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■ A Message from the Dean



THIS ISSUE OF THE AMICUS IS SPECIAL because it contains memorial tributes to two exceptional MSU Law professors. Professor Al Storrs passed away one year ago, and we miss him in countless ways every day. Professors Bob McCormick and Amy McCormick share a lovely tribute to their friend and colleague who contributed so much to our profession and enriched so many of our lives.

Our community suffered another terrible loss with the very recent passing of Professor Craig Callen. Professor Callen was a highly regarded Evidence scholar and an extraordinary teacher. As a teacher, he was unusually demanding and exceptionally

funny, somehow both gruff and generous. He saw each student as a full person with intellectual potential that often far exceeded what the student saw in the mirror. When asked by an incoming student what to expect from law school, Professor Callen responded, "You will learn to think independently, and with precision." That was his goal for every class period, and for every student.

This issue also has a theme of service. Our rules of professional responsibility mandate pro bono support, but the rules are sometimes forgotten. At MSU College of Law, we strive to ensure that the spirit of community service permeates all levels of our culture.

We need only to turn on our televisions, drive through our neighborhoods, or view the art on our Law College walls to be reminded of the challenges facing our nation and world. In these difficult economic times, our communities need us now more than ever. Students face this reality during their very first week at MSU Law, with a service project that has become an important part of our orientation program.

As our roster of clinical courses continues to expand, so does the incredible impact our students have on our clients and our communities. This fall, in its very first semester, our Immigration Law Clinic served 44 clients who otherwise might have gone unrepresented—44 clients whose lives and families may be profoundly and permanently influenced by our work.

This spring, the Law College proudly launched a new Public Interest Law Scholarship to provide summer stipends for students dedicated to serving society's most vulnerable. By providing the support our students need to gain valuable experience in the field, MSU Law will open doors to careers in public interest law for those with a passion for justice.

Our students are fortunate to have equally passionate role models in their classrooms. MSU Law professors have worked in government offices and nonprofit organizations, served as criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors, and focused their careers on protecting human rights, civil liberties, and the environment. Equally inspiring are the countless alumni and donors who generously reach out to their communities and our Law College to ensure that our next generation of lawyers is prepared to carry forward this dedication to service.

These pages reveal just a glimpse of the things our faculty, staff, students, and alumni are doing every day to improve our school, our communities, and our profession. These accounts inspire me, and I bet they will inspire you.

Best regards,

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



Professor

Craig R. Callen

1950–2011

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Professor Craig R. Callen, who died Saturday, April 23, 2011, after a brief illness. The Michigan State University College of Law has suffered a terrible loss. Craig Callen has been at the heart of our world, as a respected scholar, dedicated faculty leader, generous mentor, and beloved teacher and friend.

Craig made a wonderful academic home at the Law College. He was voted by the students as their Distinguished Professor of 2011, served on the elected Faculty Advisory Council. Craig brought intelligence, humor, independence, and decency to everything he did.

Professor Callen, the Judge John D. O'Hair Professor of Evidence and Procedure, was a member of the MSU Law faculty since 2002. He taught Civil Procedure and Evidence. From 1998 until his passing, he served as editor-in-chief of *International Commentary on Evidence*, an experimental electronic journal that he helped establish.

Professor Callen's students and friends knew him to be a person of wide-ranging interests. He read mysteries, philosophy, history, and poetry. He enjoyed an extensive classical music collection. He was an avid University of Iowa, Minnesota Vikings, and Minnesota Twins fan.

Professor Callen served as a chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Evidence, a member of the board of directors for the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI), and a member of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section's Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

In Memoriam

Professor Callen earned a B.A. with honors and high distinction in 1971 from the University of Iowa, and a J.D. in 1974 from Harvard Law School. He practiced law with firms in Chicago and Milwaukee before taking the advice of his law school professor, Archibald Cox, to consider teaching. He began his academic career in 1978 at the University of Miami School of Law. He also taught at Oklahoma City University School of Law and Mississippi College School of Law, where he held the J. Will Young Professorship. He was a visiting professor at the University of Colorado, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Leiden in The Netherlands.

Professor Callen is survived by his mother, Evelyn Callen; his sister, Sheri (Frank) Gustafson; his brother, Bruce (Sandy) Callen; his niece, Linda Parker (Antoine); his nephew, Andrew Peek; his niece, Jenna Callen; his nephew, Michael Callen; and his grandnieces and grandnephews. Those who wish to extend condolences or share memories with the family may send them to The Family of Professor Craig Callen, c/o Michigan State University College of Law, 368 Law College Building, East Lansing, MI 48824-1300.

Members of the Law College community paid their respects and shared remembrances of Professor Callen at a memorial service at Michigan State University College of Law on Wednesday, April 27. A funeral service also will be held in Des Moines, Iowa in June.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Professor Callen's name to the Parkinson Foundation or the Craig R. Callen Scholarship at the MSU College of Law.

NEW 1L CURRICULUM SET FOR FALL 2011

THE MSU COLLEGE OF LAW FACULTY recently approved a new 1L curriculum, which will take effect for the 2011–12 academic year. The new program embodies a 21st-century approach to legal education, with several new courses and expanded opportunities for practical skill development.

As in the past, incoming MSU Law students will follow a prescribed schedule that includes 29 credits during the first year of enrollment. Subject to approval by the MSU University Curriculum Committee, the 1L curriculum is as follows beginning in fall 2011:

- Fall Semester (15 credits total)
 - Civil Procedure (4 credits)
 - Contracts (4 credits)
 - Lawyers & Ethics (1/2 semester, 1 credit)
 - Research, Writing & Analysis (2 credits)
 - Torts (4 credits)
- Spring Semester (14 credits total)
 - Advocacy (2 credits)
 - Constitutional Law I (2 credits)
 - Contract Negotiation (1/2 semester, 1 credit)
 - Criminal Law (3 credits)
 - Property (4 credits)
 - Regulatory State (2 credits)

Although the number of first-year credits remains constant, the new curriculum features several new courses that will provide a more varied first-year experience with a heightened focus on ethics and practice.

Students will begin their formal legal education during orientation with Foundations of Law, a course designed to level the playing field and increase student success in substantive courses. The course will provide a review of American legal history, an overview of the U.S. court system, and a primer on key topics such as burdens of proof and standards of review.

Thanks to the addition of a new Lawyers & Ethics course, incoming students will begin discussing the moral responsibilities of the profession right from the start of the program. By starting the conversation early, continuing it throughout the program, and deepening it in our upper-level Professional Responsibility course, MSU Law will better prepare students for the full range of challenges—intellectual, practical, and ethical—they will encounter in the field of law.

The seven-week course will provide another important benefit for students who are apprehensive about taking their first law school exam. By shifting the first exam to the midpoint of the semester, 1Ls can overcome their anxiety over the unknown sooner, receive valuable feedback earlier, and adjust their test preparation techniques in time for end-of-semester exams.

In their first spring at the Law College, students will gain exposure to administrative law and federal legislation in a new Regulatory State course, which gives insight into the way the federal government actually governs. Finally, students have the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice during spring semester Contract Negotiations and Advocacy classes—a welcome change of pace from the traditional classroom format.

The revised curriculum changes both Constitutional Law II and Evidence to electives, while also reducing both Civil Procedure and Contracts to single-semester, four-credit courses. With its new courses and added flexibility, the new curriculum will provide an exciting first-year learning environment at MSU Law.



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a law school that prepares lawyers who will use ambition, ethics, and intellect to solve the world's problems. MSU College of Law is boldly designing the 21st-century law school.

In + Around THE LAW COLLEGE

■ MSU Law students reflected upon their dual responsibilities to clients and the legal profession as they recited a modified version of the lawyer's oath now required under rules adopted by the state's highest court. Recently amended court rules allow law students who work in clinics serving indigent clients to present oral arguments before the Michigan Court of Appeals. To qualify, students must take an oath that is nearly identical to that taken upon admission to the State Bar of Michigan. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman administered the oath to nearly 60 student clinicians on January 12.



■ Michigan State Law Review 2010–11 *Senior Editorial Board* (from left): Daniel Greenhalgh (senior notes editor), Salina Maxwell (senior articles editor), Zachary Risk (executive editor), Carrie Waggoner (senior managing editor), and Elinor Jordan (editor-in-chief).



■ Justice Stephen Markman administered the oath to *Plea & Sentencing Clinic* students Michael Siracuse, Daniel Martindale, Dyan Kleinman, and Slade Sokol.

■ MSU Law rose to the top 100 in *U.S. News & World Report's* latest edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," which was released in mid-March. The Law College is now positioned at number 95, according to the widely recognized ranking of law school programs.

"We are pleased with the new ranking, especially to the extent that it reflects the growing national and international reputation of MSU College of Law," said Dean Howarth. "But our main goal is to continue to raise the value of an MSU Law degree as we build a great 21st-century law school—whether or not our improvements are recognized by the magazine."

■ The *Michigan State Law Review* continued its rise in the annual law journal rankings by Washington & Lee University School of Law. The publication is placed at number 54 among ranked flagship journals, marking an eight-point rise from last year. The *Law Review* also received an impressive boost in the broader field of student-edited journals, which includes those covering specialty subjects. It is currently placed 72nd out of 687 such publications—a 23-point jump from last year.

Since becoming an official publication of MSU Law in 2009, the *Journal of Business & Securities Law* continues to rapidly gain ground as a nationally recognized scholarly journal. The publication jumped an incredible 345 spots among all law journals in 2010, and was ranked 36th among the more exclusive group of those specializing in commercial law, representing a 33-point increase over the previous year.

The *Journal of International Law* also achieved upward movement in the rankings, with a 16-point increase among all journals and a one-point rise to 67th place among those focused on international issues.

Arts & Humanities corner

EXHIBIT FOCUSES ON MIGRATORY LABOR

“LIVING UNDER THE TREES: IMAGES FROM THE WORLD OF MIGRATORY LABOR,” a photography exhibition by David Bacon, was on display at the Law College throughout the spring semester. The photos and accompanying text panels depict the difficult conditions—including long hours, extreme heat, crowded living quarters, and crime—faced by indigenous Mexican farmworkers living in California. Balancing the story were images of the close family bonds, vibrant festivals, and cultural traditions that provide much-needed relief from the many challenges of life within the labor camps.

Bacon, an associate editor at *New America Media* and a former union organizer, shot the photos in 2006 after meeting with California Rural Legal Assistance and the Binational Front of Indigenous Organizations. He designed the exhibit to give the indigenous and transnational communities “a vehicle through which they can find support in trying to deal with the social problems they are facing.”

The artist presented a lecture on “Immigrant Workers, Employer Sanctions: An Uncertain Future” at the opening reception for the exhibition. The focus of the talk was drawn from a 2010 *Fordham Urban Law Journal* article titled “The Rise and Fall of Employer Sanctions,” which Bacon co-wrote with Bill Ong Hing.



“Living Under the Trees” is the latest in a series of art displays touching on law and justice that University-wide Professor Nicholas Mercurio has organized at the Law College over the past decade. The exhibition was co-sponsored by the Law College; the MSU School of Human Resources and Labor Relations, Labor Education Program; and Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives, a joint program of the Labor Education Program and the MSU Museum.



MSU LAW LAUNCHES PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SCHOLARSHIP

The MSU College of Law Public Interest Law Society (PILS) recently announced a new scholarship that will help cover summer living expenses for students with non-paying internships and externships in public interest law. By providing financial assistance to those working in areas such as human rights, immigration, criminal defense or prosecution, social work, and child advocacy, the Law College offers vital support to students seeking to help the most vulnerable in our society.

PILS hosted two events during the spring semester to help raise awareness and funds for the scholarship. The activities kicked off in February as teams of students, professors, and librarians squared off in the Faculty vs. Student Quiz Bowl tournament. Competitors showed off their vast knowledge of trivia while going head-to-head for an excellent cause.

In April, PILS hosted an auction to raise money for the scholarship. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly offered inspiring opening remarks, while MSU’s energetic Capital Green entertained the crowd with its a cappella harmonies. Professor Frank Ravitch served as the auctioneer for the live auction portion of the evening.

The auction—which is expected to become a major annual event—included a wide range of items donated by faculty members, local businesses, and friends of the Law College. Winning bidders will enjoy a guided hike across Sleeping Bear Dunes with Professors Mark Totten and Brian Kalt, a round of golf with Assistant Dean Elliot Spoon, a private workout session



■ MSU’s Capital Green impressed the crowd with its performance at the PILS auction in April.

with a personal trainer, two basketballs signed by Coach Tom Izzo, a signed photo of Drew Miller of the Detroit Red Wings, a ride-along with MSU police, two Themis Bar Review courses, a one-night stay at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, a bike tune-up by Velocipede Peddler, a one-month membership to the Michigan Athletic Club, and more.

The evening raised more than \$6,000 for the scholarship. Those who still wish to contribute to the fund may complete the online donation form at www.law.msu.edu/donate and designate their gifts to the Public Interest Law Society.



■ Dean Joan Howarth and Adjunct Professor Richard Wiener enjoyed their evening at the PILS auction.



■ From left: The Quiz Bowl library team included Brent Domann, Barbara Bean, Lara Leaf, and Robin Doutre, while Stephen Bayer, Timothy Gatzka, Christopher Hoffman, and Octavio Duran represented the student body.

Revealing the Realities

From enduring fall semester exams as a 1L to preparing for the bar exam, MSU Law students tell it like it is. For real. *of Law School*



The following is an edited Spartan bLAWg excerpt from "Pro Bono Holiday Break," which was posted by Michael Epstein on December 15, 2010.

One of the things I always try to do during my breaks is volunteer work. This parallels the ABA's call to attorneys to try to do a certain amount of pro bono work each year. . . .

I had great experiences as a 1L and 2L doing volunteer legal work in Israel and in New Orleans with alternative winter and spring breaks. Even though much of the work I performed was not legal, per se, the fact that I was able to use some of the skills and knowledge that I had gained as a law student was really rewarding, both from a professional and personal perspective.

Even if it's not legal volunteer work that you are able to do, finding different ways to help people is at the core of the legal profession. After all, our clients—whether they are institutions, businesses or individuals—ultimately are people who need help solving problems. . . . Sometimes, these problems can be as simple as an elderly couple having difficulty getting a warm meal on the holidays due to a lack of transportation, or young children who need a mentor to help them stay out of trouble.

While finding ways to solve some of these problems may not be as "sexy" as writing a brief or filing a large lawsuit, we have the potential to make a difference in peoples' lives. This is not something that we should forget, whether we are lawyers or just law students on a break from studying.



The MSU Law Diversity Services Office sponsored Epstein and three other Jewish Legal Society members to participate in the Hillel J.D. & M.B.A. Alternative Break. Graduate students from across the United States performed volunteer work in Israel for 10 days during the 2008–09 winter break.

■ (left) Jodi Goldberg, U.S.–Canadian Dual J.D. '12, Epstein, and Jordan Weiss, '10, visit the Old City of Jerusalem.

■ (right) Epstein (right) and Jacob Cohen, a 2010 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, spend time with a young boy at a science museum. The boy's father had earned him the trip by behaving well in prison as part of Israel's Prisoner Rehabilitation Project.

For more from the Spartan bLAWg, go to www.law.msu.edu/blogs/students.

Outstanding ADVOCATES

Top Two Oralists at Appellate Moot Court Competition

MSU Law students were named the top two oralists at the 29th Annual John Marshall Law School International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law. Third-year student **BRIAN SANDOR** won the "Best Oralist" award at the event, topping more than 55 competitors from 24 law schools across the United States and India. The title of "Second Best Oralist" went to teammate **MATTHEW DANIELS, 3L**, who earned the next-highest number of points for his oral advocacy skills.

Fellow **3L SHARA YOULES** rounded out the MSU Law Moot Court & Trial Advocacy team at the competition, which was held in Chicago in October. The team was one of eight that advanced to the quarterfinal round. This year's competition problem involved defamation, invasion of privacy, and breach of contract claims stemming from the release of false information by a commercial genetic ancestry database.



