Former Dean, Retiring Professor
Known for Personal Touch in Classroom

When James Robenalt went to his torts class for the first time, his professor, James Meeks, instantly impressed him.

“Professor Meeks pulled me aside after class and said, ‘I think I had your dad in class. Robenalt, right? You look kind of like him.’ I was very flattered,” Robenalt recalls.

“What an amazing memory and it shows how much he cares about his students.”

Robenalt, now a rising third-year student at Moritz Law, is just one of the many students who appreciate how much Meeks cares about his students. Over the years, Meeks has affected and influenced generations of students, which is why students, faculty, and staff are sad to see him retire after spending 28 years at the college.

“He always looks for the best in people,” says Dean Nancy Rogers, who has known Meeks for his full 28 years at the college. “Despite all his accomplishments, there is never a hint of arrogance. I admire him greatly and he has been a tremendous resource for me. He is always willing to offer his counsel whenever I ask.”

Meeks joined the faculty in 1978 as dean and served in that position for seven years before he decided to return to the classroom full time. He has taught antitrust, advanced antitrust, torts, advanced torts, legal writing, law and economics, and various editions of public utility courses.

Over the years, he has seen quite a few changes at Moritz Law.

“Probably the two most significant are the changes in the student body mix to include many women and minorities,” he says. “The other is the advent of the computer and how that changed how everyone in the law school does things.”

Meeks knew he wanted to teach straight out of law school. He graduated from Columbia Law School in 1963, and after a year working for Judge Carl McGowan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, he began searching for teaching jobs. He landed at the University of Iowa, where he taught torts, family law, and antitrust law in his first year of teaching. During his tenure there, he also served as associate dean from 1973 until 1976. He left the faculty at Iowa in 1978, when he came to Ohio State.

“I liked the idea of leading a faculty and trying new things,” Meeks says about being a dean. “I was interested in running a law school, and I also taught some classes while I was dean.”

Rogers recalls Meeks as an innovative dean, and during his time at the helm, says he was influential in starting the Dispute Resolution Program and the Journal on Dispute Resolution.

“He was very supportive of junior faculty,” Rogers says. “He wanted the best for his students and thought he could achieve that by developing the faculty to be the best it could be.”

Not content to isolate himself in the law school, Meeks served the greater university.

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MOTIVATION FOR SMALL SECTIONS

The first law school class Professor Meeks taught at Iowa had 180 students. It was the impetus for him to implement smaller class sizes for first-year students when he arrived at Ohio State.

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Judge Jeffery Hopkins ’85 knows that education is the key to understanding and advancement. Offering opportunities for learning has become the focus of his leadership as president-elect of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and as co-chair of the Seventh Biennial Just the Beginning Foundation Conference. For him, nurturing others’ potential has become a vocation.

His participation in these organizations is not by coincidence, since the common thread linking the two is the emphasis on education and the improvement of the practice of law; his commitment to these goals emanates from his inspiring clerkship with Honorable Alan E. Norris, 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Hopkins will begin his term as National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) president in October 2006, one month before its annual conference, which will be held November 1–4 in San Francisco. The NCBJ hosts one of the largest annual conferences of lawyers — nearly 2,000 attended the 2005 conference in San Antonio. Its membership includes 95 percent of all bankruptcy judges in the country. As a component of the NCBJ educational initiative, Judge Hopkins is creating a program, scheduled to launch in 2007, which will feature national and international speakers discussing matters of insolvency and bankruptcy restructuring practices. In addition, the judge has taught classes on bankruptcy law at the University of Cincinnati for nearly four years.

It is not surprising that Judge Hopkins’ penchant for education would lead him to the Just the Beginning Foundation (JTBF). JTBF is a nonprofit organization whose members reflect broad-based diversity across racial groups and disciplinary training who share the common goal of commemorating and disseminating information about the contributions of African Americans to the federal judiciary. Judge Hopkins began attending JTBF conferences in 1998 because he enjoyed the educational component. He recognized that the conferences posed educational and networking opportunities for both students and lawyers and notes that many students have obtained clerkships through meeting federal court judges at these JTBF conferences.

This year, the JTBF conference will be held September 21–24 in Cincinnati. The conference will include various panel discussions—one in particular will give high school and college-aged students who are interested in practicing law an opportunity to talk directly to federal judges about their experiences on the bench.

One would think that Judge Hopkins’ leadership positions in both the NCBJ and the JTBF would prevent him from taking on additional service responsibilities, but that is not the case. Currently, he serves on the boards of two nonprofit organizations: the Queen City Foundation and Working in Neighborhoods (WIN). The Queen City Foundation is a Cincinnati nonprofit organization that provides academic opportunities in independent schools both in Cincinnati and throughout the United States to talented minority students, as well as programming that furthers communication, socialization, and academic achievement among the students. WIN targets public housing residents and teaches them about finance and home ownership. Judge Hopkins has also served on the Moritz Law Alumni National Council since 2004.

Recalling a lesson that his mentor, former Columbus mayor and city attorney, Gregory S. Lashutka, taught him, Judge Hopkins says, “You have to pay forward—because you cannot pay back.” Following that advice, he has reached out to others through his leadership in educational initiatives. It is an expression of his gratitude to those who reached out to him.

