Editor’s Note: The last issue of Special Edition focused on the high quality of teaching at the Moritz College of Law. In this issue, we look at the “inspiration” factor that occurs in Moritz classrooms.

Law school is a life-transforming experience. Any law graduate will attest to that. From the first orientation session to the last walk across the platform to receive the J.D. degree, the years are filled with lots of “ah-ha” moments, where the light comes on in a once-dark intellectual area. One leaves law school having learned to think critically, to lead with distinction, and to consider the effects of actions on others. But each graduate can look back on those experiences and note a time that truly seemed inspired—a calling was changed, confirmed, or even discarded. One’s direction for even the next day was encouraged. Behind those moments was a professor who took the time to guide the students through a critical phase.

The demands of law school can also be cause for inspiration, according to Mike Flowers ’79, a partner with Bricker & Eckler in Columbus. He also remembers being partly terrified by Professor Michael Rose, who taught tax law.

“He was unrelenting in his demand for total classroom preparation,” Flowers says. “Everyone knew that it was far better to not come to class than to come to class and attempt to fake your way through the material.”

Because of the level of preparation required for Professor Rose’s class, Flowers says he learned to prepare well in other areas, which has served him throughout his entire legal career.

Even after the classroom days are over, graduates turn to their former professors for advice—and inspiration.

After his first year of teaching at the University of Cincinnati Law School, Mark Godsey ’93 received the Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching. It was the second award in as many years at as many schools. He’d received similar recognition while teaching at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. While it’s unusual to be recognized so early in one’s teaching career, it shouldn’t be a surprise, considering Godsey’s mentors in law teaching are Moritz professors Arthur Greenbaum, Lawrence Herman, James Meeks, and Gregory Travallo, several of whom have received awards for their teaching during distinguished careers.
Inspiration  (Cont. from page 1)

Godsey knew early in his law school career that he wanted to teach law. So it was only natural that he look at his own professors for encouragement. “They came prepared for class, and always were interested and enthusiastic about teaching,” he recalls. “They are role models who I hold myself up to and I try to model my classes after them.”

For Salvador Cicero-Dominguez ’98, who is an adviser for the Office of the Undersecretary for Global Issues and Human Rights in Mexico, it was Professor John Quigley who helped him realize the opportunities in human rights work. “He treats the issue with amazing even handedness and great enthusiasm.”

But it was after a situation where he called upon his former professor for assistance that Cicero-Dominguez began to understand the life lessons that Professor Quigley had quietly been sharing.

“All long after law school, I was in hot water with the U.S. Department of State because of the human rights advocacy work I was doing,” Cicero-Dominguez recalls. “They did not particularly like it and let’s just say they tried to make an issue of it. I asked Professor Quigley for help and he undertook my cause with great vigor, helping the Mexican government, and me, through the whole ordeal.”

Cicero-Dominguez also credits Professor Stanley Laughlin ’60 for helping him “think outside the box.” Professor Laughlin had encouraged Sal to consider an internship with the State Department. “The internship helped me see the great work American diplomats do on behalf of the U.S.,” he recalls. “It allowed me to meet Americans who had great knowledge and respect for the people and the countries they lived in as diplomatic officers.

The stories could go on. For each graduate, there is most likely at least one story about a faculty member who encouraged a student who was feeling down, helped him or her understand a concept better, or gave him or her a necessary nudge in a career decision.

(Editor’s note: Sandhya Bathija ’06 contributed to this story.)

Dean’s Note...

The Moritz College of Law often sends you articles about academic initiatives such as the new Washington, D.C. summer program and new joint faculty-student law journals. Another key element of the college’s effort to build a learning environment second to none is less tangible. That element is inspiration.

When I speak with alumni, I often hear about a faculty member who provided inspiration. “Professor Herman made me realize that I could write an outstanding brief, not just a competent brief.” “Professor Shipman became the voice inside my head at tough moments, reminding me that a lawyer should do good, and not just be minimally ethical.”

This issue of Special Edition focuses on the effects of inspiration on the ways that graduates approach their work and personal lives.