■ From left: Shara Youles, Brian Sandor, and Matthew Daniels

Semifinalists, Most Professional at National Trial Competition

Third-year students **PATRICK DUFF, ELIZABETH SIEGEL, ANGEL DOTSON**, and **CHRISTOPHER IANNUZZI** advanced to the semifinals at the 2010 William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition, which drew teams from 18 law schools across the nation. The MSU Law team was edged out in a close semifinal round by Emory Law, which went on to win the event. In addition to exhibiting impressive advocacy skills, MSU Law also received the award for Most Professional Team.

The William W. Daniel National Invitational is open to all ABA-accredited law schools with demonstrated excellence in mock trial competitions and/or in the training of litigation skills. Competitors conducted all stages of a mock criminal trial at the event, which was held in November in Atlanta.

"Elite 8" at Regional Trial Competition

MSU Law advanced to the quarterfinals in the Midwest Regional of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition. The team of **3L CARL NICOLAS** and **2LS JEROME CRAWFORD, ALYSSA FLOYD**, and **ANASTASA WILLIAMS** won two preliminary rounds to qualify for the "Elite 8" at the event, which drew 24 teams from 12 law schools throughout the region. The team was narrowly defeated in its final appearance.

Two team members served as advocates and two as witnesses for either the prosecution or defense during each stage of the mock criminal trial involving prostitution and child pornography charges. Participants changed sides and roles during each round of the competition, which was held in Chicago in February.



■ From left: Jerome Crawford, Alyssa Floyd, Anastasa Williams, and Carl Nicolas

2nd Place in National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition

MSU Law took second place in the 2011 William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition. The Law College was represented by **3LS ELENA ROZWADOWSKI**, **MATTHEW DANIELS**, and **JASON WIEMANN**; **2L RYAN SANSON** served as in-house counsel.

MSU Law advanced to the finals after winning three preliminary rounds at the competition, which drew 37 teams from across the country to the University of Minnesota Law School in February. The team also took fourth in the “Best Brief” competition, while Rozwadowski finished fourth in both the “Best Overall Oral Advocate” and “Best Preliminary Round Oral Advocate” categories.



■ From left: Ryan Sanson, Elena Rozwadowski, Jason Wiemann, and Matthew Daniels

Semifinalists in Regional Trial Competition

MSU Law’s Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Team advanced to the regional semifinals in the National Trial Competition, which was held in February at the University of Louisville. Third-year students **OCTAVIO DURAN** and **ADAM RUMSCHLAG** and second-year student **RICHARD PATTON** qualified for the semifinals after topping teams from the University of Louisville’s Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, University of Michigan Law School, and University of Toledo College of Law. **JON TREVARTHEN** and **BRIDGET SHEEHAN** were the in-house counsel for the team. A total of 30 teams from 15 law schools in Michigan, Kentucky, and Ohio participated.

The MSU Law students made a positive impression at the event. “Several judges commented that our students’ openings, closings, and cross-examinations were the best they had seen,” said Veronica Valentine McNally, adjunct professor and associate director of the trial advocacy programs at MSU Law.



■ From left: Jon Trevarthen, Richard Patton, Octavio Duran, and Bridget Sheehan (Teammate Adam Rumschlag is not pictured.)

Top Oralist at Jessup Regional Competition

MSU Law **2L MARC REHMANN** won the title of “Top Oralist” at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition’s Midwest Super Regional, which was held in Chicago in February. Rehmann was joined on the list of best oralists by **3L ANTHONY BECKNECK**, who placed eighth in the field of 96 competitors from 24 Midwest law schools. The 2010–11 Jessup Team—which won three of its four oral competitions—also included **2LS DIANA-KRISTINE OQUENDO**, **POONAM PATEL**, and **PAUL SHKRELI**. The team was coached by Professors Bruce Bean, Janet Ann Hedin, and Veronica Valentine McNally. Teaching assistant **DWAYNE TREECE** also provided support.

This year’s problem—a hypothetical dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice—raised issues regarding targeted killing with remotely piloted vehicles, collateral civilian damage, international bribery, and a ban on wearing religious face coverings.



■ From left: Marc Rehmann, Anthony Beckneck, Paul Shkreli, Diana-Kristine Oquendo, Poonam Patel, and Dwayne Treece

1st Place in Regional Mediation Tournament

MSU Law’s team of third-year students **JENNIFER MCGRATH**, **ABIGAIL VALOVAGE**, and **CARRIE WAGGONER** took first place in the Great Lakes Regional Mediation Tournament, which drew teams from across the Midwest and Ontario to Ann Arbor in February. In addition to helping secure a win for her team, Waggoner was individually recognized with the award for “Best Mediator” of the 33 student competitors.

As the regional winner, the Law College won \$1,000 toward expenses to compete against teams from Europe, North America, Asia, and Australia in the International Academy of Dispute Resolution’s International Law School Mediation Tournament, which was held in March in London, England. Valovage placed an impressive 5th out of 102 participants from across in the mediator division, while MSU Law was recognized with an “Outstanding New International Mediation Program” award. The team was coached by Professor Brian Pappas.



■ From left: Jennifer McGrath, Abigail Valovage, and Carrie Waggoner

2nd Place in International Negotiations Competition

MSU Law claimed second place at the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) International Negotiations Competition in March. The Law College was represented by third-year students **BOBBY FICKLIN, JR.**, and **LAWRENCE YATES**. The pair advanced through two preliminary rounds before topping Harvard Law School in the semifinals and ultimately finishing second overall.

Twenty teams from law schools around the nation competed at the event, which was held in Houston. Participating teams competed against each other to negotiate an international cross-border conflict based on real issues in today’s globalized world.



■ From left: Bobby Ficklin, Jr., and Lawrence Yates

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Commitment to Community: MSU Law's Dedication to Service

BY ALEXA STANARD

The Law College offers numerous community service opportunities, providing students with hands-on experience that prepares them for their new careers while instilling in them a sense of responsibility and commitment to the people they serve.

“At its heart, law is a service profession,” says Joan Howarth, dean of MSU College of Law. “Law students everywhere, like attorneys everywhere, should be deeply committed to community service. A law school cannot be great if it is isolated from the communities around it.”

Orientation Service Project

At Howarth's initiative, students are submerged in that commitment from their very first week at the Law College. The Orientation Service Project matches first-year law students with local nonprofit organizations for a day of service the Saturday before fall classes begin.

The program, which began three years ago, is coordinated through the Office of Student Affairs. A total of 280 students

volunteered at 18 Lansing-area sites this year, including Gateway Community Services, Potter Park Zoo, Ronald McDonald House, Mid-Michigan Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Ingham County.

“We started the community service project to establish our message of service from the very beginning,” Howarth says. “The side benefits include that all of our students learn something about the surrounding communities, that students get to know each other outside of the classroom, and that students, faculty, and staff work—and have fun—together.”

Students gather early in the morning and divide into teams, each of which includes two second- or third-year law students who are student organization leaders. “We did that to have a point person for each group, but we also knew it would provide a good opportunity for first-year students to mingle with upper-level students,” explains Caroline Kingston, associate director of student affairs and organizations. “New students are going to have a lot of questions and concerns and are going to want to talk to peers. It's one of the most rewarding parts of the day.”

Michael Epstein, a 3L and editor-in-chief of the Journal of International Law, led a group of 12 students volunteering

“Our clinic clients really have no place else to turn. They turn to us, and they receive excellent legal service. We pride ourselves on excellence.”

at Ronald McDonald House. The group spent the morning preparing the house for families who need a place to stay during times of personal emergency, scrubbing the house, sanitizing the children’s toys, and restocking food.

“It was great,” Epstein says. “I think they got a lot out of it. I tried to encourage them to think about it in the public interest sphere—the kind of work you do is going to have an impact on people. The benefit we were able to bring to the organization itself was immediate. In terms of long-term benefits, it inspires students to want to do this sort of work in the future.”

Epstein, whose own commitment to service has included stints volunteering in New Orleans and Israel, says he enjoyed the opportunity to mentor the students in his group. “It was good to meet and interact with first-year students,” he noted. “I spent a lot of time answering questions about professors, giving tips on how to study, and telling 1Ls not to stress too much.”

First-year student Carolyn Dillard joined a group of 20 fellow students at Potter Park Zoo, where the day’s planned activity was swapped at the last minute to hunt for a peregrine falcon that had gone missing. The students fashioned a small trap for the bird, which was eventually located in a tree.

“I wouldn’t trade it, it was a good experience,” Dillard says. “I think it’s important for future attorneys to participate in community service because that’s what we’re going to do—we’re going to be serving the public in some fashion.”

Kingston noted that several students later requested contact information for the organizations at which they’d volunteered so they could return. “By making service a required part of our orientation, students are introduced to our philosophy right out of the gate,” she says. “This is one of those real-life scenarios that you can’t capture from a textbook. You need to get out there and work with people in order to learn.”

The Legal Clinic

Indeed, working with people provides Law College students some of their most useful experience. The MSU College of Law Legal Clinic offers upper-level students the opportunity to spend one or more semesters earning credits while working under close faculty supervision on real legal issues with clients from the local community.

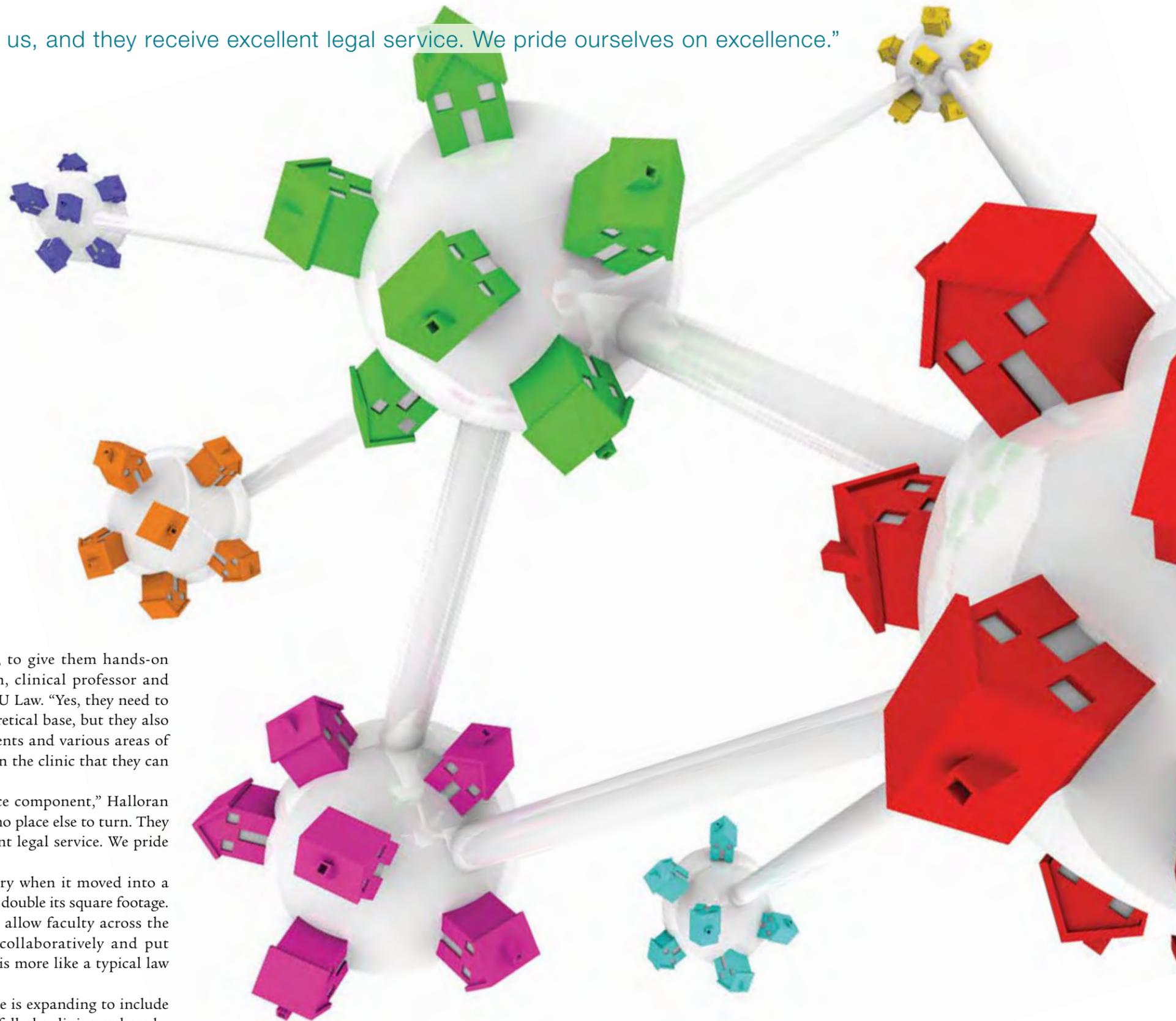
The clinic, whose structure is intended to loosely replicate that of a law firm, comprises sections devoted to a variety of legal specialties. In 2010, First Amendment law, immigration law, and plea and sentencing were added to the slate of programs that already included housing law, small business and nonprofit law, tax law, and the Chance at Childhood Clinic (a joint venture with MSU’s Graduate School of Social Work). A civil rights practice area that will work with prisoners is scheduled to open in the fall, and additional clinical opportunities are in the works.

“We’re here to educate students, to give them hands-on experience,” says Michele Halloran, clinical professor and director of clinical programs at MSU Law. “Yes, they need to be equipped with a wonderful theoretical base, but they also need to know how to deal with clients and various areas of the law. Students will amass skills in the clinic that they can transport into any area of law.

“There’s also a community service component,” Halloran adds. “Our clinic clients really have no place else to turn. They turn to us, and they receive excellent legal service. We pride ourselves on excellence.”

The clinic got a boost in February when it moved into a recently renovated building that will double its square footage. The new space on Abbot Road will allow faculty across the clinical programs to work more collaboratively and put students in a connected space that is more like a typical law firm environment.

The clinic’s commitment to service is expanding to include clients who can’t come to them. Last fall, the clinic purchased a bookmobile from the Kalamazoo Public Library, which they will take on the road to provide mobile legal services to the state’s migrant worker camps and rural regions, especially in Northern



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Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Each clinic division will have an opportunity to use the vehicle.

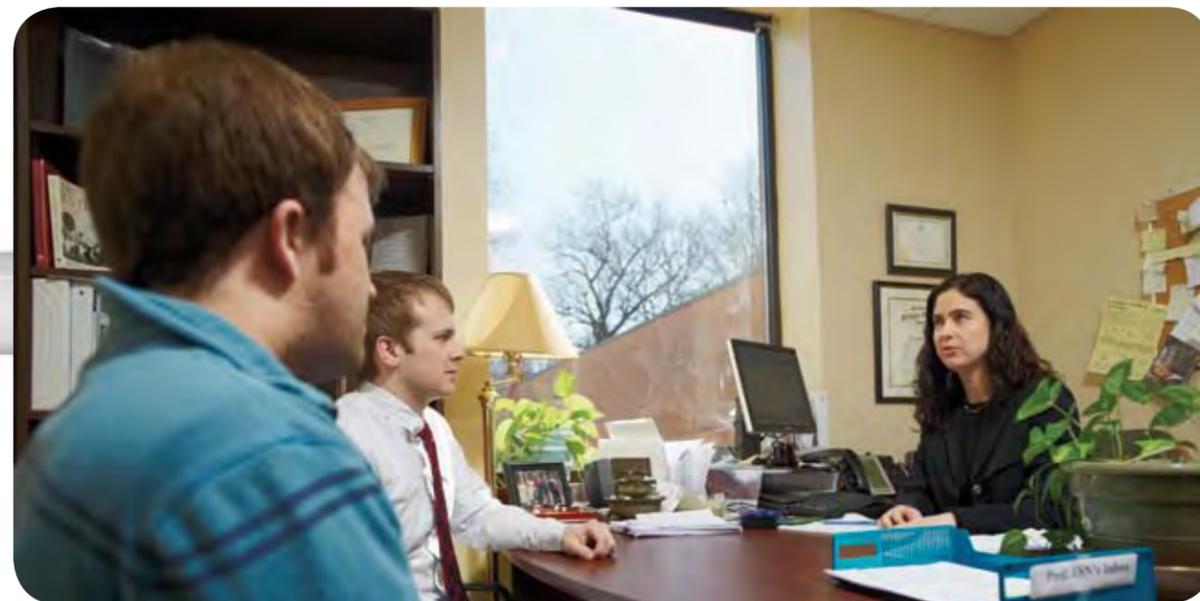
Participating in the Legal Clinic has been “the greatest experience I’ve had in law school by far,” says Ryan Kelly, a 3L who completed two semesters in the Small Business and Nonprofit Clinic and now serves as a graduate assistant to the program.

