Moritz Legislation Clinic students participate in the deliberative and strategic processes of state government.

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In this issue of Special Edition, we reflect on our location and the advantages it creates for the college and our students. Moritz students have access to an extraordinary range of learning opportunities in and out of the classroom thanks to the college’s ties to the Ohio Legislature, governmental agencies, the Supreme Court of Ohio and numerous federal, state, and county courts all located in Columbus. Our location on one of the most comprehensive research universities in the United States enriches the opportunities for interdisciplinary research, teaching and public outreach. As Columbus has grown since you graduated, so have the strategic partnerships we have forged to create a learning environment second to none.

— Dean Nancy H. Rogers

Location, Location

Leveraging Location to Enhance Curriculum

OSU’s location in Ohio’s capital city was a driving force behind the development of the Legislation Clinic in 2000. Since then, more than 140 students have participated in the program, which places students in government offices around the Ohio Statehouse. Some work at the Legislative Service Commission, while others assist individual members of the General Assembly, the various leadership caucuses of the Ohio Senate or the Ohio House of Representatives, or other state government offices. All are under the supervision of Associate Professor and Clinic Director Steven F. Huefner and Associate Clinical Professor Terri Enns ’96. Moritz law professors James J. Brudney and Douglas A. Berman have also enjoyed opportunities to spend a semester teaching the Legislation Clinic.

“Being in the state capital makes all the difference to the students’ experience, as they are able to be both physically present at the legislature and in close contact with law school faculty,” says Professor Huefner. “By working at the legislature, the students are able to fully understand the context of their work, rather than simply doing their legislative research and writing from afar. They attend sessions and committee hearings, work personally with key staff and members, observe how the full-time staff interact with the legislators and each other, get the pulse of the legislative calendar, and see the range of lobbyists who come and go.”

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Moritz Location a Key Factor Attracting Students

Location, location, location - it's an axiom that is key in many real estate transactions. But it’s apparently just as important when it comes to determining where to go to law school. In fact, 72 percent of entering Moritz Law students in 2006 said location was the key factor in determining whether to attend Ohio State. Ninety percent found Columbus and its environs appealing.

“It was attractive to me because of its status as one of the fastest growing cities in the Midwest,” says Samir Dahnman, a 3L from Kalamazoo, Michigan who plans to remain in Columbus after graduation.

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Huefner contrasts it with other law school externship programs where students have to take up residence in a state capital for a semester far from their university. “Our clinic participants remain fully connected to the law school,” he stresses. “This enables them not only to share their work with the primary clinic faculty, but also, with the permission of their sponsors, to seek advice from others on the law faculty with special expertise in an area of their work assignment.” Additionally, the regular classroom discussions give the students a rich opportunity to share their reflections with each other and to learn from a variety of special guests.

Local Courts Critical to Clinical Training

Since 1935, Moritz has recognized that problem solving, factual investigation, counseling and negotiation, and litigation skills are best learned by combining the actual practice of law, in which students take responsibility for their own cases, with intensive academic experience in the classroom. Thanks to a number of cooperative relationships developed over time, the college’s clinical programs’ students are able to participate in the activities of the federal, state, and local courts located in Columbus.

In the Mediation Clinic, students serve as City of Columbus Municipal Court-appointed mediators in pending cases, helping parties resolve cases ranging from back pay demanded by immigrant workers to child care disputes between divorcing parents. Third-year students who meet the Supreme Court of Ohio’s internship requirements may enroll in courses that permit them to represent clients under the supervision of Moritz clinic faculty, all licensed attorneys. Students may choose from among four litigation clinics: civil, criminal...
prosecution, criminal defense, and justice for children.

In the **Criminal Defense and Prosecution Clinics**, students regularly appear in Central Ohio courts in misdemeanor cases, learning how to prepare witnesses, negotiate plea bargains, and try criminal cases. The Prosecution Clinic students work with the Delaware City Prosecutor’s Office, which handles most misdemeanors committed in Delaware County. Students in the **Justice for Children Practicum** not only represent minors in the local juvenile court, but have also filed state Supreme Court amicus curiae briefs addressing groundbreaking issues affecting children.

A popular **Judicial Externship program** places up to 25 Moritz students in local courts each semester. Judicial externships provide excellent educational experiences, including opportunities to glimpse the workings of courts from the inside, interaction with distinguished judges, and engagement in supervised research and writing. The program draws on the expertise of United States Circuit, District, Bankruptcy, and Magistrate Judges; Justices of the Supreme Court of Ohio; and Franklin County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court Judges located in Central Ohio.

**OSU Partnerships Expand Learning Opportunities**

The **Student Housing Legal Clinic**, an academic partnership between the Office of Student Affairs and Moritz, recognizes that housing issues can affect the academic success, wellness, retention, and recruitment of students, as well as the relationship of the University to the community. Moritz students in the Housing Legal Clinic gain practical experience as they work with students, landlords, community organizations, and city officials to improve housing conditions and safety in the University District and surrounding areas.

