

Saint Louis

2026 PRECOMMENCEMENT

University



SCHOOL *of* LAW

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY | THURSDAY, MAY 14 | CHAIFETZ ARENA

ABOUT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY



Saint Louis University is one of the oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities in the United States. Founded in 1818, the University is recognized nationally for world-class academics, life-changing research and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Guided by its enduring Jesuit mission, Saint Louis University offers students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education that empowers them to become bold, confident leaders.

As a nationally recognized leader in research and innovation, SLU is a Research-1 (R1) university, advancing groundbreaking discoveries in St. Louis and around the world.

Saint Louis University educates 13,307 students from all 50 states and 93 countries. The University's campus in Madrid, Spain, enrolled 1,285 students last fall.

A dedication to values-based education and social justice has earned Saint Louis University widespread acclaim and bolstered its status as a character-building college. SLU is one of only 7% of colleges nationwide to hold the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement, which honors the service-centered work of the University community.

SLU is also a catalyst for urban renewal in the heart of a vibrant city. More than \$2 billion in housing, retail and business development is underway in Midtown St. Louis, and the University is in the center of the neighborhood's growth.

Inspired by its pioneering spirit, Saint Louis University continues to move forward, committed to serve a higher purpose while seeking the greater good.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SLU ranks as one of the country's top colleges by *The Princeton Review*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News & World Report* – and as the No. 11 “Best Catholic College in America.” (Niche)

R1 STATUS

With \$65.1 million in externally funded research expenditures, SLU's R1 status places the University in an elite group of U.S. research universities.

SERVICE

1.5 million hours of service are completed by the SLU community annually. Seventy-two percent of students volunteer each year.

ATHLETICS

An NCAA Division I institution, SLU is a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference and competes in 18 sports. Recent successes include men's basketball advancing to the second round of the NCAA Championship.

MASCOT

The University's unique mascot, the Billiken, is a mythical good-luck figure who represents “things as they ought to be.”

ALUMNI

SLU's new graduates join more than 142,000 alumni who lead lives of meaning and purpose around the world.

ORDER OF EVENTS

PRESIDING

Twinette Johnson

Dean and Professor of Law

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”

INVOCATION

Janel Esker

Registrar

WELCOME

Twinette Johnson

Dean and Professor of Law

PRESENTATION OF FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Twinette Johnson

Dean and Professor of Law

FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Jeremiah Ho

Professor; Interim Associate Dean of Research and Engagement

REMARKS

Elyssa Warner

Valedictorian, Class of 2026

THE JOHN C. SHEPHERD GRADUATION SPEAKER

William R. Bay,

Partner, Thompson Coburn LLP

Immediate Past President, American Bar Association

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Jon Baris

Dean of Students

BENEDICTION

Mary Pat McInnis

Dean of Career Services

RECESSIONAL

“Trumpet Voluntary”

THE GRADUATES

MASTER OF LAWS

Lyna Belarbi

Dual Bachelor's Degree,
Law and Management, Paris
Dauphine University, 2023
Master's Degree,
International and European
Business Law, Paris Dauphine
University, 2025

JURIS DOCTOR

Fareeha Ahmed

Bachelor of Science,
Bachelor of Science, Saint Louis
University, 2020
Concentration in Intellectual
Property Law

Alexander J. Barnes

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri -
Columbia, 2018
Master of Arts,
University of Missouri -
St. Louis, 2023

Jarad L. Barnes

Bachelor of Arts,
Eastern Illinois University, 2023

Thomas Barron

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri - St. Louis,
2021

Kelsey Linzell Bauer (D)

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Nebraska –
Lincoln, 2020
*Master of Public Health in Health
Management and Policy,*
Saint Louis University, 2025
Dual Degree J.D./M.P.H.-H.M.P.
Concentration in Health Law

Sofia Carbajal Bautista

Bachelor of Science,
University of Illinois Urbana-
Champaign, 2021

Mackenzie Elizabeth Beaver

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri, 2022

Carrie Melissa Bennett

Bachelor of Science,
University of Missouri -
Columbia, 2001
Master of Education in Counseling,
University of Missouri - St. Louis,
2005

Jacob Hendrix Benschoff

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri -
Columbia, 2023

Shannon Olivia Besch

Bachelor of Arts,
Webster University, 2019

Zeel Nainesh Bhatt

Bachelor of Science,
Georgia State University, 2021

Erin S. Bollinger

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri -
Columbia, 2021

Lauren Michelle Bowers

Bachelor of Science,
University of Missouri -
St. Louis, 2021

James Robert Brockman (A)

