BEYOND THE BI-STATE

SLU LAW ALUMNI SET OUT FOR SUCCESS OUTSIDE ST. LOUIS
Dear Alumni and Friends,

My good friend Judge Vince Lopinot recently commented at his swearing-in ceremony that 37 years ago when we walked into SLU LAW he thought it unlikely I would have predicted his ascendancy to the Circuit bench (not true); he was positive he never would have predicted I would be the Dean (me neither).

Our alumni have served our communities as judges, legislators, mayors, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, public defenders, prosecutors and lawyers for the poor. We have given countless hours to pro bono work, committee assignments and all manner of bar association activities. In short, we learned to think, act and feel like lawyers.

Service to clients, the public and a tradition of sharing – this issue of Saint Louis Brief illustrates these truths. You'll read about alumni whose legal careers have taken them down traditional and non-traditional paths all over the globe. Faculty, students and alumni continue to live out the Jesuit mission of our law school, whether here in St. Louis, out in California or across the ocean in the Philippines.

When another good friend, Larry Biondi, asked me to serve as interim dean he emphasized a need for a “fresh pair of eyes;” someone who’s from our world. What I have seen with this move downtown is a Catholic, Jesuit university committing substantial resources to the most important aspect of a modern legal education – producing graduates better prepared to practice law.

I believe our Legal Clinics are the critical piece to this objective; especially where, as here, our mission is to advocate for the disadvantaged and the betterment of the entire community. Once this move is complete we will reunite with the good folks from Catholic Legal Association Ministry and fulfill the Clinic’s mission to offer each of our students a “bridge from the knowledge and principles instilled in the classroom to the effective, ethical and conscientious practice of law.” You can read more about our vision for this on pg. 18, as well as see the construction progress of the new building.

Supporting our school and its new building will not only help the next generation of SLU LAW graduates continue these traditions of excellence, but help us all address the “justice gap” – the most overlooked injustice in our society today. But we can’t fully excel in our mission without your support. If you would like to get involved – be it as a mentor, guest speaker, or, of course, donor – I encourage you to contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations (314-977-3300; alumni@law.slu.edu) or the Office of Career Services (314-977-7100). I promise all alumni contributions will be spent only and exactly as you designate them and will be deposited in fully-protected, separate accounts. You have my word.

I hope 2013 is off to a great start for each of you. It will certainly be a busy year for us as we build toward the future of this wonderful school.

Regards,

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Coalition’s work representing women who received life without parole sentences for killing their abusive husbands. The film chronicles the women’s fight to be released and their troubled journey through the courts and before the Parole Board. The cases featured in the film were also the subject of a spring 2012 symposium “Battered Women Who Kill” hosted by SLU LAW. Elizabeth Rohrbaugh, the documentary’s director, was a panelist who discussed how the Coalition’s work moved her to cover the stories as a way to advocate for the women. The film was screened at the St. Louis International Film Festival on Nov. 18. For more information about the film and Harrison’s experience, visit http://slu.edu/x69181.xml.

ASSOCIATE DEAN PENDO RECEIVES YWCA LEADER AWARD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor Elizabeth Pendo was honored as a Leader in the Workplace at the 2012 YWCA Leader Lunch on Dec. 6. This event celebrates leaders in the workplace from all over the city of St. Louis. Pendo was selected in recognition of her leadership and contributions at Saint Louis University. The University’s Board of Women’s Commission annually nominates a select group of women of achievement in the University community.

PUBLIC SERVICE INITIATIVES

HEALTH LAW AWARDED CONTRACT BY MISSOURI FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH
The Missouri Foundation for Health has awarded a two-year contract to the Center for Health Law Studies to support and expand Professor Sidney Watson’s work providing legal and policy analysis on behalf of Missouri’s consumer health advocates. The contract supports law student involvement in this work, with the goal of training law students in grassroots consumer advocacy and creating the next generation of Missouri health policy experts. The contract also provides funding for a two-year visiting assistant professor position as a new Health Law and Policy Fellow, to expand the Center’s ability to provide sustained and ongoing policy and legal analysis for the health advocates. The students’ first project is providing educational programs about the Affordable Care Act. Students will be speaking to classes and organizations on the SLU campus, church groups and social services organizations.
SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY
On Nov. 3 SLU LAW participated in the annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans in downtown St. Louis. Now in its 17th year, the event provides services to homeless veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, Veteran’s Affairs (VA) and Social Security benefits counseling and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment. Led by Assistant Clinical Professor Brendan Roediger and Assistant Professor Yvette Liebesman, 22 SLU LAW students volunteered their time and legal training to assist approximately 80 veterans on issues such as traffic tickets and loitering offenses, as well as family law, consumer law and VA benefits cases. To read more on SLU LAW veteran outreach, visit http://slu.edu/x69165.xml.

SLU HOSTS NATURALIZATION CEREMONY FOR 250 NEW CITIZENS
The School of Law joined with others in the SLU community to welcome 250 new American citizens at a Naturalization ceremony at the Busch Student Center on Sept. 27. Dean Tom Keefe gave the welcoming address in a ceremony in which immigrants from 85 different countries became citizens. Federal Judge Audrey Fleissig presided over the court proceeding. Members of the University’s Soprano Quintet sang for the ceremony, and the Air Force ROTC presented the colors.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES
ABA MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL STUDENTS
As part of his efforts to give law students access to opportunities that will further their education and careers, Dean Tom Keefe has generously donated funds to enroll all SLU LAW students into the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Law Student Division for the 2012-2013 school year. The School of Law is just the fifth school in the country to claim full enrollment. For the 836 students enrolled, the benefits are substantial, from seeking funding for new events (ABA Grant Funding), student groups looking for exciting speakers (ABA Speakers Database) or individual students becoming involved with like-minded legal professionals in various ABA Committees and Sections. For more on this story, visit http://www.slu.edu/x68270.xml.

CELEBRATING PRO BONO WORK
On Oct. 25 SLU LAW co-sponsored Pro Bono Celebration with the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis’, (BAMSL) Pro Bono Committee. Students networked with public interest attorneys and other alumni who provide pro bono services outside of their regular legal practice areas. Throughout the day they sat in on panels, gaining practical knowledge in the areas of guardianship, landlord/tenant, domestic violence, consumer law and legal ethics. The event was co-sponsored by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Pro Bono Committee and the law school.

A SLU LAW TASTE OF ST. LOUIS
Professor Peter Salsich mingles with incoming law students at the SLU LAW Taste of St. Louis reception on July 19. Members of the incoming class had the chance to get to know each other and members of the SLU LAW community while munching on St. Louis favorites like Ted Drewes, Gus’ Pretzels, Imo’s Pizza and Park City gooey butter cake.

EXTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES
Thirty-seven SLU LAW students spent the fall semester in the externship clinic supervised by Assistant Clinical Professor Amany Ragab Hacking. The students primarily worked in three areas: prosecutor placements, health law and non-profit/government offices. Third-year students Matthew Crane and Timothy Weaks experienced the real life of a prosecutor when they spent the semester at an externship in the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney’s Office. They drafted legal documents and memoranda that prosecutors rely on in trial. Along with developing their criminal legal research and writing skills, these students spent a significant amount of time in the courtroom with their attorney supervisors dealing with motions, preliminary hearings, pleas, probation revocations, sentencings, jury selections and trials.

They interacted with many prosecutors in the office and appeared before different judges throughout their externship. All students left their externships with an in-depth understanding of each field.

STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

The Hon. Stephen Limbaugh Sr. provides the key note address at the Pro Bono Celebration.
PUPPY LOVE RELIEVES STRESSED STUDENTS

The end of the semester is always a stressful and hectic time for students. To help them cope, on Nov. 29 the Office of Student Services hosted a number of therapy dogs from C.H.A.M.P. (Canine Helpers Allow More Possibilities), a local volunteer organization of therapy dogs and their owners.

CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND EVENTS

SLU LAW HOSTS HEALTH LAW SCHOLARS WORKSHOP

On Sept. 14-15 SLU LAW held the 11th Health Law Scholars Workshop, a collegial forum for mentoring junior health law and bioethics faculty co-sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics and SLU LAW’s Center for Health Law Studies. Scholars from around the country presented works-in-progress while others served as readers and mentors during the sessions. This year’s health law scholars were Alena M. Allen, assistant professor of law at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law; Leo Beletsky, assistant professor of law and health sciences at Northeastern University School of Law and Bouve College of Health Sciences; Christina S. Ho, assistant professor of law at Rutgers University School of Law - Newark; and Lindsay F. Wiley, assistant professor of law at American University Washington College of Law. The panel of readers included academics from SLU LAW, Boston University, University of California - Hastings, University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania, and Washington University, in addition to SLU business, public health and health care ethics faculty.

