TEACHING THE HEADLINES

Science over fear

Lessons in Ebola
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

FINDING HIGHER PURPOSE, GREATER GOOD IN “FERGUSON”

Teachers in law schools and other institutions around the country are now featuring classes, symposia and seminars on “Ferguson,” though most such teachers could not find Ferguson, Missouri on a map. It impresses me how our local dysfunctions have become a national brand name – “Ferguson” – for a constellation of societal problems that encompass race, economic inequality, deficiencies in our educational systems, and problems of policing, prosecuting and punishing in our criminal justice system.

In the real world of St. Louis, some SLU LAW students and faculty have been deeply engaged in issues arising from the Ferguson protests. Our clinical faculty and students have been representing clients in Ferguson and other North County communities long before the protests began. And we, too, have a course called “Ferguson” exploring the various legal aspects of the “Ferguson” challenges (read about it on pg. 12).

“Ferguson” presents engaging challenges: how to bring the world into the classroom, to offer a safe place for uncomfortable discussions, to identify solutions to long festering problems and to assure the rigor of the intellectual enterprise so that the next generation of leaders will know how to think critically and act effectively as advocates for their clients and healers for their society.

REMEMBERING OUR PAST

Some of us fondly remember Dean Dick Childress – and those who did not meet him before his untimely death in 1977 can see the portrait of our most elegant-looking dean hanging in the row of deans in our courtroom. Childress famously had marched with Rev. Martin Luther King in Selma in 1965 and was known for his devotion to civil rights. My good friend Joe Simeone, a Childress colleague, had urged him not to go to Selma, fearing that Childress would be shot. When Dick could not be deterred, Simeone advised him to stand by the nuns because “they won’t shoot the nuns.” The next time you are in our courtroom, look carefully at Childress’ portrait – in the background there is a small painting of an iconic photo of Dick marching in Selma … standing by nuns.

Dean Childress’ devotion to civil rights was aligned with the historic role played by our university. Our new SLU president, Dr. Fred Pestello, noted this historic role in his 2014 inaugural speech, reminding us that Saint Louis University was “the first historically white university in a former slave state to adopt a formal policy to admit African-American students.” Missouri law at the time forbade educating whites and blacks together in public schools, and the private universities and colleges followed the conventions of racial apartheid until SLU led the way toward integration in the 1940s. In later years, our law school led with efforts to recruit African-Americans, many of whom have become leaders in our profession.

The efforts of the past have been necessary, but have they been sufficient? Do the historical marks of progress mean much when a community’s and a country’s current conditions seem so torn and flawed, especially when it comes to race?

The leaders of the past spoke with moral clarity on issues that were, so to speak, black and white. But the contemporary issues – economic inequality, the decline of the middle class, poor schools, unfairness in the criminal justice system – seem far more complex. These issues evoke deep feelings and do not lend themselves to simple solutions.

RECOGNIZING AN OPPORTUNITY

Our role at SLU LAW calls us to recognize these feelings, to make our downtown school a safe place for civil discussion of discordant viewpoints and a place where we can help members of our community come together to address the critical issues of our community and nation.

We are a nation without a common ethnicity or religious belief; what binds us is a belief in the rule of law. While we as a region or nation may seem hopelessly divided at times, we need to preserve that foundational belief. Well-educated lawyers are essential.

In these pages of Saint Louis Brief, I hope you will see that SLU LAW continues as a place where students and faculty learn and teach the law, can become passionately engaged in the issues of their time if that is their wont, and in any event will refine the personal characteristics needed to be effective advocates and community builders.

The law school is part of the social justice mission of the University, which is reflected in President Pestello’s commitment to implementing the “Clock Tower Accords,” a set of serious moves to improve social justice and social equity within the SLU community and the St. Louis region.

My hope is that the “Ferguson” brand name soon will come to mean an opportunity that caused us to remember the depths of our region’s and nation’s divisions and problems, and we used the opportunity to forge a stronger, more vibrant and inclusive community bound by a renewed faith in the rule of law.

This is a big order, but now does not seem to be the time for small thoughts.

Michael A. Wolff
Dean and Professor


**NEWS AND NOTES**

**DINEEN JOINS CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE ETHICS**

Beginning July 1, Kelly Dineen, assistant professor of health law and ethics at the School of Law, now holds a joint appointment as an assistant professor at the Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics. She spends 40 percent of her time there teaching, researching and performing administrative duties on behalf of the CHCE. This will enable new collaborative opportunities for the faculty, staff and students in both programs.

**DEAN EMERITA JOHNSON**

Ascension Health appointed Dean Emerita Sandy Johnson as the inaugural chair of the board for its newly established organization, Ascension Health Senior Care. The Board will have oversight responsibility for the operation of AHSC’s 34 nursing homes, continuing care retirement communities, dementia care facilities, assisted living facilities and other long-term care entities in 11 states and D.C.

Johnson was issued a proclamation by Gov. Jay Nixon commending her work as the first Chair of the Board of the Missouri Health Connection, a public-private partnership that established and operates the statewide health information exchange for the State of Missouri. She also recently completed terms as Chair of the Board of Alexian Brothers Senior Ministries, covering facilities in Missouri, Wisconsin and Tennessee, and Chair of the Boards of PACE programs in St. Louis and Chattanooga. Johnson serves on the Advisory Board of the Mayday Fund’s program on public policy and pain and speaks on public policy advocacy for them each year in October in Washington, D.C.

**PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PILOT PROGRAM**

The SLU LAW Legal Clinics joined the U.S. Department of Commerce’s United States Patent and Trademark Office’s (USPTO) Law School Clinic Certification Trademark Pilot Program. This new clinical offering provides another learning opportunity for students to gain experience in the area of intellectual property.

Students are working directly with St. Louis’ burgeoning startup and entrepreneur community and are now better able to assist underserved clients to protect their logos, brands and creative works used in commerce. They will draft and file trademark applications for clients and, as they are authorized to practice before the USPTO, will gain experience answering Office Actions and communicating with trademark examining attorneys for the applications they have filed.

In its first semester in action, seven students participated in the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic’s Trademark Pilot Project with great success.

- 3L dual degree Jeff Allen and 3L Emily Cory filed two trademarks for a client.
- 3L Christine Self and 3L Amy Berg settled a copyright infringement matter with a fully executed settlement agreement.
- 3L dual degree Jace Brotherton and 4L dual degree Kimberly Finnegan developed two contracts for a theatre group and playwright.
- 3L Paige Elbe assisted with the development of a series of IP practice manuals.

SLU LAW is the only law school in the region to participate in the program.

**PROFESSORS AWARDED PRESIDENTIAL RESEARCH FUND**

Professors Matt Bodie, Miriam Cherry, and Marcia McCormick – all members of the Wefel Center for Employment Law – are recipients of a 2014 President’s Research Fund award. Their project, developed along with Professor Jintong Tang from the John Cook School of Business, permits them to explore various dimensions.
of the emerging employment practice of people analytics. People analytics looks at data that may help firms determine which candidates to hire, how to help workers improve job performance and how to predict when an employee might quit or should be fired. The data that drives these decisions is currently collected through the use of innovative computer games, monitoring employee electronic communications and activities, and new devices, such as ID badges that record worker locations and conversations. While people analytics has great potential, no one has yet analyzed the employment law or business ethics implications of these new technologies or practices. Their project is to analyze people analytics and its potential while thoroughly discussing the legal and ethical issues from a balanced perspective.

ARCH GRANTS PROGRAMMING

Legal Strategies for Startups, SLU LAW’s new educational series specifically created for Arch Grants recipients, kicked off on Sept. 17. The six-week course, designed to cover the life cycle of an average startup company, was directed by Sanjay Jain, an attorney and successful entrepreneur, and co-managed by SLU LAW Professor Michael Korybut. Arch Grants seeks to create a more robust startup culture and infrastructure in St. Louis through the awarding of yearly grants and support as they remain or transition to downtown St. Louis. The series covered all major legal and business issues that typically affect a startup company. Each two-hour session covered topics like entity formation, effective business plans, intellectual property protection and raising capital. The series also explored several important but often overlooked topics such as, leaving your former employer and human resources issues within a startup. The program is offered at no cost to all Arch Grants recipients, past and present. Read reactions from a few participants at law.slu.edu/sidebar.

SLU LAW HOSTS CRIMINAL TRIAL

Members of the SLU LAW community took advantage of a unique opportunity to observe a trial on Sept. 30, when the Pruellage Courtroom hosted a criminal trial from the 22nd Circuit Court. Judge Michael Noble (’04) presided over the case of State of Missouri v. Lena Scott. The defendant was charged with assault in the third degree. The Assistant Circuit Attorney prosecuting the case, Bayonle Osundare (’10), and the defendant’s Public Defender, Patrick Austermann (’13) battled over the case.

WEFEL CENTER CREATES AWARD HONORING JACK DUNSFORD

Jack Dunsford was a much beloved colleague and one of the most admired arbitrators in the country. To memorialize these contributions, the William C. Wefel Center for Employment Law faculty, with the Dean’s approval, created the John E. Dunsford Award for Achievement and Service to the Labor Employment Law Community. The first recipient of the award was Professor Tonie FitzGibbon (’84), who transitioned this year to become senior advisor to the Wefel Center. She has been leading the Center almost since its creation in 1987. Twelve members of Jack’s family attended the ceremony, which took place after the Center’s annual CLE on Oct. 9.

“I cannot think of a greater honor than to receive an award bearing Jack Dunsford’s name,” FitzGibbon said. “Jack was an extraordinary and exemplary teacher, scholar, labor arbitrator and human being. He was a truly unique person, who personified ‘joie de vivre’ and I am delighted and humbled to have my name remembered with his.”

LAW CLINICS JOINS COALITION TO CALL FOR CLEMENCY

The SLU LAW Legal Clinics joined together with other members of the Missouri legal community to announce the formation of the Community Coalition for Clemency on Oct. 28. As a first step in their efforts, the coalition called on Gov. Jay Nixon to commute the sentences of 14 women who are incarcerated in Missouri prisons. Most of the women are victims of domestic abuse and some have spent more than 30 years behind bars. Four of the inmates are over the age of 65 and several are serving life terms. The coalition believes clemency is appropriate because the women in question pose no threat to public safety and most are serving harsher sentences than they would have received if convicted today. A life sentence in Missouri today is 30 years; it used to be 50. According to the coalition, all of the women received sentences disproportionate to their crimes, in some cases more severe than those received by men convicted of similar crimes.

