THE INTERSECTION OF ACCESS
From Clinic To Court; From Real-World To Research
Lawyers are busy. Meeting our clients’ needs, addressing issues we care deeply about, engaging with the profession, and serving the community all take a tremendous amount of time and energy. And of course the daily routine of maintaining client files, drafting documents, attending meetings, and, more and more, sorting through an enormous volume of email messages demands a great deal of attention. There is a risk of becoming so busy and getting so bogged down in the daily routine that we forget what inspired us to become lawyers in the first place. In my view it’s important to reflect on what inspires us and to recognize that the hard work is worthwhile. It’s important to pause from time to time to be mindful of the great good that lawyers do, even though the journey sometimes is a long one.

Perhaps no one offers a better example of this than Professor Roger Goldman, the SLU LAW Callis Family Professor of Law Emeritus, who has been working on police licensing reform for four decades. As you will see in these pages, Professor Goldman has been patient and persistent and diligent on his journey with law and policy. Over time, his diligence has yielded important results, effecting meaningful change in policy and influencing the course of the national conversation.

And in our cover story, you will read about how our students, faculty and alumni worked together and across disciplines to turn academic scholarship into meaningful, real-world outcomes for patients with hepatitis C. Part of the SLU LAW educational experience is cultivating the ability to translate research and analysis into action through advocacy. When this advocacy leads to an immediate positive effect on a given population’s health and safety, it makes it clear that the intersection of research and advocacy can produce outstanding results and that the journey is a worthwhile one.

Each of us is on our own journey with the law. What you do as lawyers and judges and law-trained professionals is impactful. I hope you recognize the importance of the role you play. And I hope you are able to take a break from the daily routine to reflect on your own reasons for undertaking this journey in the first place.

Thank you, as always, for all you do and for your ongoing support. We hope you enjoy this issue of the Saint Louis Brief.

WILLIAM P. JOHNSON
Dean and Professor of Law
Republic of Serbia and joins the team after most recently serving as a senior consultant at the World Bank. He’s also worked for the U.N. Development Program, the Council of Europe, International Criminal Court and Catholic Relief Services, and is a recipient of national and international recognition for his work in the field of human rights and anti-discrimination. As an assistant director, Karadzic will seek to expand SLU LAW’s international recruitment and equip the law school to better meet the needs of prospective and current international law students.

NEW ASSOCIATE DEANS APPOINTED

Dean William P. Johnson appointed three professors to administrative roles in the dean’s office: Marcia McCormick assumed the role of associate dean of academic affairs; Anders Walker, Lillie Myers Professor of Law, took up the post of associate dean for research and engagement; and Dana Malkus was appointed to a new role of associate dean for experiential education. As associate deans, they will support Dean Johnson’s vision to enhance the strength of the faculty and academic programs; increase external engagement and bolster the School’s national reputation; and ensure the clinical and field placement offerings continue to comply with ABA standards as well as meet the growing market demand for experiential education opportunities.

CLINICS SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATE FOR CLEMENCY

The Clinics, together with the Rev. Christopher Collins, S.J., and the Community Coalition for Clemency successfully advocated for freedom for 68-year-old grandmother Judy Henderson, who was released from prison after serving more than 35 years. Her sentence was commuted by Gov. Eric Greitens on Dec. 20. Led by John Ammann, McDonnell Professor of Justice in American Society, the Coalition advocates for incarcerated women in Missouri, many of whom were victims of domestic violence and who received sentences disproportionate to their crimes. Ammann’s students past and present worked on this endeavor over the past six years.

SLU LAW EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT

The Office of Admission welcomes Marko Karadzic to the team as assistant director of international admission. Karadzic, a Serbian native, is a former state secretary for human and minority rights of the Republic of Serbia and joins the team after most recently serving as a senior consultant at the World Bank. He’s also worked for the U.N. Development Program, the Council of Europe, International Criminal Court and Catholic Relief Services, and is a recipient of national and international recognition for his work in the field of human rights and anti-discrimination. As an assistant director, Karadzic will seek to expand SLU LAW’s international recruitment and equip the law school to better meet the needs of prospective and current international law students.

NEW HEALTH LAW FACULTY TO JOIN SLU LAW

Two new professors will join the Center for Health Law Studies in fall 2018. Ruqaiijah Yearby is currently the David L. Brennan Professor and associate dean of institutional diversity and inclusiveness at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Her research focuses on racial disparities in health care and law, justice and medical research. Ana Santos Rutschman is currently the Jaharis Faculty Fellow in Health Law and Intellectual Property at DePaul University College of Law. Her expertise lies in the intersection of innovation and law, and she has also worked on biotechnology and biobanking, law and science, and e-health. These new faculty members’ impressive and unique scholarship will be a great asset to SLU LAW students and our renowned health law program.

COLLABORATING WITH CHINESE LAW SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARS

In fall 2017, the Center for International and Comparative Law (CICL) began hosting year-long visiting international scholar Professor Miao Zhang, the director for the Center of Criminal Law at Nanjing University, a top university in China. Prof. Zhang has extensive experience in comparative criminal law, recidivism and punishment reform. At SLU LAW, he has been learning American teaching methods and legal writing while focusing his scholarship on comparative perspectives on criminal law reform. He has collaborated with Professor Chad Flanders and Associate
Dean Anders Walker on his scholarship and has been a resource to many students interested in comparative criminal law.

In further efforts to create new university partnerships in China, Professor Ira H. Trako, assistant director of CICL, and Dean Walker traveled to Shanghai and Nanjing, China. They reconnected with Chinese alumni and met with institutional leaders of Nanjing University School of Law and Hohai University School of Law in an effort to attract Chinese law students and create new study-abroad opportunities for SLU LAW students.

**CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND EVENTS**

**SLU LAW SPONSORS TWO NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES**

On Sept. 8, the law school joined the University, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in welcoming 798 individuals from more than 100 countries as they became American citizens in Chaifetz Arena. Dean Johnson gave the keynote address. In a smaller ceremony on Oct. 27 at Scott Hall (pictured), nearly 50 residents were naturalized, including Professor Lisa Sonia Taylor, director of the Office of Inclusion and Diversity Education, who gave the address. At both ceremonies, students, faculty and staff greeted attendees and made up the choir.

**CHILDRESS LECTURE ADDRESSES HUMAN RIGHTS IN AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

This year’s annual event, held Oct. 13, and organized by the Saint Louis University Law Journal, examined the role, rhetoric and practices of the United States’ criminal justice system using international human rights norms as perspective. Samuel R. Gross, the Thomas and Mabel Long Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, gave the keynote address, “The Death Penalty, Public Opinion, and Politics in the U.S.”

**SCHOOL OF LAW WINS MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL’S CUP TRIAL COMPETITION**

SLU LAW took home the top prize in October in Jefferson City, Missouri, at the AG Cup, a mock trial competition among Missouri’s four law schools. 3L Brandon Rahimi, 2L Bridget Boyle and 2L Dashawn Cason made up SLU’s winning team. They were joined by the second SLU team 3L Alex Turpin, 3L Gabe Crocker and 3L Evan Stewart and were coached by adjunct professors Chris Finney (’10), Patrick Mickey (’02) and Kayla Williams (’14). The competition gives students the chance to hone their courtroom skills and better prepare themselves for courtroom practice.

**SLU LAW DEDICATES HISTORIC ART DONATED BY ALUMNUS**

In November, the School of Law celebrated the dedication of the exhibit “Through These Doors” / “Per Has Fores,” featuring relief panels and carvings, which are original to the wooden pediments that framed the courtroom entrances in the St. Louis City Municipal Courts Building. Designed by architect Isaac S. Taylor, an 1868 SLU graduate, the building was completed in 1911 and served as a courthouse until the early 2000s when it was shuttered. In 2012, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. As lawyers or judges, thousands of SLU LAW alumni walked through these doors, which are now proudly displayed in Scott Hall adjacent to the Legal Clinics office, representing the shared tradition of which today’s students and faculty are a part. The pieces were donated by the Dennis C. Donnelly (’66) family, obtained from the city during the renovations in 1967. Thank you, Donnelly family!

**AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

**LEANN UPTON HAILED AS UNSUNG HERO**

LeAnn Upton, Legal Clinics office assistant, was named one of Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s Unsung Heroes. For six years, Upton has been the first point of contact for potential clinic clients. This award recognizes those in the legal community who work tirelessly to better the profession by supporting others.

**MARCIA MCCORMICK RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Marcia L. McCormick was awarded the Paul Stephen Miller Memorial Award for outstanding academic and public contributions to the field of labor and employment scholarship. She was presented the award at the 12th Annual Colloquium on Scholarship in Employment and Labor Law, where she was described by a member of the committee as “one of the most humble, wickedly smart, prolific, supportive and compassionate scholars in the labor and employment law community.”