Bachelor of Science,
Hawai'i Pacific University, 2022

Jack Frederick Brogan

Bachelor of Arts,
Rhodes College, 2022

Caroline Ellison Brooks

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Alabama, 2021

Aretha Natrese Brown

Bachelor of Arts,
Jackson State University, 2018

Judah C. Brown

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Tennessee at
Martin, 2023

Ryley Kaitlin Bryzeal

Bachelor of Arts,
Loyola University Chicago, 2023

Landry Drew Buck

Bachelor of Science,
University of Southern Indiana, 2023

Francesca Marie Butler

Bachelor of Arts, University of
Illinois Springfield, 2021
Master of Science,
University of Illinois Springfield,
2023
Concentrations in Employment
Law and International and
Comparative Law

Gabriela Carrillo

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Kansas, 2019

David Timothy Carruthers

Bachelor of Arts,
Arizona State University, 2021
Bachelor of Science,
Arizona State University, 2021

Lucianna M. Catanzaro (D)

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2024

Alice Elito Chicani

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2022
Concentration in Employment
Law

Germiya L. Clark (D)

Bachelor of Arts,
Dillard University, 2016

Breeilyn Taylor Clement

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Florida, 2022

Emmeline Grace Connell

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Mississippi, 2022

Matthew Michael Cook

Bachelor of Fine Arts,
Parsons School of Design, 2020
Master of Design in Fashion, School
of the Art Institute of Chicago,
2022

Master of Business Administration,
Saint Louis University, 2025
Dual Degree J.D./M.B.A.
Concentrations in Intellectual
Property Law and International
and Comparative Law

Maria E. Crenshaw

Bachelor of Arts,
Marquette University, 2023

Anna Julia Cribbin

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Dayton, 2019

David William Dang

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration,
Loyola University Chicago, 2015

Andrew Thomas Edward Davey

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2023
Concentration in Employment Law

Taylor Addyson Degitz

Bachelor of Arts,
Washington University in St. Louis, 2022

Sophia May Devoti

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Oklahoma, 2022

Banessa Diaz Garcia

Bachelor of Science,
University of Maryland Global Campus, 2023

Julia R. Doran

Bachelor of Arts,
Centre College, 2022
Concentration in Employment Law

Maria Fernanda Duran Garcia

Bachelor of Science,
Saint Louis University, 2023

Zoe Porter Evans

Bachelor of Arts,
Bryn Mawr College, 2021

Amy Farroll

Bachelor of Science,
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, 2021

Adam Gregory Fauth

Bachelor of Science,
University of Missouri - Columbia, 2022

Annabelle G. Fewell

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Iowa, 2019

Alexander Joseph Foerstel

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri - Columbia, 2021
Concentration in International and Comparative Law

Katherine Elizabeth Foppe

Bachelor of Science,
Missouri University of Science and Technology, 2020
Concentration in Intellectual Property Law

Adam P. Foster

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2023

Haley N. Franklin

Bachelor of Professional Studies,
Missouri Baptist University, 2020

Danielle Gardner

Bachelor of Science,
University of Missouri - St. Louis, 2014
Master of Arts,
University of Missouri - St. Louis, 2019
Concentrations in Health Law and Intellectual Property Law

Jason Mitchell Garland

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2023

Megan Grace Gaxiola

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri - St. Louis, 2019

Madeline Grace Gehrig

Bachelor of Science,
Saint Louis University, 2022
Concentration in Employment Law

Jay M. Goetten

Bachelor of Science,
Saint Louis University, 2023

Isabella Michelle González

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Thomas University, 2022

Emma Christine Gude

Bachelor of Science,
Saint Louis University, 2023

Graham Russell Gunn

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2023

Sydney D. Harper

Bachelor of Science,
Murray State University, 2022

Maria C. Harris

Bachelor of Arts,
Lindenwood University, 2021

Robert Thomas Hartwick

Bachelor of Arts,
Dickinson College, 2019
Master of Legal Studies,
American University Washington College of Law, 2022

Avery Reese Hasten

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Arkansas, 2022

Elizabeth J. Hauser Haddock

Bachelor of Science,
Missouri Valley College, 2002
Master of Education,
University of Missouri - St. Louis, 2005
Concentration in Health Law

Claire E. Herman

Bachelor of Arts,
Loyola University New Orleans, 2016

Kendra Leigh Herring

Bachelor of Arts,
Iowa State University, 2022

Allisyn S. Higgins

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2024
Concentration in Health Law