Nancy H. Rogers
Dean and Michael E. Moritz Chair in Alternative Dispute Resolution

The Rogers Prize in Dispute Resolution Scholarship was presented in April 2004. Receiving first place was Kristen M. Blankley ’04, Westlake, for her paper, “Confidentiality or Control: Which Will Prevail as Confidentiality and ‘Good Faith’ Negotiation Statutes Collide in Court-Annexed Mediations?” Second place went to Denton Whitney ’04, Twin Falls, Idaho, for his paper “Appropriate Processes for Establishing Mediator Quality Assurance Guidelines.” Pictured are Professor Joseph B. (Josh) Stulberg, director of the alternative dispute resolution program, Whitney, Blankley, and Dean Nancy H. Rogers, for whom the award is named.
Class of 2004 Receives Academic Hoods

The 2004 Spring Hooding Ceremony took place on May 7 at the Ohio Theatre in downtown Columbus. The day’s activities also included an honors convocation at the Ohio Theatre, and an all-class brunch at the Hyatt Regency at the Convention Center.

During the ceremony, James E. Meeks, the Jacob E. Davis Professor of Law, was recognized as Outstanding Professor. For the fourth year in a row, Jane K. Logan, office associate for Moritz Law registrar, received the Outstanding Staff Member Award. Nathaniel Stephen Orosz, Poland, received the Moritz Leadership Award, given to a member of the class who demonstrates leadership outside the classroom by involvement in university and college activities, student programs, and events. Erin Elizabeth Davies, Pemberville, and Erin J. Donovan, Bedford, shared the Harry S. and Georgina Lett Memorial Award, presented to students who demonstrate outstanding service to the Moritz College. The John J. Adams Memorial Award was given to Scott Woodson Davis, Cleveland, and Daniel Johnson Hendy, Cincinnati.

The first group of Moritz Scholars was in the Class of 2004. Pictured with members of the Moritz family are, left to right, row 1, Cathy Moritz Presper, Upper Arlington, Lou Ann Moritz, Columbus, Vincent Song-Gi Chiu, Columbus; row 2, Monica Grande, North Canton, Charles Christopher Bennington, Bellaire, Kristin Lee Seiffert, Girard, row 3, Edward Simon Gemmer, Lucasville, Kristopher James Armstrong, Columbus, Elizabeth Leigh Maia, Columbus, and Nolan C. Thomas, Dayton.

Robika LaTrice Garner ’04, Springfield, receives congratulations from Dean Nancy H. Rogers.

Vanderbilt University Chancellor and former president of The Ohio State University and Moritz Law faculty member, E. Gordon Gee, was the Hooding Ceremony speaker.

Student Bar Association President Rashad V. Chambers welcomed family members and friends of the graduates to the ceremony.

Matthew Emerson Douglas Besser ’04 and his dad, Howard R. Besser ’66, both of Shaker Heights.

Kenneth Boiarsky ’68 and his daughter, Megan Helene Boiarsky ’04, both of Houston, Tx.

Erin Elizabeth Strapp ’04 and her dad, Robert Martin Strapp ’68, both of Urbana.
Choe Named Student Housing Legal Clinic Director

Susan A. Choe ’96 is the new director and supervising attorney for the Ohio State University Student Housing Legal Clinic. The clinic represents students with landlord-tenant concerns, makes students aware of their rights relating to housing, and provides practical experience for second and third-year law students.

Choe began her new job in April 2004. “I like the interaction with the students,” she says. “The campus area has a variety of landlord-tenant issues where I hope we can make an impact.”

Prior to joining the Housing Clinic, Choe worked as a housing attorney in the special litigation and support unit of Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, where she did extensive litigation on Ohio landlord-tenant issues. She also served as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Columbus for two years, and later as supervising attorney of its affiliate, Legal Aid of Western Ohio, in Toledo. During her time at Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Choe was asked by the City of Toledo to provide comments and analysis on proposed predatory lending legislation.