Kelly’s work has included drafting contracts, filing trademark applications, completing business and partner agreements, and filing company bylaws and nonprofit paperwork with the state. The clinic charges clients a small fee for services, but it’s a bargain compared to that charged by private firms.

The submersion in business law, which Kelly wants to pursue after graduation, has given him experience he says can be hard to find at a firm in today’s tight economy. “It’s one thing to sit in a classroom all day for two years and hear your professors talk about theory,” Kelly says. “To apply that theory in practice is what matters, and that’s what I’ve been able to get here at the clinic.

“We have deadlines, we have clients,” he adds. “They all want their issue to be high priority, and we have to learn how to balance that. I learned to be practice-ready, which is very valuable as a law student.”

Halloran says the Immigration Clinic immediately experienced “overwhelming interest from students” when it opened in the fall. “The enthusiasm was unparalleled from day one,” she recalled.



Jared Nelson, a 2L, is completing his second semester in the Immigration Clinic. He’s had six clients, most of whom are from Central America and West Africa. Some of his older clients have been crime victims who need help obtaining a special protective visa; teenage clients have fled abusive families or gang violence in their home countries.

“They all have difficult stories, they’re all in a difficult situation,” Nelson says of his clients. “It’s been a big struggle but it’s also been really rewarding to help them find solutions to their problems. The stakes are high in immigration law. Every client we have—if we don’t help them, if we don’t win—could be kicked out of the country. For the adults, that means leaving behind their friends and often their families and returning to a country they haven’t been to in a while. For the kids, it means returning to a country that’s usually pretty dangerous, in war, or controlled by gangs. There’s a lot of gravity to the things we do.”

Nelson says participating in the clinic has enhanced his motivation in his regular courses by bringing to life the material he’s studying and making its importance clear. “The end goal of law school, obviously, is to be a practicing lawyer. That’s something that’s pretty experienced-based,” he notes. “In regular classes, the material is more abstract. Because it seems more removed, you sometimes lose motivation or lose sight of what you’re trying to do. The clinic really puts everything in perspective.”

Street Law Program

MSU College of Law students also can serve their field by instilling an understanding of constitutional law in local high school students.

The Street Law Program trains up to 12 law students each semester to teach aspects of constitutional law that affect high school age children. Each law student team teaches one class a week in socioeconomically challenged high schools during 11th-graders’ required government class; the curriculum is aligned with state content expectations.

“The program brings laws to life and gives teachers a bang for their buck,” says Jennifer Rosa, associate clinical professor of law and the Street Law Program’s director. “We want to inspire kids to go to college and to law school, and also to educate them to make them a more empowered electorate so when it comes time to vote, they’re informed.”

Law students draw from rap music and YouTube videos to find material to engage their students. The bonds created sometimes extend beyond the classroom: one law student built a mentoring relationship with a group of students.

“We’re giving back to the community and building that collaboration,” Rosa adds. “So many times, these high school kids are involved with law enforcement in a negative situation. The Street Law Program presents us in a new light as lawyers. Our law students who are involved are the ones who really care about community service, who are going to go out there to do something for their community.” ☺

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MSU Law Clinical Programs: An Overview

By Alexa Stanard

The MSU College of Law Legal Clinic offers the opportunity for students to gain valuable hands-on experience while providing important legal services to clients in the local community.

While the American Bar Association mandates that law schools have a clinical program, schools have the freedom to set their own parameters. At MSU Law, the Housing Clinic was the first to open, in 1999; since then, the clinic has steadily expanded, adding six new areas, with more in the works.

No practice areas have been cut after being started, says Michele Halloran, clinical professor and director of clinical programs at MSU Law. "We pride ourselves on thinking through the viability and validity of a particular program before we begin," she says. Following is an overview of the Legal Clinic's practice areas.

Chance at Childhood

This certificate program, a joint venture with MSU's Graduate School of Social Work, is designed to strengthen the knowledge base, practice, and advocacy skills of master's level social work students and law students interested in working with abused, neglected, and at-risk children and their families.

First Amendment Law

A hybrid between a traditional clinic and Street Law, students visit Michigan high schools to teach components of First Amendment law to students, focusing on journalism and school administration decisions regulating the school paper and social media.

Housing Law

This practice area offers educational and legal services to low-income citizens facing property issues, from trouble with landlords to housing discrimination and foreclosure.

Immigration Law

Students in this practice area help immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers with visas, family applications, asylum applications, and other immigration-related issues.

Plea & Sentencing

This collaboration with the State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) is the clinic's first criminal law offering. Student clinicians represent indigent prisoner clients on appeal.

Small Business and Nonprofit Law

This clinic enhances law students' professional development through work in the specialized transactional areas of business and nonprofit law.

Tax Law

Provides no-cost legal services to low-income Michigan taxpayers who are in controversy with the Internal Revenue Service, and tax education services to those for whom English is a second language.

Coming Soon Civil Rights Law

Slated to open in the fall, this practice area was requested by judges of Michigan's western federal district court. Students will represent Michigan prisoners whose civil rights have been violated during incarceration.

Conservation Law

Still awaiting funding is the nation's first Conservation Law Clinic, a collaboration with MSU's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, in which students will work with state agencies and nongovernmental organizations on all areas of conservation law. 



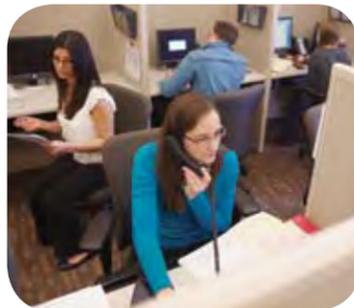
Legal Clinic Success Stories

By Michele Halloran

When asked to detail developments in the Law College's clinical programs, I often find myself highlighting our exciting new programs, discussing the excellence of our clinical faculty, or gushing about the fantastic new building we moved into this spring. Here, I would like to focus on the exceptional successes our student clinicians have achieved for our clients.

Let me begin by saying that my emphasis on highly visible successes by no means intends to give short shrift to the literally thousands of much smaller "wins" our dedicated clinicians obtain each day. These smaller, everyday accomplishments can be just as meaningful to our clients, and they truly are victories in that they achieve exactly what the clients need.

Each case—big or small—demonstrates the incredible impact our clinical programs can have on our clients and our community. That being said, the following are a few recent examples of noteworthy outcomes and distinctive work achieved by our student clinicians.



Plea & Sentencing Clinic

Students in this one-year-old program win at least partial relief for most clients. In one remarkable recent case, student clinician Andrew VanVelzel (2L) persuaded the circuit court to vacate a convicted defendant's guilty plea, securing the client's release from prison and subsequent detention in the Midland County Jail awaiting pretrial proceedings.

In another case, student clinicians amended sentencing information on a client's prior misdemeanor record, effectively reducing his prison time by 18 months. Students also have fashioned claims of first impression for presentation to the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court: one involved the misalignment between statute and rule concerning the imposition of a fine, and the other asked whether sentencing guidelines allow pregnancy resulting from a sexual assault to be viewed as an injury. Several of our clinicians' cases currently are pending in the state's highest court.

Immigration Law Clinic

The premiere semester of this important new clinical offering ended with 44 clients from 20 countries—a dramatic indication of the extreme need for services in this field. The diversity of issues brought to the Immigration Law Clinic during its first four months of existence is nothing short of astounding. Student clinicians have dealt with victims of domestic violence and crimes; abandoned, unaccompanied, and trafficked children; asylum seekers; refugees with ongoing immigration complications; and legal permanent residents who face disability-based barriers to naturalization.

New cases include a complex matter involving a child from Honduras seeking asylum for fear of persecution, a disabled refugee from Liberia, and a battered woman from Gambia. In late December, clinicians obtained an expedited order for a juvenile client in Kent County family court that was required to move the case toward relief in an immigration court proceeding.

Housing Law Clinic

The Housing Law Clinic finished 2010 on a high note after securing a \$20,250 judgment for an indigent client—the largest single-case monetary award in the program's 13-year history. Third-year student Lara Miller successfully defeated a motion to set aside the default judgment that had been awarded to her client in a landlord-tenant conflict involving constructive eviction, consumer protection act violations, security deposit act violations, and conversion of a security deposit. Thanks to superlative advocacy of Miller, who was ably assisted by 3Ls Dustin McMahan and Martin Hogg, the client's award stood.

Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic

Our transactional clinic, the Small Business and Nonprofit Clinic, managed work for 78 clients and provided 173 separately identifiable legal services during the fall 2010 semester. Student clinicians successfully registered a trademark application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a brand name of meat products for a small Farmington Hills business, as well as two trademark and seven copyright applications for a nonprofit organization that raises awareness and promotes the effectiveness of Michigan's nonprofit sector.

During this same period, the clinic also received approvals on six applications that previously enrolled clinicians had filed—applications that practitioners often view as difficult to prepare. The approvals secure tax-exempt status for various nonprofit organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Finally, one student clinician guided an MSU Law alumnus through the start-up of an extremely important enterprise: his own law practice.



Tax Law Clinic

Tax Law Clinic students continue to achieve outstanding success in negotiating offers in compromise on behalf of indigent clients, most of whom have few or no assets, are severely physically or mentally disabled, or are senior citizens living solely on Social Security. Under these agreements, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agrees to wipe clean the client's federal "tax debt slate" in exchange for payment of less than the full amount owed.

Over the course of the Tax Clinic's 10-year existence, our student clinicians have persuaded the IRS to cancel more than \$1,000,000 in taxpayer debt. This past fall, 3L Ryan Peruski convinced the IRS to settle his clients' \$100,000 debt for payment of less than \$1,000—an extraordinary result that speaks volumes to Peruski's advocacy abilities.

The program is one of five low-income taxpayer clinics in the nation litigating a particular issue of first impression that is currently under review in five different federal circuits. The issue—whether Internal Revenue Code section 6015(f) incorporates a two-year limitations period—was decided in our client's favor in *Buckner v. Commissioner* in U.S. Tax Court. The case is now on appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, where it has been fully briefed and is awaiting assignment to oral argument. Third-year student Stephanie Grace will argue the case if it comes up for oral argument this spring, as expected.

Congratulations to all of our student clinicians for these notable achievements and their countless other accomplishments of all types and sizes!

About the Author

In addition to supervising approximately 20 students per semester in the Tax Law Clinic and managing an ongoing caseload of several hundred cases, Professor Michele Halloran also serves as overall director of clinical programs at MSU Law. She hopes that the recent expansion of clinical program offerings, the move to a fully renovated building, and the launch of a new mobile clinic will spark even greater student participation and provide additional opportunities for the MSU Law Legal Clinic to assist clients in the local community.

MSU LAW BOOKSHELF

FIVE NEW FACULTY BOOKS IN SIX MONTHS

Michigan State University College of Law professors published five innovative and engaging books on a wide range of legal topics during a recent six-month span. While each of these publications is impressive in its own right, this significant collection of work represents the remarkable level of scholarly achievement of the entire MSU Law faculty.

MARK TOTTEN

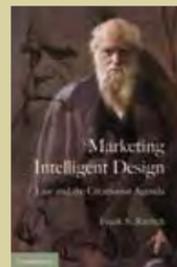
Assistant Professor of Law

First Strike: America, Terrorism, and Moral Tradition

Yale University Press

Released: September 2010

Professor Mark Totten's *First Strike* examines the intersection of moral and legal traditions to consider whether America might ever use force against a less-than-imminent threat. In the first in-depth study of preemptive and preventive force in just war theory, Totten offers a useful framework for addressing the first use of force in the context of the new terrorist threat.



FRANK S. RAVITCH

The Walter H. Stowers Chair in Law and Religion

Marketing Intelligent Design: Law and the Creationist Agenda

Cambridge University Press

Released: October 2010

In *Marketing Intelligent Design*, Professor Frank Ravitch exposes the intelligent design (ID) movement's carefully planned campaign to attack the teaching of evolution in public schools. Through articulate arguments rooted in law, religion, philosophy, and science, Ravitch unravels the ID position that science and religion are incompatible, while in turn demonstrating the incompatibility between ID and mainstream science.



MICHAEL ANTHONY LAWRENCE

Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs, Professor of Law

Radicals in Their Own Time: Four Hundred Years of Struggle for Liberty and Equal Justice in America

Cambridge University Press

Released: January 2011

Professor Michael Lawrence's *Radicals in Their Own Time* explores the lives of five individuals who agitated for greater individual freedoms over four hundred years of American history. Lawrence recognizes the contributions and sacrifices of Roger Williams, Thomas Paine, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, W.E.B. Du Bois, and Vine Deloria, Jr., in challenging the government to honor Americans' natural birthright of liberty and equal justice.



MATTHEW L.M. FLETCHER

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

American Indian Tribal Law

Aspen Publishers

Released: February 2011

In the first-ever casebook to survey the real law of Indian people, Professor Matthew Fletcher presents a comprehensive look at the laws and cases generated by the 565 federally recognized tribes and more than 300 tribal courts within the United States. Along with a detailed history of tribal justice systems, Fletcher's *American Indian Tribal Law* offers insight into major flashpoints in the field.



KEVIN W. SAUNDERS

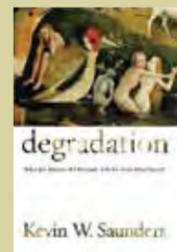
The Charles Clarke Chair in Constitutional Law

Degradation: What the History of Obscenity Tells Us about Hate Speech

NYU Press

Released: January 2011

Professor Kevin Saunders' new book offers an innovative look at the historical continuum of degradation in the context of free speech jurisprudence. An expert on First Amendment law, Saunders argues that modern-day racist, homophobic, and sexist speech has supplanted traditional notions of obscenity, and suggests that existing laws regulating sexual depictions may also be relevant in limiting hate speech.



Scholarly EVENTS

“Snyder v. Phelps: Funeral Protests and the First Amendment”

MSU Law hosted a panel on November 18, 2010, to examine the boundaries of the Constitutional right to free speech. The event—sponsored by the MSU Law American Constitution Society, Military Law Society, and Triangle Bar Association—focused on *Snyder v. Phelps*, a case under consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court at the time. Panelists discussed the difficult balance between one individual's right to free speech and another's right to mourn privately.

In 2006, Marine Lance Corporal Matthew Snyder was killed in a non-combat-related vehicle accident in Iraq. Snyder's family filed suit against Westboro Baptist Church members who picketed his funeral, accusing the church and its founders of defamation, invasion of privacy, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The Supreme Court ultimately held that the First Amendment shields Westboro from tort liability for its picketing in this case.

Nancy Costello, associate clinical professor and director of MSU Law's First Amendment Law Clinic, moderated the discussion. Panelists included Frank Ravitch, the Walter H. Stowers Chair in Law and Religion; Margie Phelps, the attorney who argued the church's case before the U.S. Supreme Court, and the daughter of Westboro Baptist Church founder Fred Phelps; Keli Bender, an Iraq War veteran and MSU Law student; Jay Kaplan, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan's LGBT Project; and Diane Waits, the mother of Army Specialist Andrew Waits, who was killed during combat operations in Iraq.

