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■ A Message from the Dean



acquired knowledge into practice and develop the skills needed to tackle real-life legal problems.

Our efforts are led by talented faculty members who insist on intellectual rigor and a strong work ethic. Our impressive team of adjunct professors includes practicing attorneys and sitting judges who bring a current, real-world perspective into our classrooms. Under their guidance, MSU Law students acquire and refine the skills they will need to protect clients' interests.

Our many skills-based programs and courses provide opportunities for MSU Law students to practice mediating and arbitrating disputes; negotiating deals; drafting legislation, contracts, policies, and litigation documents; presenting evidence electronically; and arguing cases before judges and juries. This practice pays off, as demonstrated by the notable accomplishments of our students, who earn honors at moot court events, in paper competitions, and through their Legal Clinic work for actual clients with actual legal issues.

Our dedication to preparing students for excellence also shows in the countless success stories of our alumni. We are grateful that so many of our graduates generously give back to ensure that today's Law College students are similarly prepared to hit the ground running.

This support enables us to continue to expand the range of hands-on learning experiences available to students. Just this fall, we launched our new Civil Rights Law Clinic; doubled the size of our highly regarded Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute; and implemented a revised 1L curriculum that heightens our emphasis on practical skill development, 21st century regulations, and the ethics of lawyering.

Preparing students for a profession in which they assume such heavy responsibility puts just as heavy a responsibility on us. By actively involving students in their legal education and by educating them to not only *know* but to *use* the law, we aim to meet that responsibility head-on. Some of the wonderful results are highlighted in the following pages.

Best regards,

Joan W. Howarth
Joan W. Howarth
Dean, Michigan State University College of Law

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES adopted a resolution in August urging law schools to better educate students to not only know the law, but to know how to use the law to help clients. MSU College of Law already had that message.

We strive to ensure that Law College graduates enter the profession equipped with both the knowledge and skills required for success. This issue of *Amicus* features some of the programs through which our students put classroom-

FRANK J. KELLEY INSTITUTE OF ETHICS

Revealing Lecture Features Illinois Attorney General



FRANK J. KELLEY
INSTITUTE OF ETHICS
& THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics & the Legal Profession at MSU College of Law kicked off the academic year with a revealing talk on the changes attorneys general will face in the coming decades. Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, the chief legal officer of the nation's fifth most populous state, presented the 3rd Annual Kelley Institute Lecture on September 13.

Hundreds of members of the Law College community filled MSU Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre for Madigan's talk titled "New Directions in Ethics: The Attorney

General's Changing Role in the 21st Century." One of only eight women attorneys general in the nation, Madigan described in detail her role in prosecuting some of the nation's largest mortgage lenders for predatory lending practices and her fight to have Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich removed from office after his arrest on corruption charges.

Madigan closed with a few words of advice to the current and future attorneys in the audience. "As lawyers, you cannot be afraid to speak truth to the powerful. It is, in fact, your job," she cautioned. "Do not go into public service if you are mainly motivated to serve yourself. And know that, whether you choose the public or private sector, we live in a time where there are ample opportunities and a great need for you to use your degree to help others."

Named for Frank J. Kelley, the longest-serving attorney general in U.S. history, the Institute builds upon the dedication, professionalism, and ethical code that marked Kelley's career, including his 37 years of service to the State of Michigan. For more information on the Institute and a video of Attorney General Madigan's lecture, visit www.law.msu.edu/kelleyethics.



■ (from left) Professor Hannah Brenner, former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and Professor Renee Knake

"At MSU College of Law, ethics is at the center of our education. It's not an add-on, it's not secondary, it's absolutely central."

— Dean Joan W. Howarth

MSU Law Selects Co-Directors to Lead Institute

MSU Law this year selected two dynamic co-directors to lead the Kelley Institute in its mission to highlight legal ethics issues through teaching, research, and outreach initiatives.

Lecturer in Law Hannah Brenner and Associate Professor of Law Renee Newman Knake will build on the foundation already laid for the Kelley Institute as they expand its reach to include a more comprehensive focus on legal ethics education at the local, state, national, and international levels.

Professor Brenner's research and teaching primarily focus on issues of gender, leadership, the legal profession, and violence against women. Professor Knake's scholarly interests include the law and ethics of lawyering, the legal profession, constitutional law, and the portrayal of lawyers in media and literature. Their recent collaborative research explores issues related to gender disparity in the legal profession's positions of power.

Welcome to the MSU Law Family

MSU LAW WELCOMES INCOMING CLASS DURING IMMERSION WEEK

MSU College of Law's latest incoming class arrived in August, ready to kick off their legal education during Immersion Week 2011.

Designed to help facilitate a smooth transition into the Law College experience, Immersion Week provides an overview of the fundamental concepts of law and an introduction to the ethical responsibilities of the profession. The week culminates with a service project aimed at providing much-needed help to local nonprofit organizations while teaching students about the important services that these agencies offer and the ways in which the legal community contributes to them. The project is coordinated by the MSU Law Office of Student Engagement as part of its focus on cultivating important links to the community by encouraging and organizing outreach efforts throughout the year.

Incoming students participated in three hours of community service at 21 sites across the Greater Lansing area. Activities included removing invasive species at Fenner Nature Center, Woldumar Nature Center, and Henry Fine Park; painting and preparing for the return of students at Lansing's Wainwright Leadership, Law, and Government Magnet School; completing landscaping and cleaning projects for Gateway Community Services, Potter Park Zoo, and Ronald McDonald House; cleaning and performing small-scale construction tasks for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Ingham County; and sorting food donations for Mid-Michigan Food Bank.

Dean Joan Howarth and several faculty members participated in the service project, while 56 student organization leaders helped supervise activities throughout the day. Students, faculty, and staff ended the day with a barbecue reception at the Law College.

This year's incoming class of Juris Doctor (J.D.) candidates includes 310 students from 36 states and seven countries. The class has a median Law School Admission Test score of 157 and a median undergraduate grade point average of 3.55.

The new J.D. students join 31 incoming Master of Laws (LL.M.) students at the Law College. MSU Law offers two LL.M. degrees: one is focused on Intellectual Property and Communications Law, and the other (the "LL.M. for Foreign-Educated Lawyers" program) on the American Legal system. ☺



■ Incoming MSU Law students ended Immersion Week with a day of service at sites across the Greater Lansing area.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY WELCOMES ACCOMPLISHED NEW MEMBERS

The Law College faculty was proud to welcome four new professors to its ranks for Fall 2011.

Emily L. Cauble Assistant Professor of Law

J.D. 2006, *summa cum laude*,
University of Michigan Law School
B.B.A. 2001, *summa cum laude*,
University of Notre Dame



Contracts, Corporate Income Taxation, Partnership Taxation

Professor Cauble joins MSU Law from a visiting professorship at the University of Illinois College of Law. After graduating first in her class from University of Michigan Law School in 2006, she practiced in the tax transactions group at Mayer Brown in Chicago for three years. With academic interests in tax policy, business taxation, and tax planning, Professor Cauble has published articles in scholarly journals regarding investment activities by tax-exempt entities and partnership taxation. Prior to attending law school, she worked as a research assistant at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C.

Michael D. Sant'Ambrogio Assistant Professor of Law

J.D. 2001, *cum laude*, New York University
School of Law
M.A. 1998, *cum laude*, New York University
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
B.A. 1992, *cum laude*, Columbia College
at Columbia University



Administrative Law, Regulatory State

Professor Sant'Ambrogio was an acting assistant professor and associate director of lawyering at New York University School of Law before joining MSU Law. His scholarly and teaching interests include administrative law and the regulatory state, civil procedure, and law and social change. His recent scholarship examines inaction and delay by regulatory agencies and the successes and setbacks of the marriage equality movement. Sant'Ambrogio clerked for Associate Justice Steven H. Levinson of the Supreme Court of Hawaii after earning his J.D., then practiced with Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler in New York. He later joined the New York Legal Assistance Group, where he represented immigrants and low-income residents in federal class action suits.

Daniel Martin Katz Assistant Professor of Law

Ph.D. 2011, Political Science & Public
Policy, University of Michigan
J.D. 2005, *cum laude*, University of
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Public Policy, University of Michigan
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Criminal Procedure I, Quantitative Methods for Lawyers, Sports Law

Prior to joining MSU Law, Professor Katz was a Fellow in Empirical Legal Studies at the University of Michigan Law School and an NSF-IGERT Fellow at U-M's Center for the Study of Complex Systems. His diverse academic interests include positive legal theory, quantitative modeling of litigation and jurisprudence, and the impact of information technology on the market for legal services. Professor Katz has published articles in numerous scholarly journals and his work has been featured in a variety of print and online publications, including the *New York Times*, *Slate Magazine*, *U.S. News & World Report Blog*, *Huffington Post*, and *National Law Journal*.

Daniel E. Manville Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Civil Rights Clinic

M.A. 1984, Michigan State University
J.D. 1981, Antioch School of Law
B.G.S. 1976, Wayne State University College
of Lifelong Learning
B.S. 1976, Central Michigan University



Civil Rights Clinic I, Civil Rights Clinic II

A longtime leader in the field of prisoners' rights, Professor Manville is the inaugural director of MSU Law's new Civil Rights Clinic. He previously taught in the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Civil Rights Clinic, the Wayne State University Law School Civil Rights Clinic, and several other institutions dating back to 1979. Professor Manville has published numerous articles and litigation manuals in the area of prisoners' rights. He is co-author of the 4th edition of the *Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual* (Oxford University Press, 2010), which is described as the "most authoritative, well-organized and relevant prisoner's rights manual available."

Program Spotlight: Indigenous Law

SERVING THE NATIVE COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIP, AND SERVICE

One of only a few programs of its type in the nation, MSU Law's Indigenous Law Program educates law students and trains lawyers to work on behalf of indigenous people and tribes throughout the country. The program consists of a certificate program and the Indigenous Law & Policy Center (ILPC), which provides assistance to Indian tribes, tribal courts, and other tribal organizations on a wide variety of legal and policy questions. ☪



Recent Program Highlights

- ILPC Director Matthew Fletcher and Interim Co-Director Kathryn Fort filed an amicus brief in April with the Minnesota Supreme Court on behalf of the Center, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in the case *In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of R.S. and L.S.*
- In June, Fletcher and Fort filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of petitioners Oneida Indian Nation of New York, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and Oneida of the Thames in *Oneida Indian Nation v. County of Oneida; United States v. New York et al.*
- The Center co-sponsored the well-received Workshop on Law, Religion, and Culture at the University of Colorado Law School in July. Presenters included MSU Law Professor Frank Ravitch, keynote speaker Professor Brian Leiter of the University of Chicago Law School, and others.
- ILPC Program Coordinator Rose Petoskey, an MSU undergraduate student, completed a Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Internship with the U. S. Department of Interior Office of the Assistant Secretary on Indian Affairs.
- The Center's annual Indigenous Law Conference brings speakers from across the country to MSU Law to discuss issues of indigenous justice systems, tribal sovereignty, and tribal constitutions. See the Spring 2012 issue of *Amicus* for more details on this year's conference, "Beyond the Tribal Law and Order Act."

Alumni Highlights

- The Center welcomed Elaine Barr as its fellow for the current academic year. Barr, a 2011 graduate of the program, spent the summer working for Michigan Indian Legal Services.
- The Center's 2010-11 fellow, Peter Vicaire, '10, now works for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office in Minneapolis as a Tribal Government Relations Specialist for the central region.
- The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development named ILPC alumnus Bryan Newland, '07, as one of the "2011 Native American 40 Under 40." The awards recognize 40 American Indian leaders under the age of 40 who have made significant contributions in their businesses, in their communities, and to Indian country.
- Brian Quint, '06, was named as the new government and legislative affairs associate for the Navajo Nation. Quint will focus on education and public safety in his new role.



President Obama Nominates Professor Singel to Serve on National Board

On September 6, President Barack Obama nominated Indigenous Law & Policy Center Associate Director Wenona Singel to serve as a member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC).

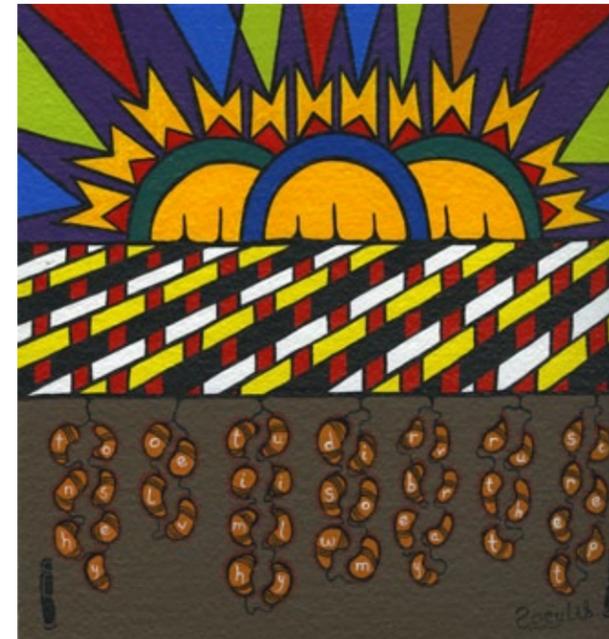
The SLSDC, a wholly owned government corporation operating within the U.S. Department of Transportation, collaborates with its Canadian counterpart to operate, maintain, and ensure the safety and security of navigational facilities in the Saint Lawrence Seaway. Its five-member advisory board meets quarterly to advise the corporation's administrator on policies involving the operation, development, and effects of the Seaway.

"President Obama's nomination of Professor Singel to this important board is a tremendous honor both for her and for the Law College," said Joan W. Howarth, dean of MSU College of Law. "We are so pleased that the White House has recognized Professor Singel's extensive record of public service and dedication to research on major policy issues."

Singel returned from a two-year leave of absence to teach Native American Natural Resources Law this fall. In addition to her work at the Law College, Singel serves as an associate appellate justice for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and is the former chief appellate judge for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. ☪

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TURTLE TALK

The Center's "Turtle Talk" blog (turtletalk.wordpress.com) is a popular and influential source for up-to-the-minute news and analysis on Indian law and politics. The blog—recently described as "invaluable" by *Indian Country Today*—is followed by tribal citizens; indigenous law scholars; and tribal, state, and federal leaders.

Turtle Talk by the Numbers

- Surpassed 1,000,000 hits in late March
- Averages more than 1,500 hits per day
- Ranked #19 in the October "Law Prof Blog Traffic Rankings"

Program Spotlight: Master of Laws (LL.M.)

