Take a glimpse inside the Joe and Loretta Scott Law Center
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Transitions. As I look through the pages of this issue of Saint Louis Brief, I’m struck by how this theme comes up time and again, in different but equally important ways.

Several of the stories in this issue touch on the hard work our alumni, faculty and students are doing to help the community’s underserved and underrepresented make successful transitions to life after incarceration. You’ll read about Dr. Dora Schriro’s (’02) philosophy on pro-social living for prisoners, Professor Susan McGraugh’s work with students in her Criminal Defense Legal Clinic to help minimize convicted criminals’ chances of reoffending after release, and the student-run SLU Innocence Club, dedicated to helping exonerate wrongfully convicted and imprisoned individuals.

You’ll also hear from students in our part-time evening program, who impress the faculty and staff every day with their enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunity to earn a law degree in an environment that suits their personal and professional lives. Their transitions are also evident, as they tirelessly make their way from busy days to busy nights and, in some cases, return to the classroom after many years away.

This issue also highlights the 2012 Hooding Ceremony, where we welcomed our newest graduates into the SLU LAW alumni family. Please join me in congratulating them on this exciting new chapter in their lives.

Of course, one of the law school’s biggest transitions will be the move to our new building in downtown St. Louis. Now scheduled for the summer of 2013, the additional time spent to design the building and prepare for our move has allowed us to evaluate and design the floor plans to best suit the school’s space and academic needs. You can see renderings of the building on pages 29-30. We are very excited about the physical transformation of the building into a truly remarkable space to teach, learn and collaborate. We’re also enthusiastic about engaging more deeply with the downtown community, which has already welcomed us with open arms as we begin to discuss and plan for programs, events and service and learning opportunities.

This message also concludes my first year as Dean. It has certainly been an eventful and exciting year, and I thank each and every one of you for helping make my transition to Saint Louis University School of Law such a positive experience.

Best regards,

ANNETTE E. CLARK, M.D., J.D.
DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW
SAINT LOUIS BRIEF

DR. RICHARD T. MIDDLETON HONORED
Dr. Richard T. Middleton, IV, Adjunct Professor of Law, was selected as one of 20 “Young Leaders” in St. Louis by the St. Louis American Foundation.

SPEARIT INDUCTED INTO SALT
Assistant Professor Spearit was elected as a member of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Board of Governors. SALT is open to all ranks of faculty, deans, admissions and career officers, librarians, adjuncts and academic support staff. The organization promotes a three-part mission: making the legal profession more inclusive; enhancing legal education through innovative teaching methodologies and incorporation of social justice into curricula; and extending the power of law to underserved individuals and communities. Other esteemed SLU LAW faculty who are members of SALT include Dean Annette Clark, the Honorable Michael Wolf and Professor Roger Goldman.

SLU LAW ORGANIZATIONS HONOR ALUMNI
On April 4, the Women Law Student Association’s bi-annual judicial reception celebrated the Honorable Lucy D. Rauch (’79), St. Charles County Circuit Court; the Honorable Melissa A. Chapman-Rheinestein (’83), Illinois Court of Appeals, Fifth District; and the Honorable Barbara W. Wallace, St. Louis County Circuit Court. In addition, the members created a service award to recognize exemplary leadership and service to women in the legal profession and the community as a whole. Because of her tireless commitment to ensuring a welcoming environment for female law students, the members voted to both award it to emerita faculty member Eileen H. Seals and to name it in her honor going forward.

On April 18, the Black Law Students Association hosted the 2012 Judicial Reception. SLU LAW faculty, students and alumni recognized the Honorable Jimmie Edwards (’81) with the Judge Theodore McMillian Award, and Stefan Bradley, Associate Professor, History and African-American Studies at Saint Louis University, received the BLSA Service Award.

REEDARDS, LEFT, PAOLO, WITH FELLOWS ATTEND THE BLSA FIDELITY RECEPTION

SLU LAW WOMEN HONORED AT WOMEN’S JUSTICE AWARDS
Saint Louis University School of Law students, faculty and alumni were honored at the 14th annual Women’s Justice Awards April 19, sponsored by Missouri Lawyers Media. The awards celebrate Missouri’s leading professionals, and several SLU LAW women were honored. Students Nkechi Ekwenife and Stephanie Hudson received the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor Elizabeth Pendo was awarded the Legal Scholar Award for her commendable work with the justice system, her research and scholarship, as well as her ability to inspire students in the classroom. SLU LAW alumni were also recognized. Amy Hoch Hogenson (’91) received the Rising Star Award, Sarah Hellman (’00) was awarded the Litigation Practitioner Award and Joan Killgore (’00) was awarded the Business Practitioner Award. The 2012 Woman of the Year is alumna Doreen Dodson (’74), who was honored for making an extraordinary difference in improving the quality of justice and exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession.

PROFESSOR GATTER HONORED AT FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Congratulations to Professor Robert Gatter, a recipient of the 2012 Faculty Excellence Awards. The awards are sponsored by SLU’s Student Government Association Academic Affairs Committee, and students nominate faculty based on their contributions to the SLU community. Gatter was one of eight honorees who were acknowledged during a ceremony in April for their outstanding teaching and service.

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Defenders, Inc. Office, Missouri Human Rights Office, HUD and ArchCity such as the Public Defender’s Office, the Circuit Attorney’s office and the PILG organization to spend their summers serving the underserved children of Haiti.

The Le Roseau Initiative is a project that helps the Le Roseau High School Constitution Team with a $400 check, raised in the community still recovering from last year’s deadly tornado. The students also presented the Joplin trial to help the community recover from the disaster.

Law students also selected Assistant Director of the Legal Clinics Barbara Gilchrist as this year’s winner of the Clarence Darrow Award. Executive director Joe Yancey and board president James Fox accepted the award on behalf of Places for People.

The firm also has a tradition of providing pro bono representation to many St. Louis area residents. The firm has mentored hundreds of SLU LAW students and workers in class actions and impact cases that affect millions of people. The firm’s attorneys have achieved great results in cases against payday lenders and unscrupulous employers. The firm also spearheads the nonprofit group XOXO, which raises funds for local charities.

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For others and awareness of disability issues. The exhibit the inclusion of people with disabilities through respect and understanding. The exhibit included stories of successful in securing parole for women who were serving lengthy prison sentences for killing their abusers.

Speakers included Walter F. Mondale, former Vice President of the United States (by video conference); Ira Shapiro, author of “The Last Great Senate” and former long-time senate staff member; Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan; the Honorable Rodney W. Sippel, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri; and Professor Murray Weidenbaum, former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Invisible Constitutions: Religious Traditions and Cultural Conflict

The Center for International and Comparative Law hosted the spring symposium “Invisible Constitutions: Religious Traditions and Cultural Conflict” March 2 to discuss the interpretive risks involved in abstracting constitutional texts from their larger cultural/temporal contexts and the role those contexts play in creating constitutional meaning. The program was co-hosted by SLU’s Center for Intercultural Studies.

SLU LAW held its first Social Justice Speakers Series on March 26, the inaugural installation of the Social Justice Speaker Series hosted Trudy Strassburger and Ben Shapiro, author of “The Last Great Senate” and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Drugs & Money

On March 30 at the 24th annual Center for Health Law Studies Symposium, Drugs & Money, national experts examined the influence of public and private funds on the development of, and access to, medications. The event was co-presented by the Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy.

EOC Commissioner Chai Feldblum Visits SLU Law

In celebration of the William C. Welte Center for Employment Law’s 25th Anniversary, Saint Louis University School of Law hosted Chai Feldblum on April 19 for the presentation “The Rejuvenation of the ADA: Towards True Equality for People with Disabilities.” Feldblum was nominated to serve as a Commissioner of the EEOC by President Barack Obama, and was confirmed by the Senate, for a term ending on July 1, 2013. Prior to her appointment to the EEOC, Commissioner Feldblum was a Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center, where she has taught since 1991. As Legislative Counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union from 1988 to 1991, Commissioner Feldblum played a leading role in helping to draft and negotiate the ground-breaking Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Later, as a law professor representing the Epilepsy Foundation, she was equally instrumental in the drafting and negotiating of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008.

In Remembrance

Liz Glankler passed away on June 13, 2012. Glankler served in numerous roles within the library since joining SLU LAW in 1998, notably investigating and implementing new technologies for use by the law school. She was also an active member of the American Association of Law Libraries. She is survived by her husband, Bill, sons Sean and Eric, and three grandchildren.
The Jesuit mission centered on public service is a cornerstone of legal education at Saint Louis University School of Law. Recently, several students have taken that mission to heart and formed the SLU Innocence Club – a student club inspired by innocence projects around the country dedicated to exonerating the wrongly convicted and leading to criminal justice reform.

