist, two paralegals, and three attorneys, including Jack Humes Jr. (’85), a fellow SLU LAW alumnus.

Sivia operates his practice from a bungalow-style house on Main Street in Edwardsville, Ill. From the moment clients step into the building, there is a warm, family feeling to the office. The practice focuses on helping clients build their business through careful planning by assisting them with creating a
business plan, litigating claims on behalf of the companies, and addressing the issues of succession planning and estate planning.

After three years of working with business owners, Sivia fell into an underserved market where he uses his skills in business planning to help with unique family issues.

In 2009, an LGBT client who couldn’t find a lawyer contacted the firm for assistance. After working with the client, Sivia realized that LGBT families had concerns completely different than traditional family law cases, and he found that his background in business, tax and real estate dealing with business partnerships was beneficial in these situations. Sivia began taking other clients with similar issues, building a new niche for his business.

“When advising clients in the same sex arena, a lot of the issues really come down to taxes and partnerships. Because of my experience, I understand these topics,” said Sivia.

In 2011, he launched the website www.samesexlegal.com to provide LGBT families with much needed information and resources. The website gives potential and current clients the first steps to understanding how they can protect their rights, including information on family law, domestic partnerships, power of attorney, estate planning and cohabitation agreements.

“My goal with the website is for people to realize there is someone who can help them and give them general information,” said Sivia.

In addition to working with LGBT families, Sivia has counseled other attorneys on steps they can take to help these families, and also to understand how these issues can affect other areas of the law. He has also worked with the National LGBT Bar Association, and recently presented to lawyers from across the country about this area of the law.

“Fifty percent of running a practice is running the business of it. I wanted to write a foundation and lay the brickwork for my students to follow in their own lives,” said Mahadevan.

Mahadevan stresses that while students need to learn several skills to run a successful practice, they must first know how to find clients for their business, making use of resources that are readily available to them such as social media and the Web.
“You can’t just build a practice and hope clients will come to you, you have do more to be competitive, and that requires having the right tools in place,” said Mahadevan.

In her class, students prepare a business plan for their own business ideas and present it to their classmates. “You would think that the students would prepare very similar plans, but with nine students, you get nine completely different plans.”

While the class is focused on learning the skills to run a successful law practice, it also teaches valuable skills appropriate for all law students. “Adjunct Professor Mahadevan really stressed being able to network and put yourself out there. I realized to be successful at my career, I need to be very active in the community,” said second-year law student Brittany Haberstroh.

Clinical Professor of Law Barbara Gilchrist originally started the Law Practice Management course, offering the first class three years ago. The course is designed to introduce students to the practical skills of running a small firm including the administration and marketing of a business.

“These were all things that don’t get discussed in general law courses,” said Gilchrist. “Our Legal Clinics expose students to practical parts of legal practice, but they don’t get to talk about the billing or other administrative tasks.”

The course brings in guest speakers who are particularly good at the practical aspects of the business of law — from office systems to social media, to billing and contracts. In some sections of the class, students take part in The Missouri Bar’s Solo and Small Firm Conference, which provides them the opportunity to get other perspectives on how to run a small law business.

“Students need to figure out why someone would come to them for help,” said Gilchrist. “In the course, they learn how to operate a business ethically, appropriately, confidentially and at a reasonable cost. They also learn how important technology can be for them.”

Above all, Mahadevan stresses the importance of being ethical. “Your reputation starts in law school. You must treat your classmates well and be ethical because they will be the same people you rely on later for advice.”

A common theme in several of these entrepreneurs’ stories is that they credit the Legal Clinics for helping them learn valuable professional skills and for teaching them to take the time to understand their clients so they can best advocate for them.

That’s the case with another group of SLU LAW alumni who used their entrepreneurial spirit to find a way to help others by founding the nonprofit ArchCity Defenders. John McAnnar (’09), Thomas Harvey (’09), and Michael-John Voss (’09) began the organization to help the “often overlooked individuals in our overburdened criminal justice system.”

While many alumni have built practices that serve as their full-time jobs, the founders of ArchCity Defenders provide services to the community in addition to their professional careers. McAnnar works for Carmody MacDonald P.C., Voss works for Reinert Weishaar & Associates, P.C., and Harvey runs his own practice, The Law Offices of Thomas B. Harvey.

“It was my work in the Clinics that inspired me to get on board with ArchCity Defenders,” said McAnnar. “A big part of the reason I came to SLU LAW was because I read about Clinical Professor and Legal Clinics Director John Ammann’s accomplishments. I got the chance to work with him and Associate Clinical Professor Susan McGraugh during my third year. Aside from being rewarding in that it gave me courtroom experience, my time in the clinic taught me so much more about how the justice system actually treats the indigent.”

Echoing the sentiments of several entrepreneurs, McAnnar insists that starting a nonprofit requires more than just hard work. “Make sure you are passionate about the population you will serve. I have spent many nights and weekends working on ArchCity Defenders projects, but the main force that keeps me involved is my belief in the cause.”

Harvey claims that the specialized instruction available at the School of Law had a hand in building their nonprofit. “The ArchCity Defenders would never have come into existence without the exposure SLU LAW provided to a strong combination of traditional classroom and clinical learning as well as theoretical and practical explorations of law and policy. That combination, along with strong preparation in evidence and criminal procedure, created a moment where we identified a gap in services among legal providers to the indigent as well some systemic issues plaguing the justice system. If any one piece had been missing, I don’t think we would have started the ArchCity Defenders.”

As students and alumni explore the legal profession and their opportunities, many are finding they can make their own rules when it comes to how they work and whom they serve. It is the combination of the entrepreneurial spirit, the excellent instruction provided in the classroom, unique experiences available to students and a lot of tenacity and hard work that helps them create their own models for success in the legal marketplace. SLB
Same-sex relationship-recognition continues to be debated around the United States and the world alike. As with the global debate, where a diverse set of national compromises and solutions have arisen with respect to questions concerning official recognition of same-sex relationships, the debate in the U.S. has produced diverse outcomes in the different American states with respect to the issue of same-sex relationship-recognition. My scholarship and teaching has focused on the need in the United States to pay attention to these global developments — whether they be in South Africa, France, the United Kingdom, or India — in order to facilitate better political and legal outcomes in the many different American states where same-sex relationship-recognition is presently being debated.

Specifically, my scholarship and teaching has focused on what lessons American lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer people (LGBTQ) can learn from global developments and discussions concerning same-sex relationship-recognition, particularly, and family law, generally. These lessons include lessons about the dangers for LGBTQ people that can result from an obsessive demand for ‘marriage’ when debating how states should officially recognize same-sex relationships. In other words, my scholarship and teaching has tried to show how global experience cautions against the position of ‘marriage for everyone, everywhere’ position that mainstream gay and lesbian advocacy groups (e.g. Human Rights Campaign, Freedom to Marry) are increasingly adopting in the U.S. I emphasize the ‘mainstream’ quality of this kind of position because there exists non-elitist, left-leaning ‘queer’ organizations (e.g. Against Equality, Queers for Economic Justice) that have long been extremely skeptical about any same-sex marriage agenda.

In my scholarship and teaching, I have been particularly interested in the legal situation in some foreign countries and in some American states whereby same-sex relationships have been recognized by the state in a different manner than opposite-sex marriages. For example, in the U.S., until litigation brought this all into question, both California and Connecticut had successfully legislated same-sex relationship-recognition regimes whereby “marriage” was reserved for opposite-sex couples, while same-sex couples had access only to parallel “domestic partnership” or “civil union” regimes. Like California and Connecticut, some other states had also created two parallel systems of family law within their borders, but California’s and Connecticut’s regimes of separate family laws for different sexual orientations was unusual (and intriguing) in that it accorded same-sex partners, in the words of the California Supreme Court, “virtually all of the same substantive legal benefits and privileges, and ... legal obligations and duties ... that California law affords to and imposes upon a married couple.”

Mainstream gay and lesbian advocacy groups helped lead state constitutional challenges to California’s and Connecticut’s ‘separate but equal’ relationship-recognition setups. Both challenges resulted in state supreme court decisions in 2008 declaring that these ‘separate but equal’ relationship-recognition regimes were unconstitutional, and that “marriage” licenses must be granted to all eligible couples, whether same-sex or opposite-sex.

There were many groundbreaking and interesting aspects to these 2008 decisions. For example, the California Supreme Court decision represented the first instance of a state’s highest court applying a strict scrutiny standard to discrimination against gays and lesbians. The decision was also noteworthy in its contemplation of the possibility that the State of California might create a relationship regime — available to everyone — that would use a rubric other than “marriage.”

As important as these features of these two decisions were, my scholarship and teaching has concentrated on
an aspect of these courts’ decisions that has remained under-examined in the academic literature and also political and legal discussions, namely the courts’ discussion of the concept of ‘dignity’ and its relationship to pluralistic family law systems. The following words of the California Supreme Court concerning the relationship between ‘dignity’ and ‘pluralistic’ family law regimes demonstrate how dignity has been invoked in American legal argumentation to quash non-“marriage”-oriented experimentation in the family law realm:

“One of the core elements of the right to establish an officially recognized family that is embodied in the California constitutional right to marry is a couple’s right to have their family relationship accorded dignity and respect equal to that accorded other officially recognized families, and assigning a different designation for the family relationship of same-sex couples while reserving the historic designation of “marriage” exclusively for opposite-sex couples poses at least a serious risk of denying the family relationship of same-sex couples such equal dignity and respect.

... [R]etaining the designation of marriage exclusively for opposite-sex couples and providing only a separate and distinct designation for same-sex couples may well have the effect of perpetuating a more general premise — now emphatically rejected by this state — that gay individuals and same-sex couples are in some respects “second-class citizens” who may, under the law, be treated differently from, and less favorably than, heterosexual individuals or opposite-sex couples.

The conventional (liberal) legal view, then, is that states which create ‘separate but equal’ relationship-recognition regimes for same-sex couples (as opposed to traditional opposite-sex marriage) pose insurmountable affronts to gay and lesbian dignity.