BRINGING THE WORLD TO MSU LAW

MSU College of Law has admitted its second straight large fall entering class into its Master of Laws (LL.M.) programs. The Law College offers two LL.M. degrees: one is focused on Intellectual Property and Communications Law, and the other on the American Legal system. The latter is known as the “LL.M. for Foreign-Educated Lawyers” program. The 31 new and 24 continuing students in the programs all received their legal training in a foreign jurisdiction.

MSU Law also welcomed 23 students this fall into its new Legal English for Academic Preparation (LEAP) program,

a collaboration between the Law College and MSU’s English Language Center. LEAP is a unique English as a Second Language program specially designed for those who are academically qualified for admission to the LL.M. program, but who lack the English language proficiency needed for success in the program.

Current LL.M. and LEAP students hail from 19 different nations. New countries represented include the Democratic Republic

of the Congo, Georgia, Kenya, Lithuania, Sudan, South Sudan, and Tanzania.

A total of 42 current students are sponsored by their governments or outside agencies. The incoming class includes a Fulbright Scholar, a Ford Foundation Fellow, and a Muskie Fellow. Students compete against thousands of other scholars in their home countries for these prestigious fellowships. ﷻ

■ Above right (from left): Saudi Arabian LL.M. students Khaled Fagibey, Hussam Alghamdi, and Rakan Alohal

■ Above: A student shows her Spartan spirit at MSU’s Eid celebration to mark the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting



Recent Program Highlights

- The Office of Graduate and International Programs, led by Associate Dean and Professor Michael Lawrence, was created to handle international and graduate student issues. Carrie Feeheley, '07, was hired to direct the office.
- A new LL.M. Student Association was formed to facilitate activities for LL.M. students; support LL.M. students in achieving the highest standards of learning, service, and professionalism; and encourage cultural collaboration among all Law College students, faculty, and staff.
- LL.M. degrees were conferred on 30 students from 22 countries in spring 2011.
- A new LL.M. Alumni Association was started by the graduating class of 2011.
- New LL.M. and J.D. students participated side-by-side in the expanded Immersion Week program this fall.
- Dean Lawrence has negotiated a series of international academic cooperation agreements during the past two years to further expand the Law College’s international reach. Agreements have been signed between MSU Law and law colleges in China, Colombia, England, Germany, and Korea; more are pending.

MEET OUR STUDENTS

LL.M. students enrich the Law College with the wealth of knowledge and diverse experiences they bring from around the globe. The following offers just a glimpse into their varied backgrounds:

Marlon J. Moneva is a judge in his home country of the Philippines.

Achille Mutombo, a Fulbright Scholar, is an intellectual property law specialist and lecturer in law from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Amina Ntibampema, a Ford Foundation Scholar, supports five orphaned children on her salary as an attorney. She is interested in land use rights as they relate to her native country of Tanzania.

Levan Nanobashveli, a Muskie Scholar from Georgia, previously earned an LL.M. from Central European University.



■ Far left (from left): Mohammed Alsaeedi (Saudi Arabia), Karen Miranda (Nicaragua), Ekaterina Lebedeva (Russia), and Rosia Azofeifa-Romero (Costa Rica)
 ■ Left: Gulfem Erdemir (Turkey)

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE LL.M. PROGRAM (since program inception)

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| Australia | Democratic Republic of the Congo | Israel | Nicaragua | South Sudan |
| Bangladesh | Georgia | Italy | Pakistan | Sudan |
| Cameroon | Germany | Kazakhstan | Palestine | Tanzania |
| China | India | Kenya | Philippines | Turkey |
| Colombia | Indonesia | Lithuania | Russia | Ukraine |
| Costa Rica | Iraq | Mongolia | Saudi Arabia | United States of America |
| | | Nepal | South Korea | |



STATE BAR HONORS

MSU Law Faculty Members

MSU College of Law faculty members were prominently recognized for their impressive legal achievements and dedicated service to the profession at this year's State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting.

■ MSU Law Professor Emeritus Harold Norris received the State Bar's inaugural John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award. The new award will be presented periodically to a law school professor whose influence on Michigan lawyers has elevated the quality of legal practice in the state. Professor Norris taught more than 5,000 students during his 35 years as a faculty member at the Law College.

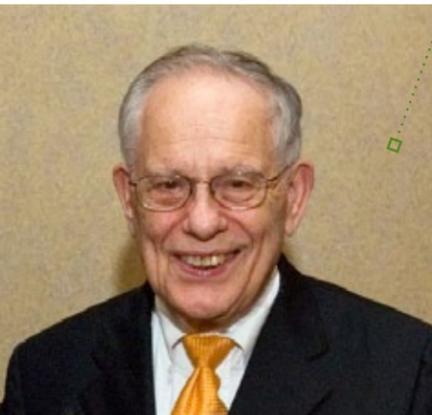
A dedicated champion of the legal profession for over five decades, Norris worked as an attorney to uphold the state and federal Constitutions and fought against racial discrimination in Detroit—his hometown—during the 1960s. Professor Norris's reading of his well-known poem "The Liberty Bell" was met with a standing ovation by the approximately 1,000 attendees at the awards banquet.

■ Professor Emeritus Clark C. Johnson was honored with the State Bar Representative Assembly's Michael Franck Award, which is presented annually to a lawyer who has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the profession. Professor Johnson, who joined the Law College faculty in 1973, has educated and inspired generations of Michigan lawyers throughout his years of teaching at the Law College.

■ George T. Roumell, Jr., the longest-serving member of the MSU College of Law faculty, was a featured speaker at the State Bar's Michigan Legal Milestone dedication luncheon. A widely known and well-published arbitrator and mediator and a past president of the State Bar, Roumell has taught Labor Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution as an adjunct professor at the Law College since 1957.

The Michigan Legal Milestone program's 36th dedication commemorated *Milliken v. Bradley*, a historic case involving planned desegregation busing among metropolitan Detroit school districts in the wake of *Brown v. Board of Education*. Roumell, a former attorney for the Detroit Board of Education, argued the case before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1977. The late Professor C. Nicholas Revelos, a beloved member of the MSU Law faculty from 1971 through his 2006 retirement, helped write the brief filed for the Detroit school board in the case. ☪

This year's State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting was held September 14 through 16 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn.



Join Us in Honoring the Distinguished Career of Professor Jack Apol

After more than 35 years of leading students through the intricacies of legal education, this fall Professor Jack Apol decided to devote all of his time and energy to his retirement. We will celebrate Professor Apol's remarkable career at the Law College with an in-depth profile in our spring issue of *Amicus*.

Please help us send Professor Apol our very best wishes for his retirement by e-mailing your comments and anecdotes to Erika Marzorati, managing editor of *Amicus*, at marzorat@law.msu.edu. Submissions will be shared with Professor Apol and considered for inclusion in the magazine.

In + Around THE LAW COLLEGE

MSU LAW TOPS STATEWIDE SUCCESS RATE ON JULY 2011 BAR EXAM

MSU College of Law graduates once again exceeded the statewide pass rate for first-time testers on the Michigan bar examination. Pre-appeal results show that 87 percent of MSU Law first-time testers passed the July exam, placing the school second among Michigan law schools and significantly above the corresponding statewide rate of 79 percent. MSU Law was one of only two in-state law schools to surpass the overall rate for new testers.

■ The MSU College of Law Legal Clinic welcomed the community to learn more about its services and tour its new facilities at a public open house on April 19. The clinic reopened at 610 Abbot Road in East Lansing in February, launching a new era in the program's history. The move came during a year marked by exceptional growth and a string of notable successes for Law College clinical programs. A new Civil Rights Law practice area that assists prisoners opened this fall, and conservation law and other practice areas are on the horizon.



■ The MSU Law Legal Clinic reopened in its recently renovated building in February.

■ MSU's Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives approved a \$35,000 Creating Inclusive Excellence Grant for the MSU Law Small Business & Nonprofit Clinic in July. The clinic's Community Economic Development Inclusiveness Project will offer legal assistance to local entrepreneurs, with a heightened outreach to the Chinese community. The clinic will develop a curriculum through which student clinicians will receive cultural competency and multicultural business training and instruction. With the help of partnering MSU units and nonprofit organizations, law students will reach out to the diverse campus and local community through legal business education seminars, open houses, and presentations. One-on-one consultations and direct assistance to interested entrepreneurs will be provided at no charge.

■ The MSU Law Housing Law Clinic launched its Fair Housing Project this fall, an educational and community outreach and advocacy effort designed to increase public knowledge of fair housing laws in Michigan and around the country. The project will consist of increased educational efforts led by Housing Law Clinic student clinicians during the 2011-12 academic year. Project initiatives will focus on Lansing, East Lansing, and the surrounding tri-county region.



■ Professor Elan Stavros Nichols (right) meets with Housing Law Clinic student clinicians.

MSU Law Students EARN HONORS

■ **SCOTT NOWAK, '11**, was named the top oral presenter at the 3rd Annual Graduate Academic Conference (GAC), which was held in March. The GAC provides a forum for graduate and professional students from different disciplines at MSU to share ideas and practice presentation skills. The achievement earned Nowak the honor of presenting his paper to the MSU Board of Trustees during its April 15 meeting.

■ MSU Law's appellate moot court team of 2011 graduates **DANIEL MAGEE, MATTHEW MARTIN,** and **BENJAMIN FISHER** advanced to the semi-final round in the 35th Annual Robert F. Wagner National Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Competition. The team was assisted by in-house counsel **KAREN KROGMAN** and **MICHAEL COLASANTI**. The event drew 50 teams to New York City in March. This year's competition problem involved alleged violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and of the Fourth Amendment right to be free of unreasonable searches and seizures.



■ **RYAN Q. KELLY, '11**, received the 2011 Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) Outstanding Student Award. The award is given annually to one student at each law school who has excelled in both the fieldwork and seminar components of a clinical course, and who has made a positive contribution to the school's clinical community. The MSU Law Legal Clinic faculty selected Kelly for the award based on his service as "an exceptional student-lawyer and community legal educator" during his two semesters as a clinician in the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic.

■ **ABIGAIL RURY, '11**, won the National Association of Women Lawyers 2011 Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Rury's paper, which was grounded in empirical research she conducted about diversity and the appointment of judges to the Iowa Supreme Court, also earned her a Jurisprudence Award in Professor Hannah Brenner's Gender, Power, Law & Leadership seminar. Rury currently is working toward a Ph.D. at the University of Iowa.



■ *Kendell Asbenson, 3L, receives the 2011 Fitzgerald Public Service Award from Ruth Fitzgerald at the Michigan State Capitol.*

■ **KENDELL ASBENSON, 3L**, received the 2011 Frank M. Fitzgerald Public Service Award, which recognizes students for excellence in academics, communication, and volunteerism. Asbenson was a White House staff assistant in 2008 after serving as an intern at the Council on Environmental Quality in Washington, D.C. He has interned with the California State Senate and with Michigan Family Forum, a Lansing nonprofit. He is a member of Curriculum Beyond the Classroom, a group that seeks to connect students with mid-Michigan professionals.

Spring 2011 COMMENCEMENT

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson addressed the graduating Class of 2011 and their guests at the Michigan State University Auditorium on May 13. Board Chair Clif Haley, '61, and Dean Joan Howarth presided over the spring commencement exercises, at which law degrees were conferred on 265 graduates. Justice Alton Davis, '74, received the Honorable George N. Bashara, Jr., Distinguished Alumni Award at the ceremony. Speakers included Professor Brian Kalt and new graduate Brittany Struble Campbell. ☪

*Work hard.
Work smart.
Be bold.
Connect with people.*

*Excerpts from Professor Brian Kalt's
Commencement Address to the Class of 2011*

Lesson 1: We made you work hard. Really hard. To do truly consequential things, to really do them right, you have to work very hard. Nothing worthwhile is easy.

Lesson 2: You also need to know what you are doing. That's the difference between motion and progress. You have so much hard work ahead of you—conserve your energy. Before you climb that mountain, make sure it's the right mountain.

Lesson 3: If you don't step outside your comfort zone, you will never grow; you will never accomplish anything new. But when you do step outside your comfort zone, you will learn again and again what you are really capable of doing, which is just about anything.

Lesson 4: Think of everything you were able to accomplish because of those connections that you made ... You will use those connections to accomplish things for the rest of your lives, and you will make new connections all the time. New people—colleagues, mentors, members of your communities—will be incredibly giving to you. Find them. Don't be afraid to ask them for help. And return the favor and be there for them, too.



■ *More than 250 new MSU College of Law graduates received their Juris Doctor degrees at the spring commencement ceremony.*



Advocacy

IN ACTION

BY KATHLEEN FARRELL

A solid education is obviously a requirement for anyone who wants to become a lawyer, but no matter how hard a student studies or how well he or she does on exams, what makes a lawyer successful is the ability to effectively advocate for a client.

MSU College of Law uses a holistic approach in teaching advocacy. Nearly every class offered at MSU Law contains a layer of advocacy training to help students start thinking like lawyers and to equip them with the tools to stand up for the rights and interests of their clients. More obvious ways that students are exposed to this type of training are through the Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board, the Jessup International Moot Court team, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, the Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute, the Indigenous Law Program, and the various MSU Law Legal Clinic programs.

Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board: A Strong Tradition of Success

The Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board at MSU Law has a strong tradition of success and a national reputation as one of the leading advocacy programs in the country. A select group of second- and third-year students are chosen to join the Board based on their performance in the Moot Court

class and on strengths that would complement and advance the abilities of the school's competition teams.

Abigail Rury, a graduate and past executive director of the Law College's Appellate Moot Court and Advocacy Board, says advocacy is the most important skill a student learns at MSU Law. "From the Research, Writing & Advocacy Program, to the Moot Court Competition class, and again in moot court, students learn how to delve deeply into the issues to know the weakest and strongest arguments on both sides," she says. "Research and hours of mooting before peers prepares students for the toughest questions they will ever face. We never are surprised by a question."

Rury, who currently is pursuing her Ph.D. in Higher Education at the University of Iowa, says students on the Board appear before a distinguished panel of judges in the final rounds of competition, including state supreme court judges and federal district and appellate court judges. "The judges consistently are impressed with our knowledge of the law and the facts, and with students' poise handling questions," she says. "Preparation and practice' is how an Appellate Moot Court student defines advocacy. Advocacy translates into both the written product and the oral component of the presentation, whether it is an appellate

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—Professor Mary Bedikian

argument, a motion in court, a meeting with your client, or a panel presentation.”

Jerome Crawford, 2011–12 executive director of the trial side of the Board, calls Moot Court “a tremendous opportunity that allows you to vastly improve your confidence and poise while learning to argue a position within the procedural parameters of the court.” He adds, “The skills acquired through case evaluation, preparation, and mastery of evidence will prepare you far beyond many practicing trial lawyers before you even finish law school.”