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Jim Oliphant ’92 is right where many Moritz College of Law graduates would love to be—in the corridors of power of Washington D.C., at the nexus of the events and decisions that shape this nation, and among the politicians, lobbyists, law firms, and judges who play in front of and behind the scenes.

But Jim is not one of the players. He is happily on the outside looking in, documenting the machinations as the editor-in-chief of Legal Times, a weekly newspaper, and LegalTimes.com, its online component.

“I feel lucky to do what I get to do,” he says. “I get to have interesting conversations with people all day long. It is hard to imagine doing something else.”

Coming out of Ohio State in 1989 armed with a bachelor’s degree in journalism, the Upper Arlington native was set to embark on his career. But he ran into a slight problem—no jobs. So, he put his writing aspirations on hold and enrolled in law school.

Upon graduation from the Moritz College of Law, Jim moved to Cleveland and began working as a commercial litigator, a job he held for five years before deciding it was time to return to his original professional goal.

“Law is a great profession with great people, but it was not my niche,” he says, noting that his wife, Candace Beck, and his father, James Oliphant ’71, are lawyers, as was his grandfather. “But I haven’t gotten far from it. I loved law school and loved the ideas and issues. It has helped me get where I am now. It gave me the tools to analyze problems—and a healthy skepticism.”

Jim resumed the search for a job in journalism that he began eight years earlier. In 1997, he took a reporter job with the Daily Business Review in Miami covering the local legal industry.

“When I left Cleveland, Lake Erie was completely frozen over. Within a matter of weeks, I was walking on the beach in Miami. It was one of those great transitions that make you think anything is possible.”

After three years in sunny Florida, the Legal Times, a sister publication to the Daily Business Review, hired Jim to cover the U.S. Justice Department. It was an opportunity he knew he could not pass up.

“Working in D.C. was always a goal,” Jim says. “D.C. is a place where significant events occur. It is hard to articulate it without sounding like Jimmy Stewart. It is this big engine and it has always fascinated me. I wanted to decode it, learn the language. Some people want to go to New York and learn about finance or fashion. Some people want to go to L.A. and learn about entertainment. I wanted to go to D.C.”

Jim says the paper has a 30-year history in Washington D.C., at “the intersection of law, government, and politics.” It covers the courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the numerous law firms in the city, government agencies such as the Justice Department, and lobbyists.

“Chronicling power,” he calls it.

Aside from a diversion to New Mexico for a little more than a year between 2003 and 2004, Jim has been at the Legal Times since 2000, ascending from reporter, to news editor, to managing editor, and finally to editor-in-chief. He oversees a staff of 20 on the editorial side including reporters, copy editors, and photographers, who cover the day-in, day-out of D.C.

As an editor, Jim laments the fact that he doesn’t get the opportunity to write as much as he would like. He says there are times when he misses being in the field and immersing himself in a story, taking the people, events, and words and giving them meaning for readers.

Jim speaks as a happy, regret-free man. “I’d love to tell you this was my plan, but I never thought I’d end up in management,” he notes. “It’s surreal. I didn’t intend to be in charge, but the dominos fell into place. I don’t know what the future might hold.”

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Career Opportunities Expanding Nationwide

Increasingly Moritz Law students are expressing interest in beginning their careers outside Ohio. Many come from out of state and want to return home while others wish to explore larger legal markets. The Class of 2005 reflects this trend with permanent placements in Ohio, 20 other states, and the District of Columbia.

In response, the Career Services Office is working to expand career opportunities. For the first time, Moritz Law will partner with other schools and host several regional job fairs.

On July 13 and 14, the college will host a job fair in Washington D.C. These dates were selected to coincide with the conclusion of the Washington, D.C. summer program which provides about 20 students the opportunity to complete two courses, a three-unit exam class on “The Ethics of Washington Lawyering” and a two-unit externship class that places students with a broad range of governmental and public interest employers. Students participating in the job fair will have the opportunity to interview with private and public employers for paid summer clerkships or permanent positions beginning in 2007. C. William O’Neill Professor of Law Peter Swire, who supervises the Washington summer program, is helping recruit employers. To date, Ross Nixon, Steptoe and Johnson, Venable, Kirkland & Ellis, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, National Labor Relations Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Justice are participating.

A gathering of area alumni to meet students in town to interview will be hosted by Alan Briggs ’67 at Squire Sanders & Dempsey at 5:30 p.m., July 13.

On August 8 and 9, Ohio State is partnering with the University of Maryland to host a Chicago job fair. Students from both schools will interview with government and private sector employers. Representative employers include McDermott, Will & Emery, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Banner & Witcoff, Dykema Gossett, DLA Piper Rudnick, City of Chicago Law Department, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian, and the Cook County Office of the Public Defender. A gathering for local alumni to meet Moritz Law students attending the job fair is scheduled for 6 p.m., August 8. Contact Sara Grimm, (614) 292-8809, for more information.

In 2007, Ohio State will partner with the University of Arizona, George Mason University, University of Maryland, and the University of Washington to host job fairs in Chicago and New York. The University of Arizona and the University of Washington will join the Washington, D.C. program. The presence of additional schools is likely to attract more employers, widening the opportunities for Moritz Law graduates.