Drawing on the resources of the larger OSU community, joint degree programs enable law students who wish to gain in-depth experience in a second field of study to enroll in one of the established joint-degree programs: the J.D./M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration), J.D./M.P.A. (Master of Public Administration), or the J.D./M.H.A. (Master of Health Administration). Select students enrolled in the College of Medicine and Public Health may also pursue a J.D./M.D. Law students also are permitted to individually tailor a joint-degree program with many of the university's 100-plus master's programs and 90 Ph.D. programs.

**Location Supports Faculty Initiatives**

The College's **Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies** is committed to the promotion of interdisciplinary research, teaching, and public outreach designed to shed light on the nature and operation of law and legal institutions, as well as the impacts of law on society and culture. The Center’s many workshops and conferences draw faculty from a variety of OSU departments and institutions from throughout the U.S. and abroad. These programs embody the conviction that multidisciplinary approaches are essential to address the social opportunities and challenges in which law can play a constructive role.

Shilpa Gupta ’08 was a judicial extern for United States District Judge Michael Watson.

Housing Clinic students work to improve conditions and safety of student housing.

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Central to the college’s mission is training lawyers of integrity who fully embrace their obligation to clients and the administration of justice. What better way to achieve that goal than to put students in regular contact with practitioners whose careers reflect the highest ideals of the profession? That concept is the underpinning of the college’s unique Mentoring and More @ Moritz program launched in the fall of 2005 with financial assistance by a grant from the Ohio State Bar Foundation Continuing Legal Education Fund.

Mentoring and More @ Moritz also serves as a bridge between the theory and the practice of law. The program joins three to five students with a recent graduate and a more experienced practitioner to form a “pod.” Pods are organized on the basis of a common interest. A matching committee comprised of representatives of the Moritz College of Law, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Columbus Bar Association review student applications and recruit potential mentors best tailored to students’ interests. Mentors come from firms, legal services organizations, and government, depending upon students’ priorities. Together, the mentors and the students attend at least three luncheon programs per year at the Barrister Club. Speakers introduce controversial topics which explore the latest legal issues or problems facing attorneys. In the spirited discussions that follow, faculty, students, and their mentors listen and learn from one another.

“The interaction between the attorneys and the students on an informal level is by far the biggest benefit of the program,” says Sarah Westendorf, a 3L from Beavercreek, Ohio. “The participating attorneys have set aside time from their busy schedules and are there to act as resources to help guide current students. They are willing to share their experiences with you. You simply have to ask.”

The program gives students the opportunity to ask members of the legal community for advice regarding the reality of life as an attorney. Some mentors plan various activities that go beyond the required luncheons in order to connect with their students on a more personal level. Mentor Jennifer Norris, senior counsel for Cardinal Health, Inc. in Dublin organized semester dinners for her pod.

“Our mentor made an effort to get our group together outside of official events at least once a semester,” says Catherine Woltering, a 2L from Columbus and a member of Norris’ pod. “This gave us the chance to get to know each other outside of the luncheon context and to create a connection which otherwise would have been difficult to foster in 50-minute luncheon windows.”

The mentors provide honest answers to questions about the practice of law and act as valuable resources in helping students learn about career options. Some mentors provide tours of their firms or court visits while others provide reassurance as finals approach. The program provides access to a broad range of information about the profession that students don’t learn in the classroom.

According to Dean Nancy H. Rogers, “The mentoring program instills in students the best of professionalism, as members of the bench and bar join with them to discuss legal and policy issues. We continue to be impressed that some of the busiest in the profession take time to mentor these students. We are also grateful to our alumni for creating the Barrister Club as a venue for this program, to the Ohio State Bar Foundation for its strong support of the mentoring program, and to the Columbus Bar Association which helped in the planning.”

—Hannah Kim

We invite you to learn more about the Mentoring and More @ Moritz program at: http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/alumni/mentoring/

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— Sarah Westendorf ’07
In the spring of 2004, a group of faculty recognized that the depth and breath of Moritz faculty scholarship in election law combined with the college’s location in the heart of a swing state in a close presidential election presented a unique opportunity in legal scholarship. Utilizing technology, the college brought non-partisan faculty expertise into the marketplace of ideas that had an immediate and positive effect on the development of law regarding elections and voting nationwide. The Election Law @ Moritz initiative has grown to include a website that tracks and analyzes election administration issues, a unique web-based and searchable reference guide, two faculty blogs, and symposia. Faculty have testified before the Federal Election Commission, and the College hosted the U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s first-ever public hearing outside the beltway.

Moritz College is also a co-sponsor for the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, a university-wide interdisciplinary research institute organized to examine the causes of and solutions to racial and ethnic disparities and hierarchies. The institute brings together a diverse and creative group of scholars and researchers from various disciplines to focus on the histories, present conditions, and the future prospects of racially and ethnically marginalized people. The institute’s work strives to have a meaningful effect on policies and practices. Moritz Law students serve as research assistants to faculty and participate in many of the institute’s projects.

A Community of Scholars

“Our faculty is working to build a learning environment that is second to none,” says Dean Nancy Rogers, “Our alumni and others in the profession and on the bench have given generously of their time and expertise. They mentor and inspire by example. The result of this joint effort is a stimulating intellectual community in which each student is equipped for a lifetime of learning.”