“Sovereignty in Today's World”

MSU Law's *Journal of International Law* hosted a symposium on February 17 and 18 to explore the many facets of the topic “Sovereignty in Today's World.” The event featured the following:

The Use of Unmanned Aerial Drones

Bruce W. Bean (moderator), MSU Law
Colonel Daria P. Wollschlaeger, U.S. Naval War College
Jordan J. Paust, University of Houston Law Center

The Effects of Human Rights on Sovereignty

Susan H. Bitensky (moderator), MSU Law
Michael A. Lawrence, MSU Law
Kimberly Alderman, University of Wisconsin Law School

The Surrender of Intellectual Property Sovereignty
Sean A. Pager (moderator), MSU Law
James E. Darnton, Whirlpool Corporation & MSU Law
Patricia L. Judd, Brooklyn Law School
Doris E. Long, The John Marshall Law School

The Surrender of Economic Sovereignty

Kevin C. Kennedy (moderator), MSU Law
Karen E. Bravo, Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis
Elizabeth Trujillo, Suffolk University Law School

Jeffrey L. Dunoff of Temple University Beasley School of Law presented the keynote address.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ...? FACULTY TRAVELS



In addition to their work here at the Law College and throughout Michigan, MSU Law faculty members travel the nation and world to teach, learn, and advance scholarship within the field of law. These are some of the places they visited from January 2010 through mid-March 2011.

FACULTY NOTES...



Jack Apol

■ Professor Emeritus **JACK APOL** and Stacey Studnicki, '91, wrote "The Impact of Heidi's Law on Alcohol-Related Driving Offenses and Other Recent Developments in Michigan Criminal Law," which was published in the *Wayne Law Review* in December 2010. The article traces the history of recent legislation that removed the 10-year limitation period for all alcohol-related driving offenses. A driver with two prior offenses (regardless of when they occurred) who is arrested for an alcohol-related driving offense now faces felony charges—a significant increase in penalties from the prior law.



Bruce W. Bean

■ Professor **BRUCE W. BEAN** presented "Are We Making Progress Against Corruption? 5,000 Years of Failure" at the American Branch of the International Law Association's annual

meeting, which was held in October 2010 at Fordham University School of Law.

In January, Professor Bean debated the topic of "Corruption in the Developed World" on the Russian television program *Crosstalk*. The other participants included Daniel Kaufmann, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and former director at the World Bank Institute, and David Wenhold, then-president of the American League of Lobbyists.

In February, Professor Bean took the Jessup International Moot Court Team to Chicago for the Super Regional Competition. The team won three of its four oral competitions at the event, which drew teams from 24 Midwest law schools. MSU Law's Marc Rehmann, 2L, was named "Top Oralist" at the competition, while 3L Anthony Beckneck placed eighth in the field of 96 competitors.

Professor Bean moderated a panel discussion on the international law implications of using remotely piloted vehicles at the *Journal of International Law* "Sovereignty in Today's World" symposium, which was held at the Law College in February.

■ Professor **MARY A. BEDIKIAN** spoke at a program sponsored by the State Bar of Arizona and the American Arbitration



Mary A. Bedikian

Association in November 2010. The program, "Arizona's NEW Revised Uniform Arbitration Act & Arbitration Case Law Update," focused on the sweeping reforms that came with the state's passage of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act.

In January, Professor Bedikian was part of a panel discussion on "Hot Topics in Labor Arbitration" at the Labor and Employment Relations Association. Discussion topics included the future of labor arbitration, the extent to which arbitration issues and awards are affected by the broader economic climate, whether it is possible to "switch hats" between the roles of "arbitrator as mediator" and "advocate as arbitrator," the impact of changing technologies on arbitration, and circumstances in which a court will step in to challenge or enforce an arbitration award.

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, which Professor Bedikian directs, hosted the ABA Law Student Division Negotiation Competition regional event in November, in which 20

teams from the Midwest and Canada showcased their negotiation skills in front of 60 judges for the chance to advance to the national competition. MSU Law teams also participated the same month in the ABA Commercial Arbitration Competition in Los Angeles.



Susan H. Bitensky

■ Professor **SUSAN H. BITENSKY** accepted an invitation from the American Society of International Law (ASIL) to write an introductory note about the background and significance of a new treaty, the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse. She submitted the piece in December 2010 for publication in ASIL's *International Legal Materials*.

In late 2010, the University of Toronto's Centre of Criminology selected Professor Bitensky's co-authored article titled "The Case Against Corporal Punishment of Children: Converging Evidence from Social Science Research and International Human Rights Law and Implications for U.S. Public Policy" for inclusion in

its *Criminological Highlights*. The article originally appeared in the November 2007 issue of *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*.

In December 2010, *Legal News* profiled Professor Bitensky in a front-page article titled "Professor Champions the Rights of Children," by Sheila Pursglove. The article detailed Professor Bitensky's professional career as a practicing attorney and then law professor, with a focus on her scholarship and public service on the topic of children's rights under the U.S. Constitution and international human rights law.

In March, Professor Bitensky presented a paper on the legal and historical aspects of corporal punishment of Black children in the United States at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities 14th Annual Conference. The event was held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

This past fall, Professor Bitensky accepted an invitation to be a member of the organizing committee for the Global Summit on Ending Corporal Punishment and Promoting Positive Discipline. She also will be featured as a speaker at the conference, which will be held in Dallas in June.

■ Associate Professor **KRISTI L. BOWMAN** won the Education Law Association's Steven



Kristi L. Bowman

S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Education Law for her article titled "Pursuing Educational Opportunities for Latino/a Students." The award—announced in October 2010—recognizes outstanding scholarly writing that has an impact on the field of education law. Professor Bowman's winning article, which appeared in the March 2010 issue of the *North Carolina Law Review*, presents a comprehensive analysis of major litigation and important policy initiatives aimed at advancing educational opportunities for Latino and Latina students.

In December 2010, Professor Bowman presented "Changing Culture: Talking about Teaching" at the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference in Honolulu.

Professor Bowman finished a successful term as chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Education Law at the end of 2010. In January, she moderated the section's "Immigration and Higher Education" program at the AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco; the session

was co-sponsored by the Section on Immigration Law. Professor Bowman also began a three-year term on the AALS Committee on Sections and Annual Meeting in January.

In February, she gave a talk titled "The Quiet Death of Pico" at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

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 is expected to be released in May.



Hannah Brenner

■ Lecturer in Law **HANNAH BRENNER** was quoted extensively in the Ann Farmer article titled "Are Young Women Turning Their Backs on Law School?" that appeared in the American Bar Association's Spring 2010 *Perspectives* magazine.

Her article titled "Gender and the Judiciary in South Africa: A Review of the Film *Courting Justice*" was published in the Winter 2011 issue of the *Yale Journal of International Affairs*.

Professor Brenner was appointed in January to the

Advisory Committee for the Center for Gender in Global Context at MSU. In March, she gave a talk titled "Global Perspectives on Women in Law" as part of the Center's "New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives" colloquia series.



Adam Candebub

■ Associate Professor **ADAM CANDEUB** is spending the spring semester studying cybercrime in Croatia after winning a Fulbright Award in December 2010. The highly coveted Fulbright grants are issued by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to foster international academic exchange. While in Croatia, Candebub is researching computer-based financial crime enforcement and its effects in emerging and developed markets; he also is scheduled to present guest lectures at the University of Rijeka.

Professor Candebub was quoted in a December 2010 Detroit News article titled "Borders, Barnes & Noble Merger Would Face Hurdles." He also was interviewed in a WILX news story during the same month. The segment focused on a controversial mass e-mail sent by the

Michigan Education Association's executive director.



Jennifer Carter-Johnson

■ Assistant Professor **JENNIFER CARTER-JOHNSON** was interviewed by Michigan Radio's Tracy Samilton in a March story about the potential impact of *Stanford v. Roche* on Michigan research universities.

■ Associate Clinical Professors **NANCY COSTELLO, STEPHANIE CRINO, GARY GULLIVER, DEANNE ANDREWS LAWRENCE, and JENNIFER ROSA** co-presented "See Me, Touch Me, Feel Me: Bringing Legal Writing Problems to Life" at the Legal Writing Institute's biennial conference in June 2010 on Marco Island, Florida.

Professor **COSTELLO** served as moderator at the November 2010 "Snyder v. Phelps: Funeral Protests and the First Amendment" panel discussion, which was co-sponsored by the MSU Law American Constitution Society, Military Law Society, and Triangle Bar Association. (See page 23 for more details.)



Nancy Costello



Stephanie Crino



Gary Gulliver



Deanne Andrews Lawrence



Jennifer Rosa

In February, the *Macomb Patch* quoted Costello—who directs the new First Amendment Law Clinic—in an article about her clinicians' inaugural session teaching students at L'Anse Creuse High School North about copyright, libel, and student press rights.

Professors **CRINO, GULLIVER, and ROSA** were promoted from assistant to associate clinical professor of law in December 2010.



Nicole S. Dandridge

■ Associate Clinical Professor **NICOLE S. DANDRIDGE** presented "Choking Out Local Community Service Organizations: Increasing Federal Regulations Imposed Upon Small Community Nonprofit and Charitable Entities and Potential Realistic Limits" at the *Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop* at New York University School of Law in October 2010, and later at the AALS annual meeting in San Francisco in January. Her article, which was selected for the AALS Section on Nonprofit and Philanthropy Law's program on "The Federalization of Nonprofit and Charity Law," will be

published in the *Kentucky Law Journal*.

Professor Dandridge, Assistant Clinical Professor **ELAN STAVROS NICHOLS**, and Boston University Medical School Assistant Clinical Professor Dr. Alysia Green co-presented "Looking Forward: Incorporating Aspects of Medical School Clinical Pedagogy to Produce Law Graduates Ready for Hire in a Competitive Market" at the 25th Annual Midwest Clinical Law Teachers Conference, which was held at Northwestern School of Law in November 2010.



Matthew L.M. Fletcher

■ Associate Professor **MATTHEW L.M. FLETCHER** was elected to the membership of the influential American Law Institute in October 2010. His latest book, *American Indian Tribal Law*—the first-ever casebook to survey the real law of Indian people—was released by Aspen Publishers in February. (See page 23 for more details.)

A nationally recognized Indian law scholar, Professor Fletcher was quoted in several recent articles by news outlets including the *Albuquerque Journal* and

Mt. Pleasant's *The Morning Sun*. The *Detroit Legal News* and *Flint-Genesee County Legal News* both ran feature stories about Fletcher in November 2010. In March, *Indian Country Today* printed a full-page article containing excerpts from an interview with Fletcher about his new book.

The "Turtle Talk" blog for the MSU Law Indigenous Law and Policy Center, which Professor Fletcher directs, received its one millionth hit in late March. With approximately 1,400 hits a day, "Turtle Talk" remains one of the most followed law blogs in the country.



Michele L. Halloran

■ Clinical Professor **MICHELE L. HALLORAN**'s "May a Railroad Use 49 U.S.C. § 11501(b)(4) to Challenge an Alabama Sales and Use Tax Exemption as Discriminatory Against Rail Carriers?" was published in *Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases* in November 2010. The article was about *CSX Transportation, Inc. v. Alabama Dept. of Revenue*, which was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court the same month. The issue was whether a provision of the 4-R Act can be used by a taxpayer as a vehicle for

litigating claims alleging discriminatory state and local sales and use tax exemptions.



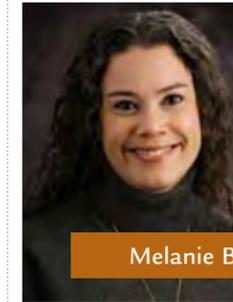
Joan W. Howarth

■ Dean **JOAN W. HOWARTH** presented at several national conferences and events in 2010 and early 2011, beginning with a talk titled "Women In Charge: Big Deal, Ho-Hum or Both?" at the Spartan Women's Luncheon in New York City last May.

In June 2010, Dean Howarth spoke at two events in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, including a presentation at the American Bar Association (ABA) New Deans Workshop and a talk on "Setting Priorities and Sticking to Them" at the ABA Law School Development Conference. She went to Washington, D.C., the same month to present "Choosing Subject Matter" during the scholarship plenary session at the AALS Workshop for New Law Teachers.

Dean Howarth completed two speaking engagements in San Francisco in January. She discussed "The Dean's Role Regarding Diversity" as a panelist at the AALS Annual Meeting, and also spoke at the annual dinner for the

Society of American Law Teachers (SALT).



Melanie B. Jacobs

■ Associate Professor **MELANIE B. JACOBS** organized "The Legal and Bioethical Foundations of Assisted Reproductive Technologies," the first joint symposium between the Law College and the MSU College of Human Medicine, which was held in October 2010. Professor Jacobs also presented "How the Use of ART Has Changed Legal Parentage" at the event, during which legal scholars and medical professionals examined important issues at the intersection of family law and medicine.

Jacobs was quoted in an October 2010 *Boston Globe* article titled "Johnny Has Two Mommies—and Four Dads," which examined the issue of whether a child can have more than two parents.

In November 2010, Professor Jacobs presented "Intentional Parenthood's Influence: If Procreative Autonomy Includes the Right Not to Parent, Then Should Federal Paternity Establishment Policy Be Changed?" as part of the MSU Center for Gender in Global Context Colloquia Series.



Brian C. Kalt

■ Associate Professor **BRIAN C. KALT** discussed "Ex-Felons and Jury Duty" as the featured speaker at an Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Federalist Society event in Columbus, Ohio, in November 2010. In January, Professor Kalt presented a talk titled "The Zone of Death: 50 Square Miles of Idaho Where You Can Commit Crimes with Impunity" to Federalist Society chapters at Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Washington, and at the University of Idaho College of Law in Moscow, Idaho.

Professor Kalt's new book, *Constitutional Cliffhangers: A Legal Guide for Presidents and Their Enemies*, is expected to be released by Yale University Press in fall 2011.



Renee Newman Knake

■ Assistant Professor **RENEE NEWMAN KNAKE** presented a work-in-progress,

“Attorney Advice and the First Amendment,” at the University of Illinois College of Law in August 2010 as part of an inaugural faculty workshop exchange between Illinois and MSU. She also spoke on the topic at the First Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium, which was held in Chicago in November 2010. Her finished article was published in *Washington and Lee Law Review* in April.

Professor Knake’s “From Research Conclusions to Real Change: Understanding the First Amendment’s (Non) Response to the Negative Effects of Media on Children by Looking to the Example of Violent Video Game Regulations” was published in the *Southern Methodist University Law Review* in November 2010. The article addresses *Schwarzenegger v. Entertainment Merchants Association*, a case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in fall 2010.

In January, Professor Knake was elected to the Executive Committee for the AALS Section on Professional Responsibility.

In February, she was interviewed for and quoted in an *ABA Journal* article by Steven Seidenberg titled “Seduced: For Lawyers, the Appeal of Social Media Is Obvious. It’s Also Dangerous.”

In March, Professor Knake presented “How Art Illuminates the Law:

Revisiting *NAACP v. Button* Through *Music History*” at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities Conference, which was held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



Mae Kuykendall

■ Professor **MAE KUYKENDALL** presented “Bankruptcy and Citizens United” at a June 2010 Summer Scholarship Workshop.

Professor Kuykendall’s article titled “Early Midwestern Writers on Financial Panic: Contemporary Implications” appeared in the “Law and Literature” issue of *Midwestern Miscellany*, which was published in 2010.

Her “Introduction: Unsettling Questions, Disquieting Stories” (co-authored with David A. Westbrook) was published in the *Michigan State Law Review’s* Business Law and Narrative Symposium issue, which was released in October 2010. Professor Kuykendall also helped organize the symposium, which grew out of widespread interest in her 2007 *Buffalo Law Review* article, “No Imagination: The Marginal Role of Narrative in

Corporate Law.”

In November 2010, she presented a talk titled “Shared Governance, Bogus Democracy, and the Currency of Power” at the American Association of University Professors Shared Governance Conference, which was held in Washington, D.C.

Also in November, she continued to advance the Legal E-Marriage Project, with national media attention bringing interviews on PRI’s *Marketplace Tech Report* and on the Dallas CBS radio station, KRLD. Both interviews can be heard online at law.msu.edu/e-marriage.

In January, Professor Kuykendall organized and chaired a “Hot Topics” panel titled “E-Marriage: Emerging Trends Meet the Law” at the Association of American Law Schools 2011 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The panel included Professor **ADAM CANDEUB** and five other distinguished scholars from across the country.

Finally, Professor Kuykendall’s “Producing Corporate Text: Courtrooms, Conference Rooms, and Classrooms” appeared in the Good Faith After Disney Symposium issue of the *New York Law School Law Review*. The issue was released in February.