In September, Moritz Law will join with the University of Maryland, George Mason University, University of Richmond, and West Virginia University consortium and participate in the third annual North Carolina Interview Program. Students will interview with Raleigh firms on September 7 and Charlotte firms on September 8.

These programs are designed to facilitate the hiring process for legal employers who do not participate in the Moritz Law fall on-campus interviewing program. Employers with a broad range of hiring criteria that would appeal to students interested in private and public opportunities are targeted. Alumni have been instrumental in per-

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Submit news items to Liz Cutler Gates, Director of Communications, Moritz College of Law, 55 West 12th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. You may also e-mail news to gates.68@osu.edu. Photos are welcome but will not be returned. Digital photos must be 300 dpi for printing purposes.

Because of the volume of class notes received, we regret we cannot confirm all information. If an item is printed incorrectly, please let us know and we will correct the error in the next issue.

1940s
Lloyd E. Fisher ’49, of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, Columbus, has been named a 2006 Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.

1950s
Samuel H. Porter ’52, of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, Columbus, has been named a 2006 Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.

Harold C. Meier ’54 was recognized by the Ohio State Bar Association and the Ohio House of Representatives for 50 years of service to the practice of law. He is a partner with Thompson, Meier, and Dersom, Columbus.

Marc Gertner ’57 has edited and published the Trustees Handbook, Sixth Edition. He has been practicing law for 48 years and has been a member of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans for 35 years.

1960s
Robert C. Kiger ’60, of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, Columbus, has been named a 2006 Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.

John C. McDonald ’61, Benjamin L. Zox, ’62, and E. James Hopple ’63, all of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, Columbus, have been named 2006 Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine.

John D. Liber ’63, of counsel to the firm, Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, in Cleveland, has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer for 2006 by Law & Politics Magazine. He currently limits his practice to mediation and arbitration.

Patrick J. Smith ’65, J. Jeffrey McNeeley ’69, Jack R. Pigan ’69, and John B. Rohyans ’69, all of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, Columbus, have been named 2006 Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine.

Michael D. Saad ’66, of Squire Sanders & Dempsey, Columbus, has been named a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.

1970s
John E. Brady ’70, Charles C. Warner ’70, James S. Oliphant ’71, David E. Northrop ’72, Curtis A. Loveland ’73, Adele E. O’Connor ’76, and Robert “Buzz” Trafford ’77, all of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, Columbus, have been named 2006 Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine.

John R. Gall ’70, William M. Todd ’76, and David W. Alexander ’78, all of Squire Sanders & Dempsey, Columbus, have been named 2006 Ohio Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine.

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Harold Paddock ’73, of Harold Paddock Co., has been appointed to a four-year term on the Westerville (Ohio) Board of Zoning Appeals.

Frank A. Ray ’73 has accepted partnership at Chester, Wilcox & Saxbe, Columbus, and merged his civil trial and appellate practice with that firm. He was listed among the “Top 100 Super Ohio Lawyers 2006,” and achieved recognition for “Bet-the-Company Litigation.”

Frederick L. Ransier III ’74, of Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease, has been elected to serve a two-year term as chair of the board of Experience Columbus. He has served on the board since 2004.

Frederick S. Coombs III ’75, of Harrington, Hope and Mitchell, has been certified as a specialist in creditors’ rights law by the American Board of Certification. He is one of only nine attorneys in Ohio to have this distinction.

Karen M. Moore ’75, a partner of Bricker & Eckler, Columbus, has been named a 2006 Top 10 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine. Chair of the firm’s tax, trusts, and estates department, Karen handles all aspects of estate planning and administration.

Will Kernen ’76 has been appointed judge of the Hocking County (Ohio) Probate-Juvenile Court.

Stephen E. Chappelear ’77, Columbus, and Stephen H. Gariepy ’77, Cleveland, each have been named one of Ohio’s Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine. Both are with Hahn, Loeser & Parks.

Kevin R. McDermott ’77, of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, has been named a 2006 Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.

Class of 1956 Reunion
50 Years
7 p.m., October 27, 2006
Dinner at the Barrister Club
Watch the mail for reservation information

Frank A. Ray ’73
Frederick Ransier III ’74
Karen Moore ’75
Maria Armstrong ’87
James Underwood ’87
Katherine Goldsmith ’96
John Cadwallader ‘78 has been selected as one of Ohio’s Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine. He is an attorney at Frost Brown Todd in Columbus.

1980s

James E. Davidson ‘80, of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, Columbus, has been named a 2006 Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.

Stephen M. Hammersmith ‘81 has been elected to the board of managers at Buckingham, Dolittle & Burroughs, LLP. He is a shareholder of the firm’s Akron office and a member of the business law practice group. He also has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America from 1995-2006.

Patrick J. Dugan ‘82 and Gregory W. Stype ‘82, both of Squire Sanders & Dempsey, Columbus, have been named 2006 Ohio Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine.

David A. Dye ‘85 has joined the firm of Bailey Cavalieri as of counsel. He focuses his practice on real estate, business law, land use and zoning, association law, and civil litigation.

Steven A. Goldfarb ‘85 has been named one of Ohio’s Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine. He is an attorney at Hahn, Loeser & Parks in Cleveland.