Follow the Latest in Election Law News in Moritz Faculty Blogs

Free & Fair

Professor Edward B. Foley, one of the nation’s preeminent experts on election law, writes on all aspects of election law. His primary areas of expertise include campaign finance, especially regarding the role of 527 organizations and provisional voting. “Free & Fair” is a collection of Professor Foley’s writings that he has penned for Election Law @ Moritz. Visit Free & Fair at http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/election-law/freefair/

Equal Vote Blog

Professor Daniel P. Tokaji’s blog covers election reform, the Voting Rights Act, the Help America Vote Act, and related topics - with special attention to the voting rights of people of color, non-English proficient citizens, and people with disabilities. Visit Equal Vote at http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/blogs/tokaji/index.html

Moritz Election Law @ Moritz Faculty provided expert commentary to media from Switzerland to Qatar to South Africa and back to the United States during the 2006 election cycle. Their research on a wide variety of election administration issues from late-breaking litigation to issues of voting equipment, provisional balloting, and recount procedures was in high demand by scholars, the public, and the press. The team, pictured above left to right include, row 1 - Associate Dean Donald B. Tobin, Professor Steven F. Hufner, Professor Terri L. Enns, Professor and Election Law @ Moritz Director Edward B. (Ned) Foley, row 2 - Staff Assistant Irene Mynatt, Center Administrator Laura Williams, Webmaster Nate Cemenska, Librarian Paul Venard, and Professor and Election Law @ Moritz Associate Director Daniel P. Tokaji.
**Political Campaigning by Churches and Charities Hazardous for 501(c)(3)s; Dangerous for Democracy**

Imagine for a moment that on top of the rancor of the 2004 presidential campaign, the supporters of each candidate had been organized into the Church of Bush and the Church of Kerry, two diametrically opposed, religious camps, collecting tax-exempt contributions from their congregants and working to elect their candidates to the presidency.

This is just one of the possible consequences Ohio State University law Associate Dean Donald B. Tobin envisions if the U.S. were to abandon the long-standing ban on political activity by churches.

"If churches are allowed to engage in political advocacy, new churches will form that are really just political organizations," writes Professor Tobin. "Since almost every political candidate's campaign includes issues that can be defined in moral terms, each candidate could create his or her own church." Professor Tobin argues in an upcoming article in The Georgetown Law Journal that political activity by tax-exempt organizations is not only illegal but poses a substantial threat to American democracy. Professor Tobin proposes a set of reforms that would enhance enforcement of existing IRS prohibitions on political activity by 501(c)(3) organizations and reverse the recent trend of religious groups promoting candidates.

Donald B. Tobin, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Law

Donald B. Tobin joined the Moritz College of Law faculty in 2001 and teaches in the areas of Taxation and Legislation.

From 1997-2001, he was an attorney on the appellate staff of the tax division of the United States Department of Justice, where he won the Outstanding Attorney Award in 1999. He has also taught at American University's Washington College of Law and served as a clerk for the Honorable Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Prior to his service with Judge Murnaghan, Professor Tobin was a staff member with the United States Senate Budget Committee, the Joint Economic Committee of Congress and for U.S. Senator Paul S. Sarbanes.
Limited Political Activity by Churches Should Be Encouraged

People’s faith and religion often play a critical role when they decide for whom to vote. Typically, they will want to take into account, and sometimes follow, the views of their religious leaders. But there is a problem. After nonprofit groups supported his opponent in a close primary election, then-Senator Lyndon Johnson proposed a floor amendment in 1954 to ban electioneering by 501(c)(3) organizations under penalty of losing their tax-exempt status. Today a debate rages over the ban, particularly when it conflicts with the freedom of ministers and other religious leaders to express their views and provide guidance to members of their churches.

A group of religious leaders in central Ohio sent two letters this year to the IRS claiming that two large Columbus-area churches improperly supported Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell’s campaign for governor of Ohio. In addition, the IRS is engaged in a very public dispute with a large Episcopalian church in Pasadena, California about whether a sermon on the Sunday before the 2004 election implicitly endorsed Senator Kerry for President. These disputes have been at the center of a national debate about the 50-year-old ban.

Professor Allan J. Samansky argues that strict enforcement of the ban threatens religious freedoms, entangles government in religious life and has a negative effect on the political process.

“‘Involvement by churches in campaigns should be an effective counterweight to moneyed interests that try to influence the voting public,’ writes Professor Samansky. ‘Although churches may not be completely immune to blandishments of the wealthy and political power, they should help level the playing field. Their attempts to influence congregants and encourage them to vote will benefit the political process.’”

Instead of the current strict ban with vigilant IRS enforcement, Professor Samansky advocates a subtler approach that would treat churches differently from other tax-exempt charitable organizations. Under Professor Samansky’s proposal, religious leaders would be allowed to provide guidance about elections during church services or in routine newsletters and other communication to congregants, with the important exception of official endorsements. Collection of money for campaigns or directing communication or activity at those who are not members of the church would still be prohibited. In addition, direct spending by the church for politically related messages would also be prohibited, even if the message or mailing is directed at members. For example, special mailings by a church to members urging them to vote for particular candidates could still result in the loss of qualification to receive deductible contributions.

