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A Transformative Experience

“Transformative” is a word that one often sees applied in the business setting, particularly when speaking of rapid revolutionary change, as contrasted to continuous improvement, the more evolutionary model. But I want to focus on the usual definition of “causing a major change to something or someone, especially in a way that makes it or them better.”

There is no doubt that my attendance at Mizzou Law was a transformative experience for me, some 43 years ago, as was my matriculation at Lincoln University as an undergraduate, where I learned in particular the values of diversity. MU taught me to think, analyze and problem-solve in ways I had not previously experienced. It made me better. Therefore, it was an easy decision for me to return as interim dean after Gary Myers stepped down to return to full-time teaching and research.

This is an incredible law school that has been serving the state and the profession for more than 140 years, producing outstanding practitioners, business and government leaders, judges and others who serve the cause of justice and the law. I am honored to lead it in this time of transition.

My hope is that Mizzou Law continues to provide a transformative experience for each of our students. That is, that they are changed in ways that makes them better—as colleagues, thinkers, problem solvers, writers, advocates, dispute resolvers, leaders and compassionate caring individuals. I continue to see evidence of that almost every day.

Two recent examples:

After I sent a congratulatory note to a ’90s graduate on his appointment to a judgeship he responded in part: “Obviously, my appointment wouldn’t have been possible without my solid education at Mizzou.”

Last summer one of our current students worked as a paid research assistant in the Veterans Clinic. He donated his entire summer salary to the clinic because he was so taken by the great work the clinic was doing for veterans.

Our current mission statement says in part “We seek to complement a strong traditional curriculum with an orientation toward lawyering as a problem-solving endeavor…. Furthermore, we seek to graduate well-rounded lawyers who are sensitive to ethical issues, prepared to serve clients, and ready to be leaders in promoting justice.” That has been our mission since 1872, although it may have been stated in different words—or in some instances, a lot more words. (Our mission statement in 1991 consisted of a full five-paragraph elaboration on the various parts of our overall mission. It is now one paragraph. It has evolved but stayed essentially the same in its core.)

Be assured that the law school you attended remains true to the core values, even as it has evolved, even transformed, over the past decades. The curriculum changes in response to the needs and practices of the legal profession and the clientele of the profession, but the required curriculum is substantially the same as it has been for a very long time—the foundational learning continues to be provided to each law student. The methods of teaching have evolved and we now provide more practical, hands-on and experiential opportunities during law school. The use of computers has become ubiquitous. The faculty and staff may have changed somewhat for the more recent graduates, and a great deal for those less recent. But the quality of the faculty, who provide unexcelled teaching and research, remains exceptional, just as it was when you attended. Their commitment to producing outstanding graduates remains unchanged.

Over the past months, alumni have asked about the events of fall 2015 on the MU campus. A full answer would take much longer than this column, but suffice to say it was a perfect storm—one part of which was ineffective leadership at the highest levels. We also saw the effect of cellphone videos and instantaneous social media. What is missed by most on the outside is that leadership continued at the faculty, chair and dean level, which speaks to the concept that a solidly-grounded institution that stays true to its core values can weather any storm. Leadership is important, but ineffective leaders...
at the top cannot destroy a vital and strong educational institution. We have a unique tradition and value of shared governance between faculty and administration. As long as that stays strong, we can weather most storms. Mizzou is back on the right path and rebuilding the trust it deserves with its constituencies. I am proud to be part of that rebuilding.

What then will be the challenges faced by a new dean as he or she seeks to insure that Mizzou Law continues to fulfill its mission and provide a transformative experience for our students? I have already alerted some of you to the dramatic drop nationwide in the number of law applicants and the size of the 1L class nationally and at MU. We have 104 in this entering class and 105 last year compared to 150 just a few years ago. Our total student enrollment hovers a little over 320, rather than the traditional 450. That is the lowest in the past several decades.

It is not clear where this trend will go, although it appears to be leveling off. Budget cuts over the past three years and a projection of more cuts to come in the next two years will force further adjustments. However, there are opportunities as we begin a self-study that will enable us to determine our future curriculum, faculty and staff size, student services and programming as we enter the next American Bar Association accreditation cycle. The new dean will find a committed and strong faculty and staff, and an outstanding student body. So the future, while challenging, is bright for the new dean. Of equal importance is the massive involvement of the alumni and friends of this law school. You have been incredible supporters. You have made a significant difference over the decades by the contribution of your time, talents, advice and financial gifts. All of that is needed now more than ever.

Kenneth Dean, ’76
Interim Dean
Legal writing is the cornerstone of legal practice, and at Mizzou Law the Legal Research and Writing Program is a cornerstone of student success. Alumni and current students praise the program’s rigor, practicality and professors, and for good reason.

Professors Melody Richardson Daily, ’86, Brad M. Desnoyer, ’09, and Anne M. Alexander, ’08, are the heart of the program, and each professor strives to create a robust curriculum that prepares students for practice. These professors have also created an atmosphere of caring and collaboration. With their office doors always open, Daily, Desnoyer and Alexander are known for putting their students first. Whether students need to discuss their writing, their coursework or their personal lives, the professors of Mizzou’s Legal Research and Writing Program make students their priority. Because of this dedication, all three have won numerous awards for teaching excellence.

The success of the Legal Research and Writing Program can largely be attributed to Daily, who is retiring at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year after 31 years of service to the law school.

Over the course of her tenure as director of the Legal Research and Writing Program, Daily has developed a curriculum that prepares students to write as practitioners. Assignments that she creates, such as an email memo written to a practicing attorney – using volunteers from the law school alumni network – provide students with real-world problems and feedback.

Daily began teaching Legal Research and Writing as an adjunct in 1986 and became director of the program in 1987. Prior to attending law school, Daily had been a high school English and humanities teacher at Hickman High School in Columbia, a college composition instructor and supervisor of the Freshman Composition Program at the University of Missouri, and the director of the Writing Lab at Central Methodist College. Daily says the educator who holds the most influence on her is Maria Montessori, whose words...

“I try to design assignments and course activities that will enable the students to teach themselves.”

— Melody Richardson Daily, ’86
are posted above Daily’s computer: “We teachers can only help the work going on, as servants wait upon a master.” As Daily says, “I try to design assignments and course activities that will enable the students to teach themselves.”

Students in Legal Research and Writing classes first learn to write in the formats all lawyers use: predictive memos, foundational in practicing law, followed by persuasive briefs, which, Daily says, are more fun and more challenging. Each new writing assignment is intended to push students just beyond the limits of what they already know how to do.

If Daily could make one change to the program, she would add more advanced writing courses. Although many Mizzou Law students earn the required writing experience from work on a journal, it is clear that employers value more sophisticated writing.

The Legal Research and Writing Program Daily crafted is one that encourages collaboration. “We have bright, motivated students who work together because that’s what they’ll do in practice,” she says. Further, Daily praises the highly skilled law librarians who collaborate with the Legal Research and Writing faculty to teach students how to use the advanced electronic research tools that, as Daily says, require a full-time specialist to keep pace with.

Alexander brings practical experience to the team. Before coming to law school, she was an elementary school teacher, and she knew she wanted to be a research and writing professor since her first year of law school. “It seemed like a natural connection between my teaching background and my law degree,” she explains.

While at Mizzou Law, Alexander was the lead articles editor of the Missouri Law Review, and after she graduated, she practiced at Jenner & Block in Chicago.

“Coming from a teaching background,” Alexander says, “I suppose I spend a lot of time thinking about pedagogy and intentional instruction. I try to create lessons and experiences that help students reach beyond their comfort zone, focus on learning and take intellectual risks.” Alexander’s students have responded well to her flipped classroom, in which she lectures and demonstrates concepts online and then has students spend class time writing.

As a student at Mizzou Law, Alexander was Daily’s teaching assistant for Legal Research and Writing, and Advocacy and Research.

“I have learned from Professor Daily more than I can ever articulate,” she says. “She has taught me how to be a thoughtful lawyer, how to be a reflective professor, how to be a good institutional citizen and how to be patient for change. Professor Daily is my mentor and my friend.”

Desnoyer brings his own skills and enthusiasm to the Legal Research and Writing faculty. He has writing experience unique among lawyers in that he is the author of three Batman comic books written for DC Comics – the first of which he wrote as a 3L in law school.

Desnoyer also worked with Brad Meltzer, the best-selling author of legal thrillers. Desnoyer helped research and draft Meltzer’s books Heroes for My Son and Heroes for My Daughter, a series of vignettes for parents to read to their children. Desnoyer’s collaboration with Meltzer resulted from an email on Desnoyer’s part, then a phone conversation that took place during a Contracts class taught by Professor Thom Lambert – who excused Desnoyer to take the call.

After graduating from law school, Desnoyer clerked for Judge Laura Denvir Stith on the Supreme Court of Missouri. Then he served as deputy communications counsel for the court, a position that required him to summarize briefs, compose press releases directed to the public and even help the judges write speeches. Desnoyer says that, while he was on staff at the court, Mizzou Law alumni had the reputation for being the best writers, in part because of the law school’s clear focus on legal writing as a skill to be cultivated.

Desnoyer says that while he was a law student he decided he wanted to become a legal writing professor, just like Daily and Professor Gregory J. Scott, ’88, whose former office Desnoyer now proudly occupies. A professorship is a dream job for Desnoyer, who says Daily’s mentorship cannot be undervalued. “Professor Daily is the greatest type of mentor – one who shares constantly, encourages regularly and helps always. She is among the brightest and best people I have ever known. She is simply a brilliant and wonderful mentor and friend.”

After Daily’s retirement this year, the program loses its long-time director. Daily will spend time traveling with her husband, William J. Daily, ’78, who will retire from his solo practice this year, to Alaska, Australia, New Zealand and Europe. Closer to home, Daily serves as the president of the board of directors for Lewis Library in Glasgow, Mo., which is currently engaged in restoration of the library building, built in 1867.

Daily retires from Mizzou Law, however, seeing the Legal Research and Writing Program gain national recognition for its thoughtful, practical instruction and its talented and innovative professors.
It comes as no surprise that the education accompanying a law degree provides valuable skills that attorneys need to succeed. In order to earn a JD, law students are subject to a unique experience that provides skills different from other advanced degrees.

Many Mizzou Law graduates use these skills to pursue careers in the legal field, but others move in a different direction. Some of these alumni could not have predicted their current careers or the professional experiences they have had. While not uncommon, taking a legal degree outside the legal profession can require a significant amount of focused assertion, and many who find themselves working in a different field did so by looking for opportunities in unexpected places or creating their own.

Many law students have not explored the various ways to put their JD to use. While they enter law school with intent to work at a law firm or in public service, it’s not uncommon to decide before or after graduation that these may not be the best fit. Some initially begin their careers in traditional law firms or the public service sector, later venturing out to pursue other fields. Others immediately knew they would be putting their JD to a different use.

Lawyers’ skills transcend the law field, and those applying their law degrees to fields outside the realm of law itself find that their JD puts them at an advantage. Those looking to employ lawyers to be lawyers understand and expect the skills earned along with a JD. Those critical thinking, research and writing skills are an expectation and a requirement.

Other employers, however, may be seeking the edge a law degree can provide without knowing to look at JD recipients. These skills are taught to law students from the first week of class and developed to the point of second nature by the end of the third year. This is useful not only to attorneys and judges, but to those working in the business world and other employment ventures a Mizzou Law graduate may seek. Often graduates need only understand how to market their degrees as applicable in all fields to open a wide realm of options outside the legal sphere.

Among Mizzou Law alumni are several notable individuals who were employed by doing just this. These alumni are earning a living in areas they enjoy as well as proving that these skills can be invaluable to plenty of businesses and organizations outside of their legal department. They are working all over the country in positions, many unexpected, demonstrating that a JD from Mizzou can provide a wide array of opportunities.

In this issue of Transcript, we focus on several Mizzou Law graduates who have found opportunities all over the map. They credit their experience at Mizzou as a significant factor contributing to their success. Outside the skills that accompany every law degree, Mizzou’s faculty and culture among students have encouraged these alumni to push boundaries and create precedents in career paths that may not have been available before. Their journeys are encouraging for current and future students and graduates because they demonstrate the truly endless possibilities for a graduate of Mizzou Law.
After graduating from Mizzou Law with a JD and an intellectual property and e-commerce certificate, Walter L. Barnes II, ’05, began employment with the Monsanto Company in Creve Coeur, Mo. He worked as a manager in corporate strategy, and his responsibilities included retooling the national strategy for Monsanto’s businesses in India and strategic analysis support of the lawn and garden and swine genetics businesses. He was also responsible for creating financial models and managing more than 20 research and development projects as a part of a $4.5 billion oilseeds (soybean & canola gene traits) portfolio.

In 2013, Barnes underwent a career change and began working for Brewer Science, Inc. He worked his way up in the company through several management positions until landing his current position as a senior program manager in the Lithography Group. He is responsible for leading a team of 11 doctoral- and master’s-level polymer chemists and chemical engineers in process and product development to maintain the company’s position as the leading provider of polymeric materials used in nanotechnology within the semiconductor industry.

Barnes initially chose the School of Law because of his interest in patent law. He had an interest in intellectual property as well as how the law plays into everyday interactions. Although Mizzou was the best option in terms of proximity – he and his family already lived in Columbia – he was also impressed with the law school’s reputation.

“I chose Mizzou because of its excellent academic reputation and unique position as a provider of graduate education… [and the] ease of transition from my previous career as a chemical engineer to full-time graduate school in the JD/MBA program,” he explains.