**YVETTE JOY LIEBESMAN ELECTED TO AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE**

Professor Yvette Joy Liebesman, who teaches intellectual property, trademark law and copyrights, was elected to the American Law Institute, the leading U.S. independent organization producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize and improve the law.

**AMANDA GOLDSMITH RECOGNIZED AS LEADER IN THE WORKPLACE**

Development director Amanda Goldsmith (’07) was selected by SLU’s Women’s Commission as one of eight women to be honored at the YWCA Leaders in the Workplace Luncheon in December.

Additionally, the YWCA Metro St. Louis named nine women as “Leaders of Distinction,” and this year’s class included Tara Nealey, Ph.D. (’01), a shareholder at Polsinelli.
SAINT LOUIS BRIEF

@AnnieRiceSTL
798 new US citizens today! Welcomed in so many languages by Dean Johnson of @SLULAW & reminded that they are what makes America great!

@jamilajeff
I’m looking forward to speaking this morning @SLULAW @SLULawJournal #Childress2017

@AGJoshHawley
Congrats to the @SLULAW team for winning the 2017 AGO Cup! And thank you to all other teams who participated in our annual mock trial event.

@SLU_HealthLaw
Congrats! @SLU_CPHSJ Team—including @SLULAW 3L dual degree Kwamane Liddell—who took 2nd in @NAHSEConference National Health Care Case Competition.

@STLMetroBar
Great panel and program today for “Providing Pro Bono Assistance to US Military Vets” #celebrateprobono—at John K. Pruellage Courtroom (SLU LAW)

@Dean_WPJohnson
Speaking with prospective students in Cologne, Germany, at the DAJV LL.M. Recruitment Fair. It was a good event. @SLULAW is going global!

@mikemorton89
I am so proud to have been a part of this today. Always an honor to advocate for @SLULAW #SLUGivingDay #OneDayOneSLU

@550KTRS
Can police track you through your cellphone without a warrant? @SLULAW professor Greg Willard discusses with @McGrawMilhaven and @kells_jackson ahead of the #SCOTUS case today: https://youtu.be/4sZwvDDe6yc.

@carriedsims
Prof. Ammann-congratulations on successful outcome on Judy Henderson! It’s been a long time coming! I remember her case from my days with Bob Ramsey (a tireless advocate for justice). Supports my faith in great lawyers & (eventual) justice!
CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED IN DECEMBER 2017:

Stephen Adamsky, Juanita Arbelaez-Barrera, Christina Arrom, Josephine Butler, Kimberly Coleman, Katherine Doherty, Kristen Doerhoff, Erin Grant, John Hackett, Jeremey King, Scott Vermeer

Eleven students received their Juris Doctors during the 2017 midyear commencement. They were honored at a special reception on December 20, attended by their families and friends along with faculty, staff members, fellow students and alumni. Each student gave brief remarks, and Dean William P. Johnson shared with them his congratulations and parting advice.
HELLO
INCOMING FALL 2017 1L CLASS

168 STUDENTS ENROLLED
50% MALE
50% FEMALE

87.5% FULL-TIME
12.5% PART-TIME

79 UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

23% MINORITY

85% OF STUDENTS RECEIVED A MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP

9 FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

LSAT
154 MEDIAN LSAT SCORE (75TH TO 25TH PERCENTILE: 157-150)

MEDIAN GPA (75TH TO 25TH PERCENTILE: 3.70-3.13)
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN
BIRTH COUNTRIES OF 2017 1L STUDENTS (NOW US CITIZENS)

ARGENTINA
BELGIUM
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
CHINA
NEW ZEALAND
NIGERIA

PAKISTAN
PERU
SPAIN
UKRAINE
UNITED KINGDOM
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATES REPRESENTED + DC
AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NJ, OH, OR, PA, TN, TX, UT

94.0 %
SLU LAW Bar Passage Rate for first-time Missouri takers (summer 2017)
(compared to average MO first-time rate of 88.6 %)

95.2 %
SLU LAW Bar Passage Rate for first-time Missouri takers who also took the Summer Workshop Series led by Professor Toni Miceli
Big Law, Big Risk, Big Apple
Asha M. Natarajan ('12), an associate at DLA Piper in New York City, is a self-described “unicorn.”

“I don’t do traditional work; I’m kind of a ‘unicorn’ even within DLA, but there have been unicorn opportunities here, so it works! A key takeaway from my career is finding the right balance between adding value by developing niche expertise versus having several colleagues with similar expertise to bounce ideas and questions off of.”

In her role, the 32-year-old Atlanta, Georgia, native works on a range of health care and FDA regulatory matters related to pharmaceutical and medical device companies and managed care organizations.

About half of Natarajan’s time is currently devoted to secondments (working temporarily for another company) with Medtronic, one of the largest medical device manufacturers in the world. In this role she supports not one, but two different business groups and gets to work on initiatives involving innovative new business models, such as software solutions. The rest of her time revolves around supporting her DLA clients with compliance investigations, monitoring and other fraud and abuse issues.

Working in compliance allows her to appreciate her clients’ operational considerations and come up with creative solutions in complicated scenarios.

“Compliance is relied on maybe even more so than legal as a business partner,” she said. “It’s a different approach to applying the same laws.”

One of her current projects is working with a large pharmaceutical manufacturer to proactively monitor communications such as emails that sales and marketing teams create—ensuring that it all complies with federal requirements. The emails are first processed through a software that flags certain potentially problematic terms (terms that she helped come up with) to spot potential issues in real-time before they come to fruition.

“You get to learn how reps are actually communicating and where their risks are in a very grassroots way,” she said.

Other projects she has worked on include, for example, doing investigations with a diabetes team, working with a client on robotics technology and working with another client developing a new ADD medication.

For one company, Natarajan was responsible for creating a high-level patient-interaction policy that established parameters around when such interactions are appropriate and how they should be conducted. This ensured that the company’s employees “provide critical information to patients with diabetes who may not be aware of treatment options, such as an insulin pump, while remaining within the boundaries of relevant regulation and industry guidance.”

One of her biggest challenges working in big law is the variability in both projects and clients, but that variability is also what makes the job rewarding.

“Law firms often get the most cutting-edge work, and in an evolving industry like health care, it’s exciting to be a part of a team that is helping a diverse set of clients grow their business while mitigating legal and compliance risks.”

Despite being six years out of law school, Natarajan puts her SLU LAW education to work every day.

“We had an entire class on the Stark Law and the Anti-Kickback Statute and learned why it makes health care business just so much more high risk,” she said. “It was unbelievable to have that working knowledge going into practice. Nearly everything I do has potential fraud and abuse implications in some way.”

Natarajan says she was able to land one of her first jobs in part because the hiring partner specifically sought candidates from prestigious health law programs like the SLU LAW Center for Health Law Studies who could “hit the ground running knowing the basics,” such as the innumerable acronyms that exist in the industry.

“I was on a business team call the other day where I just had to sit there for two hours and spot potential compliance concerns,” she said. “Having that health law foundation when you graduate law school is pretty rare.”

Despite that foundation, working at a law firm was not what Natarajan, who also earned a dual-degree master’s in public health, initially wanted to do upon passing the bar exam.

“I always knew I wanted to do public health,” she said. “I had envisioned myself landing a job in the federal government doing ACA implementation work, but there were no jobs when I graduated in 2012. I did life sciences compliance consulting work for a year in New York City and then decided I wanted that robust law firm training while I was still junior in my career.”

She landed at Foley & Lardner’s New York office, where she was brought in to advise on fraud and abuse, compliance and investigation matters. In May 2016, Natarajan joined DLA Piper and has since been carving out her niche and finding people doing work she wants to be doing.

She now appreciates the opportunities that come with representing big clients.

“It’s really rewarding,” she said. “I think law firms get the most interesting work, and that’s what keeps me here.”

Natarajan does still have a “public service bug,” and she exercises those muscles by offering pro bono services to indigent immigrant children in New York faced with deportation through a nonprofit called the Safe Passage Project. She also volunteers at an animal shelter in Manhattan.

And despite big law’s reputation and her passion for the field, she believes life is too short to be consumed exclusively by her work.

“I have a dog and a cat and friends and family I love spending time with,” she said. “At the end of the day, you make time for what’s important to you.”
In fall 2017, on the seventh floor of Scott Hall, students in the Legal Clinics sought to improve access to a life-saving medical cure through litigation, while students in a Food & Drug Law Seminar did original research to formulate new solutions to other access issues.
A Triumphant Culmination

On an otherwise unremarkable morning two days before Thanksgiving, a small crowd gathered in Scott Hall’s first-floor conference room for a press conference.