The SLU Innocence Club was launched in March 2011 after a first-year Torts class ignited the curiosity of two students. During class lectures, Assistant Professor Mary Ziegler mentioned cases she had worked on as part of the Harvard Project on Wrongful Convictions. After hearing about Ziegler’s experiences, students Shay Irby and Stacey Brake asked her if they could form their own chapter of the organization at the School of Law. Inspired by the students’ initiative and passion, Ziegler agreed to oversee the club, with Irby and Brake serving as student leaders.

“Working with the SLU Innocence Club is an invaluable experience for law students,” said Ziegler. “They learn how to build an innocence case from the ground up, request documents and deal with witnesses.”

This past academic year, the 20-member club worked on cases assigned by alumna Laura O’Sullivan (’91), legal director of the Midwest Innocence Project (MIP). The students assisted the MIP by researching public records, reviewing documents and developing investigative plans to help determine if a valid innocence claim exists.

“The Midwest Innocence Project strives to uncover wrongful convictions and to achieve the release of those suffering as a result of these injustices,” said O’Sullivan. “We are so pleased to have students donating their time and incredible talent to fight for the innocent.”

Ziegler serves as faculty moderator for the student-driven club. She is excited by the level of commitment shown by the students, not only to the cases they are assigned, but also to innocence work as a whole.

“Students founded this group,” said Ziegler. “They came up with the idea and determined its mission and its future. I am just a facilitator.”

“The students who founded our club wanted to do innocence work because they feel a deep commitment to social justice and legal reform. They do this work for free, and get no academic credit for it. They do it because of a basic sense of what legal practice and SLU LAW represent. I am extremely proud of these students.”

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Beginning this summer, SLU LAW volunteers will be able to work closely with attorneys at local firms in reviewing and evaluating wrongful convictions claims. These volunteers will help attorneys screen cases and determine the merits of particular claims. In the future, attorneys at Bryan Cave hope to create opportunities for SLU LAW students to work for credit on actual habeas cases filed in Missouri courts.

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Growing up outside of Chicago, Associate Clinical Professor Susan McGraugh knew she wanted a fulfilling job that gave her a sense of achievement. After receiving her bachelor’s degree in sociology and English, she attended law school at Washington University in St. Louis.

It was McGraugh’s legal education that gave her the foundation for working as a trial lawyer. “I had a great criminal law professor who was an old-school teacher who’d scare students into preparing for class and participating. It was important to me to do well in my class and to walk the fine line between being respectful and showing no fear. He made me think on my feet, and it was the best possible training for being a trial lawyer. I figured if I could stand up to him, I could stand up to anyone.”

Though McGraugh originally planned to work in civil rights or poverty law, she finally settled into criminal defense, where she found people most needed protection.

“People charged or convicted of criminal offenses are the most disenfranchised persons in our country,” said McGraugh. “No one is on their side except their families, and even those bridges have been burned sometimes.”

McGrath’s professional career spans several state and social service agencies, including the Missouri State Public Defender’s Office, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and the St. Louis Archdiocesan Human Rights Office, as well as serving as a provisional municipal judge for the City of St. Louis. Her experience includes working with felony cases, advocating for restorative justice and counseling clients who were homeless, victims of abuse and suffered from mental illness.

“My experience has taught me that no one is the worst thing they have ever done,” said McGraugh. “Everyone has a reason that they become involved with the criminal justice system.”

In 2003, McGraugh joined SLU LAW as the supervisor of the Criminal Defense Clinic. One of the most unique aspects of the SLU LAW Criminal Defense Clinic is that it operates like a law firm.

“We take cases in our clinic and act as counsel rather than sending students out to a public defender office,” said McGraugh. “This way, I can model good criminal defense lawyering for our students while they handle their own small docket of cases. They learn how to work up a whole case, rather than represent a client in a small part of a large case.”

With a smaller caseload, the clinic can spend more time with each case, giving students the opportunity to learn all aspects of trial work.

“My goal is that my students will emerge from the clinic practice-ready, that they can take a job at a criminal defense firm or a public defender’s office and step right in. I teach them not only to prepare a case for disposition, but also docket management skills, motion writing skills and trial skills.”

Criminal defense is an area where the consequences are especially high, as any mistake a new criminal defense attorney makes could result in jail time for the client. Inside the clinic, McGraugh’s students are given the opportunity to trust their legal education and their intuition while they learn how to handle a case.

“I allow students to make mistakes here, where I can intercede,” said McGraugh.

“I tell them I will never give them a task that I can’t fix if they mess up, and that gives them the freedom to use their own instincts and training without the risk to the client.”

McGrath and her students are tasked not only with understanding the details of the case, but also with understanding the people they represent and their circumstances.

“Part of what we do in the clinic is to look behind the offense itself to see the cause of the behavior,” said McGraugh. “The number one cause we find is addiction, followed by mental illness, or a combination of the two. We try to figure out what, if anything, we can do to alleviate the client’s problems so they will be less likely to reoffend in the future.”

The clinic recently embarked on a new program with the Saint Louis University School of Social Work where a student pursuing a master’s in social work assists the clinic’s clients in accessing services such as medical appointments, housing assistance and counseling. The clinic also works with Places for People, a nonprofit that provides housing services.

“I realized that so many of the people who came through the misdemeanor court were there on minor offenses like trespassing, which were a direct result of their inability to properly access healthcare and other services,” said McGraugh. “These partnerships make a huge difference in our ability to assist our clients.”

While the priority of the clinic is to teach students the skills they need to practice as attorneys after they leave SLU LAW, McGraugh also works to instill in her students the values that drive all lawyers, especially those representing underserved populations.

“I try to help our students develop the spirit of compassion that we all carry with us, the ability to see a person as a valuable human being regardless of the crime with which they have been charged.”

As supervisor of the Criminal Defense Clinic, Assistant Clinical Professor Susan McGrath teaches students the ins and outs of criminal defense while they help those most in need in our community. She shares her experiences defending indigent citizens, her teaching philosophy and the unique qualities of her clinic.

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The 16 Gunns who are SLU LAW alumni (four of whom married into the family) have embraced the Jesuit philosophy and are using their law degrees and education to take care of others in St. Louis and beyond.

By Suzanne Sierra

By all accounts, the many generations of the Gunn family who have attended Saint Louis University School of Law have wholeheartedly embraced the Jesuit motto, “For the Greater Glory of God,” beginning with the Honorable Donald Joseph Gunn Sr., who graduated from the law school in 1931.

Don Sr. and his wife, Loretto Hennelly, were second-generation Irish Americans whose “merger” as Don lovingly referred to it in his family book, “In the Hollow,” resulted in nine children – five sons and four daughters. The boys followed in their father’s footsteps through St. Louis University High School, Saint Louis University and Saint Louis University School of Law, while the girls attended Fontbonne College as their mother had done. From the start, Don and his wife, who led by example, stressed the importance of two fundamental principles: hold fast to their faith in God and in themselves, and use their education to help others, particularly those in need.

Don was the first in his family to attend and graduate from college, and he considered his education a privilege to be used for the greater good. Throughout his legal career, if a client could not pay for his services, he accepted payment in meat: “My dad was one of the greatest individuals, ever,” said Jim Gunn ('65), partner with Thompson Coburn, a sentiment repeated over and over by all the Gunns. By day, the younger Gunn recalls, his father was “a giant of a man” and by night… he did the dishes.

Undeniably, Loretto Hennelly Gunn was an equal to her husband. Like Don, she was the first in her family to attend and graduate from college. In addition, she became a devoted wife who helped raise nine children, while still finding time to teach kindergarten, give piano lessons, serve two terms as president of the Archdiocesan Board of Education and serve for thirteen years as co-chair of the Mother’s March on Polio (known today as the March of Dimes).

Don enjoyed his legal practice immensely and regaled his children with stories about the law. Jim and his siblings vividly recall evenings spent around the dinner table with the family discussing politics, current events and history. Just as significant, the discussions focused on the importance of volunteering, which all the Gunns were expected to do in some capacity. Success was important, but it was defined by how you helped society, not by how much money you made.
The Gunn Family

MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS

Don Gunn Sr. ’s first job out of law school was working for Mark D. Eagleton (father of Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton), one of the most well-known and respected trial attorneys in St. Louis. In his book, Don describes the privilege of sitting in second chair, which required taking notes, calling witnesses to inform them when they would be needed, keeping track of exhibits used or to be used throughout a trial and, during final arguments, running out to the hallway water fountain keeping Eagleton’s water glass full at all times as he was “a voracious water drinker.” But, he wrote, “The job was well worth the knowledge a young lawyer obtained by watching the master at work.”

Don was known as an unavering champion for the underdog and for minorities. During his illustrious professional career, he served as president of the Board of Alderman in the 1960s and ushered in a 20-to-4 victory for a public accommodations bill that guaranteed equal rights for minorities in all public places in the city of St. Louis.