Coming from the world of engineering and business education, Barnes welcomed the change that law school provided.

“Learning to think like a lawyer and to think cogently when called upon were skills that I appreciated developing during my time in law school,” he says. “It was also a great experience for developing a great network of personal and professional relationships that have lasted throughout my career.”

Barnes was interested in law firm employment and had worked as a legal intern in the law department of Monsanto after his 2L year, but there was more opportunity for him to leverage his engineering experience with his new legal skills in corporate strategy and research and development management roles.

“Employers tended to look at my resume and think, ‘Once a lawyer, always a lawyer,’” he says about non-legal employers. “The challenge became: How do I communicate the vital, critical skills gained from my law school experience?”

Eventually Barnes learned how to market himself and his degree in a way that would land the positions for which he applied.

“I had to justify the applicability of those legal skills to an employer so that an employer would see the mutual benefit and contribution that I offered,” he says.

When asked what advice he might give to law students interested in pursuing a career outside the practice of law, Barnes says: “Keep an open mind to all opportunities and possibilities that you encounter. They may lead you down paths of development that will benefit you in the long run.”

Kellie R. Early, ’85
Chief Operating Officer
National Conference of Bar Examiners
Madison, Wisc.

Although Kellie R. Early, ’85, went straight into large firm practice after graduating from the School of Law, she couldn’t help feeling like she wasn’t where she wanted end up. She moved around for a few years, transitioning from a large firm in St. Louis to a judicial clerkship to a small firm in Los Angeles. Despite the variety, she never felt at home in practice.

“After a couple of years in California,” she says, “I came home to Missouri and took the scary step of leaving the practice of law for the first time.”

She moved back to Columbia. “I embarked on a period of finding my path that led to working at the law school as the director of continuing legal education,” she explains.

Now Early works as the chief operating officer for the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) in Madison, Wisc., a nonprofit that provides support and services for bar admission and produces the Multistate Bar Exam, Essay Exam and Performance Test. She oversees many projects at NCBE, including coordinating the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).
She is especially proud of her work with the UBE. “Missouri was the first jurisdiction to adopt the UBE in 2010, and I’m proud of my home state’s leadership in this area,” she says.

Her state pride doesn’t end there. Early says she is thrilled with her decision to attend Mizzou.

“Mizzou has always had a reputation for producing great lawyers and the reputation is well-founded,” she says. “I’m incredibly proud to be a Mizzou lawyer.”

Despite working outside of the legal practice, she says she still uses the analytical and communication skills she learned in law school on a daily basis.

“Being a Mizzou Law grad means you are part of a proud network of lawyers in Missouri and other states, all of whom would be happy to talk with you as you explore what you want to do with your education” Early says. “The world is changing such that I think there are more nontraditional opportunities, and the practice is changing such that traditional jobs are also changing. It is a great time to shape an interesting and fulfilling career using your legal education.”

Jennifer May, ’04
Director of Compliance Effectiveness
University of Missouri Health System
Columbia, Mo.

A true tiger, Jennifer May, ’04, has spent much of her educational and professional career at the University of Missouri.

After receiving her undergraduate degree in journalism in 1995, and spending time in the sports marketing field, she returned to Columbia to work for MU’s admissions office. Being back on campus piqued her interest in pursuing an advanced degree, and it was the encouragement of a mentor that pushed her toward considering law school. May researched several graduate programs and decided on Mizzou Law, attracted to the critical and analytical skills she would be able to “apply to just about anything,” she says. During her time as a law student, May worked full-time during her second and third years of law school with the MU Department of Athletics in their compliance operation. She has also served on the compliance staff for the MU Office of Research.

May currently serves as the director of compliance effectiveness for the MU Health Office of Corporate Compliance. She manages and directs the monitoring, audit and oversight aspects of the compliance program that supports MU Health, which includes the University Hospital and Clinics, the MU School of Medicine, the MU Sinclair School of Nursing and the MU School of Health Professions.

“I use the skills obtained in law school every single day,” May says. “At its core, compliance is the application of rules to a set of activities. ‘Can you, under the rules that apply, do what you are setting out to do?’ Every situation is a bit different from the last, and sometimes the rules themselves change midstream. The training in critical and analytical thinking that law school affords is essential to being able to manage these variances and support your organization.”

In addition to the training in critical and analytical thinking, it also has helped her familiarity with ethical and legal questions.

“There isn’t any other degree program quite like it,” she says. “These unique aspects of the law school experience really resonate and come back to me each day as I dive into whatever questions are waiting for me at work.”

May says she was never attracted to the idea of being a traditional practicing attorney. She didn’t enter law school in hopes of becoming an attorney, but instead sought the skills and experiences the academic program offered. She also credits a valued mentor for advising that law school would serve her well as a professional degree.

From her perspective there are no downsides to using a law degree in a non-traditional way. “I’m sure others have different opinions and wouldn’t agree that ‘using it in a different way’ makes sense. That’s their opinion and I can respect that, but I know how valuable this degree has been to me in my career,” she explains.

May has continued to work with law school faculty in a professional capacity during her time in compliance roles at MU. She has also recently become involved with Assistant Dean Bob Bailey’s panel on nontraditional legal careers.

“You can’t be afraid to try something new or different. There are numerous opportunities out there in which a law degree is a great asset. Those skills will benefit you forever.”
While pursuing an engineering degree at Mizzou, Michael E. Melton, ’84, discovered an interest in intellectual property law. After graduation in 1981, he left his first full-time position as an engineer in Kansas City, Mo, and decided to further his education at the School of Law.

Although law school proved to be a completely different change of pace for Melton after being an engineering student, he credits the move as one of the best decisions he has made in his life. He moved from absolute scientific certainties in a program that afforded little space for alternate viewpoints, to one where it is often not about correct or incorrect but rather of persuasion and interpretation of the facts with the backdrop of social and political influences.

“I learned to present and support a position based on laws that were subject to different points of view,” he says. “And then switch sides and argue equally for opposite position. But the required interaction with fellow students moved me away from being an introvert and expanded my view of the world.”

Melton spent time working in intellectual property law firms, the government and Fortune 500 corporations around the world and rose to the level of deputy general counsel and vice president. During this time, he worked closely as an adviser to business executives, learning the intricate components of corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and business counseling. This is when he realized that often there is no perfect deal – but the attorney needs to advise the client of the potential problems and how to minimize and understand the risk, as well as whether or not the business potential outweighs these risk.

Melton was successful with this and found it enjoyable so he left corporate America to try his hand at business ownership. He is now president and chief executive officer of his own company, TME Enterprises, which owns and manages 29 franchise restaurants and commercial real estate throughout the state of Georgia and on the East Coast.

“As the CEO of my own small company, I pull from all of my experiences to run it, and this includes my law and engineering backgrounds,” he says. “A law degree has allowed me to use legal judgment to decide if I agree with a proposed course of action or not. I’m knowledgeable in my negotiations and able to present my positions with proper support.” He says this is something that is necessary when working with the franchisors, competitors and outside counsel, as well as in daily interaction with customers.

Melton says that featuring Mizzou Law on his resume afforded him numerous opportunities both within the bounds of traditional practice and with his business ventures outside the world of law. He calls himself a proud Mizzou alumnus.

Chirag K. Shah, ’12, knew he would be attending law school from a young age.

“Ever since I saw Ben Matlock in the courtroom on television, I wanted to be a litigator,” he explains. “I enjoyed law classes in high school and college and could not wait to go to law school.”

Although law school was always on his radar, it wasn’t until he finished his undergraduate degree that he considered Mizzou.

“I am not a native Missourian and had few ties to the state,” he says. “I went to work for a couple of years, and my college roommate convinced me to visit him at MU.” This eventually led to his decision to enroll in the Mizzou Law Class of 2012.

Shah says he is grateful for his law school experience, regardless of how it came to be. “The law school fosters a collegial environment amongst the students and I really appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with my classmates and my professors throughout my time in Columbia,” he says. “Our professors genuinely seemed interested in our success and were intimately involved in our studies and activities.”

Despite his youthful visions of courtroom work, Shah found his place as the vice president for government affairs for a national nonprofit trade organization, the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA).

Initially Shah moved to Washington, D.C., shortly after graduating from law school and worked as a legal advisor for the Republican National Committee during the 2012 election cycle. Afterwards, he launched the Washington, D.C., office for the AAHOA that continues to operate now.
“While in school I tried to plan my class schedule with an eye towards a future career in politics and policy,” he says. “Now I have the opportunity to represent our members’ interests on Capitol Hill and in state capitols around the country.”

Shah credits much of his success to the professors he met and education he received while at Mizzou Law.

“My professors were a tremendous influence on my career choices and for many of my professional opportunities,” he says. “With the support of several of my professors and the administration, I decided to take a year off and run a political campaign.” Shah served as the campaign manager for the Wisconsin Attorney General, JB Van Hollen, in 2010, before returning to law school.

Shah says the law school offers many opportunities for students to build a foundation for professional success.

“The relationships I forged at Hulston Hall have proven invaluable to me in my job search, in building my professional and personal networks and in staying connected to the school,” Shah explains.

Laura E. Skaer, ’74
Executive Director
American Exploration & Mining Association
Spokane, Wash.

After Laura E. Skaer, ’74, graduated from the School of Law, she went to work as a tax attorney. It didn’t take long for her to determine that she didn’t want to spend the rest of her career in the practice of law.

After less than six years working in a law firm setting and six months after making partner at her firm, she resigned to begin working in the family oil and gas business. Skaer returned to her hometown of Denver, Colo., where she began learning the oil and gas business. Her father was a hands-on teacher. When she arrived he informed her that she wouldn’t be sitting at a desk. Instead, she started her education in the field.

“My dad told me I wouldn’t need a desk,” she says. “I wouldn’t be sitting down any time soon.” This direct approach gave her the on-the-ground experience she needed to learn the “oil business” and understand the impacts of legislative and regulatory policies.

In addition to serving as general counsel and chief administrative officer of the family business, she soon became involved in regional and national oil and gas associations to work on tax issues and testify on behalf of independent oil and gas producers on a volunteer basis.

After selling the family company in 1993, Skaer learned of an opening with the Northwest Mining Association. She was hired in December 1996 and soon began doing professionally what she had been doing voluntarily for years. The association’s president stated that her law degree gave her an advantage over other candidates for the job.

At the association, now known as the , she works to read and understand legislation and regulations, analyzing how they will impact members of trade organizations. She has also helped write mining legislation and regulations, and still regularly testifies in front of Congress to explain how regulations impact mining businesses.

Skaer regularly applies the skills she learned at Mizzou.

“Being a graduate of Mizzou Law really speaks to my capabilities and gives me credibility in these situations,” she explains.

Skaer advises law students to consider a variety of professions when thinking of the best way to use a law degree.

“You can’t be afraid to try something new or different,” she advises. “There are numerous opportunities out there in which a law degree is a great asset. Those skills will benefit you forever.”

“Keep an open mind to all opportunities and possibilities that you encounter. They may lead you down paths of development that will benefit you in the long run.”
Patent & Trademark
Administrative Review
Hearings & Symposium

March 1, 2016

hosted by the School of Law’s Center for Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship with the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Intellectual property litigation has transformed over recent years through the growing use of administrative review proceedings. This symposium, hosted by the School of Law’s Center for Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, provided an overview of the current patent and trademark review processes. Two panels focused on strategy issues and policy concerns, and the experience was capped by live hearings by the Patent and Trademark Trial and Appeal Boards.

The central importance of the Patent Trial & Appeal Board (PTAB) has risen greatly since passage of the America Invents Act of 2011 and creation of the new inter partes and post-grant review procedures. These review proceedings provide an alternative forum for third-parties (usually accused infringers) to challenge patent validity. The review trials are handled by three-member tribunals of administrative patent judges who have been appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce after consideration of their training in both technology and the law. The review proceedings are now being challenged on a variety of procedural and constitutional grounds – with one case, Cuozzo v. Lee, heard by the U.S. Supreme Court this term.

The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) hears trademark challenges, including opposition proceedings and appeals. Their hearings focus on questions of whether a mark is generic, amoral or confusingly similar to existing marks. A set of cases pending in federal courts challenge the constitutional propriety of the TTAB’s statutory authority to cancel marks that “disparage” persons, institutions, beliefs or national symbols. Like the PTAB, administrative trademark judges are appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

Symposium Events

- Trademark Trial Proceeding with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
- Tips for Successful Written Briefing and Oral Arguments with a panel of judges from the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
  
  Moderated by Dennis D. Crouch
  Co-Director of the Center for Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship and Associate Professor of Law
  University of Missouri School of Law

- An Outside Perspective on United States Patent and Trademark Office Administrative Review
  
  Matthew Cutler
  Principal
  Harness Dickey

  Ashley C. Keller
  Managing Director
  Gerchen Keller Capital

  Jason R. Mudd, ’05
  Shareholder
  Erise IP

  Erich Spangenberg
  CEO
  nXn Partners

- Q&A with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
- Introduction of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board
  Leahy-Smith America Invents Act Patent Trial Hearing

- America Invents Act Patent Trial Proceeding with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board
FALL NEWS

Three Members of Mizzou Law Community Retire

Two long-time law school faculty members – Professor Mary Beck and Professor Martha Dragich – retired at the conclusion of the spring semester. A staff member, Joy Naeger, retired in January after more than 20 years of service to the law school.