Choe’s law school experience as a clerk for the Columbus civil rights firm Spader, Gittes, Schulte & Kolman provided a foundation for work in public interest law following graduation. Her mother’s politically active family in Korea also inspires her.

“That definitely impacted me,” Choe said, who immigrated to the United States with her parents when she was five years old.

As the clinic’s director, Choe wants to make more students aware of their housing rights.

Some new projects she has planned include creating a lecture series in dorms and developing presentations for various student organizations across campus.

In her spare time, Choe likes to cook and play piano. She also serves on the Ohio Board of Trustees for the Ohio NOW Education and Legal Fund.

—— Sandhya Bathija ’06

Election Law @ Moritz Covers Election Rules

Voter eligibility, campaign practices, redistricting, and gerrymandering - those are just a few of the topics covered by Election Law @ Moritz, a comprehensive election law project at Ohio State’s Moritz College of Law. Directed by Professor Edward B. (Ned) Foley, the project has the dual purpose of educating students and the public on legal issues surrounding elections and assisting the media in covering election law issues with accuracy.

Key features of the program are a web site, located at http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/electionlaw/, a conference on voting technology, and a series of panel discussions throughout the fall, which are open to the public.

The web site is an extensive resource on the laws governing federal, state, and local elections and is a complete and easy-to-access resource for Ohio election law. The site is updated frequently, as current issues in election law emerge. Also, it features a weekly comment on a timely election topic by a Moritz Law faculty member.

An afternoon conference on voting technology was held on September 23 at the Moritz College of Law. Also scheduled during September and October were three panel discussions on topics such as campaign finance, false campaign ads, and “The Legacy of Election 2000: If the System Fails Again.”

The Moritz Law faculty includes a cluster of professors who are nationally recognized experts in the areas of campaign finance regulation, voting rights litigation, the laws concerning voting machine technologies, and other uses of computer technologies in the electoral process. Among them (and their areas of expertise) are: Douglas Berman, felon disenfranchisement; James J. Brudney, regulation of lobbyists; Mary Beth Beazley, ballot design; Ruth Colker, disability access to voting; Terri L. Enns, 96 state and local elections; Katherine Hunt Federle, children and democracy; Edward B. (Ned) Foley, campaign finance, ballot access, democratic theory; David A. Goldberger, regulation of campaign speech; Steven Huefner, term limits, campaign finance, state and local elections; Dale Oesterle, referenda and initiatives; John a. powell, voting rights; Peter Shane, cyberdemocracy, redistricting, and Electoral College; Donald Tobin, campaign finance; and Dan Tokaji, voting technology, recount questions, democratic theory.

Just this year, these professors have been called upon to testify at the U.S. Senate, the Federal Election Commission, and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission on these topics. They have actively participated on a pro bono basis in cutting-edge litigation that defines the content of our nation’s election laws, including assisting Senators McCain and Feingold in the successful defense of their campaign finance reform law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

—— Bradley Smith, Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, kicked off the first Election Law @ Moritz event on September 15 with a discussion of campaign financing.
Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for the following activities. For more information, check the Moritz College of Law web site, http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/ or call 614-292-0283. Lectures may be webcast. Check the web site the day of the lecture for availability.

October 21, 2004
Election Law @ Moritz Panel
The Legacy of Election 2000:
If the System Fails Again?
Saxbe Auditorium, Noon
Panelists:
The Honorable Bob Taft, Governor of Ohio
Steven Huefner, Associate Professor and
Director of the Legislation Clinic
Peter Shane, Joseph S. Platt/Porter Wright
Morris & Arthur Professor of Law and
Director, Center of Law, Policy, and Social
Science
Daniel Tokaji, Assistant Professor
For more information, see
http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/electionlaw/.

October 30
Alumni Tailgate
Drinko Hall, 11:30 a.m.
free for all Columbus Area Alumni, a Tuscan
picnic prior to the Ohio State-Penn State
football game, and recognition of Mark
Godsey ’93 as Outstanding Recent Alumnus.
For more information, call
614-292-2937.