“My grandfather was so kind and compassionate...and he had to be brave,” said Katie Fowler (’00), partner at Fox Galvin, LLC. She often talks to her own children about having the courage of one’s convictions, much as her grandfather did in blazing a civil rights trail. In fact, Don received death threats when he was on the forefront and persevered,” Katie adds, citing that when faced with a challenge in her practice, she lets her grandfather’s actions guide her.

It’s likely that Don and Loretto’s legacy of compassion and devotion to protecting the rights of others grew from witnessing and hearing about how their own family of Irish immigrants suffered from discrimination. In the 1840s, the Irish could not find employment on the East Coast and many settled in St. Louis to work in the coal mines and on the railroads, jobs most Americans disdained.

For a time, Loretto’s mother and many of her relatives lived in Kerry Patch, an area of St. Louis named after County Kerry Ireland and populated with Irish immigrants seeking the companionship and support of fellow countrymen and women. The residents of Kerry Patch worked hard and steadfastly assisted the horrible mistreatment of blacks during the Fairground Park Riot in June 1949. These experiences left an indelible mark on Loretto’s mother, who shared the stories with her children and grandchildren to reinforce her abhorrence of discrimination while emphasizing the importance of family and tradition.

A TRADITION OF FAMILY CARRIED OUT THROUGH SLU LAW

Don and Loretto Gunn were proud of their family and knew the value of sticking together in good times and bad. While they raised their nine children to be of service to others, they also strongly encouraged being of service to each other. Tom Gunn (’67), president of the global marketing consulting firm D. Eagleton (father of Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton), one of the most Americans disdained.

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Like her cousin John, Meg Fowler (’02, granddaughter of Don Sr.) also questioned whether the law was her calling if she they share a deep appreciation for their alma mater and what their law degrees have allowed them to do.

Michael Gunn (’68), president and partner at The Gunn Law Firm, admires SLU LAW’s focus on educating law students to think about justice and the rights of other people, instead of simply about billable hours. “SLU LAW trains lawyers to represent people, not conglomerates,” said Michael.

Michael’s son John (’00), partner at The Gunn Law Firm, was not sure what he wanted to do after completing his undergraduate degree. Despite growing up in a family of attorneys, it was never a foregone conclusion that he would become a lawyer. He eventually attended SLU LAW but without a clear-cut idea of how he would use his law degree. Then, studying for a tort final at the end of his first semester, he knew he was where he was supposed to be. “I realized my mind worked like a lawyer,” said John.

While several Gunn lawyers are in practice together, others are associates, partners or in-house attorneys at firms or corporations throughout St. Louis. In addition to their name,
was pursuing a law degree because it was “what Gunns do.” Her brother suggested she volunteer for the Jesuit Volunteer Corp to try the practical side of helping people. She spent her time in Mobile, Ala., working for the Mobile Fair Housing Center to investigate whether African-Americans were being steered toward unfavorable housing and her experience cinched the deal. “I knew that having legal knowledge would allow me to help people when things aren’t right,” said Meg. She currently works as an associate at HeplerBroom in civil defense.

Kevin Gunn (’96, son of Tom Gunn), Missouri Public Service Commission Chair, recalls a Street Law seminar that opened his eyes to what the law could do for others. During the seminar, Gunn and his classmates taught basic law to students at an inner-city high school. As part of the course, they analyzed a case study about drug testing in the athletic programs of public schools. As the high school students argued their points on both sides of the issue – making the same kind of arguments that judges in the Supreme Court make – Kevin realized how knowledge of the law has the ability to impact everyday lives. “These kids understood what was at stake because the topic mattered to them,” said Kevin. “Unfortunately, the average individual may think the law is not deal. “I knew that having legal knowledge would allow me to help people when things aren’t right,” said Meg. She currently works as an associate at HeplerBroom in civil defense.

Kevin Gunn has an especially wonderful memory of his time at SLU LAW – it’s where he met his wife, Amy Collignon (’96), attorney at The Simon Law Firm, citing it as “one of the best things about [law school]!” For her part, Amy, who moved from Kentucky to attend SLU LAW, was drawn to the school because of its size and proximity to home. She recalls being “terrified” to attend law school in general because she’d heard it was “cutthroat” and very competitive, with students hiding books from one another. Instead, she found it extremely warm and welcoming from the start.

GIVING BACK
What makes SLU LAW special is a quality many of the Gunns share – a focus on giving back and serving others.

If you gather with Tom and his wife Kate for dinner, the meal will begin with this prayer: “Thank you God for all your gifts, especially the gift of family and friends. Please bless all who are in need, especially the sick, the scared, the homeless and the hungry.”

Many leaders of St. Louis community organizations would alter the invitation slightly to thank Tom and Kate Gunn, along with the legions of Gunns who have tirelessly helped them fulfill their respective missions. Talk to many of the organizations on boards on which the Gunns serve and you’ll hear the same refrain: they are there at the drop of a hat, they are loyal through thick and thin, and their willingness to help is selfless.

Patty Arnold served as vice president of St. John’s Mercy Foundation (now Mercy Health Foundation) when Tom became the first board chair for the foundation. “Tom and Kate are the most incredible people,” said Arnold. “Tom’s vision and leadership with the Foundation was instrumental in getting us off to a successful start. He helped with our strategic direction and brought key community leaders to the table.”

Scott Hummel, executive director of Our Little Haven, echoes those sentiments. “We think the world of the entire family, and I can’t think of another family who better represents the Jesuit spirit of men and women for others. The Gunns help us keep our eye on the ball and always encourage us to serve better and be better stewards.”

Let’s Start is an organization that aims to break the cycle of incarceration in families by working with formerly incarcerated women and their children to support recovery and reentry. Katie Fowler serves as board president, and director Sister Jackie Toben praises her energy and dedication to the women of the organization. “Katie is so committed to the children of incarcerated families because she knows they’ve done nothing to deserve their situation,” said Sr. Toben. She has started a legal clinic and has recruited other attorneys to assist.

The Gunns are creating a legacy of thick, and their desire to help is selfless. "Tom's vision and leadership through the years to be of service to others..."
As a child, Justin Hansford dreamed of being a professional basketball player, but in college his professor in a logical reasoning class suggested he consider the legal profession. Having no real exposure to lawyers or other legal professionals, Hansford read books about famous lawyers to become more familiar with the profession. “As fate would have it, one of those books was the biography of Thurgood Marshall written by our own Professor Roger Goldman. It was enough to convince me,” said Hansford.

After much reflection, Hansford decided the law was the career for him. “In the end I think things have turned out well. I’m barely 5 foot 10 inches tall, so if I continued in the pursuit of that basketball career, I think someone would be sinking a three-point jump shot in my face as we speak.” Hansford received his bachelor’s degree in English from Howard University as a third-generation legacy, and he received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

While at Georgetown, Hansford founded the Georgetown Journal of Law and Modern Critical Race Perspectives. “Until then, no journal at Georgetown focused on racial injustice,” Hansford said. “They had journals on poverty, international law – everything except racial inequality. We had protests and submitted proposals, and the administration eventually decided to publish this journal.”

After graduation, Hansford clerked from 2009-2010 for his mentor and hero the Honorable Damon Keith, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He also served as a law fellow with both the University of Maryland School of Law and Georgetown University Law Center. “It is really my clerkship that provided me with the most insight into the legal profession. Through my time with Judge Keith, I feel that I gained more legal experiences than many who spent several more years in practice with big firms.”

After his clerkship, Hansford worked as a staff member with the Obama for America presidential campaign, and most recently worked in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel. The Office of Presidential Personnel oversees the selection process for presidential appointments. Staff members recruit qualified candidates to serve the president in departments and agencies across the government.

His educational and legal experiences, especially with Judge Keith, have led Hansford to uphold the highest concept to which lawyers aspire, “Equal Justice Under the Law,” which is engraved on the front of the United States Supreme Court building in our nation’s capital. “When I think of that high-minded phrase on the front of the Supreme Court building, I think of Judge Keith. I have a picture of Judge Keith in my office, and I have to contend with the standard he sets every day when I sit down at my desk.”

Hansford was called to the academic side of the law a year after graduating. On the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he was asked to sit on a panel with some other prominent legal professors at Georgetown.

“We discussed Dr. King, and his impact on legal thought and the philosophies that have driven all the subsequent thinkers who have a passion for equal justice. I felt deeply honored to be on that panel, and I was filled with joy during the discussion. It was then that I realized I wanted to spend many more years in law school classrooms, engaging in that type of exchange of ideas with enthusiastic students and brilliant legal scholars,” said Hansford.

After each class Hansford teaches, he has found that his passion for teaching is renewed and his energy and enthusiasm for the legal profession and all that it stands for is replenished. The exchange of ideas brings him a simple joy that he continues to feel every day of his classroom experience.

