Participating in an overseas legal education program is so important that Professor James J. Brudney seems to consider it a necessity for the well-rounded law student. "Lawyers have to think outside the box and outside traditional national boundaries," he says. He also notes that a global perspective will help law students "understand the breadth and complexity of legal issues."

At the Moritz College of Law, those opportunities abound. Whether for a semester or a summer session, Ohio State law students can gain international exposure through various cross-cultural experiences throughout Western Europe, including study at the prestigious University of Oxford.

American law students should study abroad because "it's very good for students to see a different, yet related, legal system," according to Gregory M. Travallo, Lawrence D. Stanley Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs at Moritz Law. "I have had lots of students tell me this was the highlight of their law school experience. For some, it was even life changing since they made decisions about their career goals," recalls Travallo, who directed Moritz Law's program last summer at Oxford.

This year, law students from 12 other U.S. law schools, including Case Western, Pepperdine, and the University of Hawaii, joined their Ohio State peers in England for cross-cultural opportunities. In addition, students in their final year, or third-year students, may earn as many as six semester hours towards graduation from their respective law schools.

What makes the Oxford-Ohio State collaboration particularly unique is that Moritz professors teach in conjunction with their colleagues from Oxford, explains Travallo. (See International Education on page 2)

Benjamin Hill '07

Fulbright Recipient Studies Honduran Anti-Gang Law

The past year has been an eventful one for returning third-year Moritz College of Law student Benjamin Hill. Using a Fulbright award, he traveled to Honduras to work for 10 months on a research project of his own design, which focused on how an anti-gang law enacted in 2003 impacted the criminal justice system in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras.

The law criminalizes gang membership and has been used by police and military officers to arrest thousands of suspected gang members, often en masse. One facet of Hill's research involved compiling statistics on how many arrests, prosecutions, and convictions had resulted due to the law's passage. In addition, he interviewed gang members and former gang members to see how the law affected gang mentality. (See Honduras on page 3)
Since the inception of the Moritz Law summer program at the University of Oxford in 1990, nearly 750 students have participated, including more than 450 from Ohio State.

Brudney, the Newton D. Baker-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law, readily admits the law college’s Oxford study programs attracted him to the school. “I came to Ohio State in 1992 because of the summer programs. I love Oxford!” says Brudney, who teaches labor and employment law.

Not only did he direct the college’s summer law program in 1998 and 2002, he helped design its semester program in Oxford, which began operating in the winter semester of 2006. The initial ABA site evaluation of the program concluded, “Every aspect of this program is excellent. The careful preparation and planning and the focus on establishing a very sound academic program to be offered in superior facilities resulted in what can serve as a model for others seeking to start a semester...law foreign study program.”

The semester-long program is a joint effort of Moritz and the University of Georgia School of Law. The program has slots for 20 second- or third-year law students each year. Attendees enroll in four courses earning 12 semester hours towards a Juris Doctor degree. The next Ohio State-Georgia law semester program at Oxford will be held from January 8 through April 20, 2007.

Just because participants are attending law classes far from the confines of their designated law schools does not mean this is a vacation. “The program is rigorous academically,” stresses Brudney. Sponsoring such a unique educational opportunity also says a great deal about the law schools overseeing it, he says. “It demonstrates the law school’s commitment to expanding the horizons of its students,” he says.

Participants benefit from the program in another, albeit initially less obvious way, says Brudney. “I have formed closer relationships with students while on overseas trips than usually is feasible” in Columbus, he says. This occurs not only because both faculty and students live in the same proximate area, but also because they also frequent the same eateries, coffee shops, and other establishments.

L. Camille Hébert, the Carter C. Kissell Professor of Law and an expert in employment law, taught in the Moritz Oxford program last summer for the second time. She agrees with Brudney. “It’s important for law students to see law in a different way than the American norm. As the world’s economies become more globalized and interwoven, lawyers will tackle legal issues with international ramifications. Therefore,” says Hébert, “law students should live overseas to educate and sensitize them to different perspectives about law.”