“There are convincing arguments for treating churches differently from other section 501(c)(3) organizations when interpreting and applying the prohibition against intervening in campaigns. Although religion should transcend politics, religious voices belong, and are needed, in politics,” Professor Samansky writes. “Providing more leeway for churches to communicate with members about elections than for other charitable organizations would reduce entanglement between the government and religion. The prohibition against participation in political campaigns should be viewed as a government-imposed burden, which, as two Supreme Court cases have explicitly recognized, can be accommodated without violating the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Furthermore, strict enforcement of the rule that tax-favored status of churches is conditioned on interpreting and applying the prohibition against intervening in campaigns should be viewed as a government-imposed burden, which, as two Supreme Court cases have explicitly recognized, can be accommodated without violating the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Furthermore, strict enforcement of the rule that tax-favored status of churches is conditioned on clergy and other religious leaders not giving their views on issues and candidates in elections risks violation of rights guaranteed by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment.”

Allan J. Samansky, Robert J. Watkins/Procter & Gamble Designated Professor of Law

Professor Samansky was an editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review and was elected to the Order of the Coif upon graduation. He was a tax attorney with the Philadelphia law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr, and Solis-Cohen before joining Ohio State’s faculty in 1978.


He is the co-author of Federal Taxation of Real Estate, and the author of Charitable Contributions and Federal Taxes. In addition, he has published several articles dealing with taxation and is the faculty adviser to the student-run Volunteer Information Tax Assistance program, which is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service.
In a surprise announcement at the faculty and staff holiday gathering, University President Karen Holbrook revealed that Lawrence D. Stanley Professor of Law Gregory M. Travalo will receive The Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service in April. The response was an extended standing ovation for a colleague who is an exemplar of the University’s motto, “Education for Citizenship.”

The Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service is awarded to a maximum of three faculty who have made extensive contributions to the development and implementation of university policies and programs that have made documentable impact on the quality of the University. For more than 28 years, Professor Travalo has distinguished himself in performing the duties and mastering the responsibilities that come with being a member of the Moritz and broader university communities.

In addition to serving as Associate Dean for both Deans Beytagh and Rogers and directing the college’s clinical programs, Professor Travalo has twice chaired both the college’s administration and academic affairs committees. He has also chaired the appointments committee, twice directed the summer law program at Oxford and twice directed law library director searches. Summarizing that service, colleague Allan J. Samansky says, “The University has called on Professor Travalo to lend his energy, intellect and judgment in times of need. Professor Travalo has responded gladly and untingingly.”

He is also an accomplished and dedicated teacher; Professor Travalo was named outstanding professor in 2005 and honored with the Procter & Gamble Faculty Excellence Award in Corporate and Commercial Law in 1998. His scholarly accomplishments include books and numerous law review and specialty publication articles. He is frequently tapped to present papers, lecture, and serve on panels in the U.S. and abroad.

Balancing the demands of teaching, scholarship, Moritz leadership commitments and a decades-long reserve officer career with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps did not prevent Professor Travalo from similarly exceptional university service.

Professor Travalo has served as alternate and faculty representative to the University Senate, and served on the Board of Directors of both the Ohio Agricultural Law Institute and OSU Faculty/Staff Assistance Program. At the request of the university president, Professor Travalo chaired a special committee on “Where Tenure Resides.” He has also chaired the university’s Legislative Affairs, University Rules, and Fiscal Committees. The secret of his success is best characterized by political science Professor Emeritus Herb Asher who served alongside Professor Travalo in university governance, “He is a genuine citizen of the university whose collegial demeanor makes him very effective in bringing people together in any setting. He is a fair person who espouses his own views very effectively even as he is respectful of the opinions of others.”

Wife Barb and daughter Sarah share a congratulatory hug with Professor Travalo.
Robert J. Lynn Chair in Law Martha Chamallas was recognized at a halftime salute to Ohio State distinguished faculty and staff at the Minnesota game. She was honored as an Ohio State Distinguished Lecturer for 2006-2007. Professor Chamallas will receive an award of $5,000 from the Office of Academic Affairs to be spent in support of an academic program or project of her choice.

Halftime Salute for Moritz Professor Martha Chamallas

Dean Nancy H. Rogers assumed the Presidency of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. on January 4. She is the 107th president and fifth Ohio State faculty member to lead the organization of more than 6,000 law faculty from 168 member schools dedicated to improving the legal profession through legal education. As president, she will invite legal scholars and practitioners to look at the engagement of law schools with the bench and bar. Dean Rogers holds the Michael E. Moritz Chair in Alternative Dispute Resolution at Ohio State.