In his classroom, Hansford most values respect and dignity. “I make a concerted effort to implicitly acknowledge the value of each individual person who demonstrates that he or she is willing to participate in the discussion.”

Hansford’s research incorporates legal history, legal ethics, critical race theory, human rights and the Global Justice Movement in a broader attempt to interrogate injustice in society. He brings this passion for justice and ethics to his classroom.

“I hope to give my students a strong grasp of the black-letter rules of law and to teach them how to apply those rules to new fact patterns. Sometimes I hope to get them to see – through problems and hypotheticals – how a seemingly minor change in the facts can produce a change in the outcome of a case. I also think that, when appropriate, it is helpful to teach the historical development of doctrinal rules and to give students an appreciation of the policies upon which the rules are grounded.”

Hansford uses his education and professional experience to show students the intricacies of the law. “My final hope is to help students see the larger jurisprudential or philosophical framework inherent in a subject, or the race or gender or class implications, or the ethical dilemmas inherent in most of the famous legal disputes that we study in our classes,” said Hansford. “One of the joys of teaching is trying to instill as much as possible in the minimal time allotted in a class session.”

Hansford understands that law professors should strive for three things in their academic careers: excellence in scholarship, teaching and service. He believes that lawyers themselves play a leadership role in society, and it is his job to help shape his students to be the best attorneys they can be.

“There are many run-of-the-mill cases, but every once in awhile, a lawyer is able to help create justice in society, or promote equality or the rule of law,” said Hansford. “If any of my students are privileged to be present during one of those times and to promote one of those core values, then we here at SLU LAW will have made a great contribution to our society by helping to have trained such a person.”
Alumni Lunches

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012
ARAKA CLAYTON
CARMINE’S STEAK HOUSE
DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

30th Anniversary Celebration
FOR THE CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW STUDIES

Alumni Reception
HOSTED BY SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS

THE GREAT HALL
THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON, D.C.
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012
On April 20, Saint Louis University School of Law held its inaugural Scholarship Day, a new event to recognize and showcase faculty and students’ scholarly accomplishments among colleagues, alumni and the law school community. This year’s event focused on three areas: highlighting SLU LAW faculty’s 2011 scholarship, honoring the annual Thompson Coburn Faculty Award winners for Exceptional Legal Scholarship and featuring the work of law students during their annual writing symposium.

“With Dean Clark’s support, we wanted to bring together the excellent scholarly work taking place here and share it more widely with the law school, the University and our neighboring academic communities,” said Matthew Bodie, professor and 2011-2012 associate dean for research and faculty development. “This day gave students and faculty a chance to share in the excitement we have for our research and to collaborate and discuss new ideas for future works.”

FACULTY PANELS

Complementing an already robust portfolio of recent scholarship (see pages 24-27), SLU LAW faculty participated in a series of panels to discuss their articles, essays or book chapters that were published in 2011. Topics included health care reform, business law, legal theory and the U.S. Supreme Court, health law and practice, criminal law, civil rights and property and intellectual property. For a complete list of faculty panelists and their scholarship topics, visit www.slu.edu/x56093.xml.

THOMPSON COBURN AWARDS FOR FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

The winners of this year’s Thompson Coburn Faculty Awards for Exceptional Legal Scholarship were presented with their awards and a celebratory luncheon on Scholarship Day. The awards began in the 1982-1983 school year as recognition for faculty articles, books and book chapters that best represented the school’s contribution to the academic research of law. Thompson Coburn has generously supported these honors, and the law school is grateful for this continuing relationship.

Associate Professor Anders Walker was honored for his book "The Ghost of Jim Crow: How Southern Moderates Used Brown v. Board of Education to Stall Civil Rights" (Oxford University Press, 2009). In the category of law review article or book chapter, Professor Stephen Thaman took first place for his work "A Typology of Consensual Criminal Procedures: an Historical and Comparative Perspective on the Theory and Practice of Avoiding the Full Criminal Trial, in “World Plea Bargaining,” (Stephen Thaman ed., 2010).

Assistant Professor Efthimi Parasidis received honorable mention for A Uniform Framework for Patent Eligibility, 85 Tulane Law Review 323 (2010).

REFLECTIONS FROM RECENT SLWA PARTICIPANTS

SLU LAW alumni shared their experiences as recent student presenters at the SLWA Law Student Symposium and how this opportunity helped to enhance their legal education and professional careers.

ERICA BLUMEN ('11)
ASSOCIATE AT BROWN & SHOOK, PC.

“When you present a paper to a group, you can’t gloss over counterarguments, and you can’t hide faulty logic. It helps to sharpen your argument to a fine point so that you are prepared to meet head-on the array of different viewpoints from a diverse group of people.”

JUSTIN FARSHION ('09)
ATTORNEY AT U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

“I learned that legal scholarship is better served when it is shared with your peers and not just submitted for a grade.”

MATT ORSO ('09)
ATTORNEY AT SMITH PARSONS

“It was good practice for oral advocacy in the courtroom, where much time and effort has gone into a sometimes lengthy brief, but you only have a limited time to argue your points.”

STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

The Student Legal Writers’ Association’s (SLWA) Law Student Symposium featured students selected for excellence in their research. Under direction from Kim Novak Morse, associate director of writing support services, the annual symposium is SLWA’s biggest event of the year. Students from law schools in Missouri and all bordering states are invited to submit unpublished seminar papers, comments and case notes for blind evaluation by a panel of SLU LAW faculty members. Six finalists are then chosen to present their papers in the SLU LAW courtroom in front of students, faculty and area attorneys.

“‘It was important to give students more opportunities to share their research and then have to defend it,’” Morse said. “‘By providing this outlet, students further develop their critical grasp of material along with the indispensable skill of communicating complex ideas to a broader audience.’”

STUDENT PRESENTERS

(from SLU LAW unless otherwise noted):

Ainsley Schenaik, Missouri Child Support Laws: Who Benefits?

Sarah Creasman, University of Arkansas School of Law, First Amendment Protection for Prisoner Art on Public Display


Michele Parrish, From Junkie To Murderer: How Prosecutors Are Using the Heroin Epidemic To Criminalize Addiction

Adam Schneider, Predatory Lending: How the Affordable Care Act and Congressional Budget Office Have Mortgaged Resident Physicians and Aced America’s Teaching Hospitals

Jessie (Gosch) Steffon, Payday Lending in Missouri through the Critical Race Theory Lens-How State Payday Loan Laws Encourage Exploitation and Racial Discrimination

Michele Parrish’s article was selected as best student paper, and Liz O’Brien was chosen for the best presentation.
**FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP**

SLU Law faculty’s national and international reputation of excellence continues to develop through their extensive production of legal scholarship. Below is a collection of our faculty’s scholarly successes from 2011. Above note: scholarship credits are listed in accordance with fair use creation guidelines.

**JOHN AMMANN,** **DIRECTOR, LEGAL CLINICS; PROFESSOR OF LAW**


**MATTHEW T. BODIE,** ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR FACULTY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT; PROFESSOR OF LAW

The Uncorporation and the Unraveling of ‘Nexus of Contract’ Theory (with Grant M. Hayden), 109 Mich. L. Rev. 1127 (reviewing Larry E. Ernst, The Rise of the Uncorporation (2010)).


**MAGGIE CARFIELD,** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LEGAL WRITING


Participatory Law and Development: Remapping the Locus of Authority, 82 U. Colo. L. Rev. 739 (2011).

**MIURA A. CHERRY,** PROFESSOR OF LAW

Beyond Profit: Rethinking Corporate Responsibility After the BP Oil Disaster (with Judd Sneirson), 85 Tulane L. Rev. 983 (2011).


**ANNETTE E. CLARK,** DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW


**JOSHUAP A. CUTTER,** DIRECTOR, CREDEYD LAW LIBRARY; ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW


**CHAD W. FLANDERS,** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW


**ROBERT GATTER,** CO-DIRECTOR, THE CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW STUDIES; PROFESSOR OF LAW


The Affordable Care Act and Competition Policy: Antidote or Placebo?, 89 Or. L. Rev. 811 (2011).

Resisting Another Threat to Competition in Health Care (with Barak Richman, Clark Havighurst & Ted Frech), FTC Watch (April 2011).

**LEAH CHAN GRIFFIN,** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW


**PATRICIA HARRISON,** SUPERVISOR, YOUTH ADVOCACY CLINIC; ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW


**EFTHIMIOS PARASIDIS,** ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW


**ERICA J. MILLER,** PROFESSOR OF LAW


**CAROL A. NEEDHAM,** PROFESSOR OF LAW


**ETHANOW PARADISO,** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW


Patients Over Politics: Addressing Legislative Failure in the Regulation of Medical Products, 2011 Wash. L. Rev. 929.