Jessup International Moot Court: Tackling Current Issues in International Law

Moot court at MSU Law is taken to a whole other level with the Jessup International Moot Court Team. The highly competitive Jessup Team is led by Bruce Bean, lecturer in law and director of the LL.M. for Foreign-Educated Lawyers Program; Janet Ann Hedin, adjunct professor and reference librarian; and Veronica Valentine McNally, '04, adjunct professor and associate director of MSU Law's trial advocacy programs.

The Jessup Team boasts an exceptional track record. Last year, MSU Law had two speakers rank in the top 10 out of more than 100 oralists at the Chicago Regional Competition. The number one overall speaker at the event, 3L Mark Rehmann, is the captain of MSU Law's team this year. “The

Jessup Team this year is exceptionally strong,” says Professor Bean. “We certainly plan to spend a week in March 2012 arguing the Jessup problem against the best in the world.”

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is a worldwide competition among some 650 law schools, most of which are outside the United States. “Experts prepare a devilishly crafted ‘problem’ each year that is presented to all Jessup Teams in September,” Bean explains. “The hypothetical is derived from current unresolved issues of public international law and involves a proceeding before the International Court of Justice in The Hague.” Recent Jessup problems have dealt with developing areas of humanitarian and human rights law, the rights of non-combatants under the Geneva Conventions, legal issues relating to targeted killings through the use of drones, and the right to develop oil reserves lying in offshore islands of disputed ownership. Each team researches the issues, prepares memorials for a mock hearing, and prepares to argue both sides of the issues presented by the problem.

“Once a lawyer gets into the practice of law, she or he finds it is much easier to do something the second time. Thus, our moot court programs impose the highest standards on our students,” Bean adds. “Many later report that actual practice in some courts is much less ‘professional’ than our moot court programs.”



Alternative Dispute Resolution Program: Practical Training for Practice Outside the Courtroom

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program at MSU Law is another tool used to help prepare students to become effective advocates. Comprising multiple components—including a broad-based, innovative curriculum containing courses in negotiation, mediation advocacy, arbitration, and online dispute resolution—the coursework involves an overview of the field and a critical examination of ADR processes and their current variants.

“Simulations are an important part of our instruction,” says Mary Bedikian, professor and director of the ADR Program. “Once students are exposed to the theoretical and conceptual underpinnings of an ADR process, they are challenged with problems that test their ability to apply the knowledge.” Professor Bedikian says the interactive classroom environment enables students to consider varied approaches to conflict resolution and to evaluate the legal and policy issues surrounding the conflict. “Our holistic approach to learning gives students the big picture—a start-to-finish glimpse of the dimensions of a legal problem.”

Externships are another foundational aspect of the ADR Program. Students are placed with organizations dedicated to ADR representation and are able to experience first-hand how to represent clients in mediation and arbitration, and

also how to engage in neutral work. Bedikian stresses that communication skills are essential in every aspect of a lawyer's work, listening foremost among them.

“If research, writing, and intellectual development are enhanced in other areas of the curriculum, the ADR Program builds on this base and integrates all three elements with an intense focus on the communication skills that lead to persuasive advocacy,” Professor Bedikian states. She explains that understanding when to compete, when to collaborate, when and how to share information, and how to develop effective questioning skills in the moment that both achieve cooperation and yield or maximize information are concepts that develop over time. Bedikian adds, “This is portable knowledge that facilitates students' movement from academia to the real world of lawyering.”

The Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute: Training on the Cutting Edge

MSU Law also offers the Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute, one of the most rigorous and comprehensive trial practice training programs in the nation. The highly competitive and selective program integrates the realities of the practice of law into the classroom and provides second- and third-year law students with an intensive two-year curriculum designed to teach the fundamental concepts of

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—Hon. David W. McKeague



litigation, to develop and enhance trial skills, and to refine professional decorum. In essence, it provides students the opportunity to learn the skills needed to hit the ground running as attorneys.

Professor McNally says the Trial Practice Institute is vital to students from an experiential standpoint. “We give students the opportunity to do instead of just watch. They have to get on their feet, and they are subject to constructive criticism for each project. They have the opportunity to advocate in front of actual presiding judges. They also interact with witnesses in order to experience the personal side of the practice.”

Technology, another important tool in advocacy, is used prominently in TPI. New innovations include Electronic Evidence Presentation Software and, most recently, presenting a trial using an iPad. Students also are taught how to best avoid any improper or unethical use of the technology.

“InData supports MSU Law by providing copies of its Electronic Evidence Presentation Software to all of our students to use during their law school careers. Each student is trained on the software and uses it to present a civil and a criminal trial,” says Professor McNally. “The use of technology is more efficient and effective than the

old-fashioned way of presenting evidence via foam-core boards. Technology is changing the judicial system—not just the lawyer. Trial lengths are reduced, jurors’ attentiveness is increased, and lawyers’ presentations are more fluid.”

“I am absolutely convinced that MSU College of Law is training some of the best-prepared law students in the United States to go out into private practice and be well ahead of many of their peers in actually conducting a trial,” says the Honorable David W. McKeague, a judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and MSU Law adjunct professor who frequently lectures in the TPI program.

Professor McNally says top-notch writing skills are critical for a lawyer to advocate effectively. “As a lawyer, you are a wordsmith and you build credibility on the written word as well as the spoken word. The best way to learn is to practice and continue to refine these skills,” she explains.

“We teach that the practice of law is a business,” says John Pirich, adjunct professor and director of TPI. “We focus on what representing a client means. Sometimes the best thing you can do is help develop the client’s perspective on the case.” He adds, “The manner in which you advocate will vary. What’s important to note is that TPI prepares you to be an effective lawyer, whatever your forum.”

Indigenous Law Program: Students Serving the Native Community

MSU Law’s Indigenous Law Program consists of a certificate program and a policy center, both of which are committed to the educational and professional development of those representing the native community. One of only a few of its type in the country, the Indigenous Law Certificate Program offers specialized training in indigenous law, policy, and practice.

The demanding certificate program includes a three-credit experiential learning requirement aimed at preparing students for Indian law-related jobs while also providing services to institutional clients such as Indian tribes, tribal courts, and other tribal organizations. Most students fulfill this requirement by participating in the Indigenous Law & Policy Center, where they conduct legislative and policy work for tribal governments, offer significant legal research and writing assistance for tribal judiciaries, and draft and revise tribal codes. Others gain experience through an externship with a tribal, state, or federal government unit or a non-governmental organization involved in Indian Law issues.

The Center co-sponsors at least one team of students each year to compete in the National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) Moot Court Competition. The event offers Law College students an opportunity

to practice their oral and written advocacy skills on a significant and timely issue in federal Indian law.

“We put students interested in Indian law in the thick of things by assigning them real-world projects with real-world consequences,” says Matthew Fletcher, assistant professor and director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center. “Our students are encouraged to write, research, and publish materials no other students, scholars, or practitioners have ever considered. Our goal is to prepare students to contribute as Indian lawyers right out of law school.”

MSU Law Legal Clinic Programs: Representing Real Clients from the Community

MSU Law pairs superior academic and practical preparation through its growing roster of clinical programs. Legal Clinic practice areas include Chance at Childhood, First Amendment Law, Housing Law, Immigration Law, Plea and Sentencing, Small Business and Nonprofit Law, Tax Law, and—as of this fall—Civil Rights Law. A new Conservation Law program is on the horizon, and others are in the works.

Student clinicians work under close faculty supervision to advocate for real clients from the local community with real legal problems. Classroom learning comes to life as students interview and counsel clients, investigate facts and research applicable case law, negotiate with other attorneys and



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parties, draft contracts and assist with business transactions, participate in discovery and motion practice, and represent clients in court. Clinicians also engage in regulatory and legislative reform efforts; perform community outreach and education activities; and practice balancing a caseload, meeting deadlines, and working with clients.

Clinic participation offers a unique opportunity for students to develop a sense of personal ownership over actual cases and gain first-hand awareness of the ethical and public service aspects of the legal profession. The experience provides invaluable insight into the realities of practicing law. (Read more about MSU Law's Legal Clinic in the Spring 2011 issue of *Amicus*.)

A 21st-Century Approach to Legal Education

Dean Joan Howarth and the MSU Law faculty are keenly sensitive to ensuring that the curriculum reflects the current practice of law and the needs of students. The new 1L curriculum that took effect this fall features a decreased emphasis on the casebook method and expanded opportunities for practical skill development, including spring semester Advocacy and Contract Negotiations courses that allow students to put their developing knowledge into practice.

"In the last several years, we have expanded our experiential opportunities to include arbitration advocacy, advanced mediation advocacy, advanced negotiation, and civil and domestic relations mediation training," says Professor Bedikian. "These clinical opportunities provide students with essential hands-on experience, which ultimately enhances their marketability."

"I know I will continue to use the skills I learned from moot court for the rest of my academic and professional career," says Rury. "The skills students acquire at MSU Law will continue to assist us in whatever path our careers and interests take."

Professor Bean agrees. "No matter who you are and what you would like to do with your J.D., we always are in a position where we need to persuade and convince others of our position. This is true in business, in the courtroom, and in family life," he says. "Book learning, the case method, and lectures are a fine way to transmit certain basic knowledge, but there is no substitute for having to actually get out there and do something." ☞

Kathleen Farrell is a writer based in Okemos, Michigan. She is a 1986 graduate of MSU's School of Journalism.

TPI Expansion Offers Top-Notch Training for More Students

MSU College of Law expanded its prestigious Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute (TPI) this fall, doubling the size of the intensive, hands-on legal training program. One of the country's most comprehensive trial practice programs, the Institute blends legal theory with practice and emphasizes important ethical considerations involved in trial litigation.

The expansion opens the program to as many as 64 students per year, while also increasing daytime course availability and scheduling flexibility. With seasoned litigators teaching all Trial Practice Institute courses and sitting judges actively involved in the program, TPI offers excellent networking opportunities and a practical, real-world perspective.

"The program gives law students a realistic view of the practice of law," says Veronica Valentine McNally, '04, adjunct professor and associate director of the program. "This includes the strategic planning, research, and time demands that go into each case. It also exposes students to networking, the importance of professionalism, and the value of hard work."

"We are pleased to be able to provide this distinct opportunity to more students," said John Pirich, director of the Trial Practice Institute. "Navigating the litigation process is challenging for any law student or young lawyer. This program gives students a career advantage."

McNally agrees. "In this economy, we feel it is important to align our students for the best employment opportunities. Employers like TPI graduates because they are ready to hit the ground running. Our graduates have drafted pleadings, negotiated discovery, taken and defended depositions, written and responded to motions, argued dispositive motions, and tried a civil case and a criminal case. They also learn how to present cases using electronic evidence presentation methods."

The Trial Practice Institute was established in 2001 in partnership with Geoffrey Fieger, a nationally renowned trial attorney and 1979 Law College graduate. ☞

Distinguished Friends of the MSU Law Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board 2011

The MSU Law Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board Distinguished Friends Program recognizes the following exceptional volunteers who have given generously of their time for the benefit of the Board during 2011:

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Abood Law Firm, East Lansing

Hon. Rosemarie E. Aquilina

30th Circuit Court, Lansing

Hon. Richard D. Ball, Chief Judge

54B District Court, East Lansing

Steven M. Cabadas, '85

Michigan Office of the Attorney General, Detroit

Brittany A. Campbell, '11

The Gallagher Law Firm, Lansing

Hon. William E. Collette, Chief Judge

30th Circuit Court, Mason

Patrick Duff, '11

Grand Rapids

Paul J. Dwaihy, '03

Plunkett Cooney, Mount Clemens

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Thomas W. James, '05

Michigan Auto Law, Farmington Hills

Matthew K. Payok, '02

Michigan Office of the Attorney General, Lansing

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Maddin Hauser, Southfield

Adam Rumschlag, '11

East Lansing

Sarah S. Stempky, '10

Michigan Auto Law, Farmington Hills

Jay Tubergen, '10

Jay M. Tubergen Law, Grand Rapids

John F. Turck

Blaske & Blaske, Ann Arbor

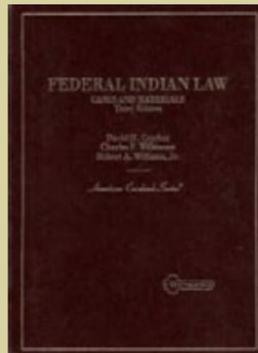
Adrienne Van Langevelde, '08

Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney Office, Charlotte

Jessica L. Zimbelman, '08

Michigan Office of Legislative Corrections Ombudsman, Lansing

MSU LAW BOOKSHELF

**MATTHEW L.M. FLETCHER**

Professor of Law & Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center

Cases and Materials in Federal Indian Law (Sixth Edition)

West Publishing

Released: March 2011

Professor Fletcher co-authored the latest edition of the leading casebook on federal Indian law with David H. Getches, Charles F. Wilkinson, and Robert A. Williams, Jr.

DAVID S. FAVRE

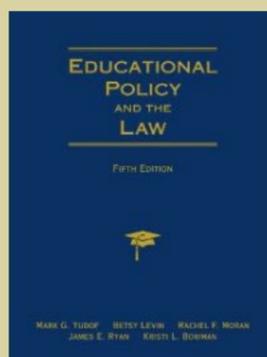
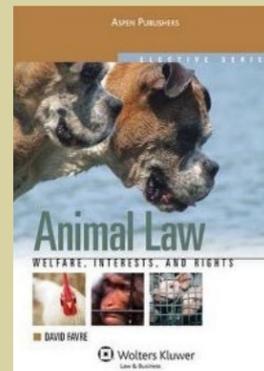
Professor of Law & The Nancy Heathcote Professor of Property and Animal Law

Animal Law: Welfare, Interests, and Rights (Second Edition)

Aspen Publishers

Released: May 2011

Professor Favre, a trailblazer in the fast-growing field of animal law, covers more than 100 years of legal history regarding animal rights in the second edition of *Animal Law*.

**KRISTI L. BOWMAN**

Associate Professor of Law

Educational Policy and the Law (Fifth Edition)

Wadsworth Publishing

Released: June 2011

Professor Bowman joined co-authors Mark Yudof, David Kirp, Rachel Moran, Betsy Levin, and James Ryan to present the fifth edition of the leading textbook on education law and policy.

NICHOLAS J. WITTNER

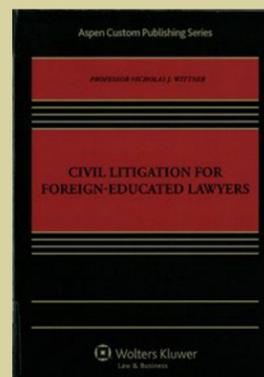
Visiting Professor of Law

Civil Litigation for Foreign-Educated Lawyers

Aspen Custom Publishing Series

Released: August 2011

Assisted by his international LL.M. students, Professor Wittner brings the essentials of U.S. civil procedure and the fundamentals of international civil litigation practice together in this custom text.