Mary M. Beck, ’88, joined the law school faculty in 1993 as director of the Family Violence Clinic, a program for which she continues to serve as director. During the lifetime of the clinic, she has obtained nearly $700,000 in grant funding to support student litigation. Under her supervision, law students have represented indigent domestic violence victims, dying custodial parents, and national and international families with disabled children. They have also published 61 articles in law reviews and bar journals, drafted more than a dozen laws for different states and the U.S. Congress, written seven amicus curiae briefs and obtained clemency for abuse victims.

Beck taught courses such as Advocacy; Family Violence and Public Policy; Adoption, Assisted Reproductive Techniques and Guardianship; and Client Interviewing and Counseling. In retirement, she continues to teach on a part-time basis.

Before joining the School of Law faculty, Beck taught in schools of nursing and medicine for 13 years and worked as a certified nurse practitioner with the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics and Columbia Free Clinic, as well as other publicly-funded, walk-in clinics.

Georgia State University and George Washington University.

At the School of Law, Dragich received tenure in 1997. In 2005, after service as the associate dean for library and information resources, she moved to teaching full time, was promoted to full professor and named the James S. Rollins Professor of Law. She has taught a variety of courses, including Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts, Law & Literature, Food Law and Policy, and Legislation and Remedies.

In retirement, Dragich says, “I am attempting to live a mindful and sustainable life, pursuing passions of cooking and gardening, and awaiting the next adventure.” In October, her “next adventure” was serving as moderator and presenter at the Library of Congress’s first program exploring the connections between law and poetry. She also hopes to teach a course occasionally during retirement.

Joyce A. Naeger joined the School of Law in 1995. At the time of her retirement, she was an associate in the school’s fiscal office. A native of New Jersey, she moved to Columbia in 1972, when her husband was attending MU, and began working at the university in 1974. Before joining the law school, she worked in the College of Engineering and the financial aid office.

Naeger continues to work part time in the fiscal office, providing support in the area of human resources. Hours spent away from the office have included: being sworn in as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children, knitting for charity, traveling and spending many more hours enjoying grandchildren, family and friends.
May Hooding Ceremony Recognizes Newest Mizzou Law Alumni

On May 15, the School of Law held its annual Hooding Ceremony in Jesse Auditorium on the MU Campus to recognize its newest JD and LLM graduates.

The featured speaker for the ceremony was **Michael A. Middleton, ’71**, who serves as interim president of the University of Missouri System. Middleton was named to this post in November 2015 by the University of Missouri System Board of Curators. Previously, he served as deputy chancellor of the University of Missouri and as a member of the law school faculty, which he joined in 1985 after a career with the federal government in Washington, D.C.

During this year’s ceremony, two portraits honoring law school faculty members were unveiled. The first, of Professor Larry Dessem, honors his ten-year tenure as dean of the law school. The second, of Middleton, recognizes his standing as the first African-American faculty member of the law school.

Both portraits hang in Hulston Hall. Special thanks to Linda S. Legg, a long-time friend of the law school, for her support of this project.

**Editor’s Note: For more information about the law school’s One Read program, please visit law.missouri.edu/oneread. This year’s book selection is The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. The keynote speaker for this year’s program, Professor Dorothy Roberts from the University of Pennsylvania, will visit MU on March 6, 2017.**

School of Law Hosts Distinguished Visitors

During the spring 2016 semester, the School of Law hosted several distinguished visitors, who shared expertise on a variety of topics for the benefit of the law school and campus communities, and the general public.

As part of the law school’s inaugural year of the “One Read” program, the law school co-hosted a visit by author Bryan Stevenson. Stevenson, who wrote last year’s One Read selection, *Just Mercy*, presented “American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity, and Making a Difference” on March 20.


On April 4, Stephen Gillers, Elihu Root Professor of Law at New York University School of Law, presented “Should Ethical Rules Forbid Discrimination and Harassment in Law Practice?” His presentation focused on the question of whether states should adopt an ethical rule forbidding lawyers in connection with law practice to knowingly discriminate or harass on the basis of race, sex, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, marital status, disability, national origin or gender identity.

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Interim President Middleton addresses friends and family of this year’s Mizzou Law graduates, sharing the stage with his portrait.
New Faces at the School of Law

Brook Gotberg joined the faculty as an associate professor of law. Previously, she was an academic fellow for the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. Prior to entering academia, Gotberg practiced commercial law with Sullivan & Cromwell in Los Angeles, Calif. She has litigated a variety of cases, from large antitrust suits to minor contract disputes, and has represented both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy court. She clerked for Judge Milan D. Smith Jr. of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and for the Honorable Thomas B. Donovan of the Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

Gotberg is fascinated by debtor and creditor relations, and researches and writes primarily in the areas of bankruptcy and secured transactions. She has published law journal articles on the treatment of preferential transfers in the bankruptcy code, the jurisdiction of bankruptcy judges and, more generally, on the policies and laws shaping business reorganization in the United States. In addition to her publications, Gotberg has presented on such topics as student debt in bankruptcy, Puerto Rico’s debt crisis and the impact of recent Supreme Court decisions on bankruptcy proceedings.

Gotberg graduated magna cum laude from Brigham Young University with a BA in political science, and received her JD cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Blake Knackstedt is a system support analyst in the School of Law’s information technology department. He is a Kansas City native who moved to Columbia in 2011. Previously he worked for State Farm and Saving Sight, where he did everything from build a computer from scratch and run the networking for it to manage servers that helped keep it running efficiently.

Knackstedt says he enjoys meeting new people and examining the inner workings of all things technology. When he’s not at the law school, he can be found hiking, playing video games and managing his garden.

Mike Mazdra joined the School of Law’s communications office as the web administrator. After attending Truman State University, he moved to Columbia in 2009 to begin work as a search engine analyst, later becoming a web developer for the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

Mazdra enjoys graphic design, information architecture and experimenting with new programming languages. He has a passion for creating websites for users who require assistive technologies to explore the web. He is active with the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) and contributes to blogs and webinars which raise awareness of the difficulties that audiences with physical disabilities may face when using the internet.

In his free time he enjoys blogging, cooking and following the St. Louis Cardinals.

Sarah Smith-Frigerio joined the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid as the new admissions coordinator. Previously, she worked for seven years in the Missouri School of Journalism as a senior academic advisor in the graduate studies office, where she was active in both advising current students and in recruiting prospective students for the online master’s program and the doctoral program in journalism. Prior to that, Smith-Frigerio worked as the administrative coordinator for the American Culture Studies program at Washington University in St. Louis.

Smith-Frigerio received her bachelor’s degree from Southwest Missouri State University (now known as Missouri State University) and her master’s degree from Washington University in St. Louis. She is currently working toward her doctorate in the Department of Communication at Mizzou.

Lindsay Hickman joined the law school admissions team as an admissions specialist. Her responsibilities include contacting prospective students, collecting and compiling application materials, and spreading the word about everything Mizzou Law has to offer.

Previously, Hickman worked in admissions at A.T. Still University in Kirksville, Mo., where she lived after receiving her BA in English from Truman State University. Although she is new to campus, she is excited to call herself a Tiger!

Amy J. Schmitz joined the faculty as the Elwood L. Thomas Missouri Endowed Professor of Law. Previously she was a professor at the University of Colorado School of Law.

Prior to teaching, Schmitz was in private practice with large law firms in Seattle and Minneapolis. She also served as a law clerk for the Honorable James B. Loken, chief justice of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Schmitz’s courses include Contracts, Lawyering, Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age, Major Research Projects, Secured Transactions, Arbitration, International Arbitration, and Consumers and the Law (service learning). Her current research explores online dispute resolution in varied exchange contexts, with special focus on consumer claims and means for consumers to obtain remedies. She also has been active in recent debates regarding consumer protection more generally, consumer arbitration and contracting behavior, and is often an invited speaker on these topics.

Schmitz serves on the Association of American Law Schools Executive Committee on Commercial and Related Consumer Law, and has been an amicus in several United Supreme Court cases involving arbitration. She also has taught in Paris and in England, and has been an expert and liaison for the United Nations working group seeking to create a global online mechanism for resolution of e-contract disputes.

Schmitz’s outreach work involves various projects, including production of a consumer film, “Fine Print Foils;” a nonprofit consumer outreach website and companion app; and various service-learning courses. Her most recent service-learning projects have led to a consumer empowerment blog and free public seminars on pressing consumer issues through a joint project with the Boulder County (Colo.) Community Services.

Blake Knackstedt

Sarah Smith-Frigerio
Administrative law occupies a unique space in our republic. Dubbed the Fourth Branch, it wields unquestionable power and touches nearly every aspect of daily life. And yet its existence is not identified in our founding document, the Constitution. Now more than ever, the Supreme Court of the United States is questioning both the breadth of the administrative state and the deferential level of judicial review employed.

This spring’s Missouri Law Review Symposium explored three critical questions regarding the administrative state. First, does the administrative state represent a return to the prerogative power? Second, are there reasonable alternatives (or improvements) to *Chevron* deference? Third, what are the possible reform measures to the administrative state and do viable alternatives to the system exist?
Advancement

In the last year, the law school advancement office has had some personnel transition. Advancement Officer Traci Fleenor Crowley took a position in central campus advancement, as did Director of Development Lisa Eimers.

In August, Emily Moses, from the University of Central Missouri, joined the law school as an advancement officer, and in the fall Kim Nyoni, who brings years of fundraising experience to the law school, arrived as senior director of advancement.

Kim Nyoni is the School of Law’s new senior director of advancement.

Nyoni joined MU in 2014 as a senior director in the College of Engineering. Most recently, he served as a senior director for principal gifts & the Honors College with Mizzou Advancement. He has a decade of experience in advancement at some of the nation’s top research universities and has been part of four major capital campaigns.

Under Nyoni’s leadership, the College of Engineering surpassed its $10 million fundraising goal by raising $11.5 million in private support. He was responsible for restructuring and strategically building the fundraising program in Engineering. He developed and executed a departmental-based annual giving program and worked closely with department chairs to engage volunteers and key supporters. He was also responsible for developing the college’s $100 million campaign goal as part of the $1.3 billion Mizzou: Our Time to Lead campaign that was launched in October 2015.

Before joining Mizzou, Nyoni was part of the development team at the University of Arizona from 2011 to 2014. He served as an associate director of development for the College of Engineering before being promoted to a director of development within the engineering program. He helped to build the engineering development program and develop strategic initiatives to engage and cultivate alumni. During a three-year span, the team raised an average of $4 million to $6 million annually, culminating with a record $15 million in contributions for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Nyoni’s advancement career began in 2006 at the University of California – Berkeley’s Walter A. Haas School of Business. He served as the assistant director of corporate and foundation relations and was part of the team that worked to manage relationships with key corporate partners and alumni supporters. Following a successful career at Berkeley, he transitioned to a regional major gift role in late 2008, working briefly as a representative of Washington University in the New York area.

From 2009 to 2011, Nyoni served two key roles at Utah State University. He joined the university as the development officer for the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences and was part of the team that assisted the transition of the college into two separate entities: Caine College of the Arts and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He was the inaugural chief development officer for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. In this role, he oversaw the strategic planning and execution of fundraising activities as well as alumni engagement and annual giving efforts, in collaboration with the central development office. He was instrumental in raising major gifts and deferred gifts.

Nyoni holds a master of arts in advertising and a bachelor’s degree of journalism, both from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was born in Tanzania and lived in Uganda and Kenya before relocating to Lincoln, Neb.

Emily Moses is the School of Law’s new advancement officer.

Moses previously served as a development officer for the College of Business and Professional Studies at the University of Central Missouri (UCM) in Warrensburg.

During her career, Moses has served as the athletic ticket and development operations coordinator at UCM, responsible for the daily operations of the UCM Athletics ticket office as well as assisting with athletic development operations. She has also worked as the director of partnerships and community relations at Pittsburg State University (PSU) in Pittsburg, Kan., where she developed new donors and implemented new fundraising strategies for the PSU Athletic Department. She managed the licensing and branding for PSU Athletics and also developed numerous community engagement and service events for student-athletes.

Moses also served as a development and marketing graduate assistant at UCM, helping to implement fundraising and development initiatives, helping with the Celebrating Central Missouri Athletics Auction and assisting with game day operations and promotions.

Originally from Richmond, Mo., Moses has two degrees from UCM — a bachelor’s in public relations and a master’s in kinesiology.

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In the Spring 2016 issue of Transcript, we ran an article about the ways Kenneth Preston Dean, ’71, and Cathy J. Dean, ’82, have supported the School of Law. That article, “Dynamic Duo: Deans Leaving a Law Legacy,” featured a photo of the Deans with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. The caption for this photo was incorrect. We apologize for the error.

Corrected caption: Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas visited with the Deans during The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting in St. Louis in September 1993. Preston Dean’s career left its mark on the legal profession and many people along the way. Dean supervised Justice Thomas as an assistant to Missouri Attorney General John Danforth from 1974 to 1988.

Highest Fundraising Priorities for 2017

Scholarships
If we are to continue to attract and retain the best, brightest and most diverse student body possible, we need more scholarship funding. Competition has increased dramatically as the applicant pool has decreased nationally.

Clinics
Our two newest clinics – the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic and the Veterans Clinic – operate solely on funding from gifts and grants. These incredibly successful clinics must have ongoing support or a permanent endowment to insure long term viability. A third clinic – the Family Violence Clinic, operated for years by Professor Mary Beck – will be undergoing change as Professor Beck will fully retire after the 2017-2018 school year. While the clinic has a small endowment, it has significant funding needs to continue to serve victims from the Central Missouri area.