■ Associate Dean **MICHAEL ANTHONY LAWRENCE** taught a three-week American Constitutional Law course at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law in Ottawa, Ontario, in early January.



Michael A. Lawrence

Dean Lawrence’s book, *Radicals in Their Own Time: Four Hundred Years of Struggle for Liberty and Equal Justice in America*, was released by Cambridge University Press in January. (See page 22 for more details.)

He discussed *Radicals in Their Own Time*, which features five individuals who agitated for greater freedom in America (Roger Williams, Thomas Paine, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, W.E.B. Du Bois, and Vine Deloria, Jr.), at the MSU Law Indigenous Law & Policy Center’s spring speaker series kickoff event in January, and at a Black Law Students Association Diversity Week program in February. Dean Lawrence also spoke about his book at readings in New York City and elsewhere, and in interviews on several public radio affiliates.

Dean Lawrence presented “The Effects of the Human Rights Norms on Society: The Native American Context” as a panelist at the *Journal of International Law’s* “Sovereignty in Today’s World” symposium in February.

■ Professors **AMY CHRISTIAN McCORMICK**



Amy C. McCormick



Robert A. McCormick

and **ROBERT A. McCORMICK** co-wrote a memorial honoring their friend and colleague, the late Professor Alvin Storrs. The piece, which appears on page 36, also will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Michigan State Law Review* and in the AALS Annual Meeting Proceedings.

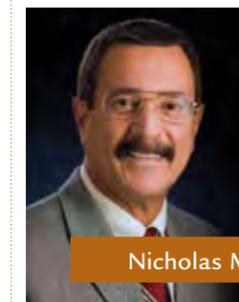
In October 2010, the two visited Pennsylvania State University’s Dickinson School of Law to discuss the topic “Should College Athletes Be Paid?” at the invitation of Stephen Ross, professor and director of the school’s Institute for Sports Law, Policy, and Research.

Professors Amy and Robert McCormick also were interviewed in October 2010 for an upcoming PBS *Frontline* television program. The program will focus on college athletes and the business of college athletics, including the position taken in their

2006 *Washington Law Review* article, “The Myth of the Student-Athlete: The College Athlete as Employee”—that college athletes in NCAA revenue-generating sports ought to be treated as employees of their universities under the National Labor Relations Act.

Robert McCormick was quoted in a September 2010 *Gongwer News Service* article titled “Shirvell Uproar Grows; Granholm Says She Would Fire Him,” by Zach Gorchow. The story dealt with First Amendment issues in the public employment context that arose over a controversy sparked by a (now former) Michigan assistant attorney general’s criticism of a University of Michigan student leader based on his sexual orientation.

Finally, Professor Robert McCormick spoke to the Michigan Food & Agriculture Protection and Defense Working Group, a public-private partnership dedicated to agricultural and food security, on the subject of “Labor Law & Disgruntled Employees” in October 2010.



Nicholas Mercurio

■ Professor **NICHOLAS MERCURIO** was profiled in a December 2010 *Ingham County*

Legal News article titled “Professor Devoted to the Law and Economics, Committed to Music and Art.”

Professor Mercurio organized “Living Under the Trees: Images from the World of Migratory Labor,” a photography exhibition by photojournalist and writer David Bacon that was on display at the Law College from January through April.

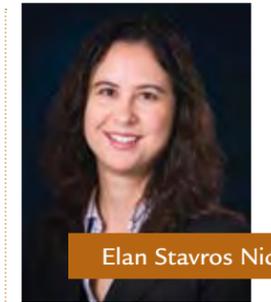


Noga Morag-Levine

■ Associate Professor **NOGA MORAG-LEVINE** presented “Common Law, Civil Law and Precautionary Regulation: A Legal-Historical Perspective” at the Conference in Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Program in Law and Public Affairs, which was held at Princeton University in October 2010.

In November 2010, Professor Morag-Levine presented “Formalism, Facts, and the Brandeis Brief: The Making of a Myth” as part of the University of Cincinnati Law School Fall Colloquia Series.

Professor Morag-Levine’s article titled “Is Precautionary Regulation a Civil Law Instrument? Lessons from the History of the Alkali Act” was published in the *Journal of Environmental Law* in January.



Elan Stavros Nichols

■ Assistant Clinical Professor **ELAN STAVROS NICHOLS** presented an October 2010 seminar titled “A Primer on Rental Housing Law, Including the Foreclosure Crisis.” The event, co-sponsored by the MSU Law Legal Clinic and the MSU Federal Credit Union, was one of several free legal seminars offered to members of the community during National Pro Bono Month.

In November 2010, she co-presented with Professor **NICOLE S. DANDRIDGE** at the 25th Annual Midwest Clinical Law Teachers Conference. (See above.)

Last fall, Professor Nichols led students to win two civil judgments of more than \$20,000 each—the highest on record for the MSU Law Legal Clinic. One of the two cases resulted in \$1,500 in attorney’s fees for the clinic.

Professor Nichols presented “Drafting Checklists and Templates for Litigation Documents Can Save Lives—Or at Least Help Prevent Legal Malpractice When Teaching a Student-Staffed Law School Legal Services Clinic” at the Capital Area Legal Writing Conference in February.

The event was held at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Professor Nichols and Michele Halloran helped Dean Howarth draft proposed language for Michigan Court Rule 8.120, which allows law students to advise and represent clients; the Michigan Supreme Court adopted the language. Nichols also submitted a written comment to the Court regarding a proposed change to the fee waiver rule (2.002) that the Housing Law Clinic uses for indigent clients, and supervised a Housing Law Clinic student who orally argued the position at a January 26 Public Administrative Conference; a video is available at www.michbar.org/courts/virtualcourt.cfm. Taking the position advocated by Nichols and the student, the Court declined to adopt the proposed change in a February Order.



Sean A. Pager

■ Assistant Professor **SEAN A. PAGER** presented “Romancing Tradition: A Cautionary Note Against Property Rights in Traditional Culture” to the University of California, Davis, School of

Law faculty in November.

Professor Pager’s article titled “Beyond Culture vs. Commerce: Decentralizing Cultural Protection to Promote Diversity Through Trade” was published in the Winter 2011 *Northwestern Journal of International Law & Business*.



Frank S. Ravitch

■ Professor **FRANK S. RAVITCH** served as a member of a November 2010 “*Snyder v. Phelps*: Funeral Protests and the First Amendment” panel discussion, which was co-sponsored by the MSU Law American Constitution Society, Military Law Society, and Triangle Bar Association. (See page 23 for more details.) He also spoke at John Marshall Law School in Atlanta during the same month.

Professor Ravitch completed several speaking engagements in March, starting with a discussion of his latest book, *Marketing Intelligent Design: Law and the Creationist Agenda* (Cambridge University Press, 2011), at a Florida International University College of Law faculty workshop.

He served as the keynote speaker at the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies

in Humanities and Social Sciences 1st International Conference on Law and Social Order, which was held at Spiru Haret University in Constanta, Romania. The scholarly event was sponsored by the 7th World Congress on the Advancement of Scholarly Research in Science, Economics, Law, and Culture.

Professor Ravitch also participated in a March forum at Pennsylvania State University’s Dickinson School of Law that focused on the constitutionality of teaching intelligent design in public schools. He was joined by U.S. District Court Judge John E. Jones III, who presided over the nation’s first trial to test the issue.

Ravitch also gave a number of talks on campus recently, including one in October 2010 and two in February.



Kevin W. Saunders

■ Professor **KEVIN W. SAUNDERS’** latest book, *Degradation: What the History of Obscenity Tells Us about Hate Speech*, was released by NYU Press in January. (See page 22 for more details.)

In March, Professor Saunders gave a talk on “The Relevance of Philosophy

to Law” at the University of Miami Department of Philosophy.



Glen Staszewski

■ Associate Dean **GLEN STASZEWSKI** presented his recent article titled “Political Reasons, Deliberative Democracy, and Administrative Law” to the faculty of the University of Kansas School of Law in January as part of its faculty workshop series. The article will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Iowa Law Review*.

Dean Staszewski participated in a February symposium at New York University, which was sponsored by the *NYU Journal of Law and Liberty*, on “Plain Meaning in Context: Can the Law Survive Its Own Language?” In March, he co-presented a working paper with Professor Lumen Mulligan, which is tentatively titled “An Agency Approach to the Supreme Court and Rules Interpretation,” as part of the faculty workshop series at the University of Missouri School of Law.

■ Professor **DAVID B. THRONSON’S** “Immigration Issues—Representing Children Who Are Not United States Citizens,” which he co-wrote



David B. Thronson

with Katherine Brady, appeared in *Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Cases*. The book, which was edited by Donald N. Duquette and Ann M. Haralambie, was published in June 2010.

Professor Thronson’s “Thinking Small: The Need for Big Changes in Immigration Law’s Treatment of Children” was published in the July 2010 issue of the *U.C. Davis Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy*. His “Entering the Mainstream: Making Children Matter in Immigration Law” appeared in the *Fordham Urban Law Journal* in November 2010.

Professor Thronson made three presentations in November 2010, starting with the Women’s Refugee Commission Experts Roundtable on Maintaining Parental Rights during Immigration Enforcement Actions and Detention, which was held in Washington, D.C. He then spoke in Phoenix at a National Center for State Courts special training seminar for Arizona judges titled “The Impact of Federal Immigration Law on the

State Courts.” Thronson returned to Michigan to discuss “Immigration Issues in the Trial Court” at the Institute for Continuing Legal Education’s 9th Annual Family Law Institute in Plymouth.

In December 2010, Professor Thronson discussed “The Impact of Immigration Issues in the District Court” at a Michigan Judicial Institute seminar for district court probation officers in Lansing. In February, he co-presented an American Immigration Lawyers Association audio seminar on “The ABCs of Representing Children in Immigration Cases.”

Thronson joined the Board of Directors of the International Social Services, United States of America (ISS-USA) Branch in February. The ISS-USA expedites communication among social service agencies around the world to resolve socio-legal problems of individuals and families. The organization is composed of an international network of over 150 national branches, affiliated bureaus, and correspondents, with its General Secretariat in Geneva.

Finally, Professor Thronson presented on and moderated the panel “Modern-Day Servitude: The Continued Problem of International Labor Trafficking” at the *Michigan Journal of International Law’s* “Successes and Failures in International Trafficking

Law” symposium, which was held in Ann Arbor in February.



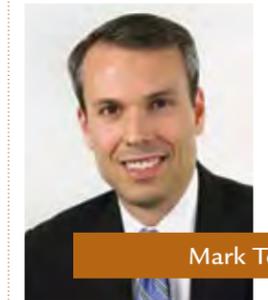
Veronica Thronson

■ Assistant Clinical Professor **VERONICA THRONSON** joined Professor David Thronson to convene the inaugural session of the Michigan Immigration Clinic Colloquium in December 2010. The event included representatives of immigration-related clinics and programs at Wayne State University Law School, University of Michigan Law School, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and the Michigan Poverty Law Program.

The two hosted and presented at a “Special Immigrant Juvenile Status” roundtable in January on behalf of the Michigan Poverty Law Program. The event was for advocates from around the state who represent children in immigration matters. Jared Nelson, a 2L Immigration Law Clinic II student, also discussed his work on behalf of a former child asylum applicant from Sierra Leone who was wrongfully denied lawful immigration status, but who now may qualify for relief under a recent class action settlement affecting

juvenile clients.

The U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services invited Professors David and Veronica Thronson to participate in a community stakeholder engagement session on the unauthorized practice of immigration law in immigrant communities. Veronica facilitated a session on “Education of Immigrants and Service Providers” and David facilitated a session on “Education and Role of Law Enforcement” at the event, which was held in Detroit in February.



Mark Totten

■ Assistant Professor **MARK TOTTEN’S** book, *First Strike: America, Terrorism, and Moral Tradition*, was released by Yale University Press in September 2010. (See page 22 for more details.)

VISITING PROFESSORS



Ann Tweedy

■ Visiting Professor **ANN TWEEDY** was quoted in a December 2010 *Daily Journal* article titled “Tribe Seeks Help With Crime.”

In March, she discussed her forthcoming article, “Polyamory as a Sexual Orientation,” at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities 14th Annual Conference, which was held in Las Vegas. The article will be published in the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*.



Nicholas J. Wittner

■ Visiting Professor **NICHOLAS J. WITTNER** was interviewed for several articles in February and early March about cases involving product safety and liability issues. *The Detroit News* quoted Wittner, who served for 20 years as an assistant general counsel for the Nissan North America Legal Department, in articles titled “Toyota recalls 2.2M more

vehicles” and “First trial over runaway Toyota allegations set for 2013.”

One of the nation’s leading experts on preemption law, Professor Wittner was quoted extensively in a series of *Product Safety & Liability Reporter* articles, including “State Law Seat Belt Claims Not Preempted, High Court Says, Focusing on Agency Goals,” “Williamson’s Focus on Agency Record Clarifies Preemption Analysis, Experts Say,” and “South Carolina High Court Told to Reexamine Ruling on Preemption of Auto Glass Claims.”

In Memoriam*



Professor Alvin L. Storrs

1950–2010

by Robert A. McCormick** and
Amy Christian McCormick***

Al Storrs was our friend. But then, Al Storrs was a friend to many. And he was a teacher, not just to his many students but, by his patient, measured, gracious, and temperate nature, to his colleagues as well. He was a civilized man who, as Dean Joan Howarth wrote, “exemplified the highest values of our law school and our profession.”

The traditional benchmarks of Professor Storrs’s life are easy to recite. He earned his J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Detroit, as well as an LL.M. in Taxation from the New York University Law School. He practiced with the law firm of Hall, Andary & Bilicki in Detroit, Michigan, before assuming the post of tax manager at Ernst & Whinney in Detroit. For three years Professor Storrs taught courses in business planning and income taxation as an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) School of Law, and it was during those years that he found his calling as a teacher.

Al joined the Detroit College of Law (DCL) faculty in 1987, and during his 23 years on the faculty of DCL, and later Michigan State University College of Law, he taught thousands of students the principles and intricacies of income and corporate taxation law, as well as the taxation of deferred compensation. In 1994–95, Professor Storrs was a Visiting Professor of Law at his alma mater, UDM, and we, like our colleagues, held our collective breaths, afraid he might be tempted to return to UDM on a permanent basis. But Al returned to our fold, and stayed with us to the end, to the inestimable benefit of all who had the good fortune to learn from him and to know him.

Professor Storrs’s legacy leaves us his scholarship on a wide variety of subjects. Among other works, he wrote about fringe benefit tax advantages available for start-up companies,¹ he critically analyzed tax proposals relating to golden parachute payments,² and he co-authored a book chapter analyzing significant laws affecting contingent workers.³ Even more impressive were his comprehensive, treatise-like works regarding the procedures for obtaining rulings, determination letters, technical advice memoranda, and closing agreements from the National Office of the Internal Revenue Service,⁴ and regarding the broad topic of transferee liability for a transferor’s tax debts.⁵ Professor Storrs also cared deeply about the legal community, serving as a member of the State Bar of Michigan Task Forces on Racial/Ethnic and Gender Issues in the Courts and the Legal Profession, thereby contributing to the important work of attempting to eradicate bias in the justice system.

It is the deeper, more human, aspects of Al’s character that are more difficult to describe. He was a private man who was devoted to his wife, Regina; their children, Alvin and Ashley; his older daughters, Verna Nevels and Heather Holloway; his granddaughter, Ashlyn; and his mother, Amye Davis. He was a spiritual man who served his church—the historic Second Baptist Church of Detroit—as legal advisor and as a member of its Advisory Board and Board of Trustees. And during his 28 years as a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Al generously gave of himself to students, not only in the masterful teaching of difficult and sometimes labyrinthine aspects of taxation law, but in personal and professional matters as well. Thus, he served as faculty representative to the Black Law Students Association at the law school, and in 1999, he led the effort of the Law College to obtain funding to establish the MSU College of Law Tax Clinic—a vision that enabled scores of law students to put their training to work serving hundreds of low-income clients. He recognized the role of the faculty in the life of the Law College, and led by example throughout his tenure. He also understood the practical, human implications of issues and often led otherwise contentious colleagues to consensus.