Scholarly EVENTS

**Moving Beyond “Racial Blindsight*”**

Professors Catherine Grosso and Barbara O’Brien teamed up with the *Michigan State Law Review* to bring scholars from a variety of disciplines together at the Law College on April 7 and 8 for “Moving Beyond ‘Racial Blindsight.’” The symposium explored the implications of the North Carolina Racial Justice Act (RJA) of 2009, which broke new ground in recognizing the role that social science research can play in identifying racial discrimination in the criminal justice system.

The keynote address at the event was delivered by Amy Bach, author of *Ordinary Injustice: How America Holds Court* (Metropolitan Books, 2009). Professor Jack Boger of the University of North Carolina School of Law discussed the back story to the RJA at Friday’s luncheon. Other presenters included the following:

Jennifer Adger, Columbia University · David C. Baldus, University of Iowa College of Law · Katherine Barnes, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law · William Bowers, University at Albany, State University of New York, Capital Jury Project · Deborah W. Denno, Fordham University · Steven B. Dow, Michigan State University · Jennifer Eberhardt, Stanford University · Chris Edelson, American University · Phoebe C. Ellsworth, University of Michigan Law School · Wanda D. Foglia, Rowan University · Samuel R. Gross, University of Michigan Law School · Emily Hughes, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law · Sheri Lynn Johnson, Cornell University Law School · Mona Lynch, University of California, Irvine · Jody Madeira, Indiana University Maurer School of Law · Merry Morash, Michigan State University · Glenn Pierce, Northeastern University · Michael L. Radelet, University of Colorado · Mary

Rose, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law · Josephine Ross, Howard University School of Law · Marla Sandys, Indiana University, Bloomington · Sam Sommers, Tufts University · Spearlt, Saint Louis University School of Law · Tia Stevens, Michigan State University · Isaac Unah, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill · Elizabeth Vartkessian, University of Oxford · Valerie West, The City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Videos of the presentations are available at www.law.msu.edu/blindsight.

*Andrew E. Taslitz, “Racial Blindsight: The Absurdity of Color-Blind Criminal Justice,” 5 Ohio St. J. of Crim. L. 1 (2007).



■ Professors Catherine Grosso (left) and Barbara O’Brien



Family Law in the 21st Century

Family law scholars, teachers, and practitioners from across the country gathered at MSU Law on June 17 to examine cutting-edge issues in the rapidly changing field. Focused on “Family Law in the 21st Century,” the 4th Annual Midwest Family Law Consortium explored shifting social definitions of family, greater use of science and technology to create families, and other current topics.

Panelists discussed legal and scientific developments throughout the first decade of the 21st century that will inform family law reform in coming years. The event was organized by Professors Melanie Jacobs and Cynthia Starnes, who recently was named the inaugural John F. Schaefer Chair in Matrimonial Law. The conference featured a keynote address by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly. ☞



■ (from left) Professor Melanie Jacobs; Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly; and Professor Cynthia Lee Starnes, MSU Law’s inaugural John F. Schaefer Chair in Matrimonial Law

Panelists included:

Jamie R. Abrams, Hofstra University School of Law · Mary Patricia Byrn, William Mitchell College of Law · June Carbone, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law · Ann Laquer Estin, University of Iowa College of Law · Deborah L. Forman, Whittier Law School · Barbara Glesner Fines, University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law · Cynthia Godsoe, Brooklyn Law School · Leslie J. Harris, University of Oregon School of Law · Shani M. King, University of Florida Levin College of Law · Jessica Knouse, University of Toledo College of Law · Maya Manian, University of San Francisco School of Law · Jeffrey A. Parness, The John Marshall Law School · Dara E. Purvis, University of Illinois College of Law · Charles J. Reid, Jr., University of St. Thomas (Minnesota) · Richard F. Storrow, The City University of New York School of Law · Mark P. Strasser, Capital University Law School

The Schaefer Chair in Matrimonial Law Inaugural Lecture:

Alimony and Partnership Marriage

MSU College of Law this summer announced Cynthia Lee Starnes as the first John F. Schaefer Chair in Matrimonial Law. The Schaefer Chair is the first fully endowed Chair in the Law College’s history.

Professor Starnes presented the Schaefer Chair Inaugural Lecture on “Alimony and Partnership Marriage: Rethinking the Law and Theory of Post-Divorce Income Sharing” at MSU Law on September 15. The event also featured comments by distinguished alumnus John F. Schaefer, ’69, and Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Talbot.

Professor Starnes’ unique line of scholarship lies at the intersection of family law, partnership law, and feminist theory. Her critiques of current law and reform proposals have provoked widespread commentary. A long-term member of the MSU Law faculty, Starnes co-chairs the Child and Family Advocacy certificate program, is co-advisor of the Family Law focus area, and serves as faculty advisor to the Family Law Society. ☞

The Schaefer Chair in Matrimonial Law is made possible through a generous gift from John F. Schaefer, ’69. Schaefer is one of the country’s best-known and most highly respected lawyers in the field of matrimonial law, which he has practiced for more than four decades. He also is a trustee emeritus who taught Family Law for more than 30 years as an adjunct professor at the Law College. Schaefer made a \$6 million gift to name the Law College Library and endow the chair in matrimonial law.



■ John Schaefer, ’69, and Professor Cynthia Lee Starnes

Lawyers as Conservators



MSU Law hosted distinguished scholars from across the nation and abroad on September 8 and 9 to discuss whether changes meant to help the legal profession adapt to business realities will erode lawyers’ traditional role as defenders of legal institutions and the rule of law.

The *Michigan State Law Review* fall symposium titled “Lawyers as Conservators: Will 21st Century Business, Regulatory, and Educational Challenges Destroy the Lawyer’s Role as Guardian of Legal Institutions and the Rule of Law?” explored the impact of new challenges facing legal education, ethical regulation of lawyers and the legal profession, and the legal business and economic

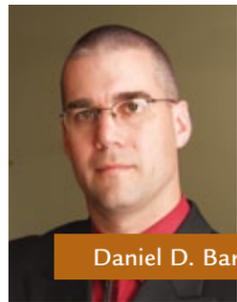
climate on the role of lawyers in society. The event was organized by Daniel Barnhizer, professor of law and The Bradford Stone Faculty Scholar at MSU Law, and David Barnhizer, professor of law emeritus at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

The Honorable David W. McKeague of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit presented the welcome address at Thursday’s dinner. A member of the MSU Law Board of Trustees, Judge McKeague teaches Federal Jurisdiction at the Law College and frequently lectures in MSU Law’s Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute. Friday’s keynote speaker was Thomas D. Morgan, the Oppenheim Professor of Antitrust and Trade Regulation Law at George Washington University School of Law. ☞

Panelists included:

Aviva Abramovsky, Syracuse University College of Law
Benjamin H. Barton, University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Law
Michael J. Churgin, University of Texas School of Law
John Flood, University of Westminster
Jack A. Guttenberg, Capital University Law School
Peter T. Hoffman, Elon University School of Law
Joan W. Howarth, Michigan State University College of Law
Renee Newman Knake, Michigan State University College of Law
Izabela Krasnicka, University of Bialystok Faculty of Law
Blake Morant, Wake Forest University School of Law
Paul D. Paton, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law
Russell Pearce, Fordham University School of Law
Avrom Sherr, University of London
Steven R. Smith, California Western School of Law
Laurel S. Terry, Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law
Gordon Turriff, Q.C., Stikeman Elliott LLP
Alan C. Weinstein, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

FACULTY NOTES...



Daniel D. Barnhizer

■ **DANIEL D. BARNHIZER** was promoted to full professor of law in July.

Professor Barnhizer and his father, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Professor of Law Emeritus David Barnhizer, co-organized the *Michigan State Law Review* fall symposium titled “Lawyers as Conservators: Will 21st Century Business, Regulatory, and Educational Challenges Destroy the Lawyer’s Role as Guardian of Legal Institutions and the Rule of Law?” The September event brought together distinguished scholars from the United States, England, and Poland to discuss whether changes meant to help the legal profession adapt to business realities will erode lawyers’ traditional role as defenders of legal institutions and the rule of law.



Bruce W. Bean

■ Professor **BRUCE W. BEAN** served on the

“Corruption: Enforcement, Compliance and Futility” panel at the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of International Law spring meeting in Washington, D.C., in April. The presentation introduced the new United Kingdom Bribery Act to an overflow audience of legal professionals already very familiar with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). This talk occurred just nine days after the UK government released long-delayed “guidance” to set forth principles for “adequate procedures” required under the act if an organization is to avoid strict liability for any bribe paid anywhere in the world by anyone arguably associated with that organization.

Several days later, Professor Bean participated in the “FCPA: Practical Perspectives on Compliance” panel discussion at Greenberg Traurig’s Washington, D.C., office. The presentation described the extraordinary provisions of the UK Bribery Act and the steps required to begin to redesign FCPA compliance programs to accommodate the Bribery Act.

■ Professor **MARY A. BEDIKIAN** wrote the 2010-11 alternative dispute resolution (ADR) supplement for *Michigan Pleading and Practice*, which includes a new chapter on Michigan mediation. She also updated a white paper on the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act for the State Bar of Michigan ADR



Mary A. Bedikian

Section. The section is seeking the passage of this uniform legislation, which integrates contemporary arbitration practices into its statutory framework.

In March, Professor Bedikian discussed “Recent Supreme Court Developments in Arbitral Jurisprudence” at the Institute of Continuing Legal Education’s 10th Annual Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Institute. The program was co-sponsored by the State Bar’s ADR Section and the State Court Administrative Office’s Office of Dispute Resolution.

The Law College’s ADR Program, which Professor Bedikian directs, and MSU’s Criminal Justice Program co-sponsored a Restorative Justice program and reception in March for former Justice Janice Geske, the founder of the Restorative Justice Program at Marquette University College of Law. Restorative justice principles assume a more constructive approach to conflict resolution by fostering a spirit of inclusion, accountability, and relationship-healing.

Professor Bedikian spoke on the topic of “The Critical

Role of Conflict Resolution in Medical Practice” at an Ingham County Medical Practitioners Conference in May.



Susan H. Bitensky

■ Professor **SUSAN H. BITENSKY**, at the invitation of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), published the “Introductory Note to Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse” in the ASIL’s *International Legal Materials* (49 I.L.M. 1663). The note analyzes the background, provisions, and significance of this new treaty.

Professor Bitensky published a letter to the editor in the April 7 online issue of the *New York Times* under the heading “Hitting Children: Should It Be Outlawed?” The letter advises readers that corporal punishment of children violates international human rights law and has been banned in 29 countries.

Professor Bitensky was the invited, featured guest on May and June airings of “Practical Law,” a show hosted by family law attorney Henry Gornbein and presented on Bloomfield and Birmingham area community

As leading scholars in a variety of legal fields, MSU College of Law faculty regularly are quoted, interviewed, and featured as experts on current issues in the media. For a complete list of articles and stories highlighting the wide-ranging expertise of our professors, visit www.law.msu.edu/news/faculty.html.

television stations. She spoke on the status of corporal punishment of children under international and American law.

Professor Bitensky was an invited speaker on two separate panels at the Global Summit on Ending Corporal Punishment and Promoting Positive Discipline, which was held in Dallas in June. The summit drew scholars and activists from around the world to examine the topic of outlawing corporal punishment of children.

Professor Bitensky presented one paper on American traditions and legal duties against school corporal punishment and another on international human rights law’s prohibition on the punishment within the family. Australian scholar Dr. Bernadette J. Saunders’ highly complimentary review of Professor Bitensky’s book, *Corporal Punishment of Children: A Human Rights Violation*, appeared in the November 2010 *International Journal of Children’s Rights*.



Kristi L. Bowman

■ Associate Professor **KRISTI L. BOWMAN** earned tenure in July.

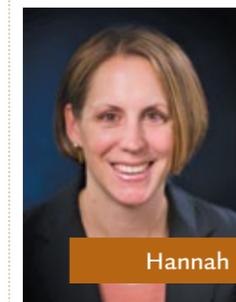
Professor Bowman’s

article titled “Policy Changes Can Help Districts Avoid a Funding Cliff” was published in *Education Week* in April.

In May, she presented “Before School Districts Go Broke: A Proposal for Federal Reform” at the National Education Finance Conference in Tampa, Florida. The article was published in the *University of Cincinnati Law Review* in August.

In early June, Professor Bowman discussed her article titled “Government Speech in Public Schools” at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association (LSA), which was held in San Francisco.

Professor Bowman joined Mark Yudof, David Kirp, Rachel Moran, Betsy Levin, and James Ryan as a co-author of the fifth edition of the leading education law textbook, *Educational Policy and the Law*, which was published in June.



Hannah Brenner

■ Lecturer in Law **HANNAH BRENNER** was named co-director of the Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics & the Legal Profession at MSU Law.

She and Associate Professor **RENEE NEWMAN KNAKE** co-presented “Rethinking Gender Equality

in the Legal Profession: What the Media’s Depiction of Supreme Court Nominees Reveals About the Pipeline to Power” during the LSA annual meeting, which was held in San Francisco in June.

Professor Brenner also presented a poster titled “Rethinking Gender Equality in the Legal Profession’s Pipeline to Power” at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Workshop on Women Rethinking Equality in Washington, D.C., in June.

In July, Professor Brenner was a guest on *National Public Radio’s On Point with Tom Ashbrook* in a segment titled “What Does the Dominique Strauss-Kahn Case Mean?”



Adam Candeub

■ **ADAM CANDEUB** was promoted to full professor of law in July.

In August, the Tilburg Law and Economics Center awarded 15,000 Euros to Professor Candeub and MSU Professor Steve Wildman to fund research on the economics and regulation of search engines and search advertising.

■ Associate Clinical Professor **NANCY COSTELLO**, who directs the First Amendment Law Clinic,



Nancy Costello

helped MSU Law students prepare a legal memo supporting Lake Orion High School journalists and their faculty advisor in a dispute with coaches who sought to censor publication of the school’s basketball and football scores. The district administrators hearing the case voted unanimously in favor of the students, marking an important victory for the clinic as it wrapped up its first semester providing education and pro bono legal representation to Michigan high school journalists.



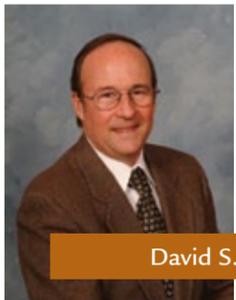
Nicole S. Dandridge

■ Associate Clinical Professor **NICOLE S. DANDRIDGE**, director of the Small Business & Nonprofit Clinic, secured a \$35,000 Creating Inclusive Excellence Grant from MSU’s Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives. The grant will provide funds for the clinic’s Community Economic Development Inclusiveness

Project to create an interdisciplinary cultural intelligence curriculum for student clinicians who then will provide legal assistance to campus and community entrepreneurs, with a heightened outreach to the Chinese community.