ELIZABETH PENDO, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW
Shifting the Conversation: Disability, Disparities and Health Care Reform, 6 FHU L. Rev. 409 (2011).

KAREN PETROKOFF, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

JEFFREY A. REDDING, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

PETER W. SALSKJØR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW
Regulating Housing, in The Legal Guide to Affordable Housing Development (Tim Iglesias & Rochelle Lento eds., 2nd ed. 2011).

State Sources of Housing Finance, in The Legal Guide to Affordable Housing Development (Tim Iglesias & Rochelle Lento eds., 2nd ed. 2011).


ANN M. SCARLETT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

ANDERS WALKER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW


SIDDNEY D. WATSON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW


ALAN M. WEINBERGER, PROFESSOR OF LAW


Cases in Brief, APRASIAL J., p. 93, Spring 2011.

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Cases in Brief, APRASIAL J., p. 273, Fall 2011.


MOLLY J. WALKER WILSON, CO-DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF LAW, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW
Cultural Understandings of Risk and the Tyranny of the Experts, 90 Ore. L. Rev. 113 (2011).

The Honorable Michael WOLF, CO-DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF LAW, PROFESSOR OF LAW


MARY ZIEGLER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW


Dear Alumni and Friends,

The story of Saint Louis University School of Law is a rich one, spanning nearly 170 years. Although our history runs deep, our faculty, staff, students and alumni continue to be inspired to explore new ways of crafting legal education, scholarship and practice. Every day they are adding exciting, meaningful chapters to our ever-evolving story.

This year, we are turning the page to begin one of the most significant chapters in the story of SLU LAW, as we plan for the renovation and subsequent move to our new law school building in downtown St. Louis.

After months of meetings among the law school community, University, project architects and contractors, we’re pleased to be able to show you through the architectural renderings on pages 29-30 how our shared vision for a modern, multipurpose, state-of-the-art teaching and learning space is coming to life.

These are more than sketches – they are windows into the future of SLU LAW. From an open, expansive courtroom where students will hone their advocacy skills to tiered classrooms accommodating a variety of learning styles to warm and welcoming gathering spaces for brainstorming, networking and collaboration, we hope you see what we see – a truly state-of-the-art law school that will give our students a competitive edge as they pursue their professional dreams. Building on the foundation from previous donors and new gifts from our generous alumni and friends, we are committed to an ambitious capital campaign and are looking to you to help us make this project a success.

With such important changes on the horizon, we can’t lose sight of the importance of the Annual Fund in supporting the law school community and our operations. Contributions to the Annual Fund allow a quick response to both need and opportunity through student scholarships, emergency student loans and travel for student competitions. These are just a few of the many ways the Annual Fund helps ensure the heart of SLU LAW remains as strong as the bricks and mortar that will house us.

On the following pages, we hope you enjoy seeing how your generous contributions have and will continue to make SLU LAW a vibrant learning community – and one poised for an exciting future of new growth and success.

With grateful appreciation,

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Committed Students Find Balance in the Part-Time Program

By Julia Gigliotti

While most students attend law school full time, spending many hours each day studying, attending classes and participating in student organizations, professional skills programs and the SLU LAW Legal Clinics, the School of Law is also home to 127 part-time students who take part in the same activities while maintaining a career outside school. SLU LAW’s program attracts students from a variety of career fields, including public relations, accounting, business information technology, medicine, teaching, banking, law enforcement and insurance.

SLU LAW is the only law school in the region to offer a part-time program, filling an important need for students who may not otherwise be able to pursue their dreams of a law degree.

“A law degree is incredibly versatile inside and outside the traditional practice of law,” said Assistant Dean for Admissions Michael Kulink. “We feel strongly that we are offering talented students the opportunity to follow their passion, diversify their careers and help the community in new ways by offering a part-time program.”

With the same course requirements as the full-time program, students in the part-time program complete their J.D. in four to five years while attending classes three to four nights a week. Many current part-time students share the view that the program can be extremely challenging, but they also believe it’s worth the commitment.

“Part-time legal education affords its graduates the ability to show prospective employers the discipline, work ethic and time management required to simultaneously complete law school and all that entails while maintaining and gathering valuable and practical real-world skills,” said French. A native of St. Louis, Derek Velasco chose SLU LAW’s part-time program because of its prominence and reputation. A married student with a mortgage, he also appreciates the opportunity to continue his career full time while attending law school.

Velasco believes the part-time program offers a unique environment that fosters educational success, from professors’ flexible evening office hours to camaraderie among students. After graduation, Velasco wants to start a private practice and hopes to one day run for a political office at the federal level. SLU LAW’s part-time program is aiding Velasco in accomplishing his goals of being a leader in his community and a strong advocate of the law.

Stacey Carlisle is another student with an unmissable drive to further her career path with a law degree. Not only is Scott able to continue working in clinical research at Covidien Pharmaceuticals, but the part-time program also allows her to continue a family. After receiving her master’s degree in business administration and working for several years as an investigator with the state of Missouri, Carlisle decided it was time she embarked on fulfilling her childhood dream.

“Part-time legal education affords its graduates the ability to show prospective employers the discipline, work ethic and time management required to simultaneously complete law school and all that entails while maintaining and gathering valuable and practical real-world skills,” said French. As a specialist at Express Scripts, Inc. and started the program in 2010, he believes the key to completing the program is to work efficiently, find a way to study that works best for your individual learning method and, most importantly, set aside time for enjoyable activities.

French hopes to apply his career experience, prior education and legal education to the corporate law or management fields, and he believes the part-time program will give him an edge with future employers.
Dr. Dora Schriro (’02)

By Paul Byrne

“I am alive today because Dora had patience.” That’s what corrections officer Lois Fraley told Phoenix magazine in December 2004 after surviving the longest prison hostage situation in U.S. history. The 15-day ordeal took place at Arizona’s Lewis Prison just six months after Dora Schriro (’02) was appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano to serve as director of the 32,000-inmate system.

Schriro didn’t flinch. She didn’t follow tradition of “not negotiating with hostages.” She didn’t take the Wild West route and storm the armed tower (the hostages were literally being held in a prison tower that housed an arsenal). Instead Schriro took control and managed things her own way – with strategy, patience and persistence. And after 15 gut-wrenching, agonizing days of strategizing and negotiating, everyone came out alive. And it’s the only time in U.S. history that everyone involved has survived.

After graduation, Schriro ran one of the state’s early pre-release programs and gradually took on positions of increasing importance working with inmates. She quickly became known for her work ethic and passion for ensuring that prisoners were educated and prepared for release.

In 1993 Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Schriro to her position in September 2009 when she was appointed to the Missouri Department of Corrections. While there, Schriro somehow found time to attend Saint Louis University School of Law. Because she was working in Jefferson City, Mo., this meant a 240-mile round-trip drive three or four times a week. Schriro would work a full day, drive to St. Louis for night classes and then return to Jefferson City late that evening.

“Four years and three cars later I had my law degree,” said Schriro. “SLU was such a fantastic experience. It was terrific to be in a school that welcomed part-time students who had jobs and brought real-life experience to the classroom.”

Schriro cites Professor Roger Goldman and the Honorable Michael Wolff as two of the most influential professors during her studies at SLU Law. Schriro was also allowed to serve in an adjunct faculty role while she was a law student to co-lead the Sentencing Seminar with Wolff.

“It didn’t occur to me not to go to law school even though I didn’t want to be a lawyer,” she said. “I wanted to go to learn how to think, to problem solve and to better understand the case law, and SLU was the perfect environment. The school had an outstanding reputation and offered the only accredited part-time program in the state of Missouri, which was also important to me.”

In early 2009, Schriro was named special advisor to the Director of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on immigration and customs enforcement and the founding director of the Office of Detention Policy and Planning at Immigration and Customs Enforcement. She resigned that position in September 2009 when she was appointed commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, where she continues to work today. She is the only woman ever selected to run four correctional systems (Arizona, Missouri, New York City and St. Louis).

Everywhere Schriro has served she’s been known for bringing creativity and radical changes. She treats the correctional system as a “parallel universe,” which has been the guiding principle throughout her career. Simply put, parallel universe means that life inside jails and prisons should replicate life on the outside whenever possible. Schriro believes this helps prepare inmates to re-enter society when they’re released. Prisoners practice pro-social living and problem-solving every minute of every day throughout their incarceration, just as they would in the community. Schriro also believes in “restorative justice,” where prisoners face their victims and take accountability for the crimes they committed. And because the vast majority of inmates will eventually be released, she wants all of them to be civil and productive when they re-enter society. She demands three things from each inmate: literacy, employability and sobriety.

On April 20, Schriro was further recognized for being a pioneer in her field when she was awarded the Allied Professional Award by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), presented by Attorney General Eric Holder. The OVC presents the award each year to recognize an individual or individuals from a specific discipline outside the victim assistance field for their service to victims and/or contribution to the victims’ field.