Karen Neylon celebrated her 25th anniversary with MU in 2016. She was hired in 1991 by the MU Graduate School as the marketing coordinator, responsible for the school’s publications and other communications. In 1996, she moved to the Office of Research to serve as the first editor of Illumination Magazine.

Neylon joined the law school in 1998 as the LLM program coordinator, helping recruit the first class for the LLM in Dispute Resolution, which entered in 1999.

Cindy Bassett was promoted by MU to the rank of Librarian III. According to Law Library Director Randy Diamond, “This promotion recognizes Cindy’s accomplishments on many fronts, including outstanding job performance as our electronic services librarian, effectiveness as a legal research instructor, and numerous leadership positions and conference presentations in regional and national law library associations. Cindy has been a major contributor to the school’s One Read program and is a wonderful library ambassador to our students.”

Bassett has served as a librarian in the Law Library since 2007 and is currently also a part-time, first-year law student.

Jennifer Clark attended the United States Marine Corps Educators and Key Leaders Workshop in Quantico, Va., this summer. She not only was able to learn more about the leadership traits and career opportunities the Marine Corps offers law school grads in their Judge Advocate Program, but she also had the opportunity to look inside the Marine officer lifestyle and participate in the types of trainings Marine officer prospects go through during their time at Officer Candidate School.

Clark participated in the challenging Leadership Reaction Course, flew an F-18 in a simulator, patrolled woods in Kevlar and rode in an Osprey helicopter as part of the HMX-1 Presidential Helicopter Squadron (known as Marine One). These activities challenged her physically and mentally, but she says she gained leadership skills that she is excited to bring back to the School of Law and pass on to students.

Clark is the law school’s director of public interest programs.

Staff Notes
Admissions &
Financial Aid

Make a Visit,
Meet a Student
by Michelle Heck, director of admissions and financial aid

Each year, hundreds of students visit Mizzou Law. Sometimes they come bringing family and friends, and sometimes they come in groups from the same campus. During each visit, time is made for discussion with the admissions team, and time is also made for discussion with current students.

Many years ago, the admissions office began the law school’s ambassador program. We select about 14 students per class each year to represent the office in a variety of ways, including tours, open houses, admitted student receptions, orientation and recruitment events. It is a completely volunteer program.

Over the years, the admissions office has received a large volume of applications for the limited spots in this program, despite the job’s unpaid nature. Not only do we look for students who will represent Mizzou Law well, but we also evaluate majors, schools, hometowns and other characteristics that we know will help recruit a diverse group of incoming students.

To watch these ambassadors is something extraordinary. They work hard and their love for Mizzou Law shows.

To meet this year’s student ambassador team, please visit law.missouri.edu/prospective/ambassador.

Meet a Student Ambassador

Ashley Sundquist
JD/MBA Graduate for December 2016
Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska
Education: BS in Finance, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Q: Why did you apply to be an ambassador?
A: I applied because I wanted the opportunity to tell students how great Mizzou Law is. I applied to 13 law schools and when I came to Mizzou Law for a tour, I just knew that it was the right place for me. A big part of that experience was the person who gave my tour and I wanted to be a part of that experience for a student like the ambassador was for me.

Q: What is your favorite part of being an ambassador?
A: I love interacting with potential applicants. It’s fun to be able to help sell Mizzou Law and show incoming students what our law school has to offer.

Q: Why do you think the ambassador team is a critical part of the success of the admissions office?
A: We are important to the admissions office because we are the face of the school. We are the students that potential applicants and incoming law students interact with, and they decide after meeting us whether they can fit in with the atmosphere here. Those who choose Mizzou Law end up continuing that trend.

Q: As a prospective student, did you interact with an ambassador? What kind of impression of the law school did this person leave on you?
A: I interacted with the ambassador who gave me my tour on my one and only trip to visit the school. She was personable and seemed to know a lot of the students. You could tell by her interaction with other students that it wasn’t a hostile environment and everyone was extremely friendly. It was this experience that ultimately made me choose Mizzou Law.

Q: Outside of giving tours and being available for questions from prospective students, what types of duties does an ambassador have?
A: We are responsible for helping with 1L orientation where we provide insight to the incoming students on life as a law student and help them get acquainted with the school. We also assist with the open house and admitted students’ days, where we again interact with students and help to inform them of the benefits of coming to school here.
Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution

We’re Family
by Rafael Gely, director of the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution and James E. Campbell Missouri Endowed Professor of Law

Those of us associated with the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution are used to conflict. No, I do not mean that! We like each other and enjoy working together very much. What I mean is this: dealing with conflict is what we do. We teach it, write about it, and as neutrals we try to manage it.

These last couple of years, however, as members not only of the center but also of the larger Mizzou community, we have had to deal with conflict at a different level. We have been touched closely by events such as the shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer in Ferguson, Mo.; various racially-motivated incidents on our campus and the protests by students that followed those incidents; and the sudden departure of various high-profile campus leaders.

Experiencing conflict in this manner raises some interesting challenges for us as both scholars interested in conflict resolution and as members of the community dealing with that conflict. Are we supposed to serve as “neutrals,” helping those more directly involved in the conflict manage the situation? Can we, as members of the community affected by the conflict, really provide a “neutral’s perspective”? Do our roles as employees of the university conflict with our counseling and support system for students? What happens if those two roles collide?

These are interesting questions worthy of a sustained and serious conversation. As we have begun that conversation, however, we have also sought to provide assistance and advice to a number of the participants.

Soon after the events in Ferguson, the law school initiated a number of town hall meetings to provide students an opportunity to voice their concerns. Members of the center’s faculty joined the larger law school faculty in those meetings to listen to students and explore ways in which we could help ease their concerns.

During the 2015-16 academic year, and motivated by what the law school faculty heard during those conversations, the law school initiated, under the leadership of Professor Martha Dragich, a One Read Program, which focused in its first year on Bryan Stevenson’s award-winning book *Just Mercy*. Various members of the center led some of the events offered as part of the program, including a presentation by Professor Bob Jerry on leadership and by Professor Paul Ladehoff on suggestions for having conversations about race. Stevenson spoke to the campus and local community in March on how we can each make a difference in combating racial and other injustices.

Various members of the center faculty have played leadership and support roles in the university’s response to the concerns raised by various student groups. For example, Professor Chuck Henson served as the interim vice chancellor for inclusion, diversity and equity. Professor Jerry chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Protests, Public Spaces, Free Speech and the Press, in which Professor Chris Wells also participated. The policy proposed by the committee includes important suggestions as to how to address disagreements over speech and public spaces issues. Various other members of the faculty have also reached out to other offices on campus and offered their assistance.

These are challenging times for our community. The events from the last two years raised a number of complex issues which will require time and patience to solve. As dispute resolution scholars and teachers, we appreciate the challenges and opportunities these events provide us. We certainly do not have all the answers, but we are willing to engage with your help in making our community a better place.
Citation of Merit
Dale C. Doerhoff, '71, has been a partner with Cook, Vetter, Doerhoff & Landwehr in Jefferson City, Mo., since 1976. He was introduced for this award by his classmate, John R. Phillips, '71.

Citation of Merit
Elizabeth Lang Miers, '75, received the Citation of Merit following an introduction by her classmate, W. Dudley McCarter, '75. Lang Miers has served as a justice on the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas at Dallas since 2003.

Distinguished Recent Graduate Award
John C. Ayres, '06, is general counsel and secretary of Aratana Therapeutics, Inc., a pet therapeutics company focused on innovative biopharmaceutical products for companion animals that is headquartered in Kansas City. He was introduced by Assistant Dean Emeritus Bob Bailey, '79.

Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award
The Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award was presented to Kenneth B. McClain (right), who is a shareholder in the Independence, Mo., firm of Humphrey, Farrington & McClain. He was introduced by Walter H. Bley Jr., '80.
Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award
Ellen Henrion, a third-year law student from Arnold, Mo., received the Judge L.F. Cottey Advocacy Award. She holds a bachelor's degree from Maryville University. Her award was presented by Assistant Dean Emeritus Bob Bailey, '79.

Husch Blackwell Distinguished Faculty Award
Erin Morrow Hawley, associate professor of law, received the Husch Blackwell Distinguished Faculty Award, which was created to recognize a faculty member who has established a record of distinguished achievement in teaching. She was introduced by her husband, Missouri Attorney General Joshua Hawley.

Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice
The 2016 recipient of the Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice was Michelle Arnopol Cecil, Curators' Teaching Professor and William H. Pittman Professor of Law, who joined the faculty of the School of Law in 1989.

Order of the Coif Honorary Initiate
Jacqueline K. Hamra Mesa, '96, this year’s Order of the Coif Honorary Initiate, was introduced by Assistant Dean Emeritus Bob Bailey, '79. Mesa is the senior vice president, global policy for the Futures Industry Association in Washington, D.C.

Order of Barristers Honorary Initiate
The Order of Barristers Honorary Initiate presented at Law Day was Harvey L. Kaplan, '68. Kaplan, who was introduced by Professor Gary Myers, was a trial lawyer with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo., for 45 years. At the firm, he served as senior partner and as a member of the firm’s executive committee.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP Excellence in Research Award
Carli N. Conklin, associate professor of law, was selected for the Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP Excellence in Research Award for her article, “The Origins of the Pursuit of Happiness,” which was published in the Washington University Jurisprudence Review in 2015. This award is presented annually to the faculty member who demonstrates excellence in research based on a published article from the previous year.

Order of the Coif Initiates from the Class of 2015
Joseph M. Conlon
Jillian R. Dent
Kirsten F. Dunham
Katherine M. Kolisch Flett
Kelly M. Gorman
Timothy M. Guntili
Alice M. Haseltine

Order of Barristers Initiates from the Class of 2015
Contessa A. Brundridge
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N. Austin Fax
Madison Fischer
Nicholas D. Jain

Order of Barristers Initiates from the Class of 2016
Mary Beth Griffin
Jared Guemmer
Cody R. Holt
Kayla I. Jackson-Williams
Kayla Kemp

Order of the Coif Initiates from the Class of 2015
Kimberly J. Hubbard
Kristen Shively Johnson
Tyler A. McElroy
Keith A. Starr
Austin E. Van Tine
Caleb J. Wagner

Order of Barristers Initiates from the Class of 2016
Benjamin Marble
Kayla Meine
Julia Neidhardt
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Derek Spencer
Office of Career Development & Student Services

School of Law Introduces Pro Bono Estate Planning Program

by Jennifer Clark, director of public interest programs

The University of Missouri School of Law, in its commitment to pro bono service, has partnered with the MU Family Impact Center to provide free estate planning services to residents from Boone County and surrounding areas through the new Mizzou Law Pro Bono Estate Planning Program. We are extremely proud of this program and are excited to help law students gain experience in a unique and practical area of the law.

After an application process, 10 second- and third-year law students were selected to participate in the program, during which they prepared durable powers of attorneys for both healthcare and general finances, uncomplicated wills and healthcare directives for members of the community under the direct supervision of Adjunct Associate Professor Cynthia Barchet, ’93.

In order to be able to meet with clients and have the necessary knowledge and experience in estate planning, participating students were required to attend a two-night training, during which they received a course on estate planning, wills and powers of attorney in Missouri presented by Barchet. Not only did the students learn how to draft these important documents, but they also learned how to consult with potential clients specifically relating to estate planning issues.

Even though this was the first year, the program received an overwhelming response from the public. Nearly 65 applications were submitted and more than 100 phone inquiries came in regarding the program; due to size and time restrictions, we were only able to help a fraction of those who applied.

Over the course of three evenings in October, the students met with their clients in pairs at the MU Family Impact Center. Under attorney supervision, each student group took the lead in the meetings to discuss their client’s individual needs and to inform them of the services the program would be able to provide and answer any questions that arose. Each client presented unique issues for our students which only served to further enrich the learning process.

After discussing estate plans during these meetings, students worked to draft the necessary documents for each client, which were reviewed by Barchet to ensure that they met the client’s specifications. Clients then had one final meeting with the students and Barchet to review the documents and finalize them.

The clients that the students were able to serve were extremely grateful that they can rest a little easier knowing that their estate plan is in place for their families. The law school hopes to provide this program again in the spring to help even more members of the community.

The ten students who participated in the program this fall were: 3Ls Rebekah Keller, Tamar Hodges, Stacey Lannert, Caroline Johnson, Jenna Homeyer, Katherine Kerbs, Brooke Wheelwright and Rich Chen, and 2Ls Aaron Hadlow and Nathan McKee.

The Office of Career Development & Student Services would like to give special thanks to Barchet, Professor Michelle Cecil and Interim Dean Kenneth Dean, ’76, for being instrumental in the development of this program.
Veterans Clinic

by Angela Drake, director of the Veterans Clinic and instructor

During the spring 2016 semester, the clinic had several significant results for veterans of the Vietnam War. In the first case, the students assisted a “Blue Water” Navy Veteran, Wes Tull, who was suffering from prostate cancer which had metastasized to his bones. The Veterans Administration had previously denied Tull compensation for these Agent Orange-related disabilities, claiming that he was not a “boots on the ground soldier,” and therefore did not come into contact with Agent Orange.

In May, Tull received word from his bank that a deposit was made into his account by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He also learned that he would receive the full monthly compensation benefit for his bone cancer. Based on the work of Angela B. Kennedy, ’16, and Larry A. Dawson, ’16, the VA conceded Agent Orange exposure after the presentation of evidence that showed that Tull physically mopped up an Agent Orange spill during his military service, and refueled and serviced the bombers that flew through the jungle canopy. Contemporary medical journals have established a connection to an increased cancer risk from the chemicals found in jet fuel and lubricants.