Abbie Elizabeth Hoefler

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2023

Kurt Andrew Hufker

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2022

THE GRADUATES

Seenam Shaheen Ijaz

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration,
Georgia Institute of Technology, 2021
Concentrations in Health Law and International and Comparative Law

Patrick Sung II Jeon

Bachelor of Arts,
Vanderbilt University, 2020

Haozheng Jiang

Bachelor of Engineering,
Zhejiang University, 2016
Master of Science,
Georgia Institute Of Technology, 2017

Alexander Michael Johnson

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration,
University of Missouri - Columbia, 2022

Hannah Mae Johnson

Bachelor of Arts,
Aurora University, 2022

Lainie Christine Jones

Bachelor of Science,
Murray State University, 2021

Sydney Elizabeth Justice

Bachelor of Science,
Missouri State University, 2022

Leeza Anna Kabbendjian

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2022
Concentrations in Employment Law and International and Comparative Law

Erika Grace Kalamaros

Bachelor of Arts,
Indiana University Bloomington, 2023

Zoey Grace Karanas

Bachelor of Arts,
Maryville University of Saint Louis, 2021

Byer P. Kellum (D)

Bachelor of Arts,
Virginia Commonwealth University, 2018

Alexandra Piana Kerr

Bachelor of Science,
Missouri University of Science and Technology, 2022
Master of Business Administration,
Missouri University of Science and Technology, 2023
Concentration in Intellectual Property Law

Charnique Re'Janai King (A)

Bachelor of Science,
University of Toledo, 2015
Master of Arts,
University of Toledo, 2016

Rebekah Ann King

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Minnesota Duluth, 2021
Concentration in Health Law

Daniel Klaus

Bachelor of Science,
University of Missouri - St. Louis, 2023
Master of Business Administration,
Saint Louis University, 2025
Dual Degree J.D./M.B.A.

Hannah Rose Kornblum

Bachelor of Arts,
Drake University, 2022

Kennedy L. Lancaster (D)

Bachelor of Arts,
Lindenwood University, 2022

Paige Rhiannon Langley

Bachelor of Science,
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, 2023

Clayton T. Larue (D)

Bachelor of Science,
The Ohio State University, 2000
Master of Science,
The Ohio State University, 2023
Doctor of Philosophy,
University of Missouri – Columbia, 2008
Concentration in Intellectual Property Law

Francine Marie Lawler

Bachelor of Science,
Western Illinois University, 2022

Xavia S. Lemott

Bachelor of Science,
Towson University, 2019
Concentrations in Health Law and International and Comparative Law

Paul Dennis Lieser, Jr.

Bachelor of Journalism,
University of Missouri - Columbia, 2019
Concentration in International and Comparative Law

Pola Luckiewicz

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023
Concentration in Employment Law

Mason Dean Lutz

Bachelor of Science,
Illinois State University, 2023

Daniel Todd Mahn IV

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Mississippi, 2023

Miranda L. Martin

Bachelor of Science in Nursing,
Southeast Missouri State University, 2014
Concentration in Health Law

William L. Martin

Bachelor of Arts,
Westminster College, 2023

Alexandra Lee McKiethen

Bachelor of Science,
Kennesaw State University, 2022

Patrick T. McLaughlin

Bachelor of Science,
Missouri State University, 2022

Sydney Paige McNece

Bachelor of Science,
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, 2022

Alyssa Jean McNeil

Bachelor of Arts,
Calvin University, 2023

Austin McNeil

Bachelor of Science,
Missouri University of Science and Technology, 2023

Taylor J. Meador (D)

Bachelor of Science,
Williams Baptist University, 2019
Master of Science,
Nova Southeastern University,
2022

Caleb Thomas Meriweather

Bachelor of Arts,
Lindenwood University, 2023

Kaci Beverly Miller

Bachelor of Science,
University of Missouri -
Columbia, 2023

Logan Jackson Miller

Bachelor of Arts,
Emory University, 2015
Master of Arts,
Covenant Theological Seminary,
2021

Tieghan Marie Morio

Bachelor of Science,
Eastern Illinois University, 2022
Master of Science,
Eastern Illinois University, 2023

James Bernard Mullen

Bachelor of Arts,
Rhodes College, 2023

**Nkiruka Ifeyironwa
Obodoechina**

Bachelor of Science,
Texas Woman's University, 2019
Concentration in Health Law

Peter M. O'Malley

Bachelor of Science,
University of Alabama, 2022

Sarah Rose Owen

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri -
Kansas City, 2020

Carolyn An Owens

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023

Allison Anne Paglisotti (D)