Elizabeth Whiteside Whitman ‘85 was named general counsel of Wilkinson 1031, LLC, an issuer of tenant-in-common real estate securities. This spring, she also completed work on an LLM. degree in securities and financial regulation from Georgetown University.

Hon. Maureen A. Sweeney ’86, of the Mahoning County (Ohio) Common Pleas Court, successfully submitted a grant request which will pave the way for the county’s first felony court for criminal offenders with mental health problems.

Maria J. Armstrong ‘87 has been elected partner at the Columbus firm of Bricker & Eckler. She is a member of the firm’s political subdivisions and governmental agencies group, where her practice focuses on governmental procurement and contracting, election laws, ethics, public records laws, and governmental regulation.

James M. Underwood ’87 has been teaching civil procedure, pretrial practice, and trial advocacy at Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Fla. for the past four years. This past year, he was voted by the students as the best teacher on the law faculty, receiving the Golden Apple Award. He recently moved to Waco, Tex, where he will be teaching at Baylor University Law School. His primary courses will be torts and complex litigation.

Class of 1981 Reunion
25 Years
7 p.m., October 27, 2006
Reception at Drinko Hall
Watch the mail for reservation information

James A. King ’88 and Christopher C. Russell ’88, both of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, Columbus, have been named 2006 Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine.

Philomena M. Dane ’89, of Squire Sanders & Dempsey, has been named a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.

Thomas Locke Mason ’89, of Mason Mason & Kearns, ran for Congress in the May primary on the Democratic ticket to represent Ohio’s 16th District, composed of Ashland, Medina, Stark, and Wayne counties. In a tight race and with 49 percent of the vote, he lost to Thomas Shaw.

Carol H. Morita ’89 has been promoted to assistant general counsel of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. She joined UL in 1998 as a senior corporate counsel, and was promoted to Managing Corporate Counsel - International in February 2000, where she was responsible for legal services to UL’s 30 international subsidiaries, its global trademark program, and corporate maintenance for UL’s offices and subsidiaries. Her new position expands these duties.
1990s
Kathryn Bamberger ’90 has relocated her law office to One Americana, 400 South Fifth St., Suite 103, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
D. Lewis Clark ’90, Keith Shumate ’91, John M. Kirnser ’92, and Susan M. DiMichele ’95, all of Squire Sanders & Dempsey, Columbus, have been named 2006 Ohio Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine.
Holly R. Fischer ’91 has been appointed general counsel for the Ohio State Board of Nursing. Formerly, she was an Ohio assistant attorney general. She resides in Lewis Center with her husband, Kenneth, and their four children.
Daryl W. Winston ’91, of counsel to the law firm, Conrad O’Brien Gellman & Rohr, in Philadelphia, was selected for the Lawyers on the Fast Track award from American Lawyer Media.
Lisa Ge Shang Han ’92, of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, Columbus, has been named a 2006 Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.
Michael P. Shuster ’92 has been named one of Ohio’s Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Magazine. He is an attorney at Hahn, Loeser & Parks in Cleveland.
Lisa Wu Fate ’93 has joined Maguire & Schneider, Columbus, as a senior associate in the firm’s litigation group.
Aric D. Martin ’95 has been promoted to managing partner of the law firm, Rolf & Goffman, in Cleveland, Ohio. Aric’s practice area is dedicated to the representation of institutional health care providers in regulatory and business matters.
Stuart E. Scott ’95, of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber in Cleveland, was named an Ohio Super Lawyer and a Rising Star for 2006. He concentrates on medical malpractice, construction site accidents, and class action litigation.
Michael J. Sikora III ’95 was recently honored with the 2005 Ohio Land Title Association President’s Award for his contributions to the organization. Michael is the managing partner of Sikora Law, which represents real estate companies throughout Ohio.
Katherine D. Goldsmith ’96 has been promoted to assistant counsel at Ohio National Financial Services, Cincinnati. She joined Ohio National in 2000 and most recently held the position of senior attorney.
Jennifer A. Mills ’96 has been named a partner at Baker & Hostetler, Cleveland. She is a member of the tax group and concentrates her practice in the areas of employee benefits and compensation.
Brian E. Burns ’97 has joined the New York office of Reed Smith as a partner in its corporate and securities group. He brings more than seven years of cross-border transaction experience working at Sullivan & Cromwell and Cleary Gottlieb, two prominent international law firms, including three years of overseas postings in Australia, Hong Kong, and Germany.
Elizabeth A. Scully ’97 has been named a partner at Baker & Hostetler, Washington, D.C. She is a member of the firm’s litigation group, where she concentrates her practice in the areas of complex commercial disputes and employment litigation.
Catherine E. Vance ’97 is coauthor and contributing editor of Attorney Liability in Bankruptcy, which was published in 2005 by GP Solo. Vance is the vice president of research and policy and associate general counsel at Development Specialists, Inc., Columbus. She also has previously written several articles on bankruptcy reform and is a regular contributor to the Bankruptcy Yearbook and Almanac.
Matthew A. Tenerowicz ’98 has been named a partner at Baker & Hostetler, Cleveland. He is a member of the business group, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of debt financing and mergers and acquisitions.
Dan A. Thomson ’98 has been named a partner at Brouse McDowell in Akron, where he works with the firm’s intellectual property practice group.
Peter W. Van Ewun III ’98 has been named a partner at Baker & Hostetler, Cleveland. He is a member of the business group, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions and securities law.
Brett A. Wall ’98 has been named a partner at Baker & Hostetler, Cleveland. He is a member of the litigation group, where he focuses his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and class action defense. He is also a member of the firm’s hiring committee.
2000s
Jessica E. Adler ’00 has opened a law office in Washington, D.C. The firm focuses on family law. For more information, see www.jessicadlerlaw.com.
Necol Russell-Washington ’00 recently received an LL.M. degree in business and taxation, with a concentration in small business, from Capital University. She is associated with Carlile Patchen & Murphy, Columbus.
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Career Opportunities