HEALTH LAW SYMPOSIUM


In addition to Starr, professor of sociology and public affairs and the Stuart Chair in Communications and Public Affairs at Princeton University, speakers included Thomas (Tim) Greaney, co-director for the Center for Health Law Studies and professor of law at Saint Louis University School of Law; Susan Nestor Levy, executive vice president at Ascension Health Alliance and president and CEO at Ascension Health Global Mission; Sidney D. Watson, professor of law at Saint Louis University School of Law; Brietta R. Clark, professor of law at Loyola Law School Los Angeles; Sara Rosenbaum, professor of health law and policy and law at The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services and Law School; Mark Hall, professor at Wake Forest University School of Law; and Timothy S. Jost, professor of law at Washington and Lee University School of Law.

A CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT LAW KICKS OFF 25TH ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of the William C. Wefel Center for Employment Law’s 25th Anniversary, SLU LAW hosted Wilma Liebman, former chairperson and member of the National Labor Relations Board on Oct. 2. Liebman gave a lecture entitled “US Labor Law: A Political Battlefield,” followed by a reception. Liebman served as a member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) from November 1997 to August 2011. She was first appointed by President Bill Clinton to a five-year term and was later reappointed twice by President George W. Bush. President Barack Obama designated her to chairman in January 2009, which she served until August 2011. She is currently a Visiting Professor at the College of Law and the School of Labor and Employment Relations, both at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

CHILDRESS LECTURE

This year’s Childress Memorial Lecture, held Oct. 12, focused on statutory interpretation and the divergent means through which statutes take shape and are interpreted in a contemporary context. Professor William Eskridge, Jr., the John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale Law School, addressed the hermeneutical difficulties embedded in positivist theories of statutory interpretation, through the question of whether the Endangered Species Act prohibits private landowners from actually harming endangered animals by incidentally depriving them of needed habitat. Following Professor Eskridge’s keynote address, leading scholars in the area provided commentary, and a panel addressed the broader world of statutory interpretation.

Panelists included Scott J. Shapiro, Charles F. Southmayd
Professor of Law and professor of philosophy at Yale University; Victoria F. Nourse, professor of law at Georgetown University; Theodore Ruger, professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania; James J. Brudney professor of law at Fordham University; Douglas R. Williams, professor of law at Saint Louis University School of Law; Karen Petroski, assistant professor of law at Saint Louis University; the Hon. Duane Benton, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; the Hon. Richard D. Cudahy, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; and the Hon. Keith P. Ellison, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

**NEW FACULTY**

**WELCOME PROFESSOR JOHNSON!**

Associate Professor Bill Johnson joined the SLU LAW faculty at the start of the 2012-2013 as co-director of the Center for International and Comparative Law. Johnson teaches Commercial Transactions, Secured Transactions and International Business Transactions, and will teach at the Summer Law Program in Madrid in 2013.

Professor Johnson was previously an assistant professor of law at the University of North Dakota and also a visiting professor at Vytauto Didžiojo Universitetas (Vytautos Magnus University) in Kaunas, Lithuania. Prior to becoming a law professor, he practiced corporate and commercial law, with a particular focus on international transactions, at Foley & Lardner LLP, in Milwaukee, and he worked as a judicial law clerk to Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Russell A. Anderson.

Professor Johnson remains engaged with the practice community through his active involvement in the American Bar Association Section of International Law. He has held several leadership positions within ABA International and currently serves as co-chair of the International Commercial Transactions, Franchising and Distribution Committee, as well as vice-chair of the International Legal Education and Specialist Certification Committee and as a member of the Steering Group of the Europe Committee.

Professor Johnson earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, where he was a research assistant and on the executive board of the Michigan International Law Society. In his scholarship, he researches and writes about challenges and issues relating to laws governing international commercial transactions and has written extensively about the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). His journal articles have been published in the Buffalo Law Review, the Ankara Law Review, the Northwestern Journal of International Law and Business, and the Michigan Journal of International Law.

**MARGARET DONNELLY JOINS SLU LAW AS HEALTH LAW PRACTITIONER-IN-RESIDENCE**

Margaret Donnelly (’88), former director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) will join SLU LAW as a Health Law Practitioner-in-Residence beginning in January 2013. Donnelly will center her teaching on the legislative and administrative process in health law, as well as engage with students and faculty in informal sessions. As a leader in her field of health law policy, Donnelly’s addition will provide an invaluable resource to our students and continue to position the Center for Health Law Studies at the forefront of health law education.

As director of DHSS, she served as the state’s top public health official and oversaw a budget of $1 billion, with responsibilities ranging from planning Missouri’s response to disasters to inspecting hospitals and child care centers to supervising programs that allow seniors and people with disabilities to live independently.

Donnelly served in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2003-2009. She focused much of her work on the state budget and issues relating to families, seniors and health care. She served as ranking member of the Appropriation Committee and the House Budget Committee. Prior to her work in the public sector, Donnelly was an attorney in private practice for 20 years.
MID-YEAR GRADUATION
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Growing up the son of two historians, Assistant Clinical Professor Brendan Roediger lived a well-traveled childhood. Born on the north side of Chicago, the Roedigers moved to Missouri and on to Minnesota. His mother’s work allowed him and his younger brother to attend school in London, Cape Town, South Africa, and Kumasi, Ghana.

His non-traditional education continued as he went to four different high schools, finishing at an alternative education center in St. Paul, Minn. He finally got serious about his academic endeavors at the University of Minnesota, where he credits Professor Eden Torres with setting him on the right career path. “I always loved to write and always felt passionate about social justice issues,” he said. “She taught me how to channel the passion and become a more disciplined writer. Dr. Torres was also an extraordinary teacher and probably the biggest influence on my teaching style.”

After graduation, Roediger attended Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, where he volunteered with local agencies and took clinical courses. His first job was at Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance in Illinois, where he gained experience handling family, consumer, housing and public benefits cases. “I was in court almost every day and learned an enormous amount from lawyers inside and outside of the public benefits cases. “I was in court almost every day and learned an enormous amount from lawyers inside and outside of the court. I developed a set of skills for identifying legal issues, understanding the importance of service. Our work is known in courthouses, social service agencies, homeless shelters and City Hall. I don’t believe there is another educational institution that can equal our clinical program in terms of direct impact on a community.

Now serving as supervisor of the Litigation Clinic and coordinator of the Pro Bono Program at SLU LAW, Roediger gave Saint Louis Brief insight into what led him to teaching and his work training the next generation of lawyers.

**SLB: How did you become interested in litigation?**

**BR:** I went to law school knowing I wanted to be a litigator and provide the best possible representation to clients who otherwise would be unrepresented. Unfortunately, despite my dream of being the next Clarence Darrow, I was terrified of public speaking. During my first law school class it had to be explained that “I pass” was not an acceptable response when called upon (thanks Professor Becker). I never figured out how to get rid of the nervousness; I just came to understand that it is simply a feeling and need not interfere with the task at hand.

**SLB: What brought you to the educational side of law?**

**BR:** I’m not sure exactly how it happened but I’m grateful for it every day. After graduating from college, I was so torn between being a poverty lawyer and being a teacher and somehow I ended up with both. I had a wonderful job as a legal aid lawyer in Illinois when I received a phone call from a professor at Washington University asking if I would be interested in supervising their Civil Justice Clinic. It was a difficult decision, but I agreed and that was my introduction to clinical teaching.

**SLB: How have your legal experiences aided the way you teach?**

**BR:** I draw on my experience every time I sit with a student in my office or teach a class. Tying substantive knowledge to the real world is a challenge for students. I spend a lot of time dealing with actual issues they will face in practice, like politely asking a clerk for help, drafting a routine order for the judge’s signature or setting a motion for hearing.

**SLB: What makes the SLU LAW Legal Clinics so special?**

**BR:** In my humble opinion, our clinical programs are unmatched. This is due in large part to the seven dedicated faculty who combine the roles of practitioner and teacher so effectively. Additionally, our students clearly understand the importance of service. Our work is known in courthouses, social service agencies, homeless shelters and City Hall. I don’t believe there is another educational institution that can equal our clinical program in terms of direct impact on a community.