Students, who are interested in dispute resolution, may also choose to participate in cross-cultural study as part of the E.C. - U.S. ADR Fellows Program. A partnership between three U.S. law schools (Moritz, Cardozo, and Hamline) and three European schools (The University of Rome, The Catholic University of Paris, and University of Deusto in Bilbao, Spain), the aim of the program is the “development of international, cross-disciplinary alternative dispute resolution curricula.” A student in good standing at any of the six institutions is eligible to become involved.

A demanding requirement of this program is that participants must be fluent in the native tongue of the country in which they will be study-

“IT DEMONSTRATES THE LAW SCHOOL’S COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING THE HORIZONS OF ITS STUDENTS”

— by Tami Kamin-Meyer

Ritu Singh, now a third-year student at Moritz Law, on her way to see Anne Hathaway’s house in Stratford-upon-Avon.
Steve Vogel ’78 has loved working and traveling abroad. The summer before he started law school, he bought a Eurailpass and toured Europe for more than two months. Since receiving his law degree, he has spent more than two decades in the London office of Fulbright & Jaworski.

It’s an experience Vogel wants to share with current Moritz College of Law students. For that reason, he established a $4,000 annual scholarship that will provide a study-abroad opportunity for a first-year student interested in international law.

“This will give someone a chance to go to Europe…a student who has demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in international law,” Vogel says.

Vogel entered the world of foreign lawyers in 1983 when he was asked to transfer to London by Fulbright & Jaworski, the firm he had joined in 1981. “Having had the opportunity to travel in Europe,” Vogel recalls, “I accepted immediately.” He became a partner at the firm in 1989 and was named partner in charge of the London office, which employs 22 lawyers, primarily British solicitors as well as Americans, in 2003.

From his office overlooking the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, he specializes in international transactions and works with lawyers throughout the world. He has found that a European practice is rewarding. What surprised him are the similarities in the practice of law everywhere.

“English lawyers, French lawyers, African lawyers—once one cuts through the superficial differences, the actual practice of law and dealing with clients is very similar, both the issues that one must deal with, and aiding and counselling one’s clients. That shouldn’t be a surprise, but it was to me,” he notes.

He visits Columbus about once a year, enabling him to continue to be involved in the life of the law school and to counsel students about the opportunities for practicing abroad. He also served as a panelist for the Moritz Law Conference of Senior Corporate and Outside Counsel.

“I think it’s a wonderfully generous spirit,” says Nancy H. Rogers, dean of the law school, “that led Steve Vogel to care deeply about students following in his path at Ohio State and wanting them to have the opportunity that he enjoyed.”

— by Gary Libman

Honduras (Cont. from page 1)

“Gangs are a big problem in Central American countries like Honduras, partly because of the inefficiencies of the police and criminal justice systems, and partly because of poor economies leading individuals into crime as a means of livelihood,” Hill said.

While he notes that the general public’s sentiment is that the law has been highly effective in reducing gang violence, his research would indicate otherwise. “Gangs in Honduras are like Al Qaeda, in that the threat is real, and people are afraid; as a result the executive branch has pushed through security laws that are politically popular, but at the same time ultimately ineffective,” said Hill.

Although it is difficult to prepare oneself for an experience in a developing country, he was able to apply the legal principles he was taught at Moritz Law. The strong theoretical foundation in criminal legal theory he received in Professor Joshua Dressler’s Criminal Law class, for example, made it easier for him to analyze a criminal justice system different from ours.

Living in Tegucigalpa, Hill met “some of the most amicable and selfless people in the world,” and he is confident he will maintain the friendships he made in the years to come. His experience in researching public policies regarding gangs has made him realize the importance communication and cooperation play in remedying what he classifies as “a truly international problem.” He says, “One thing that is widely known, and somehow widely forgotten, is that problems are solved by people talking to other people, and that is what the Fulbright Program is all about.”

Hill says his experience in Honduras makes him approach the 2006-2007 school year from a “completely different perspective.” Thanks to the support he received from friends, professors, and administrators at Moritz, he was witness to the struggles faced by people in a developing nation. As an attorney, he feels he will be even more empowered to bring about the change he would like to see in the world.
Dean Nancy H. Rogers has announced an innovative leadership initiative at the Moritz College of Law that will award up to 75 full or partial new three-year scholarships to high achieving candidates who demonstrate strong leadership potential.