In the little free time she has, Schriro is a passionate gardener and loves cooking, boating and spending time outdoors. She recently purchased and is restoring a 100-year-old house in New York City.

When asked if she would retire, Schriro laughs.

“Retire? Those are fighting words! No. Heaven forbid.”

Saint Louis Brief

Schriro with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg

Saint Louis Brief
Dear Alumni,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to the new Office of Multicultural Affairs and Outreach (OMA). With the help of the School of Law’s Multicultural Affairs Committee (MAC), we have been designing a diversity program to serve SLU LAW students, staff and faculty and continue to build an inclusive environment for everyone at the law school.

First, as part of this process, we drafted a new diversity statement that reflects this vision and the mission of SLU LAW.

As part of our Jesuit tradition, Saint Louis University remains faithful to the value of promoting justice and the dignity of all human beings. Likewise, the School of Law advances academic excellence, freedom of inquiry and respect for individual differences. These principles underlie our desire to provide an inclusive environment where differences, whether in religion, age, race, gender, sexual orientation and identity, ethnicity, ability, socioeconomic background or ideology, are heeded, supported and valued in the academic experience. We strive to demonstrate this inclusiveness in all areas of our admissions practices, academic advising and student services and activities, curricular offerings, in the classroom and administrative policies. Our goal is to produce well-rounded and culturally competent professionals who will respectfully serve their diverse communities.

Guided by this statement, the MAC developed a list of diversity goals and suggestions for accomplishing them. Broadly, we identified the need to:

1. Offer more programming centered on diversity and diverse legal issues
2. Provide additional support and outreach to all students through collaboration with various law departments and student organizations
3. Assist with outreach to the St. Louis community

To achieve these objectives, the Committee’s first priority was to issue a student survey to assess where the law school was on its progress with diversity and cultural awareness. We launched the survey in February 2012 and followed up with a roundtable discussion on some of the key issues that were raised in the survey such as defining diversity at SLU LAW, the importance of cultural competency in professional training and exploring the concept of inclusiveness in the SLU LAW community.

I would like to thank the SLU LAW community for the extraordinary welcome that I received and for the outpouring of support throughout the year. I would especially like to thank the members of the MAC and the student organizations with which I had the pleasure of working. Please stay tuned for information on more OMA programs and activities over the coming year, such as a presentation by civil rights activist, professor and author Diane Spade on October 10, and our new partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sonia Taylor

AN UPDATE ON
MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

1) OFFER MORE PROGRAMMING CENTERED ON DIVERSITY AND DIVERSE LEGAL ISSUES
2) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND OUTREACH TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS LAW DEPARTMENTS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
3) ASSIST WITH OUTREACH TO THE ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY

ADRIENNE COCHRANE (’97)
BY LAUREN BRUCKER

A drienne Cochrane (’97) has devoted her career to helping those who are not in a position to help themselves. Armed with her SLU LAW degree, she was immediately able to apply the knowledge she gained when she joined the City of St. Louis Family Violence Council as its first executive director in 1999. The position gave Cochrane the opportunity to advocate for women and children and solidify her passion for non-profit social services work.

When her husband’s job transfer moved the Cochranes to Aurora, Ill., in late 2003, she joined the Quad County Urban League in a senior management position and quickly began to feel like she had found her calling. From there, Cochrane’s career with the Urban League has flourished as the chief program officer for the Urban League of Broward County in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to her current position as president and CEO of Urban Leauge of Greater Hartford in Connecticut, which she has held since 2010. In this role, Cochrane serves as the face and voice of the organization, managing senior staff and board meetings, making decisions on partnership and collaborative opportunities, engaging with existing and potential donors and attending various social and civic events.

“I have a very deep social consciousness that has been bolstered by how the underprivileged and disenfranchised in our society seem to disappear into the landscape politically,” she says. “Voiceless means powerless, in the social services arena we help these populations gain their voice.”

Cochrane’s tireless work in fundraising and advocating for educational, occupational and economic equality within the community was recognized by the NAACP when she was named one of the 100 Most Influential Blacks in Connecticut in 2011. Cochrane recently discussed her role with the Urban League and reflected on her time at the School of Law.

What is your favorite part of your job?
After conducting a nationwide search last year, the School of Law welcomed Lisa Sonia Taylor, J.D., as the school’s Director of Multicultural Affairs & Outreach at the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year. Here, Taylor gives alumni an update on her office’s initiatives and programs during her first year.

BY LAUREN BRUCKER

SLB What is your favorite part of your job?
SLB The people. Everyone has a story. There are a lot of people struggling and hurting in so many ways. We cannot solve every problem, but we can offer assistance and hope. Sometimes people just need to know you care. I do not want people leaving the Urban League feeling helpless or hopeless. We empower people to see the possibilities, and we accept them. It is not where you have been, it is where you are going.

SLB What is the most rewarding aspect of what you do?
SLB Knowing that this important work is positively impacting the lives of individuals and families in our service communities. I have been brought to tears by the sheer jubilation of families at a GED graduation ceremony. It’s a sobering reminder to keep looking outside the narrow confines of my own world.

SLB Why did you choose SLU LAW?
SLB A quality legal education and top-flight instruction, including the inimitable Professor Vincent C. Immel. He could be intimidating but he had a heart of gold. Those who could not see beyond the seemingly gruff exterior missed that. And he loved the law.

SLB How did SLU LAW prepare you for your current profession?
SLB The body of knowledge acquired in a legal education transcends traditional legal careers. Most everything in life has legal implications. As a chief executive, I hire and terminate staff; I sign contracts that are legally binding; I negotiate locally and with the state and federal governments; and I am asked to opine on important legislation affecting the Urban League’s constituents. The legal education and life experience that I gained at the School of Law helps to assure that the Urban League is well represented when I am seated at the table.

SLB Do you have any advice for law school students and recent graduates?
SLB There are so many directions from which to choose. There are the traditional career options but there is a variety of non-traditional opportunities. You don’t have to be cookie cutter to be successful.
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THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

SLU LAW FACULTY AND STAFF WISH A HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES – WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI FAMILY.
SERVICE INITIATIVE RECAP

$29,614.88 FUNDS RAISED
3,579 HOURS VOLUNTEERED
1,174 ITEMS DONATED TO CHARITIES
44 CHARITIES SERVED
23 ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATED

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

BY CANDACE RUOCCO, SBA PRESIDENT

Before arriving at SLU LAW, Dean Clark once explained that her priorities as dean included helping the school to “more fully engage with a social justice mission that flows so naturally from the Jesuit Catholic tradition.” Her vision for a more service-oriented educational experience aligned perfectly with the objectives of the 2011-2012 Student Bar Association (SBA) Service Initiative.

SBA serves as an umbrella organization for all SLU LAW student groups, and its purpose is to provide SLU LAW students with a forum for the expression of ideas concerning the social, moral and intellectual aspects of the legal profession. SBA plays two distinct roles of both a student government and a professional bar association. Through SBA we continually look for ways to enhance students’ law school experience and help prepare each other for our futures in the legal profession.

SBA has long considered pro bono work a part of our calling as future legal professionals. Public service is a hallmark of a SLU LAW education and something many student groups already strive to integrate into their activities. This year, however, we made a concerted effort through the SBA Service Initiative to strengthen SBA’s commitment to SLU’s Jesuit mission through an increased focus on public service programming.

Our goal was to encourage every student group to develop or participate in a philanthropy project tailored to their organizational mission. With nearly 30 student organizations, we were excited to see the variety of ways this commitment to service would come alive.

Most groups hosted events similar to their normal programs that incorporated causes aligned with their organizational mission. SLU LAW’s two legal fraternities, Phi Alpha Delta and Phi Delta Phi, enthusiastically incorporated charities into their social and networking events. SBA held a CAREaoke Night to raise money for Our Little Haven, and the Public Interest Law Group traveled to Warrenton, Mo. to serve homeless veterans Thanksgiving dinner. The Mark Twain Law Students Association, dedicated to raising awareness about men’s legal issues, sold mustaches and fake mustaches to raise money for the Movember Foundation’s prostate cancer research initiatives. These events, and a myriad of others, demonstrated SLU LAW students’ commitment to being men and women for others. We look forward to continuing these efforts next year with new projects and ideas to make a positive impact in our community and the legal profession.

SBA Service Initiative

BY CANDACE RUOCCO, SBA PRESIDENT

SERVICE INITIATIVE RECAP

1965

Thomas Simon, retired clerk for the Missouri Supreme Court, is a winner of the 2011 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Influential Lawyers Award.

1966

Hon. James Hartenbach, a retired St. Louis County Circuit Court judge, joined the mediation panel at United States Arbitration & Mediation Midwest, Inc., an alternative dispute resolution provider.