The group is led by Saint Louis University Legal Clinics, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the WILLOW project at Webster University and the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale.
SLU LAW WELCOMES LAW SCHOOL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

From Nov. 6-7, SLU LAW played host to the Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE)’s “Data and Assessment in Legal Education: The Necessities, The Possibilities” symposium. LSSSE is a national study that seeks to measure the effects of legal education on students. The goal of the symposium was to provide attendees with concrete insight into how data can be used as an assessment and strategic planning tool. SLU LAW Assistant Professor Aaron Taylor serves as the director of LSSSE. When he began his tenure in January 2014, he often heard that there needed to be an opportunity for law schools to get together to discuss the importance of assessment and share methods and best practices. It was through these discussions that the idea of the symposium came forth.

As co-host of the two-day event, not only was SLU LAW able to put the new beauty of Scott Hall on display for more than 100 professors and administrators from more than 60 law schools, but it was also able to showcase the school’s own work on the subject matter. Dean Emeritus and Professor Jeff Lewis, who provided a keynote address, has been very involved in the drafting of new ABA Standards that require, for the first time, law schools to engage in assessment activities. Additionally, according to Taylor, “Our own efforts at SLU LAW to develop learning outcomes and assessments ensured that the symposium took place in an environment where the importance of assessment is understood and embraced.”

NEW FACULTY PROFESSORSHIPS AWARDED

As a result of newly established professorships and a number of long term faculty members leaving their posts, the following faculty have been selected for professorships:

> John Ammann (’84), McDonnell Professor of Justice in American Society
> Matt Bodie, Callis Family Professor
> Carol Needham, Emanuel Myers Professor
> Sidney Watson, Jane and Bruce Robert Professor
> Anders Walker, Lillie Myers Professor

All were nominated by colleagues, and the current and emeriti holders of the existing professorships advised Dean Wolff in their selection. These five faculty members join Jesse Goldner, John D. Valentine Professor of Law; Joel Goldstein, Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law; and Tim Greaney, Chester A. Myers Professor of Law as honored faculty. Upon their retirement, Pete Salsich (’65) and Roger Goldman took on emeritus status of the McDonnell and Callis Family professorships, respectively. They both remain active in teaching.

PROFESSOR NEVINS PENS BOOK BASED ON LONG-TIME SEMINAR

Professor Emeritus Mike Nevins’ most recent nonfiction book, “Judges & Justice & Lawyers & Law: Exploring the Legal Dimensions of Fiction and Film,” was published in December 2014. In it he explores the changing social and legal codes that have helped shape popular culture. It is based on the seminar Nevins taught for roughly 20 years at SLU LAW, “Law, Lawyers and Justice in Popular Fiction and Film.” The book is nominated for a prestigious Edgar Award in the Best Critical/Biographical category. Two of his previous scholarly books were also recognized with Edgars, which are presented by the Mystery Writers of America.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY CHAPTER RECOGNIZED FOR 2ND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the second year in a row, the SLU LAW student chapter of the American Constitution Society (ACS) was recognized for outstanding programming. It was one of 17 ACS chapters nationwide recognized for hosting more than 20 substantive events during the 2013-2014 school year. The American Constitution Society believes that law should be a force to improve the lives of all people. By bringing together powerful, relevant ideas and passionate, talented people, ACS makes a difference in the constitutional, legal and public policy debates that shape our democracy.
STAY OF EXECUTION
On Oct. 28 the U.S. Supreme Court, by a vote of 6-3, granted Mark Christeson a stay of execution. 3L Criminal Defense Clinic students Aly Ricci and Kristin Swain assisted in a number of tasks critical to the warrant litigation, including witness interviews, legal research and writing, case document review, and drafting pleadings. Christeson remains the only person on Missouri’s death row to have been denied any federal review to ensure the guarantee of rights protected under the U.S. Constitution. His federal court-appointed attorneys abandoned him before the critical filing deadline, failing to even meet him for the first time until 6 weeks later, missed the deadline by 117 days, and then concealed their misconduct for years, exploiting his severe mental impairments and vulnerabilities in prison.

WRITING WINNERS
3Ls Matei Stroescu, Gina Savoie and Caroline Rutledge won Best Brief at the ALA Moot Court Competition in Chicago in November.
3L Alisha Lineswala was one of three nationwide winners of the 2014 LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. The Committee hosted the competition to engage in a dialogue about how to recruit and retain students of color and other underrepresented groups to law schools and the legal profession. Her essay is being reviewed by the Journal of Legal Education for possible publication.

TRIAL TEAM TAKES THE CUP
3Ls Alyssa Calhoun and Cristina Andrews won first place in the Attorney General’s Cup mock trial competition in Jefferson City, Missouri in November. SLU LAW took home the trophy for the first time since the competition began in 2010, battling against the other three Missouri law schools: University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Washington University. 3Ls Anelga Doumanian and Sean Miller also competed for SLU LAW. The teams were coached by Jennifer Lindeke (’12) and Kate Kimker Hausman (’06). The Trial Advocacy program is supervised by Professor Tom Stewart.
A snapshot of the fall 2014 incoming class

22 states represented
AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NV, OH, OK, TN, TX, WA, WI
165 Students Enrolled

- 52% Male
- 48% Female
- 14% Minority
- 91.5% Full-Time
- 8.5% Part-Time

155 Median LSAT Score (75th to 25th percentile: 158-151)
3.46 Median GPA (75th to 25th percentile: 3.65-3.19)

10 Full-Tuition Scholarships Awarded

71 Undergraduate Institutions Represented

80% of Students Received a Merit-Based Scholarship
Now that panic in America has subsided over health care professionals returning from West Africa after treating Ebola patients, it’s time to focus on lessons learned. One is from the story of Nurse Kaci Hickox, who famously fought-off quarantine attempts after returning from Sierra Leone. This feisty nurse questioned the quarantine decisions made by Governor Christie of New Jersey and Governor LePage of Maine. She did so armed with the law and, most importantly, the science about Ebola transmission.

Her story can be taken as a cautionary tale for those who are charged with making such decisions: In a battle over public health policy, the science should win out. When Maine petitioned a local court to prohibit Hickox from traveling, working, or otherwise coming within three feet of anyone else, the judge ruled that such an order was not necessary. The court reasoned from the facts of the disease. Nobody can transmit the virus before experiencing symptoms of illness, and even the state agreed that Hickox was not symptomatic.

The ruling was important because science had been taking a beating in many states. New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Ohio, Louisiana, and Connecticut announced policies to quarantine people exposed to Ebola even if they did not have symptoms of the disease. In so doing, these states seemed to cast aside the scientific facts about the virus, and this has the potential to send a destructive signal that others should do the same.

Not surprisingly, stories have emerged of discrimination against those associated with Ebola. Officials in several states have excluded teachers and students from classrooms because they or someone they live with traveled to West Africa. Health care workers who have treated Ebola patients in Atlanta, New York and Dallas have lost moonlighting jobs, been denied service in local businesses, and had their children turned away from day care for fear that they pose a danger. School-aged brothers from Senegal, living in the U.S., were beaten by classmates yelling “Ebola”. There are many other examples.

To some degree, irrationality always marks reaction to dangerous infectious diseases. Yet, Governors Christie and LePage made matters far worse when, claiming to act “out of an abundance of caution,” they abandoned science and thereby stoked underlying fear.

The far better alternative is for state officials to rely on the counsel of their chief medical officers about the nature of an infectious disease. Here is what
the public might have heard from their state’s doctor:

- Ebola is not a new virus. We have nearly 40 years of experience with it, and the science about its transmission is reliable.
- Humans acquire the virus through direct contact with the vomit, blood, or diarrhea of someone in the throes of the illness.
- A low-grade fever warns that a person exposed to the virus will, within a couple of days, begin experiencing the symptoms that put others at risk.
- People exposed to Ebola cannot transmit it to another if they are not experiencing any symptoms and have not spiked a fever. In fact, there is not a recorded case of someone acquiring Ebola from a person who is not symptomatic, and this is based on several decades of experience with the virus and thousands of human cases worldwide.

Policies based in the facts of a disease both prevent panic and protect the citizenry. Meanwhile, disregard for these facts not only plays on public fears, it also erodes confidence in science, which in the long-run undermines public health.

Think beyond Ebola. How will we manage future population health threats without a commitment to science-based policy? By allowing fear to push aside the facts of Ebola's transmissibility today, we undercut our ability to prevent hysteria from driving official response to the next novel influenza outbreak. Similarly, we cannot counter the fears of anti-vaccine groups and regain control of measles and whooping cough unless we commit to holding the debate accountable to the results of scientific studies.

The story of Kaci Hickox is important because she, along with a Maine judge, vindicated a fundamental principle of public health: policies to prevent the spread of infectious diseases must be dictated by science, not by fear. Ignoring this lesson poses more danger to us than Ebola ever will.

Cross-Campus Collaboration

**By Bill Ford**

The conversation of how to prevent the spread of Ebola in the United States has garnered major public attention in recent months.

Thanks to a collaboration between professors from SLU LAW and the College for Public Health and Social Justice (CPHSJ), a group of SLU students got the chance to examine this conversation through an interdisciplinary approach.

SLU LAW professor Robert Gatter and Dr. Alex Garza from CPHSJ have both been sources in the national media for stories concerning Ebola. Gatter spoke with *USA Today, The Baltimore Sun* and “Here and Now” about some of the legal aspects relating to whether the state can quarantine a person, while Garza wrote a column for *The New York Times* and appeared on CNN and KSDK to talk about Ebola and aviation safety.

Through previous conversations on intersections between healthcare and the law, Gatter and Garza collaborated last year to bring Garza, a former Chief Medical Officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to SLU LAW to talk with Gatter’s Public Health Law class about bioterrorism.

Garza was scheduled to return to Gatter’s class again this year, and it was clear Ebola would be a great topic for discussion. This time, however, they decided they would change the format and include students from CPHSJ on the conversation. Also joining were CPHSJ associate professors Carole Baskin and Terri Rehman and SLU LAW instructor Toni Miceli, who is also a part-time master’s of public health (MPH) student at CPHSJ.

“I wanted students to understand that interdisciplinary teams of professionals work to solve public health problems,” said Gatter. “No one person has the needed expertise”

On October 30, Garza and several MPH students, as well as students pursuing an MS in Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness, came to Scott Hall to sit in on Gatter’s Public Health Law class. Using the example of the nurse in Maine who was being quarantined after returning home from Sierra Leone, Garza laid out some of the medical interventions and concerns involved while Gatter talked about the circumstances under which the nurse could be legally quarantined.