Despite the lack of fanfare, the news was big. John Ammann, McDonnell Professor of Justice in American Society, took to the podium.

Following litigation brought by SLU LAW’s Legal Clinics, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and the National Health Law Program, he announced, the Missouri Department of Social Services was changing its Medicaid policy to allow all state residents living with hepatitis C access to the cure, effective immediately.

Missouri’s Medicaid program, MO HealthNet, had until that point only covered the cure (direct-acting antivirals) for patients in the most advanced stages of the disease, with extensive liver damage. It had not covered the necessary medications for patients in earlier stages, despite their risk of impending liver disease or cancer, and despite the public health risk of spreading the disease to other residents. Notably, major private insurers along with Medicare and the Veterans Administration provided this coverage for anyone with hepatitis C, so it was just the state’s poorest residents who lacked access to the treatment.

The change affects approximately 13,000 Missourians.

In a unique collaboration, the legal team worked in partnership with Bruce Bacon, M.D., co-director of the Saint Louis University Liver Center in the Division of Hepatology in the School of Medicine, who was also present at the press conference. Bacon is a nationally known expert who works with and advocates for patients who have hepatitis C, and he facilitated his patients’ serving as plaintiffs in the suit.

“It became readily apparent that it was cost-effective to treat patients before they got really sick and eradicate the virus, not wait until they got really sick and then treat them,” Bacon said. “These cures are dramatic in terms of the improvement of quality of life that patients have. Additionally, the public health improvements from eradicating this virus are tremendous. We feel very confident that we can get to a point where we will be able to literally cure everybody and eliminate this virus from infecting and affecting any patients in the U.S. at all.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), hepatitis C kills more people in the U.S. than every other infectious disease combined.

And while the disease has primarily affected baby boomers, new reported infections nearly tripled between 2010 and 2015, as a result of the nation’s worsening opioid epidemic, with the highest rates among young people, primarily 20- to 29-year-olds, who inject drugs. The official numbers went from 850 new infections in 2010 to 2,436 new infections in 2015, though the CDC estimates the true number is much higher—about 34,000 new infections in 2015—since there are few symptoms and most individuals do not get diagnosed.

“This is definitely the most significant policy change that I’ve been a part of,” said Jamie Rodriguez (’10), director of the Public Benefits Program at Legal Services.
Building the Coalition

Rodriguez, in fact, was not just a part of the effort, but its catalyst. In December 2015, she found herself in a small discussion group at a National Health Law Program conference learning about various states’ Medicaid programs’ hepatitis C policies.

“I started researching Missouri’s policies to see how they were in line with national trends. I thought this would be worth looking into, and we started researching from there,” she said.

Rodriguez and Legal Services’ director of advocacy Joel Ferber met with Bruce Burkett, executive director of the HepC Alliance, and heard from him and local behavioral counselors that Bacon was the person to see. That was the point at which Ammann was brought in, who thought it was a good case and attended the first meeting with Bacon in the summer of 2016.

“We started by doing Sunshine Act requests, so with that we had two full boxes of documents that [the state] sent us, and it helped show that their policy really was that because of the expense they weren’t going to provide the medications,” Ammann said. “Dr. Bacon and his staff referred patients to us who needed the medication. One of the primary roles our students took was to meet with the clients, sometimes in their homes, sometimes at Steak ‘n Shake, sometimes in the office, to get their stories, and we developed affidavits.”

“It was important to find clients who were not only good candidates for the case, but also were interested in being part of the process,” said Katie Landfried (‘17), now an associate at Capes Sokol, who worked on the case as a clinic student. “Litigation can be intimidating for a lot of people, and most do not want to get involved if they can avoid it.”

“I was able to meet with one of our first patients,” said fellow student Kelly Smallmon (‘17), now a document review attorney for Epiq Global. “We traveled to her home and were able to meet her family. When we first arrived she was visibly anxious about meeting with us. It was completely obvious this particular patient was constantly in fear of infecting her family and loved ones.”

“I felt a great deal of sympathy for our clients based on the health issues and struggles they faced related to those symptoms,” Landfried said. “What was most compelling, however, was the frustration of their situation with the state. To know that the state required these individuals to get sicker before they would provide this cure—essentially requiring these individuals to needlessly suffer—was an issue that motivated us all.”

Rodriguez agreed about the mutual mission.

“I often work with doctors, but it’s usually in a different context: more commonly I need to get medical records in order to prove eligibility for disability,” she said. “I usually struggle with doctors because there are a lot of barriers in place for me to talk to them; they don’t always realize we’re on the same team. In this case it was very clear that we were all on the same team.”

The team also included Washington University physician Jaquelyn Fleckenstein, M.D.; Kansas City CARE Clinic physician Blair A. Theidinger, M.D.; and Jane Perkins and Abbi Coursolle of the National Health Law Program.

“It was a great collaboration,” Ammann said. “Dr. Bacon respected the students as fellow professionals and understood that their goals and his were the same: his patients were our clients. For a guy who’s a national expert on this issue, he was very down to earth with our students and very collegial.”

From Clinic to Court to Career

If one thing is universally agreed upon by students in the Legal Clinics, it’s that the experience they gain through these types of cases is invaluable.

Landfried said the complexities and technicalities of the hep C case prepared her for similarly complex work in the toxic tort field at Capes Sokol.

“There were a lot of nuances with the case that we didn’t see in our everyday cases in the clinic,” she said. “I was also able to shake off a lot of the nerves of being a practicing attorney by all of the opportunities I was offered in the clinic. I had argued in federal court, taken a deposition, and conducted a trial in state court all before I was even an ‘official attorney.’”

For Smallmon, seeing her effort come to fruition was powerful.

“I felt personally compelled to help with this case because my stepmom had just received a life-saving liver transplant a few weeks prior to [me] being presented with this opportunity,” she said. “So it really hit home.”

And the impact of this case will be felt beyond the “home” of Missouri, as now more than half the states have eliminated these types of restrictions in their Medicaid policies.

“Everybody celebrates a victory in any state because it helps the momentum, so our case helped others,” Ammann said. “People were thrilled, because now other states get to say, ‘Well, Missouri’s doing it,’ so other states will follow along.”
While the final stages of the hepatitis C lawsuit wrapped up in the Legal Clinics’ office, involving students who had learned about a particular health access problem within the walls of law school and gone out to fix it, a few feet away down the hall, students who had worked in the health care field prior to law school returned to the realm of academia to explore solutions to problems they had seen firsthand.

Pushing the Boundaries

One of these students was 2L Michelle Rodman, who spent 15 years as a surgical technologist at a hospital in Seattle, Washington, before coming to law school. Rodman drew on this experience as well as on the experience of a colleague she’d had, a doctor who was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme and served as the first human in a breakthrough immunotherapy trial. She wrote a “white paper” on his case study and explored the Right to Try Act that has been debated in recent months in Congress.

“Pushing the Boundaries”

Ensuring Effectiveness

Another student in McCuskey’s seminar, 2L Lauren Pair, took an opposite tack. Pair had spent five years as a clinical researcher for a pediatric oncology group at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, while getting her master’s degree in public health, before coming to law school, serving as a “behind-the-scenes data person.”

“The premise of the paper was how this technology and that legislation can work together to promote new possibilities for patients being able to have access to treatments that maybe aren’t FDA-cleared yet or are still in the trial phase,” Rodman said. “So looking at, ‘Where is this going to go now?’”

Besides the groundbreaking nature of the case study she was exploring, she was also compelled by the circumstances that led to it.

“How do you have someone in the medical community who’s very knowledgeable help patients who don’t have as much access to that get treatment that they could have? Or how do you prevent people from getting treatment that may not be the best for them, just because they hear about it on TV?” she asked. “I thought he would be a great example of how you have access to information but use it in a very practical way.”

Rodman recently sent a copy of her white paper to SLU LAW alumni working in D.C. who do FDA regulatory work, hoping to get their feedback.

And while she remains interested in new cancer treatment technologies, her real passion is orthopedic technology, such as total joint replacements, implants and screws for broken bones.

“Especially as baby boomers are living longer and the population is growing, I think everyone wants to be healthy, so those are the kinds of devices that I really love.”
compromising on those requirements to meet their goal of getting drugs approved more quickly?"

Speeding up the process—instead of taking seven years, for example, only taking three—runs the risk of not ensuring enough time to accurately tell if the drug is truly effective, she said.

“You don’t want to tell parents ‘Here’s this new drug, it’s been approved more quickly, it’s going to be great,’ and then it turns out it doesn’t actually have that beneficial effect that takes time to tease out through clinical research.”