Bachelor of Arts,
Truman State University, 2016

Ryan C. Parks

Bachelor of Science,
Southern New Hampshire
University, 2023

Danielle Taylor Pasek

Bachelor of Science,
Bradley University, 2023

Aidan A. Patterson

Bachelor of Arts,
Washington University in
St. Louis, 2023

**Lauren Alexandra Pavelonis-
Harrison**

Bachelor of Science,
Middle Tennessee State
University, 2021

Andrea Perez

Bachelor of Science,
Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, 2020

Darrwin Perkins II

*Bachelor of Business
Administration,*
McKendree University, 2022
Master of Business Administration,
McKendree University, 2023
Concentration in Health Law

Veronica Anna Petrinec

Bachelor of Arts,
Tulane University, 2022
Bachelor of Arts,
Maryville University, 2023

Kathryn Leigh Pratt

Bachelor of Arts,
Purdue University, 2019

Sophia Elizabeth Pritchett

Bachelor of Science,
Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, 2023
Concentration in Health Law

Clara Rose Quick

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023

Kelsey Meyer Quinlan

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Iowa, 2017
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

Katie Anne Quinn

Bachelor of Journalism,
University of Missouri -
Columbia, 2023

Mohamad Rajeh

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2021
Master of Business Administration,
Saint Louis University, 2022
Concentration in Health Law

Madison S. Rashidi

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Oregon, 2017

Ashley Marie Redd

Bachelor of Arts,
Northern Arizona University, 2021
Master of Arts,
Washington University in
St. Louis, 2023

Trevor Ross Regars

Bachelor of Science,
Indiana University Bloomington,
2022
Bachelor of Fine Arts,
Webster University, 2008
Concentration in Employment
Law

Emma Grace Robison

Bachelor of Arts,
Washington University in
St. Louis, 2022
Concentration in Health Law

**Jazmin Isabel Rodriguez
Guerrero**

Bachelor of Arts,
Lindenwood University, 2020

David William Rosen-McGinnis (A)

Bachelor of Science,
University of California, Davis,
1997

Ana Marie Saeger

Bachelor of Science,
University of Missouri -
St. Louis, 2013

Megan C. Salley

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Missouri -
Columbia, 2008
Master of Occupational Therapy,
University of Missouri -
Columbia, 2010
Concentration in Health Law

THE GRADUATES

Kennedy Angeline Sams

Bachelor of Arts,
Spelman College, 2022
Concentration in Health Law

Hirsa Rakhel Sarafian

Bachelor of Science,
University of California, Irvine,
2022

**Julia Marie Schmid
Schnettgoecke**

Bachelor of Science,
Illinois State University, 2023

Claire Elisabeth Schoelen (D)

Bachelor of Arts,
Miami University, 2023
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

Linda Elyse Schulte

Bachelor of Arts,
Truman State University, 2007
Master of Arts,
Washington University in
St. Louis, 2010

Christopher David Schulze

Bachelor of Science,
Rhodes College, 2021

Kaylin Mequelle Searcy

Bachelor of Arts,
Colorado Mesa University, 2021

Tyler Harris Syed Shah (D)

Bachelor of Science,
Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, 2020
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

Donald Joseph Shaw III

Bachelor of Arts,
George Mason University, 2023

David Sheilley

Bachelor of Arts,
Union University, 2023

Nicholas Graham Shelton

Bachelor of Science,
Indiana University Bloomington,
2023

Shelby Marie Sievers

Bachelor of Arts,
Missouri Baptist University, 2023

Bachelor of Science,
Missouri Baptist University, 2023

Alan Joseph Smith

Bachelor of Arts,
Truman State University, 2017
Master of Arts,
Truman State University, 2019

Brianne M. Smith

Bachelor of Science,
Western Governors University,
2017
Master of Science,
Western Governors University,
2020

Corrin Elizabeth-Renee Smith

Bachelor of Arts,
Ohio University, 2023
Bachelor of Science,
Ohio University, 2023
Concentrations in Health Law
and Intellectual Property Law

Sara Smith (D)

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2016

Alex Smoller (D)

Bachelor of Science,
Miami University, 2020

Rui Song

Bachelor of Laws,
Changzhou University, 1999
Master of Laws,
Washington University in
St. Louis, 2022
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

Hanna McDowell Sprigg

Bachelor of Fine Arts,
University of Wyoming, 2013
Concentration in Employment
Law