“We are responding to alumni suggestions,” explains Dean Rogers, “that future graduates would be outstanding leaders earlier in their careers if the college provided specialized coursework, experience with feedback, and contact with graduates who are successful leaders.” The new program is available for those entering in the Fall, 2007.

The new initiative is designed to recruit high ability students who are serious about maximizing their leadership potential. In exchange, the college will offer each Leadership Scholar the opportunity to work with an advisor to develop an individualized leadership plan based on distinctive strengths and goals.

Leadership Scholars will cultivate consensus building skills through Moritz’s nationally-ranked dispute resolution courses, clinics, competitions, and certificate program. The dispute resolution program builds a skill set future lawyers and leaders need — training in an array of dispute resolution methods beyond litigation, including negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.

Scholars may earn academic credit as they work with lawyers and policy makers at the highest levels of government in the Moritz Law Washington, D.C. summer program. The D.C. program offers students the ability to gain experience at both the national and international levels. The ethics course features numerous guest speakers who are experienced in all aspects of government and public service.

Leadership Scholars may choose to study for a semester or summer at the University of Oxford in a Moritz Law international program that is rich with academic and cultural experiences. The program is designed to give them insight into international and comparative law, conflicts, and the challenges of leadership in a global community.

Scholars can earn insight into judicial decision making as a student judicial extern or a post-graduate judicial clerk. Students will be guided every step of the way by Moritz Law faculty, half of whom have served as federal judicial clerks, including six with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Participants will observe the deliberative and strategic processes of state government as they work with elected and appointed officials through the Moritz Legislation Clinic. In placements, as well as class sessions, students will learn to research and analyze current and potential legislative issues, and understand the challenges of information sharing in a partisan context.

Mentoring is a critical aspect of the Lawyers as Leaders program. Scholars will learn by example from attorneys whose careers reflect the highest ideals of the profession in the Mentoring and More @ Moritz program, which serves as a bridge between the theory and the practice of law. The program offers a series of luncheon events at the Barrister Club throughout the school year, each featuring a prominent speaker addressing pressing issues and current trends in the law, followed by discussion between mentors, students, faculty, and guests.

“We believe the confluence of high achieving student potential and Moritz Law resources is an ideal environment for the cultivation of serious leaders,” says Dean Rogers. “That belief is grounded in the success of our graduates who have distinguished themselves as leaders in a variety of professional and community settings.”
Article on the Infamous ‘Central Park Jogger’ Case offers Lessons in False Confessions

Editor’s Note: The issue of false confessions raises disturbing questions about the reliability of the justice system. The recent arrest and subsequent release of John Mark Karr who claimed to have murdered JonBenet Ramsey led the national media to Moritz Professor Sharon L. Davies. MSNBC, USA Today, FOX News, Court TV, and a host of other media outlets relied on her scholarship, analysis, and expert commentary to inform the public. This digest of her recent article in the New York University Review of Law and Social Change about the Central Park jogger case explores what can be done to reduce convictions based on false confessions.

In 1989, five Latino and African American boys were convicted after confessing – though later recanting – to the brutal rape and near-fatal beating of a 29-year-old investment banker who was jogging in Central Park. Thirteen years later, the boys were completely exonerated after a known serial rapist and convicted killer named Matias Reyes confessed to the crime, and DNA evidence clearly corroborated his ghastly, if belated, admission.

By the time the state of New York conceded its error, all of the boys had already served lengthy prison terms and been released. Sharon L. Davies, John C. Elam/Varys Sater Designated Professor of Law, asks what good can come from this 20th century urban tragedy. Her in-depth examination of the case in the latest edition of the New York University Review of Law and Social Change proposes changes in the way courts examine recanted confessions to reduce the number of convictions based on false confessions.

"If the time-tested interrogation techniques used in the Central Park case could produce five false confessions within a forty-eight hour period, it is likely that the same techniques produced similar results in the past, and will produce them again," Davies writes. "This alone should convince us of the necessity to explore where the fault lines of interrogation techniques lie and what can be done to minimize their most harmful consequences.”