**SLB: What is the most rewarding aspect of working in the Legal Clinics? Is there a memorable success story or experience?**

**BR:** I love watching students take ownership of cases. There is a tangible sense of responsibility and excitement when a student knows that a client is relying on them. They no longer speak in terms of assignments, time requirements or even grades. Everything is about ensuring that their client is safe from an abuser or has a place to live or stays out of jail.

This past semester I had the pleasure of watching a student argue a summary judgment motion on behalf of the Katherine Dunham Museum in East St. Louis, Ill. The organization was facing foreclosure, and our students’ work prevented what would likely have been the death of one of the city’s most important cultural landmarks. The student was so effective that I lost track of my role as teacher/evaluator and became an excited spectator.

**SLB: Why is public service and pro bono work so important?**

**BR:** I believe that pro bono work is and always has been a professional obligation for attorneys. While the courts have made strides in providing access to pro se litigants, representation by counsel usually makes a world of difference in a courtroom. It is just as important that we continue graduating students ready to dedicate their careers to fighting for substantive equality and social justice.

Law clinics are a place to learn how to practice law, but they have also traditionally helped to mold new generations of public defenders, legal aid lawyers and civil rights practitioners.

**SLB: What values do you hold and bring to your classroom?**

**BR:** The law needs to evolve and this only happens if lawyers are willing to take risks and approach issues in new ways. I try as much as possible to impress upon students that their ideas may be better than my own and that there is no precise formula to litigation. With the exception of hard work and empathy for our clients, everything is up for discussion.

**SLB: What do you hope to instill in your students through your teaching and clinic work?**

**BR:** I want students to understand the gravity of being responsible for another person’s well-being, to have the foundational skills to begin the practice of law and to understand that they will have to keep studying and refining these skills for the rest of their careers. //
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A MISSION TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

NATALIE KEAN (‘08)

BY PAUL BYRNE

When people think about a practicing legal professional, the jobs of defense attorney, prosecutor, judge or academic might come to mind.

Alumna Natalie Kean (‘08) doesn’t work for a white glove firm. She’s not a prosecutor. She’s not a judge. She’s not in academics. Although she could have chosen any of those paths, she instead works with young mothers living in the largest slum in the Philippines.

Natalie is on a mission, literally and figuratively, to change how these women experience the world. And this is her story.

In July 2011 Natalie Kean found herself in New York City. And, in of all places, the private residence of New York’s Archbishop Timothy Dolan (Dolan was elevated to Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI in February 2012).

Kean was at Dolan’s residence for a reception celebrating the launch of the American chapter of Fidesco, a Catholic charity founded 30 years ago in France.

Fidesco is an international relief non-governmental organization that sends volunteers on two-year missions to under-served areas of the world. The organization utilizes the professional skills of volunteers for humanitarian and development projects. Fidesco aims to fight poverty and despair of all human beings without regard to religion, ethnic or culture differences.

The first Fidesco volunteers, a family with medical expertise, were sent to the country formerly known as Zaire in 1981. Today, Fidesco annually sends more than 200 volunteers to more than 30 countries worldwide to assist with projects spearheaded by local partners and churches, many in non-Christian communities.

Fidesco’s name comes from the Latin word fides meaning faith. The “co” is for cooperation. Once Natalie Kean found this organization she knew her life was about to change.

Natalie Kean was born in Cheyenne, Wyo., the fourth of four children. Her father, who served in the Peace Corps, taught social studies in a local high school. Her mother was a lactation consultant who taught young mothers to breastfeed. Her mother’s work and her father’s commitment of international service in retrospect seem to have foreshadowed Kean’s path to the Philippines.

Kean studied economics at the University of Wyoming and during her time there attended a seminar on health economics. This seminar sparked an interest which led her to Saint Louis University School of Law.

“I was intrigued by health care policy and the debates revolving around it,” said Kean. “SLU’s health law program seemed like the perfect fit for me, so I was off to St. Louis.”

During her second year at SLU, Kean registered for a seminar on access to health care offered by Professor Sidney Watson. “The seminar required extensive field exposure so we spent time in emergency rooms and with nurses visiting teenage mothers at home,” Kean said. “The program made me appreciate the social work side of a legal career. It showed me that being a lawyer, especially for the underserved, requires trying to experience in order to better understand peoples’ situations.”

Another major influence on Kean was her roommate of three years, Molly Quinn.

“Molly always had a very public service minded view of the law. That’s her passion. When I went to SLU I was interested in health law, but Molly’s passion for helping the less fortunate really inspired me to find my passion within health law,” said Kean. Quinn is now a public defender in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Natalie graduated from SLU LAW in May 2008. Three months later she began a clerkship under the Honorable Susan S. Cole, U.S. Magistrate Judge in Gainesville, Ga. During her time in Gainesville she became active in her local parish, Saint Michael. It was there Kean met Fidesco.

“In Gainesville I met some people from France who were on a Fidesco mission working with immigrants in the local community,” she said. “I was inspired by their service using their professional skills, and I decided I wanted to be part of it.”

Being part of it meant applying for a two-year Fidesco mission. And that meant Kean could have been sent anywhere in the world.

“Fidesco has missions in over 30 countries, so they really could have sent me anywhere,” said Kean. “But I was committed, and I was ready to accept any mission that Fidesco chose for me. What makes Fidesco unique is they consider your education and work experience when assigning you to a mission, so you can utilize your professional skills which was really enticing to me.”

Kean arrived in Tondo, Manila Philippines in September 2011. Specifically, she arrived at the country’s largest slum next to the city’s garbage dump. The slum is divided into three sections known as “Happiland,” “Smokey Mountain” and “Tempo” (short for temporary housing).

Tragically, more than 6,000 families live here, surviving by scavenging for plastic, aluminum and other discarded materials that can be sold to local recyclers. Among the families are children and young mothers.

Natalie is in the Philippines for a two-year mission in work for which she received a tax deduction.
Kean’s job is to coordinate a center for young mothers under the guidance of a Philippine-based non-governmental organization called Life Project 4 Youth that provides excluded young adults with “Professional Training for Entrepreneurs.” She and another Fidesco volunteer spend about half their time teaching women ages 17-24 basic business, computer, English and general knowledge, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. They also help the women develop a plan for their futures and for raising their young families.

The other half of the time, Kean and the other volunteer coach the young women to operate two micro-businesses. In one program, the women sew mice dolls for children that are sold in Manila and Europe. The women have responsibilities in every aspect of the operation from production and planning to sales and marketing. In the second program where Kean concentrates her time, the women operate a solar lantern rental business to provide affordable, safe, quality light to the residents of the slum.

“We try to help these women develop the skills and confidence they need to either start their own business or get a long-term job,” said Kean. “And a critical aspect of this education is running the micro-business. They take responsibility for every aspect of the organization so it offers a real incentive, satisfaction and the confidence of knowing they have the skills to survive and even thrive in the workplace.”

Needless to say, there are challenges. Many of the women are teenagers dealing with young children and the pressure of surviving in a very tough environment. “These women live life minute to minute and are used to tragedy disrupting their progress, so sometimes it’s hard to get them to think about and plan for their future. So one of the first things we do is try helping the women budget their money and start a savings account.”

Kean and her missionary partner, Theresa Czernin currently have 24 women in the program.

The two volunteers live in the LP4Y training facility at the Don Bosco Youth Center located about a half mile from the slum where the young mothers live. The center (and their home) is an industrial cement compound across from the commercial harbor of Manila Bay.

Kean is more than a year into her two-year mission, and she can see that the work has profound impacts on the women she works with and on Kean herself.

“My time in here has been amazing, and it’s changed me,” she said. “The work here has been challenging, but it will also be hard to leave.”

Kean was exceptionally active during her time at SLU LAW. She graduated cum laude and was editor-in-chief of the Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy and active in several other university organizations. She recalls fondly spending time with friends in Forest Park and at local restaurants, and said she may one day return to St. Louis.

“I’ve lived all over, but I really enjoyed my time in St. Louis, and I could see myself moving back to there after my mission,” said Kean. “I definitely want to spend time with my family in Wyoming, but I’m licensed to practice law in Missouri, and I think I’m ready to move someplace where I already know a few people.”

And whether she returns to St. Louis or not, Natalie Kean is an inspiration to all and is far from done with her life of service.

“I may not always be in Manila, but I’m confident I want to continue working with less fortunate people wherever I am,” she said.

Natalie Kean is only 29 years old, but she has already made the world a better place. And she’s just getting started. 🌍
THE 2012 CAMPAIGN IS OVER.