Using a comparative perspective and analysis, however, I have proposed in my scholarship and teaching an alternative, more optimistic take on the relationship between dignity, same-sex relationship-recognition, and legal pluralism. As I have argued, ‘separate but equal’ family law for LGBTQ people can be problematic. However, that being said, I have also worked to show how promising opportunities can be created for LGBTQ people with the legislation of separate systems of family law (e.g. domestic partnerships, civil unions) for LGBTQ relationships.

In particular, I have focused on the possibility that these separate systems allow for LGBTQ people to exercise more political and legal agency with respect to ‘their own’ (separate) family laws. With this agency, instead of being absorbed into mainstream and majoritarian marriage regimes, where their progressive voices are likely to be out-shouted and out-voted in the political arena with respect to family norms, LGBTQ people would have the possibility of experiencing something more than ‘separate but equal’ family laws being applied to them. Indeed, LGBTQ people would have the opportunity to author — or, in other words, to exercise agency with respect to — their own ‘separate and better’ alternatives to heterosexually-authored, ‘majoritarian marriage.’ I believe that these positive aspects to family law pluralism should not be overlooked, and I have explored in my scholarship and teaching how they can be capitalized upon in a principled, dignity-oriented manner. Indeed, there are real harms to gay and lesbian agency — and, as a result, dignity — that accompany any future gay and lesbian absorption into majoritarian family law, and these harms should not be overlooked.

1 In re Marriage Cases, 183 P.3d at 398.
2 Id. at 400, 402.
UNDERSTANDING THE LAW THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Saint Louis University School of Law has been at the forefront of an evolution in legal scholarship and education that is characterized by increasing focus on inter- and even multi-disciplinary approaches to the study of law and policy. SLU LAW’s faculty has long been writing on and speaking about how law intersects with other disciplines, and the school’s emphasis on interdisciplinary scholarship showcases its faculty’s diverse educational backgrounds. Lead by Dean Annette Clark who holds an M.D. and a J.D., the faculty includes 10 members with a J.D./Ph.D. and five currently enrolled in Ph.D. programs. This multidisciplinary approach to the law enriches classroom learning and provides powerful additions to scholarship within the law and other disciplines.

Saint Louis University has a long history of encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration between its colleges and schools as well as outside the walls of SLU. In line with this mission, the School of Law is committed to enriching legal scholarship for the benefit of the legal academy and students through regular partnerships between academic disciplines including medicine, business, economics, international studies, psychology, philosophy, religious studies, linguistics, social work, history and anthropology.

The School of Law’s Centers of Excellence partnerships, speakers, and seminars,” said Dean Annette Clark. “The legal marketplace is increasingly influenced by other disciplines, and the new Center and our continued focus on these areas greatly benefits our students and our contributions to the legal academy.”

Here, we profile a selection of the SLU LAW faculty whose recent research and scholarship draws from other academic fields to provide important insights on how the law interacts with society.

MONICA EPPIRGER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW
With a Ph.D. in anthropology and a career in diplomacy, Eppinger has a unique perspective to offer to her students. For nine years, she worked with the U.S. Foreign Service on policy in the former Soviet Union.

One of the largest areas she has researched is the creation of private property in Ukraine. After the Soviet Union collapsed, 17 million people were given property in the country, and Eppinger set out to research a hypothesis proposed by economists that owning the land would have a dramatic impact on the behaviors of the landowners, leading to better economic situations and positive changes in behavior.

While the economists’ theory was developed based on models, Eppinger set out to test their hypothesis by observing and interacting with the landowners.

“We can use psychology to find out what makes up a person’s frame of reference so that we can understand the situation from their viewpoint,” said Eppinger. “Through this we can understand the hopes we have placed on the law and how they have been realized or not.”

In researching property and national security, Eppinger’s background affects how she interprets these subjects, “I look at people’s ideas of physical space, how we formulate what property and trespassing means and how the organization of space affects human behavior.”

“For example, national borders can’t be seen from space, and are essentially ideas on maps, which evoke feelings of patriotism. But they affect how we can be treated and how the government can interact with us.”

Eppinger brings her background into the classroom to help her students understand the audiences and the social contexts involved in the making and receiving of the law. “Our students will be producing social change through law, and I try to give them the tools to understand the consequences of these actions and how it fits into the broader picture.”

ERIC MILLER
PROFESSOR OF LAW
Miller’s scholarship focuses on examining problem-solving and re-entry courts such as drug courts and mental health courts, using methods borrowed from sociology and political theory.

His most recent project is studying five jurisdictions in Missouri and looking at mental health courts, a form of specialized criminal court, to examine how they address the issues of crime related to issues of mental health and addiction. He was recently awarded a grant from SLU’s President’s Research Fund to study problem-solving courts collaboratively with the School of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry.

“These courts look at the therapeutic process that will end addiction, they encourage treating the offenders rather than punishment,” said Miller. “The same people churn through the system over and over again. The
theory of these courts is that to solve the crimes, you must solve the underlying problems of mental illness and addiction.”

For example, in drug courts the goal is therapeutic intervention during a time of crisis, and Miller explains that judges and attorneys operate within modified criminal procedures, which can differ greatly from court to court. Many times offenders are asked to forego specific rights to enter into treatment programs, which require much greater disclosure of personal information to assist in their rehabilitation. In these arrangements, defense counsel loses a lot of their personal relationship with their client, and defendants open themselves up to much higher penalties for additional infractions.

“In the federal system and at the state appellate level, the courts often release public opinions, and the judges are heavily vetted in the political process, so we know more about the reality of criminal procedure within the court system,” said Miller. “We don’t have the same level of access with trial courts in the state system at the county and municipal level, but we can partner with sociologists, criminologists, political theorists and economists to study lower level courts and learn more about how judges and attorneys are operating.”

With bachelor’s degrees in philosophy and comparative literature and a Ph.D. in English and comparative literature, Petroski uses literary ideas to inform our understanding of the law.

Focusing on topics in procedural law, Petroski views procedural rules and standards as a specialized vocabulary that lawyers use to talk about the substantive law and how it should play out in particular cases. Petroski borrows from other disciplines that try to explain specialized forms of communication, including philosophy, history, linguistics, rhetoric and communication, information science, sociology, anthropology and psychology.

“In college I chose two majors, philosophy and literary theory, that take different perspectives on similar issues, and I read a lot of philosophy, history, anthropology and political theory in grad school as I was writing my dissertation in literary history,” said Petroski. “When I went to law school it was natural for me to see legal vocabularies as yet another specialized way of talking about similar issues.”

One of Petroski’s works in progress defends some of the U.S. Supreme Court’s doctrine on the distinctions between substantive and procedural law. She argues that the doctrine is consistent with theoretical accounts of communication “genres” from other disciplines. Another set of projects she is working on uses a technique employed in information technology and communications disciplines, bibliometrics, to look at textual patterns in legal scholarship.

“I think that considering multiple perspectives on a problem can give you a deeper understanding than you would get from any one perspective,” said Petroski. “Being open to the ways other communities talk about issues is valuable in itself. If you are interested in learning about how other people discuss an issue, you are going to be more open to how these people deal with other things, as well.”

KAREN PETROSKI
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW

With a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and a master’s degree in theological studies and a Ph.D. in religious studies, SpearIt’s scholarship draws insights from disciplines that demonstrate the law’s impact on society.

Currently, one of his projects is a book about the conversion of prison inmates to Islam in the United States and the risk of radicalization in that community. He uses anthropological methods including ethnography and musicology to study how prison and hip-hop culture contribute to conversion. SpearIt suggests that religion is a tool for rehabilitating people (citing Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous programs), but sometimes the sentiment turns radical, some of which is due to perceptions of unfairness in the criminal justice system.

SpearIt also studies the juncture of language and the law to discover the social and legal origin of racial terms and how they affect society. In one article, he reviews state and federal constitutions, statutes, and census surveys, to document historically how

Aaron Taylor
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW

Taylor’s research focuses primarily on higher education, drawing on his doctorate in higher education leadership and policy and his background in law school administration.

“Education is by its very nature highly interdisciplinary with strands rooted in economics, history, sociology, psychology, political theory and other fields,” said Taylor. “Well-rounded research into education requires one to look at these fields for insight into salient issues.”

One of his recent articles proposed greater oversight of advertisements by for-profit higher education institutions. In conducting his research, he investigated the economics of the for-profit education sector, the social factors that influence a person’s decision to attend such schools, and the politics surrounding the sector. He found that each of these factors influenced how these schools advertised and how those ads were received by prospective students.

Inspired by his experiences as a law school admissions dean, Taylor is designing an empirical study of student engagement among ethnically diverse law students using engagement theories from sociology and psychology. He hopes to devise a model of student development theory that could aid the matriculation of these students.

“I was always curious about the larger factors that influenced who came before me as legitimate applicants to law school, and who eventually excelled as law students. Essentially, I want to study how economics, sociology and psychology influence progression through the proverbial pipeline from grade school to law school to lawyer.”

In his education law class, Taylor emphasizes to students that one can’t understand education without understanding the multidisciplinary influences on policy, practice, and outcomes. “Interdisciplinary study is important because nothing occurs in a vacuum. Laws are made and enforced in open, reciprocal environments where they are both effective and affected.”
legal categories of race were designed to oppress minorities, and how this continues to the present. In another article, he demonstrates how religious thought and language influence criminal justice, arguing that a better understanding of this history can lead to better practices in law enforcement, courts and corrections.

Spear believes that legal education benefits by cross fertilization of disciplines. For him, pursuing justice and legal reform should be the pedagogy of legal scholarship, and he is glad that SLU LAW encourages its faculty to pursue the law’s effects on the real world. “Through interdisciplinary studies, students are able to see how the law works and how there are other dimensions to it.”

Walker’s research shows that Missouri’s criminal code has been influenced by the rise in the use of methamphetamine, which began to heavily affect the Midwest since the 1980s.