Davies argues that a body of legal and social science research on false confessions demonstrates their reality, and five false confessions obtained in connection with the Central Park jogger attack provides powerful reason for reform. She recommends that trial judges who are asked to admit disavowed confessions into evidence (most confessions, when challenged, are not disavowed but are challenged on other grounds) should be required to perform an analysis of the reliability of the confession — “the same type of gatekeeping role they currently perform when screening witness testimony or expert evidence. This proposal dovetails with existing evidentiary rules, has historic support, and is consistent with Supreme Court precedent that has identified evidentiary law as the proper vehicle for addressing reliability concerns.”

The proposed reform contemplates revising existing courtroom procedure rather than police procedure because research shows that contemporary interrogation techniques lead to true confessions in the vast majority of interrogations conducted. Davies argues, however, that implementing a new reliability review procedure in the courtroom will create positive incentives for change in the interrogation room (such as tape recording all interrogations) as police and prosecutors adjust to the fact that when a confession is challenged on grounds of falsity, they will have to demonstrate its reliability. “...[T]he proposal offers judges a way to navigate their new role by having them ask a litany of precise questions designed to probe the accuracy of a disavowed confession. To those concerned with overzealous gatekeeping, it should be evident that in the vast majority of cases these very questions will quickly establish the truthfulness of the challenged confession.”

Sharon L. Davies is the John C. Elam/Varys Sater Designated Professor of Law at the Moritz College of Law and has been a member of the faculty since 1995. A Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar at the Columbia University Law School, she worked as an associate attorney for Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C. and Lord, Day & Lord Barrett Smith in New York City following graduation. For five years she served as an assistant United States attorney in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office in the Southern District of New York, widely thought to be the premiere U.S. Attorney’s Office in the country.

Professor Davies teaches criminal law, criminal procedure (police practices), and evidence. Her primary research focus is in the area of criminal law and procedure and her articles have been published in a variety of leading journals including the Michigan Law Review, the Duke Law Journal, the Southern California Law Review, and Law and Contemporary Problems. She is also a co-author of a leading treatise on health care fraud, Medicare and Medicaid Fraud and Abuse (West Group 2001-2002).
1960’s

Stuart Schneck ’67 has been appointed to the position of general counsel for Sipex Corporation in Milpitas, Calif., where he oversees all legal matters of the semiconductor company.

1970’s

John Madigan ’73 has been named the law director for the City of Toledo. He joined the city as an assistant city prosecutor in 1974 and his assignments have included serving as chief prosecutor and as general counsel.

W. Charles Curley ’78, of Weston Hurd LLP, Columbus, has been elected president of the United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Central Ohio board of directors. He has been a member of the board for two years and has served as vice president and chairman of the membership committee.

1980’s

Roland Bauer ’80 has been appointed to the University of Akron board of trustees for a term ending July 1, 2009. He is currently the president and chief executive officer of The Cypress Companies, Inc.

Susan T. Stead ’84, a partner at Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst, Columbus, was a featured speaker at the American Bar Association’s annual meeting in August. She participated in a panel discussion titled “Getting to the Truth: Attorney/Client Privilege, Ex Parte Communications, Undercover Investigations, and other Legal and Ethical Issues.” She focused on the regulatory perspective and spoke on confidentiality laws that apply in regulatory matters.

James S. Wertheim ’85 has been elected as a new member of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC’s Cleveland office. He practices in all areas of commercial and business, consumer finance and class action, and complex litigation.

1990’s

Evan D. Rossio ’88 has opened a law office in Grand Rapids, Mich. The firm focuses on real estate & business law. To learn more about the practice, see www.rossiolaw.com.

Sarah J. Mugel ’89 has been named assistant vice president of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, the utility segment of National Fuel Gas Company, Williamsville, N.Y. She joined National Fuel in 1993 as an attorney in the Legal Department. She is also a member of the Leadership Buffalo Class of 2006 and a recipient of Business First’s “40 Under 40 Award” in 2001.