“This gave the students a unique opportunity to discuss quarantine issues from not just the public health side, but to also understand the legal framework surrounding the public health action,” Garza said. “This is something they have only read about in textbooks, but having a real life debate about the age old issue of quarantine was eye-opening for many of them.”

After laying out the discussion, Gatter and Garza had the students break into groups to share thoughts and ideas.

“We had a controlled environment in which both sets of professional students could discuss a current disease scare,” said Gatter. “As each public policy option was discussed, we encouraged the law students to ask the MPH and MS students whether that option was good public health practice, and we encouraged the MPH and MS students to ask the law students whether that option was consistent with the law.”

Gatter said he heard some great discussion on the topic, but thought the greater outcome was that both groups of students walked out of the class with a better understanding of the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration.

“I was really happy with it, and I got some good responses. Some of my students said this was the best thing we have done all semester,” Gatter said. “The real payoff will be down the road when our students will apply this outside the academic environment.”
Assistant Professor Monica Eppinger is an expert on Ukraine, having lived in the capital city of Kyiv for a total of four years over two separate stints in addition to making several other trips to the country for both diplomatic and research purposes.

She first lived in Ukraine between 1995 and 1997 as a Foreign Service Officer for the United States diplomatic service before returning to the eastern European country from 2006 to 2007 for research. Eppinger was a source for several local media outlets, as well as CNN, throughout the events of last winter: street protests and government attempts to violently suppress them, the resulting disgrace and subsequent fleeing of former president Viktor Yanukovych in February 2014, the Russian annexation of Crimea in March and incursions by armed groups across Ukraine’s southeastern border with Russia thereafter.

Eppinger made another trip to Ukraine this past summer to continue her research in anthropology of law on the topic of post-Soviet nation formation, this time in the midst of these intertwined internal and external crises. Her larger ongoing research project looks at spatial organization and self-formation, which uses as primary material relationships between law, land and selfhood. On the level of the individual, this implicates property law and land-holding in the dismantling of socialism; on a broader level, it implicates international law in the formation of borders, nations and polities. The war in southeastern Ukraine, of which the downing of an international civilian airliner was just one deadly consequence, added a new level of complexity to this research. (It also imposed practical limitations. For example, Eppinger was unable to work in two of the villages where she has conducted fieldwork in the past, one in Crimea and the other near the northern border with Russia, because villagers assessed it would endanger her and them.) Still pervaded by the Maidan protest movement, Kyiv itself proved a rich fieldsite. The focus that emerged from this past summer’s fieldwork was the relationship between law and emotion.

“In this latest research, I found a euphoric energy among a population that had taken the basics of governance into its own hands,” she said. “There was heartbreak at the Russian population’s support for its government’s predatory conduct towards Ukraine, which, prior to this, close family, friendship and professional ties existed between Russians and Ukrainians. Mixed emotions were also prevalent at the lukewarm reception of European governments to Ukraine’s enthusiasm for Europe and Ukrainians’ sacrifices of life and treasure to preserve the option of European Union membership.”

Over the summer and fall, Eppinger was invited to present her current research on Ukraine at New York University School of Law; Kyiv Polytechnic University (Ukraine’s MIT); the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa, Canada; the Comparative Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools; and Harvard Law School.

Back home, Eppinger’s research continues to inform her classroom teaching. In her fall semester National Security class, the unfolding situation in Ukraine provided points of comparative consideration in working through topics of sovereignty, risk, danger and security. In the spring semester, the experience of post-Socialism will provide real-world examples for discussions of private property and land tenure regime in her Property class, and her fieldwork in Ukraine contributes material for considering law under conditions of rupture in Anthropology of Law.
Visiting Polish Legal Scholars Discuss Ukraine

By Bill Ford

SAINT LOUIS — The recent crisis in Ukraine and its continuing aftermath have created a global conversation about relations between Russia and other parts of Europe.

The SLU LAW Center for International and Comparative Law (CICL) helped further that conversation by hosting a panel headlined by visiting Polish legal scholars Michal Balcerzak and Marcin Mikolaj Kaldunski of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland on Sept. 17.

The panel was part of a two-day event featuring the visiting Polish law scholars, put on by CICL, the SLU Center for Intercultural Studies and the SLU Center for International Studies.

Balcerzak also gave a presentation on the European Court of Human Rights and civil rights issues while Kaldunski gave a presentation on state immunity.

SLU LAW Assistant Professor Monica Eppinger, an expert on Ukraine who spent time there as a foreign services officer, kicked off the discussion by giving a brief history of Ukraine and how its current state of affairs came about. Eppinger spent the summer doing research in Ukraine in the aftermath of the major protests in February, the violence that broke out and the fleeing of former president Viktor Yanukovych.

“The amazing thing I found when I was doing research this summer was the amount of energy in these protests did not dissipate,” Eppinger said. “People have channeled that energy and said, ‘If we want our government to do something, it’s not enough to be politically active and ask someone sitting in an office to do something for you. If there is something that is getting on your nerves, just go and do what you would want the government to do.’”

Eppinger said a lot of people, outside of their regular jobs, are performing services people in the United States would consider government functions. For example, an investment banker friend of hers organized a hot lunch program at a local elementary school. She even heard of people developing first drafts of audit laws and submitting them to the parliament for consideration.

“What I had been seeing in the media from here was this incredibly intense, tragic picture,” Eppinger said. “When I was there, the mood is actually euphoric, because people are taking control of their destiny at the very basic level.”

Eppinger also addressed the dubious nature of Crimean vote to secede from Ukraine, which was a major topic of discussion for the visiting Polish legal scholars. Kaldunski provided some legal framework by which Russia’s plain clothes invasion of Crimea and the ensuing Crimean independence vote were illegal.

“This so-called secession of Crimea by declaration of independence is illegal under international law,” Kaldunski said. “The Russian Federation committed an act of aggression. An act of aggression, except for genocide, is the most heinous crime in international law. It needs to be condemned by the international community.”

Kaldunski said the case of Crimea’s declaration of independence could be compared to Kosovo’s. Kaldunski said both Crimea and Kosovo were cases of states trying to act unilaterally without a vote by the entire nation.

“This is one thing that international law is striving for – to stop unilateral action by states,” Kaldunski said. “States should act together.”

Balcerzak said Russia’s recent actions in Ukraine are a little scary for people in Poland and other parts of eastern Europe.

“There is no surprise that we are seriously concerned in Poland about what has been going on over the past several months in Ukraine,” Balcerzak said. “Many people in Poland will tell you now, it is the first time in my generation or my parents’ generation that we have felt like war is close.”

Professor Michal Rozbicki, the director of SLU’s Center for Intercultural Studies and a native of Poland, ended the panel by putting into perspective how Poles view the situation in Ukraine versus how Americans see it.

“Americans have not experienced an invasion, burning down the country, mass starvations, terrible dictatorships or things of that nature,” Rozbicki said. “Historical experience does have something to say as far as how you see the world.”
"I decided to enroll in the Ferguson course because I do not want to stand idly in isolation while our city struggles with serious racial, social and economic inequalities. The multidisciplinary experts will provide insight as to how these inequalities developed, but most importantly, identify how students, as soon-to-be attorneys, can use the power of the legal system to effectuate positive change in our community.

Recent events have brought to light serious, systematic inequalities that St. Louis must address to achieve a more just society. I hope the Ferguson course sheds light on how these inequalities developed, but more importantly, provides insight for how us students, as soon-to-be attorneys, can use the legal system to effectuate change in our community. This course lives up to SLU’s Oath of Inclusion, which charges students to embrace and try to understand our neighbor’s perspectives and use our education to build a more just community in St. Louis and beyond.”

– Marie DeFer, third-year law student and president of the American Constitution Society

New class will examine the ongoing legal implications of events stemming from Ferguson.

By ANDREW BOUQUET

Andrew Bouquet, a third-year law student and online editorial board member of the Saint Louis University Law Journal sat down with Assistant Professor Chad Flanders for a discussion on a Ferguson-focused course he is co-teaching with Associate Professor Susan McIraugh in the Spring 2015 semester. Here is his report.

“The classroom isn’t just a place for theoretical speculation,” said Flanders. “It’s a place to grapple with some pressing and continuing issues. This [course] puts them front and center.”

According to the syllabus, the course is designed to provide an overview and investigation of the legal implications of the events surrounding the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson – before, during and after. Major topics to be covered will include: the structure of the municipal court system in Missouri; oversight, regulation and reform of police departments; the justified use of police force; race and the criminal law; racial profiling; the grand jury system; civil rights suits against police departments and police officers; protests and police response; and municipal home rule.
On what prompted Professor Flanders to teach the course:

I almost felt like if we didn’t have a class called ‘Ferguson’ next semester, we would be doing something wrong. Part of the thought with the class was the need to wrestle with some of these deeper legal questions that were revealed. It’s not just an isolated event. In a way, though, the class has already started and has been ongoing, because we’re all reading the newspapers, and we’re all talking to one another and this is just a way to give that conversation that a lot of the faculty are having with one another and the students are having with one another a structure.

On the collection of guest-professors and guest-speakers that will be contributing to the course:

If you look at our faculty, we kind of have a mini think-tank about the themes that have arisen in Ferguson. I learned so much from my colleagues, and part of this was an opportunity for me to get them all together to help me learn more about issues that have been raised, and then also give an opportunity to share what we’ve learned with the students.

It brings together a lot of different areas of law... The classes I really enjoyed the most when I was in law school were the team-taught classes. Just to see what my professors said when they talk to one another, I think that’s valuable in its own right. Just to broaden the conversation we’re having with one another and the students – I think it will be really helpful."

On the substance of the course:

I’m organizing this year’s Millstone Lecture, where we invite a journalist to come and talk about questions of law and journalism. This year we’re inviting Radley Balko of The Washington Post, who wrote probably one of the most exhaustive and insightful pieces on Ferguson, examining in a long, investigative piece the court system, race and poverty in Ferguson and the police. The students who are in the class will be required to attend that lecture.

At the end, the students will help us put together a roundtable, which will include the people who have lectured in the class, but also some people in the community, to come together and assess what we’ve figured out from the class or still have questions about.

On how the course will adapt to unfolding events:

It’s still a tentative schedule because obviously we’re going to have to respond to more information and details when they come out.