“Not only has the rise of meth influenced the law of possession and distribution, but it has also dramatically altered the crimes of stealing, child endangerment and arson — often by introducing strict liability components into otherwise standard common law offenses,” said Walker.

Walker’s background in history has had a significant impact on his scholarship and his classroom teaching. By studying criminal law in the context of history, he is better able to explain anomalies in the law to his students, which also helps with clarifying the material in the classroom.

“In 2008, I wrote an article on the history of the criminal law casebook,” said Walker. “After researching that piece, it became obvious that the current approach to teaching the subject is outdated, rooted in pedagogical concerns that were relevant 50 years ago. If I did not have a historical background, I doubt that I would have challenged the prevailing approach.”

“I regularly encourage students to consider political and cultural context when assessing legal issues,” said Walker. “No matter how straightforward the black letter law may be, context may have a dramatic impact on the outcome of both constitutional and criminal cases.”

**AN UPDATE ON CISL**

CISL The Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law (CISL), previously the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law and Advocacy, has been realigned to delve deeper into interdisciplinary work at the School of Law and the greater legal academy. Professors Michael A. Wolff and Molly Wilson will serve as co-directors of CISL, which will now focus on cutting-edge interdisciplinary scholarly and curricular developments at the School of Law.

On Feb. 17, the SLU LAW Legal Clinics together with CISL will present the symposium “Battered Women Who Kill” bringing together scholars in the area of domestic violence and advocates involved with the Missouri Clemency Coalition. The symposium will highlight how interdisciplinary research and scholarship can substantially inform both the practice and creation of law.

In addition to events and enhanced curricular opportunities for students, CISL is showcasing current interdisciplinary scholarship of the SLU LAW faculty, and summaries of recent projects can be found on the Center’s website.

For more information about the Center, faculty scholarship and upcoming events, visit law.slu.edu/cisl.
On May 22, 2011, a deadly tornado devastated Joplin, Mo. Exhibiting the Jesuit mission of service to others, faculty and students with the SLU LAW Legal Clinics visited the area June 3 and assisted with debris clean up and legal services. The Clinics visited the area again Oct. 24-25 joined by Dean Annette Clark. They assisted with more debris clean up, helped the high school debate team prepare for a national competition, and brought a donation from faculty and staff to the high school vocal groups. Below, two SLU LAW students share reflections on their experiences in Joplin.

I had the rewarding opportunity to go to Joplin, Mo. with a group of SLU LAW professors and students in both June, right after the May tornado, and in October.

When we first arrived in June, we were directed to help clear debris in the most damaged part of the city. On the way, I was astounded by the sheer destruction of the city. There is no way to describe the feeling of seeing these homes—people’s entire lives—destroyed. We spent the whole day clearing one fairly small plot of land. It was an amazing feeling to see what we had accomplished, but terrifying that it had taken so much time and so many volunteers to clear this one house when more than 8,000 homes were destroyed. Later that day, some of us joined Legal Services at a school where volunteers and social services had organized to help survivors. There, I heard the stories of several families who were experiencing landlord issues in the wake of the storm. It was hard to hear their stories and imagine people could take advantage of such terrible circumstances. At the same time, it was inspiring to see firsthand how we as lawyers, and as law students, can truly make a difference in people’s lives.

I was glad to have the opportunity to return in October. It was great to see how much progress had been made. The clean-up will take years, but the city is growing and the community is working together to help each other. During this trip, we helped a farmer clean up one of his many fields. It reminded me that while the big debris may be cleared, Joplin residents are still struggling to get back to normal.

The goal was simple: to help teach students at the Joplin High School 11-12 Grade Center about the Constitution. We half expected to see sullen students shuffling through a dark, recently converted shopping center, simply trying to make it to graduation. And we wouldn’t have blamed them; after all, they were only in this space because a violent, mile-wide tornado swept through the heart of their school, their town and their lives.

But that is not what we saw in Joplin. Instead, was saw a bright, colorful school teeming with energy. There are teachers and administrators who smile as they greet visitors. And there are students whose strength shines brightest in their enthusiasm.

The students we met were part of the We the People competition, which challenges students to research and discuss complex constitutional issues. Success requires both a thorough understanding of American history and deep, nuanced awareness of contemporary culture and politics. Our discussions ranged from comparative politics to John Locke to the Dr. Conrad Murray trial. The students were prepared, bright, and enthusiastic about the topics. They engaged us in conversations that would make any 1L professor jealous.

Most impressive, though, was the way they discussed their own experiences. In the moments before and after practice rounds, the students spoke candidly about their lives since the tornado. They spoke with a quiet-but-obvious strength, one that communicated both the heartbreak they saw around them and the determination to rebuild. They spoke for Joplin and displayed how a true community only grows stronger in the wake of tragedy. That is what they taught us, and it is a lesson we won’t soon forget.
Susan A. "Tonie" FitzGibbon

As director of the William C. Wefel Center for Employment Law, Professor FitzGibbon has contributed to the vast employment law expertise of the SLU Law community and the Greater Legal Academy. She shares her experiences and how the center and employment law have changed throughout the years.

Employment law touches the lives of every person in the United States, and this is something that Professor Susan "Tonie" FitzGibbon ('84) instills in the minds of SLU Law students in her role as director of the William C. Wefel Center for Employment Law.

Prior to attending law school, FitzGibbon worked in personnel management for seven years, and she drew on that experience when she decided to enter SLU Law and focus her studies on employment law.

"I dealt with hiring, unionization, employment discrimination and harassment, wage and hour and pension issues, so I knew that employment law would involve interesting and challenging issues that really impact people's lives," said FitzGibbon. "But most of all, I wanted to study and be involved with the regulation of work because justice in the workplace and how people are treated at work are so important to human dignity."

After earning her law degree, FitzGibbon was a staff attorney law clerk and then a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. She later worked in the commercial litigation section at Guilfoil, Petzall & Shoemake, L.L.C. in St. Louis before joining Saint Louis University School of Law faculty as assistant director of the Wefel Center. Since 1994, FitzGibbon has served as...
director of the Wefel Center for Employment Law in addition to teaching Contracts, Labor Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Throughout her legal career, FitzGibbon has also worked as a mediator and arbitrator, concentrating her research on alternative dispute resolution. Her scholarship includes articles on arbitrating employment claims, arbitration and mediation of sexual harassment claims, and court-annexed mediation programs.

“Currently, my primary work is as an arbitrator in labor disputes that arise under collective bargaining agreements between employers and unions,” said FitzGibbon. “Serving as a labor arbitrator gives me a practical perspective on the issues and the arbitration process, and this perspective informs my teaching of the Labor Law course and the Alternative Dispute Resolution course, which focuses on arbitration, negotiation and mediation.”

In 2012, the William C. Wefel Center for Employment Law celebrates its 25-year anniversary. Since its inception in 1987, the Center has provided a source for specialized education and opportunities in the area of employment law for students, alumni and faculty. The Wefel Center is one of the first and remains one of the few academic programs to offer students the opportunity to specialize in this area of law.

“In the early 1980s, the main focus in law school and in law practice was labor law, involving unions and employers, with far fewer matters involving employment discrimination,” said FitzGibbon. “But over time, the passage of additional protective legislation such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act, coupled with elemental changes in the employment relationship, including even the definition of a workplace and an employee, vastly expanded the scope of employment law.”

“Employment law is always important because the regulation of the employment relationship is basic to the foundation, development and success of a society,” said FitzGibbon. “The study of employment law is particularly relevant to students today because the employment relationship is constantly evolving, due, among other things, to the impact of technology and to the impact of the global economy.”

WILLIAM C. WEFEL CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT LAW

In 1987, the Center was first developed under the leadership of Professor Josef Rohlik, Professor Emeritus John E. “Jack” Dunsford and the late Professor Richard Power. Dunsford served as the first director of the Center.

Today, the Center faculty boasts top employment law experts in several areas of employment law including employment discrimination, the American with Disabilities Act, corporate and labor law, arbitration and mediation. The faculty includes Matthew T. Bodie, professor of law and associate dean for research and faculty development; Miriam A. Cherry, professor of law; Jack Dunsford, professor emeritus of law; Marcia L. McCormick, associate professor of law; Elizabeth Peno, professor of law and associate dean of academic affairs; and Josef Rohlik, professor of law.

In addition to its commitment to promoting academic scholarship in employment law among the greater legal academy, the Center regularly hosts conferences and lectures that explore current significant issues in labor and employment law.

As part of the annual Distinguished Speakers Series, the Wefel Center for Employment Law invites the Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board to speak each fall semester and the Regional Attorney of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to speak each spring semester. These visits allow students to discuss current employment law issues with practitioners in the field and to learn more about these federal agencies and their work.

The Center also provides unique opportunities to learn about current trends in employment law through cutting-edge events such as the Sept. 22, 2011 panel, “Bargaining in the Big Leagues: Assessing Lockouts and Other Tactics in the NFL and NBA Labor Negotiations.” The panel explored issues including the impact of labor law, collective bargaining and negotiations on sports players, unions and owners. The panel addressed the recent NFL and NBA lockouts that captivated the news and the nation.

In April 2011, the Center featured the scholarship of SLU LAW faculty in the panel discussion “Critical Employment Cases before the Supreme Court” presented by Professors FitzGibbon, Bodie, McCormick, Peno, and Ann Scarlett.

The Center continues to create new and unique employment law opportunities for students, and in the spring 2013 semester, it will launch the new Employment Law Semester in Washington, D.C.

The Employment Law Semester in D.C. was developed after the success of the Health Law Semester in D.C. sponsored by the Center for Health Law Studies. The new Employment Law Semester in D.C. is designed to provide students with in-depth, practical experience in federal labor and employment regulation and policy.

Students will have the opportunity to work in a federal agency in Washington, D.C. to gain experience in employment regulatory work. Each student will be paired with an alumni mentor who will provide individual support during the semester.

The students will also take a course on employment law from the program’s alumni liaison, Jay P. Krupin (’78), an attorney with the firm Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. He will meet weekly with the students and provide instruction and counsel during their time in D.C.