Robert J. Creamer ’90 completed his first triathlon in July 2006 and also ran in Connecticut’s oldest eight-mile race. He has been appointed treasurer of Regional Hospice of Western Connecticut, the largest hospice in Connecticut and is entering his 14th year in private practice, concentrating in estate, tax, and trust law. He and his wife, Randie, live in Ridgefield, Conn.

Brigid E. Heid ’90, a shareholder at Luper Neidenthal & Logan, Columbus, has been elected president of the board of trustees for the Legal Aid Society of Columbus for 2006-2007. She has been a member of the board for eight years and will oversee community projects benefiting the large Spanish and Somali populations in Columbus.

Elizabeth J. Watters ’90, of Chester Willcox & Sasbe LLP, Columbus, has been elected to the Ohio State Bar Association Council of Delegates as a District 7 (Franklin County) representative.

Kathleen A. Johnson ’93 was appointed by the Delaware County Commissioners to serve on the Delaware Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services board. She and her husband, Richard Schnipke, reside in Westerville.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS:
Cincinnati: 5:30 p.m., December 7, 2006, The Westin Cincinnati
Toledo: 5:30 p.m., December 14, 2006, the chambers of Judge David A. Katz ’57
For more information, contact Carrie S. Brady (614) 292-0601 or brady.1301@osu.edu.
A movie written by Hanz Wasserburger '97, Columbus, was broadcast on Lifetime Network in September. Her Fatal Flaw is a story about a state attorney named Laney (Victoria Pratt), who puts her career on the line to defend the man she loves against a murder charge. Wasserburger resides in Bexley with his wife, Nina Persons Wasserburger '97 and their two sons, Wesley and Mason.

Justin K. Schwartz '98 has been named a visiting professor at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Ill. He is teaching Civil Procedure II and a seminar on white-collar crime.

Brad M. Johnston '98 has been named a partner at Hale Lane Peek Dennison and Howard in Reno, Nev. He was also elected as the chairman of the firm's litigation practice group. A resident in the firm's Reno office, he practices in all areas of commercial litigation throughout the state of Nevada.

Craig T. Byrnes '99 was named a Southern California Rising Star Super Lawyer for 2006. His practice, located in Los Angeles, Calif., focuses on employment law.

2000's

Fred Gaona III '00 has joined the Dallas firm of Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. after spending two years as an associate at Baker & McKenzie. He practices in the area of employment litigation. Gaona and his wife, Marisa Parra-Gaona, welcomed their first child, Gabriela Elena, on September 15. Gabriela weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces at birth and was 20 inches long.

Ron Lanton '03 has been named to the newly created position of industry analyst at H.D. Smith, Springfield, Ill., the country's fourth largest national pharmaceutical wholesaler. In this position, he provides the company with analysis of state and federal legislation to determine its possible impact on the pharmaceutical wholesale industry.

Albert J. Sauline III '04 married Anna Zemlyankina in Hubbard, Ohio on June 24, 2006. They reside in Panama City Beach, Fla. where he works as an assistant state attorney for the 14th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Jameel S. Turner '04 has recently qualified as a certified National Football League contract advisor. He is an attorney with the Columbus law firm of Bailey Cavalieri LLC.

Rita DeCaria '05 is the marketing director at Bernstein Law in Pittsburgh, Pa.
EXTERNSHOLARSHIPAWARDED

Third-year student Lisa Jones, Twinsburg, is the recipient of a Federal Bar Association Extern Scholarship. She was selected by the officers of the Columbus chapter of the Federal Bar Association and will serve as an extern in the chambers of United States District Judge Algenon Marbley during second semester.
Migrant farm worker women - often isolated by language, immigration status, and economic constraints - face special challenges when confronted with problems in the workplace. A prestigious post-graduate fellowship from Equal Justice Works and funding from the Florida Bar Foundation helped Fremont, Ohio native Mónica Ramírez Guerrero ’03 create a Florida program to address the unique needs of migrant women who have fallen victim to sexual harassment and other forms of gender discrimination in the fields. Guerrero’s hope was to use her experience in Florida to create a template that could be replicated by other farm worker advocates nationwide.