Professor Dandridge moderated the “Consumers, Contracts, and Children” scholarship panel at the AALS 2011 Conference on Clinical Legal Education, which was held in Seattle in June.

In July, Professor Dandridge accepted an invitation to serve as a pre-publication book commentator for *Understanding Social Entrepreneurship: The Relentless Pursuit of Mission in an Ever Changing World*, which is scheduled to be released by Routledge in January 2012.



David S. Favre

■ Professor **DAVID S. FAVRE**'s article titled “Wildlife Jurisprudence” was published in the Fall 2010 issue of the University of Oregon School of Law's *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation*, which was released in May. In this article, Professor Favre explores a new legal context in which issues about wildlife should

be considered. The individual, the species, and the habitat are all points of attention that allow the legal system to consider and give weight to the various interests of the wildlife of this earth.

The second edition of Professor Favre's casebook titled *Animal Law: Welfare, Interests, and Rights* was released by Aspen Publishers in May.

Professor Favre was a member of a panel considering professional ethics in the practice of animal law at the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section spring meeting, which was held on Amelia Island, Florida, in May.

In June, he attended the AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers in Seattle. The three-day conference brought both podium and clinical teachers together to discuss future directions for the development of the law school curriculum in light of the changing nature of the practice of law.



Matthew L.M. Fletcher

■ **MATTHEW L.M. FLETCHER**, who directs the Indigenous Law & Policy Center (ILPC) at MSU Law, was promoted to full professor of law in July.

Professor Fletcher co-authored the sixth edition of *Cases and Materials in Federal Indian Law*, the leading casebook on federal Indian law, with David H. Getches, Charles F. Wilkinson, and Robert A. Williams, Jr. The new edition was released in March by West Publishing.

His article titled “The Tenth Justice Lost in Indian Country” was published in the March/April edition of *The Federal Lawyer*.

Professor Fletcher wrote the foreword to the new edition of Robert Traver's novel *Laughing Whitefish*, which was released by Michigan State University Press in May. The foreword is titled “*Laughing Whitefish: A Tale of Justice and Anishinaabe Custom.*”

He recently spoke at a conference at the University of New Mexico School of Law and gave talks at faculty workshops/colloquia at University of Michigan Law School, University of Colorado Law School, and University of Houston Law Center.

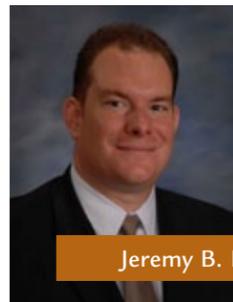
In April, Professor Fletcher and ILPC Acting Associate Director Kathryn E. Fort filed an amicus brief with the Minnesota Supreme Court on behalf of the Center, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in the case *In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of R.S. and L.S.*

In June, Fletcher and Fort filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of petitioners Oneida Indian Nation of New

York, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and Oneida of the Thames in *Oneida Indian Nation v. County of Oneida; United States v. New York et al.*

The ILPC's “Turtle Talk” blog was listed at number 25 in the “Law Prof Blog Traffic Rankings” in July.

Professor Fletcher's post titled “DOJ Takes Step toward Addressing Violent Crime against American Indian Women” was featured on *ACSBlog* in August.



Jeremy B. Francis

■ **JEREMY B. FRANCIS**, MSU Law's writing skills specialist, was promoted to associate clinical professor of law.



Catherine M. Grosso

■ **CATHERINE M. GROSSO** was promoted to associate professor of law in July.

She and Associate Professor **BARBARA O'BRIEN** teamed up with the *Michigan State Law Review* this spring to present “Moving Beyond ‘Racial Blindsight’?

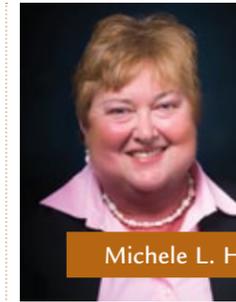


Barbara O'Brien

The Influence of Social Science Evidence after the North Carolina Racial Justice Act.” The symposium explored the implications of the North Carolina Racial Justice Act of 2009, which broke new ground in its recognition of the role that social science research can play in identifying racial discrimination in the criminal justice system. Professors Grosso and O'Brien also presented a work-in-progress titled “Ready to Listen: The North Carolina General Assembly's Decision to Go Where the *McCleskey* Court Wouldn't” as panelists at the April event.

Professors Grosso and O'Brien also jointly presented “A Significant Factor: Evidence of Discrimination Against Native American Capital Defendants in North Carolina, 1990–2009” and “Confronting Race: How a Confluence of Social Movements Convinced North Carolina to Go Where the *McCleskey* Court Wouldn't” (an updated version of their April presentation) during the LSA annual meeting, which was held in San Francisco in June.

■ Clinical Professor **MICHELE L. HALLORAN** presented “Achieving a Better



Michele L. Halloran

Understanding of Teenaged Clients/Witnesses/Interviewees: Lessons Learned from *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Outsiders*, and *Uglies*” at the Applied Legal Storytelling Conference at University of Denver Sturm College of Law in July.

Professor Halloran, who runs the Tax Law Clinic and serves as overall director of clinical programs at the Law College, edited Chapter 19 of *Effectively Representing Your Client Before the IRS*, which is expected to be released by the ABA in October. The chapter addresses innocent spouse relief available to taxpayers under Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code.



Joan W. Howarth

■ Dean **JOAN W. HOWARTH** presented “Masculinities and Organizational Identity: Considering Law School Branding,” at the colloquium on Multidimensional Masculinities and Law at the

William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in February.

In April, Dean Howarth served as a panel moderator at “Moving Beyond ‘Racial Blindsight’? The Influence of Social Science Evidence after the North Carolina Racial Justice Act.” The symposium brought leading scholars to MSU Law to discuss the role that social science research can play in identifying racial discrimination in the criminal justice system.

In August, Dean Howarth participated in a Deans Panel Discussion on “Communication with Administration” at the ABA Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario.



Melanie B. Jacobs

■ **MELANIE B. JACOBS** was promoted to full professor of law in July.

In March, Professor Jacobs presented “Intentional Parenthood's Influence: Rethinking Procreative Autonomy and Federal Paternity Establishment Policy” at an American University Law School symposium titled “The New ‘Illegitimacy’: Revisiting Why Parentage Should Not Depend on Marriage.”

In June, she presented a work in progress titled “The

Paternity Riddle: What Makes Some Men Legal Fathers and Other Men Legal Strangers” at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the LSA in San Francisco.

In July, Professor Jacobs presented “Should New Definitions of Legal Parentage Cause Us to Re-Evaluate Traditional Definitions?” as part of a panel on “New Family Forms” at the International Congress on Law and Mental Health in Berlin, Germany. Presentations were

conducted in both English and French at the six-day event, which draws more than 1,000 presenters from around the world each year.

Professor Jacobs and Professor **CYNTHIA LEE STARNES** organized and hosted the 4th Annual Midwest Family Law Consortium at MSU Law in June. Focused on “Family Law in the 21st Century,” the conference brought top family law scholars from across the nation to MSU

Law to explore shifting social definitions of family, greater use of science and technology to create families, and other cutting-edge issues that will inform family law reform and education in the next decades. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly, who practiced law for 17 years with a heavy concentration in family law before beginning her judicial career, presented the keynote address.

■ **BRIAN C. KALT** was promoted to full professor of



Brian C. Kalt

law in July.

In April, Professor Kalt's article titled "Politics and the Federal Appointments Process" was published online by the *Harvard Law and Policy Review*, the official journal of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy.

Professor Kalt's new book, *Constitutional Cliffhangers: A Legal Guide for Presidents and Their Enemies*, is expected to be released by Yale University Press this winter.



Renee Newman Knake

■ **RENEE NEWMAN KNAKE** was promoted to associate professor of law in July, and also was named co-director of the Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics & the Legal Profession at MSU Law.

Professor Knake accepted invitations to participate in two symposia on opposite coasts of the United States in April. She first presented

"Revisiting *NAACP v. Button* Through the Music of Bob Dylan" at Fordham University School of Law in New York City. Later that month, she discussed "Democratizing the Delivery of Legal Services: On the First Amendment Rights of Corporations and Individuals" at University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California.

Professor Knake and Lecturer in Law **HANNAH BRENNER** co-presented "Rethinking Gender Equality in the Legal Profession: What the Media's Depiction of Supreme Court Nominees Reveals About the Pipeline to Power" during the June LSA annual meeting in San Francisco.

In August, she discussed "Democratizing the Delivery of Legal Services: On the First Amendment Rights of Corporations and Individuals" at the Big Ten Untenured Conference at Indiana University's Maurer School of Law.



Mae Kuykendall

■ Professor **MAE KUYKENDALL** was honored by the Georgia House of Representatives in April for her contributions to the legal profession and academia. Georgia House Resolution

888 commends Professor Kuykendall for her "sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education and for the positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people." The resolution also recognizes Kuykendall's "extraordinary accomplishments," including her commitment to higher education and to her students, her expertise in a wide range of legal fields, and her scholarly publications and other writings.



Michael A. Lawrence

■ Associate Dean and Professor **MICHAEL ANTHONY LAWRENCE** negotiated new International Academic Cooperation Agreements with law schools in China (China University of Politics and Law, College of Comparative Law in Beijing); Germany (FernUniversitaet School of Law in Hagen); and Colombia (Sergio Arboleda Faculty of Law in Bogota). These agreements join others over the past two years with universities in England (Nottingham Trent University in Nottingham and Northumbria University School of Law in Newcastle); China (East China University

of Science and Technology in Shanghai and China University of Geosciences, Politics and Law in Wuhan); and Korea (Soongsil University Law School in Seoul). Agreements also are pending with law schools elsewhere, including in India and Australia.

In May, the Office of Graduate and International Programs, which Dean Lawrence oversees, conferred Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees on 30 students from 22 countries.

For the second consecutive year, the office welcomed a large fall entering LL.M. class (31 students, plus 23 in the Legal English for Academic Preparation Program, a collaboration between the Law College and MSU's English Language Center). These students, who hail from 19 different countries, joined 24 continuing LL.M. students at the Law College in August.



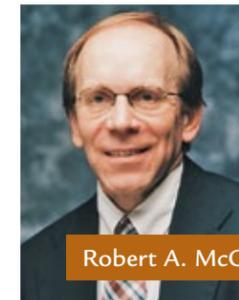
Anne Lawton

■ Associate Professor **ANNE LAWTON** served as moderator of a panel titled "So You Want to Get Paid? How to Get Your Fees Paid without Running Afoul of the Court, the Law, or the Rules of Ethics" at the annual conference of the Federal Bar

Association Bankruptcy Section for the Western District of Michigan, which was held in July.



Amy C. McCormick



Robert A. McCormick

■ Professors **AMY CHRISTIAN MCCORMICK** and **ROBERT A. MCCORMICK** participated in a two-day conference encompassing a wide range of issues involving race and intercollegiate sports at Wake Forest University in April. Their speech, "Race and Interest Convergence in NCAA Sports," traces the history of college sports integration in the United States in the context of Professor Derrick Bell's theory of interest convergence.

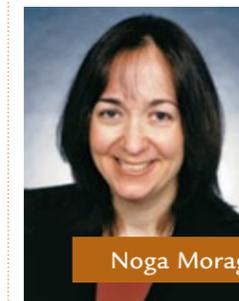
The professors' letter to the editor titled "Amateurism Rules Benefit Whites at Blacks' Expense" was published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in May.

In July, the professors' earlier work was the subject

of a feature article in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. Titled "Michigan State Law Professors Say Div. I College Athletes Qualify as 'Employees,'" the article centers on the argument that college athletes in Division I revenue-generating sports should be considered employees under principles of labor law.

The professors' article titled "Major College Sports: A Modern Apartheid," which focuses on the argument that NCAA amateurism rules have adverse racial implications, was released in the *Texas Review of Entertainment & Sports Law* in August.

In April, Professor Robert McCormick also discussed "Contract Interpretation and Past Practice" as a speaker and panelist for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Plymouth.



Noga Morag-Levine

■ **NOGA MORAG-LEVINE** was promoted to full professor of law in July.

Professor Morag-Levine presented "Formalism, Facts, and the Brandeis Brief: The Making of a Myth" as an invited speaker at the Buchmann Faculty of Law at Tel Aviv University's faculty workshop series in March. She presented the same

paper at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the LSA, where she also was an invited speaker on a mini-plenary session titled "Nature, Space, and the Planet: Exploring the Tensions of Regulation." The conference was held in San Francisco in early June.

In July, Professor Morag-Levine taught Comparative Environmental Law to a joint group of American and Polish students at the University of Bialystok. The course, which focused on comparison of environmental regulation in the United States and the European Union, was presented as part of the Law College's new Study Abroad in Poland program.



Elan Stavros Nichols

■ Assistant Clinical Professor **ELAN STAVROS NICHOLS**'s article titled "Unanswered Questions under the PTFA: Exploring Protections for Tenants in Foreclosed Properties" was published in the Winter 2011 issue of the ABA's *Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law*, which was released in July.

This summer, Professor Nichols submitted a comment to the Michigan Legislature through the State Bar of Michigan regarding proposed changes in state foreclosure

laws. The proposed legislation is part of an attempt to stem the current housing crisis.

Professor Nichols developed for publication a brochure on the federal Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act as it applies in Michigan. The new act is an area of Professor Nichols's research, and she developed the brochure at Professor **BRIAN GILMORE**'s suggestion to educate the public due to widespread ignorance on tenants' rights in foreclosure during the current housing crisis.

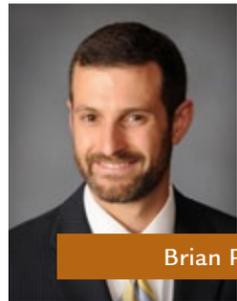
At the request of MSU's Office for International Students and Scholars and related MSU international student organizations, Professor Nichols prepared a legal memo and an informational seminar for Libyan MSU students whose program has been cut short due to the political unrest in their home country. The students have lost funding for their academic and living expenses, and in some cases are unable to pay their rent, are having to break their leases, and are being forced to go back overseas.



Sean A. Pager

■ **SEAN A. PAGER** was promoted to associate professor of law in July.

Professor Pager was selected to present his article titled “Folklore 2.0: Why Remixing Tradition is the Best Way to Preserve It” at the 12th Annual Stanford & Yale Junior Faculty Forum, which was held in Stanford, California, in June.



Brian Pappas

■ **BRIAN PAPPAS**, associate director of the ADR Program at MSU Law, was promoted to assistant clinical professor of law.