The Semester in D.C. is an important addition to the Wefel Center’s vital curriculum and will provide students with an unparalleled learning experience in employment law. Watch for updates about the program and learn more about the Wefel Center at law.slu.edu/emplaw. SLB
When students enter Saint Louis University School of Law, they enter into a community that will be cherished and relied on, not only during law school, but also throughout their lives. Tim Finnegan, Bruce Friedman, John Munich, the Honorable Karen Schreier, Dave Smorodin and Erv Switzer formed a study group during their first weeks at SLU LAW that would lead to friendships lasting more than 30 years.

The group of mostly SLU undergraduates (only Friedman did not graduate from SLU) has lived out the Jesuit mission of service to others during their careers and continued to enjoy a collegial bond that has helped shape their lives and careers. When they get together, it is almost as if no time has passed as they share stories from law school and joke around with each other. To this day, the group stays in contact and plans get-togethers when they can, continuing the friendship that began at SLU LAW.

This summer, the study group of 1981 graduates returned to the law school after 30 years and sat down with Saint Louis Brief to share their experiences at SLU LAW, their unique journeys in their legal careers, and how they have remained close friends.

When these six students began their first week of law school, they found they were taking several classes together and quickly put together a study group. While several of the members knew each other through student government during their undergraduate education at SLU, it was as part of the study group that they became a vital part of each other’s lives.

“For three years, these folks were the most important people in my life. For nine months out of the year, these were the folks who helped you get through school,” said Munich.

Each of the alumni credits their professors for helping them succeed in law school and their careers, but Friedman credits Professor Alan Howard for helping the group get started, “We formed the study group at first because of Professor Howard’s class, he was tough. But he taught us how to see different sides of an issue. He said anyone could look at a book and tell you what the rule is, but it’s the really creative people who can argue several different points on the issue.”

Switzer added that the professors also helped shape their early careers. “One of the reasons why so many of us did clerkships is that Professors Alan Howard and Roger Goldman encouraged students to take that direction.”

Schreier also commented that their careers, while unique, also had similarities. “Most of us completed clerkships, and then private practice, and many us of went into government service as well.”

“Clerkships and public service — Professor Emerita Sandra Johnson and the Honorable Michael Wolff exhibited these philosophies. The professors we had had a huge impact on our careers,” said Switzer.

Friedman agreed, “A clerkship was a really eye-opening experience. By spending a year and a half reading transcripts, I learned how lawyers try cases, by seeing how evidence was presented and how objections were made and handled.”

While they pursued careers in different cities, the group still remains supportive of each other today, and Finnegan suggests their common interests have a part in that. “We were all at one point trial lawyers, and there is a very small percentage of lawyers who try more than a few cases a year, but when we talk or get together, we all have something in common.”

In addition, public service is something that each person in the group works toward during his or her professional life. Schreier explained how public service has guided her career. “Public service goes back to why I went to law school in the first place — to get the tools to help people. Getting involved in public service gives you a broad spectrum of what people’s needs are and how you can use your legal skills to help others.”

She continued, “As a judge, I see so many people in front of me who have made some bad choices in their lives, and I try to use my time with them to try to move them forward and not just be punished for what they did. This is something we learned through our experiences both in undergrad and in law school at SLU.”
Switzer commented on his time in public service working in the Missouri Attorney General’s Office. “You can really impact the most people in a positive way by working in public service. Working in consumer protection with the attorney general, I had a lot of experiences where I would see something on TV or read something in the newspaper and if I thought something needed to be done about it, I could take action.”

Schreier agreed, “When I was a U.S. attorney, I read an article about how a pesticide company was selling their product as a toothbrush disinfectant, which was making children sick. So I called the EPA and opened up an investigation. When you aren’t in public service you don’t always have the power to right a wrong you see in the community. It’s really an area where you have the ability to impact a lot of people’s lives.”

Munich suggested that government service provides a great opportunity for law students to build knowledge and experience, citing his experience recruiting lawyers to work in the Attorney General’s Office. “We would tell people to look at the job as an investment in your career, because you’re going to get experience and a level of responsibility that would take you several more years in private practice.”

While their experiences at SLU LAW had an impact on their career choices, the group also learned some important lessons that have stayed with them to this day.

Finnegan specifically remembers the impact of the late Professor Vince Immel. “He taught us that you’re never going to get everything right in a case, there are always going to be some things you don’t know, or some things that don’t go the way you want.”

Smorodin added, “But he taught us to keep going, to never give up.”

Friedman learned the importance of preparation from Immel, “On the first day of class, I hadn’t read the article we were discussing. I remember thinking I was going to get called on, and sure enough I did. It was a learning experience: be prepared.”

According to Schreier, the study group helped them learn the importance of hearing how other people see different issues. “As you read things yourself, you come up with your own ideas, but being part of a study group, you hear other people’s ideas and reactions to it. So we all became a lot stronger, because we talked about issues together and encouraged different viewpoints. That’s something that I have continued to do as a lawyer; I don’t just rely on myself, I’ll talk to other people and get their ideas and their thoughts.”

Smorodin added that hearing other people’s opinions and viewpoints had a lot to do with why the group was successful, “That’s why we stayed together in one form or another, because it worked.”

The group hopes that current and future law students will follow their advice and find a support system that can help them throughout their law school education and their careers.

“Get in a study group,” said Munich. “Find some people who are like you and get in a group. I know for certain that I would not have done as well in law school without this group.”

To this day, the 1981 study group keeps in touch, and regularly seeks advice from the other members. It is a partnership that helped them fulfill their potential in law school, but that partnership has yielded cherished friendships that continue three decades after graduation.
An important part of the Saint Louis University Jesuit mission is service to others. While the SLU LAW community serves in a variety of ways from the SLU LAW Legal Clinics, volunteer programs, and philanthropic projects, many students and alumni choose to advance their law careers by serving in other important ways such as in the United States military.

In the military, licensed attorneys practice law as judge advocate generals (JAGs). JAGs provide legal assistance at military bases working with their fellow servicemen and women and also have the opportunity to work as trial attorneys. They gain considerable litigation experience and handle high-level assignments early on in their careers, providing valuable opportunities for advancement and leadership.

Becoming a JAG is a competitive endeavor as military service provides incredible professional opportunities, a terrific benefits package and the opportunity to train as an officer in one of the esteemed branches of the U.S. military.

"Service in the military as a JAG officer offers graduates the ability to not only serve their country, but they also receive intensive training and are able to handle cases immediately," said Mary Pat McInnis, associate dean for career services. "Whether a graduate chooses to make the military a lifelong career or serve only a few years, the benefits are unparalleled."

The law school has a long history of its graduates beginning their legal careers in service with the military. These experiences have proved to be rewarding and beneficial for alumni in their profession and in life.

As a student at SLU LAW, Capt. Brandon Porter ('07) became interested in serving in the military and made the decision to join the United States Air Force after graduation. He was commissioned in 2007 and recently finished his active duty service, but he continues to serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserves at Scott Air Force Base (Scott AFB) in Illinois.

Porter is deputy legal counsel for the Defense Information Systems Agency and the Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization at Scott AFB. He provides general counsel on numerous matters to these organizations, although his practice focuses primarily on the realm of government procurement.

His work includes criminal prosecution, government contract law, labor law, resolving government tort claims, government ethics, and providing estate planning and family law assistance to military members. He also serves as a special assistant United States attorney for Air Force related matters.

"For JAGs, 'job one' is being a military officer and 'job two' is being a lawyer," said Porter. "Almost all daily activities of an Air Force JAG are related to the practice of law, although we do wear combat boots and camouflage to the office most days as a reminder that our primary mission is to support the 'warfighter.'"

Porter’s service has provided him with unique opportunities. “I’ve gotten to do all kinds of cool things: live in four different states in as many years; learn to dismantle, reassemble, and shoot an M16; and independently investigate and prosecute dozens of cases right out of law school."

While the Air Force JAG Corps have always been competitive, Porter acknowledges that more law students and new lawyers are now looking into military service. “The current economic state combined with the recent implementation of a loan repayment assistance program has caused applications to surge. Applying early and often shows that your interest in becoming a JAG is sincere.”

For those interested in the military, Porter stresses the importance of the decision. “Be sure it’s what you really want to do, because there’s no turning back once the dotted line has been signed. You must also be prepared to embrace an attitude and perspective of ‘service before self.’”

Another alumnus who followed up active duty service with reserve service is Frank J. Kaveney ('67), who served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1986.

Kaveney joined the Marine Corps law program while attending Saint Louis University for his undergraduate
education and spent the summer before law school in training in Quanico, Va. When he later graduated from SLU LAW, he completed his infantry training and Naval Justice School and shipped off to Vietnam. While based in Da Nang, Vietnam, he served as defense counsel and later as a prosecutor trying cases relating to Marine misconduct.

Kaveney also exemplifies the principle that in the Marine Corps you are an officer first and a lawyer second. After commanding an infantry company during an attack in February 1969, he received the Navy Commendation Medal for heroic achievement.

After 13 months in Vietnam, he returned to the United States and continued with the Marine Corps as a prosecutor in the U.S. Court of Military Appeals (now the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces). And, he credits his training as a JAG for giving him the opportunity to hone his legal skills in a way few lawyers get to experience.

“The Marine Corps offered very good trial experience and training on how to gather facts,” said Kaveney. “There were no trial investigators, so when you had to interview people about a case, you had to get into a Jeep or a helicopter and go to where they were.”

Kaveney also gained lifelong friendships in the Marine Corps. “There is great camaraderie in the Marine Corps. Your fellow Marines are not all lawyers, but you lived together, ate together, played volleyball together, etc.”

When Kaveney worked as government counsel for the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, he was tasked with representing the government in appeals of criminal cases. He gained more experience in oral arguments and brief writing and had the opportunity to argue before the Court’s panel of three judges.

After four years of active duty, Kaveney continued to serve in the reserves and founded the Marine Corps Reserves Law Unit in St. Louis. The unit reviewed recent cases and supplemented the work of the legal assistance offices on special research projects.