I am comfortable communicating these views to students. Beyond this, I try hard to refrain from making determinations for students. I am not the final word on anything, nor should anyone else be. My reluctance to communicate conclusions to my students stems from the most important lessons I hope to teach – listen to all viewpoints, keep an open mind, challenge your own views, and subject them to constant and meaningful testing. At the risk of sounding naïvely optimistic, if we can raise the next generation of lawyers, judges, law makers, community organizers, leaders, educators, and members of society to adhere to these tenets, we increase our chances of living in a just and peaceful world.
Students Become Teachers: Know Your Rights

Clinic students engage the community through education
At the beginning of the Fall 2014 semester, just a few weeks after the Michael Brown shooting and subsequent protests in Ferguson, Missouri, Professor Susan McGraugh, supervisor of the Criminal Defense Clinic, asked her students if they were interested in a project related to the events in North St. Louis County. They discussed how to be involved, and how to best serve the community. When a series of educational teach-ins was proposed, “We knew right away that was the best idea,” said McGraugh.

“Race plays a very big role in the criminal justice system, both in the U.S. and in St. Louis,” she said. “It is impossible to teach students about the practice of criminal defense without addressing the issue of race. We always have some sort of discussion, but I always feel awkward because as a Caucasian, middle-class woman, I am only relating other people’s experiences. So I thought it would be a good experience both for the students and myself to have a more immersive experience, to get into the community and listen and learn from people of color what exactly their experience has been.”

Third-year students Christina Vogel and Avvennette Gezahan stepped up to spearhead the effort, and suggested a listening session was a vital first step to understand what the community was interested in learning. Vogel, Gezahan and McGraugh, along with SLU LAW’s Director of Multicultural Affairs and Outreach Lisa Taylor, spent two Saturdays in September interviewing North County residents about their legal questions. The results of their talks, exploring 4th Amendment searches and seizures and 5th Amendment right to counsel during custodial interrogation, became the focus of Know Your Rights.

Gezahan feels she has an obligation and responsibility to get involved. “I am in a position where I can help someone, and I want to help,” she said.

“As a future lawyer, I have a duty to my community and people who do not have the resources. I have a pay-it-forward mentality.”

The students and faculty spread the word about their first teach-in through social media (creating @SLUKnowsLaw on Twitter) and personal interactions. The first event held in Dellwood, Missouri, was promoted within the North County community and at a local job fair. Following its success, a second teach-in was added at Scott Hall as part of the downtown Ferguson October demonstrations.

“We talk about not struggling with the police, or doing anything that may result in another charge being issued,” said McGraugh. “Our information is intended to ensure the safety of the community in their encounters with the police.”

Members of the audience help demonstrate different scenarios and circumstances in which they could be stopped by police. McGraugh praised the students for making the events “much more creative and interesting and interactive than I would have thought to do.”

Thanks to the success of these events and the positive feedback received from audience members, students from Harvard Law School and the University of Missouri-Kansas City have asked to use the SLU LAW Know Your Rights program in their own communities.
With the nation’s attention fixed firmly on the ongoing events in Ferguson, SLU LAW professors routinely made themselves available to the news media to help explain the multitude of legal questions surrounding the situation.


They were also regularly featured locally in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the St. Louis Business Journal, the St. Louis American, the Riverfront Times, Missouri Lawyers Weekly and on KMOX-AM (1120), KTRS-AM (550), KMOV-TV (CBS), KSDK-TV (NBC), KTVI-TV (FOX) and St. Louis Public Radio.
“I have been really encouraged by the amount of young leaders that I have met in this movement, by people’s passion for finding justice in the criminal justice system, by their willingness to learn and their willingness to become involved in what could be some really powerful systemic change.”

> Professor Sue McGraugh, PBS Newshour

“If you ask yourself the question of what justice looks like, it can’t just mean getting a conviction for this one individual, Darren Wilson. It has to mean something that will affect the lives of all the youth. Shifting a culture overnight won’t happen without accountability measures… When you have an environment where there is not accountability people don’t feel the pressure to change. So what justice looks like for me in the short term is an environment where there is accountability, so that people feel the pressure and they know they have to change the way they interact with black youth.”

> Assistant Professor Justin Hansford, St. Louis Public Radio

“I think the biggest lesson from the grand jury transcripts is that we all read different things into them. … I don’t feel like we know much more now than we did before the testimony was made public, in large part because we are all still interpreting the facts and ascribing motives and reactions, as did the witnesses.”

> Professor Marcia McCormack, St. Louis Public Radio

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**SOCIAL MEDIA SIDEBAR**

@TheEdLawProf: Proud of efforts by @SLULAW & @SLU_Official. “@chronicle How professors in St. Louis teaching lessons of Ferguson: http://chroni.cl/1ltXxMi”

@StLouisAmerican: SLU Law to visit Ferguson for Community Legal Education program http://bit.ly/1x1ZCyR

@chriskingstl: Arrival of @Blackstarjus at @SLULAW & then on #Ferguson frontlines is helping evolution of black leadership in STL.

@GovJayNixon: Good hearing from @SLULaw faculty & students today about municipal court issues

@rod4ez: SLU Law professors have done a great job this evening on the news explaining what a federal grand jury is.

@AaronWBanks: #slulaw #3L @ericamazzotti waxing truth the muni problem at #fergusoncommittee #ferguson #stl #slu
MUNICIPAL COURT REFORM
FIGHTING FOR OPEN AND FAIR COURTS

The SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW LEGAL CLINICS have long-provided excellent pro bono legal services to underrepresented clients of the St. Louis region. For years professors in the clinics witnessed concerning procedures within the St. Louis County Municipal Courts. The Litigation Clinic often represents clients who find themselves in impossible situations as a result of exorbitant court fees and aggressive policing of low-level offenses in surrounding municipalities. Instead of letting their clients continue in a seemingly unending cycle of suffering, they worked to bring these concerns to light.

A BATTLE FOUGHT BEFORE FERGUSON

The issue of open and fair courts throughout the St. Louis County Municipal Court system has been a point of emphasis and research for several years within the Legal Clinics – long before many of the matters Ferguson brought attention to fell under the national spotlight.

Upon witnessing many municipal court proceedings were not open to media and family members, on March 31, 2014, the Legal Clinics drafted a letter to Judge Maura McShane, presiding judge of St. Louis County Circuit Court, advising her about the unconstitutional practices imposed as a result of the closed court. As a result, Judge McShane responded and requested that municipal courts adopt a proposed operating rule on access to the courts, which was sent to all the municipal judges and city attorneys in St. Louis County. This led to the creation of a Municipal Court Improvement Committee, which is looking at ways to reduce reliance on fines and bench warrants for revenue.

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an attitude of ‘follow the law, that’s all it takes,’ then the municipalities need to do the same thing. Bel-Ridge can’t wait five months to file its financial report with the auditor. Judges can’t hold people at the courthouse for hours and hours until somebody brings bond money when there’s no basis to hold them. We’re fine with saying, ‘let’s follow the law’, but the municipalities have to buy into that. And that means some judges and prosecutors have to change the way they operate.” —JOHN AMMANN (‘84)

### Holding Courts Accountable: A Timeline of the Legal Clinics’ Efforts Towards Reform

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As a St. Louis County municipal judge for 35 years, Frank Vatterott (’75) has seen and learned enough to write a book. Unfortunately, that endeavor will have to wait until retirement. For now, he can reflect on his time at SLU LAW, where he learned “how to think like a lawyer” and didn’t pay quite as much attention in tax, civil procedure and evidence classes as he later wished he had, and appreciate the education that forms what has become a successful and wide-ranging legal career. As partner at Vatterott, Harris, Devine & Kwentus PC in Maryland Heights, Vatterott began his career as a real estate lawyer, which he still practices today, representing real estate brokers, developers, buyers and sellers of real estate, condo associations and subdivision trustees. After the recession caused his real estate practice to slow down, he become more involved representing fire districts and cities. He now represents 11 different public entities, and acts as special counsel to fire districts and cities on specialized matters.

Furthermore, he remains a firm believer, supporter and contributor to the municipal court system. In 1979 at the age of 31, Vatterott became a municipal judge in Vinita Terrace, where he was admittedly unprepared. “That is one of the reasons why I began preparing tests at the annual conference, as a way of learning how to be a judge,” he said. “As I began researching the particular nuances of municipal court, as opposed to circuit court, I became more and more interested in this field, and the unusual situation of being a part-time judge while still being a full-time lawyer.”

Vatterott has long been involved with the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association (MMACJA), serving as its president from 1992-1993 and 1998-1999. In May 2014, he became just the seventh recipient of the George Pittman Award for having made a significant difference to the betterment of the Association. In no better way has that been displayed than for the 25-plus years he has taught at the MMACJA annual conference – a contribution he cites as his most consistent, satisfying professional accomplishment. “I always pick a substantive, meaty topic,” he said. “What I never tell the other judges, is, I am actually learning the material myself, mastering it, then teaching it to others and pretend like I’ve always known it.”

Now his secret is out, and his vast
knowledge of the municipal court system is being called upon to bring change to the St. Louis court system. Vatterott has served as a judge in St. Ann, Riverview and Overland, where he currently resides. He also serves as provisional judge for cities such as Bridgeton, Fenton and Ladue and has served as a special judge in a number of jurisdictions over the years.

This judicial experience gives him a true understanding and familiarity with the St. Louis County municipal system. In Spring 2014, the SLU LAW Legal Clinics and Arch City Defenders wrote a letter to Judge Maura McShane, presiding judge of the St. Louis County Circuit Courts, stating not all of the county’s courts were open to family members. Vatterott’s interest in the integrity of municipal courts led him to volunteer to investigate the allegations. Since then, and through the heightened attention and effects of Ferguson, municipal reform is one of the front-and-center hot topics attracting media attention and debate, in part due to the advocacy of the professors and students in the Litigation Clinic.

As the region prepares for and adapts to a post-Ferguson world, the interactions between the community and the local judicial process will play a large role. Vatterott discussed with Saint Louis Brief his experiences, as well as his perspective on reform.

**SLB: What is a typical day like for your judicial responsibilities?**

**FV:** Municipal courts are held, almost always, at night. However, there are matters to take care of during the week, such as warrant recalls, setting of bonds, communicating with the court administrators and defense lawyers. We spend twice as much time out of court that we do in court. I normally am in court three nights a month.

**SLB: How do you separate your two jobs, as both judge and practicing attorney? Do you ever see conflict or overlap between the two?**

**FV:** It is not hard to separate the two jobs, because I’m not a criminal defense lawyer during the day; I am mostly involved in real estate, corporate and municipal operation issues. I rarely have a conflict.

**SLB: What type of tone do you try to set in the courtroom?**

**FV:** Municipal court is a court of the people. A lot of the violations are simple, but there have been an increasing amount of cases over the past 10 years or so which have to do with the fact that people can’t afford to get car insurance or get their plates renewed because the car won’t pass inspection. The tone we set is to try to get the defendants to comply with the law rather than fine them. In housing cases, we try to do the same thing – try to get the person to comply with the housing violation rather than fine them and continue the problem.