A national leader in dispute resolution, Dean Rogers has co-authored three books in the field, including two that were honored with the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution Book Prize. She has served as chair of the Planning Committee for the ABA Seminar for New Deans and served on the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

The AALS sponsors law teaching clinics, promotes programming to exchange new ideas about teaching and scholarship, publishes the Journal of Legal Education addressing the issues confronting legal educators and serving as an outlet for emerging areas of scholarship, provides faculty recruitment services, and through its Resource Corps, assists schools in developing the capacity for collegial deliberation and decision making. The AALS is the legal education's principal representative to the federal government and to other national higher education organizations and learned societies.

The only law schools to have contributed more presidents than Ohio State during the 107-year history of AALS are Columbia University, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania and Yale University.

Future of Patent Reform Symposium: February 23

For the first time in more than 50 years, Congress is considering major reforms to the patent system. Reform bills and proposals have come on the heels of much criticism from businesses, legal commentators and practitioners, and even from parts of the federal government itself. The Moritz College of Law's Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies and I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society will host a symposium on Friday, February 23, 2007 at the Saxbe Auditorium (Room 130) of Drinko Hall, 55 West 12th Avenue, Columbus, to examine "The Future of Patent Reform" in the United States.

For more information, contact Sol Bermann at bermann.1@osu.edu or visit http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/cilps/events/patent_reform.

Entrepreneurial Business Law Journal Symposium Examines IPOs in the Internet Age: March 2

The Internet Age is requiring that businesses adapt their strategies and regulations to keep pace with a host of technological advances. The annual symposium hosted by the Entrepreneurial Business Law Journal will address "IPOs and the Internet Age: The Case for Updated Regulations." Held on March 2, 2007 at the Barrister Club, 25 West 11th Avenue, Columbus, the symposium will examine the regulations affecting the issuance of initial public offerings and explore the need to amend the regulations. The symposium will include panel discussions from academics, practitioners and business professionals addressing issues at the forefront of this field.

For additional information about the symposium or the journal, please contact Huda Ahmed at ahmed.89@osu.edu.
Barbara Snyder Named Case Western Reserve University President

Barbara Rook Snyder, OSU executive vice president and provost and Moritz Joanne Wharton Murphy/Class of 1965 and 1973 professor of law, will assume the presidency of Case Western Reserve University on July 1, 2007. She is the first woman to hold the office in the University’s 180-year history.

Friend and colleague Dean Nancy H. Rogers says the appointment comes as no surprise, “Barbara is doing an exceptional job as provost, something that I know we all expected given what we already knew about Barbara’s dedication to this university and to students in general – great values, quick analytical mind, strong understanding of people, and experience as an academic administrator here at Moritz and at the university level.”

Provost Snyder is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School where she served as executive editor of the Chicago Law Review. Following law school, she clerked for Judge Luther M. Swygert of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and practiced law in the Chicago office of Sidley & Austin. She began her teaching career at Case Western Reserve University, moving to Ohio State in 1988.

At Ohio State, Provost Snyder taught evidence and co-authored Ohio Evidence and the Ohio Rules of Evidence Handbook. In addition, she taught family law, constitutional law, and criminal defense in the Legal Clinic. A gifted teacher, she shared outstanding professor honors with Professor Nancy Rapoport in 1997. She succeeded Nancy Rogers as associate dean for academic affairs at Moritz in 2000, and again in 2001, when she moved into the vice provost for the Office of Academic Affairs opening created when Nancy Rogers left the post to assume the deanship at Moritz. In 2004, Professor Snyder was named executive vice president and provost, the chief academic officer of the university.

An outstanding administrator and consensus builder, Provost Snyder handled a number of challenging assignments. She led the ultimately successful effort to get a university rule authorizing a clinical faculty track for colleges outside the health services. On special assignment, she served for seven months as interim vice president for university relations until a permanent replacement was named. Working with human resources, she led the successful effort to implement a paid parental leave for faculty and staff. Provost Snyder has been honored with the OSU Mary Ann Williams Women’s Leadership Award, and the University’s Distinguished Affirmative Action Award.

In announcing her unanimous selection, Frank N. Linsalata, chairman of the Case Board of Trustees and co-chair of the search committee said, “The committee and the board believe her wide-ranging academic and administrative experience provides her with the skills necessary for a long and successful presidency.” The Moritz community concurs.

Mary Ming Welcomed as New Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs

Mary Ming has been named assistant dean for graduate and international programs at the Moritz College of Law. She will help launch the L.L.M. program, a new postgraduate program designed to attract foreign students to Moritz. The foreign L.L.M. students will be integrated into existing J.D. classes, enhancing class discussion by providing a more global perspective. Sign-off’s for the program have been received from the OSU Board of Trustees, the American Bar Association, and the Ohio Board of Regents. It is hoped that the program will have three to six students by the fall of 2007 and grow to a maximum of 25 students in subsequent years. Assistant Dean Ming will also provide administrative support to both the semester-long and summer Moritz Study in Oxford programs as well as the M.S.L. program.