In addition, the new regulation for accelerated approvals does not mandate that follow-up studies be in place.

In a citizen petition to the FDA, Pair analyzed the new regulation and then used evidence from prior studies conducted by physicians and public health researchers to support why she felt the change was not enough.

“My suggestion to the FDA was to change the language of the statute so that instead of saying ‘These are studies that are likely already to be in place,’ to change it to ‘These studies shall be already in place [in order] for you to get accelerated approval.”

McCuskey commented that Pair’s petition was a “superlative combination of her science background, her research on drug-approval regulation and the real-world application of administrative law in drafting a petition for rulemaking.”

“What drove me to come to law school after spending time in the field was improving access,” Pair said. “That’s very broad and there are a lot of different ways to attack that problem. A lot of people think of ‘access’ in terms of policy, so you’ve got to work for the government, but there’s the business side and the health care industry side, as well—how can you assist hospitals or physician practice groups in their day-to-day and make their lives easier? Because that’s where the access is. Even if you work at a big firm and you’re assisting insurers or health care providers, you’re still helping with access.”

Synthesizing Systems to Save Lives

And fourth-year student Jeremey King, who is pursuing a dual-degree master’s in health administration, conducted original research on state prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs), a leading tool in the fight against prescription opioid abuse.

King became interested in exploring PDMPs as an intern in 2016 for the National Health Law Program, and in 2017, Missouri Governor Eric Greitens signed an executive order to initiate a PDMP for the state as the 50th in the nation. King compared state-by-state features of these programs and proposed best practices for PDMPs, including aspects such as privacy and interoperability.

“Everyone wants access to new drugs if they’re safe and effective, but what measures are they taking to ensure that they’re not compromising on those requirements?”

“There’s been a lot of research into the problems [surrounding opioid abuse] but not a lot of solutions proposed, and it kind of synergized with a project I was working on in the M.H.A. program for a health information systems class,” King said. “So this is kind of the health information system response for how to fix the problem.

“Before I started, I didn’t realize how bad the problem was,” he continued. “There are these [prescription drug monitoring] programs, but they’re not really effective, in that they don’t capture many of the issues that everyone knows to be the issues.”

Some of the programs, King explained, do not require administrators to enter a form of payment, so if a person is paying for a prescription drug with cash, that may not be picked up as a potential abuse situation. Some states’ databases only update every seven days. Some capture who picks up the prescription, such as a parent or spouse, and some do not.

“From the research I did, there’s a consensus on what data needs to be collected, but hardly any databases actually do capture all of the data points.”

In his paper, King advocated for a federally managed but state-operated approach similar to Medicaid, in which a federal program mandates broad outlines and facilitates interoperability, and then the states can fill it out, while having to meet minimum standards.

After graduation, King plans to join the Missouri Department of Social Services as an assistant special counsel, working on the Medicaid and public benefits programs.

“The FDA seminar gave me some insight into, in my view, what good regulation would look like, which I think is useful. And it gave me an idea of what bad regulation looks like and the issues that could arise if it looks good on paper, but down the line there are all these holes that just create more problems than good.”

“The profound tension between scientific innovation, product safety and patient access to treatment makes drug regulation extraordinarily complex,” McCuskey said. “I am so impressed with my seminar students’ willingness and ability to embrace that complexity and seek new legal solutions.”
It’s rare to find a professor who has devoted nearly his entire career to one community and one scholarly pursuit, but for the past 40 years, Roger Goldman, the Callis Family Professor of Law Emeritus at Saint Louis University School of Law, has been singularly devoted to his SLU LAW students and to his work on police misconduct and license-revocation laws.

His goal has remained constant: to change traditional methods of dealing with police misconduct so that bad officers who are fired from one department cannot simply proceed to another department in another county or state and get rehired. By keeping bad officers off the streets, good officers can be more effective, the relationship between a police unit and its community will be strengthened, and citizens ultimately will be safer.

Goldman’s devotion has paid off. After decades of painstaking collaboration with politicians, police officers, journalists, citizens and other academics from across the country, he has worked in three states to enact decertification laws, and continues to work on creating a federally mandated national database that tracks repeated incidents of misconduct. He has won dozens of awards, including most recently an Ingram Magazine’s 2018 “Icon of Education” award; has authored numerous articles and three books; is called upon frequently by national media outlets seeking his expertise; and though he is retired, still can be found in his office at Scott Hall almost daily.

The good news? He has no plans to quit anytime soon. Here is Prof. Goldman reflecting on some lessons learned over the course of his career, and where we go from here.
In the late '70s, a series of articles in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* featured a Maplewood Police Department lieutenant whose technique for getting a confession consisted of playing Russian roulette with handcuffed suspects. After Maplewood fired him for this and other misconduct, he was hired to work one day a week at the Breckenridge Terrace Police Department in a small community in North St. Louis County. While off-duty, he returned to Maplewood, where he shot and killed an unarmed man whom he believed was going to steal his personal car. The officer was not prosecuted because he claimed he thought the fleeing suspect was reaching for a gun. No gun was ever found.

This series of events caught my attention. I soon became aware that, in contrast to other Missouri professions and occupations such as medicine, accounting, even massage therapy, there was no equivalent to license revocation for police officers who engage in serious misconduct. At that time, 35 other states did have the ability to revoke police officers’ licenses. In 1981 I received a summer research grant from Saint Louis University to travel to Florida, the state with the most active decertification program. Shortly after my return, I formed a coalition of law enforcement officials, civil libertarians and state legislators that drafted a bill. The police commander of internal affairs for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department was the bill’s lead witness before the legislative committees, and Gov. John Ashcroft signed it into law in 1988. It took five years to get the law enacted, and it is one of the strongest in the nation, with more than 600 officers having their license revoked or voluntarily relinquishing it.

Getting that law enacted was my proudest achievement in police decertification.

I later was a catalyst for getting decertification laws enacted in two other states, Illinois and Indiana, but the laws in those states ended up being much weaker, demonstrating that leadership in such efforts needs to come from residents on the ground in the state, not an outsider. I’ve also worked in Vermont and Washington state in getting laws passed there, and in 2016, I helped a state agency develop a decertification regulation in New York. Currently, all but five states have decertification laws; those without them are California, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island—all progressive states with very strong police unions. That means leadership must come from chiefs and sheriffs who will make the point that revocation is necessary to enhance police professionalism.

And while decertification laws have seen increased support over the years—garnering national attention and major media coverage following the 2014 events in Ferguson—related problems remain.

One problem we have seen in Missouri, for example, is that of smaller police departments hiring officers known to be potential problems but never decertified, simply because these departments’ respective municipalities have constrained budgets and can more easily afford an officer already trained.

Another issue that has gone widely unaddressed over the decades is sexual abuse at the hands of officers. I recently wrote an op-ed for *Newsweek* discussing this curious absence of police sexual misconduct—which is far and away the most prevalent type of citizen abuse that leads to decertification—from the #MeToo movement.

Changing these laws is slow work. You have to be willing to collaborate with people whom you might disagree with on other issues. You have to be your own spokesperson and know where to publicize your ideas; I’d been writing for years in law journals about the need for a federal database tracking police misconduct, but it wasn’t until I wrote an article for *Police Chief* magazine that anyone paid attention and it became a recommendation by President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing!

A few weeks ago, I told a group of SLU LAW students that what counts as public interest work needn’t be limited to litigating on behalf of individual clients, and that doing this work can become an obsession, but if you’re okay with that, it can be immensely rewarding.

I view my role as working on behalf of the unknown client, who will hopefully never become a victim of a “repeat offender” officer. The thought of the unknown client is what motivates me to keep going, pursuing decertification laws state by state. And I’m in it until all the states have done it.
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This year, 12 notable alumni and professors were recognized for living out this mission in their everyday lives and throughout their careers. They were celebrated among their friends and families for their success professionally and in service.

During the ceremony, Dean William P. Johnson and University President Fred P. Pestello, Ph.D., delivered brief remarks, Rev. Christopher Collins, S.J., gave the invocation, and the awards were presented by current law students.

Congratulations to these remarkable individuals, who will serve as inspiration for generations of SLU LAW graduates to come.
The Hon. Terry I. Adelman*

CLASS OF 1970

Judge Terry I. Adelman was a magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri from 1992 until 2015, and served as Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge from 2001 to 2008. He worked in the Public Defender’s Office in the City of St. Louis before becoming an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Missouri, handling many high-profile prosecutions, and then was named the First Assistant U.S. Attorney in 1980. Judge Adelman served on the district’s court security committee for his entire judicial career and was especially proud of his service on the Model Criminal Jury Instructions Subcommittee of the Eighth Judicial Circuit. He also taught seminars on white collar crime as an adjunct professor at Washington University School of Law and SLU LAW.