After 16 years in the reserves, Kaveney retired from the Marine Corps. He worked as a prosecuting attorney in St. Louis County before starting his own criminal defense and personal plaintiff injury practice. He continues to stay active with the military supporting veterans and attending Marine Corps reunions and events.

“You are always a Marine,” said Kaveney, “Many of us are involved in different veterans organizations and remain involved with the Marines throughout our lives.”

While Kaveney gained extensive legal experience in the military, he also gained perspective. “One thing you learn in the military is self-confidence,” said Kaveney. “If you go through training and survive the rigors overseas, the rest of life becomes easier.”

A recent alumnus of the School of Law, Lt. Michael Kibbe (‘09) also found his calling in the Marine Corps. Commissioned in March 2011, he always knew that he wanted to serve in the military. “From as far back as I can remember, I’ve always had a desire to serve the country in uniform. But, it was after 9/11 that I really began to explore the option with intensity.”

Kibbe found that the military provided him a hands-on experience in the law with extensive training. “Your commanding officers will give you a great deal of responsibility from the beginning, but with that comes a great deal of training.”

Kibbe is in the final weeks of his 12 months of training as a Marine JAG, which includes 10 weeks of Officer Candidate School, six months of The Basic School, and 10 weeks of Naval Justice School.

“One would think that only the last course of training, Naval Justice School, is relevant to your job, but as an officer, you are required to do more than be a good lawyer. You have to be a good officer, too,” said Kibbe. “The instruction you receive in the military is excellent and hands on. You are well prepared by the time you hit the fleet.”

“The most rewarding thing about being a judge advocate in the Marine Corps is that you are a Marine officer every day,” said Kibbe. “With that come the responsibilities of the office you commission. You are an officer and are expected to lead Marines. It’s an honor to have that responsibility, and it’s what motivates me to do a good job everyday.”

Kibbe explains that a military career is different than most civilian jobs. “You sign up for a lifestyle. Your life is built around the military and your job in a way that is not comparable to civilian employment. You can’t just go home and turn work off at night. You are always expected to act a certain way and, in a sense, you are always on duty.”

The U.S. military not only offers the opportunity for men and women to serve their country, but many SLU LAW alumni have found that it also offers unique opportunities to learn and grow in the practice of law.

To help students learn more about careers in the military, the Office of Career Services hosts JAG officers each academic year to speak about current opportunities for law students and their experiences in the military. In recent years, the office welcomed Lts. Kathryn Young (‘09) and David Kupper (‘08), both with the United States Navy.

While military service exemplifies the motto “service before self,” SLU LAW students have been instilled with a similar Jesuit adage of “men and women for others.” Many graduates have found the armed forces to be an ideal place to gain legal expertise while serving the country as well as their fellow servicemen and women. SLB
For Robert “Robb” Scoular ('68), life in his transplanted city of St. Louis was comfortable and fulfilling. As a partner at Bryan Cave LLP, his list of clientele read as a “who’s who” in St. Louis, including McDonnell Douglas (now the Boeing Company), Anheuser-Busch, the St. Louis Cardinals, Emerson Electric, Brown Shoe and Stifel-Nicolaus. He was very active in Bar activities — having served as chairman of the Young Lawyers Sections of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the Missouri Bar, and in the chairs for president of the St. Louis Bar Association — while his wife Donna, a music teacher, was heavily involved in community affairs. With excellent schools for their young children and a strong circle of friends, the Scoulars assumed they would be in St. Louis for the rest of their lives. That all changed on a fall day in 1978.

Scoular was leading a team of more than a dozen lawyers on a $1 billion-plus lawsuit between McDonnell Douglas and General Dynamics over a contract for the manufacture of the center fuselage for the MD-10 aircraft. After presenting a report to the firm’s executive committee on the suit, he was left speechless when Bryan Cave chairman William M. Van Cleve pulled him aside and asked if he would consider moving to Los Angeles to open and head an office for Bryan Cave, providing further support for McDonnell Douglas, the firm’s biggest client. After weighing a host of concerns regarding the move, Scoular’s choice ultimately rested on a sense of responsibility.

“The decision really came down to the fact that Bryan Cave needed to open an office in Los Angeles,” Scoular said. “The firm and McDonnell Douglas had asked me to open and head the office, and having been asked, I felt it was my duty as partner to do it.”

And so on Labor Day 1979, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure. Aside from the normal adjustments one makes when moving to a new city, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure. Aside from the normal adjustments one makes when moving to a new city, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure. Aside from the normal adjustments one makes when moving to a new city, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure. Aside from the normal adjustments one makes when moving to a new city, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure. Aside from the normal adjustments one makes when moving to a new city, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure. Aside from the normal adjustments one makes when moving to a new city, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure. Aside from the normal adjustments one makes when moving to a new city, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure. Aside from the normal adjustments one makes when moving to a new city, Scoular and his wife packed up their two sons (with another on the way) and headed out West for an unknown adventure.

To help get the firm established in the market, the office routinely handled issues for several St. Louis-based companies while building a solid California-based client list. Scoular had a simple goal in mind for establishing and expanding the new office.

“My management mantra was IQ: integrity and quality,” he says. “We did not compromise on integrity, quality, or service. The team approach and focus on ‘IQ’ were important factors in recruiting and retaining talent and obtaining, serving and retaining clients.” As managing partner and head of litigation, he grew the office from two to more than 50 lawyers.
In 1989 after 20 years with Bryan Cave, Scoular was approached by Chicago-based Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP (now SNR Denton) to open and head a new Los Angeles office for their firm. Together with three other Bryan Cave Los Angeles partners, he set out on the challenge of starting yet another new office, with the same team philosophy and “IQ” standards. While with SNR Denton — where he continues to practice today — Scoular has served as managing partner of the Los Angeles office, a member of the firm’s management committee, and head of the office’s litigation, government contracts, and intellectual property and technology practice groups. Upon completing his term as managing partner in December 2004, the office had expanded from three to 73 lawyers.

Throughout his years in California, Scoular has had his fair share of career highlights, but one thing that remains his personal mission is “making a difference in the lives of others.”

The opportunity to step aside from his management role at SNR Denton has freed him up to become more active in the pursuit of two of his passions: the Boy Scouts of America and Public Counsel, the largest pro bono public interest law firm in the United States.

“Lawyers have the duty to help obtain equal justice, and through equal justice, hope and opportunity for all in society,” Scoular said. “A lawyer, by devoting his or her time, talent and skills, can personally help people in so many ways; to personally make a difference in people’s lives.”

Scoular is currently Chairman-elect and a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of Public Counsel and leads SNR Denton’s pro bono efforts, which were recognized by Public Counsel with its 2006 Law Firm Pro Bono award. Last year, Public Counsel provided legal services through more than 5,300 volunteer lawyers to more than 32,000 people, including thousands of children and hundreds of nonprofit organizations, valued at more than $88 million in free services.

Scoular’s time with the Boy Scouts is rooted in his days earning the Eagle Scout Award in Helena, Mont., to serving as cub master for his sons. He has served on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts Los Angeles Area Council since 1991 (serving as president and chairman from 2007-2009) and is vice-president general counsel handling all legal issues from real estate to safety and risk management. Scoular is also highly involved in fundraising, including chairing a successful campaign that raised more than $16 million to rebuild and expand the Council’s Lake Arrowhead Camp after forest fires destroyed two-thirds of the camp.

When not spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren, Scoular plans on practicing law for as long as he can. He will also continue to devote substantial time to community service and pro bono activities.

“At the end of this life, there are really only two things to say,” says Scoular. “‘I wish I had’ or ‘I’m glad I did.’” With only so many hours in a day, Scoular uses this aspirational saying to help him choose the opportunities where he can make a difference in the lives of others.

One of the things he is definitely glad to have done is attend Saint Louis University School of Law. After more than 40 years, Scoular still credits SLU LAW with providing him a solid foundation for his life and career. Receiving a Jesuit education from gifted and inspirational professors set him on his path early on, from the publication of a Saint Louis University Law Journal article that was later cited in a U. S. Supreme Court decision to assistance with receiving a clerkship with the chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

“Graduates have a responsibility to give back,” he says. “I want to help the School of Law and students who follow.”

He is able to do just that many times over. Scoular is a member of the School of Law’s Dean’s Council and the Dubourg Society, and he often acts as a mentor to students and recent graduates. All of this enables him to stay connected to the St. Louis community that he left long ago to start a new journey 1500 miles west.

"GRADUATES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE BACK. I WANT TO HELP THE SCHOOL OF LAW AND STUDENTS WHO FOLLOW."
The Black Law Students’ Association celebrated 40 years at SLU LAW Oct. 7 with a reception and CLE workshop. The event brought many alumni back to the law school to celebrate BLSA’s long tradition at SLU LAW and the impact the organization has had on their lives.
In the mid-1980s, two historic economic development projects were underway in St. Louis: the renovation of Union Station and the opening of St. Louis Centre. It was this bustling time of growth coupled with her law school classes that sparked Carrie (Luepke) Hermeling’s (’86) interest in real estate development and commercial lending litigation. One of those projects then came full circle almost 20 years later, when she handled the foreclosure sale relating to the failed St. Louis Centre. It was these kinds of highs and lows in the real estate development market that formed much of Hermeling’s litigation practice over the years.

Hermeling is a litigation partner at Husch Blackwell LLP. She joined the firm immediately after graduation because it had a litigation culture of encouraging attorneys to become first chair trial lawyers. Within five years, she achieved that, affording her great experience in handling discovery disputes and developing trial themes. With the onset of highway construction and commercial development in the 1990s, Hermeling’s litigation became focused on the acquisition, use and sale of real estate.

When the recent economic recession hit, Hermeling’s litigation practice was dramatically impacted. “Since July 2008, more than 50 percent of my legal work involves representation of lenders in loan workouts and loan enforcement litigation,” she said. Like many attorneys, she does not see this current economic downturn turning around as quickly as the recession in the early 1990s when she first handled creditor rights and insolvency matters, but she does remain optimistic that real estate development will return.