The clinic also received good news in connection with a Camp Lejeune Marine. Veteran Michael Hughes received full compensation benefits for multiple myeloma in April. He served at Camp Lejeune during the Vietnam War. According to VA’s own website, water at Camp Lejeune was contaminated with dangerous chemicals during the time he served. Nonetheless, a VA expert asserted there was no connection between the contaminated water and the veteran’s multiple myeloma.

C. Nathan Dunville, ’15, and Justin Evans, ’15, worked with Hughes’ treating oncologist, who wrote an opinion disagreeing with the VA’s expert. Evans wrote a persuasive Notice of Disagreement to the original Rating Decision. Mary L. Hinton, ’16, outlined the proper legal analysis in a letter brief to the VA, highlighting the water modeling reports showing contamination at Camp Lejeune and attacking the subject matter expert’s conclusions.

Hughes recently suffered amputations of several of the toes on his right foot and half of his left foot, due to a slowed circulatory system resulting from medication he takes. He faces challenges daily with regard to basic activities.

The results achieved for these Vietnam veterans served by the clinic are not atypical. To date, the clinic has secured retroactive monetary benefits in 10 of its cases, ranging from $14,000 to $300,000. Monthly compensation amounts have ranged from several hundred dollars per month to more than $3,500 per month, depending upon the disability and the rating percentage.

Veterans’ lives have been changed by the clinic’s work in its two short years – and the work has also impacted the law students. Eight fresh faces don the office space each semester. Some students are veterans themselves, some are the children of veterans and some have no connection other than wanting to help veterans. Every student has a passion to learn by doing. Once in the clinic, the students do life-changing work affecting their own academic and personal growth.
Faculty Notes

**Douglas E. Abrams** published “Missouri’s Long Road to Juvenile Justice,” a chapter in *Missouri Law and the American Conscience: Historical Rights and Wrongs* (University of Missouri Press). The book collects 10 full-length studies of prominent events and themes in the state’s political and social heritage. Abrams presents the history of Missouri’s juvenile justice system since territorial days and the early years of statehood. One reviewer calls the collection “a first-rate book on Missouri legal history from prominent historians and legal scholars.”

Abrams also published “References to Television Programming in Judicial Opinions and Lawyers’ Advocacy” in the *Marquette Law Review*. He continues to write an article about legal writing in each issue of the *Journal of the Missouri Bar*.

Abrams was a panelist at “United States Supreme Court Highlights: The 2015-2016 Term,” a continuing legal education program conducted by The Missouri Bar.

**Anne M. Alexander, ’08**, presented about her law teaching nationally and regionally, including “After the Flip: Developing a Process-Oriented Class Meeting Format” at the 2015 Association of Legal Writing Directors’ Biennial Conference. She presented “Pedagogy, Technology, and the Flipped Class: Using Simulations to Engage Students in the Process of Learning in Law School and Beyond” at the 27th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. Alexander also co-presented with Professor Brad Desnoyer, ’09, “Pleadings, Persuasion, and Practice: Getting Real with Court Documents” at the Central States Legal Writing Conference. She was a panel member on the social justice panel “Raising Justice Awareness in LRW Classrooms” at the 2016 Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference.

Alexander was elected as the Non-Tenure Track Teaching Faculty representative to the MU Faculty Council.


During the spring semester, Bowman was a speaker at a symposium at the University of Baltimore School of Law, “Legal Scholarship for the Next Generation: The Fate of Legal Scholarship in American Law Schools,” and at a training for the U.S. District Courts for the Western District of Missouri and District of Kansas, “Current Trends in Sentencing Research.” In August, he presented on the state of federal sentencing law at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools’ annual conference.

**Carli N. Conklin** continues as associate professor at the School of Law while also holding an appointment as Kinder Institute Associate Professor of Constitutional Democracy and Coordinator of Undergraduate Programs for the MU Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy (democracy.missouri.edu). The institute is an interdisciplinary academic center designed to promote excellence in teaching and scholarship on the American constitutional and democratic traditions. Conklin’s work with the Kinder Institute draws upon her interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship.


**Larry Dessem**’s book, Civil Procedure: Representing Clients in Civil Litigation, was published in the spring by Foundation Press (West Academic). He has taught his first-year Civil Procedure course from the electronic manuscript of this text for the past two years.

Dessem was reappointed to the board of trustees of the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) for an additional one-year term. In addition to his service on the board, he serves on the LSAC Board Membership Work Group and on the LSAC Investment Committee. LSAC is a nonprofit corporation that provides products and services to law schools in the United States, Canada and Australia, and administers the Law School Admission Test.

Dessem was appointed by MU Interim Chancellor Hank Foley as chair of the university’s Professional Sports Counseling Panel, which advises MU athletes who are contemplating becoming professional athletes.

**Randy Diamond** was invited to attend the SubTech 2016 conference at the Richmond School of Law. The conference is dedicated to substantive applications of information technology in law, as they are used or studied in legal education. Diamond conducted a small group session on an exercise he is developing for searching Enron documents in his e-discovery course using the Catalyst Student Search and Early Case Assessment Practicum.

In July, Diamond presented a CLE for the Missouri Division of Professional Registration on parameters and best practices for using social media in vetting professional license applications and investigating complaints brought against licensees for misuse of social media. He was also a panelist on a program at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting on the topic of teaching legal education technology.
Angela K. Drake and her students in the Veterans Clinic worked on three significant appellate matters during the spring semester. In Palomer v. McDonald, filed and argued in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the clinic represented the interests of a Filipino WWII veteran, seeking equitable relief from the Department of Veterans Affairs under the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund. Angela Kennedy, ’16, and Connor Curran, ’16, were instrumental in the clinic’s work in this case.

In Garza v. McDonald, filed in the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the clinic sought post-9/11 educational benefits for the son of a veteran. On behalf of Daniel Garza Jr., the clinic asserted that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) erred in its reading of its own regulations relating to the modifications a veteran may make to transferred educational benefits. Angela Kennedy, ’16, and Cameron Lincoln, ’16, worked on the brief under Drake’s supervision.

In Robinson v. McDonald, pending in the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Drake and her students submitted an amicus curiae brief on behalf of 17 law school clinical directors. The amici addressed the important issue of whether the VA can shred veterans’ original paper claims file documents after scanning them into an electronic system. Drake argued the case in March; in July, court found that VA must produce original paper claims materials, notwithstanding electronic scanning. Mary Beth Griffin, ’16, and Ross Valore, ’16, helped with the amicus briefings.

Drake also presented at the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims 13th Judicial Conference in Washington, D.C., in April. As part of an ethics panel, she presented a student-produced video that featured an impaired client situation. She helped facilitate the discussion concerning ethical issues often found in veterans benefits cases. Justin Trueblood, ’16, Cameron Lincoln, ’16, and 3Ls Manuel Galeano, Chris Hamm and Kristen Elmore played roles in the video.

Drake was invited to speak at the Missouri Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers meeting in April. She provided information about the Veterans Clinic, and its mission. She completed a book chapter describing the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and practice before it, for the upcoming Lexis Nexis book Servicemember and Veterans Rights (Clausse & Simcox, eds.) Cameron Lincoln, ’16, and 3L Michael Donnell helped write this book chapter. She also serves as vice chair of communications for the Military and Veterans Health Law Task Force, which is part of the American Bar Association Health Law Section.


In June, he presented four Hill Staff Briefings on pending religious liberty bills for employees of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives meeting in Washington, D.C. He also served on two panels of CLE offerings sponsored by the Annual Law and Religious Freedom Conference at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law – “Religious Freedom and LGBT Rights” and “Religion at Work.”

Wilson Freyermuth spoke at the American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section’s Symposium as part of a panel addressing recent cases developments in real estate and real estate finance. He also presented during the June 2016 Professors Corner webinar program, sponsored by the ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, on recent developments in lien priority disputes involving common interest community associations and mortgage lenders, and served as the moderator for the August 2016 Professors Corner webinar on the Affirmatively Forthcoming Fair Housing Rule and its role in facilitating redevelopment in urban areas.

Freyermuth has been reappointed for another term as co-chair of the ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section’s Legal Education and Uniform Laws Group. In his role as executive director of the Joint Editorial Board for Real Property Acts (JEB), he prepared and submitted comments from the JEB to the Federal Housing Authority on its proposed rulemaking regarding reverse mortgage loans. He also testified before the Missouri Senate’s Judiciary Committee on proposed amendments to Uniform Commercial Code Articles 1 and 7.


During the spring semester, Jerry chaired MU’s Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Protests, Free Speech, Public Spaces, and the Press, a committee created by Interim Chancellor Hank Foley and the MU Faculty Council. The committee’s reports are available at http://committees.missouri.edu/protests-free-speech/index.php.

In June, Jerry was a panelist at the Annual David Prager Appellate Practice Institute program sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association on the topic “Split Decision: The Missouri Supreme Court Opposes Itself in Two Similar Cases.” This program discussed Boland v. Saint Luke’s Health System and Belsley v. Penigo, both of which were decided on August 18, 2015, but reached inconsistent results regarding the rule for time-barred claims under the Missouri wrongful death statute of limitations.

Also in June, he spoke on prepaid legal insurance at the annual meeting of the Florida Bar in Orlando. In August, he spoke on “Tips for Mediators Handling Insurance Cases” at the Florida Dispute Resolution Center’s Annual Conference held in Orlando.


In collaboration with Professor Kathleen Boggs of the Department of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology Department in the MU College of Education, Ladehoff also provided a demonstration dialogue involving faculty and graduate students from various departments at MU who were involved in or impacted by the events on campus last fall. Among other things, the presentation and demonstration addressed questions such as what roles faculty members can and should play in situations of protest and social controversy, and the paradoxical relationship between organizations and social movements in achieving and sustaining change in higher education.
Faculty Notes, continued


Lande co-wrote two articles in Alternatives to the High Cost of Litigation: “How Businesses Use Planned Early Dispute Resolution” and “How Your Company Can Develop a Planned Early Dispute Resolution System.” He also published “Tips for Lawyers Who Want to Get Good Results for Clients and Make Money” in nine state bar magazines or blogs. He also wrote “Advancing Negotiation Theory” in Explorations in Dispute Resolution Scholarship, published by the law school’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution.

Lande served as a panelist at the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution’s annual conference on a program, “Preparing Students for the Future of Dispute Resolution: Skating to ‘Where the Puck Is Going, Not Where It’s Been.’”

Erika Lietzan continues to focus her scholarship on incentives for biopharmaceutical innovation and on pharmaceutical patent law issues. She published an article in the Lewis & Clark Law Review, exploring common myths about data exclusivity for new drugs and biological medicines, and another in the August issue of the Food & Drug Law Journal on the incentive for generic drug companies to challenge drug patents. Also, the Florida State University Law Review will publish her latest article – on innovation and competition in biosimilar and biological medicines.

Lietzan was awarded a Thomas Edison Innovation Fellowship from the Center for Protection of Intellectual Property at the George Mason University School of Law and is examining the relationship between the effective patent life of new drugs and the lack of treatments for diseases that inherently require longer-term research, like Alzheimer’s Disease. She presented the results of this research at the Saint Louis University School of Law and George Mason University School of Law in the fall.

Lietzan is serving for two years on a working group convened by the University of Maryland to study, with a National Institutes of Health grant, federal regulation of microbiota transplantation. She is focusing on the authorities that the U.S. Food & Drug Administration should use and the impact of using those authorities on innovation in this important new area of medical research.

This fall, Lietzan resumed the position of chair of the Biotechnology Law Committee within the American Bar Association’s Section of Science and Technology.

Paul J. Litton presented at a symposium at the University of Michigan, “At a Crossroads: The Future of the Death Penalty,” on the effect of Missouri’s rapid pace of executions from 2013-2015 on capital representation. He also recently presented at the James Madison Legacy Project, coordinated by The Missouri Bar and the Center for Civic Education. Litton presented on the Supreme Court’s substantive due process jurisprudence to middle and high school teachers from around Missouri. In August, he presented his works-in-progress on criminal responsibility at a conference for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

S. David Mitchell was interviewed by Newsy for “The Case for Letting Convicted Felons Vote,” in which he discussed the executive order by Virginia Gov. McAuliffe restoring voting rights to more than 200,000 ex-felons.

Mitchell gave the keynote address at the Columbia Chapter of the NAACP’s annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance which was themed “Changing the Paradigm.” He also presented at an MU Sociology Columbia program on “Teaching Race After Ferguson,” and led a discussion around “Dismantling Racism – Discussion of The New Jim Crow” at Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia.

Mitchell also presented at the Discover Law Program to undergraduate students interested in law school.

Gary Myers served as a member of The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting Planning Committee, which was responsible for organizing the fall 2016 annual meeting agenda.

Myers is a new member of the “call for papers” committee for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS). In addition, he served on two panels for the 2016 SEALS annual meeting, one related to book publishing and one serving as a mentor for a new scholars in intellectual property.

In March, Myers represented MU at the inauguration of Tulane University’s new president, Michael Fitts. In June, he was an invited guest at West Academic’s “Inside Look” program for West authors in St. Paul, Minn.