Juan P. Archer ’01 has joined the Cleveland law firm of Kohnman Jackson & Krantz PLL as an associate in the firm’s general litigation and bankruptcy and creditors’ rights practices.

June Chung ’01 has been named in-house counsel for McDonald Investments, Inc., Akron. The company supports retail brokerage and investment advisory businesses.

Aaron D. Ford ’01, of Weil Gotshal & Manges in Dallas, has been awarded a Marshall Memorial Fellowship for 2006 by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. During this summer, he will spend three weeks in Europe visiting institutions, societies, and cultures and learning about economic, political, and social issues affecting transatlantic relationships. He also was recently elected vice president of the J.L. Turner Legal Association, was selected to become an active duty officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps, he serving with the U.S. Army Reserves in the area of family law. She serves on the boards of New Roots (an adoption support group) and Ohio Dance (a statewide arts organization).

Susan Kenney-Pfhalzer ’02 has moved her office to 107 W. Johnstown Road in Gahanna, Ohio. She is a sole practitioner in the area of family law. She serves on the boards of New Roots (an adoption support group) and Ohio Dance (a statewide arts organization).

Matthew M. Daiker ’04 has joined the Columbus office of Vorys, Sater, Seymore & Pease LLP as an associate attorney in the director and officer liability group.

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G. Samuel Wampler ’01 has been elected partner at the firm Bricker & Eckler. He is a member of the firm’s construction group, where his practice focuses on construction law and dispute resolution.

Matt O’Connor ’05 has been admitted to practice in Texas and has been working as an assistant district attorney in Polk County, Tex. After serving with the U.S. Army Reserves in the Judge Advocate General Corps, he was selected to become an active duty officer. After completing the JAG officer basic course this summer, he will be assigned to the 8th Army in South Korea as a trial counsel (military prosecutor).

Colleen M. Garry ’04 has joined the firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease as a first-year associate.

Juan A. Lozada ’04 is admitted to practice in the State of Texas and has been working as an assistant district attorney in Polk County, Tex. After serving with the U.S. Army Reserves in the Judge Advocate General Corps, he was selected to become an active duty officer. After completing the JAG officer basic course this summer, he will be assigned to the 8th Army in South Korea as a trial counsel (military prosecutor).

David R. Gillespie ’05 and Rand L. McClellan ’05 have joined the Columbus office of Baker & Hostetler as associates.

Kathleen S. O’Connor ’05 has joined the Cleveland office of Baker & Hostetler as an associate.

Career Opportunities

Students are enthusiastic about these expanding opportunities. Many are using the newly-established Career Search Grants to help finance their travel to these job fairs. These grants enable qualifying students to receive reimbursement of up to $100 per year to help defray the expense of out-of-town interviewing. Alumni support has been instrumental in employer development. Many have volunteered to conduct interviews for their firms at the job fairs. Alumni are encouraged to contact Assistant Dean for Career Services Pam Lombardi at lombardi.2@osu.edu or (614) 292-8814 if they wish to participate in job fairs in 2007 or take advantage of the new videoconferencing network.
Persons Returns to Deliver Law Hooding Address

Ray Persons '78, the recipient of the 2005-2006 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Moritz College of Law Alumni Society, was the speaker during the annual Moritz College of Law Hooding Ceremony on May 12 at Mershon Auditorium on the campus of The Ohio State University.

More than 260 students participated in the ceremony. Aaron Joseph Mortensen, Mission Viejo, Calif., received the Moritz Leadership award for the Class of 2006, awarded to a student for demonstrating leadership outside of the classroom by involvement in university and college activities, student programs, and events. Cherish Leigh Cronmiller, Columbus, received the Harry S. and Georgina Lett Memorial Award, awarded to students demonstrating outstanding service to the Moritz College and made possible through the Harry S. and Georgina Lett Memorial Award Fund. Wesley Karl Duncan, Sonora, Calif., and Leslie Elizabeth Siegel, Gahanna, each received the John J. Adams Memorial Award. This award was established by the Class of 1916 in memory of John J. Adams, former dean of the Moritz College of Law, and is given to students for leadership in and significant contributions through law-related activities within the college. The Dean's Special Award, presented to a graduating student to honor outstanding leadership and contributions to the college, went to Carly Allison Hammond, Blacklick.

The graduating class of Moritz Scholars paused for one last photo with Lou Ann Moritz Ransom. From left to right are David Michael Lenz of Concord, Justin Brian Finn of Beavercreek, Benton Brooks Bodamer of Lancaster, Leslie Elizabeth Siegel of Gahanna, Mrs. Moritz Ransom, Alexis Virginia Andrews of Perrysburg, Jared Dinkes of Plainview, N.Y., Bassel Charles Korkor of Canton, Lori Nicole Turner of Columbus, and Trenton Brown Douthett of Jackson. Not pictured is Michele Nichol Ehler of Akron.