That hope is being realized. Earlier this year, she joined the Southern Poverty Law Center, in Montgomery, Ala., taking her project, now known as Esperanza: The Immigrant Women’s Legal Initiative, with her as part of the Center’s Immigrant Justice Program (IJP). With IJP support, Esperanza becomes a regional effort.

On October 27, Guerrero was honored by The Ohio State University Alumni Association with the William Oxley Thompson Award. It is given annually for early career achievement to young alumni who have demonstrated distinctive achievement in their careers, civic involvement, or both. The goals of Esperanza, which means “hope” in Spanish, include informing the public about the widespread problem of workplace gender discrimination, educating immigrant women about their rights, and litigating gender discrimination cases against companies breaking the law.

“Every person deserves to go to work in a place that is free from harassment,” Guerrero says. “We will not tolerate rape, discrimination, or any form of harassment in the workplace or any place. We’re living in a time when anti-immigrant sentiment runs high, and we need to band together to spread this message.”

The Center’s efforts will not be limited to farm worker women, but will address gender discrimination of low-wage immigrant women in other labor forces as well, including hotel and service industries and meat-packing plants.

Guerrero honed her strong organizational and leadership skills at Moritz. She served as 2003 president of the Moritz Student Bar Association. Guerrero organized a number of successful service projects while president and demonstrated an unusual ability to delegate and cultivate leadership skills among her peers. At graduation, Dean Nancy H. Rogers and Lou Ann Moritz presented her with the 2003 Moritz Leadership Award. Then-Assistant Dean Amee McKim said of Guerrero, “She has exhibited strong leadership skills and legal talent throughout her time at Ohio State. I have no doubt she will excel and make a real and tangible difference for these women.”

Inspired by Mónica’s work? We are. Many Moritz alumni are working on the front lines of important social issues, breaking new paths in their chosen fields, giving back to their communities. We want to shine a spotlight on those who go above and beyond. Please take a few moments to nominate your hard-working colleagues at http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/alumni/docs/awards-nomination.pdf. They can inspire us all to make a difference.

Mónica Ramírez Guerrero ’03 (center) with Linda Thomas Brooks, a member of the Ohio State Alumni Association Board of Directors and chair of the Alumni Awards Committee (left), and Archie Griffin, president of the Ohio State Alumni Association. (Photo by Tom Watson)
Upcoming Events

JDR Symposium
Looks at End of Life Decisions
The annual Ohio State Journal on Alternative Dispute Resolution symposium will look at both moral and legal struggles surrounding end of life decisions. Alternative Dispute Resolution Strategies in End of Life Decisions will explore the challenges of using dispute resolution techniques to help resolve health care conflicts that affect families, as well as legal and medical professionals, in crisis. The one-day program will be held January 18, 2007 in Drinno Hall's Sade Auditorium, located at 55 West 12th Avenue, Columbus.

For more information, see http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/jdr/symposium.html or contact symposium co-chairs Joy Garnett (garnett.10@osu.edu) or Rebecca Gonzales (Gonzales.90@osu.edu).

Future of Patent Reform is Topic of Symposium
As Congress considers major reforms to the patent system, a symposium at the Moritz College of Law will also contemplate whether change is necessary. The event is hosted by the Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies and I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society.

Scheduled to be held February 23, 2007 in Sade Auditorium at Drinno Hall, 55 West 12th Avenue, Columbus, The Future of Patent Reform will bring representatives from business, government, law practice, legal academia, and the nonprofit and university sectors to address important questions for the patent system and innovation today.

For more information, contact Sol Bermann, (614) 688-4192 or bermann.1@osu.edu, or see http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/cilps/events/patent_reform/.

In Memoriam

John P. McMahon '42 died May 24, 2006. He began his law career as an associate at the law firm of Dargusch Caren Greek & King, where he later became a partner. He then became a founding partner of George Greek King & McMahon, which ultimately merged with the firm of Baker & Hostetler. John practiced at Baker & Hostetler until 1989. He was considered an expert on transportation matters involving the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. A member of the Moritz Law National Alumni Council, he is survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1987; children, Colleen McMahon of Bronxville, N.Y.; Kevin McMahon of Jackson, Tenn.; Patricia McCutcheon of Easton, Pa.; Brian McMahon of Santa Fe, N.M.; Barry McMahon of Upper Arlington; and Michael McMahon of Burlington, Vt., (and their spouses); 18 grandchildren; and two nieces and two nephews.