The emphasis we try to establish in court is for persons to understand they must be responsible, but we will give them time to become responsible if they don’t have money. We make it clear to people that under the law, they must have a license, must have insurance, must have their car inspected, and must obey the traffic rules. The payment of the fine is another matter. What’s important is compliance, and we give them time to comply with those matters. We also make sure that if they feel they are not guilty, they should try their case. We tell them that the police officer is not always right and people who try their own cases, without a lawyer, do a good job. I think most judges are like me – we are fairly lenient if a person is attempting to comply.

**SLB: What are your thoughts on the system as it currently exists?**

**FV:** The municipal courts system actually works fairly well, despite what has been reported in the media and by certain groups. There is always room for improvement, though, and that is what we are trying to assess. I believe that the judges and the court administrators can improve the courts more effectively in a lot of ways and much more quickly and efficiently than legislators or special interest groups.

**SLB: How did you get involved to assist with municipal court reform?**

**FV:** Through my involvement with MMACJA, I’ve been involved with municipal court education and training since the late 80s. As a result of the Legal Clinics’ letter to Judge McShane, we formed a committee of hard working judges, court administrators and defense lawyers, and we were able to prepare a voluntary court order, which more than 95 percent of our courts have implemented, solving the problem. The only courts that haven’t signed the order were ones which were so small that they didn’t see the reason for it, since they had no preexisting issues with open courts.

Then, as an aftermath of the tragedy in Ferguson, articles were published in The Washington Post, The New York Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. In addition, Arch City Defenders published its white paper. It became apparent that our municipal courts were being targeted for alleged abuse. I decided that I would ask Judge McShane if I could begin another committee to address some of the abuses. Unfortunately, the media made it sound like I was condemning all courts, when actually we were just trying to challenge those issues that a minority of the courts have, some because of neglect and others because of a lack of empathy. Most of the courts (I would estimate more than 80 percent) in our county are well-managed and have no issues with abuse or procedures. Still, we need to have an

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increased awareness of the persons in front of us who are at the poverty level.

**SLB:** Were members of the Municipal Court Improvement Committee aware of issues in certain municipalities before the formal complaints came forward?

**FV:** All of us had suspected or were generally aware of some of the complaints and issues in municipalities before the formation of the Committee. I believe that the white paper and other publications, although flawed in some aspects, brought these main issues into focus. The problems have existed for a long time, but are not anywhere as prevalent as others state. Besides that, there are also some serious misconceptions. For example, courts do not issue warrants because a person can’t pay. There may be a few isolated instances where this occurs, but I believe that 99 percent of warrants are issued because people do not show up for court. By law, the judge then has no choice but to issue a warrant when the person ignores a summons.

One of the difficult issues we have is that there are some people who believe that if they don’t have the money, they will be arrested at court. That is one of the items that our committee is trying to resolve, to make sure that people know that as long as they make it to court, they will not be arrested for not having money. Obviously, they have to pay the fine, but we can work that out by a payment plan or similar arrangements. The defendant, however, has to show up to make these arrangements.

**SLB:** What is the biggest challenge the Committee faces?

**FV:** The biggest challenge is determining what can be done. We are working on alternative community service, and the issue of how to handle persons who cannot pay fines. We have to figure out a way to honor the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution (that we have to treat everyone the same) while faced with the reality that some people simply lack the financial means to pay a fine. There has been some pushback by some of the court community, who believe that because of the publicity this has received, that they are being painted as nothing more than collection agents with no empathy toward the poor. That of course is not true – most of our judges are empathetic. I certainly can understand how these judges feel. They are unfairly portrayed.

**SLB:** How do you see change coming? What will it look like?

**FV:** The Ferguson tragedy has given us an opportunity to improve our courts in several areas. Those areas include additional alternative community service, abatement programs, standardization of court costs, voluntary public defenders and other areas that have always wanted improvement, but we had no focus as we do now.

**SLB:** How has SLU LAW’s involvement helped bring the issue to light?

**FV:** SLU LAW’s involvement has made us aware of the issues of certain defendants. Some of our courts have not been as user-friendly as they should. We have to spend more time on things such as community service, payment plans, hours of court, etc. We need improvement in some of our courts, and the Legal Clinics have pointed that out to us.

Overall, I think that SLU LAW professors have done a good job in bringing many of these matters to our attention. But still, there are larger issues which are finally being brought to light. We should address those and try not to be upset over false statements, exaggerations, and non-practical suggestions, because they are not the real issues. We were taught at SLU LAW to look at the entire picture, think like a lawyer and objectively analyze the issues. These lessons are echoed in the SLU LAW mission statement – our education was guided by the Jesuit tradition of academic excellence, freedom of inquiry and respect for individual differences.

**SLB:** What are you hearing from the rest of the legal community on the matter?

**FV:** I think a lot of the legal community would like to help out. There are a large percentage of people I know that think that the defendants who don’t show up in court should be responsible for their negligence. I agree with them. There is not enough emphasis on this. Many of the articles are sympathetic to those who have six or seven warrants, and get shuttled from one court to the other. What is not mentioned in the articles is that those persons failed to show up in court after receiving a ticket, which resulted in these warrants. There is another side to this – a person who breaks the law must take responsibility for the consequences regardless of whether they are poor or wealthy. Driving is a privilege and the responsibilities that come with that privilege, including car insurance and state inspections, protect the public as a whole. I think that is lost on some of the critics of the municipal court.

**SLB:** What is a reasonable timeline for changes to be implemented?

**FV:** I have no idea how long this process will take, as it is a giant ship that has to be turned around. We have to remember that there are over 80 municipal courts in St. Louis County, each one operated by a city or by St. Louis County, and each one has its own particular circumstances. The judge, prosecutor and court administrator must deal with the realities of space, court assets, etc. It is not as easy a fix as some believe it to be. I believe, as we learned in the Open Access Committee, that we are in a far better position than those who are not practicing in the municipal courts to effectuate change. We want to work with Arch City, SLU LAW professors, the legislature, and our presiding judge, to effectuate these changes.
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5. ATTEND STUDENT/ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENTS
Attend the biannual WLSA or BLSA Judicial receptions, participate in the PILG Auction or any of a variety of events that take place throughout the year. Students love to connect with alumni!

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JOE CONRAN (’70)

After reading several books about famed attorney Clarence Darrow as a sophomore in high school, Joe Conran (’70) solidified his decision to become a trial lawyer. With the desire to practice law in St. Louis and his grandfather (himself a trial lawyer) a close friend of Saint Louis University School of Law Dean Richard Childress, Conran did not require much deliberation on where to attend law school. And when the opportunity arose, he jumped time and again to give back to his alma mater to show his appreciation.

In December 2014, Conran took over as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Saint Louis University. After three years on the Board, in addition to many years as a member of the law school’s Dean Council, Conran will lead SLU into its next chapter, alongside new president Dr. Fred Pestello. “I consider my Saint Louis University education to be an important part of my success in life,” he said. Conran received his undergraduate degree in political science from SLU in 1967.

Success found him early on in his career. Straight out of law school, he was a captain of the Judge Advocates General corps (JAG) where he worked as a prosecutor and then as Special Trial Judiciary Defense Counsel defending all Air Force officers and enlisted charged with General Court Martial offenses in the Western Pacific theater.

“My experience was invaluable in that over a four year period, I was in trial almost every week,” he said. “This allowed me to refine my trial advocacy skills in a significant way, which would have not generally been available to a young lawyer in private practice.”

Upon return to the U.S. in 1974, he joined Husch, Eppenberger, Donohue, Elson and Cornfeld, a firm of about 20 lawyers in downtown St. Louis. Now 40 years later with what is now Husch Blackwell (home to 600 lawyers), Conran has represented clients in complex trials and played a major leadership role within the firm, previously serving as co-chair of the litigation group and managing partner and co-chair of the firm. He is currently partner and a member of the financial services industry team.

Conran, an avid Billiken basketball fan and golfer, shares insight on his career and how SLU LAW prepared him for his next challenge.

SLB: How did SLU LAW prepare you for your career?

JC: SLU LAW and its outstanding group of professors, led by Vince Imler, provided me with the foundation for my successful career as a lawyer who was always focused on legal analysis and details related to each case. In particular, the trial advocacy and evidence classes gave me an early opportunity to understand the intense preparation and thoughtful approach needed in the time spent getting ready for the trials of complex cases.

SLB: What is your favorite part of your job?

JC: By far, it is working with incredibly bright and dedicated lawyers to develop creative solutions to problems and to devise and execute creative strategies to win complex cases.

SLB: How do you manage a work-life balance?

JC: Everyone has to develop their own balance, and it starts with having an understanding and supportive spouse like my wife, Daria. As a trial lawyer, there will always be times where the time commitments are intensely demanding and an understanding spouse and family are essential. But I have also always made it a point of emphasis to stay involved in my children’s lives, coaching their sports teams, etc., and I have been blessed with a wonderful family which to this day is very close.

SLB: What do you hope to accomplish as Chairman?

JC: My primary goal is to help continue SLU’s tradition and legacy of academic excellence, while at the same time work to make sure each of our students has an outstanding and well-rounded experience that will prepare them to have great success and fulfillment after they graduate. As Chair, it is my intent to work closely with our excellent new president, Dr. Fred Pestello, and our outstanding Board of Trustees to make certain that, in a very collaborative fashion, we all work to make SLU, and its various highly regarded schools – including our law school and our medical school – even better in the future.

SLB: How has your law degree prepared you for your role on the board?

JC: The emphasis of my legal education was precision, attention to detail and developing a team-first work ethic. Those important elements of the training will help provide a base for all of our leadership teams as they work together to craft solutions to complex problems.

SLB: What are your future expectations for the law school as both an alumnus and Chairman of the Board?

JC: My expectations of the law school are simple and straightforward: we want to continue the dedicated efforts of the staff and excellent faculty to provide outstanding legal education and training to law students who have proven, by their achievements and their dedication to the law, that they have the desire to develop into some of the finest lawyers in their communities. Whether through traditional or non-traditional use of their degree, SLU LAW graduates will be outstanding representatives of Saint Louis University and the law profession.
1951

**The Hon. Joseph Nacy** retired in late 2013 with more than 45 years of federal service, over 43 of which were as an administrative law judge at two major federal regulatory agencies.