Hermeling has also used her legal background in service projects. Early in her career, she began working with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) as a volunteer lawyer representing tenants in eviction proceedings. She currently serves as co-chair of the LSEM Annual Bar Campaign. In August, Hermeling received the Robert Walston Chubb Award, the highest award granted by LSEM, recognizing individuals who have made an outstanding commitment to providing equal access to justice.

“This award was a huge honor, given my respect for LSEM and its mission,” Hermeling said. “I consider it a privilege getting to know such bright, hard-working and devoted attorneys committed to providing access to justice for all residents for the overall betterment of our community – one client at a time.”

Here, Hermeling discusses the importance of LSEM, her experience at SLU LAW and advice for young lawyers.

**SLB** What is the biggest challenge in your job?

**CH** The biggest challenge is carving out time to maintain relationships with clients, even when day-to-day projects need to take priority. The practice of law today requires a sense of urgency. Client emails require an immediate response, even if it is to simply say you cannot look at the matter immediately, but will get back to them by a certain time.

**SLB** Why is LSEM so important?

**CH** LSEM is the one single source of access to justice for low income residents in Missouri. The legal work performed by LSEM attorneys often deals with survival issues: obtaining health care, ensuring adequate housing, and gaining freedom from an abusive relationship. Without LSEM, these individuals have nowhere to turn. While it provides direct legal services to more than 21,000 people a year, LSEM is forced to turn away almost as many individuals due to lack of funding.

**SLB** How has the economy affected LSEM?

**CH** The economy has had a significant impact on LSEM. While demand for civil legal assistance is increasing, the monetary support from LSEM’s traditional funding sources is decreasing. The importance of new financial support from corporations, foundations and individual attorneys has never been greater. LSEM’s Annual Campaign is directed at obtaining this critically needed support.

**SLB** How did your experience at SLU LAW prepare you for your career?

**CH** There are several classes that stand out from my SLU LAW experience that I continue to use in my daily practice: The late Professor Vincent C. Immel’s contracts class, including the legal issues associated with offers and acceptances; former Assistant Professor of Law Doreen Dodson’s pretrial procedure class for preparing interrogatories and taking depositions; and McDonnell Professor of Justice in American Society Pete Salsich’s real estate transaction class. I was also a clerk with the now retired Judge Michael Meehan through the Legal Clinics and got to know local attorneys and judges through moot court. By graduation, I had a bit of a head start in the St. Louis legal community.

**SLB** Do you have any advice for recent graduates?

**CH** The practice of law is a people business. Behind each matter is a person who is evaluating the success or failure of the project. While your legal practice certainly requires legal expertise, the ability to obtain and maintain clients requires developing a trusted business relationship with individuals or people within an organization. Client relationships are critical. Get to know your client. You need to get to know things about their interests, their kids and issues beyond just the legal work involved in handling the matter. **SLB**
Dear Alumni,

Since beginning my position as director of development and alumni relations in January 2011, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you, and I look forward to meeting many more in my travels on behalf of Saint Louis University School of Law. Since its inception, the law school has been blessed by the philanthropic support of alumni, the law school community and friends of SLU LAW, and this past year was no exception.

These graphs illustrate that SLU LAW alumni provided 53 percent of our gift revenue during the July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 fiscal year. Support from foundations accounted for 26 percent of our overall total dollars raised, and constituencies including friends, firms, corporations and associations rounded out the total. The overall alumni giving percentage in the most recent fiscal year hovered around 13 percent. We greatly appreciate your support, especially as the level of commitment from alumni is often considered by other donors as they determine their giving level.

To continue building on our momentum, we are proud to announce two new giving initiatives:

**THE IMMEI SOCIETY**  Named in the memory of Professor Vincent C. Immel, the brilliant and legendary teacher whose vision of legal education and generosity of spirit symbolized the soul of SLU LAW. He believed in the power of giving annually and was among the ranks of the school’s most generous annual donors. Membership in the Immel Society will be granted to donors who cumulatively give $1,000 or more to the law school for any purpose in a given year. Members will be invited to the annual Vincent C. Immel Lecture on Teaching Law.

**LOYAL TO LAW**  Loyal donors – those who contribute to SLU LAW in two consecutive years, and annually thereafter – will now be acknowledged with the new “Loyal to Law” designation.

You can learn more about these programs at law.slu.edu/alumni.

We also continue to move forward on the long-awaited building expansion project as mentioned in the dean’s message in this issue. Many have already contributed to this critically important project, and we will be working to provide updates on our progress and secure additional commitments in the coming year.

You are truly generous with donations of both time and treasure, and it is a privilege to have the opportunity to work with the law school to steward the resources you share with us. On behalf of all those who benefit daily from your generosity, thank you for helping us chart the course for the future.

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**BEST IN CLASS**

**CLASSES WITH HIGHEST TOTAL DOLLAR GIVING FOR 2010-2011**

1. **1957**
2. **1973**
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SOURCES OF GIFT REVENUE*

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FOUNDATIONS: $627,795.00
BEQUESTS: $327,990.00
NON-ALUMNI INDIVIDUALS: $134,673.00
FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS: $41,575.00
ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER: $26,789.00

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*ALL FIGURES ARE FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011

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LAW REUNION
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TRIVIA NIGHT

PILG AMBULANCE CHASE

MEET THE DEAN RECEPTION
1949
Hon. William Stiehl celebrated his 25th anniversary as a United States District judge.

1954
Lawrence Sumner participated in a meeting of the Union Internationale Des Avocats in Paris in October 2011.

1960
John King was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis' leading real estate attorneys for 2011.

1961
Raymond Howard was honored by the Mound City Bar Association at its 2011 Legal Legends reception in October 2011.

1963
Donald James, founder of the law firm Brown & James, was awarded the Ben Ely Jr. Defense Lawyer of the Year Award by the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers.

1964
Thomas Walsh was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis' leading litigation attorneys for 2011.

1965
Jack Pohrer was selected chair of the Downtown Community Improvement District.
Thomas Simon retired as Supreme Court of Missouri clerk in May 2011. He is believed to be the longest-serving clerk of a court in the country.

1967
David Hensler, a partner at the Washington, D.C. firm HoganLovells US LLP, has been selected as a regent of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1968
Robert Ritter, chairman of the St. Louis plaintiff law firm of Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., has been named to eight practice categories, including the prestigious “Bet-The-Company Litigation” category in the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers.

1970
Joseph Conran was named a “Most Influential St. Louisan” by the St. Louis Business Journal.

1972
Hon. Steven Goldman became an administrative law judge for the U.S. Social Security Administration.

1973
Andrew Rothschild was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading litigation attorneys for 2011.

1974
Steven Davis returned to the law firm Bryan Cave as of counsel. Davis was a partner there from 1982-1999 and was manager of the firm’s tax group.

1975
Robert Heinritz retired from his career in law and management-consulting, specializing in business-turnarounds and productivity. He has been active in Second Amendment rights, history, and education. He and his wife, Linda, enjoy traveling in their motorhome to points of interest across the country.

1976
Stephen Higgins was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading litigation attorneys for 2011.

Joseph Nassif was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading environmental attorneys for 2011.

Robert Wells was a featured speaker and judge for the 10th Annual International Law School Mediation Tournament in London. He was also appointed chair of Continuing Legal Education for the Illinois State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council.

Michael McClain was honored July 31, 2011 with the Boy Scouts Mississippi Valley Council (Quincy, Ill.) 2011 Distinguished Citizen Award.

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Herndon, chief judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois, as a special master in the Yaz/Yasmin litigation.

1977

Nicholas Clark became the general counsel of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union in April 2011.

Joseph Gazzoli was appointed as chief executive officer of Enterprise Trust, a wealth management and trust line of Enterprise Financial Services Corp.

Mary Ellen Simmons joined PNC Wealth Management as a senior wealth planner providing financial planning and estate reviews to PNC Bank clients and prospects.

1978

Adjoa Aiyetoro (Burrow) was named the founding director of University of Arkansas-Little Rock’s new Institute on Race and Ethnicity.

Booker Evans was inducted into the Northern Arizona University Social and Behavioral Sciences Alumni Hall of Fame in October 2011.

1979

Robert Keefe was elected to a two-year term as president of Kids’ Chance, Inc. of Missouri, a nonprofit organization that provides post-high school scholarships to children of workers killed or disabled on the job. He is also treasurer for the National Kids’ Chance organization.

1980

Hon. Rex Burlison was named as a circuit court judge for the City of St. Louis by Governor Jay Nixon. Since 2009, he has been one of the governor’s top aides, working as the director of the eastern district of the governor’s office.

Timothy Casey was listed in the 2011 Michigan edition of Super Lawyers for the third time.

Bradley Hiles was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading labor and employment attorneys for 2011.

1981

Hon. Jimmie Edwards was selected by the editors of PEOPLE magazine as one of the publication’s “Heroes of the Year” for 2011. Judge Edwards was profiled in the Nov. 7, 2011 issue of the magazine.

Richard Feldman was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading real estate attorneys for 2011.

1982

Hermann Eisele opened his own law firm in Clayton, Mo., concentrating in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration, fiduciary and civil litigation, as well as business and real estate law.

Nancy Mogab was one of the winners of The Missouri Bar’s 2011 President’s Award, which recognizes meritorious service to The Missouri Bar.

1983

James Lemonds, a personal injury plaintiffs attorney with the law firm Brown & Crouppen, has been listed in the 2011 Missouri & Kansas editions of Super Lawyers.

Nancy Lindsay (Homann) was appointed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to serve as a commissioner to the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission, reviewing workers’ compensation appeals.

1984

SLU LAW Professor John Ammann was among those recognized by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri at its fourth annual “For the Common Good” Awards Reception, which recognizes all attorneys, individuals and organizations who have provided exceptional service and invaluable support to LSEM and their clients.

Anthony Chivetta, a partner at the law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP, was named “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of international trade and finance law in the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers.