Professor Pappas coached a team of students who won first place at the Great Lakes Regional Mediation Tournament in February. The team, which included 2011 graduates Jennifer McGrath, Abigail Valovage, and Carrie Waggoner, advanced to the International Academy of Dispute Resolution’s International Law School Mediation Competition in March in London, England, where MSU Law was recognized with an “Outstanding New International Mediation Program” award. Waggoner was named “Best Mediator” of the 33 student competitors at the regional competition, while Valovage placed an impressive 5th out of 102 mediators at the international event.

In June, Professor Pappas presented “Barriers to Negotiation and the Complete Lawyer” at Thomas M. Cooley Law School’s Ann Arbor campus. He also presented “Mediating Out of the Box” (with Joseph Basta) at a joint meeting of the Washtenaw County Bar Association ADR Section and Dispute Resolution Center of Washtenaw and Livingston Counties.

In July, he presented “Effective Negotiation Planning” as a simulcast to eight offices of Dykema Gossett.

This spring, Professor Pappas was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office’s Mediator Standards of Conduct Committee and the Mediator Training Review Committee. He also serves on the State Bar of Michigan’s ADR Section Government Action Group and on the Coordinating Committee of the Public Interest & Education Campaign.

Beginning this fall, he will co-chair the ADR in Law Schools committee for the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution. The committee oversees the National Representation in Mediation competition and plans the section’s annual Legal Educators Colloquium.

■ Professor **FRANK S. RAVITCH** spoke at a Law and Religion workshop at the University of Colorado Law School in March. The event was co-sponsored by Colorado Law and MSU Law.



Frank S. Ravitch

In April, he presented his paper titled “The Unbearable Lightness of Free Exercise Under *Smith*: Religion, Dasein, and the Interesting Alternative Set Forth by the Japanese Supreme Court” as a panelist at Texas Tech University School of Law’s “Criminal Law and the First Amendment” symposium. He was joined on the panel titled “Should Free Exercise of Religion Ever Be a Defense to an Otherwise Valid Criminal Law, or Did *Smith* Get it Right?” by Jesse Choper, Arnold Loewy, Bill Marshall, and William Van Alstyne.

Professor Ravitch directed and taught Law & Religion in MSU Law’s Kyoto, Japan, Summer Abroad program. The program, which is now in its second year, included 22 students from 10 different law schools. His Japanese speaking skills were put to use during the program, which was held at Doshisha University in Kyoto from May 16 to June 10.

Professor Ravitch also has completed edits on a new chapter for the *Columbia Guide to Religion in American History* (Columbia University Press, forthcoming 2012); a new chapter to be published in a volume by University of Virginia Press based on a talk

he gave at Wake Forest University School of Law in 2009; and a new chapter to be published in a book by University of Adelaide Press based on a talk he gave in Canberra, Australia, in 2009. He continues work on a new treatise on Law and Religion, which is supported by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment.

Professor Ravitch’s new book, *Marketing Intelligent Design: Law and the Creationist Agenda*, (Cambridge University Press, 2010) was made available for Kindle by Amazon.com.



Kevin W. Saunders

■ The amicus brief that Professor **KEVIN W. SAUNDERS** co-authored for Common Sense Media in *Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Association* was cited in Justice Clarence Thomas’s dissenting opinion in the case, which was decided in June. The case involved a California statute prohibiting the sale of violent video games to anyone under the age of 18; industry groups challenged the law as a violation of the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment. Saunders, the nation’s leading expert advocating restrictions on youth access to violent

media, argued that parents—not retailers—should decide what is appropriate for their children.



Cynthia Lee Starnes

■ Professor **CYNTHIA LEE STARNES** was named the John F. Schaefer Chair of Matrimonial Law in July. The Schaefer Chair is the first fully endowed chair in Law College history.

Professor Starnes teamed up with Professor **MELANIE B. JACOBS** to organize and host the 4th Annual Midwest Family Law Consortium on “Family Law in the 21st Century,” which was held in June. (See above for details.)



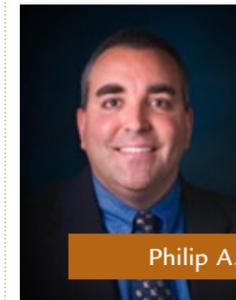
Glen Staszewski

■ Associate Dean **GLEN STASZEWSKI** was promoted to full professor of law in July.

Dean Staszewski’s article titled “Constitutional Dialogue In a Republic of Statutes” was published in a symposium issue of *Michigan State Law Review* that was released in May. Dean

Staszewski helped organize the April 2010 symposium, which brought together distinguished scholars from a variety of disciplines to reflect on and discuss their reactions to Barry Friedman’s *The Will of the People*.

VISITING PROFESSORS

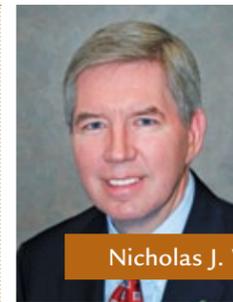


Philip A. Pucillo

■ Visiting Professor **PHILIP A. PUCILLO** served as a member of a panel titled “Should the ABA Terminate its Jurisdiction Over Tenure and Faculty Governance Issues?” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference. The event was held on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, in July.

In August, Professor Pucillo presented a talk titled “Are State-Level Renewable Energy Standards Unconstitutional?” at the Rural Electric Statewide Managers Association Lobbyist Conference in Traverse City.

■ Visiting Professor **NICHOLAS J. WITTNER** co-presented “Preemption in Automotive Product Liability Cases After *Williamson* and *Priester*” with co-authors Bryan Cross and Malcolm Wheeler at the Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC) meeting in April. He



Nicholas J. Wittner

also presented “New Case Law—Important Supreme Court Decisions on Preemption and Personal Jurisdiction” at PLAC’s spring conference.

Professor Wittner received the Law College’s Distinguished Faculty Member Award for 2010–11.

In May, his article titled “The Toyota Recalls Crisis Update: Regulation and Litigation—Full Speed Ahead” was published in *Law Journal Newspapers’ Product Liability Law and Strategy*.

His co-authored article titled “A Look Through Tinted Glass: What Does the Future Hold for Preemption in Motor Vehicle Litigation?” was published in the *Product Safety & Liability Reporter* in May.

Professor Wittner co-chaired and presented at the American Conference Institute’s Automotive Product Liability Litigation Seminar, which was held in Chicago in June.

Assisted by several of his LL.M. students, Professor Wittner published *Civil Litigation for Foreign-Educated Lawyers* in August as part of the Aspen Custom Publishing Series. He dedicated the book to the MSU Law LL.M. Class of 2010–11.

ACADEMIC STAFF



Kathryn E. Fort

■ **KATHRYN E. FORT**, interim co-director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center, spoke on the topic of Michigan’s Indian Family Preservation Act at the AALS 2011 Annual Meeting, which was held in January in San Francisco.

Fort and Professor Fletcher filed an amicus brief in April with the Minnesota Supreme Court on behalf of the Center, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in the case *In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of R.S. and L.S.*

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Fort’s article titled “The New Laches and the Unfortunate Resolution of the Modern Iroquois Land Claims” was published in a symposium issue of the *Wyoming Law Review*.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Alumni and Friends,

It has been another great year in the MSU College of Law Office of Advancement. We truly have enjoyed connecting with so many of you during our recent outreach events and activities.

Our office exists for many reasons, one of which is to get to know more about our alumni and friends. Your

reflections about your days at the Law College and your updates about what you are doing today are invaluable as we provide opportunities for the students who follow in your footsteps.

We have so much to be thankful for in 2011. This year alone, an impressive 1,200 alumni and friends made gifts of philanthropy to the Law College. More than 500 alumni attended our outreach events, and more than 100 volunteered to serve as event host committee members. Dozens of dedicated graduates served on our Alumni Association Board and our Board of Trustees, while others volunteered at Office of Admissions events or showed their support through the alumni

mentor program. We hope that even more of you will join us in these fun activities and rewarding endeavors in the upcoming year.

Your generous volunteerism and philanthropic support are truly appreciated and are critical to our continued success. As a not-for-profit entity that receives no state funding, MSU Law depends on your gifts to recruit and retain talented faculty, provide scholarship support to promising future lawyers, and continue offering the highest-quality legal education for our students.

Please remember to include the Law College in your year-end giving plans. To make a gift, visit www.law.msu.edu/donate or call me at 517-432-6840. Gifts sent in the mail must be postmarked by December 31 to count on this year's taxes.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Best wishes for a wonderful 2012!

Warm regards,

Tina Kashat Casoli
Director, Office of Advancement



■ (from left) The Office of Advancement staff includes Brett Polen, Cait Soveck, April Jones, Tina Casoli, Tania Haraburda, Devon Glass, and Ann Scholten (not pictured).

JUSTICE ALTON DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AND MOOT COURT ALUMNI/STUDENT OUTREACH EVENT

Family, friends, and alumni gathered at the Baronette Renaissance Hotel in Novi on April 14 to celebrate the retirement of one of our most distinguished graduates, Justice Alton "Tom" Davis, '74. The event raised more than \$30,000 in support of the Alton Davis Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Scholarship.

"I am humbled by the amount of kindness and support expressed by my family, friends, and peers," Davis said. "I am proud that this event can establish opportunities for those wishing to serve in the legal profession."

Special thanks go to Jules Olsman, '78, who reached out to hundreds of alumni and friends to solicit support for this investment in MSU Law moot court members.

"Justice Davis exemplifies the great things our students can accomplish for themselves, their Law College, and their communities," said Dean Joan Howarth. "He is an excellent role model for all MSU Law students—particularly those who follow in his footsteps as members of the Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board."

This spring, Justice Davis received the MSU College of Law Alumni Association's 2011 George N. Bashara, Jr., '60, Distinguished Alumni Award. The prestigious award recognizes contributions to the field of law, as well as outstanding service to the Law College and the community. ♣

■ Top right (from left): Jules Olsman, '76, congratulates Justice Alton Davis, '74, on his retirement.

■ Right (from left): The Honorable William Caprathe, '62, the Honorable Marianne Battani, '72, and Dean Joan Howarth catch up at the celebration.



3L GIFT CAMPAIGN

The MSU College of Law Class of 2011 created the Joseph A. Lupton, Jr., Memorial Scholarship as its 3L class gift this spring to honor a classmate who passed away unexpectedly on February 21. As requested by the Lupton family, the scholarship will be awarded to high-performing, non-traditional prospective law students in need of financial aid.

This year's graduates generously contributed to the campaign, as did numerous other students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The efforts of his classmates and the support of the entire Law College community serve as a perfect tribute to Lupton, whose Juris Doctor degree was conferred posthumously at the May commencement ceremony. ☪

■ Lupton and daughter Bailey Belle shortly after her birth in January



NOMINATE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The MSU College of Law Alumni Association proudly recognizes prominent alumni each year with the presentation of the George N. Bashara, Jr., '60, Distinguished Alumni Award. This longstanding award recognizes contributions to the field of law, as well as outstanding service to the Law College and the community. Up to four awards may be presented annually.

Please visit www.law.msu.edu/alumni or contact the Office of Advancement at 517-432-6840 or alumni@law.msu.edu to submit nominations for this distinguished award. Recipients will be recognized at the spring commencement ceremony.

PAST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

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1985	Robert Dunwoodie, '39	2001	David Christensen, '67
	Andrew Transue, '26	2002	Honorable Bernard Friedman, '68
1986	Daniel M. Clark, '63	2003	Francine Cullari, '82
	Alan W. Joslyn, '24	2004	Victor Marrocco, '70
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1988	Dennis Archer, '70	2006	The Honorable William J. Caprathe, '62
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1997	Donald L. Castle, '36	2010	Honorable Diane Hathaway, '87
	Carole L. Chiamp, '72	2011	Honorable Alton Davis, '74
	John D. O'Hair, '54		

Alumni Profile



ALUMNUS GRATEFUL FOR EDUCATION, PROUD OF DCL HERITAGE, GIVES BACK

PETER LUCIDO

Peter Lucido's grandmother knew he would be a lawyer before he did.

"When I was very young I used to talk a lot, and my grandmother, right from Italy, used to say to me, 'Avvocato,' which is Italian for 'lawyer,'" Lucido says. "He's always talking—he's going to be a lawyer.' It just stuck with me."

When Lucido graduated from Detroit College of Law (DCL) in 1987, he received a diploma in Italian to honor his grandmother. The gesture cemented his love for DCL.

One of eight children of a produce peddler, Lucido's passage through law school didn't come easy. He attended classes at night and paid his way by helping with the family business on Sundays; he even loaded his brother's truck at 2 a.m. some mornings during his first year. Before earning his J.D., Lucido had completed an M.B.A. and picked up licenses in insurance, securities, real estate, and building.

"I always wanted to be a lawyer, but I wanted a strong sense of business before going to law school," Lucido says. "If you're versed at every aspect, you'll know what to do and how to do it."

An undergraduate internship with the Oakland County probation department became a full-time job while Lucido was in law school. His interest in criminal law led to an internship in the Wayne County public defender's office and a clerkship with a criminal defense firm. The clerkship turned into a full-time job after graduation, and Lucido quickly became a partner at the firm.

After three years, though, he was ready to strike out on his own. The St. Clair Shores native currently runs a law practice

in Clinton Township, where he focuses on criminal defense, family law, and civil litigation and employs six other attorneys who handle other practice areas.

"I'm very passionate about the law," Lucido says. "I love being a lawyer. People being able to get their day in court—it's about fairness. I went to school for the little people, the underdogs."

Lucido credits his education at DCL for preparing him to run a successful firm. "My experience was rigorous," he says. "It was overwhelming at times. You were exposed to the Socratic method of teaching, and everybody was in the fishbowl together.

"I gave something to that education process," he adds. "They gave me more in return. They gave me inspiration."

Lucido says that, like many DCL grads, he initially struggled with disappointment over the school's transition to Michigan State University. Today he's an enthusiastic supporter of his alma mater, which now just happens to be located in East Lansing.

A member of the Circle of Friends Benefactors Club, Lucido generously offers both his time and resources to his alma mater. "If you give back with your classmates to the community as it exists now, you have a chance to resurrect a relationship with the community of people you once shared your experiences with," he says. "For DCL graduates, getting involved now can be a homecoming. It's about bringing back those individuals and those good feelings once shared during your law school days." ☪



ALL UNIVERSITY CAMPAIGN

ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE. TRANSFORMING LIVES.

The Law College proudly achieved 100 percent participation by staff for the third consecutive year in the All University (All U) Faculty and Staff Campaign. The Law College also was the most successful on campus in the overall participation category, in which it reached an impressive 93 percent participation.