November 5, 2004
Center For Law, Policy, and
Social Science Lecture
The History of Homicide in the United States
Saxbe Auditorium, Noon
Randy A. Roth, Associate Professor,
Department of History,
The Ohio State University

December 10, 2004
The History of Ohio Law Conference
The Ohio Judicial Center, Columbus
Room 101, 65 S. Front Street
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The Ohio State University
For more information, contact Michael Les
Benedict at benedict.36@osu.edu or 614-292-5479.

January 12, 2005
Faculty Workshop
Legitimacy and the Constitution
Vorys Faculty Lounge (Room 314), Noon
Richard H. Fallon
Ralph S. Tyler, Jr. Professor of
Constitutional Law,
Harvard University

January 20, 2005
The Ohio State Journal on Dispute
Resolution’s Annual Symposium
The Collision of Two Ideals:
Legal Ethics and the World
of Alternative Dispute Resolution
Saxbe Auditorium, All Day
Focusing on the role of legal ethics in the
field of alternative dispute resolution (ADR),
panels will discuss a variety of topics, includ-
ing the ethics of court mandated ADR, the
proper role of courts in the enforcement of
private dispute resolution agreements, ethi-
cal questions facing practicing attorney and
non-attorney neutrals, and the existing ethi-
cal standards for ADR and their shortcom-
ings. For more information, contact Rebecca
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at marshall.250@osu.edu.

News Flash
Moritz Law Students Assist with
Supreme Court Case
The United States Supreme Court has granted
certiorari in Cutter v. Wilkinson, a case in
which attorneys associated with The Ohio State
University Moritz College of Law will argue
both sides. David Goldberger, Director of
Clinical Programs at Ohio State’s Moritz
College of Law will represent prison inmates
seeking protection of their statutory rights to
religious exercise, while Ohio Solicitor Douglas
Coe, who is on leave from the Moritz College
faculty, will represent the State of Ohio.
Students from the college will assist Professor
Goldberger in preparing documents for the
argument, which is expected after the first of
the year.

Berman Blogs on Blakely

Moritz Law Professor Douglas Berman
has become the go-to guy for infor-
mation regarding federal and state
sentencing guidelines in the wake of the U.S.
Supreme Court decision in Blakely v.
Washington. Since the late June decision in
which the Court declared unconstitutional
procedures used in the sentencing guidelines
in Washington state, Berman has provided
concise analysis of the ruling’s fallout through
his web log, or blog, called Sentencing Law
and Policy (http://sentencing.typepad.com).
As of press time, the blog has been averaging
more than 1,000 hits a day, with nearly
100,000 total visits since it went live on June
28. The blog has already been cited in at least
six federal court rulings, in congressional testi-
mony, and in numerous briefs filed with the
U.S. Supreme Court. Professor Berman has
consulted with judges, legislators and
lawyers, talked with the media, and been fea-
tured in the Wall Street Journal. (Watch for a
reprint of the Wall Street Journal article in the
Fall 2004 Law Record.)

Professor Douglas Berman

Another Great Idea from
MoritzLaw: FREE LUNCH!

Who says there’s no such thing as a
free lunch? On October 30, Central
Ohio alumni will be treated to a fabu-
loss lunch at a tailgate reception two hours
before the Penn State game.

Featuring a Tuscan-style buffet from Figlio,
a Columbus bistro owned by our own Peter ’83
and Laurie Danis ’82, the reception will be
held in the newly-renovated Lou’s Café. You’ll
get a sneak preview of the high-tech moot
courtroom and see progress on the Buckeye
Barrister Club, set to open next year.

Watch your mailbox for your invitation. To
update your address, please call 614-292-2937
or go to http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/alumni/
update_address/index.html.

Don’t miss it!
Celebrating 50 years since they graduated from law school, the Class of 1954 gathered for a reunion at the Scioto Country Club in Columbus on September 10.

Linda Ammons ’87, associate dean at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, was recognized by the Moritz Law Alumni Society with the Community Service Award during orientation activities for first year students on August 20. Recognized for her work on behalf of battered women, Ammons provides incoming students with a powerful example of the power of a legal education to change lives.