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The class also recognized Malik Faisal Alavy, a member of the class who died during their first year. They presented the class gift, more than $700 to the Loan Repayment Assistance Fund, in memory of Malik.

PRO BONO PROVIDERS
The Class of 2006 demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to public service throughout law school. Collectively, they volunteered 12,655 reported hours of pro bono work to more than 50 different organizations.
Left: Aaron Joseph Mortensen, Mission Viejo, Calif., receives the Moritz Leadership Award from Lou Ann Moritz Ransom. Mortensen was the Student Bar Association president for 2005-2006.

Right: Salma Edarus, the widow of Malik Faiswal Alawy, a member of the Class of 2006 who died during his first year of law school, thanks the faculty, staff, and graduating class for their kindness in her loss. The class gift to the Loan Repayment Assistant Fund was in memory of Alawy.

Amanda Elizabeth Klase, North Canton, and her brother, Matthew Klase ’02, Marietta, Ga.

Brian Alan Bulson and his dad, Don Bulson ’76, both of Solon.

Trenton Brown Douthett, Jackson, and his brother, Breaden M. Douthett ’91, Cleveland. They are the sons of the late Marshall B. Douthett ’62.

Sisters Priya Bathija ’04, Dublin, and Sandhya Jagdesh Bathija ’06, North Canton

Scott Nathan Schaeffer, Lewis Center, and his dad, Michael N. Schaeffer ’75, Columbus.

Molly Elizabeth Heald with her brother and father, Chad ’02 and Anthony ’74. All are from Delaware.

Stephen Michael Yoost and his cousin, Dan Griffith ’02, Canton.

Moritz Law: A Family Tradition

Members of the Class of 2006 represent 136 different colleges and universities. They come from 28 states and the District of Columbia, as well as Albania, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan.
PILF Funds 15 Summer Fellowships

With funds raised this year through the efforts of Moritz Law students, faculty, and staff totaling more than $30,000, the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) will fund 15 PILF summer fellowships. The fellowships were awarded through a competitive process to students working in public interest law who otherwise would not receive compensation for their summer work.

The 2006 fellowship recipients and their organizational placements:

Austin Anderson, International Justice Mission (Chiang Mai, Thailand)

Colleen Bell, Legal Aid Services of Oregon (Portland, Ore.)

Sara Bergene, Community Refugee & Immigration Services (Columbus)

Alex Chen, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office (Phoenix, Ariz.)

Megan Engle, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (Louisville, Ky.)

Katherine Lengieza, Texas Rural Legal Aid (Austin, Tex.)

Heather Looney, Ohio State Legal Services Association (Columbus)

Phil Morrow, New York State Office of the Attorney General (New York, N.Y.)

Ryan Muennich, Equal Justice Foundation (Columbus)

Veronica Norman, Equal Justice Foundation (Columbus)

Genevieve Reiner, Queens County District Attorney (Kew Gardens, N.Y.)

Erin Steiner, Ohio State Legal Services Association (Columbus)

Tanisha Wilburn, Texas Civil Rights Project (Austin, Tex.)

Kathryn Wilkes, Ohio State Legal Services Association (Columbus)

Kate Winner, Federal Public Defender (Columbus)


OSBA Honors Professor Travatio

Professor Greg Travatio received the Legal Education Award for contributions to Ohio law and the Ohio bar. The award was presented by the Ohio State Bar Association during its annual convention in Akron during May.

Professor Travatio’s contributions include his book, *Ohio Consumer Law*, his extensive work on Ohio jury instructions, and his creative work to bring the profession and legal education together, notes Moritz Law Dean Nancy H. Rogers.

To the Point

Goldberger to Serve on International Panel

Professor David Goldberger has been invited to serve on the Panel of Experts on public assemblies and demonstrations of the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, an office in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

The panel will draft civil liberties guidelines to assist legislators, judges, and lawyers, as well as demonstrators, in the 55 member nations. In coming months, he will attend a series of drafting meetings in Warsaw and Belgrade, among other places. The nations in the OSCE range from the United Kingdom to Kazakhstan.

SPECIAL BEST BLOG

Professor Douglas A. Berman’s *Sentencing Law and Policy* blog has received kudos from Blawg Review as the Best Blawg by a Law Professor (see http://blawgreview.blogspot.com/2005/12/blawg-review-awards-2005.html). The blog is also among the most cited by judges, with 21 citations in 17 cases. (See http://3lepiphany.typepad.com/3l_epiphany/2006/04/cases_citing_le.html.)
Moritz Law Team Brings Home National Title

The Constitutional Law moot court team from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law took top honors at the 2006 Sutherland Cup Competition, held at The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C., over the weekend of March 31-April 1. Wesley Duncan, a third-year student from Sonora, Calif. and Zachary Bolitho, a second-year from Dennison, Ohio, not only won the competition, but also received the Best Brief title. They were coached by J.B. Jasminas ’01, an assistant state public defender with the Ohio Public Defender’s office.