1957

**George A. Hrdlicka**, owner of the firm Chamberlain Hrdlicka, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* for his efforts in the area of tax law (litigation and controversy).

1963

**George Bitting** recently moved back to St. Louis. After practicing law for five years in the 1960s, he got into the oil and gas exploration and production business, which still operates in central Oklahoma, with a small accounting office in Midland, Texas.

1964

**Daniel T. Rabbitt** was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the personal injury defense category for the 28th straight year. The Rabbitt Law Firm LLC was named a Best Law Firm by U.S. News and World Report: Best Lawyers in the personal injury defense category for the fifth straight year.

1967

**David Harlan**, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* for his efforts in the areas of commercial litigation, copyright law, litigation (antitrust), litigation (intellectual property) and litigation (patent).

**John Rasp** has served for 41 years as the editor of the St. Louis Bar Journal, which recently published “Famous and Infamous: Lawyers in St. Louis History.”

1968

**Robert Ritter**, of the St. Louis plaintiff law firm Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyers* in the areas of personal injury (plaintiff) and bet-the-company litigation. The firm was also named to the list.

1969

**James Virtel**, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of commercial litigation, energy law and personal injury litigation (defendants).

1971

**Douglas Jones** was named to the governance and nominating committees of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation in Chicago, as well as named a national spokesman for the foundation. He is also a member of the Lung Transplant Mentoring Program at Barnes Hospital.

1972

**Mark R. Leuchtmann**, of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of trusts and estates.

1973

**Tom Casey**, of Casey and Devoti, was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyers*.

**John H. Marshall** joined the Rabbitt Law Firm LLC as of counsel.

**Vance Miller**, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of employment law (management), labor law (management) and litigation (labor and employment).

1974

**Kenneth Brostron**, of Lashly and Baer, PC, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in medical malpractice law (defendants) and personal injury litigation (defendants). He was also selected as one of 2014’s Top 50 St. Louis *Super Lawyers*.

**William P. Levins** was awarded the DeFleury Medal by the St. Louis District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he also works as district counsel.

**G. Tracy Mehan III** was appointed to a two-year term on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Financial Advisory Board.

**Gary Sarachan**, of Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, PC, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of commercial litigation.

**Daniel Sokol**, of Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, PC, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of family law.

1975

**Leonard W. Buckley Jr.** joined the law firm Dearing & Hartzog, L.C. as of counsel.

**Gerard Carmody** was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation,
eminent domain and condemnation law, labor and employment litigation and real estate litigation. He was also honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for his involvement as a long-time board member.

**FRANK VATTEROTT**, partner at Vatterott, Harris, Devine & Kwentus and municipal judge for the City of Overland, received the George Pittman Award by the Missouri Municipal & Associate Circuit Judges Association for having made a significant difference to the betterment of the association.

**LESLIE MELMAN** is assistant general counsel for litigation at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C.

**ROBERT STEWART**, of Ogletree Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of employment law (management), labor law (management), litigation (labor) and employment.

**1976**

**LAWRENCE ALTMAN**, special education lead attorney and compliance officer for Kansas City Public Schools, was appointed to the Missouri Bar Joint Task Force on Lawyers Helping Lawyers. The goal of this task force is to develop resources to help lawyers facing mental health issues.


**RICHARD WATTERS**, of Lashly & Baer, P.C., was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of health care law.

**RUSSELL WATTERS**, of Brown & James, was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyers*. He was also named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of insurance law.

**1977**

**HON. MICHAEL P. DAVID** joined Williams Venker & Sanders as of counsel.

**THEODORE J. MACDONALD JR.**, of HeplerBroom, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of personal injury defense (medical malpractice).

**1978**

**RUBY BONNER** was selected by St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay to be a member of the Metropolitan Sewer District’s Board of Trustees. She previously worked as a division director for the Missouri Department of Public Safety and general counsel for St. Louis Public Schools. Bonner is currently an educational consultant and also an Equal Employment Opportunity investigator for the federal government.

**FREDRIC M. KNAPP** was appointed Morris County Prosecutor by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

**THOMAS WEAVER**, of Armstrong Teasdale, was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyers* in the appellate practice area. He was also named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of appellate practice, eminent domain and condemnation law.

**1979**

**RAYMOND FOURNIE**, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of mass tort litigation/class actions (defendants).

**JULES RAVO** was elected as the Dryden, New York Town Justice.

**CHARLES A. “CLARY” REDD**, of Stinson Leonard Street LLP, was ranked among the top legal practitioners in the U.S. in the 2014 *Chambers USA* in the area of wealth management – central region.

**KENNETH A. SLAVENS**, of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of litigation (construction law).

**ALVIN WOLFF JR.** was named the St. Louis Lawyer of the Year in medical malpractice law (plaintiffs) in the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America*. The publication also acknowledged his work in the area of personal injury litigation (plaintiffs).
President Barack Obama appointed Saint Louis University alumnus KEVIN F. O’MALLEY (A&S ’70, Law ’73) as the U.S. ambassador to Ireland. He was confirmed by the Senate on Sept. 18.

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O’Malley has had a long and prosperous career and is well-respected within the legal community. The Lawyers Association of St. Louis presented him with the Award of Honor for his professional and public service in 2013. He also serves as vice president of the Theodore McMillian American Inns of Court, which mentors young trial lawyers, including School of Law students.

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JOIN SLU LAW ALUMNI FOR AN IRELAND ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTED BY DINNER AT THE AMBASSADOR’S RESIDENCE IN DUBLIN.

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Isabella Horton Grant Guardianship Award by the National College of Probate Judges.

**1984**

ANTHONY CHIVETTA. of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the areas of international trade and finance law.

CHRISTINE F. MILLER. of Husch Blackwell, was named among the Top 250 Women in Litigation in 2014 by Benchmark Litigation.

MATTHEW G. PERLOW. of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for his work in trusts and estates.

JAMES W. REEVES re-joined the mediation panel at United States Arbitration & Mediation, the leading provider of mediation and arbitration services. He focuses on resolving business, legal and multi-party disputes.

ELISE VANKAVAGE received the American Bar Association’s Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section’s Excellence in Animal Law Award for 2014.

**1985**

STEPHEN BUCKLEY was awarded the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers Service Award for 2014. The award is given to retiring board members who have shown outstanding service.

JANE COHEN. of the Law Offices of Jane Cohen LLC, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of franchise law. She was also appointed to serve as vice chair for the Missouri Bar Property Law Committee.

PATRICK HAGERTY. of Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the areas of personal injury litigation (plaintiff) and railroad law. He was also listed in the 2014 Super Lawyers in the transportation-maritime category.

DAVID R. HUMAN. of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for his work in real estate law.

THOMAS MAGEE. of HeplerBroom LLC, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in multiple areas of practice. He was also listed as a Top 100 and Top 50 St. Louis attorney in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

**1986**

CRAIG ADOOR. of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America.

CAROLINE LUEPKE HERMELING. of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for her work in real estate law.

ALAN KANDEL. of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for his work in employee benefits (ERISA) law.

JAMES REINERT. of Gonnerman Reinert, LLC, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America.

JOHN SIMON. of The Simon Law Firm, P.C., was inducted into the Inner Circle of Advocates, which consists of the top 100 plaintiff lawyers in the U.S. He was also named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of product liability litigation (plaintiffs), which also named him Lawyer of the Year in St. Louis in the category. Simon was also selected 2015 Product Liability Attorney of the Year in Missouri by Corporate INTL magazine.

STEPHEN WOODLEY. of Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the practice areas of personal injury litigation (plaintiff) and medical malpractice law (plaintiffs). He was also listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the personal injury plaintiff medical category.

**1987**

TRACY BRIGGS CALABRESE was promoted to section chief of the general counsel section in Houston’s City Attorney’s Office.

ROBERT MAURER recently formed The Maurer Business Law Firm in St. Louis, which specializes in contract negotiations, corporate, employment, finance, litigation management and real estate matters.

JOHN MCCOLLOUGH was hired as a member at Lashly and Baer PC.

JOE ORLET is heading up Husch Blackwell’s new unmanned aircraft systems group, which will focus on legal issues pertaining to drones. He was also named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of mass tort litigation/class actions (defendants).

THERESE ROLUFS TRELZ. of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the areas of corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law.

WENDY WOLF. of Lashly & Baer, P.C., was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

**1988**

JOHN BEULICK. of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the areas of litigation (patent) and patent law.

JAMES CARMODY. of Carmody MacDonald, P.C., was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of family law.

JULIE EMMERICH O’KEEFE. of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of environmental law. She was also named among the Top 50 Women in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

JAMES STOCKBERGER. of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of personal injury litigation (defendants).

DAVID WRIGHT formed Lawyers Realty Co., LLC in St. Louis.

**1990**

STEVE DAIKER. of Bryan Cave, was appointed leader of the private client group where he focuses his practice
on estate and gift tax planning for high net-worth individuals and succession planning for owners of privately-held businesses.

KAREN McCARTHY, president and CEO of The Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Company, was elected to the board of directors of NAMIC Insurance Company (NAMICO).

JAMES MELLO, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of public finance law.

1991

KENNETH M. BURKE, of Brown & James, P.C., was included in Leading Lawyers Magazine’s 2014 Top Business Lawyers in Illinois in the areas of medical malpractice defense law, personal injury defense law (general) and products liability defense law.

REP. JOHN DIEHL was elected as the next Speaker of the House for Missouri’s 98th General Assembly, beginning in 2015. He received a 2014 Legislative Award from the St. Louis Business Journal, an honor given annually to a select group of lawmakers who most constructively addressed the business and community interests of the St. Louis region.

DAVID C. “CHRIS” LOMBARDO was selected as the next associate judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit in Lake County, Illinois.

1992

CHRIS ERKER leads the national environmental practice at Polsinelli.

1993

DAVID P. BUB was elected shareholder at Brown & James’ St. Louis office where he focuses on general defense, personal injury, premises liability, toxic tort litigation and insurance law.

TIMOTHY GEARIN, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the areas of litigation (health care), medical malpractice law (defendants) and product liability litigation (defendants). He was also inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers during the college’s 2014 annual meeting in London. Fellowship in the college is extended by invitation to those who have mastered the art of advocacy and to those whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism and civility.

JOAN LOCKWOOD, of Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers. She was named a Top 50 overall lawyer in St. Louis, a Top 100 lawyer in Missouri and Kansas, a Top 50 female lawyer in Missouri and Kansas and acknowledged in the personal injury (plaintiff) and general practice categories.

JOHN O’BRIEN, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of banking and finance law.

1994

MARK BOATMAN, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of public finance law.