The Hon. Susan E. Block

CLASS OF 1975

Judge Susan E. Block is currently a principal at Paule Camazine & Blumenthal, after retiring as a circuit judge and administrative judge in 2004, with 25 years of judicial service. She holds various leadership positions with the National Council of Jewish Women, Win With Women, HomeWorks! and the National Women’s Political Caucus, and she is a founding member of Caring for Kids. She has been an adjunct professor at Saint Louis University, Washington University and Emory University Schools of Law, specializing in trial practice and technique courses. She focuses her practice in family law matters and is viewed as a “lawyer’s lawyer” among her colleagues.

The Hon. Jimmie M. Edwards

CLASS OF 1981

Judge Jimmie M. Edwards was appointed by Mayor Lyda Krewson as director of public safety for the city of St. Louis in October 2017. He served as a circuit court judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit in Missouri for the City of St. Louis for 25 years, five of which he was the administrative judge of the family court and chief juvenile court judge. Judge Edwards has made a significant mark in civil law, presiding over more than 500 jury trials, and he has handled important state litigation, including the Missouri Tobacco Case. He is a member of the National Center for State Courts Board of Directors and the Missouri Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, and he chairs the State Judicial Records Committee.

Kevin C. Curran

CLASS OF 1978

Kevin C. Curran is currently First Assistant in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Missouri and worked in various capacities for both the Missouri State Public Defender System and the Office of the Federal Public Defender. He is an adjunct professor at SLU LAW and Washington University School of Law focusing on death penalty litigation and trial advocacy, and he currently supervises the internship program in the Office of the Federal Public Defender. Curran is a member of the Eighth Circuit Model Criminal Jury Instructions, has served on the National Institute for Justice and the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence Post-conviction Issues Working Group, and is a past president of the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Anita C. Esslinger

CLASS OF 1978

Anita C. Esslinger retired in 2016 as a partner and co-leader of the Global Anti-Corruption Team at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, where she worked in their St. Louis, Washington, D.C. and London offices. Her practice transactions included a variety of corporate and commercial issues, and she has written and spoken regularly on these topics, including at the Cambridge University International Symposium on Economic Crime and in Beijing, Tanjin and Hong Kong on the occasion of China’s accession to the World Trade Organization. She also served as a World Bank monitor of integrity compliance by a European company as part of the World Bank’s voluntary disclosure program.

Roger L. Goldman

CALLIS FAMILY PROFESSOR OF LAW EMERITUS

Roger L. Goldman is the nation’s foremost expert on police licensing and license revocation laws and is also a leading expert on the U.S. Supreme Court and constitutional law. Goldman received his A.B. from Harvard University in 1963 and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1966. He joined the SLU LAW faculty in 1971, where he taught courses in civil procedure, criminal procedure, constitutional law and federal courts for the next 40 years and received multiple writing and teaching awards; he served as associate dean twice and as interim dean for one year. In addition to helping states write and adopt laws to prevent repeat police officer misconduct, Goldman has written several articles and books on constitutional law and criminal procedure and is frequently sought out by both national and local media for commentary.

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JESSE A. GOLDNER
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PROFESSOR OF LAW EMERITUS

Jesse A. Goldner received his A.B. in 1969 and his M.A. in 1971, both from Columbia University, and earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1973. He joined the SLU LAW faculty in 1973, where he began his tenure developing the School’s civil and criminal clinical programs before becoming the co-founder of the Center for Health Law Studies, which he directed for 12 years. He has done extensive research on issues relating to the law and ethics of research on human subjects, as well as on family law and law and psychiatry. He has had leadership roles on several councils overseeing human research and accreditation, and he currently serves on the board of directors of the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. Goldner served as SLU LAW associate dean for academic affairs for three years, and has been a visiting professor at a number of American and foreign law schools.

BERNARD A. REINERT
CLASS OF 1962

Bernard A. Reinert is the founder of and a principal in Reinert Weishaar Attorneys at Law. His practice areas have been fidelity and surety bond claims and litigation, banking and financial institutions, business and commercial litigation, construction law, and trials and appeals, and he has a national reputation as a practitioner and publisher on surety and fidelity issues. After law school, Reinert served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Omer Poos. He is an active member of his Kirkwood community, serving as a member of the Kirkwood R7 School District Board of Education (1976-1991) and as chairman of the City of Kirkwood Civil Service Commission (1992 to the present).

MARY ANNE SEDEY
CLASS OF 1975

Mary Anne Sedey is currently a partner in the firm Sedey Harper, P.C. and has represented employees in Missouri for 40 years. Sedey has served as president of the National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA) and founded its St. Louis chapter, and was president of the executive board of the nonprofit Workplace Fairness. She served a six-year term on the Judicial Commission of the 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri and is currently a member of the executive committee of the Theodore McMillian Inns of Court, as well as a number of other legal organizations. She has taught courses and spoken around the country on trial tactics and employment law issues.

REUBEN A. SHELTON
CLASS OF 1981

Reuben A. Shelton recently retired as lead litigation counsel for Monsanto Company, where he handled antitrust and intellectual property litigation as well as international business litigation and global policy matters. Previously, he was special chief counsel in the Office for the Missouri Attorney General and worked for Ameren Union Electric Company for 14 years as head of the Tort Litigation Department. He is past president of BAMSL, the St. Louis Bar Foundation, and the Missouri Bar Association and currently serves on the Missouri Bar Board of Trustees—the first African American elected to those positions. He has also been involved in leadership roles in numerous other legal and nonprofit organizations and is now vice chair of the Missouri Development Finance Board.

THE HON. LISA S. VAN AMBURG
CLASS OF 1975

Judge Lisa S. Van Amburg is currently a judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District. She launched her career in employment law and labor law, her specialty for 27 years, working at firms Van Amburg, Chackes, Carlson and Spritzer; Schuchat, Cook &Werner; and Anderson, Everett, Sedey and VanAmburg. During this time, she argued several notable discrimination cases. In 2003, she was appointed to the bench as a circuit judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri in the City of St. Louis, and was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2012.

THE HON. KAREN E. SCHREIER
CLASS OF 1981

Judge Karen E. Schreier is a federal judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota, currently stationed in Sioux Falls. She spent 11 years as a partner and associate at Hagen, Wilka, Schreier & Archer, P.C., practicing civil and business litigation, administrative law, estate planning and family law, before becoming the first woman to serve as U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota and later the first woman to serve as a federal district judge in South Dakota. She currently serves as chair of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and is a current board member of South Dakota Children’s Home Society.
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This year the School of Law added two new fellowships honoring esteemed members of the legal community, the Hon. Terry I. Adelman Federal Judicial Fellowship and the Hon. Richard B. Teitelman Memorial Student Fellowship Fund.
The Honorable Terry I. Adelman
Federal Judicial Fellowship

The Hon. Terry I. Adelman devoted his professional career to public service, first as a public defender in the City of St. Louis, then as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Missouri — where he also served as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney — and finally, as a U.S. Magistrate Judge. In addition to his many years of public service, he had another professional passion: teaching. For many years, Judge Adelman co-taught a white-collar crime and federal procedure seminar at SLU LAW. This fellowship, established by his friends and family, provides a summer judicial fellowship with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and a stipend for the fellow.

The Honorable Richard B. Teitelman
Memorial Student Fellowship Fund

A great friend of SLU LAW, the Hon. Richard “Rick” B. Teitelman served as executive director and general counsel of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri from 1980 until 1998, when he was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals. He was elevated to the state Supreme Court in 2002 and served as its chief justice from July 2011 through June 2013. Judge Teitelman was known for his dedication to equal justice for all, especially the poor and vulnerable. In February 2018, attorney Max Margulis of the Margulis Law Group recommended SLU LAW receive a cy pres award to be used to establish The Hon. Richard B. Teitelman Memorial Student Fellowship Fund. This fellowship will provide stipends for students to work with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.

The Honorable Michael B. Calvin
Memorial Fellowship

The Hon. Michael Calvin graduated from SLU LAW in 1975. In 1988, he became a circuit judge, and in 1999 he was elected by his colleagues as presiding judge, becoming the first African-American in that position. In 2008, he retired from the bench and went to work as of counsel to Spencer Fane Britt & Browne. This fellowship was established to honor Judge Calvin and his impact on the legal community by providing a summer stipend for a student working locally in a low-paying or non-paying public interest job.

Bert Cooper Public Interest Fellowship

A 1975 graduate of the School of Law, Bert Cooper was committed to public interest and serving the underrepresented members of the community. He served as an adjunct professor and mentored countless SLU LAW students. This fellowship was established to honor his commitment to the legal profession and community by providing a summer stipend for a student working with a public interest organization serving the underrepresented and ensuring justice in our society.