1968

Michael P. Gunn was presented the Award of Honor by The Lawyers Association of St. Louis, the organization’s most prestigious award.

1969

John Robert “Bob” McBrien retired from the federal government in December 2011 after 42 years of service. He is consulting and writing on sanctions, national security strategy, transnational threats, AML and related areas.

1971

Eugene M. Thirolf Jr. was one of three recipients of the Food and Drug Law Institute’s Distinguished Service and Leadership Awards given to recognized leaders in the food and drug law community.

1972

Hon. Patrick Hitpas retired as a circuit judge in the Illinois Fourth Judicial Circuit in January 2010. He now works as a mediator in southern and central Illinois as well as metropolitan St. Louis.

1973

Rabbi Manuel Magence successfully argued before the Illinois Supreme Court in December 2011. He also retired in December 2011 after more than 25 years as an assistant state’s attorney in Cook County, Ill.

1974

Hon. Thaddeus J. Armstead announced his recent retirement as a federal administrative law judge. His 36-year legal career also included employment as an in-house corporate attorney for three Fortune 500 companies and as an assistant Ohio County prosecutor. He currently resides in Dayton, Ohio.

1975

Judson Calkins finished co-authoring a coffee-table edition on the athletic history of his alma mater John Burroughs School in St. Louis, available through the JBS alumni office. He left law in 1999 to manage his own real estate holdings, although his law license remains current. With his wife, Pilar, he also celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this year.

Honor Francisco Caneco won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican in the 23rd District of Texas in November 2010.

Gerard Carmody was named a “Most Influential St. Louisan” by the St. Louis Business Journal.

John Temporiti was named a “Most Influential St. Louisan” by the St. Louis Business Journal.

Russell L. Nekorchuk received a Master of Arts in Linguistics from the University of Florida at the Summer 2011 commencement. He also was awarded a Graduate Certificate in Modern European Studies.

Kathleen Sherby, a partner at the law firm Bryan Cave, was named board vice president for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

1976

Doreen Dodson received the 2012 Women’s Justice Award Woman of the Year by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Francis O’Connor took office in May 2012 as the vice president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He will become president-elect in 2013 and then president in May 2014.

Daniel Sokol was named the St. Louis Family Law Lawyer of the Year for 2011 by Best Lawyers in America.

John Walsh joined the law firm Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne, LLP as an of counsel attorney. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial transactions, secured lending, mergers and acquisitions, securities law, and general business law matters.

1977

John Beeson was named Lawyer of the Year for 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

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1977
Howard Adelman, of the law firm Adelman & Gentileman in Chicago, was named a Top 10 Attorney by the Illinois edition of Super Lawyers.

Hon. Gary Jacobs retired as a circuit judge for the State of Illinois in January 2011. Since his retirement he has been spending time between Charleston, Ill., and Santa Fe, N.M., where he has two grandchildren.

Amy Rubin was hired as managing partner by Fox Rothschild in its West Palm Beach, Fla., office.

J. Joseph Schaffl III has launched Arch Grants, a global business plan competition in St. Louis.

1978
Edward Blake Jr. is a partner in the Belleville, Ill., law firm of Blake & Allen, PC, focusing his practice on real estate, business law, estate planning, trusts and estates, and family law.

Christopher Hunter formed the law firm Hunter & Johnson, PC, located in Godfrey, Ill. The firm provides legal services including: civil litigation, domestic relations, estate planning, unemployment appeals, real estate, business counseling and transactions, personal injury, workers compensation claims and municipal law.

1980
John Boyle joined the law firm Carmody MacDonald as a partner and was named St. Louis’ Banking Lawyer of the Year in 2012 by Best Lawyers in America.

Honor. Rex Burlison was named a “Most Influential St. Louisan” by the St. Louis Business Journal.

1981
Dr. Randall Bickle is CEO of a 500-physician organization in suburban Detroit. He continues to practice medicine part time while pursuing medical executive duties, and, most importantly, watching his three daughters grow up and pursue their careers.

Honor. Jimmie Edwards was honored at the Black Law Students’ Association Judicial Reception on April 4.

Gregory Smith was named a “Most Influential St. Louisan” by the St. Louis Business Journal.

1982
Kathryn Reback recently joined the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in Rockville, Md., as a member of its Patient Safety Organization team. She will also be dedicated to AHRQ’s Medical Liability and Patient Safety Initiative. Her husband, Richard, is counsel to the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security.

1983
Honor. Melissa A. Chapman was honored at the Women Law Students’ Association Judicial Reception on April 4.

Rohby Grefzu Fox was hired as a principal at Pizzaf Snodgrass PC.

1984
Hon. Angela T. Quigless, St. Louis circuit judge, was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon to the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Grace Nichols will assume the position of vice chair with the Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission. She has served on the commission since March 2008.

1985
Carl Markus is an attorney at the St. Louis law firm Paule, Camazine & Blumenthal, PC.

1986
Steven Cockriel was named the 2012 St Louis Litigation Construction Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers.

Todd Machnick became the managing partner of the St. Louis law firm Machnick & Haber LC.

Stephen Woodley of Gray, Ritter & Graham, PC is a winner of the 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Appellate Advocates Award.

1987

John Shanahan is the recipient of the Father John R. Munich award on April 4.

1988
Conecta “Connie” Ahrens, senior compliance counsel at Edward Jones, has been named a principal with the firm’s holding company, the Jones Financial Companies, LLP.

1989
Deborah Henry of the law firm Stewart, Mittleman, Heggie, Henry & Albin, LLC, is a founder and member-at-large of the newly formed Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis.

1990
Joseph Frank, a partner at the law firm Frank & Mueller, has assumed the position of vice president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Jennifer Joyce was named a “Most Influential St. Louisan” by the St. Louis Business Journal.

1991
Steve Clark has been recognized by Super Lawyers for the fourth time and the third consecutive year (2005, 2009-2011) in the field of complex business litigation.

Mary Frondtczak, vice president and assistant general counsel at Peabody Energy, was among the 2011 YWCA Leaders of Distinction for business and corporate management.

1993
Joan Lockwood of Gray, Ritter & Graham, PC is a winner of the 2011 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Appellate Advocates Award.

Ruth Streit of Thompson Coburn was named the St. Louis Employee Benefits (ERISA) Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America.

1994
Tracy Litzinger of the law firm Howard & Howard in Peoria, III., was named...
a 2012 litigation “Super Lawyer” in the field of employment litigation defense.

Margaret (Meg) Tebo is a lecturer at Columbia College Chicago, where she teaches Media Law and Ethics, Governing the Courts and other courses in the journalism department. She is the author of “Shakespeare for Lawyers - A Practical Guide to Quoting the Bard” (ABA Press 2010).

1995

Gregory Gold was named one of the ten Colorado Lawyers of the Year for 2011 by Law Week Colorado. He was also named a Colorado “Super Lawyer.”

Sally Venverloh joined U.S. Trust as a senior vice president and wealth strategist. She will help clients with tax, estate and charitable planning.

1996

Robert Cantonell was hired as a partner at the law firm Lathrop & Gage LLP. He concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate and regulatory law with an emphasis on gaming, banking, franchise, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and business transaction services.

Eric Kukoski, an of counsel attorney at the law firm Evans & Dixon, LLC, assumed the position of treasurer of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis in May 2012 for a one-year term.

1997


John McCracken was added as partner at Goldenberg, Heller, Antognoli & Rowland PC, focusing his practice on commercial litigation.

John Powers, associate vice chancellor and deputy general counsel for Washington University School of Medicine, was named a 2012 “40 Under 40” honoree by the St. Louis Business Journal.

1999

Jessica Liss was hired by the law firm Jackson Lewis LLP as its resident partner in its office in Cever Coeur, Mo. She focuses her practice on employment litigation.

Charissa Mayes was hired as an associate by Jackson Lewis LLP in their St. Louis office.

Amy Rubin joined First American Title Insurance Co. as vice president and underwriting counsel.

Rochelle Woodies, assistant circuit attorney in the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney’s Office, was named a 2012 “40 Under 40” honoree by the St. Louis Business Journal.

2000

Amy Render-Lesy is serving as chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the Missouri Bar. Residing in Chesterfield, Mo., she is married with three children and works as an attorney for Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry.

John Gunn was elected a member of the Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

Sarah Hellmann, a partner at the law firm Husch Blackwell, was named by Missouri Lawyers Weekly as a winner of the 2012 Women’s Justice Awards in the “Rising Stars” category.

Mary Machon was named a partner by the law firm Armstrong Teasdale, LLP. She is a registered U.S. patent attorney and a member of the firm’s intellectual property group.

2001

Joseph Blanner was honored by the St. Louis County Bar Association with its Outstanding Young Lawyer award. He is a partner with the Clayton-based law firm of Behr, McCarter & Peter, P.C. where he focuses primarily on construction law, real estate, municipal law and commercial and general civil litigation.