George W. Rooney '48 died April 30, 2006 in Akron at the age of 90. He was a senior partner with Roetzel & Andress for 50 years where he practiced labor law, including the private and public sector, employment law, and occupational safety and health law. He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughter, Catherine Ann Moore of Fairlawn; sons, Thomas D. of Chagrin Falls and George W. of Lakewood (and their spouses); 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

James F. Fell '69 died August 26, 2006 at the age of 61. A third-generation attorney, he began his career at law firms in New York and in Los Angeles, where he became a partner at McKenna & Fitting. In Boise, Idaho, he served as an attorney and administrator with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. In 1981, he moved to Portland, Ore., where he served as general counsel and deputy director of the Northwest Power Planning Council, then joined Stoel Rives as a partner. He was widely considered one of the top public utility lawyers in the Northwest. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Betty; daughter, Jennifer Fell; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Stacey Fell-Eisenkraft; two grandchildren; his mother, Bibianne Caroline Franklin; step-mother, Virginia Urbanski Fell; brothers, George '66, Richard, Charles '71, and John Fell; sisters, Madelyn Fell and Dorian Fitz; and other family members.

James Lawrence Fullin '72 died March 29, 2006 in Madison, Wis. at the age of 58. For nearly 30 years, he served the citizens of Wisconsin as an attorney for the state, and he served on the Madison School Board from 1986 to 1992. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; his son, Jim of Tucson, Ariz; his daughter, Katy Reeder and her husband, Gordon, of Roland, Iowa; and a granddaughter.

William Joseph Fleck Jr. '74 died April 21, 2006. He was 59. He was a partner in the firm of Beauchamp, Noel & Fleck. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; children, Rebecca Beauchamp, Anne Beauchamp, and Emily Geygan, and their spouses.

Other reported deaths:


James E. Zinchak '56, August 8, 2006, Cincinnati
Frank A. Ray ’73, a partner in the firm of Chester, Willcox & Saxbe LLP, was recognized by the Moritz College of Law with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The honor, presented during the tailgate prior to the Ohio State vs. Penn State football game on September 23, honors Ray for his commitment to the Columbus community, and his dedication to the college.

Ray shares his enthusiasm for the law and his expertise as a trial lawyer with students by teaching Trial Practice courses as an adjunct faculty member. Out of his care for students and love of the courtroom, Frank was responsible, in part, for the college's successful $350,000 moot courtroom renovation, co-chairing the fundraising committee for the project.

Entering his seventh year on the college's National Council, the dean's alumni advisory group, Ray is always interested in helping fellow alumni connect with the college. He helped organize a golf outing for the 25th reunion of his law school class, and served as chair of the committee for his 30th law school reunion.

Ray is a member of the Henry Folsom Page Society, which recognizes the school's most generous and loyal donors. Most recently, he joined Moritz’ Investing in Momentum campaign committee. He and his wife, Carol, established a scholarship that will provide a student with three years of in-state tuition.

Ray has made great contributions to the Columbus community as a whole. During his tenure as chair of the Columbus Bar Association (CBA) Professionalism Committee, he initiated a number of projects designed to enhance the treatment of and service provided to clients. He also served on the CBA Board of Governors and as the CBA President in 2001. As president, Ray spearheaded efforts to maintain and improve the CBA's pro bono program, Lawyers for Justice, as well as provide support for the Legal Aid Society of Columbus.

Ray's passion for the practice of law, commitment to the advancement of the legal profession, guidance for the young law students who follow in his footsteps, and loyalty to his alma mater all combine to make him a deserving recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dean Nancy H. Rogers congratulates Frank A. Ray ’73 on being named Distinguished Alumnus
WRITING HONOR FOR ROBINSON

Michelle Robinson ’06 has won honorable mention in the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution’s James B. Boskey Essay Contest for her paper, “Mediator Certification: Realizing Its Potential and Coping with its Limitations.”
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