REP. MICHAEL COLONA was selected as a winner of the 2014 Spirit of Justice Award sponsored by the Saint Louis Bar Foundation.

CHRISTOPHER ERBLICH, of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for his work in trusts and estates.

JEFFERY MCPHERSON, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of appellate practice.

PAMELA L. POPP, of Western Litigation, Inc., joined the board of directors of Sepsis Alliance, North America’s leading patient advocacy organization promoting sepsis awareness.

RANDALL S. THOMPSON, of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for his work in employment law (individuals), employment law (management), labor law (union) and litigation (labor and employment).

1995

RAYMOND REZA BOLOURTCHI, of Cofman & Bolourtchi LLC, was awarded the American Immigration Lawyers Association’s (AILA) 2014 Sam Williamson Mentor Award for outstanding efforts and excellent counsel to immigration attorneys by providing mentoring assistance at the AILA annual conference in Boston.

RICHARD BRIDGE of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of patent law.

1996

AMY COLLIGNON GUNN, of The Simon Law Firm, P.C., was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of personal injury litigation (plaintiffs).

KEVIN D. GUNN opened a consulting firm, Paladin Energy Strategies, and a new law office, the Law Offices of Kevin D. Gunn. He is the former chairman of the Missouri Public Service Commission and former chief of staff to Congressman Richard A. Gephardt.

CHRISTOPHER LAWHORN joined Carmody MacDonald PC as a principal. He was also named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of commercial litigation and bankruptcy litigation.

CHRISTINE MILLER, of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for her work in employment law (management).
CARLOS ENRIQUE PROVENCIO was hired by the Washington, D.C. office of Wilson Elser as of counsel in the securities and commercial and business litigation practices.

1997

ROBERT BRADY, of Brown & James, P.C., was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

MARTIN GREEN was promoted to colonel by the Secretary of the Air Force. He serves as the staff judge advocate for the Illinois National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters.

DAVID JENNINGS, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of biotechnology law.

MARK STALLION, of Husch Blackwell, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for his work in copyright law.

1998

KIM BROWN is general counsel at Sugar Creek Capital in Webster Groves, Missouri.

MATT DEVOTI, of Casey & Devoti, was selected by the National Institute of Business (NBI) to be a member of the presenting faculty for a video webcast entitled, “Litigating Duty to Defend Insurance Coverage Claims: Start to Finish.” NBI provides continuing legal education to professionals throughout the U.S. He was also listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

GREGORY KRATOFIL, of Poslinelli, was named an Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

GREGORY J. LINHARES was selected by the judges of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri as the next clerk of court.

STEVE POZARIC, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named general chairman of the 2015 Fair Saint Louis.

1999

BRIDGET L. HALQUIST joined Sher Corwin Winters as of counsel, focusing her practice on employment law, representing employees in a wide variety of workplace disputes.

JESSICA L. LISS, of Jackson Lewis P.C., was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America.

REBECCA NICKELSON, of HeplerBroom LLC, was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of personal injury (products).

2000

GREGORY BILLHARTZ was named executive vice president, chief financial officer and general counsel of Maschhoff Family Foods (MFF), headquartered in St. Louis.

MATTHEW CASEY, of Casey and Devoti, was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

JIM CROWE, of Dowd Bennett LLP, was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

GRAHAM DOBBS, of Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of personal injury (plaintiff medical).

SUSAN EHLERS, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of finance and real estate. She was also selected to serve on the 2014 Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute Advisory Board. The board organizes and plans the annual Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute & Consumer Forum.

2001

JUSTIN CARVER is the district defender of the Jefferson City, Missouri trial office, which covers Cole, Moniteau and Miller counties. He was the district defender of the Fulton trial office since 2005 and was an assistant public defender from 2002 to 2005.

BRAD HANSMANN, of Brown & James, P.C., was named in the 2014 Corporate Counsel Desk Book by Missouri Lawyers Weekly for the two best product liability defense successes of the year for a manufacturer. He was also listed in the Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

DIANE J. KEEFE joined Lathrop & Gage’s health care practice as of counsel in the firm’s St. Louis office. She focuses her practice on health care, working primarily with hospitals, physicians, physician groups, and other health care providers and suppliers.

CHRISTOPHER O’CONNOR, of O’Connor Law Office, was named a 2014 Rising Star by Missouri Super Lawyers in the areas of business law and estate planning.
ALLISON ORLINA serves as the chair of the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board of Montgomery County, Maryland. She rewrote a statute to bring it up-to-date with the changes in the health professions since it was last rewritten in the 1980s to allow the recruitment of mid-level providers (physician assistants and nurse practitioners) to the guardianship board. She gave written and oral expert testimony at the Maryland State House in Annapolis, and the bill was signed by Gov. Martin O’Malley on April 8.

TIMOTHY WOLF, of Brown & James, P.C., was named a Rising Star by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of insurance coverage.

MICHAEL YOUNG, of HeplerBroom LLC, was listed in the 2014 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of insurance coverage.

2003

KATHRYN FORSTER was promoted to partner at Crotzer and Ormsby. KIMBERLY GARDNER was appointed to the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon. JASON GUERRA is an equity shareholder and principal at Roberts Perryman PC where he engages in civil litigation in Missouri and Illinois, with an emphasis in lawsuits involving bodily injuries, trucking and transportation and insurance defense. JACQUELINE KINDER, of Brown & James, P.C., was named a Rising Star by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of civil litigation defense.

2004

PATRICK FOPPE, of Lashly & Baer, P.C., was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers. NANCY HAWES, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America in the area of real estate law. JOHN MAHON JR., of Williams Venker & Sanders, was named a Rising Star in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers. ANGELA POZZO, of Brown & James, P.C., was named a Rising Star by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of personal injury defense (medical malpractice).

2005

ASHLEY BAKER, of Bryan Cave, was elected partner in the firm’s St. Louis office where she practices with the transactions, corporate finance, and technology, entrepreneurial and commercial practice client service groups. RYAN J. McCARTY recently joined Polsinelli as a shareholder within the firm. MATTHEW NOCE, of HeplerBroom LLC, was listed in the 2014 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area civil litigation defense.

MELISSA CROWE SCHOIPFER was elevated to shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy in the firm’s Alton, Illinois office where she is an asbestos and mesothelioma attorney with extensive experience representing aircraft mechanics and union members.

2006

APOLLO CAREY, of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, was honored as an Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly. BRANDON COPELAND, of Brown & James, P.C., was named a Rising Star by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of civil litigation defense. MICHAEL DAVIDSON joined Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, LC as a member focusing on health care law. MATTHEW DAVIS, of Gallagher Davis, was honored as a 2014 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly. HALLE DIMAR was named principal in Brown & James’ St. Louis office where she focuses her practice on defending health care providers, including physicians, nurses, nursing homes, dentists and pharmacies. She was also named a Rising Star by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers.

PAUL DIX was elevated to shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy in the firm’s Alton, Illinois office where he oversees an asbestos trial team. M. BRIGID FERNANDEZ, of Martha C. Brown & Associates, LLC, is now a Certified Elder Law Attorney. She was also chosen as the recipient of the National Academy of Elder Law...
Attorneys Outstanding Chapter Member Award for Missouri.

HERBERT GIORGIO was elected partner in Bryan Cave’s St. Louis office where he practices with the commercial litigation client service group.

TAYLOR KERNS was elevated to shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy in the firm’s Alton, Illinois office where he is a member of the firm’s asbestos litigation team.

SCOTT MUELLER was elected as a shareholder at Galloway Johnson, A PLC.

KELLY MURRIE, of Dowd Bennett, was named a 2014 Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

DREW SEALEY was elevated to shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy in the firm’s Alton, Illinois office where he focuses his practice on asbestos litigation.

2007

ADAM BAGWELL joined AEGIS Professional Services as a member of its intellectual property and corporate services law practice group.

JOHN HOELZER joined Heyl Royster as an associate in the firm’s Springfield, Illinois office. His practice is focused on defending law enforcement officers and correctional service providers against charges of constitutional rights violations, business owners personal injury and property damage cases, and healthcare professionals in medical malpractice litigation.

MEGHAN LAMPING, of Carmody MacDonald, was named a 2014 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

CHRISTOPHER LAROSE, of Armstrong Teasdale, was named a Rising Star by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of litigation.

MEGHAN DRENAN, of Emerson’s corporate law department, was sworn in as a member of the board of directors for the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois.

SARAH MANGELSDORF joined Fox Galvin LLC as an associate attorney.

RACHEL MILAZZO was honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for her fundraising initiatives as a member of Dentons US LLP.

EDWARD L. VISHNEVETSKY, an associate at Munsch Hardt, was recognized by Chambers USA as a notable practitioner within the firm’s health care practice. He primarily focuses on health care and commercial litigation, and also advises clients on several medical law issues.

2008

MEGAN J. BRICKER joined Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, focusing her practice on asbestos litigation.

MICHAEL BROCKLAND joined Cosgrove Law Group as a member.

DAVID DETERDING, of HeplerBroom LLC, was listed in the 2014 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers in the area civil litigation defense.

HANNAH K. HEMRY joined McDowell Rice Smith & Buchanan PC as an associate in both the construction and architect/engineering law group and the litigation and dispute resolution group. She primarily focuses on business, commercial and construction litigation, representing corporate clients in a variety of legal matters, including commercial disputes, contract claims, employment disputes and construction defect claims.

RYAN MOULDER is the president of Health Care Attorneys P.C.

KRISTEN RATCLIFF formed Sirona Strategies, a consulting firm specializing in health care business, policy, regulatory and legislative strategy in Washington, D.C.

PAUL WOODY, of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, LC, was named a Rising Star in the 2014 Super Lawyers.

2009

CHRISTINE (CAMPBELL) CARNEY was promoted to senior counsel of environmental affairs and real estate in Emerson’s corporate law department.

MEGHAN DRENAN was appointed associate director of federal government relations for California Healthcare Institute (CHI) in its Washington, D.C. office. CHI is a non-profit public policy research and advocacy organization for California’s biomedical R&D industry.

LAURA SPENCE GATH joined the Law Offices of Kevin Dolley as a senior associate leading the firm’s labor and employment and commercial litigation practices.

ELIZABETH (LIZ) V. GRANA, an associate of Behr, McCarter & Potter, P.C., was named president of the Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis.

NATHAN HOWARD was hired as the chief compliance officer of Moneta Group, LLC.

GARRETT T. JACKSON was hired by Polsinelli to its health care practice group.