Assistant Dean Ming comes to Moritz after leading Capital Law School’s L.L.M. program and other graduate certificate programs for five years. She also has administrative experience at Capital University’s School of Management and at the Ohio CLE Institute/Ohio State Bar Association. A Berry Scholar and graduate of the University of Dayton Law School, she also holds an M.A. in Higher Education Administration from Ball State University.
Two New Yorkers with thriving pro bono practices were honored October 21. With their families and friends and fellow alumni in attendance, Dean Nancy Rogers presented David Braff ’84 and Bob Reeder ’84 with the 2006-2007 Moritz Community Service Award at the Indiana tailgate party at the Barrister Club.

1984 Classmates David Braff and Bob Reeder Honored with 2006-2007 Moritz Community Service Award

It is no accident that David Braff and Bob Reeder were honored together with the 2006-2007 Community Service Award. The two have been friends since their days at OSU, and continue to work together to inspire the next generation of lawyers to give back to their communities.

Both David and Bob are active stewards of Sullivan & Cromwell’s pro bono culture, with Bob having served on the firm’s Pro Bono Committee for more than 11 years. Bob, now co-head of the firm’s corporate group, and his partners meet with new associates each summer to give them a sense of the range of volunteer opportunities that are available and to encourage their participation.

Bob was tapped to coordinate Sullivan & Cromwell’s pro bono response to the terrorist attacks of September 11 in New York. He headed firm initiatives to adopt a firehouse in which only one firefighter survived, helped small businesses with leases and other disputes arising from their proximity to the attack site, and helped staff a legal support desk at the 9/11 intake center for three months. The firm’s work on the firehouse charity became a prototype for firehouses citywide and Bob was recognized with the Lawyers Alliance for New York’s Cornerstone Award. Bob is also a long-standing director of TEAK, a program that helps economically disadvantaged but intellectually gifted New York City students gain access to and succeed at top public, parochial, and independent high schools.

David Braff concentrates his pro bono practice on gay rights cases likely to have the greatest impact. Among them was a 1988 case in which gay teachers requested domestic partner benefits from the City of New York. The groundbreaking case was eventually settled when Mayor Dinkins’ administration gave domestic partner benefits to all City employees. David was also a member of the team of attorneys who challenged the U.S. Military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy.

David also serves on the Board of Directors of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, a nonprofit law firm founded in 1976, which finds unique ways to tackle the problems facing disadvantaged and underrepresented New Yorkers. He is a long-term member of the Moritz College of Law National Alumni Council.

Despite their demanding careers, Bob and David maintain their voluntary representation of indigent clients, lobby for social justice through high profile cases, and support the initiatives of community service agencies.

Throughout their careers, David and Bob have been sounding boards for one another and their friendship has deepened. Bob feels he has been given much – “so many great gifts” – and David says his public interest work is “exceptionally fulfilling.” Both have paid forward in the best tradition of Ohio State.

Call for 2007-2008 Alumni Award Nominations

Your accomplishments not only make us proud, they also serve as an inspiration to others. Your dedication to clients and community deserves recognition. Please take a moment to nominate yourself or a fellow alumnus/a for this year’s alumni awards. You’ll find the nomination form on the magazine insert.

Questions? Contact Director of Alumni Relations, Laura Landy Carr, at carr.275@osu.edu or 614-292-2937.
1969
Michael M. Briley '69 has been reappointed by The Supreme Court of Ohio as a member of the Ohio State Board of Bar Examiners. Mike will serve a five-year term beginning April 2007 and ending March 2012. The Board of Examiners is responsible for the development and grading of the Ohio bar examination. It consists of 18 members appointed by the Justices of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

1973
Robert L. Guehl '73 has been named assistant prosecuting attorney, Civil Division, for the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office in Dayton.

1976
Andrew J. Sonderman '76 has joined the litigation and defense department of the Columbus office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA. Andrew's expertise is in public utilities and he was a charter member of the Gas Industry Standards Board. He is also active in his community as president-elect of the Foundation of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus.

1977
Honorable Janet R. Burnside '77 was recently elected Science and Technology Fellow by the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR) based in Washington, D.C.

1985
Joe Bull '85 has been honored by the Central Ohio Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at the 2006 Central Ohio Philanthropy Day Celebration. Joe received the Leave A Legacy Award. He serves as a member of the editorial advisory board for the national newsletter Planned Giving Today, the editorial board of the web-based Planned Giving Design Center, and as a faculty member of the Academy of Gift Planning. As director of planned giving at The Ohio State University, his work has contributed to raising millions of dollars of planned gifts as well as outright gifts.

1987
Robert C. Thurston '87 opened his own practice one year ago, Thurston Law Offices P.C. (www.thurstonlawpc.com) in Huntley, Ill. He is also organizing the class of 1987 20th reunion to be held in 2007. More details about the reunion can be found at www.thurstonlawpc.com/osulaw1987

1996
Craig H. Smith '96 was named one of 12 "Outstanding Young Health Care Lawyers" in America by Nightingale's Healthcare News. Craig practices with Hogan and Hartson LLP in Miami, Fla., and he was the only Florida attorney to be recognized by the publication.

1998
Max Sutton '98 has opened up his own practice, Max Sutton Attorney at Law, in Newark. Mr. Sutton specializes in criminal defense and family law.