Team captains throughout the Law College rallied their teams to generously support student programs and services. A friendly competition takes place each year to see which team is first to submit contributions from every team member. The dean's suite, led by Beth Wey, was the first team to achieve 100 percent participation this year. "I am more and more overwhelmed each year by the enthusiasm and generosity demonstrated by my colleagues," says Wey. "Everyone is so happy to support the Law College and proud to be able to see the impact of our gifts each day."

It was an exciting year for the Faculty Endowed Scholarship, which continues to grow with gifts from MSU Law professors and others through the All U Campaign. The Law College Scholarship Committee selected 3L Jennifer Pierce as the first recipient of the scholarship this fall; she received \$1,500 in tuition support.

Faculty team co-captains Brian Kalt and Frank Ravitch were pleased to see the scholarship reach its first student. "As members of the faculty, we see how hard the students work each day," Professor Kalt explained.

"It is nice to see the scholarship fund grow each year," Professor Ravitch added. "We hope we'll be able to give more than one award from our fund in the coming years."

Faculty and staff donors celebrated their All U Campaign success at an ice cream social on October 3. Participants took home prizes that were donated from the local community, including restaurant gift certificates, golf passes, and gift baskets. The Office of Advancement looks forward to MSU Law leading the University once again in next year's campaign. ☺



■ (from left) Professor Jennifer Carter-Johnson, Associate Dean Charles Ten Brink, Dean Joan Howarth, 3L Jennifer Pierce, Professor Deanne Lawrence, and Professor Kevin Saunders

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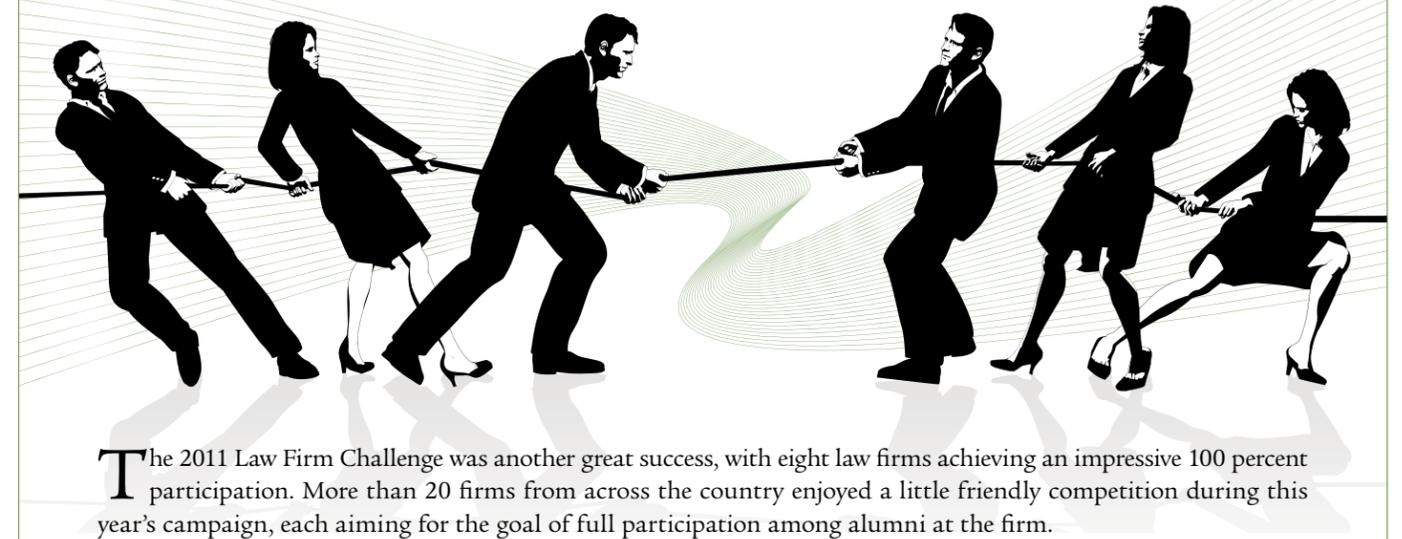
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Assistant Dean Elliot Spoon, Career Services

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LAW FIRM CHALLENGE

Eight Firms Achieve 100 Percent Participation



The 2011 Law Firm Challenge was another great success, with eight law firms achieving an impressive 100 percent participation. More than 20 firms from across the country enjoyed a little friendly competition during this year's campaign, each aiming for the goal of full participation among alumni at the firm.

The \$91,910 raised through this year's challenge exemplifies the incredible generosity and team spirit of Law College graduates. Well done!

Firms with 100% Participation

Michigan Auto Law (first to meet the goal!)

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Langton Law

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Alumni from participating firms will be treated to lunch with Dean Joan Howarth in appreciation of their support. For information on how to participate in next year's challenge, contact Devon Glass, '04, associate director of alumni engagement, at 517-432-6845 or glassdev@law.msu.edu.

Faculty Profile



NICHOLAS WITTNER

GLOBAL LAWYER TRANSITIONS FROM COURTROOM TO CLASSROOM

An expert in the field of products liability, Visiting Professor Nicholas Wittner served for 20 years as an assistant general counsel for the Nissan North America Legal Department before joining MSU College of Law in 2009.

As head of the Product Group at Nissan, Wittner managed product liability litigation, product-related class actions, safety and environmental regulatory compliance matters, and patent litigation within North America. He also advised engineers in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Japan on safety compliance, as well as product safety and liability prevention. Before his work at Nissan, Professor Wittner was an executive attorney with the General Motors Legal Department for 11 years.

In addition to his international practice, Professor Wittner has made time to give back to the profession. He co-chaired the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Litigation's Products Liability Committee; chaired the Product Liability Advisory Council; and is on the advisory boards of several legal periodicals, including the Bureau of National Affairs' *Product Safety & Liability Reporter*. A member of the American Law Institute (ALI), he served on the Members Consultative Group for and was deeply involved in ALI's *Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Products Liability*.

Students from around the world now have the opportunity to benefit directly from Professor Wittner's expertise in the field. Wittner teaches Products Liability at MSU Law, as well as a specialized Civil Litigation Practice and Procedure course that is offered through the Law College's Master of Laws (LL.M.) for Foreign-Educated Lawyers Program.

Inspired and assisted by his LL.M. students, Professor Wittner published a new book in August titled *Civil Litigation for Foreign-Educated Lawyers* as part of the Aspen Custom Publishing Series. The text brings the essentials of U.S. civil procedure together with the basics of international civil litigation practice—something Wittner was unable to find elsewhere when he started teaching. Several of his LL.M. students made major contributions to the text. “The students brought extraordinary perspectives—legal knowledge and experience from countries including Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, India, China, and South Korea,” said Wittner, who dedicated the book to the MSU Law LL.M. Class of 2010–11.

His students are equally appreciative of his commitment to teaching and his contagious love of the law. Professor Wittner received MSU Law's Distinguished Faculty Member Award for 2010–11.

A devoted Spartan, Wittner is creating an endowed scholarship at the Law College in the name of his most influential professor as an undergraduate at MSU's School of Criminal Justice, Robert C. Trojanowicz. “Professor Trojanowicz exemplifies the finest qualities of a man, a teacher, and a scholar,” said Wittner. “I will always remember how deeply he cared for his students. Words fail to describe how much he did to prepare me for my career in law.” The planned gift will fund a scholarship for an incoming law student who, like Wittner, earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice at MSU. ♣

2011 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Golf Outing



Alumni and friends hit the links on a beautiful August day for the 13th Annual MSU College of Law Alumni Association Golf Outing. A total of 114 golfers participated in the event, which was held at Forest Akers West Golf Course on the MSU campus. Sponsors covered the fees for 15 students, who were able to enjoy a valuable networking opportunity with alumni.

Many thanks to the following sponsors of this year's golf outing:

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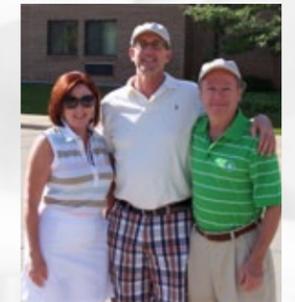
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■ Top: Alumni and friends enjoyed a gorgeous day on the golf course.

■ Above left (from left): Matthew Fedor, '00, Holly Swanson, '99, Eric Swanson, '99, and Tina Casoli

■ Above right (from left): Linda Orlans, '87, Brian Henry, and Bryan Melvin, III, '77



MSU COLLEGE OF LAW

ALVIN L. STORRS TAX LAW CLINIC

Honoring the Memory of Professor Alvin L. Storrs

Thanks to the exceptional efforts of the late Professor Alvin L. Storrs, tax law is compelling, meaningful, and it has a human face.

Professor Storrs, who passed away in 2010, was a highly respected member of the MSU College of Law faculty and chair of the Taxation Law concentration program. In 1999, he led the effort to obtain funding through the Internal Revenue Service to establish the Tax Law Clinic. He soon reached out to Eric Nemeth, '89, who joined his former professor and mentor to develop the clinic's curriculum and teach the classes.

"Al felt that students needed an opportunity to apply what they were learning," Nemeth says of Storrs' motivation for founding the clinic. "Studying tax law doesn't mean anything until you see the practical impact—how you deal with an agency, how you deal with the court system. Al said that, even if students do just a little bit of government service during law school, their practice always will have some element of it and maybe they'll be more willing to take on pro bono clients. He was very, very excited about the clinic."

Storrs eventually moved to the clinic's board, joining other members he'd helped recruit, while continuing to teach at the Law College. Nemeth, now in private practice in Novi, remains a guest lecturer.

"Al had a vision," says Michele Halloran, who currently runs the Tax Law Clinic and serves as overall director of clinical programs at MSU Law. "He knew there were people whose plights were such that we could help them in very positive ways—people who have been caught in the system. They have no job, they're elderly, they're sick, they have huge debt and no



ability to pay it. I've had people call me and cry on the phone as they describe the impact the Tax Law Clinic has had on their lives."

Storrs was a superb mentor to students and faculty alike during his tenure. Students felt comfortable soliciting his help with complex problems, and faculty valued his support and concern for them as people.

"Al never, ever approached me without asking how my family was," Halloran says. "It wasn't just 'How's the work going?' That endeared him to me so much. He was so intelligent and so warm and so open to students' needs. He was a wonder to work with."

The Law College seeks to honor Professor Storrs' contributions and leadership through efforts to rename the Tax Law Clinic in honor of its founder.

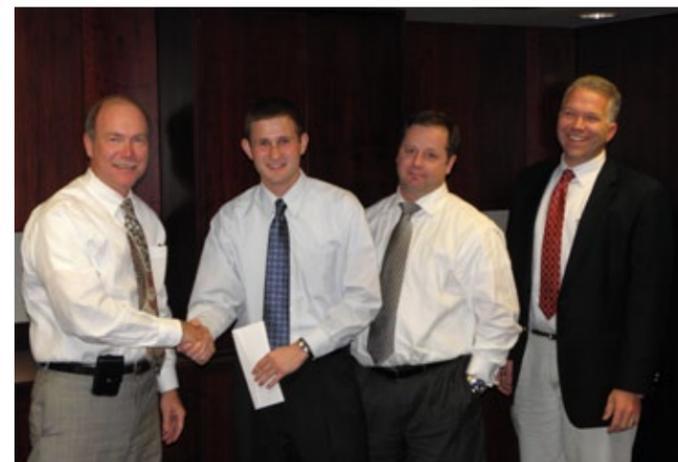
"The impact that he made is immeasurable," Nemeth says. "Renaming the clinic for Al is the right thing to do, and it will help maintain his vision of what the clinic is supposed to be about."

"As a student in the tax clinic, I got to do a lot of actual, hands-on work," says Bryan Rimmke, '08, an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service's Office of Chief Counsel. "I'm really happy to have had that opportunity."

Through the support of other generous donors, the Alvin L. Storrs Tax Law Clinic will continue to provide future MSU Law students with valuable experience, and community members with important tax services that otherwise would be unavailable.

Donations to the Alvin L. Storrs Tax Law Clinic may be made by completing the online form at www.law.msu.edu/donate or calling the Office of Advancement at 517-432-6840.

GIVING BACK



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED
 Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, the MSU College of Law Alumni Association has raised more than \$100,000 for the Alumni Association Scholarship. This fall, 1Ls Jonnie Powers and Alexander Modor Gavern were selected to receive \$2,500 each to help offset their Law College tuition.

■ *The 2011 Alumni Association Scholarship winners are Alexander Modor Gavern, a 1L and the son of two 1979 Detroit College of Law graduates (Franklin S. Gavern, '79, and Denise A. Modor, '80), and Jonnie Powers, a 1L whose father (Ward M. Powers, '82) and grandfather (Ward D. Powers, '51) both graduated from Detroit College of Law. Also pictured are (from left) MSU Law Alumni Association board members Daniel Bliss, '87, Ron Estes, '05, and Eric Swanson, '99.*



ED DAWDA AND ALICE BUCKLEY JOIN THE BENEFACTORS CLUB

Ed Dawda, '77, and his wife, Alice Buckley, '79, recently joined the Benefactors Club with a \$25,000 gift to the Law College. Both halves of

this super couple have achieved major accomplishments in their work. Dawda, a founding partner of Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler in Bloomfield Hills, was named "Detroit Area Real Estate Lawyer of the Year for 2011" by *Best Lawyers*. Buckley, assistant general counsel for Sears Holdings Corporation, helped major retailer Kmart navigate through Chapter 11 bankruptcy and successfully litigate *Security Services Inc. v. Kmart Corp.* before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Both of us have been very blessed," Dawda says. "We're very grateful for our education," Buckley adds. "We really feel like our education has made us."

BOOK AWARD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

MORGANTI AWARD

Andrew Morganti, '97, established the Andrew Morganti Book Award to honor Professor Kevin Kennedy's influence on his legal career. The \$500 book award is given to the student with the highest grade in Kennedy's International Civil Litigation class each semester.

Laura Williams, 3L, won the award in Fall 2010. Williams said she was inspired by Morganti's willingness to give back and share his success with others.



■ *Laura Williams, 3L, and Professor Kevin Kennedy*

"Receiving this award was quite a surprise and it really means a lot to me. I am a part-time evening student who also is working full-time. I had been out of school for 16 years before deciding to go to law school to prepare for a second career in intellectual property law. Being recognized for academic achievement validates for me that I am on the right path and helps to push me along to the finish line."

— *Laura Williams, 3L, Fall 2010 Morganti Book Award Winner*

STATE BAR REAL PROPERTY AWARD

The State Bar of Michigan's Real Property Law Section offers a \$500 book award for an MSU Law student who exhibits high achievement in an upper-level property-related course and expresses the intent to practice in Michigan after graduation. The recipient also is invited to attend the section's summer conference at no cost.