In the final round against the team from Catholic University, the Ohio State team argued in front of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas. Also on the panel of judges were the Hon. David Sentelle, D.C. Court of Appeals, and the Hon. Richard C. Tallman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.

An appellate advocacy competition focusing on constitutional law, the Sutherland Cup Competition is among the oldest national moot court competitions in the United States. Teams must submit a brief and deliver oral arguments before a panel of practicing attorneys or judges. Students argued a case involving a challenge to a felon disenfranchisement law passed by the State of Florida, which petitioners argued had a discriminatory impact on African Americans. The case implicated the Voting Rights Act and the 14th Amendment and posed fundamental questions about federalism.

New Assistant Deans Announced

Kelly Bott Smith has been named Assistant Dean for Curricular Affairs. In her new position, she will have increased responsibilities for the design and implementation of the law curriculum and will assist with adjunct faculty, along with other duties. A Moritz Law graduate (Class of 1998, with honors), Kelly joined the staff almost three years ago as Director of Enrollment Services. She came to the position with a master’s in higher education from Ohio University and after four years as an associate with Jones Day.

Monte Smith ’90 joined the Moritz Law staff on June 1 as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. He will work closely with new Associate Dean Donald Tobin on a variety of student academic issues and student organizational initiatives.

New Lecture Series Honors Professor Merritt

The John Glenn Institute at The Ohio State University announced a new lecture series in honor of Professor Deborah J. Merritt, John Deaver Drinko-Baker & Hostetler Chair at Moritz Law. From 2000-2005, Professor Merritt served as the director of the Glenn Institute, a university-wide institute devoted to encouraging public service and informing public policy. The lecture series, officially known as the Deborah J. Merritt Bookmarks Lecture, was inaugurated on April 4, 2006. Dr. James Paul Gee, author of What Video Games Have to Teach Us About Learning and Literacy, spoke about his work to a large audience at Ohio State’s Faculty Club.

Professor Swire Presents Testimony

Professor Peter Swire, the C. William O’Neill Professor in Law and Judicial Administration and one of the nation’s leading experts on privacy law, testified on April 4 before the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. His invited testimony addressed key features of the draft report prepared by the General Accounting Office entitled: “Privacy: Opportunities Exist for Agencies and Information Resellers to More Fully Adhere to Key Principles.”
In Memoriam

The Moritz College of Law has received word of the death of these graduates. We express our sympathy to relatives and loved ones.

Robert Teaford '40 died November 22, 2005 at the age of 92. A practicing lawyer in Columbus for nearly 60 years, he is survived by his wife of 69 years, Virginia; daughter, Cheryl Scott and her husband, Ronald, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; sons Joel and his wife Meg, and Murray and his wife, Ellen, all of Columbus, and Jon, of West Lafayette, Ind.; nine grandchildren; and a sister.

John Martin “Jack” Tobin '53 died January 3 in Columbus. He was 77. A veteran of the U.S. Army, his legal career began as an assistant attorney general for the State of Ohio. He practiced at the firm of Mitchell and Tobin, worked for Bank One for more than 20 years as vice president, Legal Counsel, then as master commissioner with the Supreme Court of Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Claryss B.; two daughters, Elizabeth Tobin Brown and Amy Tobin Merker and her husband, David B.; four grandchildren; a sister; a brother; and many nieces and nephews.

Francis “Frank” Sperling Marriott '54 died February 28 in Columbus. He was 77. A World War II Air Force veteran, he practiced law with Marriott and Marriott in Delaware before joining the staff of Senator John Bricker '20 in Washington, D.C. He worked for NASA and retired from Westinghouse Electric where he was the liaison between Westinghouse and the space agency. Three daughters, Anne Schmitthenner and her husband, Todd, of Atlanta, Ga., Lisa Wright and her husband, Doug, of Columbus, and Joan Marriott of Columbus; and four grandchildren survive him.

In Brief

Palmer Receives Burton Award

Matthew Palmer ’06, Salem, has received the Burton Award for Legal Achievement for his Ohio State Law Journal note, “Where Have You Gone, Law and Economics Judges?” The award was presented at a black tie dinner at the Library of Congress in June, where the guest speaker was Washington Post columnist George F. Will. Each law school is permitted to nominate a student for the award, which recognizes the best student legal writing on any topic. No more than 15 individuals are selected for the award.

Matt is the second Moritz Law student to be honored at the awards. In 2003, Franklin E. Crawford was recognized.

Officers Lead Student Bar Association

Elected to serve in leadership positions with the Student Bar Association next year are: president: Kristin S. Blackwell ’07, Cincinnati; vice president: William Browne ’07, San Ramon, Calif.; secretary: Avonte Campinha-Bacote ’08, Cincinnati; and treasurer: Lisa G. Whittaker ’07, Huber Heights.

Rogers Prize Announced

Leslie Siegel ’06, Gahanna, received the annual Rogers Prize in Dispute Resolution Scholarship for her paper, “Game Time Decisions: An Analysis of Arbitration at the Olympics.” Sarah C. McCarty ’06, Jackson, received second place for her paper, “The Role of Mediation in Economic Development Disputes.”

Siegel and Jackson are pictured with Alternative Dispute Resolution Faculty. Left to right are Associate Dean Joseph B. Stulberg, Dean Nancy H. Rogers, McCarty, Siegel, Professor Amy Cohen, and Professor Christopher Fairman.