2001
Aaron D. Ford '01 was the recipient of the 2006 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award. The award was presented by the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP) at their annual awards ceremony.
bration on October 5, 2006. Aaron was also recently elected as president-elect of the J.L. Turner Legal Association, Dallas’ Black Lawyers Association.

Johanna Haas ’01 has accepted a position at Illinois State University as an assistant professor of geography specializing in environmental and political issues.

2003
April L. Opper ’03 has joined the litigation department of the Columbus office of Hahn, Loeser & Parks LLP as an associate.

2004
Gregory P. Mathews ’04 has joined the litigation department in the Columbus office of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

2006
Jacob P. Crockett ’06 has joined the Columbus office of Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn. Jacob specializes in real estate and land use law.

Chad A. Endsley ’06 has joined Chester Willcox & Saxbe LLP as an associate. Chad previously served as a summer associate at the firm and now specializes in corporate law, business transactions, real estate, estate planning, and civil litigation.

Jessica Klee Iwler ’06 has joined the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne LLP.

Suzanne S. Whisler ’06 has joined the Columbus office of Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn Co. LPA. Suzanne specializes in corporate finance.

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.

Donald A. Borror ’54 of Columbus died Sunday, December 31. A leader in the housing industry, he was the founder of Dominion Homes, one of the leading home builders in Columbus, Ohio, and among the top 30 in the country. He began building homes during law school, in part, to finance his legal education. In his 50-year career, the company built homes for more than 18,000 families and created a philanthropic foundation to support a range of activities in communities where those homes were built. A double Buckeye, he earned a B.A. in Political Science in 1950 and a J.D. in 1954. A friend to the college, he was an early supporter of the Barrister Club. A civic leader, he served on the Boards of Capitol South Urban Redevelopment Corporation, the Pontifical College Josephinum, and Riverside Hospital. He is survived by his wife Joanne; brother, Richard; sons Douglas, who serves of the OSU Board of Trustees and Moritz alumnus David ’82; daughter, Donna Myers; and four grandchildren.

Douglas Alan Snyder ’80, of Sunbury, died Wednesday, October 25, 2006. He was 54. He was in private practice, specializing in estate planning. A graduate of Upper Arlington High School, he received a Bachelor’s degree from The Ohio State University, and graduated from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He was also a member of various legal associations. His mother Barbara J. Snyder preceded him in death. He is survived include Jane A. D unham; daughters, Sarah and N eale Snyder; father, D r. Bernard Snyder; sister, Pamela (David) Taylor; nephew and niece, Austin and Whitney; special friends, Shelia Tracy and Warren H awkins; and many other relatives and friends.

Sara Ellen Robbins ’85, director of the Brooklyn Law School Law Library, died on December 13, 2006, in a pedestrian/vehicle accident on her way to work. She received her B.A. in Art History from the University of Cincinnati, M.L.S from Pratt Institute, and J.D. from Ohio State. Prior to joining the faculty at Brooklyn, she held librarian positions at Yale Law School Library and Cardozo School of Law Library. Since 1987, she had been a visiting professor at Pratt Institute Graduate School of Information and Library Science. She frequently lectured on copyright issues and law library administration, was active in the American Association of Law Libraries, and was a member of the American Bar Association’s Committee on Libraries. Sara was preceded in death by her mother Norma C. Robbins. She is survived by her father, Dr. Malcolm (Jo) Robbins; sisters, Anne (Craig Lichtman) Robbins of Phil., Pa.; Marlene Robbins of Columbus, Oh.; Kay (D an) Ehrenkrantz of Phil., Pa.; and two nephews.

Calling All Clinic Alumni

Did you participate in a clinical program during law school? Come join your fellow alumni on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at a reception for all Moritz alumni who participated in a clinic or practicum. The reception will take place at the Barrister Club, 25 W. 11th Ave., Columbus and begins at 5:30 p.m.

To attend, contact Carrie Brady ’05 at 614-292-0601 or brady.1301@osu.edu.
College Names First Blackmun Fellow

Leigh Anne Williams, a 3L from Southeastern Ohio, has been named the College's first Blackmun Fellow, an honor that fits her interests like a glove. The fellowship, designed by the five Moritz professors who clerked for the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, supports a student's independent study of the late Justice's papers, including travel to the Library of Congress where the papers are housed. Williams' research is to culminate in a lengthy paper of publishable quality, relying on the Blackmun papers to help generate and refine insights learned about a particular case or subject. She will earn two hours of academic credit for her work.

Williams was among six 3Ls who submitted proposals that were reviewed by all five former Blackmun Clerks on the Moritz faculty: Professors Michelle Alexander, James J. Brudney, Ellen E. Deason, Edward B. (Ned) Foley, and Alan C. Michaels. Williams will examine a series of controversial employment discrimination cases decided in the spring of 1989 that were widely viewed as eroding antidiscrimination protections under the 1964 Civil Rights, and were ultimately overridden by Congress via passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. "I want to look at how the Court and Congress interact with each other," she says, "and how they test one another's limits. I'm anxious to know if the Justices anticipated how Congress would respond and if they did, what that reveals about their decision making."