Olivia Ann Squellati

Bachelor of Science,
Indiana University Bloomington,
2023

Ryker M. St. John

Bachelor of Arts,
Louisiana Tech University, 2023

Hannah Marie Stark

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023

Zeke David Stockton

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Alabama, 2022
Master of Public Administration,
University of Alabama, 2023
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate,
Organizational Leadership,
Saint Louis University, 2026

Rachael Shimek Stringfellow

Bachelor of Science,
University of Central Florida, 2019

Kylie D. Swain

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2021

Olivia R. Syrup

Bachelor of Arts,
University of Colorado Boulder,
2022

Elizabeth Marie Terstriep

Bachelor of Science,
Middle Tennessee State
University, 2020
Master of Business Administration,
Middle Tennessee State
University, 2022

Jillian Yvonne Thomlison

Bachelor of Science,
Missouri State University, 2023
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

Juliana L. Tran

Bachelor of Arts,
University of San Diego, 2022
Concentration in Health Law

Cullen Chandler Brewer Trout

Bachelor of Science,
Fontbonne University, 2023

Alejandra Gabriela Uchitelle

Bachelor of Arts,
Wellesley College, 2020

Caroline Elisabeth Vaaler

Bachelor of Arts,
Maryville University of Saint
Louis, 2023
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

Bernt C. Walker

Bachelor of Arts,
Wayne State University, 2020
Concentration in Health Law

Justin P. Waller

Bachelor of Arts,
Truman State University, 2023

Grace Marie Wallis

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023

Anna Nicole Walsh

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023

William “Liam” Thomas Walsh

Bachelor of Arts,
Auburn University, 2023
Concentration in Employment
Law

Elyssa D. Warner

Bachelor of Arts,
Northwestern University, 2003
Doctor of Philosophy,
University of California,
San Diego, 2009
Concentrations in Health Law
and Intellectual Property Law

John M. Weilmuenster

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023

Faith Kathleen Whatley-Blaine

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023
*Graduate Minor in Women's and
Gender Studies,*
Saint Louis University, 2026
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

Aleha Jane Aguilar Wheeler

Bachelor of Science,
University of Phoenix, 2023

Ashley Nicole Winters

Bachelor of Science,
Truman State University, 2023

Logan D. Wright

Bachelor of Arts,
Lindenwood University, 2021

Andrew Bashar Zaheer

Bachelor of Arts,
Truman State University, 2022
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

Charles Edward Zimmerman

Bachelor of Arts,
Saint Louis University, 2023
Concentration in International
and Comparative Law

THE 2026 JOHN C. SHEPHERD

Graduation Speaker

John C. Shepherd, a 1951 graduate of Saint Louis University School of Law, was an internationally recognized trial attorney with an extensive background in the law. He was a senior partner at the law firm of Armstrong, Teasdale, Schlafly & Davis. Prior to his position with the firm, he was the senior partner and chief executive officer of Shepherd, Sandberg & Phoenix.

Shepherd lectured on trial techniques throughout the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. As one who fulfilled a variety of leadership positions within the legal profession, his work with the American Bar Association's Summer Internship Program was particularly rewarding. Shepherd and his colleagues played a role in helping the program become a model for many cities.

He was a past president of the American Bar Association, chairman of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, the state delegate for Missouri to the

American Bar Association and president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Shepherd also served as chairman of the Board of Overseers for the Hoover Institute, and was a member of the Board of Trustees for the United States Supreme Court Historical Society. He was also on the Board of Directors for Barnes Jewish Hospital, the Municipal Theatre Association and Illinois College.

Shepherd was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, which include among them the Honorary Master of the Bench, the Middle Temple and the Honorary Life Member of the Law Society of England and Wales. He was also given the Lon O. Hocker Memorial Trial Award from the Missouri Bar Foundation, the Award of Honor from the St. Louis Lawyers Association, the Award of Merit from the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the Alumni Merit Award from Saint Louis University.

THE 2026 JOHN C. SHEPHERD GRADUATION SPEAKER

William R. Bay

**PARTNER, THOMPSON COBURN LLP
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

William R. “Bill” Bay is a partner with the St. Louis office of national law firm Thompson Coburn LLP. He is immediate past president of the American Bar Association, the world’s largest voluntary association of lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals. He is the first ABA President from St. Louis in over 40 years. During the last year as President, he has spoken and written on rule of law issues as they relate to the legal profession and the courts.