Above all, Al was a man of good cheer and good will—one of the rare men in life who actually bore malice toward none and held genuine charity toward all. And Al Storrs enjoyed life—music, golf, a good class, a chance to be with his family, a good discussion, a great game, an interesting tax problem, a funny story. . . . He was a wonderful raconteur, and we often reminisced about the Detroit of an earlier era, its music, its neighborhoods, and its many rich stories. One of the last times we spoke, he told about having ridden the Woodward Avenue bus with Otis Williams of the Temptations and said to be sure to pick up Curtis Mayfield’s classic *Superfly* album.

We’ll do just that now, and put it on, and think of Professor Alvin Storrs—his happy countenance, his warmth, his grace—and we’ll feel privileged to have shared this earth with him for a while.

* The original announcement about Professor Storrs’s passing appeared in the Summer 2010 issue of *Amicus*. This tribute is forthcoming in 2010 Mich. St. L. Rev. ____.

** Robert A. McCormick is a Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law. He has known Al Storrs since 1987 and has shared with him a love of Detroit, classic R&B music, and the pleasure of sports.

*** Amy Christian McCormick is a Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law. She met Professor Storrs when he recruited her in 1993 to join the tax faculty at the Detroit College of Law. She always enjoyed talking about tax issues with him. Both Professors McCormick will miss him.

¹ Alvin L. Storrs, *Fringe Benefit Tax Advantages for the Start-Up Business*, 8 Prac. Tax Lawyer 13 (1994).

² Alvin L. Storrs, *Golden Parachute Payments Under Proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.280G-1: Analysis and Recommended Changes*, 19 U. Balt. L. Rev. 534 (1989–1990).

³ Thomas A. Coens & Alvin L. Storrs, *No Safe Harbor: A Review of Significant Laws Affecting Contingent Workers*, in *The Shadow Workforce: Perspectives On Contingent Work in the United States, Japan and Europe* 135 (Sandra E. Gleason ed., 2006).

⁴ Alvin L. Storrs, *I.R.S. National Office Procedures – Rulings, Closing Agreements*, in *Tax Mgmt.* (BNA Tax Mgmt. Portfolios 104-7th, 1990).

⁵ Alvin L. Storrs, *Transferee Liability*, in *Tax Mgmt.* (BNA Tax Mgmt. Portfolios 158-4th, 1992).

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of your alma mater! Whether you serve as a mentor to a current student, an employer to a graduate, a host for an alumni event, a team captain for the Law Firm Challenge, or a financial supporter of the Law College, your generosity and service are invaluable.

I am pleased to share some wonderful news that will make it even easier for you to stay connected and involved. Recently, a decision was made to convert the MSU College of Law Alumni Association to a non-dues-paying membership. (See related article on page 40.) The most exciting outcomes of this shift are that all alumni are now automatically members of the Alumni Association, and that annual dues are no longer required. Most of the changes under way will be transparent, and the association will continue to offer the same high-quality services and programs for which it is known.

The Office of Advancement is thrilled to continue to support the Alumni Association in its efforts to benefit both current and

former students with various outreach events throughout the year. We hope you will take advantage of the many initiatives that are specially designed to give you an opportunity to stay in touch with old friends, network with fellow alumni, and get to know more about the students who now follow in your footsteps at the Law College. Upcoming events include the golf outing, alumni and family picnic, homecoming tailgate, and many more. We would love to see you there!

As always, the Law College depends on the philanthropic support of our alumni and friends to help maintain the excellent legal education that has been our hallmark for more than 100 years. We are delighted to share our Circle of Friends list, which acknowledges gifts made during a given calendar year, while we also continue to recognize lifetime giving. In addition to a gift acknowledgment that can be used for tax purposes, donors receive recognition in *Amicus*, on the Office of Advancement website, and in other promotional materials.

MSU College of Law values your continued commitment and today's students need your guidance and assistance. If you would like to lend your support and get involved in our programs, please contact me at 517-432-6842 or casoli@law.msu.edu. Your Law College needs you.

Warm regards,

Tina Kashat Casoli
Director, Office of Advancement

LAW REVIEW OUTREACH RECEPTION

Current and former *Michigan State Law Review* members gathered at the Birmingham Country Club on Wednesday, March 2, for the annual Alumni and Student Outreach Reception. The event helped support the new Law Review Scholarship Fund, which will provide tuition assistance, augment editorial board member training opportunities, and increase the size and promotion of the journal's highly regarded annual symposia.

The keynote speaker at the reception was Senate Democratic Leader Gretchen Whitmer, '98, a former *Law Review* member. Whitmer, who was first elected to the Michigan State Senate in March 2006, also served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2000 to 2006.

Elinor Jordan, current editor-in-chief of *Michigan State Law Review*, presented awards to current members whose articles have been selected for publication. Awardees and their publishing journals include:

- Jennifer Andrew, associate editor, *Michigan State Law Review*
- Michael Daum, notes editor, *Seton Hall Journal of Sports & Entertainment Law*
- Staci DeRegnaucourt, articles editor, *Michigan State Law Review*
- Daniel Greenhalgh, senior notes editor, *Michigan State Law Review*
- Brett Liefbroer, managing editor, *Michigan Real Property Review*
- Salina Maxwell, senior articles editor, *Michigan State Law Review*
- Jason Murdey, associate editor, *Food and Drug Law Journal*
- Abigail Rury, articles editor, *Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender*
- Nicholas Timm, associate editor, *Michigan State Law Review*

Attendees also celebrated the journal's continued ascent in the annual rankings published by Washington & Lee University School of Law, the leading source of data on legal periodicals. The *Law Review* recently was placed at number 54 among 312 ranked journals, marking the seventh straight year the journal has climbed in the rankings.

Special thanks to MSU Law Trustee Linda Orlans, '87, who generously sponsored the event and helped fund the Law Review Scholarship. Orlans is the chief executive officer of the law office of Orlans, as well as Orlans Moran, Atlantic Law Group, and eTitle agency. A long-time believer that "we get what we give," she carves out a significant amount of time for charity work.

■ Top right (from left): Dean Joan Howarth, President Clif Haley, and Trustee Linda Orlans, '87

■ Center right: Senator Gretchen Whitmer (left) talks with Elinor Jordan, '11 (editor-in-chief of *Law Review*)

■ Bottom right (from left): Jacqueline Greenhalgh; Daniel Greenhalgh, '11 (senior notes editor); and Zachary Risk, '11 (executive editor)



Welcome to the *New* MSU Law ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The MSU College of Law Alumni Association recently announced that it is converting to a non-dues-paying membership structure. Under the new arrangement, all alumni automatically will be members with no annual dues requirement. “This is an exciting transition for the Alumni Association,” said Karl Ondersma, ’04, alumni association vice president. “We look forward to the possibilities this new structure will provide.”

The Law College boasts nearly 10,000 alumni representing diverse backgrounds and a wide range of professional experiences. The Alumni Association is eager to engage more of our accomplished graduates in our activities and opportunities, including the following:

- **Alumni Mentor Program:** The program partners current students with alumni mentors. Students and their mentors—who are paired based on the student’s practice area of interest and other factors—are encouraged to meet several times during the academic year to discuss law school and the practice of law. If you have served as an alumni mentor in the past, we thank you. If you have not, we encourage you to consider volunteering just a few hours of your time next year to help a promising future member of the profession.
- **Networking and Educational Programs:** The Alumni Association supports the efforts of student organizations that host guest lectures, panel discussions, symposia, and other networking and educational programs by serving as a resource for speakers and participants. The Association also provides financial support to qualifying student organizations that participate in national legal competitions. MSU Law students have traditionally excelled at such competitions, garnering significant recognition for the Law College and its alumni.
- **Annual Golf Outing and Tailgate:** The Alumni Association Golf Outing at Forest Akers Golf Course on MSU’s beautiful campus offers another great way for alumni to become involved with their alma mater. Along with a fun day of golf on a spectacular course and a networking

■ *MSU Law alumni and friends raised more than \$15,000 at the August 2010 golf outing.*



opportunity for alumni and students, the event has been instrumental in helping raise more than \$100,000 for the Alumni Association Scholarship. The annual homecoming and tailgate football game also provide a great way to bring current and former students together in a festive atmosphere.

- **Distinguished Alumni Award:** The Alumni Association bestows the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award on an outstanding alumnus each year at the spring commencement ceremony. The award publicly recognizes alumni who have demonstrated outstanding service to their field of practice and to MSU Law. To nominate an alumnus or learn more about this award, visit www.law.msu.edu/alumni/distinguished-alumni-award.html.

The new Alumni Association structure will benefit the Law College, current students, and our esteemed alumni by advancing career opportunities and expanding social and professional networks. We invite you to join us at upcoming networking events to meet and reconnect with fellow alumni, hear what’s new at the Law College, and learn more about all the opportunities that the association provides. Watch for event announcements in your mail, e-mail, and at www.law.msu.edu/alumni-donors.

For more information on the MSU College of Law Alumni Association, visit www.law.msu.edu/alumni-donors or contact the Office of Advancement at 517-432-6840. ☎

Alumni Profile

DCL PRODUCES GREAT LAWYER COUPLE



ED DAWDA AND ALICE BUCKLEY

MSU College of Law doesn’t just produce great lawyers—sometimes it also produces great lawyer couples.

Ed Dawda and Alice Buckley met as MSU undergrads in the mid-1970s. Both went on to attend Detroit College of Law. Today, Dawda is a founding partner of Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler in Bloomfield Hills; Buckley is assistant general counsel for Sears Holdings Corporation. Both credit DCL for giving them the skills they needed to build flourishing legal careers.

“What stands out for me is that we had an education that was really very practical,” Dawda says of his experience at DCL. “We dealt with problems that lawyers face every day. It was a very practical, practice-driven education. That’s really invaluable for employers.”

Dawda landed a job as a law clerk at a private firm after his first year at DCL and continued there until graduation. He then went to work for Clark, Klein and Beaumont, a large Detroit firm, where he spent 18 years focused on corporate and real estate law and served on the firm’s executive committee.

In 1995, Dawda and a group of colleagues decided to start a small firm that would allow them closer interaction with clients and greater flexibility. Dawda Mann now employs 40 lawyers.

While the firm has won a number of high-profile awards, Dawda says he’s most proud of its recognition by *Chambers USA* as one of Michigan’s top real estate law firms in 2010. The publication, which ranks firms and attorneys across the country, also gave Dawda its top ranking of “Band 1.” In

October, Dawda also was named “Detroit Area Real Estate Lawyer of the Year for 2011” by *Best Lawyers*.

“I’ve worked over the years with a number of retailers and helped them grow their business, particularly in the Midwest,” Dawda says of what he most enjoys about his work. “It’s quite rewarding.”

As Dawda has moved to the top of his field, Buckley has achieved milestones of her own. She credits her DCL education for preparing her for work in a major retail corporation. “Professor Bradford Stone gave me a very solid base in the Uniform Commercial Code,” she says. “I still have his *UCC in a Nutshell* book on my desk. It’s 33 years later, and a day doesn’t go by when I’m not in that field.”

In her three decades with Kmart, she helped it navigate through Chapter 11 bankruptcy and successfully litigate *Security Services Inc. v. Kmart Corp.*, a 1994 case in which the U.S. Supreme Court decided 7-2 in the company’s favor.

“It was an exciting day for us,” says Dawda, who joined his wife to watch the oral arguments before the nation’s highest court. “Alice sat right at the counsel bench—it was quite a thrill.”

The couple manages to take time from their demanding careers to support several metro Detroit arts, educational, and charitable organizations, including the College for Creative Studies, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and Forgotten Harvest.

“Both of us have been very blessed,” Dawda says. “And we’re very grateful for our education,” Buckley adds. “We really feel like our education has made us.” ☎

MSU Law: Past, Present, and Future Reunion Celebration Brings Back Memories



■ Top left (from left): Sufen Hilf, '00, Amy Slameka, '99, and Holly Swanson, '99, celebrated their successes and lives since law school.

■ Above (from left): D.J. Watters, '57, Trustee Linda Orleans, '87, and Allen Graham, '57, get reacquainted at the Tiger Club reunion.

■ Top right (from left): Tiger Club attendees enjoyed spending time with spouses and former classmates.

"Where do the years go?" "You look just the same as I remember you!" These were two of the sentiments spoken by Law College alumni as they reminisced about law school and shared stories about their professional accomplishments at the MSU Law: Past, Present, and Future reunion. The event took place on November 12, 2010, in the Tiger Club at Comerica Park—the former site of Detroit College of Law.

Tony Kenny, '70, enjoyed seeing a few of his law school friends at the Tiger Club. "The event was a fun way to see guys from our class, find out what they are doing now, and develop a plan to stay in touch in the future," he said.

Alumni enjoyed a cocktail reception and strolling dinner before they sat down for dessert—a Michigan favorite of Sanders Hot Fudge ice cream puffs—and a few words about former professors, the "wailing wall," and the "pit" from DCL days. Michael Berry, the sole attendee from the Class of 1960, was recognized, as was George Roumell, an adjunct professor for 52 years and the Law College's longest-serving faculty member. (See related story on Professor Roumell on page 50.)

"The Past, Present, and Future reunion is among the favorites for Law College alumni, faculty, and staff," said Tina Kashat Casoli, director of the Office of Advancement. "This event draws alumni from all over Michigan and across the country to catch up with former classmates and friends. It's a great way to network, reminisce, hear about how the Law College has changed, and discuss ways in which it has stayed the same."



■ Far left (from left): President Clif Haley, '61, and Trustee Emeritus Norm Lippitt, '60, reminisce about the good old days at DCL.

■ Left: The Honorable Dennis Archer, '70, spoke on behalf of the Class of 1970 and recalled many wonderful professors.

This year's honored graduates were from the classes of 1960 and earlier, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000. Special thanks to the following host committee members and guest speakers (identified with an asterisk):

The Honorable Dennis W. Archer, '70*
Trustee Raymond R. Behan, '60
Mr. Michael Berry, '50
Mr. Russell A. Buyers, '65
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The Honorable Dominick R. Carnovale, '60
Mr. Arthur J. Cole, '51
Mr. Gary M. Corbin, '57
Mr. Jeffery S. Crampton, '90
Mr. James P. Cunningham, '80
Mr. Matthew S. Fedor, '00*
Mr. Timothy D. Finegan, '90
Mr. James R. Geroux, '70
Mr. Thomas Guastello, '70
Mrs. Sufen Hilf, '00
Mr. C. Dale Hubbard, '55
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Mr. Mervyn H. Sternberg, '57
Mr. Leroy H. Wulfmeier, III, '70
Mr. Michael F. Zipser, '70

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Professor Emeritus Jack P. Apol
Professor Mary A. Bedikian, '80
Mr. Brian G. Davis, '10
Professor David S. Favre
Ms. Mary A. Ferguson, '02
Professor Robert M. Filiatrault, '70
Professor Emeritus Clark C. Johnson, '02
Professor Emeritus Edward J. Littlejohn, '70
Associate Dean Kathleen E. Payne, '77*

Plans are underway for this year's reunion, which will honor all alumni while especially recognizing those from the classes of 1961 and earlier, 1971, 1981, 1991, and 2001. The event will be held on November 18; watch your mail and e-mail for details. If you are interested in serving as a host committee member, contact April Jones, associate director of development, at 517-432-6840 or jonesap@law.msu.edu.

Alumni Profile

ALUM FINDS NICHE AS SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAWYER FOR CELEBRITIES



GARY SPICER

■ Gary Spicer (left) was a long-time attorney, friend, and confidant to beloved Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell, who passed away in 2010.

Born in a one-room house in rural Tennessee, Gary Spicer had no expectations of ever attending college—let alone building a career as attorney to some of the biggest names in sports and entertainment.

The Grosse Pointe attorney's client roster has included the likes of Conway Twitty, the Oak Ridge Boys, and Ernie Harwell. He's represented seven of the Detroit Tigers 1984 World Series team, including Kirk Gibson and Alan Trammell. He also spent several years teaching sports and entertainment law at MSU College of Law, and donates funds to support a scholarship for students pursuing a career in the field.