Irvin & Maggie Dagen Public Interest Fellowship

The Dagens were leaders in the civil rights movement in St. Louis and generous supporters of SLU LAW. They helped integrate downtown St. Louis lunch counters in the 1950s and 1960s by going into establishments, ordering lunch, and then, when their meal came, giving up their seat to an African-American who would not have been allowed to order. Irvin Dagen died in 1998 and Maggie Dagen in 2002. They generously remembered the School of Law before and after their deaths. Shortly before her death, Maggie Dagen met with PILG students who had completed summer internships thanks to her generous donation. She was so moved by their dedication that she created an endowment to permanently support stipends for students working in unpaid public interest and public service work. Hundreds of SLU LAW students have benefited from the Dagen fund through the years.

Art Martin Memorial Fellowship

Art Martin, an alumnus of SLU LAW and a partner at Schuchat, Cook & Werner, focused his practice on labor and employment law and employment discrimination law. He served as chair of the Labor Law Section of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and was an adjunct professor at SLU LAW from 1994 until his passing in 2012. This fellowship was established in 2013, to further Art’s legacy of dedication to clients and the labor movement by providing a summer stipend to a student working in a low-paying or non-paying public interest job focusing on worker rights.

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Memorial Fellowship

Joseph J. Simeone served as a professor of law, a judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals and a judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He served as legal counsel to two governors of Missouri and legal advisor to the Judiciary Committee of the Missouri House of Representatives. He is the principal author and draftsman of the Judicial Article of the Missouri Constitution, the original Missouri Public Defender Act, the Controlled Substances Law, various environmental laws and other legislation. Judge Simeone authored more than 60 legal articles, published in various journals, and wrote more than 300 judicial opinions. Designed to continue his work in the courts by educating the next generation of legal scholars, this fellowship provides a stipend and summer clerkship with the Missouri Court of Appeals.

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As a result of the Simon family’s desire to help U.S. immigrants, this fellowship was established in 2016. It provides students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in immigration law while providing much needed services to the local immigrant community.

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1962
BERNARD REINERT was inducted into the Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame.

1965
JAMES MICHEL, former U.S. ambassador to Guatemala and senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) for its Project on Prosperity and Development, authored a CSIS report titled “Managing and Promoting Resilience to Advance Peace, Security, and Sustainable Development.” The report addresses the projection that 80 percent of the world’s extremely poor will live in countries experiencing significant fragility by 2035, and places this in the context of trends toward declining violence and increased prosperity and freedom.

1967
WILLIAM E. HALPIN received his LL.M. in international law at Charles University, Prague, after defending his thesis. He has returned to his home in the San Francisco Bay Area and has resumed teaching as an adjunct faculty member at St. Mary’s College, Moraga, California.

ALAN STEINBERG, founding partner at Steinberg & Steinberg L.L.C., saw his firm win the Gerald R. Ortbals Outstanding Law Practice Award presented by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri at the 35th “For the Common Good Awards Dinner” in August.

1970
HON. TERRY I. ADELMAN was inducted posthumously into the Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame.

1972
EDWARD RATAJ, former adjunct instructor at SLU LAW, is the coach of four grade/middle school chess teams, and he also coordinates the chess program at homeless shelters at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Biddle House in St. Louis.

HON. LISA S. VAN AMBURG was inducted into the Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame.

1973
ANNE-MARIE CLARKE, St. Louis City Family Court commissioner, was installed as chair of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association. She will serve as chair for one year, focusing on judicial diversity and ethnic fairness.

1974
HON. LUTHER W. SIMMONS retired as associate circuit judge of the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois in Madison County, and joined Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC as a shareholder. Prior to that, he was the first African-American public defender in the history of Madison County.

1975
HON. SUSAN E. BLOCK was inducted into the Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame.

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ROBERT STEWART was named 2018 St. Louis Lawyer of the Year in labor law-management by Best Lawyers in America. He was also named in the areas of employment law-management, labor law-management and litigation-labor and employment.

FRED KNAPP, prosecutor for Morris County, New Jersey, was elected president of the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey by its 21 members.
1980
TIMOTHY F. CASEY of Collins Einhorn Farrell PC was named to the 2017 Michigan Super Lawyers list and was listed in the 2018 Best Lawyers of America in the areas of insurance law and litigation-insurance.

1981
HON. JIMMIE M. EDWARDS was appointed director of public safety for the City of St. Louis by Mayor Lyda Krewson. In this role, he is responsible for more than 3,500 employees with an operating budget of $340 million, overseeing the police and fire departments as well as the corrections and buildings divisions. Judge Edwards also was inducted into the Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame.

HON. KAREN E. SCHREIER was inducted into the Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame.

REUBEN SHELTON was inducted into the Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame.

1982
GERARD MANTESE received the 2017 Hudson Award, the top honor conferred by the State Bar of Michigan, for outstanding contributions and commitment to the legal profession. Mantese is a business law attorney at Mantese Honigman, PC, and he focuses his national practice on complex business, shareholder and real estate litigation.

1983
CHRISTI GRIFFIN is celebrating 10 years of closing her private law practice and founding The Ethics Project, where she continues to serve as president. The 501(c)(3) organization’s mission is to raise the bar on ethics among attorneys, judges and law enforcement in an effort to reduce wrongful convictions and mass incarceration.

LORI W. JONES helped mark the first Gerty and Carl Cori Day at St. Louis City Hall on Oct. 23, with Mayor Lyda Krewson, representing Glendale, Missouri, where the Coris (joint winners of the 1947 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine) lived.

HON. DEAN P. WALDEMER was appointed circuit court judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit, which covers St. Louis County, by Gov. Eric Greitens.

1985
HON. ANDREW GLEESON of the 20th Judicial Circuit in the state of Illinois was selected as a 2017 McCormick Foundation Executive Fellow by the Erikson Institute. The fellowship program was designed for influential cross-sector leaders to learn about policy opportunities based on leading research on child development.

RAYMOND S. KREIENKAMP, partner at HuschBlackwell LLP and a member of the firm’s Financial Services & Capital Markets industry team, was named to St. Louis Magazine’s 2017 Best Lawyers.

1986
DONNA ARMSTARD was appointed deputy administrator at the Law Offices of the Shelby County Public Defender in Memphis, Tennessee.

JOHN G. SIMON of the Simon Law Firm was named 2018 St. Louis Lawyer of the Year in personal injury litigation-plaintiffs by Best Lawyers in America. He additionally was listed in the areas of commercial litigation, mass tort litigation/class actions-plaintiffs, medical malpractice law-plaintiffs and product liability litigation-plaintiffs. He also was named to the 2017 Missouri Super Lawyers list.

1987
TESSA TRELZ, a partner at Armstrong Teasdale LLP, received an honorary degree from the UMSL College of Business Administration and received a 2017 Most Influential Business Women Award by the St. Louis Business Journal.

1988
HON. THERESA BURKE was appointed as circuit court judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, which covers the City of St. Louis, by Gov. Eric Greitens.

AIMEE MCHALE, after teaching undergraduates for four years, joined the faculty of the Public Health Leadership Program at the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health, where she teaches health policy to graduate public health students.

1990
JENNIFER SCHWENDINGMANN joined Littler as associate general counsel and senior director of risk management. In this role, Schwendingmann is responsible for policy development and oversees the firm’s risk management strategy.

1991
STEPHEN R. CLARK, managing partner at RUNNYMEDE law group, was recognized by Super Lawyers for the 10th year in 2017.

ERIC D. HOLLAND chaired a conference in St. Louis preceding the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation hearing session. Holland, who has been appointed by governmental entities to serve as a special prosecutor in lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors, moderated panel discussions regarding the opioid crisis as well as the evolving asbestos evidence in talcum powder litigation.

ANTHONY G. SIMON of the Simon Law Firm was named 2018 St. Louis Lawyer of the Year in litigation-patent by Best Lawyers in America. He additionally was listed in the areas of litigation-antitrust and litigation-intellectual property. He also was named to the 2017 Missouri Super Lawyers list and recognized in “Best Patent Attorneys in St. Louis” by St. Louis Small Business Monthly.
1993
DENISE BLOCH joined the firm Lathrop Gage LLP as of counsel in the health care practice group. She previously served as senior director of regulatory law at Rite Aid.

CHRI$ CROWDER was named head of mergers and acquisitions, corporate affairs for Airbus Legal & Compliance in Toulouse, France.