RYAN KEANE, of The Simon Law Firm, was named a 2014 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

STEVEN KUENZEL JR. was promoted to partner at Eckelkamp Kuenzel LLP.

DAVID W. MORIN joined Danna McKitrick, PC’s litigation department where he primarily defends workers’ compensation cases on behalf of...
employers and insurance carriers.

BRENDON SANDERS, of Brown & James, P.C. was named a Rising Star by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in the area of insurance.

KEVIN P. SUMMERS was named partner at Anders CPAs + Advisors.

MICHAEL-JOHN VOSS, of ArchCity Defenders, was selected by FOCUS St. Louis as a member of the 2014-2015 “Leadership St. Louis” class.

2010

STEPHEN ANGELETTE was hired to Polsinelli’s Dallas office health care group. He will focus his practice on working with hospitals and health care providers to determine compliance with fraud and abuse laws including Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute, HIPAA and False Claims Act.

STEPHEN BARDOL, of Bardol Law Firm, was named a 2014 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

KENNETH BRIGGS joined Polsinelli in its Phoenix office, focusing his practice on helping providers make sense of health care rules and regulations, including HIPAA, the Stark Law, and federal and state reimbursement requirements.

SHERIN JOHARIFARD BRUNING was honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for her fundraising initiatives.

JESSICA CIACCO joined Legal Services of Eastern Missouri as staff attorney in the housing unit.

MARKUS CICKA joined Stinson Leonard Street as a partner in its St. Louis office, focusing his practice on health law.

ANDREW GULOTTA was hired as an associate in Polsinelli’s St. Louis office, working in the firm’s tax credit finance group.

JESSICA HOLLIDAY was named senior associate in Brown & James’ Belleville, Illinois office, focusing her practice on employment law, premises and retail liability, product liability, subrogation and transportation.

MARK MILTON joined Husch Blackwell’s St. Louis office as part of the technology, manufacturing and transportation group and as the most recent addition to the government compliance, investigations, and litigation team.

ELIZABETH NGUYEN, of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., was named to Lawyers of Color’s annual Hot List. The honor salutes early- to mid-career minority lawyers who have demonstrated excellence in the legal industry, including in-house counsel, government attorneys and law firm associates.

KEVIN B. SALZMAN joined the law firm Curtis E. Campbell Chartered Inc., in Cimarron, Kansas as an associate attorney. He has also been designated an assistant county attorney for Gray County, Kansas.

LYNDSEY WATSON was promoted to senior counsel in Emerson’s corporate law department.

KEVIN WILKINS was named to the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2014 30 Under 30 class.

CHAVON WILLIAMS, of Williams Venker & Sanders, was named a 2014 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

WILSON was named an associate at HeplerBroom LLC.

BENJAMIN WINTRODE, of SSM Heath Care, was awarded with a 2014 Corporate Counsel Award by the St. Louis Business Journal.

2011

MATTHEW D. BIGHAM joined Danna McKitrick PC as a member of the litigation practice group, focusing his practice primarily in the areas of insurance defense, toxic tort litigation, and products and premises liability.

ERICA BLUME, of the Simon Law Firm, was elected vice president of the Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis.

STACY CONNELLY joined Dowd Bennett as an associate, focusing his practice on complex civil litigation, corporate defense, and product liability in both state and federal court.

WILLIAM D. HOLTHAUS JR. joined the construction practice group of St. Louis law firm Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C.

MICHAEL KELLEY was honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for his involvement as a committee member.

JONATHAN PAULL and his father recently expanded their law practice, now called Paull & Paull LLC. They provide a wide variety of legal services ranging from personal injury, workers compensation, estate planning, elder law, business law, criminal defense and landlord/tenant.

LINDSEY RENDLEN joined Graybar Electric Company’s corporate human resources team as its manager of employment and labor relations.

TIMOTHY WEIL, of Haar & Woods, was named a 2014 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.
BRADLEY S. BYARS joined the St. Louis office of Armstrong Teasdale as an associate. As part of the corporate services practice group, he focuses on health care law counseling institutional and non-institutional clients in response to legal and business challenges and opportunities in the rapidly-evolving U.S. health care system.

STEPHANIE HUDSON joined the firm Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman as in-house counsel for Mercy Health.

MARK T. KEANEY was named to the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2014 30 Under 30 class.

COURTNEY LOGAN was hired as an associate by the St. Louis law firm Lashly & Baer, PC, focusing his practice on litigation defending health care providers and health care institutions.

NATHANIEL MARSCHAL was hired as the executive director for The Disruption Department, a social enterprise startup to help bolster STEM education.

JORDAN PACK joined the Chicago office of Segal McCambridge Segal & Mahoney representing clients in toxic tort matters.

EDWARD REILLY joined HeplerBroom LLC in the Edwardsville, Illinois office as an associate attorney, focusing his practice on toxic torts, premises liability and product liability.

JOHN P. TORBITZKY was hired by Brown & James, P.C. as an associate. He will focus his practice in the areas of appellate, business and commercial litigation and insurance law.

SHAWNA SHILLAIR WALRAVEN works as assistant corporation counsel at the Department of Corporation Counsel in Bay City, Michigan.

ESSICA M. ZINK joined Polsinelli’s health care practice as an associate.

2013

NICOLAS P. CEJAS joined Armstrong Teasdale, focusing on medical malpractice matters. He represents health care providers including hospitals, nursing homes, doctors and nurses in medical negligence actions before state and federal courts and state regulatory boards.

MATTHEW K. CRANE joined Dowd Bennett, L.L.P. as an associate, focusing his practice on complex civil litigation and white collar criminal matters.

CHRISTOPHER K. GAFFNEY joined Danna McKittrick, P.C. as an associate, representing business clients in matters related to business transactions, business formation, financial transactions and general corporate law. He also represents business owners and other individuals with estate planning matters.

CHRISTINA HUTCHINS was hired by Gori Julian & Associates, P.C. as an attorney.

WILLIAM E. KELLNER joined Liskow & Lewis as an associate in the firm’s Lafayette, Louisiana office, focusing his practice on the areas of energy litigation, business litigation, and maritime, oilfield and insurance issues. He has represented clients in both state and federal courts.

NINA L. WINDSOR joined Danna McKittrick, P.C. as a member of the litigation practice group where she assists with the representation of employers, individuals and insurers in the areas of insurance coverage and liability, products and premises liability, and civil litigation.

ZACHARY D. WOOD, of Polsinelli, was appointed to the St. Louis chapter of the American Inns of Court.

ANGELA HALL WRIGHT is the assistant project director at Policy Research Associates in Albany, New York. She is also the assistant director of SAMHSA’s Service...
firm of Gary T. Brown as an associate in Washington, D.C.

JEFFREY C. KLAUS joined Brown & James, P.C. as an associate, focusing his practice on insurance law, premises and retail liability, product liability and subrogation.

SARAH MARGULIS joined Festus-based Ponder-Bates Law firm as an attorney focusing primarily on family law.

CLIFTON MARTIN joined Armstrong Teasdale’s St. Louis office as a member of the finance and real estate services practice group focusing on financing, public finance, development and real estate.

JACK MARTIN was hired as an associate by Lewis, Rice, and Fingersh.

TIMOTHY J. MEYER joined Brown & James, P.C. as an associate, focusing his practice in the areas of insurance law, premises and retail liability and subrogation.

LUCAS L. NULL joined Brown & James, P.C. as an associate, focusing his practice in the areas of insurance law, premises and retail liability, product liability and transportation litigation matters.

MEGHAN PIETOSO joined Bryan Cave as an associate in the commercial litigation, intellectual property, class and derivative actions, labor and employment, environmental and product liability client service groups.

KAITLYN M. ROBINSON joined Missouri Protection and Advocacy Services, a statewide not-for-profit disability rights firm, as a staff attorney.

DAVID SCOTT joined Lewis, Rice, Fingersh as an associate.

RAY M. SYRCLE joined Brown & James, P.C. as an associate, representing insurance carriers, individuals and businesses in the areas of insurance law, premises liability, transportation and product liability.

BENJAMIN C. TILLER joined Brown & James, P.C. as an associate, focusing his practice on personal injury, property damage, contract disputes, and first and third-party insurance coverage matters.

CAROLYN THEIS joined the St. Louis office of Armstrong Teasdale as a member of the firm’s litigation practice group.

JOSEPH VITALE joined the law firm of Behr, McCarter & Potter P.C.

AMANDA WARD joined AAA’s Automobile Club Inter-Insurance Exchange as a litigation attorney in St. Louis.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. RAYMOND BRUNTRAGER SR., 1950
MR. RICHARD FEDERER, 1952
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MR. ERIC STAHLHUT, 1991
DR. JAMES CRISCIONE, 1996
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Focus on Giving Back

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations highlights why alumni give to the School of Law and the different avenues available to support future legal education at Saint Louis University. In this installment, we take a look at a first time donor and one of the inaugural members of the Barristers Club.

Lakeya N. Brantley ('13)
President and General Counsel, Mitico, LLC

What encouraged you to join the Barristers Club?
The faculty and staff at Saint Louis University School of Law, as well as the school’s reputation, presented me with so many opportunities within the legal community; that’s what has encouraged me to give back to SLU LAW. The support I received was instrumental to my learning environment and also contributed to my successes as an attorney. Additionally, the law school’s great reputation afforded me a competitive advantage with my current employer. Joining the Barristers Club was a great opportunity to help other alumni stay involved and abreast of the growth and success of the law school and its programs.

What motivated you to also make your first gift to the Loyal To Law Annual Fund?
As a recipient of a SLU LAW scholarship, I was excited and comfortable knowing that even though I don’t have much to give at this point in my career, my small donation could still work towards making a huge difference.

How do you encourage other alumni to join the Barristers Club?
I encourage alumni to get involved because most of them share the same experiences that I had at SLU LAW: the classes were relevant to the current legal landscape and prepared us for the bar, and the faculty and staff were amazing! Most agree that any way they can assist in supporting SLU LAW and increasing its reputation, both locally and nationally, is beneficial to us all.

Why do you feel it is important to join the Barristers Club and give back to SLU LAW?
Recent graduates have the best understanding among alumni of current and potential changes the law school is working to implement in order to increase the value of legal education for present and potential students. Thus, recent graduates are best able to communicate the importance of supporting these initiatives, especially to one another. Any amount that a recent graduate can spare helps fund scholarships for future lawyers. Giving back not only sets an example for the new generation of attorneys, it also encourages them to give back to SLU LAW as well; it’s a cycle from which past and future SLU LAW attorneys can benefit.

To learn more about how you can continue the legacy and support the School of Law, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations:

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