A member of the Circle of Friends Benefactor's Club, Spicer has donated to his alma mater for more than three decades. "Giving back to the students and the profession is important to me," he says. "I have been fortunate in my career, and I want to continue to support this area of law that has been so good to me."

Fellow lawyers have stated that he has "the most interesting boutique law practice in America." Spicer adds, "I've had the privilege of representing some of the greatest players of all time."

Spicer, who attended high school in Lincoln Park after his male relatives moved north to work for Ford Motor Co., became the first in his family to earn a diploma. His decision to attend college "was a fluke," he says: three weeks after visiting a friend who had enrolled at Adrian College, Spicer matriculated. He

was a good student, and worked in a local factory and the college's kitchen to pay his tuition bills.

A job at General Motors after graduation gave him the chance to pursue an MBA at Wayne State University. He then took a job with National Bank of Detroit, putting himself through law school at night.

"For me, law school involved leaving difficult jobs at 5 o'clock and fighting traffic to get downtown," Spicer says. "I'd have to wait for holiday breaks to catch up and study for exams. It was stressful."

His hard work quickly paid off. After a colleague at the bank asked for Spicer's help representing General Motors executives, Spicer—then 29 years old—became one of two lawyers representing GM's president and eight other executives in matters involving tax planning, mergers, and acquisitions.

Around the same time, Spicer bought a farm in Tennessee and set up a law office in Nashville, to which he commuted for a few days each month. He began working with musician Ronnie Milsap, and soon was retained as general counsel to country music star Conway Twitty and the Oak Ridge Boys, relationships that lasted 5 and more than 30 years, respectively. He also has represented Pam Lewis, the former manager of Garth Brooks, for more than 25 years.

"I took my corporate legal background and applied it to the entertainment world," Spicer says. "I treat my clients like corporate executives—not as entertainers or athletes."

PROFESSOR JOHNSON *Inspires Students*

Professor Emeritus Clark Johnson, LL.D. '02, has inspired students throughout his 35 years of teaching at the Law College. Recognizing the important role he has played in their legal education, December 2010 graduates selected Professor Johnson as their faculty commencement speaker.

"Dr. Johnson received his bachelor's degree in his twenties, his law degree in his thirties, his master's degree in his forties, his Ph.D. in his fifties, and an LL.D from MSU Law in his sixties," said graduating student Adam Schlusler as he introduced the honored faculty member. "He recently turned seventy, and Lord knows what is in store for him next."

Professor Johnson likened the receipt of a Juris Doctor degree to earning "a lifetime ticket to a front row seat at the greatest show on earth—the human race, in all of its most grand and very worst forms." He continued, "Treat it with honor and use it for the common good. Just as importantly, remember your roots, call your parents, and work in an area that makes you happy and content. Do a good job in whatever you choose, and great rewards of all kinds will naturally follow."

The beloved professor's connection with students does not end with their graduation. Johnson, who has touched the lives of literally thousands of graduates, also works with the Office of Advancement as an ambassador to Law College alumni.

Professor Johnson also generously gives back to the Law College as a member of the Heritage Club in the Circle of Friends.

In fact, Spicer wrote a book, *Surviving Success*, to help his clients think like businesspeople and navigate the challenges that fame and fortune present. He works closely with them to help them realize their financial goals—including giving back. He's managed 13 foundations for his clients, facilitated Ernie Harwell's donation of memorabilia to the Detroit Public Library, and helped clients donate millions of dollars to MSU and other institutions.

Spicer himself is a dedicated booster of education and other causes. In addition to his generosity to the Law College, he funds a scholarship at Adrian College, where he was a trustee for 12 years. Spicer serves as a board member for 5 corporations and as a trustee of 13 charitable foundations. He also was inducted into the Lincoln Park High School and Adrian College athletic halls of fame.

Spicer has also raised six children, four of whom are U.S. Marines. His daughter, Katie Spicer Hegg, attended MSU Law on a fully funded Marines law scholarship—one of two in the whole Corps—and was chosen to be the Class of 2010 student commencement speaker. Katie's husband, Jason Hegg, also is a 2010 Law College graduate.

"I have been so blessed that I've tried to be like an education evangelist," he says. "My grandfather could not read or write. My father died during my first semester in law school. Education was important to them. They would tell me to get the best education because, as they said, 'no one can take it away from you.' I'm very happy that I chose the academic route." ☺



■ Professor Clark Johnson and David Thomas, '81, at the Alumni Outreach Celebration at Morton's The Steakhouse in February

Alumni Profile

COUPLE GIVES BACK, JOINS THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB



AMY SLAMEKA & MATTHEW FEDOR

■ Amy Slameka and Matthew Fedor with sons William, age 2 (left), and Andrew, age 4.

Husband-and-wife MSU College of Law graduates Amy Slameka, '99, and Matthew Fedor, '00, are passionate about supporting the school's current students and programs.

The two recently became members of the President's Club. By making a \$10,000 pledge, the couple joined the first lifetime giving level in the Circle of Friends donor societies. "The Law College gave us so much, and now it's time for us to give back to help today's students and programs," said Fedor.

Fedor, who graduated in 2000, recently started Fedor, Camargo & Weston, a general practice firm in Birmingham, Michigan. Slameka began working with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, where she had spent her summer internships, shortly after graduating in 1999. Both have mentored MSU Law students and have hired them as clerks.

"Every single one of our professors had real-world experience and would incorporate it into the class," Fedor says. "It wasn't just the law they taught, but the practice of the law. They don't tell you in a book how to get your motion filed. The professors would say, 'You have to go to the second floor to the clerk's office, and don't forget you have to bring three copies.' It was stuff like that that allowed us to hit the ground immediately. It's also what allows us to hire alumni, because it continues."

Fedor co-founded his new firm with two other MSU law graduates; their wives are also alumni. After law school, he worked with Duffy and Robertson, a firm in Bloomfield Hills, and then with Beztak Properties, a real estate development firm.

In 2004, he struck out on his own.

Meanwhile, Slameka was building her career in Wayne County's felony trial division. In 2008, she co-founded an animal protection unit with a colleague, allowing her to formalize her long-standing commitment to prosecuting animal cruelty cases. She also works on cases of utility theft.

Slameka's work has led her to cross paths with MSU Professor David Favre, one of the country's foremost experts on animal law. She says she's "incredibly proud" that MSU offers a joint program between its colleges of law and veterinary medicine.

The couple met in law school but didn't date until after they both graduated. They married in 2003 and now have two sons: Andrew, 4, and William, 2.

The couple also share a commitment to community service. Slameka serves on the State Bar of Michigan Character and Fitness Committee; is a member of the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association; and sits on the Legislative Committee of the State Bar of Michigan Animal Law Section. Fedor is a team member of Oakland County's Sobriety Court and is past president of the MSU College of Law Alumni Association. Both serve as legal advisors to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

"One of the nice things about being a lawyer is you can really give back to people's lives," Fedor says. "That's something MSU Law always has been great at—community outreach. From my perspective, that's invaluable. That's why I like to stay involved."

CLASS OF 2011 *Gift* TO HONOR LATE CLASSMATE

The MSU Law community suffered a terrible loss with the unexpected passing of 3L Joseph A. Lupton, Jr., on February 21. In the days following this tragedy, his family found great comfort in the outpouring of admiration for Joe from fellow students, professors, and the entire MSU Law community. The abundant recognition of Joe's dedication to his education, his infectious smile, and his immense love of life as a son, brother, husband, and new father is evidence of his enduring legacy.

Joe was scheduled to graduate with honors from MSU College of Law this spring. As a testament to his lasting impression upon the Law College, Joe's classmates decided to create a scholarship in his name as their 3L class gift. The efforts of his classmates—in collaboration with his family, faculty, and staff—serve as the perfect tribute to Joe, whose Juris Doctor degree will be conferred posthumously at the May 13 commencement ceremony.

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2011 GRADUATING CLASS OFFICERS

Following the passing of our classmate, Joe Lupton, his family expressed a desire to memorialize his name at the Law College. As a result, the 2011 graduating class officers have dedicated the Joseph A. Lupton, Jr., Memorial Scholarship as our 3L class gift.

Joe's brother Bob indicated that the Lupton family would like to see the scholarship awarded to "high-performing,

non-traditional prospective law students in need of financial aid." He added, "We feel a scholarship awarded to older students or those who have overcome obstacles and followed an unorthodox path to law school would best honor Joe."

On March 16, the class officers held a kickoff event at which members of the Lupton family, Dean Joan Howarth, faculty, staff, and students shared memories of Joe and expressed their support for creating a scholarship in his name. Class President Octavio Duran explained, "This scholarship serves many goals: it will contribute to the Class of 2011's legacy, it will benefit future MSU Law students, and—most importantly—it will memorialize Joe's name forever."

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to endow the Joseph A. Lupton, Jr., Memorial Scholarship, so as to ensure that it continues to provide financial assistance to MSU Law students far into the future. We hope to achieve 100 percent participation among members of our graduating class.

Endowing a scholarship is a lofty goal, to be sure, but the Class of 2011 is not alone in this endeavor. Many faculty, staff, students, alumni, and student organizations have stepped forward to support this worthy cause. We appreciate the support of all who join us in honoring Joe's memory while helping ensure that promising future MSU College of Law students will carry on his dream of joining the legal profession.



■ Lupton (right), a dedicated member of the Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board, competed at the Pepperdine Entertainment Law Competition in fall 2010 with teammate Benjamin Fisher (left).



■ Lupton (far right) celebrated the season with classmates (left to right) Brigitte Chiroyan, Rachel Szela, Rachel Costello, and Christina Mayfield.



Participating Firms & Team Captains

LAW FIRM CHALLENGE

Creates Friendly Competition Among Firms, Raising Awareness and Funding for Programs

The second annual Law Firm Challenge launched in February, kicking off a unique opportunity for alumni to support their alma mater. This year's challenge follows a successful inaugural year in which 20 participating firms collectively raised more than \$40,000 for MSU College of Law.

The Law Firm Challenge uses friendly competition among firms to raise awareness of the value of giving to the Law College and to provide a fun networking opportunity for graduates. Firms and businesses with three or more alumni are encouraged to participate. Team captains help support the target of 100 percent participation within each firm. Every Law Firm Challenge donor will receive a gift, and firms that achieve full participation will be invited to a celebration luncheon in the fall with Dean Joan Howarth.

"Our goal in the Office of Advancement is to connect with our alumni, let them know about our many volunteer and

philanthropic opportunities, and help them understand what their involvement can do to help the Law College, current students, and fellow alumni," said Brian Davis, '10, associate director of alumni engagement. "The Law Firm Challenge helps us achieve all of those things."

Law Firm Challenge participants may designate gifts to support any number of programs and initiatives. Options include the Alumni Association Scholarship, the Dean's Fund for Excellence, and scholarship funds for the Black Law Students Association, clinical programs, the *Michigan State Law Review*, and Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Board, among others.

For more information or to get involved in the Law Firm Challenge, visit www.law.msu.edu/alumni/challenge or contact Brian Davis, associate director of alumni engagement at 517-432-6975 or brian.davis@law.msu.edu.

The Race to 100%

Last year, the law firm of Orlans, led by Linda Orlans, '87, was the first of seven firms to reach 100 percent participation. Who will be first this year? Find out online and in the next issue of *Amicus*.

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| Ackerman Ackerman & Dynkowski | Alan Ackerman |
| Berry Moorman | John Schrot, '77 |
| Bliss McGlynn | Daniel H. Bliss, '87 |
| Butzel Long | Carl Rashid, Jr., '74 |
| Center Management Services | Thomas Guastello, '70 |
| Clark Hill | Charles Lawler, '04 |
| | Laura Del Pup, '01 |
| Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler | Edward C. Dawda, '77 |
| Dickinson Wright | Karolyn Bignotti, '09 |
| | Peter Kulick, '01 |
| | Christina McDonald, '09 |
| Fieger, Fieger, Kenney, Johnson & Giroux | Robert Giroux, '93 |
| Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap | Daniel Cherrin, '98 |
| Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith | John Inhulsen, '05 |
| Harness, Dickey & Pierce | Lisabeth Coakley, '82 |
| Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn | Kenneth Brooks, '82 |
| | Richard Zecchino, '00 |
| | Jonathan O'Brien, '04 |
| Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook | Carl T. Rashid, '74 |
| Langton Law | Charlie Langton, '87 |
| Maddin Hauser Wartell Roth & Heller | David Hart, '91 |
| | Courtney Roschek, '07 |
| Michigan Auto Law | Thomas James, '05 |
| Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey | Joseph Gavin, '05 |
| Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone | Kathryn Ossian, '84 |
| New Jersey Legal | James Cortopassi, '08 |
| Orlans | Julie Galante, '83 |
| Plunkett Cooney | James R. Geroux, '70 |
| | William Reising, '68 |
| | Patrick E. Winters, '03 |
| Rhoades McKee | Frederick D. Dilley, '76 |
| Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge | Lindsay Weber, '10 |
| | Megan Hard, '10 |
| Varnum Law | Linsey Aten, '08 |

Faculty Profile

When George Roumell Jr., joined the Detroit College of Law as an adjunct professor in 1957, Dwight Eisenhower was president and Barry Gordy was forming Motown Records.

Roumell, who specializes in labor law and arbitration, is the Law College's longest-serving faculty member. At 82 years young, he still regularly travels the country to lecture at conferences and arbitrate contract negotiations and disputes. In his decades as an attorney, he's owned his own law firm and served as president of the State Bar of Michigan and Metro Detroit Bar Association.

Through it all, he's been in the classroom, where his students have included former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, '70, and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert Colombo, Jr., '75.

"I didn't let up," Roumell says. "I had the energy. I enjoy meeting young people, and I just enjoy teaching."

Roumell, a Michigan native, earned his law degree at Harvard University in 1954. He clerked for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Edward Sharpe and for U.S. District Court Judge Theodore Levin before joining a law firm in Detroit.

Once in private practice, Roumell developed an interest in labor law. In 1968, he and two partners opened their own firm, Riley and Roumell. Roumell went on to represent the Detroit Board of Education for more than 30 years, handling the remedy stage of the city's desegregation case and arguing *Bradley v. Milliken* before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1974. He's served as one of the Detroit Police Officers Association's impartial umpires for more than 25 years and has written more than 6,000 arbitration opinions.

His tenure as president of the State Bar included the creation of the Champion of Justice award to honor lawyers who have made a contribution to the administration of justice, and the establishment of the Michigan Legal Milestones program, which places plaques around the state to mark sites of significant legal cases. A plaque in honor of *Bradley v. Milliken* will be hung in September.

Roumell says his work remains compelling because of the opportunities it presents to "learn about society. And sitting there in amazement at what can happen in the workplace. And, at times, changing people's lives.

"I've saved a few jobs," he adds. "I've worked out some contracts that have been very helpful to employers and the unions in difficult times."

Roumell's work has earned him numerous awards, most recently the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's Frank Murphy Award. In 2003, he received the State Bar of Michigan's Roberts P. Hudson Award for service to the profession, the association's highest recognition. The Law College awarded

LONGEST SERVING PROFESSOR PASSIONATE ABOUT THE PROFESSION



GEORGE ROUMELL, JR.

■ President Clif Haley (right) recognized long-time Adjunct Professor George Roumell at the Tiger Club reunion in November 2010.

him an honorary LL.D. in 1986.

Roumell's service to the legal field goes beyond decades of teaching and professional contributions. He's also a generous donor, both to MSU College of Law and to his alma mater. Roumell's uncle, Steve, graduated from DCL in 1931. Supporting the school, Roumell says, is like supporting your family. In fact, Steve's granddaughter-in-law, Catherine Grosso, is now an assistant professor at the Law College.

"In order to get the best for your family, you have to invest," he says. "My uncle represented a phenomenon at DCL. He came to this country from Greece at the age of 12 speaking no English. At the age of 21, he graduated from DCL and passed the bar. Each generation brings a new focus to the school. Because of the opportunity the law school gave him, I wanted to give back to the family and help the family, either through scholarships or financing research, so that the opportunity is available for the next generation." 🍷

Alumni Profile

SUCCESSFUL ALUM FINDS TIME TO STAY INVOLVED

For Donald Nystrom, '00, a degree from MSU College of Law reinforced a commitment to building a life in Michigan.