Carol Newman spoke as a panelist at the Emory Law School Fifth Biennial Conference on Teaching Transactional Law and Skills in June. Her topic, co-presented with Carol Morgan of the University of Georgia, was “Making the Grade: A Guided Discussion Regarding Assessing Learning Outcomes in Transactional Skills-Based Courses.”

Philip G. Peters Jr. is teaching Torts again this fall. Teaching intentional torts has become especially timely in recent years because of the implications that campus “yes means yes” campaigns have had for the consent defense and the findings that implicit bias especially affects snap judgments, like those commonly at issue in self-defense claims involving firearms.

Peters also continues to work on educational equity issues as incoming tri-chair of the Cradle to Career Alliance of Boone County (Mo.). One of his projects is to analyze longitudinal data from the Columbia Public Schools to see whether the expansion of the black-white test score gap that occurs in the school district between kindergarten and second grade is a local manifestation of “summer slide” or whether it is also a product of school-year classes. The school district is already using his findings about the widening of the gap in the K-2 years to shape its practices. When his findings about the role of summer slide are available, local funders will be able to target their grants more effectively.

Meanwhile, he is working on an article that explores how the expansion of state and federal funding of preschool should be tailored in light of the finding that the initial benefits of preschool tend to fade if the programs are not high quality.
In March, Trachtenberg delivered talks in Ireland at Trinity College Dublin and the University of Limerick. At Trinity he discussed recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions as well as the process for confirming a new justice. His Limerick talk was titled, “The Power of Prosecutors and the Struggle for Criminal Justice Reform in America.”

Trachtenberg remains the law school’s representative to the MU Faculty Council on University Policy and has been reelected as chair of the Faculty Council for 2016-2017.

Rodney J. Uphoff spoke to the Kentucky Bar Association in May on “Handling Exculpatory Evidence: What is Demanded of the Ethical Prosecutor and of Competent Defense Counsel?” He also spoke to the 44th Annual Kentucky Public Defender Education Conference on handling physical evidence and advising clients.

Earlier in the spring semester, he served on a panel on free speech on campus at the University of Wyoming College of Law; spoke on “Dealing Ethically and Professionally with Your Client” for the Missouri State Public Defenders Spring Training; and presented “Lessons from Ferguson” at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa.

### Alexander Presented with Awards for Excellence in Teaching with Technology

Anne M. Alexander, ’08, received the Earnest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology at the 27th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in April.

This prestigious award honors a single faculty member “who has contributed significantly to teaching, learning, and technology in higher education” and “made contributions with broad, significantly positive effects on student learning, motivation, and creativity beyond their departments and institutions.” It is named for Earnest L. Boyer, former U.S. Commissioner of Education and former president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Alexander was nominated by MU and was selected by an international committee. At the conference, Alexander also received an Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology for faculty who have “contributed in the most highly creative ways of teaching, learning, and technology in higher education.”

Alexander was also recognized with the Mizzou Excellence in Teaching with Technology – Graduate and Professional Teaching Award.

Alexander strives to improve the learning process for her students by flipping her courses and creating spaces for law firm simulations that engage and inspire students to connect theory to practice. The law firm simulations embed technology and substantive formative feedback that is indicative of the experiences students will encounter in legal practice. She has shared her technique nationally with her colleagues and has a case study forthcoming in a book about flipping college classes.

An associate teaching professor of law, Alexander teaches Legal Research & Writing; Advocacy & Research; Pretrial Litigation; Writers’ Workshop; and Gender, Race, Sexuality & the Law.
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| Edward L. Campbell |                     |
| Susan Gunz Crigler |                     |
| Daniel E. Hamann |                     |
| Charles F. Miller |                     |
| Mark A. Shank |                     |
| Class of 1998  | Dollars: $5,175 |
| Kenneth R. Ashlock |                     |
| Clark H. Cole |                     |
| Daniel J. Godar |                     |
| Michael J. Patton |                     |
| Johnny K. Richardson |               |
| Joseph L. Stokely |                     |
| Paul N. Venker |                     |
| Michael L. Yates |                     |
| Class of 1999  | Dollars: $39,415.60 |
| Jerome S. Antel III |               |
| Lee Mills Baty |                     |
| Frank Dean Colaw |                     |
| Donald L. Cupps |                     |
| R. Michael Gilpin |                     |
| Jean E. Goldstein |                     |
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| R. David Ray |                     |
| Roger W. Keemisch |                     |
| Kevin C. Roberts |                     |
| Alexander D. Tomaszczak |               |
| Class of 2000  | Dollars: $10,569.82 |
| Jan Robey Alonzo |                     |
| Jeffrey J. Brinker |                     |
| Cathy J. Dean |                     |
| Paul M. Macon |                     |
| David G. Ott |                     |
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| Randa Rawlins |                     |
| Carl E. Schaeperkoetter |               |
| Daniel W. Shinn |                     |
| Charles E. Smarr |                     |
| Kevin R. Sweeney |                     |
| Beth Lorraine Wood |                     |
| Class of 2001  | Dollars: $7,900 |
| David E. Bell |                     |
| Karen Kraus Bill |                     |
| Deanna Apperson Burns |               |
| Jeffrey A. Burns |                     |
| Jeffrey J. Comotto |                     |
| Dean L. Franklin Jr. |               |
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| Philip M. Hess |                     |
| James Christian Morrow |               |
| Stephen T. Shrage |                     |
| Mareta J. Smith |                     |
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Daniel Eric Blegen
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Class of 1999
Dollars: $1,090
Benjamin Kelly Byrd
Jennifer J. Kingston
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Gerald A. Thompson
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Matthew Sean Criscimagna
Karen Maureen Jordan
Amy J. Lorenz-Moser
Michael Joseph Schmid

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Dollars: $3,215
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Rachel Lillian Pickering

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Jeffrey Stuart Luechtefeld
Theresa Marie Lynch
Kesha Inez Patrick

Class of 2005
Christopher Richard Piéper

Class of 2006
Dollars: $15,100
John Corbett Ayres
Jennifer Koboldt Bukowsky
Christine Susanne Coleman
Joshua N. Corman
Jaime Sarah Corman
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Dollars: $8,524.88
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William Edmond Peterson
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Dollars: $1,170
Lawrence Shannon Hall
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Chad Elliot Voss
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Class of 2012
Dollars: $1,009.96
John Clark Constance
Anne Benton Hucker
Rachel Suzanne Meystedt
Emily Michelle Park
Clayton Lehr Thompson

Class of 2013
Dollars: $1,425
Andrew Bailey
Haden Ross Crumpton
John David Griesedeeck
Madison Marcella Hatten
Michelle Wright Knopf
Stephanie May Liu
Phillip Randall Raine

Class of 2014
Dollars: $1,075
Peter W. Bay
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James Garland Rogers  
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Lifetime Connections Lead Armstrong Teasdale Lawyers

by Monica Howald

“It’s amazing the lifelong bonds you create and the diversity of careers you can have with a Mizzou Law degree,” said Darryl M. Chatman Jr., ’08, who is of counsel at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis. There are 27 Mizzou Law grads at Armstrong Teasdale – a law firm with offices in St. Louis, Kansas City, Jefferson City, Denver, Las Vegas and Shanghai – and their experiences demonstrate the number of directions an MU education can take.

Chatman came to Mizzou on a football scholarship. An animal science major, he’s interned at the St. Louis Zoo, worked as a meat processor and even milked cows. Law school wasn’t where he envisioned himself until he studied public policy in North Carolina. He realized his passion for the intersection between science, agriculture and business, and that law was the missing piece.

“I came back to Mizzou, got my degree in agricultural economics, and then a law degree. Mizzou does a great job of turning out strong trial attorneys, and I wanted to be a part of that legacy,” said Chatman.

As a student, Chatman was part of a team that won the Client Counseling Competition and went to nationals two years in a row. He was also part of the first arbitration team that competed at the national level. Chatman was a member of the Black Law Students Association and Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences.

After graduation, he joined Armstrong Teasdale before leaving to become the highest-ranking African American at the Missouri Department of Agriculture, where he served as deputy director for a year. Today, Chatman is back at Armstrong Teasdale in the firm’s agribusiness and food practice.

Chatman recommends that current law students seek out mentors. “Not just one – multiple mentors. Talk to people with different backgrounds and skill sets. It’s important to hear those perspectives,” said Chatman.

William M. Corrigan Jr., ’85, understands the importance of mentors. Throughout his career as a recognized lawyer at Armstrong Teasdale, he’s had many. “I’ve worked with and learned from great lawyers, who’ve taught me about trying cases, and also the importance of getting involved in the bar,” he said.

Corrigan grew up in a courtroom. His father was a judge, and watching trials was fascinating, he said. The choice to go to Mizzou was easy – lawyers and other judges told Corrigan that if he wanted to practice in Missouri, Mizzou was the best law school to attend.

As a 3L at Mizzou, Corrigan was elected president of the Student Bar Association, won the ATLA Trial Competition and represented Mizzou in the regional competition, clerked at the Supreme Court of Missouri to help pay for law school and taught Sunday school at his local Columbia parish.

After joining Armstrong Teasdale, he was elected by his peers as one of the youngest presidents in the history of The Missouri Bar. And in 2004, he had the honor of delivering the commencement address to the newest graduates of the law school. He is also a former president of the Law School Foundation and received the Citation of Merit and the Distinguished Recent Graduate Award from the law school. Today, Corrigan counsels national companies and many small and large privately-held businesses on significant business and litigation matters.

“I’ve been blessed. There’s never been a day where I woke up and didn’t want to go to work,” said Corrigan. “I have interesting clients and interesting matters, and each day is unpredictable. I am very thankful that I chose to attend law school at Mizzou.”

Since fourth grade, Armstrong Teasdale partner Daniel J. Godar, ’80, knew he wanted to be an attorney after seeing a lawyer on a television show. His father was an engineer and wasn’t keen on his children being lawyers – but three of the seven went on to do so. Godar was so enthusiastic about going to law school that he earned his undergraduate accounting degree in just three years.

Godar remembers classes in Tate Hall and an “…extraordinary group of legendary professors – Willard Eckhardt, Joe Covington, William Fratcher, Ed Hunvald and many others – whose Socratic methods really prepared me for life as an attorney.”

Godar’s Mizzou education helped open his eyes to other areas of the law. He spent his first few years at Armstrong Teasdale as a litigation associate. Today, he’s focused on corporate work and mergers and acquisitions, where he’s spent the majority of his career.

“Where I am now, I get to be as much a business counselor as a legal counselor because I work with senior management,” said Godar. “I’m exposed to a lot of non-legal issues, too, and the mix keeps things exciting.”

Tyson H. Ketchum, ’00, a partner at Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City, started his college career as a golfer at Truman State University. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, and after spending a semester as a substitute teacher, Ketchum ultimately decided to go to law school. He had been involved in Student Senate and Missouri Boys State, and he was a strong public speaker growing up. For Ketchum, Mizzou Law was the only school up to par.

“I wanted to stay close to Kansas City and I had no interest in going to the University of Kansas,” said Ketchum.

Ketchum’s work primarily focuses on employment, insurance coverage, personal injury and commercial litigation cases. His practice is unique in that he has handled high-stakes cases for clients involving many different areas of law. And because of Mizzou, he’s had exposure to lawyers and
Professor Pittman Honored

In a campus-wide election held recently, Professor William H. Pittman was voted the outstanding professor on the University campus. The Law School is justly proud that Professor Pittman was accorded this honor. University president John C. Weaver recently emphasized the importance of good teaching by characterizing it as “our first line of responsibility.” Professor Pittman has distinguished himself by discharging this responsibility with a deftness and imagination which few can match.

It would be difficult to improve upon the words of one of our law students in the first issue of THE ADVOCATE:

“For nearly a generation, William H. Pittman has planned for many lives; he has educated many men. He has shown himself to be that rarest of all commodities – a good teacher. With ever present insight and wit, he prods the reluctant, encourages the uncertain, devastates the haughty and destroys the indifferent. Through it all, men are made to think.”

A New Law Building?

As the Law School plans for the future, one of the most important questions which must be answered is whether present facilities will be adequate for the 1970’s and 1980’s. In spite of higher admission requirements, the number of applications for admission has increased steadily. Expansion of enrollment to the present size of approximately 350 students was made possible by sectioning most of the first and second year courses. Existing facilities cannot satisfactorily accommodate any further increases, however, and it has become necessary to limit the number of entering students.

Even with a student body of approximately 350 the situation is far from ideal. There are no adequate seminar rooms in Tate Hall. The current enrollment places a strain on library facilities, lockers, and rest rooms. The expansion of the faculty has resulted in a shortage of adequate office facilities. Crowding in the halls between classes has become a problem.

Since the time lag between planning and implementation is usually several years, it is imperative that all who are concerned with the future of the Law School begin the process of analysis and discussion which is a necessary prerequisite to an intelligent approach to the challenges of the years ahead. It seems probable that this analysis and discussion will lead to a conclusion that a new building will be necessary if the Law School is to provide trained lawyers in numbers which are adequate to meet Missouri’s needs.

[Editor’s Note: The law school moved into the “new building,” Hulston Hall, in 1988.]
Alumni Notes

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Marvin E. “Bunky” Wright, ’64, received a 2016 Faculty-Alumni Award from the Mizzou Alumni Association. The awards recognize the achievements of faculty and alumni, the latter of whom are considered for both their accomplishments in professional life and service to the university. Wright served as general counsel of the University of Missouri System from 1998 to 2005 and as legal counsel for the Mizzou System from 1967 to 1979.