ANDRÉS J. GALLEGOS was appointed to the National Council on Disability (NCD) by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. The NCD makes policy recommendations to the president, Congress and federal agencies. Gallegos is a shareholder with the firm Robbins, Salomon and Patt, Ltd., in Chicago, Illinois, where he focuses his practice on disability rights and health care law, and is chairman of the board of directors of Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago.

1995
MICHAEL ANGELIDES, the managing shareholder of Simmons Hanly Conroy, received a 2018 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Law Firm Leaders Award and was named to the 2018 Best Lawyers in America.

1996
HON. MICHAEL C. BLANTON, a federal administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration, transferred from the Tacoma, Washington, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review to the Seattle Office.

EROL AMON, M.D., was recognized as a 2017 Best Doctor in Obstetrics and Gynecology by St. Louis Magazine.

AMY COLLIGNON GUNN of the Simon Law Firm was named 2018 St. Louis Lawyer of the Year in medical malpractice law-plaintiffs by Best Lawyers in America. She additionally was listed in the areas of mass tort litigation/class actions-plaintiffs, personal injury litigation-plaintiffs and product liability litigation-plaintiffs. She also was named to the 2017 Missouri Super Lawyers list and received a 2018 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Influential Appellate Advocates Award. In January, she was appointed a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee.

ALICE KELLY joined the Chicago office of Ice Miller LLP in the litigation and intellectual property group.

1998
MATTHEW J. DEVOTI, a partner at Casey & Devoti, was appointed by the Gateway chapter and the national board of trustees to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s National Leadership Council. Devoti, a past president and longtime supporter of the Foundation’s Gateway chapter, was recognized for his contributions to the organization during the March 2018 Volunteer Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

HON. DONALD M. FLACK joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP as a litigation partner. A former judge in Madison County, Illinois, Flack is a trial attorney whose practice focuses on complex business litigation & governmental affairs.

JEFFREY B. JENSEN, a partner at Husch Blackwell, was selected by the White House to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in October.

1999
NICHOLAS ANGELIDES was named to the 2018 Best Lawyers in America.

HON. DAVID ROITHER, a partner at Medler & Roither LLC, was appointed associate circuit court judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, which covers the City of St. Louis, by Gov. Eric Greitens.

2000
GINO P. GUSMANO was elevated to officer at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. A member of the Litigation practice group in the firm’s St. Louis office, Gusmano handles complex litigation at the trial and appellate levels.

HON. CORY M. PICTON was appointed as an immigration judge for the San Francisco Immigration Court by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Previously he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Arizona in Tucson.

JO ANNA POLLOCK was elevated to shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy, LLC. She practices in the firm’s Complex Litigation Department, where she focuses on litigating international child sex abuse, environmental and class action cases.

ERIC SCHMITT, Missouri’s state treasurer, began teaching a class at Saint Louis University in the philosophy department called “21st Century American Civics.”

2001
AMY L. BLAISDELL of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., received a 2018 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Influential Appellate Advocates Award for her role in a high-profile U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld an exemption in federal law for church-affiliated pension plans. A member of the firm’s Employment & Labor Practice Group, she focuses her practice on highly regulated industries including health care, the securities industry and banking.

PETER DRISCOLL was named permanent director of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, nine months after being appointed acting director. He leads a
staff that oversees the SEC’s National Examination Program, which conducts exams for SEC-registered investment advisers, investment companies, broker-dealers, self-regulatory organizations, transfer agents and other entities to ensure compliance with U.S. securities laws.

CHRISTOPHER PICKETT, partner and chief diversity officer at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, PC, was one of three leaders selected to receive the 2017 Business Performer Award at the St. Louis American Foundation’s Salute to Excellence in Business Networking and Awards Luncheon.

2002

TODD NEILSON was elevated to shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy, LLC. He focuses his practice on protecting the rights of victims of asbestos exposure.

JENNIFER PARKER was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps in July. She serves as the staff judge advocate for the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Arizona.

AARON PAWLITZ moved his law practice to Spencer Fane LLP in 2016 and was named co-chair of the firm’s Business Transactions Practice Group in 2017. He serves on the boards of Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Christ Community Lutheran School, and the Missouri Athletic Club.

2003

MATTHEW BLEVINS was promoted to CEO of Barstow Community Hospital located in Southern California.

TENEIL KELLERMAN was named partner at Growe, Eisen, Karlen, Eilerts & Ruth LLC.

JACQUELINE KINDER, a principal attorney with Brown & James, P.C., was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

JACQUELINE REDMOND of Herzog Crebs LLP received Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s sole Pro Bono recognition acknowledging an extraordinary pro bono project led by an early career professional, presented at the Up & Coming event in October.

HON. SCOTT MILLIKAN was appointed associate circuit court judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, which covers the City of St. Louis, by Gov. Eric Greitens.

HON. JASON SENGHEISER was appointed circuit court judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, which covers the City of St. Louis, by Gov. Eric Greitens.

2004

RYANN CARMODY received a 2018 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Legal Champions Award.

THOMAS CROCCO was named Defender of Distinction by the Missouri State Public Defender System. Crocco is the district defender for the 45th Judicial District covering Lincoln and Pike Counties.

SETH FREDERIKSEN was promoted to office managing partner at Bryan Cave LLP’s San Francisco office. He advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, financings and other complex business transactions.

RACHEL A. JEEP became a named partner of Copeland Thompson Jeep, PC. She practices in the areas of health care law, business law, and trust & estates.

MINDI M. JOHNSON, an attorney at Foster Swift Collins & Smith, PC, was re-elected as a member of the Council of the State Bar of Michigan’s Taxation Section, serving for a three-year term. Additionally, she was appointed editor for the section’s publication, the Michigan Tax Lawyer.

HON. MICHAEL NOBLE was named a mentor by Missouri Lawyers Weekly for his efforts in the development of those starting out in the profession. He was recognized at the Up & Coming event in October.

BRIAN NOLAN of Carmody MacDonald P.C. was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

2005

SARA FINAN MELLY was named partner of Thompson Coburn LLP.

W. THOMAS SMITH, PHARM.D., was named the new dean of pharmacy programs in the College of Pharmacy, Natural & Health Sciences at Manchester University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He previously served as pharmacy associate dean of assessment and administration & has taught pharmacy law courses since joining Manchester in 2015. He is currently serving a 3-year appointment on the FDA's Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee.

2006

MICHAEL HODGE, general counsel at Special School District of St. Louis County, was named a board member of the World Pediatric Project. He also joined SLU’s School of Education as an adjunct faculty member teaching a law course to students pursuing their master’s degrees in school administration.

ADAM RUCKER was promoted to partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in the firm’s Los Angeles office. As a member of the Business Litigation practice group, Rucker focuses his practice on protecting the rights of victims of asbestos exposure.

2007

ANNE-MARIE BROCKLAND of the Simon Law Firm was listed in the 2018 Best Lawyers in America list for personal injury litigation-plaintiffs. She received a 2018 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Influential Appellate Advocates Award and was named a Super Lawyers 2017 Rising Star. She also was appointed to board of governors of the American Association for Justice.

GREG MEYER of Harness Dickey was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

ANDREW S. MURRIE was elevated to shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy, LLC. He concentrates his practice on representing clients in the area of mesothelioma and asbestos litigation.

2008

KEVIN M. CARNIE, JR. of the Simon Law Firm was named a Super Lawyers 2017 Rising Star for personal injury-plaintiff: products liability.
ERIN LUKE, an associate in Thompson Hine’s construction practice group, was featured as one of the “Five to Watch in Law” in Crain’s Cleveland Business. She is also an active member of the Leadership Committee of the Cleveland SLU Alumni Club.

JOHN MCLEOD, a principal attorney with Brown & James, P.C., was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

TERRENCE J. O’TOOLE, JR. was named partner at Williams Venker & Sanders LLC. He practices in the areas of general civil and commercial litigation with a focus on medical negligence, personal injury and premises liability defense. In 2017, he received the Lon O. Hocker Trial Lawyer Award from the Missouri Bar Foundation for exemplifying professionalism, high ethical conduct and demonstrated proficiency in the art of trial advocacy. Prior to joining WVS, O’Toole served as a prosecutor in the City of St. Louis and Jackson County, Missouri.

SARA GUARINO SALGER, a partner at Gori Julian & Associates, P.C., was recognized for the fourth time as a recipient of Super Lawyers Rising Star award by demonstrating excellence in the practice of law. Salger also was named secretary of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA). Her area of practice is in personal injury, asbestos litigation and benzene litigation.

ERNESTO SEGURA of Husch Blackwell was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

JONATHAN TODD is of counsel at Benesch law firm and a member of the firm’s Transportation & Logistics Practice Group, which received a National Tier 1 Ranking by U.S. News & World Report for the fifth consecutive year.