Christine Miller was named to the executive board of the law firm Husch Blackwell.
1985

Jane Cohen was included in the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers and the 2011 Missouri & Kansas editions of Super Lawyers. She also spoke at the 2011 Missouri Bar Solo and Small Firm Conference about franchising.

Patrick Hagerty, of the law firm Gray, Ritter & Graham, PC was listed in the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers in the personal injury litigation–plaintiffs and railroad law practice categories.

Catherine Keefe received the 2011 Bringewatt Social Justice Award from Lutheran Family and Children’s Services of Missouri for her work protecting and advocating for the rights and safety of Missouri’s children.

1986

Carrie Hermeling (Luepke) was among those recognized by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri at its fourth annual “For the Common Good” Awards Reception, which recognizes all attorneys, individuals and organizations who have provided exceptional service and invaluable support to LSEM and their clients.

Bruce Hilton announced the formation of the Hilton Family Law Group. Hilton has been a family law attorney for 22 years. He is often involved with high-conflict contested custody cases. He also serves as guardian ad litem.

1987

Peggy Prince Finn, of Stern Brothers & Co., was named one of St. Louis Business Journal’s Most Influential Business Women for 2011.

1988

William Jochens of the law firm Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. was awarded the 2011 St. Louis Legacy Award by the Saint Louis Planned Giving Council and Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation for his work in the nonprofit sector.

John Nations, president and CEO of Metro Transit-St. Louis, received the 2011 Political Science Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Julie Emmerich O’Keefe was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading environmental attorneys for 2011.

1989

Robert Eggmann founded the law firm Desai Eggmann Mason LLC with Spencer Desai (’91) and Ryan Mason. The new firm will represent both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy matters.

Stephen Woodley, of the law firm Gray, Ritter & Graham, PC was listed in the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers in the personal injury litigation–plaintiffs category.

1990

Hon. Lloyd Cueto will retire as circuit court judge when his term expires on Dec. 3, 2012. He has served 18 years on the bench handling major civil and criminal cases on the fourth floor of the county building.

James Mello was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading real estate attorneys for 2011.

1991

Spencer Desai founded the law firm Desai Eggmann Mason LLC with Robert Eggmann (’89) and Ryan Mason. The new firm will represent both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy matters.

John Diehl, a partner at the law firm Armstrong Teasdale, was a recipient of The Missouri Bar’s 2011 Legislative Awards and also a recipient of The Missouri Bar’s 2011 Legislative Awards, awarded to legislators making significant contributions to the administration of justice.

Petree Eastman (Spies) was unanimously appointed by the Crestwood, Mo. board of aldermen as Crestwood’s new city administrator. Eastman previously served as a consultant to the St. Louis County Municipal League.

Mary Frontczak (Flynn) of Peabody Energy was named one of St. Louis Business Journal’s Most Influential Business Women for 2011.

Tong Gao joined the law firm Gallop, Johnson & Neuman as special counsel in governmental law & relations, focusing in immigration and naturalization law and international business law.

Celeste Harris of Winston-Salem, N.C. was elected chair of the board of directors of Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC). She was honored as the LANC-Winston Salem 2010 Volunteer Attorney of the Year. Harris works at Maynard & Harris, PLLC.

Eric Holland was recently named one of the United States “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” by The American Trial Lawyers Association.

Diane Ryan (Roth) joined the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in their Chicago office as of counsel in the firm’s tax controversy practice.

Anthony Simon was named to the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers in the areas of commercial litigation antitrust, patent and intellectual property law.

Tiffanie Stasiak joined the law firm Kutak Rock, LLP in Denver as of counsel in their national construction practice group. She was previously a partner at Lindquist & Vennum.

1992

Mark Elhoffer joined the law firm Brown & Crouppen as an attorney, focusing his practice on workers’ compensation cases and third-party claims. He previously worked for Travelers Insurance.

Christopher Erker was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading environmental attorneys for 2011.

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Dr. Ellen Harshman, dean of the Cook School of Business, was honored by the Coro Leadership Center with its Leadership Award on June 8, 2011.

Paul Rost and his partners Dan Vogel and Tom Cunningham recently moved the offices of Cunningham, Vogel & Rost, P.C., to Kirkwood, Mo., where they will continue to focus on providing legal counsel to local governments. He taught State and Local Government at the law school in fall 2011.

Michael States was recently elected to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Board of Trustees.

Hon. Wendy Wexler Horn was appointed by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon as St. Francois County prosecuting attorney’s associate circuit judge.

1993

Lindsay Dibler is now a principal in the firm Kurowski, Bailey & Shultz, LLC in Swansea, Ill.

Joan Galli Lockwood, of the law firm Gray, Ritter & Graham, PC was listed in the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers in the medical malpractice law, medical malpractice law-plaintiffs, and personal injury litigation categories.

Jason Rush joined the law firm Brown & Crouppen as an attorney, focusing his practice on auto accident and premises liability cases.

1994

John Borbonus was appointed by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon to fill a vacancy as associate judge in the 21st Judicial Circuit, which encompasses St. Louis County. He was previously a princpal with the law firm King, Krehebel, Hellmich and Borbonus LLC since 1999.


Carl Yates now serves as the Jefferson County (Mo.) counselor. The county counselor represents the county in all civil legal matters. He previously served as a senior attorney for the City of St. Louis.

1995

Michael Finneran received the Ninth Annual Workers’ Compensation Distinguished Lawyer Award, presented by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Kids’ Chance, Inc. of Missouri.

Christopher Goff was elected to a three-year term on the executive committee of the law firm Armstrong Teasdale. He focuses his practice on intellectual property law.


1996

Sanjay Agrawal joined the law firm Senniger Powers as Counsel.

Amy Collignon Gunn was named to the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers in the area of personal injury litigation.

Wrenn Kates “retired” from the practice of law in 2002 and is currently raising her three children.

Rebecca Magruder was presented with an Award of Appreciation by the Association of Missouri Mediators at its annual education conference. She practices mediation in civil, domestic, business, labor, landlord-tenant and medical areas, among others.

Daniel O’Keefe was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading labor and employment attorneys for 2011.

1997

Veronica Felton Armouti was among those named to the St. Louis Business Journal’s Class of 2011 Diverse Business Leaders’ Class of 2011 Diverse Business Leaders Awards. She is an associate with the law firm Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard P.C., focusing on health law issues.

Hon. Sara Frizzell Darrow was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to become a federal judge in the Central District of Illinois, which includes Peoria and Rock Island, Ill.

Jonathan Fleece, along with David Houle, co-authored The New Health Age, The Future of Health Care in America, published in the fall of 2011.

James Guest of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri was elected to the board of governors of The Missouri Bar.

Sen. Joseph Keaveny joined the law firm Weiss & Associates, PC and was a recipient of The Missouri Bar’s 2011 Legislative Awards, awarded to legislators making significant contributions to the administration of justice.

Mark Sanders joined the law firm Summers Compton Wells, PC as a principal, focusing his practice on complex commercial litigation.

David Stoebel was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

Matthew Wohl was promoted to vice president of law by the Doe Run Company.

1998

Daniel Haltenhof was one of the winners of The Missouri Bar’s 2011 President’s Award, which recognizes meritorious service to The Missouri Bar.

Mark LaVigne was appointed by Energizer Holdings as its new general counsel. LaVigne joined Energizer in 2010 and has served as secretary and assistant general counsel.

Bruce Lowry was named by Chambers & Partners as one of St. Louis’ leading real estate attorneys for 2011.

Mark Mueller announced the opening of his own law practice, Law Office of Mark F. Mueller, in St. Louis. It is a general civil practice firm with a focus on business corporate, real estate,
commercial and consumer law.

Jennifer Breech Rhoads was sworn in as the 20th president of the Ohio Women’s Bar Association (OWBA) at the association’s annual meeting in May 2011. Rhoads is president and chief executive officer of the Ohio Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (OPMCA).

Timothy Sansone was elected a shareholder at Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard P.C. in St. Louis, where he focuses on complex litigation including product liability defense, business litigation, appellate practice, class-action defense, and insurance coverage.

Matthew Shorey is chairman of the American Bar Association’s Life Insurance Law Committee. The committee is part of the ABA’s Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section.

1999

Robert Abilez joined GE Healthcare as lead counsel, Healthcare IT Improper Payments Center of Excellence.

Nicholas Angelides of the law firm Simmons Browder Gianaris Angelides & Bernerd was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

Michelle Funkenbusch co-founded the law firm of Featherston & Funkenbusch. She focuses her practice on catastrophic personal injury, accidents, workers’ compensation and business disputes.

Philip Lading of the law firm Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

Stephanie Poe Saur is an underwriting counsel with First American Title Insurance Co, National Commercial Service.

Angela Charboneau Wishon was appointed vice president for research administration at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Wishon oversees functions that support investigators and research personnel, including regulatory compliance.

Tracy Zuckett of the law firm Moser & Marsalek became second vice president of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis for 2011-2012.

2000

Beth Bauer of HeplerBroom LLC has been named one of the 2011 “40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch” by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, publishers of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and Chicago Lawyer magazine.

Amy Bender-Levy is currently serving as chair of the Young Lawyers Section of The Missouri Bar for the 2011-2012 year.


Irene Marusic of the law firm Brown & James was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

Angela Snellenberger Quinn of the law firm Husch Blackwell LLP was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

Eric Schmitt of the law firm Lathrop & Gage was a recipient of the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2011 Legislative Awards. He was also honored with the Lewis and Clark Statesman Award by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association.

Christina Schultejans (Worley) joined Gershman Mortgage as an in-house associate general counsel.

Daniel Welsh joined the law firm Summers Compton Wells, PC as a principal, focusing his practice on representing owners and developers of commercial real estate.

2001

Joseph Blanner received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was selected as a 2011 “Rising Star” in the Missouri edition of Super Lawyers. He was also selected by the City of Eureka as its Citizen of the Year for 2011.