Bill L. Thompson, ’75, announced that he will retire as clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri on January 1, 2017, following nearly 40 years of service. He joined the court in 1978 as a staff attorney and served as the court’s counsel for nearly 34 years before he began serving as clerk in 2011. The court has announced that the clerk position will be filled by Betsey Aubuchon, ’00.

William E. Evans, ’77, was elected to the board of the new Institute for Magic Education, located in Las Vegas, Nev. The organization is a non-profit led by seven seasoned professional magicians whose goal is to provide support to those looking to enhance their magician skills and knowledge.

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William S. Ohlemeyer, ’84, was named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America. The ceremony at which he was inducted was held on Sept. 19 at the college’s annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Fellows in the college is extended by invitation only, and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers “who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.” Ohlemeyer is a partner at Boies, Schiller & Flexner in Armonk, N.Y., and New York City, where he concentrates his practice in complex litigation. He serves as a member of the adjunct faculty at Columbia Law School, where he is a Lecturer-in-Law on Mass Torts.

Eugene J. Twelman, ’84, is general counsel of Mutual of Omaha Bank. He continues to serve as associate general counsel for Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company and assumed the additional role as general counsel in April.

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Elizabeth K. “Betty” Wilson, ’74, received the Distinguished Professional Award from the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association. The award recognizes an association member in practice for 15 or more years who exemplifies the highest legal and ethical standards to which all legal professionals should strive.

Wilson practices with Oliver Walker Wilson in Columbia.

W. Dudley McCarter, ’75, received The Missourian Award in recognition of his contributions to the State of Missouri. He has served as president of The Missouri Bar, the St. Louis County Bar and the Missouri Alumni Association. He also served as chair of the Children’s Trust Fund of Missouri and as a member of the board of education for the Parkway School District. He is one of the chairs of The Missouri 100.

McCarter is a founding member of Behr, McCarter & Potter in Clayton, Mo.

David K. Frankland, ’73, retired in November after 18 years as the resident circuit judge in Edwards County, Ill., in the Second Judicial Circuit. Previously he practiced law for 25 years.

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Melvin J. Smith, ’91, was elevated to the office of Auxiliary Bishop in the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated in June. He is a pastor of the Nazareth Temple Church of God in Christ in St. Louis. He is also the founder and owner of The Law Firm of Melvin J. Smith and Associates, and concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice and civil litigation.

Daniel R. Wichmer, ’91, is executive director of Legal Services of Southern Missouri, which has offices in Springfield, West Plains, Rolla, Charleston and Cape Girardeau.

George A. Batek, ’92, received an Outstanding Service Award from the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association. The award recognizes an association member who has made significant contributions to the benefit of the legal profession, the justice system and/or the community.

Batek practices with Batek & Benson in Columbia.

Michael W. Atchison, ’93, wrote a novel, Mellow Submarine, which was published in July. He is also the author of XL and True Sons: A Century of Missouri Tigers Baseball.

Sara Parker Pauley, ’93, was named as the ninth, and first female, director of the Missouri Department of Conservation. The department is an independent agency that protects and manages Missouri’s fish, forest and wildlife resources. Previously she served as the director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Marjorie M. Lewis, ’94, was elected as president of the Boone County (Mo.) Bar Association for 2016-2017 at the association’s annual meeting in September. She has previously served as vice president, secretary and at-large executive committee member for the association.

Lewis is a shareholder and management committee member of Brown Willbrand in Columbia. She has more than 20 years of experience as an attorney and focuses in the areas of employment, construction, business and real estate law.

Harvard W. Muhm, ’94, practices with Capes Sokol in St. Louis. With more than two decades of experience working with high net worth clients, he will lead the firm’s new trusts and estates practice group. Previously Muhm practiced with Muhm & Reilly, a boutique private wealth planning law firm he founded in 2005 in St. Louis.

Mark A. Grider, ’98, is a partner with Husch Blackwell in Washington, D.C., and practices in the firm’s technology, manufacturing and transportation group. He is also part of the government compliance, investigations and litigation team. He advises clients in the areas of white collar criminal investigations, anti-corruption policies, whistleblower complaints and regulatory enforcement actions; healthcare; and government contracting. He also represents clients facing government investigations and conducts internal investigations for corporate clients in response to government subpoenas, congressional inquiries and allegations of misconduct.

Previously Grider served as deputy general counsel to a select committee at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Cavanaugh K. Noce, ’98, was named municipal judge of Columbia. Previously he was the city’s deputy counselor, a position in which he has served since 2012. He began his career with the city in 2008, when he was hired as an assistant city counselor.

Michael A. Williams, ’98, was appointed to the University of Missouri System Review Commission by Missouri Senate Leader Ron Richard. Members of the commission are responsible for reviewing the UM System’s rules, regulations, administrative structure, campus structures, auxiliary enterprise structure, degree programs, research activities and diversity programs.

Williams is a partner with Williams, Dirks, Dameron in Kansas City, Mo.

Lisa M. Adams, ’99, practices with Capes Sokol in St. Louis. Previously she served as a principal with Muhm & Reilly, a boutique private wealth planning law firm in St. Louis. She began her career working in real estate and corporate law.

Mondi L. Ghasedi, ’99, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, as associate circuit judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit, which covers St. Louis County. From 2004 until her appointment, Ghasedi operated The Ghasedi Law Firm in St. Louis. Previously, she practiced with Lashly & Baer, where she handled a variety of litigation matters. She has also served as an adjunct faculty instructor in constitutional law at Webster University, both in St. Louis.


Ward also announces the birth of her son, Jackson Luther Ward, on March 6, 2013.

Jayme Salinardi, ’99, was appointed as an immigration judge for the U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office of Immigration Review, by U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch. He serves at the Kansas City (Mo.) Immigration Court. Previously he served as deputy chief counsel for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Betsey AuBuchon, ’00, has been appointed to serve as clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri following the retirement of Bill L. Thompson, ’75. Her appointment will take effect in January 2017. She currently serves as the court’s director of government relations and deputy counsel.

Rebeca Maria Navarro-McKelvey, ’00, won an election for St. Charles County (Mo.) associate circuit judge for the 11th Judicial Circuit, Division 13, and will take the bench in January 2017. Navarro-McKelvey’s experience includes serving as the child abuse and sex crimes prosecutor for St. Charles County, chief legal counsel of St. Charles County Juvenile Office, white collar crime prosecutor in the City of St. Louis Circuit Attorney’s Office and litigation attorney for Armstrong Teasdale.

Holly J. Henze, ’01, was sworn in to serve as an associate circuit court judge for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Illinois on July 27. The circuit includes the following Illinois counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Menard, Pike and Schuyler.

Amanda Pennington Ketchum, ’01, was re-elected to the board of governors of The Missouri Bar to represent District 12. She also co-chairs the bar’s Resource Development Committee, is vice-chair of the Transportation Law Committee and was appointed by the bar president to serve on the Special Committee on Select State Bar Committees.

Previously Ketchum served for nine years on The Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Council and was elected as chair of the council during her tenure. She has served on The Missouri Bar Annual Conference Committee on multiple occasions and has served as a Missouri voting delegate at American Bar Association conferences throughout the country.

Ketchum is also a recipient of the 2016 Law Firm Leader recognition as part of Missouri Lawyers Media’s Up & Coming Awards, which recognizes early career professionals who hold important leadership positions at their firms.

Ketchum is managing director of Dysart Taylor Cotter McMonigle & Montemore in Kansas City, Mo.
Matthew L. Dameron, ’02, was named to the “40 Under Forty” list by Ingram’s magazine in Kansas City, Mo. He is an equity partner with Williams, Dirks Dameron law. Missouri K-12 public school districts and higher education institutions. His experience working with educational institutions includes negotiating labor agreements with the largest teachers union in Missouri, coordinating teacher and non-certified dismissal, coordinating district responses to student discipline matters, responding to teacher and student civil rights matters, conducting license revocation hearings before the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and ensuring compliance with local, state and federal legislation.

Frank Romines, ’02, was appointed by the City of Springfield, Mo., as city attorney. Previously he served as senior corporate counsel with Jack Henry & Associates in Springfield.

Timothy A. Garrison, ’03, was appointed deputy legal counsel to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His duties include advising the chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on all matters, including operational law, international law, the law of armed conflict and domestic law; participating in the development and review of national-level strategic plans and operations; and representing the chairman in the interagency and interacting with the principal legal advisors of the National Security Staff, Department of State, Department of Justice, Director of National Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, combatant commands, military department and defense agencies. Garrison is a major with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

D’Onica N. (Hodgkin) Lovelace, ’03, married George L. Lovelace on June 11. She and her husband announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Jacqueline Lovelace, on October 9, 2015. Lovelace is an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office in Kansas City, Mo.

Jason C. Grill, ’04, was named a NextGen Leader 2016 by the Kansas City Business Journal. He was also named to the “40 Under Forty” list by Ingram’s magazine in Kansas City, Mo. He is a senior advisor for public affairs, policy and media at Parris Communications, the founder of JGrill Media, an attorney and co-founder of Sock 101 in Kansas City.

Corbyn W. Jones, ’04, was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in October in Springfield, Mo. Jones played football at Hickman High School in Columbia before joining the Missouri Tigers football team in 1995. He then played as a quarterback for the Montreal Alouettes in the Canadian Football League and with the Baltimore Ravens in the National Football League before attending law school.

Jones is of counsel with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo., where he concentrates his practice in business transactions, white collar defense and government investigations, and litigation.

Ryan G. Vacca, ’04, was named interim co-dean of the University of Akron School of Law. He is a professor of law and also serves as the director of the law school’s Center for Intellectual Property Law and Technology.

Bryan S. Chapman, ’06, was selected by the circuit judges of the 18th Judicial Circuit of Illinois in DuPage County for the position of associate judge. Previously he was in private practice in Chicago, Ill., at the firm of Hinklehouse Williams Walsh, where he concentrated his practice on commercial litigation and business torts.

Mary Jane Judy, ’06, was named to the “40 Under Forty” list by Ingram’s magazine in Kansas City, Mo. She practices with Polsinelli in Kansas City.

Amanda E. Tummons, ’06, was selected for Leadership Springfield’s Signature Class 32. Leadership Springfield is an affiliate organization of Springfield Chamber of Commerce in Springfield, Mo. Tummons is a partner with Husch Blackwell in Springfield and practices in the firm’s technology, manufacturing and transportation group.

Benjamin E. Thompson, ’06, was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon, ’81, as associate circuit judge for Reynolds County, Mo., in April. Previously he served as the prosecuting attorney for Reynolds County.

Tyler J. Roush, ’07, was appointed as a district judge for the 18th Judicial District of Kansas in Sedgwick County by Gov. Sam Brownback. Previously he served in the county counselor’s office and as a prosecutor in the district attorney’s office.

Kaitlin A. Bridges, ’08, was elected to the board of directors of The Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis for 2016-2017. She serves a one-year term as a member-at-large.

Bridges practices with Gray, Ritter & Graham in St. Louis.

2016 Women’s Justice Awards

Missouri Lawyers Media recognized women who have “demonstrated leadership, integrity, service, sacrifice and accomplishment in improving the quality of justice and exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession.” Four members of the law school community were among this year’s recipients.

Business Practitioner Award

Awarded to female business practitioners who fulfill the ideals of leadership, professionalism and a passion for improving the quality of the justice system or contributing to the betterment of the legal profession

Sara G. Neill, ’03

Citizenship Award

Generally, though not necessarily, awarded to female non-lawyers who have made significant contributions to improving the quality of justice in the community

Kathryn N. Nolen Proffitt, ’06

Legal Scholar Award

Awarded to women faculty members or administrators at Missouri law schools for work on behalf of the justice system, through their research or scholarship or through teaching and inspiring others

Professor Melody Richardson Daily, ’86

Leaders of Tomorrow Award

Awarded to women law students who demonstrate leadership, professionalism and a passion for making a difference in the justice system or the legal profession

Tamar Hodges, 3L
Craig M. Flanders, ’08, is an associate with Blank Rome and is based in the firm’s New York office. He concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation and has substantial experience in successfully prosecuting and defending a wide variety of litigation and arbitration matters from inception through trial and appeal in federal and state jurisdictions throughout the United States and abroad. His practice encompasses sophisticated international and domestic commercial disputes spanning breach of contract, trade secret, trademark, copyright, antitrust, franchise, business torts, maritime, employment, product liability, insurance coverage, real estate, creditor-debtor and other issues, often involving cross-border litigation or transactions.

Previously Flanders practiced with Wuersch and Gering in New York.

John D. Borgmeyer, ’09, is a litigation attorney for the Missouri Public Service Commission’s Office of the General Counsel in Jefferson City.

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Erika N. Harrison, ’11, received the 2016 Mizzou G.O.L.D. Award from the Mizzou Alumni Association. The award was presented at the association’s Alumni Leaders Celebration in September.

The Mizzou G.O.L.D. Award honors young volunteer leaders for exemplary service to MU. It is reserved for Graduates of the Last Decade who have provided outstanding service to the university through the alumni association and honors the vital role that talented, committed volunteers play in the success of the university.

Harrison is an equal opportunity specialist in the Office of Legal Affairs at the University of Houston in Houston, Texas.

Nathan A. Jones, ’11, announces the opening of his new firm, Nathan Jones Law, LLC, in Columbia.

Andrew W. Blackwell, ’12, is a litigation associate with Capes Sokol in St. Louis. Previously he served as an assistant attorney general in the Litigation Division of the Missouri Attorney General’s Office.