The returns are in. Winners and losers are identified, positions assigned, a course set (uncertain though it may be, given the constitutional reality of separate institutions sharing power) and the political reality of divided control. A Democratic president, a Republican House of Representatives and a Democratic Senate subject to Republican filibustering will check and balance each other for at least two years.

So what, if anything, can we learn from the 2012 election? Here are some random takeaways, what we used to call lessons, from the 2012 campaign and election.

1. PRESIDENT OBAMA’S RE-ELECTION WAS IMPRESSIVE WHEN PLACED IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT. He is only the 17th man to be elected twice to the presidency. In amassing 51 percent of the popular vote, Obama became only the fifth presidential candidate since 1900 to receive more than 50 percent of the popular vote in successive campaigns (the others being William McKinley, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan). Obama’s accomplishment becomes even more impressive when one considers that Woodrow Wilson, Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton were among those who never received 50 percent of the popular vote. Obama’s electoral college margin, 332-206, though smaller than in 2008, still brought him 61 percent of the electoral vote, more than that received by McKinley (1896, 1900), Wilson (1916), Truman (1948), Kennedy (1960), Richard M. Nixon (1968), Jimmy Carter (1976), George W. Bush (2000, 2004) and rivaled that of William Howard Taft (1908) and Calvin Coolidge (1924).

Obama’s re-election becomes more striking since no president other than Abraham Lincoln or FDR entered office with the nation in such dire condition (economic meltdown, two wars) and no president since 1940 has won re-election with the unemployment rate so high.

2. THE REPUBLICAN RETENTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCEALS A NATIONAL PREFERENCE FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES. Although the Republicans retained control of the House with 234 seats, incomplete returns credit Democratic House candidates with almost 700,000 more votes. Republican success in 2010 state legislative races allowed the party to draw congressional districts to favor Republican candidates which helped it maintain control notwithstanding the adverse popular vote. Nonetheless, Democrats appear likely to add seven or eight seats in the House. Democratic Senate candidates outpolled Republican rivals by more than 9 million votes. Democrats added two seats even though defending 23 of the 33 seats.

The Democratic popular vote margins for the House and Senate and Obama popular vote cushion of about 4.6 million votes suggest some degree of public preference for Democratic policies at the national level.

3. THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING PROCESS COMPLICATED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY’S ABILITY TO POSITION ITSELF FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. Governor Mitt Romney won the Republican nomination after many substantial Republican possibilities, such as former Governor Jeb Bush, Governors Mitch
Daniels, Haley Barbour and Bobby Jindal, Representative Paul Ryan and Senators Rob Portman and John Thune, chose not to run. Ditto newcomers like Governor Chris Christie and Senator Marco Rubio.

Presumably some very plausible contenders were deterred by three structural problems. Seeking a presidential nomination is so expensive that a candidate must spend years begging for money. It’s time consuming and requires several winters in Iowa and New Hampshire. And those who vote in Republican nominating events disproportionately represent the party’s far right.

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Focus on Saint Louis University School of Law is often centered on the school being a farm system for St. Louis attorneys. And with good reason: 59 percent of SLU LAW alumni reside in the St. Louis metropolitan area and many of our graduates have gone on to be political, corporate and community leaders in the region. But there is more to SLU LAW than what meets the Arch. What can sometimes get overlooked are the thousands of alumni (3,465 to be exact) that have taken their talents and SLU LAW education beyond the bi-state area. They hail from all corners of the country – and let’s not forget about the 72 men and women practicing internationally.
Seven such alumni recently reflected on their time in St. Louis, their current responsibilities and aspirations and, for some, the internal struggle to pursue a career in a field other than law.

Whether arguing cases before the appellate court at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., managing ticket operations for the San Francisco 49ers or soliciting multi-million dollar donations from national foundations to support medical research at one of the top medical universities in the country, each of these graduates express an appreciation for their solid legal education and the school’s service-minded push for civic responsibility.

None of them are originally from St. Louis, and all have migrated to other cities to work post-graduation. These students found their way to the School of Law through acquaintances, research and, in one case, through a serendipitous encounter at a college fair in Dallas. In their short time in St. Louis they were able to amass an education that has carried them far beyond their wildest dreams and opened doors they never even knew existed.

Not a day goes by that Scott doesn’t see a bear on the way to work or orca whales frolicking in the ocean in front of his deck. “In 15 minutes from any direction of my house I can literally have an expansive view of no humanity,” he said.

It’s been 13 years since Scott, who had lived his entire life within a three-hour drive of his home in Highland, Ill., chucked his job as a civil litigator in southern Illinois and became a government trial attorney in this small Alaskan town. His daughter was about to start kindergarten and he and his wife, who had vacationed along the Northwest coast several times, decided it might be fun to give Alaska a whirl.

“From the job aspect, I’m like Andy Griffith up here. I’ve gotten to know practically everyone in town. I know the difference between those clients who just need a little help and those who might really need to spend some time in jail,” he said.

One skill Scott had to master when arriving in Ketchikan was sport fishing. “Fishing with clients up here takes on the same importance as golfing with clients in St. Louis,” he said. Now, his golf clubs are gathering dust and his fishing poles are at the ready, and for obvious reasons; his first catch in Alaska was a 300-pound halibut. He’s even caught a 45-pound salmon.

Scott is quick to credit his lifestyle to his education at SLU LAW and to the former alumni who helped him land his first three jobs following graduation. “The support from the alumni and the connections you get there are just incredible. I wouldn’t be where I am right now without any of that,”

Three thousand miles away in Jackson, Tenn., Lowe Finney ’01 is busy mapping out the future of his fellow students in his own rural sanctuary. A two-time Tennessee state senator who splits his time between legislative duties and his job at a law firm in Jackson, Finney loves his life as a rural lawyer. In 2010, he was re-elected to a second term as a member of the 107th General Assembly and currently serves as chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus. He is a member of the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee and the Senate State and Local Government Committee. Just like Scott, Finney credits his law degree for helping him prepare for his role as a senator and small-town lawyer.

“The current political environment consists of a lot of debating about the role of government at both the state and federal government levels,” Finney said. “One needs to understand the issues and how best to sort through them and then legislate and carry on a debate within the political arena. My legal education prepared me for this.”

Not that Finney had any personal political ambitions when he started law school. In fact, it’s one of the main reasons he views the law school experience to be so important. “I don’t know anyone, with the exception of maybe one or two classmate, who entered law school with one idea of what they wanted to do and graduated three years later with the same career path in mind,” he said.

Another common thread Finney has noticed among SLU LAW graduates is their sense of commitment to serving others and advocating for their clients, integrated among the law books, the briefs, the oral arguments and trial advocacy skills required to graduate, Finney saw more when initially looking at the school. “I ultimately picked SLU LAW because of its commitment to community involvement,” Finney said. “It was always clear to me that service is a priority among the faculty and staff. Any prospective lawyer should look for ways to improve the communities in which we live, SLU’s education within that context is critical and what makes it unique.”

Erin Blagg Walker ’10, Finney’s advice didn’t ring more true. As executive assistant to the chief fundraising officer at the University of Washington Medical School in Seattle, Walker has stepped outside the legal arena. What spurred this departure were several nonprofit law classes she took at SLU.

“It opened my eyes to a new world,” she said. “I was one of those people who went to law school immediately after undergrad and didn’t really have a clear direction of where I wanted to go. Practicing law was not the right fit for me necessarily.”

What she learned from her three years at the School of Law was that quite a few people with similar backgrounds end up in fundraising and leadership roles at nonprofit organizations, which has many similarities to law.

“You are building a case for support and the primary difference is that the resulting transaction varies slightly,” Walker said. “In fundraising, the result is a win-win
transaction. You are serving philanthropists who are looking for places to make a good investment and trying to achieve things they may not be able to achieve on their own. These are advocacy lessons I learned at SLU.”

Following her husband’s (Josh Walker) graduation from SLU LAW in 2011, the couple moved to Tacoma, Wash., to be closer to their parents. Josh works as a contracts specialist at DaVita and is also a licensed attorney in Washington.

Walker and her colleagues work with major corporations and foundations, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Funds raised by Walker’s department benefit the university’s medical program, its medical school and nine health systems scattered throughout the Puget Sound area. Her law background helps her immensely as she develops and reviews the fundraising proposals related to this cause.

In fact, Walker said she was hired for her current position after a year at the university because her employer valued her legal research and writing background.