The topic is in line with her interest in labor and employment law and the continuation of a long-standing interest in the Supreme Court. Williams first wrote about the Supreme Court in her senior thesis as an Ohio State undergraduate majoring in political science and sociology. Her law review note, "Measuring Internal Influence on the Rehnquist Court: An Analysis of Non-Majority Opinion Joining Behavior" will be published in an upcoming issue of the Ohio State Law Journal.

Former Blackmun clerks Brudney and Deason are helping to guide Williams' research. Professor Brudney worked for the Senate Labor Committee as key committee members drafted the legislative response that became the 1991 Civil Rights Act. Professor Deason, who studied the papers for her Missouri Law Review article, "Perspectives on Decision Making from the Blackmun Papers: The Cases on Arbitrability of Statutory Claims," has provided guidance on how the papers are organized. "It's a great opportunity to work with Professors Brudney and Deason," says Williams, "As we discuss the topic, they share stories and tell me where to look for things in the papers - insights that are not necessarily available to others." Arrangements have even been made for Williams to meet with Wanda Martinson, Justice Blackmun's former secretary, who can help decipher the Justice's elaborate system of shorthand used to record events at the Justices' conference sessions.

Williams, who will join Procter & Gamble's legal department upon graduation, has thoroughly enjoyed the intensive research and the occasional tangents in which Professors Brudney and Deason describe working with Justice Blackmun. "If you have any interest in the Court at all, you just love to hear insiders' perspectives," Williams says, "the professors' hearts and souls are in this and their time and guidance has made it a very valuable experience. I'm very grateful."

Robert D. Hays ’52 Establishes Endowment

Robert D. Hays ’52 has established the Robert D. Hays Endowment. The endowed fund was created to "enhance, improve, and advance teaching excellence of the faculty" of the Moritz College of Law. Committed to the college, Bob says, "I created this fund as I felt a sense of obligation to the law school since they equipped me with the skills and opportunity to make an enjoyable living." The fund will be specifically used to retain and attract outstanding law faculty to the College through salaries, research, and professional development.

As a result, the Hays fund will make it possible for the College to expand its already stellar group of faculty members who are increasingly receiving national attention for their scholarship by scholars, courts, and the media. Building upon this success, Robert and Eloise Hays have made an investment in the faculty and contributed to the momentum of the College. At Moritz, we are building a learning community second to none and it is our alumni and friends who provide the margin of difference for this College. If you would like to make a charitable contribution, please use the envelope provided or visit: http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/giving/
Receiving the Elinor Porter Swiger Scholarship came as a complete, yet wonderful, surprise to me. Like many students, I was concerned as to whether I would even be accepted. Now, the Moritz College of Law was offering me a full-tuition scholarship! Truly, I was honored and so very grateful for the generosity of Mrs. Elinor Porter Swiger.

I immediately saw that the scholarship would open many doors for me. Clearly, eliminating the stresses of the financial burden of law school is a great benefit to any law student. Thanks to the Swiger Scholarship, I can focus exclusively on my studies rather than worry about my tuition. Perhaps the greatest benefit the scholarship has conferred on me is the ability to stay close to my family. This scholarship made it possible for me to remain in Central Ohio where my family resides. The support of my family is very important to me, and the Swiger Scholarship made that possible.

The motivational benefits of receiving a full-tuition scholarship shouldn’t be overlooked. There is now extra incentive for me to meet my fullest potential as a law student. Mrs. Porter Swiger’s legacy will be the concept of paying forward. Implicit in this idea of excelling in school is that by doing so, I hope to eventually reach a level of success that will allow me to pass along the generosity I have received. I will be forever grateful for the amazing opportunity I have been given.

— Lindsey Lighthizer ’09

A variety of specialty awards and grants are available to students who meet the specific criteria related to each award. To learn how to apply visit: http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/financialaid/scholarships/

Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn Gift Supports Moritz Distinguished Practitioner in Residence Program in Business

Schottenstein Zox & Dunn’s five-year funding of the Moritz Distinguished Practitioners in Residence Program in Business Law supports an opportunity for students to learn from and exchange ideas with extraordinarily accomplished and prominent practitioners from the U.S. and abroad. Visiting practitioners live in the law student apartment building near the law school and participate in a variety of college activities during their visits, in addition to teaching concentrated, one-credit courses.

This year, students will learn about cross-border transactions from Scott Simpson of Skadden Arps’ London office; international joint ventures from Gail Block Harris of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett’s New York office; fiduciary responsibilities of corporate board members from the Honorable William B. Chandler, chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery; and the history and future of civil rights and remedies from the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (retired), now of counsel to Blank Rome LLP.

Jim Davidson, president of Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn says, “We will continue to place a high priority on our support for the Moritz College of Law. This particular program emphasizes the kinds of experiences students need.” Dean Nancy Rogers concurs, “In and out of the classroom, our students’ interactions with men and women at the top of the profession are helping prepare Moritz students for the most challenging and sophisticated practices here and abroad.”

The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (retired) is among this year’s Distinguished Practitioners.

To learn more about the Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn Distinguished Practitioners in Residence Program, go to http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/dpr/
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