Allison Taylor joined the law firm Hesse Martone, PC as a principal, focusing on representing management in employment and labor law, as well as general corporate and intellectual property matters.

Elizabeth Kovaly Willis joined Scottrade as associate general counsel, providing oversight in strategic transactions and corporate governance matters. She also manages the firm’s intellectual property portfolio.

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Aaron Zigler received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was selected as a 2011 “Rising Star” in the Missouri & Kansas edition of Super Lawyers.

2002

John Fischesser joined the St. Louis office of Pitzer Snodgrass, P.C. Mr. Fischesser joins the firm’s construction/architect professional liability group. He was also awarded the BAMSL Young Lawyers Division Award of Merit in 2011.

Corey Kraushaar was one of the winners of The Missouri Bar’s 2011 Lon O. Hocker Award, a trial practice award.

Todd Lubben of the law firm Brown & James was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

Richard Malby of the Springfield, Mo. law firm Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

M. Quinn Murphy of the law firm Armstrong Teasdale was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

Patrick Stufflebeam, a lawyer with the firm HeplerBroom LLC, was elected to the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel’s board of directors.

Hon. Lisa Tapia moved to Southern California to work for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture National Appeals Division, an independent agency responsible for all administrative appeal proceedings. She will decide appellate cases for the division.

Ronda Williams has been named by the National Bar Association and IMPACT as a 2011 Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40.

2003

Patrick Conner joined the firm of Husch Blackwell LLP in their St. Louis office as an associate focusing his practice in Trusts & Estates.

Kathryn Forster was named a director for Citizens for Modern Transit, a nonprofit organization in St. Louis whose mission is to expand the light rail system in order to build more sustainable, accessible communities in the region.

Jason Sengheiser of the Missouri Court of Appeals was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

2004

Rebekah Bahn joined Colliers International in St. Louis as vice president, leasing. Bahn has been an active, commercial real estate professional in the St. Louis market for more than six years.

John Mahon of the law firm Williams, Venker & Sanders was selected as one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Class of 2011 Up & Coming Award winners. The award is given to attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and the community.

2005

Maher Fakhoury recently left the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office and opened his own firm, Law Offices of M. Fakhoury, where he practises criminal defense. He also accepted a position with the City of Chicago as an administrative law judge and continues to serve as an adjunct professor at DePaul University.

Aaron Haber is a founding member of Muchnick & Haber, L.C., a civil litigation firm focusing on personal injury litigation.

Kristine Sonnett Kauflin was appointed chief enforcement counsel for the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State, Securities Division.

2006

Zachary Borowiak joined the law firm of Klar, Izsak and Stenger, L.L.C. After four years of criminal prosecution at the St. Louis Circuit Attorney’s Office, he expanded his practice to include personal injury, family law, business litigation, and criminal.

Erica Bredehoft is authoring a new column in The Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section’s
quarterly publication, The Young Lawyer. She will be answering research and writing questions relevant to new attorneys.

Joshua Davis was hired as an associate by the law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard. He will be a member of the firm’s product liability practice group.

Justin Guerra, an associate at the law firm Holloran, White, Schwartz & Gaertner, was elected to the Executive Committee of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis.

Jason Hill joined the St. Louis office of SmithAmundsen LLC as a partner in the Corporate and Transactional Services group.

Andrea McNairy of the law firm Brown & Crouppen has been named a 2011 “Rising Star” in the Missouri & Kansas editions of Super Lawyers.

Martin Walsh was named general counsel by the software development firm Elevate Inc. He manages strategic acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures and corporate restructurings.

2007

Charles Banks joined the Missouri State Public Defender’s Commitment Defense Unit, which represents indigent people throughout the State of Missouri against whom the government has initiated civil commitment proceedings based on the allegation that the defendant is a sexually violent predator.

Lauren Bruning (Werley) of the law firm Thompson Coburn LLP was named to the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2011 class of 30 Under 30.

William Rearden joined the law firm Husch Blackwell LLP as an associate. His legal focus is corporate law.

Keli Webb is an attorney advisor with the Social Security Administration in the National Case Assistance Center Office of Disability Adjudication and Review-Decision Writing Unit.

2008

Raven Akram of the law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard was named to the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2011 class of 30 Under 30.

Kent Bartholomew was hired as an associate by the law firm Bryan Cave in the firm’s transactions, corporate finance and technology, entrepreneurial and commercial practice groups.

Marcella Donkin Bone works at St. Louis Children’s Hospital in trauma services. She is responsible for all trauma-related education for the hospital and outreach trauma education. She is actively involved in trauma and injury prevention advisory committees in Missouri and Illinois.

Andrew Brummel was selected for the 2011 class of “20 in Their Twenties” by Ingram’s Magazine, which spotlights entrepreneurially minded business professionals and young business owners. He is an attorney with the law firm Bryan Cave in their Kansas City office.

Stephanie Bruch Deterding is an associate with the St. Louis office of Polsinelli Shughart in the financial services department, focusing her practice on all aspects of tax credit finance and affordable housing development.

Bradley Fink and Christie Aiko Kure (’09) were married March 26, 2011 in Ladue, Mo. Christie is a senior tax analyst at Ernst & Young and Bradley is an attorney for the National Labor Realitions Board.

Benjamin Hegvik is an associate with the law firm Foley & Mansfield.

2009

James Holman is compliance business partner at Arcadian Health Plan, a Medicare Advantage plan company based in Oakland, Calif. focusing on physician credentialing, delegation oversight, and fraud, waste and abuse.

Alicia Konstantinovich (Seibel) joined the law firm Brinker & Doyen as an associate, practicing in the areas of civil litigation, insurance defense and personal injury defense.

Maria Wever Daugherty married Matthew Daugherty (Cook ’06 & ’07) Aug. 6, 2011 at St. Francis Xavier College Church. The couple reside in St. Louis.

2010

Philip Eckelkamp joined the Stange Law Firm in its St. Charles office, focusing his practice on family law.

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Felicia Eshragh is a public health analyst with the Office of Quality & Data at the Bureau of Primary Health Care with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

Julie Hixson-Lombsong joined the law firm Hais, Hais, Goldberger & Coyne, focusing her practice on family law.

Sherin Joharifard is an associate at the law firm Hepler-Broom LLC, practicing out of their Edwardsville, Ill. office, focusing her practice on toxic torts and product liability.

Mark Milton is in the U.S. Department of Justice’s Honors Program. He is a trial attorney for the Department of Justice’s tax division in Washington, D.C.

John Orbe joined the law firm Bryan Cave in its St. Louis office, practicing with the transactions, corporate finance and technology, entrepreneurial and commercial practice groups.

Julie Ostrom opened her own firm, Thompson & Ostrom, P.C., in December of 2011.

Kevin Salzman was recently appointed as an assistant county attorney in the Office of the Ford County Attorney’s Office in Dodge City, Kan.

John Schroeder has joined Senniger Powers LLP as an associate in the firm’s patent and complex litigation practice. Previously, he was a law clerk for Hon. Michael J. Reagan in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

Carla Tolbert joined Schrempf, Kelly, Napp & Darr in December 2010.

Christopher Wintrode of SSM Health Care was named to the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2011 class of 30 Under 30.

2011

Yolonda Campbell joined the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation.

Kurt Fiehler joined the law firm Husch Blackwell LLP as an associate in the firm’s Banking & Finance department.

Natasha Hastings (Skouby) is an associate at the newly formed Hilton Family Law Group.

Tiffany Hetland is an associate at the law firm Husch Blackwell LLP in their Kansas City office. She is a member of the firm’s healthcare legal group.

Divya Khullar joined Feldman Gale in their Miami office practicing primarily IP prosecution and litigation.

Lindsay Leible joined Hepler-Broom LLC in the St. Louis office as an associate attorney with an emphasis in civil defense and litigation.

Lisa Luethemeyer is an associate at the St. Louis law firm Greensfelder Hemker & Gale, PC in their health care practice group.

H. Jill McFarland (Wilson) is an associate attorney at the law firm Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. in its corporate department, focusing her practice on health care and real estate.

Whitney Payne is deputy communications counsel for the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Jay Piatt joined the law firm Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. as an associate in their litigation department.

Edward Pivin joined the law firm Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. as an associate in their commercial litigation group.

Mark Pratzel joined the law firm Husch Blackwell LLP as an associate in the firm’s toxic tort department.

Lindsey Rendlen joined The Todt Law Firm, P.C. in August 2011 as an associate attorney.

Angela Catapano Sanders is an associate attorney at the law firm Lewis, King, Krieg and Waldrop, P.C. in Nashville, Tenn.

Jennifer Shoulberg joined The Hacking Law Practice, LLC, a St. Louis immigration and trial law firm focusing on civil rights litigation, immigration appeals and personal injury.

Erin Waldron joined the law firm Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard in St. Louis as an associate in the firm’s business law, business litigation, health law and product liability practice groups.

Ryan Yager joined the law firm Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, PC as an associate in the firm’s litigation practice group.

IN MEMORIAM

MELVIN HELLER, 1950
OWEN MCNAMARA, 1951
LESTER POTTHAST, 1951
EDWARD SCHNEIDER JR., 1955
LEO SULLIVAN III, 1958

JOSEPH FEHLEN JR., 1959
THE HON. RONALD MCKENZIE, 1960
JOHN MARTIN, 1965
CORWIN RUGE JR., 1967
MSGR. DONALD RAU, 1976

TERRY GALGANSKI, 1980
ROBERT BUCCI, 1980
ANTHONY O’CONNOR, 1982
MARDI MONTELLO, 1991
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30 Public Interest Law Group (PILG) Auction

APRIL
4 Women’s Law Student Association Judicial Reception
19 EEOC Commissioner to visit SLU LAW
20 Excellence Awards Ceremony
26 Clayton Alumni Lunch at Luciano’s Trattoria

MAY
15 Downtown Alumni Lunch at Carmine’s Steak House
17 SLU LAW Hooding Ceremony, Chaifetz Arena
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JUNE
1, 8, 15, 22 SLU LAW Summer Series CLE Program
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