“That was really validating for me because it made me feel that all those times I questioned if law school was the right choice for me, that it truly had been. Every skill I learned in law school has contributed to my current career path.”

For Ivan Dale (’02) SLU LAW was his ticket to the Justice Department. Today, Dale works in Washington, D.C., and argues tax cases around the country before the U.S. Court of Appeals.

But Dale didn’t attend SLU with tax law set as his career path. He almost didn’t even make it to St. Louis. Referring to it as a “serendipitous” moment, Dale recalled wanting to speak to a recruitment representative from Vanderbilt at a Dallas college fair. Utterly frustrated with the long wait, Dale struck up a conversation with a recruiter from SLU LAW who happened to be at the next table. The line eventually wound down but by then, Dale was sold on SLU. He never did talk to the Vanderbilt recruit. And the next year, Dale met his future wife, Lisa Re (’02).

Upon graduation, Dale was accepted into the Justice Department’s Honors Program and he moved to D.C. Re followed and found a job with the Department of Health and Human Services where she supervises Medicare fraud cases for the Inspector General on Medicare and Medicaid abuse. They have two boys, ages 3 and 5.

Even after a decade of working on tax cases in the nation’s capital, Dale is still learning.

“In terms of subject matter, I am still learning case by case,” he said. “No one shows up for work their first day at the Justice Department knowing all 9,000 or so sections of the IRS tax codes. And what I like about tax law as opposed to other areas is that there’s usually an answer. In areas of negligence you argue your position and strike a balance with the other side. But in tax law there’s a reason for everything – an answer.”

Dale continues to network with fellow SLU LAW alumni and like Finney and Walker, encourages up-and-coming law students to become good writers and public speakers.

For Sarah Pelud (’05), moving to Montreal was an obvious choice for her and her French-born husband. “You could say Montreal was a good compromise for us between France and the United States,” said Pelud, who is also fluent in French. “We wanted to raise our children in a multi-cultural and bilingual environment.”

Pelud oversees immigration compliance for iTech US, Inc., a fast-growing IT services company. Her work involves coordination with the U.S. Department of Labor, Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State and compliance with each agency’s rules and regulations. Prior to moving to Montreal in 2007, she was a partner in a boutique immigration law firm in downtown Chicago.

“Since Montreal is only one hour from the U.S. border, there was a high demand for assistance with cross border business and personal trips into the U.S. Being an American in Montreal with a U.S. immigration background, I was able to stand out from other lawyers and find clients on my own.”

Pelud eventually ended up consulting Canadian lawyers on U.S. immigration issues that their clients faced. In 2009, she accepted an offer to work for a Montreal-based firm and headed the international immigration practice group handling not only U.S. immigration cases, but also cases for a number of other countries, often working with foreign correspondents in France, Mexico, Spain, China and Saudi Arabia. She also handled immigration compliance for a few major global mergers and acquisitions.

Pelud said her summer internships were networked through SLU LAW alumni. “The alumni that I worked for were truly living examples of the values that were present throughout my education – action-oriented individuals who strove to achieve excellence while recognizing the dignity and appreciating the value of each person.”

As an undergrad at SLU, Pelud spent one year at the University of Lyon in France as an exchange student in international business. While there, she worked as a “fille au pair,” a live-in nanny, to cut down on expenses. “Living in France is where I finally grasped the language...and also ended up meeting my husband,” she said.

A love for sports led two other School of Law graduates into the legal field.

David Steinman (’94), currently general counsel and director of compliance at Concord Energy Holdings LLC in Denver, was working for the Texas Rangers ownership group before deciding he wanted to attend law school. He had just completed his MBA and his six-month contract with the Rangers was coming to an end. He had had several conversations with his boss in the past about his possible interest in attending law school. Since his contract was coming to an end, the management there encouraged him to pursue his interest.

He had worked for the group off and on since 1986 during his college and grad school days. “I did everything from working in the ticket office to operating the radar gun, but I knew I didn’t want to stay in
sports,” Steinman said. “When I worked there I was more involved on the business side of the operation, and it took away some of the fun of the game for me.”

His dad attended Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, making Saint Louis University a natural choice for him for law school. He credits his transactions class as a key to his role in oil and energy solutions today. “It was an incredibly painful and boring class at the time but I probably have used skills from that class more than I ever thought I would in this job.”

Steinman, who previously worked in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Denver and the Southern District of Texas, says his favorite classes were criminal law and criminal procedure. In fact Steinman still moonlights as a criminal defense attorney in his spare time.

When Steinman joined Concord Energy there were 25 employees. Today there are more than 250. “I am the legal team of one for a $70 million company,” Steinman said. “And the best part of my job is that I am never bored.”

And during off hours? He now enjoys watching sports again.

Sports fanatic JARED KOZINN (’08) knew he would always end up in athletics. A black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a former hockey and baseball player, Kozin, like Steinman, earned an MBA along with his law degree from SLU after receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

“Simultaneously earning both degrees at SLU made for a unique challenge,” Kozin said. “I would take an evidence class in the morning at the law school and then walk across the street to the business school for a corporate finance class. Looking back, my schedule was quite a balancing act.”

After working for the St. Louis Blues, Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals, Kozin moved to California to become manager of Ticket Sales and Service for the San Francisco 49ers, where he develops ticket and marketing strategies and works closely with the 49ers loyal fan base as the team sets to open their new state-of-the-art stadium in 2014.

“One of the largest revenue generators for professional sports teams is ticket sales,” he said. “In the last 10-15 years, costs associated with attending professional sporting events have increased dramatically. Consequently, teams have adopted a more pro-active approach in selling tickets and luxury suites. Teams are also now competing with an enhanced at-home viewing experience due to technological advances like HD television. Strategically assessing your pricing, marketing campaigns and the way you build and nurture key relationships with clients, all while looking for effective ways to grow a new customer base, are essential to the success of the team.”

Kozin believes the skill set he developed at SLU LAW is critical in his current role with the 49ers. “In law school, we often talked about ‘thinking like a lawyer,’ which means using logical reasoning to analyze and solve problems or using persuasive argument to make a point. My role with the 49ers revolves around effective problem solving and persuasive arguments.”

Kozin’s wife, Margo (formerly Duckler), is also a SLU LAW graduate (’07) and currently works in admissions at Stanford University School of Medicine. The couple has a two-year-old daughter named Shayna.

From the east coast to the west coast, from Colorado to Canada, SLU LAW alumni are finding success with their legal degrees in far-ranging fields like politics, medicine, sports and the oil and gas industry. For Scott, Finney, Walker, Dale, Pelud, Steinman and Kozin, their experiences in St. Louis set them up for opportunity and adventure well beyond the borders of the bi-state area. //
Saint Louis University School of Law, no matter what its address, has always been home to a vibrant community of students, teachers, scholars and lawyers built on a rich history of connections to the practicing bar and dedication to public service.

When our new building in the heart of the St. Louis legal community is ready in early summer, we will continue to reinforce and expand on those traditions.

While the builders are finishing this state-of-the-art center for teaching, learning and practicing, we are engaging the SLU LAW and broader legal and business communities in planning how we make this a center of new opportunities for our school and how we make ourselves available for enhanced service to and participation in the St. Louis region.

The physical layout of the building is centered on how design encourages community, taking us from a wide-spread horizontal campus to a vertical one housing all aspects of the school under one roof.

As you will see through the construction photos on the next page, the once boxy office building at 100 N. Tucker Blvd. is opened up with an impressive glass façade and open stairwells, a two-story library reading room with views of the courthouses to the south, a new 12th floor with magnificent views in all directions, a technologically-advanced courtroom and seminar rooms, commons area, pavilion and a roof-top garden. A main-floor cafe will attract patrons from courthouses and nearby offices, as well as students, faculty and staff.

Throughout the building there are public spaces for meeting and mingling, private spaces for study and consultation, an excellent library, well-designed classrooms and seminar rooms and offices for journals, centers of excellence, career services, alumni relations and student services. The downtown location and the facilities available for our client-service clinics and the Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry will enhance our ability to give our students, with the assistance of faculty and alumni, the experience of being of genuine service to those who need legal help but cannot pay.

Our downtown location – within yards of court buildings and within blocks of many law firms, government offices and agencies - presents tremendous opportunities to create an extension of students’ classroom experiences and integrate them into the St. Louis and legal community.

One of our main goals and priorities is to help make our graduates more practice ready upon graduation. We’ll be partnering with the legal community, especially our alumni, to enhance our mentorship programs and other educational opportunities. In addition, we hope to engage with lawyers, public officials and policy-makers to work on critical issues facing the city and region.