Alexander T. Ricke, ’12, is an associate with Stueve Siegel Hanson, where he concentrates his practice on commercial litigation matters and serves clients nationally from the firm’s office in Kansas City, Mo.

Previously he litigated business and class action cases in state and federal courts throughout the country at a boutique litigation firm in Kansas City.


Kevin A. Sommer, ’12, is a partner with Harris, Harris & Gilbert in Warrensburg, Mo., concentrating on family law, municipal law and civil litigation, including construction defects and land use matters. He also serves as the coach of the University of Central Missouri’s undergraduate mock trial program.

Baxter A. Nickels, ’13, is a marketing compliance manager for Veterans United Home Loans in Columbia.

C. Curtis Shank, ’13, is an associate with Stueve Siegel Hanson, where he concentrates his practice on commercial litigation matters and serves clients nationally from the firm’s office in Kansas City, Mo.

Previously he practiced commercial litigation with Bryan Cave and served as a clerk to the Honorable Daniel D. Crabtree, U.S. District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Contessa A. Brundridge, ’15, is an associate in the litigation practice group of Pitzer Snodgrass in St. Louis. She concentrates her practice in the areas of premises liability, transportation and employment defense.

Jillian R. Dent, ’15, completed a one-year clerkship with Judge Duane Benton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. She is now an associate in the litigation group at Sidley Austin in Chicago.

Madison A. Perry, ’15, is a clerk for the Honorable Roseann Ketchmark of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City, Mo. When her clerkship ends in two years, she will return to Spencer Fane in Kansas City.
Alumni Memoriam

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Max C. Powell, ’43, of Toledo, Ohio, died March 8, at age 96. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then practiced law in northwest Ohio with Welles, Kelsey, Coburn and Harrington. One of his clients, Owens-Illinois Inc., hired him to serve on its in-house staff. He spent his career working for Owens-Illinois before retiring in 1982.

During his time with the company, he traveled internationally, including several years in Switzerland. His positions within the company included director of international technical relations, vice president of the international division, forest products divisional vice president and manager of its international operations, and international division vice president.

After his retirement, he was elected chairman of Forman Realty Investors Inc.

Harry J. Mitchell, ’45, of Philadelphia, Mo., died May 19, at age 94. He was a lawyer in Palmyra, Mo., for 63 years. He was also a former magistrate judge and prosecuting attorney in Marion County, Mo. He was active in his community, including the Odd Fellows, Masonic Lodge and Shriners in Palmyra.

James J. Wheeler, ’48, of Keytesville, Mo., died April 30, at age 95. He was in the U.S. Marines during World War II, serving in the South Pacific. He received the Purple Heart and spent nearly a year in Great Lakes Hospital recovering from his injuries.

Wheeler practiced law in Keytesville for almost 60 years. He served as Chariton County (Mo.) prosecutor in the early 1950s and later served as prosecutor and magistrate judge for Chariton County, and circuit judge of the 9th Judicial Circuit, serving Chariton, Linn and Sullivan counties. Throughout his life, he maintained links to the family farm, expanding the acreage and building a cattle operation, and was active in numerous community organizations.

He was the father of Robert W. Wheeler, ’84.

Nedwyn R. Nelkin, ’49, of Leawood, Kan., died April 24, at age 89. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served in World War II before receiving his undergraduate and law degrees. He did not practice law until many years later, after retiring from 40 years in business with his uncle at Piper Brace Co./Nelkin Medical Products. He then practiced business law for seven years.

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J. Morgan Donelson, ’50, of Princeton, Mo., died Sept. 24, at age 92. He was a World War II veteran in the Army Air Force from 1944 to 1946. He began the general practice of law in 1950, handling trial and appellate work with criminal, equity, domestic, juvenile and damage cases. From 1951 to 1957, he served as prosecuting attorney of Mercer County, Mo., and from 1957 to 1959, he served as representative in the 69th Missouri General Assembly. In 1958, he was elected judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit of Missouri, a position in which he served until his retirement in 1994. After retirement, he served as a senior judge until 1999.

Donelson was active in a variety of civic and professional groups. In 1965, the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri elected him to the highest office in its power to bestow upon a brother, the office of Worthy Grand Patron. He was a Past Patron of Moella Chapter No. 225 at Princeton, and served on various committees in the Grand Chapter. In 1960, he was appointed at the foot of the progressive line of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Missouri, through which he advanced regularly until his installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1969.

Scott O. Wright, ’50, of Kansas City, Mo., died July 11, at age 93. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 and began training in the V-5 program to become a dive bomber. After he received his wings, he entered the Marine Corps and was ultimately stationed in the South Pacific, patrolling for Japanese submarines. After his discharge, he enrolled at MU. He was admitted to law school in 1947 and graduated in 1950.

He served as city attorney of Columbia and as Boone County prosecuting attorney. In 1959, he entered private practice with Edmond M. Brown, ’51, and Herbert C. Willbrand, ’59. In 1979, he was appointed as a federal judge for the Western District of Missouri by President Jimmy Carter. In 1991 he assumed senior status. He retired in 2014.

Wright was the stepfather of Harold A. “Skip” Walther, ’79.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the University of Missouri Law School Foundation, 205 Huiston Hall, Columbia, MO 65211, for the Scott O. Wright Scholarship Fund.

In Memory of Hon. Scott O. Wright

by Larry M. Schumaker, ’84

As much as anyone ever, Judge Wright found heaven on earth throughout his life.

He found it growing up on his parents’ ranch, where he learned a lot of his colorful “vocabulary” from the ranch hands. He found it in 1942, when he left college and volunteered to serve in the Marine Air Corps as a dive bomber pilot during World War II. He found it again, after the war, when he returned to Missouri to attend law school and started his career in Columbia, where he made his name as a top-flight trial lawyer.

Outside the courtroom, Judge Wright also knew how to have a good time and he found heaven on earth, time and again, whether it was on the tennis court, or the golf course, or swimming in Hulen Lake (clothing optional), or driving his convertible with the top down, or laughing and joking at bench-bar meetings.

And most of all, he found heaven on earth with the love of his life, Shirley.

Judge Wright also loved being a lawyer and he believed in the jury system. He understood juries and appreciated their sense of justice and fairness. He trusted them and they absolutely loved him because he never put himself above them.

They were all just doing their jobs.

During his 35 years on the federal bench, Judge Wright presided over hundreds of important cases. Six of his decisions went up to the United States Supreme Court, including the case that set the standard for punitive damages in civil rights litigation and a 1989 case that upheld Roe v. Wade.

Judge Wright also was renowned for embracing and advancing innovative procedures, whether it was being a pioneer in the Hyatt class action, or using a special master to resolve a massive Superfund environmental cleanup case in record time, or trying out different forms of alternative dispute resolution before most of us had heard of the term alternative dispute resolution, or starting the Eighth Circuit Committee to overhaul jury instructions to make them make more sense.

Above all, Judge Wright was fearless — what else would you expect from a Marine dive bomber pilot? He never shied away from controversy and understood that his job was to do the right thing, particularly when it came to looking out for the underdog and standing up for civil liberties.

We will miss his boisterous laugh, his irreverent sense of humor, his uncanny ability to cut to the core of an issue and his down-to-earth humanity. It is now up to us to keep his passion for justice alive and continue his legacy: to take our responsibilities seriously but never take ourselves too seriously, to never be afraid to do the right thing, and make sure we have a little fun along the way.
Donal D. Guffey, ’51, of Columbia, Mo., died Sept. 7, at age 90. He served in the Navy during World War II and received a commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1947. He served as an assistant attorney general of Missouri from 1951 to 1960 and as a member of the Missouri Public Service Commission from 1963 to 1968.

Guffey was a former director, senior vice president and general counsel of The Gas Service Company of Kansas City. He retired in 1982.

James K. Prewitt, ’59, of Indian Wells, Calif., died July 3, at age 80. He practiced as an associate with Sebree, Shook, Hardy & Ottman in Kansas City, Mo., from 1959 to 1960 before moving to Springfield, Mo., where he was a partner with Miller, Fairman, Sanford, Carr & Lowther. In 1968, he founded the firm of Prewitt, Jones, Wilson & Karchmer in Springfield, Mo., engaged in the general practice of law. In 1973, he was appointed as a judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District. He was retained for a 12-year term in 1980 and again in 1992 and 2004.

During his career, Prewitt served as chairman of the Board of Air Pollution Appeals for the City of Springfield. He also served as member of a six-judge commission that redistricted the Missouri General Assembly after the 2000 Census; the Missouri Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges; the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association (including service on the board of directors); and the American Bar Association’s Judicial Administrative Section.

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Jack O. Edwards, ’61, of Belle, Mo., died Oct. 18, 2015, at age 83. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951. After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he attended technical school in Wahpeton, N.D. He was stationed at Burtonton RAF Base near London, England, for three years, after a short time in Germany with the 1600 Military Air Transportation Wing. In 1954, he returned to the United States and was discharged from the Air Force in 1955, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. After his discharge, he returned to his hometown of Sikeston, Mo., where he worked in the family store and attended Southeast Missouri State University.

After graduating from law school, he returned to Sikeston to practice law and became a member of the Dempster, Edwards & Robinson Law Firm, then later the Edwards and Robinson Law Firm. After seven years of practice in Sikeston, Edwards returned to the law school as assistant dean and assistant professor of law. He later became associate dean and associate professor of law. After 12 years with the law school, during which he saw 1,600 young lawyers graduate, he left to become an associate circuit judge in the 25th Judicial Circuit of Missouri, in Marion County.

Edwards served as a judge for more than 14 years, retiring in 1995. He later served as a senior judge on special assignments from the Supreme Court of Missouri. He was active in numerous civic and fraternal organizations during his career.

Kenneth R. Lewis, ’61, of Chillicothe, Mo., died May 3, at age 79. He was a former city attorney and prosecuting attorney. He served as a circuit judge for 26 years and as a special judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Frank Milton Masters, ’61, of Jefferson City, Mo., died July 20, at age 85. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

Masters was the husband of Betty I. Masters, ’51. Joe W. Coleman, ’68, of Kansas City, Mo., died April 26, at age 74. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and practiced law in the Kansas City area.

William Dick Fickle, ’68, of Weatherby Lake, Mo., died May 12, at age 72. A sixth-generation resident of Platte County, Mo., he served as prosecuting attorney and later in the Missouri General Assembly. He had a private law practice until his retirement in 2012. He was active with many civic organizations and served many community and youth organizations.

Devon Fredrick Sherwood, ’68, of Springfield, Mo., died March 23, at age 72. He started his career in 1967, establishing his own firm in 1972. Later he joined others to form Sherwood, Honecker and Bender on the square in downtown Springfield. When he died, he was in his 49th year of practice, concentrating on criminal defense, family law and divorce.

In 1974, Sherwood was presented with The Missouri Bar Association’s Outstanding Young Trial Lawyer of the Year award. He was rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell and preeminent with a five-star rating by his peers at lawyers.com.

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Howard M. Bushmann, ’70, of McLean, Va., died May 28, at age 70. After graduating from law school, he served in the U.S. Army, within the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, at Fort Riley and at the Pentagon. He was committed to the U.S. Army, remaining in the Army Reserve until he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2005.

As an attorney, Bushmann served as counsel to ten former chiefs of staff of the Army, several U.S. Supreme Court justices and one Secretary of State. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court for Military Appeals, the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Court of Claims.

Bushmann served on the board of directors of Potomac Bank of Virginia, then as a member of the Northern Virginia Advisory Board of Sandy Spring Bank after it acquired Potomac Bank of Virginia. He also served on the board of directors and was legal counsel to the Alexandria Dukes (now the Potomac Nationals), a minor league franchise of the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was a longtime member of the Stan Musial Society, Society of Baseball Research and Baseball Hall of Fame. In recent years, he provided his services to the creation of the U.S. Army Museum, as secretary to the Army Historical Foundation, among other service activities.

Milton E. Harper Jr., ’70, of Columbia, Mo., died July 19, at age 72. While in college at MU, he was a participant in the ROTC program and later served his country in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves. He was a practicing attorney for more than 40 years and was the founder of Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer in Columbia. He was a former prosecuting attorney in Boone County and an associate circuit judge.

Joe Douglas Oberman, ’71, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died April 17, at age 71. At age 8, he was diagnosed with polio and spent his life in an iron lung. After graduation from law school, he joined the Swisher and Cohrt Law Firm in Waterloo, Iowa. He became a partner and was a member of the firm for 25 years. Oberman was active in the community, including service with Exceptional Persons Inc., Gateway Club and Waterloo Downtown Rotary Club. He was the first chairman to raise money for Rotary International to eradicate polio in the world. He traveled throughout the United States and around the world to speak and inspire others to assist in the eradication of polio.


John L. McMullin, ’72, of Des Peres, Mo., died March 24, at age 69.


Milne was active within the profession, as well as with his church. He was involved with the Boy Scouts his entire life, obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout when he was younger. He was also an avid Missouri Tigers fan, missing only one football or basketball game during seven years at the university.

Kevin P. Buchanan, ’78, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., died June 8, at age 60.


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Tucker Terrence Ramsay, ’11, of Kirkville, Mo., died Aug. 6, at age 32. As a law student, he was an intern for the Boone County prosecutor’s office, the Adair County prosecutor’s office and the Second District Office of the Missouri Public Defender.

Stephen A. Sternberg, ’14, of Nashville, Tenn., died July 27 at age 32.
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