Nystrom, chief operating officer of the private equity company Dynamic Industrial Group, graduated in 2000 as a member of the first class to spend all three years in the current Law College building. He was attracted to the school in part due to its extensive alumni network in the state.

"The Law College had been so successful in graduating successful attorneys in Michigan, and also the greatest number of judges in the state," Nystrom says. "It created an instant network that was unparalleled."

Nystrom has worked hard to reinforce that network of successful attorneys. During his second year at MSU Law, he created a "best brief" competition for first-year students that continues today. The contest has been named for Nystrom, who funds the annual prize.

At the end of his second year, Nystrom was elected editor of the *Michigan State Law Review* and worked hard to raise the publication's profile. During his tenure, the journal hosted a one-day telecommunications symposium in Washington, D.C., whose attendees included three former Federal Communications Commission chairs and featured Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia as the keynote speaker. A special issue of the *Law Review* followed.

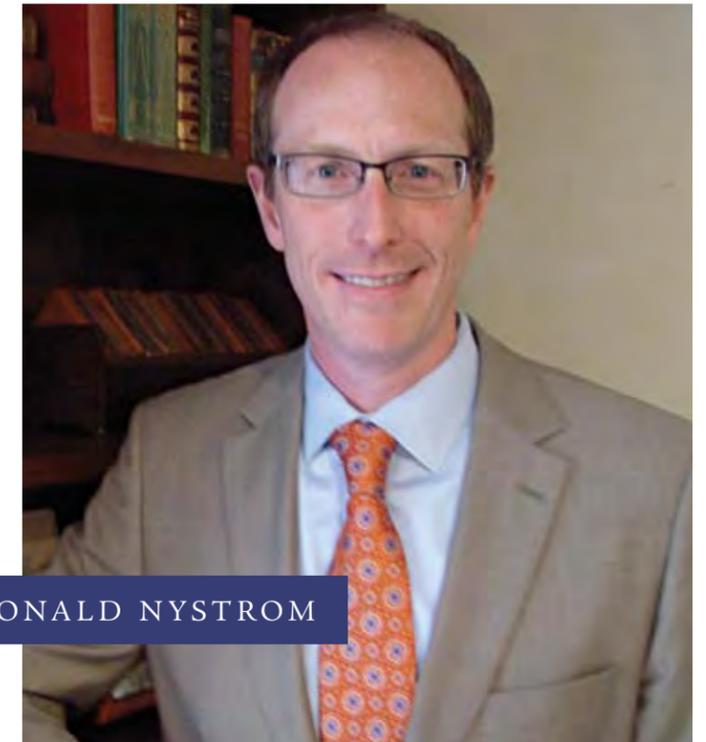
Nystrom interned with Miller Canfield and took a job at the firm right after graduation. During law school, he says, "I think most people, based on my personality, assumed I'd be a litigator." But he chose transaction at all work instead at Miller Canfield.

"I loved it," he says. "The law practice at Miller Canfield was really fantastic—the firm treated me really, really well."

After six years at the firm, Nystrom's father, a 1967 Detroit College of Law graduate, invited him to join a growing private equity investment group he co-founded. The group comprises five companies in the aerospace, defense, rail, and automotive industries.

"Each industry has its own nuances," Nystrom says. "Rather than working in one area of finance, I'm working in four."

Nystrom travels 200 nights a year for his work, making four to five annual trips to Europe. He still finds time to serve as



DONALD NYSTROM

president of the alumni association at Detroit Country Day School and to support MSU Law's programs. He recently agreed to help raise scholarship support for the *Law Review*.

His aspiration, he says, is to continue to grow the family business. He still finds his MSU Law education integral to the success of his work.

"We live in a world that is not only more litigious, but you don't walk through a door without signing a non-disclosure or confidentiality agreement," he says. "I think there are a lot of businesses that don't take the impact of that seriously enough. It's like paying for insurance: Insurance is really expensive until the day you need it. Law school training forces you to do that due diligence up front. I think we've ended up with better relationships, or more clarity in our relationships, than we otherwise would have." 🍷

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JEWISH LEGAL SOCIETY NETWORKING NIGHT

The Jewish Legal Society (JLS) held its 3rd Annual Student & Alumni Networking Night on March 15. Current and former members of JLS, along with other alumni and friends, met at the Detroit office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone to network and honor special guest Robert Roth, '77, who received JLS's Alumni Achievement Award for his ongoing contributions to the legal community. The event was hosted by Michael Traison, '83, from Miller Canfield.

■ (from left) Assistant Dean Elliot Spoon; Brett Manchel, 2L; Jason Weiner, '10; honored guest Robert Roth, '77; and Dean Joan Howarth.

ALUMNI NETWORK AND RAISE FUNDS AT MORTON'S

The MSU College of Law Alumni Association held the first-ever Alumni & Friends Outreach Celebration on February 10. The event, which was held at Morton's The Steakhouse, was hosted by Howard Victor, '77, and Gail Victor. The event provided an opportunity for alumni and guests to celebrate MSU Law's successes and plans for the future while providing much-needed support for Alumni Association-sponsored scholarships, mentoring and referral programs, and other initiatives. The event was sponsored by Thomas James, '05, and Angela James, MSU '98.



■ Dean Howarth hears Trustee Maurice Jenkins, '81, and Paul Schwab, '72, reminisce about DCL days gone by.



■ (from left) John Mills, '77, and Abi Obisesan, '09, compare their law school experiences.

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.

To submit your notes, please e-mail alumni@law.msu.edu or go to www.law.msu.edu/amicus.



Mark R. Flora

1960s

■ JOSEPH G. LUJAN, '69, was the 2011 recipient of the Judge Kaye Tertzag Purple Sport Coat Award.

1970s

■ JAMES L. BORIN, '72, was named Detroit Area Personal Injury Litigator of the Year for 2011 by Best Lawyers of America.

■ STEVE BERNSTEIN, '73, was recognized by the MSU Hillel Jewish Student Center with the Hillel Hero Award. MSU Hillel also is establishing a fund in Steve's name to support the center's academic and athletic programs.

■ MARK R. FLORA, '74, a partner at Constangy Brooks & Smith in Austin, Texas, was named a 2010 Texas Super Lawyer.

■ GRAHAM K. CRABTREE, '77, was re-elected as a member of the Michigan State Bar's Appellate Practice Section Council.

■ JOHN F. MILLS, '77, of Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, was listed as a Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit for 2011 by dBusiness Magazine.

■ GREGORY V. MURRAY, '78, of Vercruyse Murray & Calzone, served on a "Facilitating Settlement in the Federal System" panel presented in January by the Labor and Employment Law Committee of the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter.

■ ROBERT C. ANDERSON, '79, was appointed to the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys Board of Directors. He is the second attorney from Michigan to serve on the board, and the first to reside in the Upper Peninsula.

■ EDWARD J. CASTELLANI, '79, was appointed treasurer and a member of the board of directors at Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap.

■ SANDRA SCHULTZ MENGEL, '79, retired as chief clerk of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

■ ANDREW MUNRO, '79, recently joined U.S. Medical Management as its general counsel and executive vice-president for administration. U.S. Medical Management—which employs 180 physicians and 1,600 other employees in nine states—provides house call medicine, home health care, hospice services, and durable medical equipment to patients.



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1980s

■ THOMAS G. CARDELLI, '80, is celebrating the 20th anniversary of Cardelli, Lanfear and Buikema, the law firm he founded in 1991. The Royal Oak firm represents numerous well-known Fortune 500 companies.

■ KERRY L. MORGAN, '80, e-published an article titled "Unalienable Rights, Equality and the Free Exercise of Religion." The article warns that, absent civil and judicial recognition and respect of both the principles of equality and unalienable rights, there can be no genuine liberty—including religious liberty—for any person or citizen.

■ DOUGLAS R. MULLKOFF, '81, was awarded the Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan Chapter's 2010 Leonard R. Gilman Award, which recognizes outstanding practitioners of criminal law.

■ HOWARD R. BELKIN, '85, was appointed assistant professor of psychiatry at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

■ GREG C. HAMILTON, '85, was named a 2010 Five Star Wealth Manager by *Hour Magazine* and was voted as one of the top seven percent of estate planning attorneys in Michigan for 2010 by consumers, clients, and financial service personnel.

■ DAVID A. ROBINSON, '85, formed the partnership of Robinson Miller, which specializes in civil rights and personal injury law.

■ MELANIE T. FRAZIER, '86, became a shareholder of Howard & Howard.

■ VICTORIA ANN RADKE, '87, was elected chair of the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly for 2010-11.

■ PETER J. LUCIDO, '88, principal of the firm Lucido & Manzella and founder of the newly created *Macomb Now Magazine*, was named publisher of the magazine, which focuses on Macomb County and the vitality of its residents.

■ BOB A. NEATON, '88, was named general counsel for North American operations at Ally Financial (formerly GMAC).

1990s

■ The Honorable TONYA SCHUITMACHER, '93, was named chair of the Michigan Senate's Higher Education Committee.



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■ TERESA M. SEBASTIAN, '93, was appointed as senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary for Darden Restaurants.

■ NICHOLAS S. KAZMERSKI, '94, joined the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Legal Division as a senior attorney in the Special Issues Group. His article titled "Applying Money Laundering/Anti Terror Financing Controls to the U.S. Legal Profession" has been accepted for publication in the *Dartmouth Law Journal*.

■ RICHARD A. ROBLE, '94, was appointed as a special assistant attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan.

■ ANDREW J. MORGANTI, '97, was elected as chair of the State Bar of Michigan Antitrust, Franchising, and Trade Regulation Section.

■ DANIEL CHERRIN, '98, was elected to the State Bar of Michigan's Representative Assembly for the Sixth Circuit. He also was re-appointed to the State Bar's Standing Committee on Law and the Media and its Technology Committee.

■ ANTHONY EPPERT, '98, joined Winstead PC to practice in the areas of taxation, employee benefits, and private business.

■ SUSAN M. FRISHMAN, '98, was asked to speak at the Michigan Film Festival Gala, which was held on New Year's Eve in Novi.

■ WILLIAM B. OBERTS, '98, was selected by Law Bulletin Publishing as one of the "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch." He also has been recognized by Super Lawyers three years in a row as an Illinois Rising Star.

■ BRIAN P. MORLEY, '99, was re-appointed to the State Bar of Michigan's Character and Fitness Committee.

■ DAVID PETERSON, II, '99, joined Wolverine Mutual Insurance Company as its general counsel and claims manager. Peterson is responsible for handling the company's legal matters, as well as managing the staff and proceedings of its claims department.

2000s

■ MATTHEW S. FEDOR, '00, opened the Law Offices of Fedor, Camargo & Weston with two fellow MSU Law alumni.



Charles D. Meadows, '44,
on March 7, 2011

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on November 13, 2010

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on October 2, 2010

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on April 23, 2010

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on November 6, 2010

Joseph M. Migliore, Jr., '84,
on June 10, 2010

Joseph A. Lupton, Jr., '11,
on February 21, 2011

ALUMNI NOTES

■ SHANNON STEIN, '00, will serve as president of the Santa Clara County Bar Association for the 2011 term.

■ CAMERON R. MONTI, '01, was named a partner at Lavelle Law, a firm with offices in Palatine and Chicago. He reached partner faster than any other associate in the firm's history.

■ NICOLAS CAMARGO, '03, opened the Law Offices of Fedor, Camargo & Weston with two fellow MSU Law alumni.

■ JAMES L. LIGGINS, JR., '03, will serve as the first president of the Judge Charles A. Pratt Bar Association, the first minority bar association for Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties.

■ SHANNON BURKE, '05, joined the Chicago-based law firm Schiller DuCanto & Fleck, one of the largest U.S. firms that focus exclusively on family law.

■ MICHAEL O. FAWAZ, '05, was named a shareholder of the firm Howard & Howard.

■ ANDREW J. LaFAVE, '05, opened his own practice, the Law Offices of Andrew J. LaFave, in Orlando, Florida.

■ R. PAUL VANCE, '05, of Cline, Cline & Griffin, was named chair of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's Young Lawyers Section.

■ MICHELE R. REDBURN, '06, joined Piston & Carpenter in Troy as a new associate attorney specializing in immigration law.

■ MEGAN A. REYNOLDS, '06, of Legal Services of South Central Michigan's Farmworker Legal Services division, was promoted to managing attorney of legal services at the Battle Creek office.

■ TREVOR J. WESTON, '06, opened the Law Offices of Fedor, Camargo & Weston with two fellow MSU Law alumni.

■ ELIZABETH L. (KOSKI) NEVILLE, '07, was named staff attorney at CTB, Inc., where she will provide assistance and advice on the full range of the company's legal needs, including contracts, transactions, international law, and intellectual property.

■ NATHAN R. PIWOWARSKI, '07, was promoted to shareholder at the law firm of McCurdy, Wotila & Porteous, which has offices in Cadillac and Reed City.



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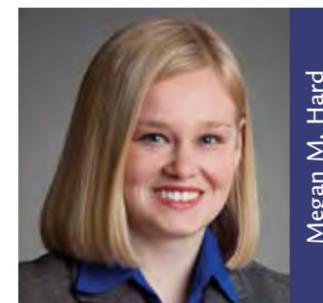
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■ LINUS BANGHART-LINN, '09, was hired as an assistant attorney general in the Michigan Office of the Attorney General's Appellate Division.

■ JACQUELINE DeLUCA, '09, is the only U.S.-licensed attorney practicing at Kiveld International Lawyers in the Netherlands.

■ JACOB P. WOOLBRIGHT, '09, joined the firm Howard & Howard. He will practice intellectual property law with a focus on patent preparation and prosecution.

2010s

■ STEPHEN W. BREY, '10, joined Bernick, Omer, Radner & Oullette as an associate attorney. His practice areas will include taxation, business, and estate planning.

■ RANDALL J. PECK, '10, was promoted from an intern to an associate at Howard & Howard. He will practice intellectual property law with a focus on patent preparation and prosecution.

■ SARAH E. COCHRAN, '10, joined Warner Norcross & Judd. She will practice business and civil law.

■ CATHERINE M. DERTHICK, '10, joined Plunkett Cooney following a 12-week summer associate program with the firm.

■ SCOTT P. GORDON, '10, joined Smith Haughey. His practice areas will include commercial litigation, insurance litigation, and insurance coverage.

■ MEGAN M. HARD, '10, joined Smith Haughey. She will practice in the areas of health law and medical malpractice defense.

■ ELISA J. LINTEMUTH, '10, joined Dykema as an associate in the litigation department. Her practice focuses on general litigation, with an emphasis on pharmaceutical and medical device litigation, employment litigation, and commercial litigation.

■ MEGAN E. SMITH, '10, joined Smith Haughey. Her practice areas will include commercial litigation and insurance defense litigation.

■ LINDSAY M. WEBER, '10, joined Smith Haughey. Her practice areas will include trusts and estates, probate litigation, and family law.

2010 MICHIGAN SUPER LAWYERS

The fall 2010 issue of *Amicus* included a list of Law College graduates who were named 2010 Michigan Super Lawyers. While investigating several reported omissions, we discovered that the following alumni unfortunately were identified with the wrong law school on the *Super Lawyers* website, and thus were missing from our earlier list:

Lawrence J. Acker, '77	Alan S. Helmore, '72	Debra Beth Pevos, '84
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Margaret A. Costello, '88	Theresa Smith Lloyd, '79	Robert J. Sharkey, '78
David R. Cripps, '83	Howard N. Luckoff, '87	David C. Stone, '76
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Thomas G. Hardy, '63	Eric M. Nemeth, '90	Steven W. Wells, '85

We regret that our original list was incomplete, and strongly encourage all Law College alumni—especially those who graduated during our days as Detroit College of Law—to confirm the accuracy of their records at www.superlawyers.com. Thank you to the following alumni, who graciously alerted us to this issue:

Edwin W. Jakeway, '61, a managing partner and owner of Jakeway, Jakeway & Jakeway

Norman L. Lippitt, '60, a founding shareholder of Hyman Lippitt and trustee emeritus at MSU College of Law

Theresa Smith Lloyd, '79, a partner at Plunkett Cooney

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