If you build it they will come – well, perhaps not Shoeless Joe of the 1989 movie “Field of Dreams,” but many who want to study law, practice law and serve the community will indeed be drawn to this unique space and our ability to create unparalleled access and opportunity.

I encourage you to continue tracking our progress on the building and on the programs and opportunities our community will develop by following us at www.slu.edu/x69576.xml.

Warm regards,

THE HON. MICHAEL WOLFF
Professor of Law
Chair, SLU LAW Building Committee
Workers place steel beams on the roof as part of construction for the building’s new 12th floor.

Copper piping awaits installation on the 11th floor.

Temporary protection is hung where the glass façade and open stairwells will bring natural light and views of downtown into every floor.

Judge Mike Wolff leads a tour of the work-in-progress with other members of the building committee.

Faculty and administrative offices begin to take shape.

A view of the construction from Tucker Blvd.
For all of his professional successes – of which there are many – Reuben Shelton (‘81) gives all the credit to God for directing his career path. Currently senior counsel of litigation for the St. Louis-based agricultural biotechnology company Monsanto, Shelton has had a distinguished career in both the private and public sector while striving to stay involved in numerous aspects of the regional community.

After graduation, Shelton worked as a law clerk and at Union Electric Company (now Ameren) before joining the Missouri Attorney General’s office in 1998. A highlight of his time there occurred when former Attorney General Jay Nixon appointed Shelton special chief counsel for litigation and asked him to co-lead the state’s case against several tobacco companies. Along with a team of attorneys from across Missouri, the group orchestrated a $6.7 billion settlement for the state.

As president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (where in 2007 he was elected the first African-American board president), Shelton conducted a diversity summit, after which he was approached by a representative of Monsanto to join the company. And though he was happy at the Attorney General’s office, the company’s persistence eventually led him to start a new chapter in his life.

While serving as a top lawyer for a Fortune 500 Company keeps Shelton busy, he makes it a point to make a difference in the lives of others. Shelton served for five years as president of the board of directors for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM), and was recently elected vice-president of the Missouri Bar Association, where he will serve as president in two years.

In December 2010, now-Gov. Nixon appointed him to the Missouri Development Finance Board, an economic development tool for the state. Working with the Department of Economic Development, the group of advisors serves to attract new businesses and help existing private and governmental entities create and grow jobs in Missouri.

“My parents always taught my siblings and me that we are at our best when we serve others,” he recalls. “I feel really blessed to have the opportunities I’ve had. I think God gives us resources to share with others, and I am just trying to do that.”

In the following interview, Shelton discusses his role with Monsanto, the importance of LSEM and gives advice to young alumni.

**SLB: What is a typical day like for you?**

**RS:** I have tons of meetings, conference calls, and I travel quite a bit. I am blessed to have a challenging job that literally takes me all over the world to meet and work with some very talented and intelligent people of all nationalities.

**SLB: What is the most challenging part of your job?**

**RS:** The most challenging aspect is integrating strategic decisions across functions. Often there are competing functional interests that complicate the decision-making process. For example, within the law strategy context, a good move for the commercial folks might not be such a good idea for the governmental affairs or public affairs guys. We all want what’s best for Monsanto but frequently there is a difference of opinion about how to protect that interest. We, as lawyers, have to weigh those differences of opinion and ultimately decide the course of action.

**SLB: Why is LSEM so important?**

**RS:** LSEM is a critical component in assuring equal access to justice for our clients who are vulnerable and would otherwise be largely nameless and faceless in our society. In a legal environment where money and resources sometimes dictate outcomes, we level the playing field for those who can’t afford to financially protect their legal interests.

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

**RS:** Recent graduates will soon learn that now that they have the skill set and legal foundation, they will have to continuously hone their skills on daily basis. I am still learning things after 31 years of law practice. Once they have the foundation, they will learn that it’s all about relationships, so they should continue to reach out and make contacts through civic organizations, church and bar associations.

Finally, and I think most importantly, I hope they maintain a loving and trusting relationship with God because when you think about all the things we don’t control that have to come together to complete any successful endeavor, they will realize they can’t do this alone.
1957
WILLIAM BUCKLEY joined the St. Louis law firm Lashly & Baer PC concentrating his practice in business services, construction, real estate and taxation law.

1966
JIM SHOEMAKE, partner at the St. Louis law firm Guilfoil Petzall & Shoemake, LLC and past president of the American Quarter Horse Association, was elected chairman of the board of trustees for the American Horse Council. The council represents the horse industry before Congress and federal regulatory agencies.

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

DAVID HARLAN, a partner in Armstrong Teasdale’s intellectual property practice group, received the Richard S. Arnold Award for Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement from the Association of the Bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit.

JOHN C. RASP, retired partner at the law firm Bryan Cave, was awarded the 2012 Distinguished Lawyer Award by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis in May 2012.

1968
MICHAEL GUNN, of the Gunn Law Firm, was named a winner of the 2013 Missouri Lawyers Award as an Influential Lawyer. The award is given by Missouri Lawyers Media to lawyers who made substantial contributions to the legal community in 2012.

1972
JACK CHALLIS received the President’s Award at the Missouri Bar Association’s 2012 annual meeting.

1973
PAUL DONNELLY, a partner at the law firm Stinson Morrison & Hecker, was honored by the 8th Circuit Bar Association with the Richard S Arnold Award for Distinguished Services and Lifetime Achievement.

1974
FRED BOECKMANN retired from his position as city counselor in Columbia, Mo., after more than 26 years, three city managers and countless hours seated at the Columbia City Council dais.

CHARLES “CHIP” MISKO, a co-managing partner at the St. Louis law firm of Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP, was named to the 2013 Best Lawyers in America in the area of real estate law. He represents businesses in corporate finance, real estate and general corporate matters.

ALISSE CAMAZINE ELLEBRECHT was designated as one of St. Louis’s top 50 lawyers.

1975
HON. LISA VAN AMBURG was appointed to serve on the Missouri Court of Appeals’ Eastern District.

1976
MARK HASSAKIS, of Hassakis & Hassakis, P.C., received the Distinguished Service to Law and Society Award by the Illinois Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association. The award is given to a person who has made a significant contribution to law and society and a significant contribution to the Illinois Bar Foundation and The Fellows. Hassakis is a trial attorney who represents injured victims throughout Southern Illinois and the adjacent areas.

TIMOTHY HURLEY, of the law firm Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, was named a “Leader in their Field” in the area of Bankruptcy/Restructuring in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA.

1979
RAYMOND FOURNIE was re-elected to serve a three-year term on the executive committee of the law firm Armstrong Teasdale. He is a nationally recognized asbestos attorney at law, was one of the winners of the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2012 Diverse Business Leaders awards.
defense lawyer and has served as national trial counsel for major asbestos clients and tried cases across the country. In addition, he has managed and disposed of thousands of asbestos cases filed in Madison County, Ill.

DIANE HOWARD of Cape Girardeau, Mo., was appointed to the Missouri Gaming Commission by Gov. Jay Nixon.

REBECCA ALLEN KALEY is still practicing law with an office in Clayton, Mo. She continues having fun with her nine grandchildren.

MARIA VITALE PERRON was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri for 2012-2014. She serves as vice president.

RUTH PRZYBECK retired from the U.S. Postal Service in April 2012, where she served as chief counsel, torts for the National Torts Center. She and her husband, Tom, left for Morocco in January 2013 where they will serve as youth asset builders with the Peace Corps.

REUBEN SHELTON, senior counsel at Monsanto, was a recipient of the 2012 Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s Common Good Awards for promoting equal access to justice. He was also elected as vice president of the Missouri Bar board of governors.

1980

LAWRENCE KETTENBACH was elected to a two-year term for 2012-2014 on the Board of Directors of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM). He was also a recipient of the 2012 LSEM Common Good Awards for promoting equal access to justice.

1981

RON FOX was named to the Missouri Super Lawyers list for 2012.

JANETTE LOHMAN was named to the 2013 Best Lawyers in America in the areas of litigation and controversy (tax).

1982

JOHN RIFFLE, a partner at the St. Louis law firm of Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, was named chairman of the firm’s corporation department. Frederick Vilbig, a partner in the law firm Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum LLP, was named to the firm’s management committee.

1983

DAVID BORESI joined the Thurman Law Firm in Hillsboro, Mo. He focuses his practice on medical malpractice and product liability cases.