PRIZE PAPER

Jonathan Rizzardi ’06, Napa, Calif., has received first prize in the Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition at the Moritz College of Law. The winning essay is entitled “The Induce Act of 2004: A Flawed Solution to a Complex Problem.”
Celebrate the (Football) Season at the Club

As the Buckeyes gear up for another season of football, plan on beginning your pre-game celebration with your classmates, former faculty, and friends at the Moritz College of Law!

Join us for a series of FREE tailgates in the new Barrister Club!

Two and one-half hours before kickoff, you can explore the newest addition to the Moritz College of Law. We’ll offer a scrumptious buffet, music, tours of the new facility, and—best of all—the chance to visit with friends, new and old. Chat with Dean Nancy Rogers and faculty. Explore new businesses in the South Campus Gateway.

Join us for as many tailgates as you want, and feel free to bring a single guest—on us!

Tailgate Dates
September 16, 2006
Before the Cincinnati Game

September 23, 2006
Before the Penn State game

October 7, 2006
Before the Bowling Green game

October 21, 2006
Before the Indiana game

October 28, 2006
 Begins at 1 p.m. before the 3:30 p.m. Minnesota game

The milestone reunion classes of 1956, 1981, and 1996 will have priority registration for this tailgate. A limited amount of football tickets will be available first-come, first-served, beginning with reunion registrants. Priority will be given to members of the Ohio State Alumni Association. We cannot guarantee tickets for all alumni or the location of the seats in the stadium.

November 18, 2006
Before the Michigan game

Parking will be available at the following garages:
Gateway Garage (between 9th and 11th Avenues) $10 per car includes free shuttle between garage and stadium
Ohio Union (C) Garage (on High Street) $10.00 per car.

Questions?
Contact Sarah Grimm, (614) 292-8809 or grimm.127@osu.edu.

To learn more about the new retail and entertainment venues in the South Campus Gateway, go to http://campus-partners.osu.edu/retailtenants.htm 
Barrister Club at the Moritz College of Law 
25 W. 11th Avenue 
Columbus, OH 43201 
moritzlaw.osu.edu/barristerclub

Barrister Club Marks First Anniversary

This fall, the Moritz College of Law will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Barrister Club, a $2.2 million alumni-funded conference/dining facility built specifically to house programming for students and alumni.

The club consists of a dining facility that can seat up to 110 guests for meals or up to 150 in theatre-style seating, a reception area that can be used to host smaller gatherings or registration activities, a full kitchen, a multi-purpose conference room that can accommodate up to 12, and a terrace overlooking the 11th Avenue facade of the Moritz College. Entry into the club is through the first floor lobby. State-of-the-art audio-visual equipment supports high technology presentations. Individuals wishing to book the space may contact Jeff White at the Faculty Club at cateringosufc1@juno.com or 614-292-9120.

The club is the site of Mentoring and More @ Moritz. This program places Moritz Law students in mentoring relationships with practicing attorneys whose careers reflect the highest ideals of the profession. Continuing legal education offerings that are a natural outgrowth of the college’s extensive workshop/symposia programming are also offered. The club has been the site of alumni and development events, distinguished visitors’ lectures, and an annual Blackmun Lecture guided by the five Moritz Law faculty members who served as law clerks to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun.

AT THE TOP: ADR AND LEGAL WRITING

The alternative dispute resolution program at the Moritz College of Law has been ranked 3rd in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. The legal writing program has been ranked 19th.
The Charles E. Brown Scholarship and the Arthur L. and Cora S. Evans Scholarship have enhanced my academic performance by allowing me to focus primarily on my legal education, instead of how to finance that education. If not for the generosity of the friends and families of the late Charles Brown and of the late Thomas and Mary Kay Eyerman, I would certainly have to work in addition to concentrating on my school work.

In selecting a law school, the impending loan repayments are always a consideration when choosing a course of study, a practice area, and, most importantly, a top-tier law school. While the reputation, professors, environment, and surrounding community make Moritz Law an excellent choice, the cost of education is also a deciding factor. These scholarships helped to reassure me that the Moritz College of Law was exactly where I needed to be.

As a first-year student, I want my subsequent course work and choice of summer employment to be motivated by my personal fervor instead of my personal finances. I will be forever grateful to the donors of these scholarships for their kindness as it was a foremost factor in helping me to make one of the best decisions of my life. I only hope that one day I, too, can make a contribution that will affect another’s life as much as the gifts of the Brown and Evans families have affected mine.

Editor’s Note: The Charles E. Brown Scholarship was established in 2004 by family, friends, and colleagues in memory of Charles E. Brown ’52.

Distribution provides a scholarship to a law student whose potential for excellence is not reflected by traditional quantitative measures, but by relevant indicia of emotional and social intelligence. The Arthur L. and Cora S. Evans Scholarship was established in 1977 by Mary Evans Eyerman and Sally A. Loos, in memory of their grandparents, and Mrs. Eyerman’s father, Mark Simeon Evans, and by the Evans Adhesive Corporation and the Evans Investment Company. Income provides a scholarship to outstanding first-year law students who participated in undergraduate activities, with preference to alumni of The Ohio State University.

—by Guylando Moreno ’08