John Bruegger was hired by Hawkins, Parnell, Thackston & Young, LLP as a senior associate.

Amy Hoch Hogenson, a principal at the law firm Paul, Camazine & Blumenthal, was named by Missouri Lawyers Weekly as a winner at the 2012 Women’s Justice Awards in the “Rising Stars” category.

2002

Chellie Bertel was appointed by the law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard. She joined the firm in 2003 and is a member of its health law practice group.

John Fischesser II, an associate at the law firm Pitzer Woodgrass PC, was elected member-at-large of the board of the Young Lawyers Division of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Cardina Johnson was hired as associate general counsel by the Illinois Education Association.

2003

Teresa Baird joined the law firm Baird, Lightner, Milligan & Harpool P.C. as an associate in Springfield, Mo. She focuses on estate planning and trust administration, probate, litigation, corporate law, nonprofit organizations and intellectual property.

Urleas M. Dewberry was named a partner by the law firm Husch Blackwell. He focuses his practice in environmental and natural resources law.

Giuseppe S. Giardina was named a partner by the law firm Husch Blackwell. His focus is in products liability and toxic torts, representing manufacturers of consumer and industrial products. He also practices in the area of nursing home litigation defense.
Brian Hockett was elected as a partner by the law firm Thompson Coburn. His practice focuses on protecting and advancing the financial interests of secured creditors, unsecured creditors and debtors in all aspects of debtor-creditor relationships, including workouts, litigation and bankruptcy.

Kathryn Hoehn, an associate at the law firm Lashly & Baer PC, was elected as a member-at-large to the board of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, expiring in April 2014.

William M. Hof was named a partner by the law firm Husch Blackwell. He practices real estate and development law. In addition, he is an accredited LEED Green Associate, certified by Green Building Certification Institute Accreditation Program, and is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council's St. Louis Chapter.

Joseph A. Kilpatrick was named a partner by the law firm Husch Blackwell. He focuses his practice on defending toxic tort and environmental liability cases.

Kathryn R. Ihalevich was named a partner by the law firm Husch Blackwell. She practices healthcare law, working with large health systems, hospitals and individual physicians. She also assists pharmacy benefit manager clients with regard to Medicare Part D issues.

Cassandra Sanford, CEO of Kelly Mitchell Group, was named a “Most Influential St. Louisan” by the St. Louis Business Journal.

Charles Vantine was promoted to partner at SNR Denton in its St. Louis office.

Michael Adrian was promoted to partner at the law firm Polsinelli Shughart, PC.

John Challis was promoted to shareholder by the law firm Polsinelli Shughart, PC.

Kathryn Dugan was hired as an associate by the law firm Bryan Cave, joining their probate and litigation service group.

Stephen Durbin was named a member by the law firm Lewis, Rice & Fingerles I.C.

Rachel Jep, an associate at the law firm Copeland Thompson Farris PC, was elected chairperson of the Young Lawyers Division of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Brian Love joined Dobson, Goldberg, Berns & Rich, LLP as an associate. The firm focuses on employment law and workers’ compensation cases.

Ryan E. Mohr was named partner at Fox Garvin. He has concentrated his practice in the areas of environmental compliance and litigation, product liability, toxic tort, maritime and general commercial litigation.

W. Thomas Smith was named the University of Florida College of Pharmacy’s 2011-12 Teacher of the Year.

Angela Alvarez Simmons of State Farm Insurance is a founder and treasurer of the newly formed Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis.

Jennifer Kincad was named in the 2012 “Forty Under 40” list by the St. Louis Business Journal.

Sara Gillette, an associate at the law firm Senninger Powers LLP, was elected as chairperson-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Andrea McNairy was named a 2012 “Forty Under 40” in the state of Missouri by The National Trial Lawyers Association.

Scott B. Mueller was hired as a special counsel by the law firm Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith in its St. Louis office in the firm’s title resolution team.

Erin M. Phillips of the law firm Unsel & Schattnik in Wood River, Ill. was selected as a 2012 “Rising Star” by the Illinois edition of Super Lawyer. She practices in various areas including civil litigation, personal injury, personal injury defense and workers’ compensation.

Rachel Roman was named a 2012 “Forty Under 40” in the state of Missouri by The National Trial Lawyers Association.

James Stever was hired as an associate by Gori Julian & Associates PC.

Mary Taylor, an associate at the law firm Greenfelder Hemker & Gale PC, was elected as secretary of the Young Lawyers Division of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Robert Caldwell joined the law firm of McMichael & Logan in Kirkwood, Mo. He will work primarily on criminal defense, employment discrimination and personal injury cases.

Kevin Carne was hired by The Simon Law Firm in its product liability practice group.

Angela Fletcher, an attorney with the law firm Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the board of nonprofit Missouri Alliance for the state’s nonprofit organizations.

Natalie Kean will spend two years serving the Catholic Church as a volunteer of Fidesco in the Philippines, moving to Manilla to live and work at the Tempo Tondo Life Project Center.

Kristen Ratcliff is special assistant to the national coordinator at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Tiffany Schwartz was hired as an associate by the law firm Armstrong Teasdale. She is a member of the intellectual property practice group, guiding brand owners in matters involving trademark selection, registration, policing and protection strategies. She also counsels clients in copyright, internet and anti-counterfeiting matters.

Sandra Zambrana, of the St. Louis City’s Counselor’s Office, is a founder and community service chair of the newly formed Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis.

Salim Awad, of the law firm McQueen Awad, is a founder and member-at-large of the newly formed Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis.

Erin Brooks joined the law firm Bryan Cave as an associate in their commercial litigation and environmental client practice groups.

Timothy Cronin was added to The Simon Law Firm’s product liability practice group.

Emily Kiser was hired as an associate by the law firm Lathrop & Gage, concentrating her practice on business litigation.

Constatino “Tino” Ochoa, of the law firm Bryan Cave, is a founder, member-at-large and assistant treasurer of the newly formed Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis.

Kristen Steinkamp joined the law firm Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith as an associate in its commercial litigation practice group.

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Matthew S. Vanderpool was hired as an associate by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Milwaukee, Wis. As part of the firm’s health care practice, he provides counsel on transactional and regulatory matters to large and small institutional providers and physician groups.

Jeremy Williamson is an in house attorney with Energy Systems Group in Evansville, Ind. His work entails all legal aspects of the renewable energy industry.

Miles Bardell started work in the energy services and renewable energy markets.

In 2011, Amy Ball accepted a position as director of risk management at Ranken Jordan Hospital.

-as a staff attorney for the Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., in Peoria, Ill.
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- as an associate by the personal injury law firm of Gori Julian, PC in Edwardsville, Ill. The firm focuses its practice on representing plaintiffs in asbestos and other occupational disease litigation.
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- as an associate by the law firm Brooks Bauer LLP in their Las Vegas, Nev., office. She will be focusing her practice on real estate litigation, representing banks and creditors.
- as an in house attorney with Energy Systems Group, an affiliate of Danna McKitrick, PC.
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- as an associate product manager by Press Ganey Associates, Inc. in the clinical products division.
- as an assistant general counsel by Gershman Mortgage.
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- as an assistant by the law firm Farrell, Hamilton & Julian, P.C., concentrating his practice in the areas of estate planning and probate, corporate and business planning, real estate, and taxation.
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- as an associate by Haar & Woods LLP. The firm focuses its practice on commercial and business litigation and law.
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- as an associate by Evans & Dixon, LLC. He will focus his practice on workers’ compensation cases.
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- as an associate by the law firm Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, PC.
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- as an associate by Haar & Woods LLP. The firm represents individuals and corporations in the defense of civil litigation, including contract, negligence and real estate matters.
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-as a research attorney at the Illinois Appellate Court in Springfield, Ill.
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-as an in house attorney with Energy Systems Group in Evansville, Ind. His work entails all legal and regulatory aspects of the energy services and renewable energy markets.
**calendar of EVENTS ’12**

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| AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | DECEMBER |
|--------|--------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 20     | Classes Begin | 12  | Jan Shelly: “LGBT Employment Discrimination and the Current State of Title VII Law” | 12  | Childress Lecture |
|        |                | 14  | SLU LAW Trivia Night | 19  | Alumni Lunch as part of the Missouri Bar Annual Meeting, St. Louis |
|        |                | 28-30 | SLU LAW Reunion Weekend | 26  | Center for Health Law Studies 30th Anniversary Symposium |
|        |                | 28  | CLE at Noon (visit law.slu.edu/CLE for more information) |        |                 |
|        |                | 29  | PILG Ambulance Chase |        |                 |
|        |                |      |                        |        | 14  | Alumni Reception as part of the Illinois State Bar Association Midyear Meeting, Chicago |