1984

MICHAELE GIBBONS was made partner at Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP. He is a member of the firm’s government solutions practice group, advocating for clients on issues they face at the intersection of government, law and politics in Missouri.

CHRISTINE F. MILLER was named in the inaugural Benchmark Litigation’s Top 250 Women in Litigation publication. The list is composed of a select group of women initially named in Benchmark Litigation’s 2012 edition as “local litigation stars.”

1987

LARAIN BRYSON was named by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to the board of directors of the Tri-County River Valley Development Authority. Bryson has served as president of the Tri-County (Peoria) Urban League for nearly 20 years.

CHRISTOPHER E. McGRAGH was appointed to serve as an associate circuit judge on the 22nd Judicial Circuit by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon. Joseph Orlet was named a “local litigation star” in the St. Louis area by Benchmark Litigation.

1988

VANESSA KEITH was elected to the board of directors of Mathews-Dickey Boys’ and Girls’ Club in St. Louis.

NANCY KOORS was hired by The Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Company as a claims counsel.

1989

LISA WOOD is an assistant vice chancellor and associate general counsel for Buckman and corporate secretary for Bulab Holdings Inc., Buckman’s parent company.

1990

JONATHAN SCHARFF was elected vice president, legal and general counsel for Buckman and corporate secretary for Bulab Holdings Inc., Buckman’s parent company.
1991
CHRISTOPHER ARCHER was honored with the 10th Annual Workers’ Compensation Distinguished Lawyer Award presented by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Kids’ Chance St. Louis.
ANTHONY SIMON was to the 2013 Best Lawyers in America in the area of patent.

1992
JANE DUEKER was named to the 2013 Best Lawyers in America in the area of government relations practice.
DANIEL GUNN was hired by Central Trust & Investment Company (an affiliate of First National Bank of St. Louis) as vice president and senior portfolio manager at the company’s St. Louis location.

TODD PALMER was listed as a leader in the field of natural resources and environment in Chambers USA’s 2012 edition.

HON. MICHAEL STELZER was appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon to fill the vacancy in the St. Louis Circuit Court. He was an associate circuit court judge since 2004 and has presided over civil, criminal and family dockets.

TIMOTHY STEWART joined the St. Louis law firm of Lewis, Rice & Fingersh LC as a member, focusing his practice on taxation issues.

PATRICIA A. ZIMMER was re-appointed to the Tort Law Section Council of the Illinois State Bar Association. She was also awarded Martindale Hubble’s AV rating.

1993
HON. DONALD G. WILKERSON was reappointed to a new eight-year term as a U.S. magistrate judge in the Southern District of Illinois.

1994
JEFFREY NAEGE joined the Stone Carlie & Co. accounting firm as principal of tax and business services.

1995
CHRISTOPHER BRUMBAUGH opened the Law Office of Christopher T. Brumbaugh in Town and Country, Mo. The firm will focus on real estate, business law and estate planning.

DARA DAVIS graduated from Leadership Memphis, a prestigious program which has been shaping community leaders in the Memphis area since 1979. A nine-month, cohort-style program, the Leadership Memphis Executive Program seeks to build a better city by building better leaders. The program focuses on a broad array of community issues through the lens of three core values: diversity and inclusion, collaboration and civic engagement.

1997
DIANE MONAHAN was appointed Family (Juvenile) Court Commissioner by the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, effective May 2012.

1998
VOULA FRANCIS joined The St. Louis Trust Company as a vice president.
ROBERT KENNEY of the Missouri Public Service Commission was named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

1999
JENNIFER BYRNE joined the law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP as a partner in its St. Louis office. She is a member of the corporate practice group and focuses on general corporate issues, mergers and acquisitions, securities, corporate governance and finance.

KIMBERLY EILERTS was named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

DONNA RUIZICKA joined the law firm Polsinelli Shughart as a shareholder in its health care practice group. She focuses her practice on transactions and regulatory matters.

KAREN VOLKMAN joined the law firm Hawkins, Parnell, Thackston & Young LLP’s civil defense in its St. Louis office as a partner.

2000
DON DANIEL rejoined the law firm Thompson Coburn as counsel in the health care practice group on a part-time basis.

JOHN GUNN, of the Gunn Law Firm, was named a winner of the 2013 Missouri Lawyers Award as an Influential Lawyer. The award is given by Missouri Lawyers Media to lawyers who made substantial contributions to the legal community in 2012. He was also named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

JOAN KILLGORE was named to the 2013 Best Lawyers in America in the area of health care.

2001
JOSEPH BLANNER was selected by Super Lawyers as a 2012 Rising Star for Missouri. He was also named to the 2013 Best Lawyers in America in the areas of construction law and litigation construction, and elected president of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce for 2013.
BRIAN KELLEY was named one of the 2012 Missouri Bar Association’s Lon O. Hocker Trial Lawyer Awards.

JAME BOOCk was one of the recipients of the 2012 Missouri Bar Association’s Lon O. Hocker Trial Lawyer Awards.

ANThONY I. BUTLER was selected as a 2012 Rising Star by the Living Classrooms Foundation and the Baltimore Business Journal.

JENNIFER LANDRUM ELLIOTT was named chair of Stites & Harbison, PLLC’s health care service group. She is based in the Louisville, Ky., office and focuses her practice on regulatory and transactional health care law.

SARAH HOLDENER was named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

MAJOR ADAM KAZIN finished his LL.M in military law at The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and school in Charlottesville, Va. He started his new assignment as a Brigade Judge Advocate at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He and his wife, Sara, welcomed their first child, Jonah.

DIANE KEEFE was hired by the St. Louis law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP as of counsel in its health care practice group. She maintains a general transactional and regulatory practice, working primarily with hospitals, physicians, physician groups and other healthcare providers and suppliers. She advises clients on a variety of complex legal problems from compliance and business transactions to operational and management issues.

CHRISTOPHER A. PICKETT joined the litigation practice group of the St. Louis law firm Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale P.C. He focuses on complex commercial law, securities litigation and arbitration, employment contracts, disputes and discrimination, and white collar crime and corporate compliance.

WILLIAM ZYCHEWICZ of the law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP, transferred from the firm’s St. Louis office to its location in Las Vegas. He prepares and prosecutes U.S and foreign patent applications, prepares opinions relating to non-infringement, invalidity, patentability and freedom-to-operate, and counsels clients in all aspects of intellectual property.

2002

NICHOLAS GERHART was named the new Iowa Insurance Commissioner by Gov. Terry E. Branstad. Previously, he served as the vice president of compliance and regulatory affairs at the Sammons Financial Group.

2003

KATHRYN FORSTER joined the Clayton, Mo., law firm Crotzer & Ormsby, LLC as an associate attorney. Her practice primarily involves education and government law.

DAVID HOFFMAN was appointed as a shareholder by the St. Louis law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard. He focuses his practice on product liability and general litigation.

NALINI MAHADEVAN was hired by the Lowenbaum Partnership in St. Louis as an immigration attorney.

2004

CHRISTINA ABATE was named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

KEVIN ETZKORN was hired as an associate by the law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard. He focuses his practice on product liability and general litigation.

JANA CROFT POWELL was hired by Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP.

2005

MATTHEW FRY is a partner at the law firm Robenblum, Schwartz, Rogers & Glass PC.

DANIEL HISER was hired as director of legal affairs/associate general counsel at Rockford Health System after seven years in private practice.

LISA LARSON-BUNNELL is associate counsel and compliance officer at North Kansas City Hospital.

2006

AMY BULPITT was named among the Springfield (Ill.) Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 community leaders for 2012.

THOMAS DOWLING was named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

DENNIS HARMS was hired as an associate by the law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, joining its health law practice group.

KELLY MURRIE was named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

MATTHEW VOORHEES is a member of Amato Voorhees, LLC, practicing primarily in the area of family law.

2007

GREGORY BULGRIN rejoined Lewis, Rice & Fingersh as an associate, practicing in the St. Louis firm’s labor and employment group.

JOHN CAMPELL, of The Simon Law Firm, was named a winner of the 2013 Missouri Lawyers Award as an Influential Appellate Advocate. The award is given by Missouri Lawyers Media to lawyers behind the most significant appellate decisions of the year.

DANETTE DAVIS was named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

STEVEN ROGER DENNY was hired by the St. Louis law firm Polsinelli Shughart PC as an associate. He is a member of the firm’s real estate development and transactions practice group.

CARINE DOYLE was named one the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2012 30 Under 30 Award winners.