A longtime leader in the ABA, Bill served as chair of the House of Delegates (the policy making group) from 2018 to 2020 and, from 2012 to 2013, chaired the largest group within the ABA, the Section of Litigation. He also served on the ABA Board of Governors and chaired its Finance Committee from 2015 to 2016. Bay’s leadership has extended to many other ABA entities.

Beyond the ABA, Bill is active in local and state bar associations. He is a past president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and a past member of The Missouri Bar Board of Governors, where he chaired several committees.

Notably, Bill has been selected to co-chair several statewide commissions focused on increasing access and opportunities for women attorneys; achieving equal access to justice for litigants, regardless of race or ethnicity; and exploring the future of the legal profession in Missouri. He has recently co-chaired the Supreme Court of Missouri’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness, which was created post-Ferguson and addressed issues facing the courts and profession.

Bill is a highly experienced litigator who has represented major corporations in high-stakes litigation for more than 30 years. His clients vary from major financial institutions to manufacturers to post-secondary institutions, and he regularly helps organizations manage and respond to large portfolios of litigation in multiple jurisdictions.

He is also a member of the American Law Institute, the leading independent organization in the United States that produces scholarly work to clarify, modernize and improve the law. In St. Louis, he has participated in Leadership St. Louis and served as a board member of FOCUS St. Louis, which promotes civic leadership.

In recent years Bill has been honored with the Spurgeon Smithson award, a top honor given by The Missouri Bar; the Distinguished Lawyer Award, the highest honor awarded by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; an Excellence in Law Award from St. Louis Magazine; and Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Influential Lawyer Award. He has appeared in The Best Lawyers in America since 2012 and has been recognized by Best Lawyers multiple times as the St. Louis Lawyer of the Year for Litigation-Banking and Finance.

Bill received his B.A. from the University of Missouri and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

THE FACULTY

FACULTY

Richard C. Amelung

Professor Emeritus of Legal Research

John J. Ammann

*McDonnell Professor of Justice
in American Society Emeritus*

Kathryn P. Banks

*Associate Professor; Associate
Dean for Experiential Education;
Director, Children's Permanency
Clinic*

Lauren E. Bartlett

*Professor; Director
Human Rights at Home Clinic*

Jon Baris

Dean of Students

S. Paige Canfield

*Professor; Director, Appellate
Advocacy*

Kathleen E. Casey

*Acting Co-Director of the Law
Library*

A.J. Chivetta

Professor of Practice

Belinda Dantley

*Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity
and Inclusion*

Isaak I. Dore

*Distinguished Professor of Law and
Philosophy Emeritus*

Michael C. Duff

*Professor; Director, William C.
Wefel Center for Employment Law*

Danielle Pelfrey Duryea

*Assistant Professor; Director,
Medical Legal Partnership*

Monica Eppinger

Associate Professor

Sara Feldner

*Assistant Director, Academic
Resources Center*

Susan A. FitzGibbon

Professor Emerita

Chad W. Flanders

Professor

Bradley E.S. Fogel

Professor

Robert Gatter

Professor

Barbara J. Gilchrist

Faculty Emerita

Kelly Gillespie

*Professor; Director, Center for
Health Law Studies*

Jesse A. Goldner

*John D. Valentine Professor of Law
Emeritus*

Marcia A. Goldsmith

Professor

Joel K. Goldstein

*Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law
Emeritus*

Thomas L. Greaney

*Chester A. Myers Professor of Law
Emeritus*

John M. Griesbach

Associate Professor

Marsha Griggs

Associate Professor

Lynn K. Hartke

Assistant Professor of Legal Research

Jeremiah Ho

*Associate Professor; Interim
Associate Dean of Research and
Engagement*

Sandra H. Johnson

Professor Emerita

Twinette Johnson

Dean; Professor

William P. Johnson

Professor

Samuel P. Jordan

Professor

Nancy H. Kaufman

Professor Emerita

Melvin D. Kennedy

Professor of Practice

Michael Korybut

Professor

Kerrin M. Kowach

Professor

David A. Lander

Professor of Practice

Jeffrey E. Lewis

Dean Emeritus; Professor

Yvette Joy Liebesman

Professor

Dana M. Malkus

*Professor; Director,
Entrepreneurship and Community
Development Clinic*

Heather McCabe

Associate Professor

Marcia L. McCormick

*Professor; Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs*

Margaret H. McDermott

*Assistant Professor Emerita of
Legal Research*

Susan W. McGraugh

*Professor; Director,
Criminal Defense Clinic*

Alex Miller

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