SARAH WILDE-JOCKEL joined Page Law in Kirkwood, Missouri, as an associate, where she practices domestic law.

2009
ERIC JOHNSON was elevated to shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy, LLC. He focuses his practice on pharmaceutical litigation, representing individuals who have been injured by drugs and defective medical devices.

GREGORY MURPHY was named partner at Carmody MacDonald P.C.

BRIAN WACKER of Herzog Crebs LLP was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

2010
EMILY CANTWELL of Lathrop Gage LLP was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

HON. MADELINE ORLING CONNOLLY was appointed associate circuit court judge for the 22nd Judicial District, covering the City of St. Louis, by Gov. Eric Greitens. She joins the bench from Tucker Ellis LLP, having defended companies in mass tort and product liability civil litigation matters, and previously spent five years as an assistant circuit attorney in St. Louis City.

TIMOTHY CRONIN of the Simon Law Firm was listed in the 2018 Best Lawyers in America in the areas of product liability litigation-plaintiffs and medical malpractice law-plaintiffs. He also was named a Super Lawyers 2017 Rising Star.

MARK FALKOWSKI, general counsel for Columbia College, was recognized as an In-House Counsel of the Year by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

2011
OLIVER T. BEATTY joined the Washington Attorney General’s Office as an Assistant Attorney General in the Labor & Personnel Division. Beatty’s practice areas are labor and employment law as well as litigation in representing state agencies.

ERIN K. CONNER was recognized by Get to Know M.E. (Metro East) as a “person to watch.” She is an assistant state’s attorney with the St. Clair County, Illinois, State’s Attorney’s Office and an adjunct instructor of American politics at McKendree University.

MICHAEL L. JENTE was named a member of Lewis Rice LLC in the St. Louis office. He practices in the Litigation Department and has experience in commercial and civil litigation.

MARK MILTON founded MCM Law LLC, specializing in civil and criminal tax controversies, as well as federal white collar criminal defense.

LINDSEY PHOENIX of Whiteaker & Wilson P.C. was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

SARAH WADE of Thompson Coburn LLP was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

BENJAMIN J. WILSON, an associate at HeplerBloom LLC, co-authored a chapter in Eighth Circuit Appellate Practice Manual. 8th edition, which is designed to be a primary resource for attorneys representing clients in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. His contribution is Ch. 21 - “Costs on Appeal,” which he co-authored with the Hon. Mary R. Vasaly.

H. JILL MCFARLAND was named a member of Lewis Rice LLC in the St. Louis office. She practices in the Corporate Department and focuses her practice on health care, corporate and employee benefits matters.
ERICA BLUME SLATER of the Simon Law Firm was listed in the 2018 Best Lawyers in America in the area of personal injury litigation—plaintiffs. She also was named a Super Lawyers 2017 Rising Star.

IRA HERENDA TRAKO, assistant director of the SLU LAW Center for International and Comparative Law and director of the LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers program, was one of three panelists who spoke at “The Intersection of Bosnian Culture and American Legal Practice” at Western Kentucky University in November.

DAVID A. ZOBEL was elected principal at Danna McKitrick, P.C. Zobel assists clients with business and litigation matters, primarily in the areas of contract, banking, insurance, real estate, trust and probate litigation, and professional liability and surety defense.

ADAM DOERR of Jackson Lewis PC was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

SUFIA ALIKHAN ORBE (A&S ’09) and Jeff Orbe (Parks ’10) were married in July 2017 at St. Francis Xavier College Church.

EMMA R. SCHUERING, an associate of Polsinelli, was named the recipient of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section President’s Award for outstanding service. Schuering is a member of Polsinelli’s Labor and Employment Department, with a background in commercial litigation and appeals.

2013
MATT CRANE of Dowd Bennett LLP was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

2014
NICK MADDOX was named deputy chief of staff to Missouri Governor Eric Greitens in November.

LUCAS L. NULL joined the law firm of Behr, McCarter & Potter, P.C. as an associate. His area of practice is civil litigation, with an emphasis on municipal and medical negligence defense.

JOHN WILLARD joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP’s Financial and Real Estate Services practice group, serving as debtor’s counsel in several of the nation’s largest chapter 11 bankruptcies.

2015
JEANNE MARIE EVANS joined Bass, Berry & Sims in Nashville, Tennessee, as an associate. Evans provides health care regulatory counsel as it relates to compliance, operational and transactional matters.

ELIZABETH S. WASHAM of the Simon Law Firm received a Missouri Lawyers Weekly 2018 Influential Appellate Advocates Award.

2016
SHELBY HEWERDINE of Bryan Cave LLP was named a 2017 Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

TYLER WINN joined Anheuser-Busch as associate general counsel.

2017
PATRICK RYAN ALBAN was selected as a finalist for the Presidential Management Fellowship. Alban is an infantry officer in the U.S. Army and will pursue an LL.M. in national security at Georgetown Law next fall.

DARNELL M. CAGE joined the Minneapolis office of Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. as an associate in the Intellectual Property and Patents Groups. Cage provides intellectual property counseling and helps clients minimize their patent infringement risk.

TAYLOR J. ESSNER joined the Litigation Department at Lewis Rice LLC.

ABBY KAERICHER joined Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman in the Washington, D.C. office. She practices in health care law with a focus on government relations and antitrust, and is active in the firm’s lobbying activities by representing the interests of health care clients.

ABIGAIL WOOD joined the Antitrust Division of the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office.

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FOCUS ON GIVING BACK: A STUDENT’S PERSPECTIVE

3L Claire Mispagel is president of the Student Bar Association and an editor of the Law Journal. She is a graduate assistant in SLU's Pre-Law Office helping undergrads prepare for law school, plays piccolo in SLU’s pep band and has interned in SLU’s Office of the General Counsel. Upon graduation this May, she will begin working full time as an associate at Bryan Cave’s St. Louis office.

Mispagel, who graduated from the Saint Louis University Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business in 2015, is also an 1843 Scholar. This program awards a limited number of full-tuition scholarships to incoming students based on outstanding academic achievement.

In this first installment of Focus on Giving Back: A Student’s Perspective, Mispagel discusses her SLU LAW experience.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE LAW CLASS AND WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE PROFESSOR?
The American Presidency Seminar with Professor Greg Willard has absolutely been my favorite class. I learned so much, and Prof. Willard had so many great stories from his experience working as personal aide to President Ford. It’s hard to choose a favorite professor, because every professor at SLU LAW is amazing! I’d have to say Professor Ann Scarlett is my favorite, though; she has been a great mentor for me as I’ve worked on determining what type of business law I’m most interested in.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE SLU LAW EXPERIENCE?
My team won the SBA Softball League this past fall, and I know that will be one of my best memories. I’m honestly pretty terrible at softball, but I loved playing because my team was made up of members from my original 1L section. They’ve been with me through every single law school experience, so winning the championship game was an incredible way to wrap up our time at SLU LAW together.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU LEARNED HERE THAT WILL STAY WITH YOU AFTER YOU LEAVE?
I learned very quickly how important strong friendships are in having a positive law school experience. Law school can be tough, so having friends who will help you and understand what you’re going through is key. The importance of making connections with the people around me, no matter the place or situation, is a lesson I know will stay with me.

WHY WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE ALUMNI – AND YOUR FELLOW CLASSMATES – TO SUPPORT SLU LAW?
Your donations directly impact students here. My scholarship has given me the opportunity to worry a little less about my financial situation and instead place my focus, time and energy on my classes, on internships related to my career goals, and on getting involved in extracurriculars at the law school. Your support allows SLU LAW students the chance to better themselves as individuals as well as our entire law school community.

AS A DOUBLE BILLIKEN, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT SETS SLU APART?
SLU is special because of the “spirit” that exists within our university community—something that makes us focus on serving others, getting involved in our communities, and having pride in our school, as well as a desire to make it even better. I’ve felt that spirit both in class and around campus, whether I’m working with student leaders or cheering at a basketball game. And when talking with SLU alumni, I’ve noticed that the desire to serve and work toward the greater good is something that sticks with us, no matter what career we find ourselves in. I think this spirit really sets SLU apart from other schools, and it’s the main reason I’ve been here for seven years, and will be always be proud to call myself a Billiken!

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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MAY 19 Saint Louis University Commencement Ceremony Chaifetz Arena 9 a.m.
MAY 23 Alumni Reception in Washington, D.C. Hogan Lovells US LLP 6 p.m.
JUNE 10 Alumni Dinner in Conjunction with the ABA Section of International Law 2018 Life Sciences Conference Copenhagen, Denmark
JUNE 13 Young Alumni Society (YAS) Happy Hour Polite Society 5:30 p.m.

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