TIMOTHY GROCHOCINSKI is the managing attorney of the new, five-attorney Chicago-area law firm InnovaLaw PC, which specializes in patent litigation, bankruptcy and complex commercial litigation.

BRIAN KELLEY joined the Guam law firm of Tecker, Torres, and Tecker as an associate. He will focus his practice on criminal defense, labor, aviation and administrative law. Kelley began practicing law in Guam in 2008 as a prosecutor for the Guam attorney general’s office and has also represented Guam’s only union
for public employees, the Guam Federation of Teachers.

MICHAEL KNEPPER was hired as an associate by the law firm Sauter-Sullivan, LLC in St. Louis.

ELIZABETH KURT was hired by the Iowa Health System to serve in its new office in Peoria, Ill.

DAVID PFEFFER joined the U.S. attorney’s office for the southern district of Illinois.

DAVID WILKINS was recently selected to serve on the Illinois State Bar Association’s standing committee on the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

2008

JENNIFER BEHME was hired by the Blake Law Group in Belleville, Ill., as a partner. Her practice areas include estates and trusts, family law, divorce, guardianships, litigation, real estate law and business law, as well as general practice.

SARAH J. BETTAG recently joined the litigation practice group at Carmody Macdonald P.C. in St. Louis. She focuses her practice in the area of civil litigation.

JULIE BITTNER and her husband, John, welcomed their first child, Jack Victor Bittner, on March 13, 2012.

BRANT FELTNER was hired by the St. Louis law firm Danna McKitrick, PC as a member of the bankruptcy and creditors’ rights practice group.

ANNIE HENDRICKSON is an assistant U.S. attorney in the criminal division of the U.S. attorney’s office’s South Dakota district.

ANDREW VOSS was hired by the St. Louis law firm Poinsinelli Shughart as an associate in its health care practice group.

KIMELA WEST was hired by Husch Blackwell as an associate in the St. Louis office. She will focus her practice on health care law.

AMY WHITE was a recipient of the 2012 Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s Common Good Awards for promoting equal access to justice.

2009

STEPHANIE GWILLIM joined the law firm Poinsinelli Shughart in its Chicago office as an associate.

KARA D. HELMUTH, attorney at Danna McKitrick, PC, was selected for membership in the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, a professional organization whose membership is limited to attorneys regularly acting on behalf of public pension plans and in their interest. She is one of only 15 attorneys in Missouri who are members of NAPPA, only six of whom are in public practice.

WILLIAM JACKSON joined the health care practice group at Von Briesen & Roper, SC in Milwaukee, Wisc.

SCOTT LANE was named one of the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2012 class of 30 Under 30 Award winners.

SHONTAIA RILEY was hired by the law firm Greensfeld, Hemker & Gale, PC as an associate in its St. Louis office.

RYAN TURNAGE was a recipient of the 2012 Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s Common Good Awards for promoting equal access to justice.

JULLIAN WOOD was hired by The Stange Law Firm LLC as an associate in its Arnold, Mo., office. She will focus her practice on family law.

2010

CHRISS BURNETTE is working on permitting and start-up of a small, farm-based distillery, Mad Buffalo Distillery, on his family farm in Union, Mo. Hewill produce an all corn, gluten-free, sustainable, organic series of distilled spirits. The initial product line includes a vodka, moonshine, corn whiskey, bourbon and, eventually, a gin.

ELISA CLARK joined the law firm Bryan Cave in its St. Louis office as an associate. She is a member of the corporate finance and securities, technology, entrepreneurial and commerce practice, and transactions client service groups.

CHRISTOPHER FINNEY joined his father, DANIEL P. FINNEY JR. (’78), and his brother DANIEL P. FINNEY III (’05), at the firm his father founded, Finney Law Office, LLC. He will join them in their practice which is focused solely on personal injury work, with significant results in wrongful death, products liability, medical malpractice, pedestrian accidents, motor vehicle accidents and trucking accidents.

JENNIFER GUON accepted a new position as director of medical bioethics at Kaiser Permanente in Panorama, Calif.

SHEENA HAMILTON was hired by the St. Louis law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP as an associate in the litigation practice.
DIVYA KHULLAR co-founded the law firm of Alcoba Khullar, PA in Miami. The firm will focus its practice on patents, trademarks, copyrights, non-compete agreements, trade secrets, technology licensing and IP litigation.

ELIZABETH “LIBBY” ORENDORFF is a senior pharma contract specialist at Express Scripts in St. Louis.

ALLISON SCHULTZ was hired by the St. Louis firm Brinker & Doyen LLP as an associate. She will focus her practice on civil litigation, insurance, medical malpractice and personal injury defense.

JACLYN SITJAR is employed as an associate editor in the intellectual property and technology department of Practical Law Company US in New York.

2012

KEVIN BIRKENMEIER was hired as an associate attorney by the Edwardsville, Ill., law firm HeplerBroom LLC.

ANN KATHRYN BREITINGER was hired by the law firm Blalock Walters in its Bradenton, Fla., office to its business and health care practice groups. She counsels clients regarding entity formation, business governance issues, business transactions and health care transactional and regulatory matters.

JACQUELINE GRAVES was hired as an associate by the St. Louis law firm Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, LC in the firm’s litigation department.

2011

KATHERINE BATTISTI was hired by the Castle Law Office in St. Louis as an attorney.

ROBERT BOEDEKER was hired as an attorney of counsel at US Legal Solutions in St. Louis. He focuses his practice on family law matters, but also extends his assistance to clients in real estate, estate planning and criminal matters.

NATALIE HIGGINS was hired by the law firm Pitzer Snodgrass, PC as an associate. She will focus in the areas of general litigation defense, auto/transportation, personal injury, insurance and employment litigation.

MICHAEL KELLA joined The Simon Law Firm as an associate in its intellectual property practice group.

2010

CHAVON WILLIAMS was hired by Williams Venker & Sanders as an associate in its St. Louis office. She works in defense litigation throughout the firm’s many practice areas including insurance defense, products liability, transportation law, medical malpractice and employment law.

KELLY WALSH was hired as an attorney by the Blake Law Firm in Belleville, Ill.

JESSICA POWERS was hired by Williams Venker & Sanders as an associate in its St. Louis office. She works in defense litigation throughout the firm’s many practice areas including insurance defense, products liability, transportation law, medical malpractice and employment law.

BRIAN J. N. MARSTALL is an associate for Michael Best & Friedrich in Milwaukee, Wisc. He and his wife, Shelly, welcomed their first child, Hannah Margaret on Sept. 22, 2012.

MITCHELL NEWHOUSE was hired by the law firm Brinker & Doyen, LLP as an associate.

CONSTANTINO OCHOA was named a 2012 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Attorney.

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MICHELLE HINKL was hired as an assistant public defender by the Missouri State Public Defender System to work in the Columbia, Mo., office representing indigent juvenile offenders.

STEPHANIE HUDSON was recently hired by the St. Louis law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, PC as an associate. Hudson was recently honored by Missouri Lawyers Weekly as a “Future Leader of Tomorrow” at the Women’s Justice Awards.

KARLA N. HUTTON was hired as an associate in the Madison, Wisc., office of the law firm Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, SC as a member of its health care practice group.

SARAH KOCHER was hired by the St. Louis law firm Polsinelli Shughart PC as an associate. She is a member of the firm’s health care practice group, focusing on transactional and regulatory matters affecting health care providers and others in the health care industry.

KATHERINE OPEL was recently hired by the St. Louis law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, PC as an associate.

SARAH POHLMAN was hired by Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, LC as an associate focusing her practice on commercial and civil litigation. ROBERT SCHNEIDER-JOHN was hired by the St. Louis law firm of Armstrong Teasdale LLP as an associate working primarily on business and commercial cases.

SCOTT YACKEY was hired by Bryan Cave LLP as an associate.

LINDSEY HAMMITT SELINGER was hired as an associate by the law firm Armstrong Teasdale to its St. Louis office. She is a member of the litigation practice group in its intellectual property practice group. He will focus on high-technology and computer-related matters.

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MR. AMIEL CUETO, 1980
MR. DAVID WOODSIDE, 1982
SR. MARY MARTENS, 1983
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MR. OLADIPO SHOGBAMIMU, 2000
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STEPHEN J. SCHAEFFER ('04)
SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE DIVISION COUNSEL (WAGE & INVESTMENT), IRS OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

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APRIL
13  Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Casino Night

25  SLU LAW Alumni Lunch: Clayton

MAY
14  SLU LAW Alumni Lunch: Downtown