Stephanie Schnelz, 3L, earned the 2011 Real Property Award for her work in Spring 2011.

"I was able to use my scholarship from the State Bar Real Property Section to pay for part of my bar preparation classes...and also to pay for parking in the Shaw Ramp (and that is a feat!)."

— *Stephanie Schnelz, 3L, Spring 2011 State Bar Real Property Law Section Book Award Winner*



■ *Stephanie Schnelz, 3L, with her father Kurt Schnelz, '85, (left) and Professor Clark Johnson*

MSU LAW ALUMNI

SEEN + HEARD

BLSA ANNUAL ALUMNI RECEPTION

MSU Law's Black Law Students Association (BLSA) hosted its 2nd Annual BLSA Scholarship and Alumni Reception at the GM Renaissance Center in Detroit on April 15. Nearly 100 alumni and friends gathered to support BLSA's mission to bolster the minority presence in the legal profession and raise much-needed funds for student scholarships.

Special thanks to the planning committee members who helped make this event special: Jerome Crawford, 3L, the Honorable B. Pennie Millender, '87, the Honorable Cylenthia LaToye Miller, '96, Eric Sabree, '96, and the Honorable Craig Strong, '73.

■ *Right (from left): Jerome Crawford, 3L, Dean Joan Howarth, and James Liggins, Jr., '03*

■ *Bottom left (from left): Marlon Evans, '93, Sherrie Farrell, '97, and Jenifer Franklin, '97*

■ *Bottom right (from left): Jamal Goodrich, 2L, Alyssa Floyd, 3L, and Dorian George, 2L*



BLSA SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

The Honorable Dennis Archer, '70, David Christensen, '72, and Eric Sabree, '96, hosted a reception to benefit the MSU College of Law Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Scholarship on July 28. Christensen also sponsored the event. BLSA alumni, benefactors, and supporters gathered at the offices of Charfoos & Christensen, located in the historic Hecker-Smiley Mansion in Detroit, to network and support the BLSA scholarship.

■ *Top left (from left): Professor Robert Filiatrault, '70, and Director of Diversity Services Mary Ferguson, '02*

■ *Lower left (clockwise from top left): The Honorable Dennis Archer, '70, David Christensen, '72, Eric Sabree, '96, Maah Fonachu, LL.M. '11, Ryan Middleton, 2L, and Dean Joan Howarth*



■ *The law firm of Charfoos & Christensen hosted this summer's BLSA reception in its offices at the historic Hecker-Smiley Mansion.*

SEEN + HEARD (cont.)

TIGERS TAILGATE & GAME

The MSU College of Law Alumni Association hosted a Tigers Tailgate & Game on June 24. More than 50 alumni, friends, and family members enjoyed a pre-game reception at the Detroit Athletic Club before heading over to Comerica Park to watch the Tigers play the Arizona Diamondbacks. The post-game fireworks display capped off an evening that was both enjoyable and memorable.

■ *Below left: Christy Pudyk, '02, and her husband, David Babcock, enjoy the tailgate.*

■ *Below right: Young fans Jake (left) and Cooper Casoli get ready for the Tigers game with Paige, Jane, and Kate Swanson.*

■ *Bottom: This crew had a ball at the Tigers game pre-party.*



PICNIC

Draws Law Alumni, Friends, and Families

Alumni, friends, and their families gathered on the Law College lawn for the annual family picnic on September 11. This year's event was filled with good food, tasty treats, and lots of fun! Activities included a magic show, three bounce houses, face-painting, and balloon characters. See more photos from this event at www.law.msu.edu/advancement/picnic.

■ *Right: The face-painting table was a big hit at the picnic.*

■ *Below left: Tania Haraburda and daughter Maurisa show off Maurisa's balloon hat.*

■ *Below right: Nina Thekdi, '06, and Jeff Gedeon, '06, with their children Natasha and Myles*



Alumni Profile

GENEROUS ALUMNUS INSPIRED BY MSU LAW FACULTY

■ (from left) Dean Joan Howarth, Eric Swanson, '99, and Thomas James, '05

For Thomas James, '05, generosity toward MSU College of Law was inspired by the law school faculty's generosity toward him while he was a student.

James enrolled at MSU Law when he was in his early 30s and already well established in a sales career in California. While the move allowed the couple to be close to the family of his wife, a Michigan native, the transition back to being a full-time student was challenging. He credits the Law College faculty with helping him stay focused during his first year.

"The faculty gave a lot to me," James says. "There wasn't a whole lot of writing required, no legal analysis, with my previous degrees. I was at about the 55th percentile after my first year in law school. That just killed me, to be in the middle of the pack.

"I sat down with a lot of professors," he continues. "They were great, they all made time. I brought my GPA up substantially and graduated with honors."

James quickly decided after enrollment that he wanted to be a litigator. He became heavily involved with the Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board, and also edited the then-new *Journal of Business and Securities Law*.

When James became a member of the Law College's Presidents Club by pledging a gift of \$10,000 last year, he made sure to support the activities that he had found so fulfilling as a student. His donation is split among Moot Court, the journal, and student scholarships.

"I feel as though Moot Court is where I really learned the practice of law—it gave me the foundation I use today," James says. "I give to the journal because I think it's important that students keep up their academic writing and I want to make sure it carries on."

The largest portion of his donation is earmarked for scholarships. James says he wants MSU Law to be able to attract the best students and to give hardworking aspiring lawyers an opportunity to pursue their goals.

"Philanthropy is important because a lot of people never have opportunities," he says. "That's what my money can do—create those opportunities."

James gives time, as well as money, to his alma mater. He's vice president of the MSU College of Law Alumni Association's executive board. He works with the Alumni Association to



THOMAS JAMES

raise money for scholarships, fund student activities, and organize social and networking events for fellow Law College graduates. He also helped create a mentorship program that matches first-year students with alumni, helps host a national Moot Court competition each fall, and judges a mandatory oral advocacy competition each year for first-year students.

"Without alumni support, it's impossible for the Law College to have these activities," James says. "They were important to me when I was going to school. If you take, it's important to give back. It's great to get together with alumni and it's always great to make a difference."

James clerked at Gursten, Koltonow, Gursten, Christensen and Raitt in Farmington Hills during law school and joined the firm's trial practice after graduating. He represents injured parties in car crashes in both tort and insurance claims. The work suits him, he says, because "I've always rooted for the underdog. And when you're representing injured parties, you always are the underdog.

"We get to make a difference," he adds. "Every single one of my cases represents a person and a family, and we think they're being wronged in some way. At the end, you did something for that person. You don't get to say that all the time." ☺

ALUMNI NOTES

Send us your notes!

We encourage all alumni to contribute information on accomplishments and special recognition in the legal profession and other fields.

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■ JAMES N. MARTIN, '68, received the 2011 Excellence in Defense Award from the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel. The award honors his outstanding contribution to the profession.

1970s

■ HON. DENNIS W. ARCHER, '70, was elected to serve as chair of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees for 2011.

■ HON. DANIEL M. DOWNEY, '76, was recognized for 20 years of service as adjunct professor of law at South Texas College of Law in Houston.

■ BRYAN MELVIN, III, '77, was appointed corporate services counsel at eTitle Commercial.

1980s

■ DOUGLAS S. DOVITZ, '80, opened his own firm, Douglas S. Dovitz, in St. Clair Shores. He primarily practices personal injury, Social Security disability, and worker's compensation law. He also serves as a case evaluator in Macomb and Oakland counties.

■ HON. COLLEEN A. O'BRIEN, '81, was awarded the Oakland County Bar Association's 2011 Distinguished Public Servant Award.

■ HON. MARY S. TREW, '81, recently was appointed a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. She currently is assigned to the Domestic Relations Division.

■ CECIL D. ST. PIERRE, JR., '84, was appointed by three different attorneys general to act as special assistant attorney general. He recently was appointed general counsel for the Republican 12th District, and currently serves as precinct delegate.

■ ROCCO LUCENTE II, '85, was recognized by the Bar Association of Erie County for 25 years of membership. He is a Fellow of the New York State Bar Foundation, a board member for the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo and the Eastern Hills Sunrise Rotary Club, and he was recognized by *The Legal News* as one of the top three percent of attorneys nationwide.



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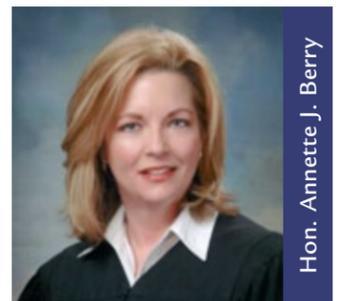
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■ HON. ANNETTE JURKIEWICZ BERRY, '88, was elected to serve as the 84th president of the Michigan Judges Association.

■ FRANK A. JUNG, '89, was named general counsel to Missouri State Auditor Thomas Schweich.

1990s

■ TERRENCE D. SHULMAN, '91, released his book titled *Clutter Lives, Empty Souls: Compulsive Stealing, Spending and Hoarding*. Shulman held a conference in metro Detroit in October titled "The Third International Conference on Compulsive Theft, Spending and Hoarding."

■ MARK A. WRIGHT, '91, was elected leader of the management committee for the firm of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton.

■ ARTHUR RADFORD BAKER, '93, is a 24-year veteran special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation serving as legislative counsel in the Office of the FBI Director. He currently is on a special assignment to the U.S. House of Representatives to assist the Judiciary Committee with crime and justice issues and related legislation.

■ CYNTHIA K. MEAGHER ARVANT, '95, was appointed magistrate of the 46th District Court, which covers Southfield, Lathrup Village, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Franklin. She is married to Peter Arvant, '94, a partner at Stark Reagan in Troy.

■ REBECCA S. DAVIES, '95, joined Butzel Long law firm as a shareholder. Davies focuses her practice in the areas of employment law and commercial litigation.

2000s

■ LT. JOHN E. CLADY, '01, retired from the U.S. Navy after more than 20 years in the Army and Navy. He accepted a position with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

■ ANTHONY FAZIOLI, '02, opened his law office in March 2009. He practices general law with an emphasis on criminal, municipal, and family law.

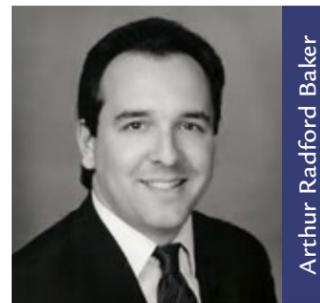
■ JEREMY L. FETTY, '02, was promoted to partner of the Indiana law firm Parr Richey Obrebsky Frandsen & Patterson.



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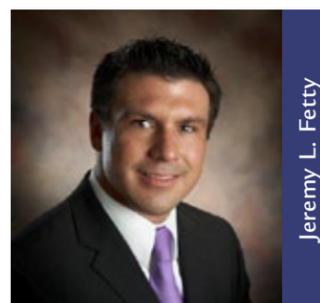
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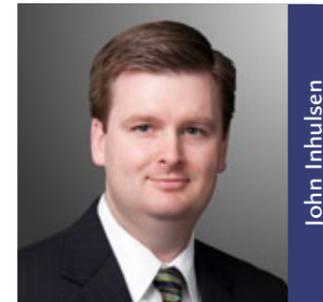
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■ CHRISTOPHER M. GILES, '02, was accepted as a member of the Ukrainian American Bar Association.

■ KELLY M. MARTORANO, '03, was elected to the board of directors of the East Michigan Chapter of Air and Waste Management.

■ BRIAN T. QUINN, '03, was elected partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn. He practices in the firm's Lansing office.

■ DR. FERNANDO ALBERDI, '04, was elected partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn. He practices in the firm's Ann Arbor office.

■ JAMES A. FUNK, '04, was promoted to network account executive in Oregon Health & Science University's Managed Care Contracting and Network Development Unit.

■ SALMAAN T. QUADER, '04, was elected partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn. He practices in the firm's Oakland County office.

■ JOHN INHULSEN, '05, an attorney at the law firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith, was elected to the Board of Directors for the MSU Alumni Club of West Michigan.

■ JANELLE J. JORDAN, '05, was elected to the State of Maryland Democratic Central Committee in September 2010. Jordan ran a successful campaign in Prince George's County, Maryland, which is a suburb of Washington, D.C.

■ R. PAUL VANCE, '05, recently was named chair of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Young Lawyers Section. He also chairs the Genesee County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.

■ NICHOLE J. DERKS, '06, was appointed to serve on the State Bar of Michigan District E Character and Fitness Committee. She also serves as a member of the State Bar of Michigan Standing Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice.

■ JENNIFER L. GORDON, '06, transferred to Aberdeen Proving Ground and is working as a Warrented Officer in Procurement for the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Army Contracting Command, APG.

■ JOHN M. KNOWLES, '06, was promoted to director of development and external affairs at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida. He is department manager for fundraising and public relations, a senior advisor to the dean, and a



Wendy A. Jansen, '86,
on May 8, 2011

George Wirth, '84,
on September 23, 2011

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member of a three-person oversight committee for Ave Maria's 10-year strategic planning process.

■ TARA M. SPOON, '06, joined Brennan Steil as an associate. She will focus on business law and estate planning at the Janesville, Wisconsin, firm.

■ AMY L. ANDERSON, '07, recently was named director of accreditation services in the Legal Department at Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina. She completed her M.B.A. at Western Carolina University in December 2010.

■ SAMI Z. AZHARI, '07, was named an associate at Lavelle Law.

■ AMANDA L. DEERING, '09, started a new law firm called Deering & Valle in Brea, California.

2010s

■ JONATHAN A. BANER, JR., '10, opened a new law firm in Tacoma, Washington, with his wife, Miranda Baner. The firm, Baner & Baner, focuses on appellate, criminal, family, consumer, and employment law.

■ JUSTINIAN C. LANE, '10, was hired as managing attorney of the Mass Torts Department of Ketterman Rowland & Weslund in San Antonio.

■ ERIN M. LILLIE, '10, was appointed as deputy magistrate with jurisdiction over most misdemeanor matters and serves as the law clerk for Superior Court Judge Ben Esch in Nome, Alaska.

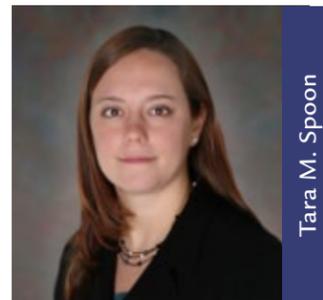
■ AARON T. LLOYD, '10, joined Tiffany & Bosco in Phoenix as a litigation associate.

■ CHRIS MICHAEL, '10, joined Schottenstein Zox & Dunn as an associate in the firm's Public Law and Government Relations practice group.

■ ALA'A M. Wafa, '10, was hired at Cummins, Inc., a diesel engine company. Ala'a is working on the corporate side as a Six Sigma Black Belt.



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