At Moritz, the description of law schools as “ivory towers” disconnected from the actual practice of law is, thankfully, out of date. Moritz is fortunate to have attracted and retained a group of gifted scholars who routinely inspire students. Helping them train the next generation of lawyers are a group of superb practitioners. In curricular and extracurricular offerings, students are enriched through their interactions with alumni and others who mirror the profession’s best practices and highest ideals.

The college’s Schottenstein Zox & Dunn Distinguished Practitioners in Residence Program in Business Law brings some of the profession’s most accomplished practitioners into contact with Moritz students. Students can learn about executive compensation from the judge who ruled in the Disney executive compensation dispute that awarded approximately $130 million in severance to ex-President Michael Ovitz. They can learn the intricacies of mergers and acquisitions from the attorney who represented Mannesmann AG in the $199 billion acquisition of Mannesmann by Vodafone AirTouch Plc., the largest corporate acquisition to date. The Distinguished Practitioner Program expands the curriculum and challenges students to master concepts and strategies at the cutting edge of practice.

Talented adjunct professors bring a special depth and range of expertise to the classroom. For example, students can learn to draft a U.S. Supreme Court brief in Moritz Legal Education Vision.

Law students across the country are learning what Moritz graduates already know: a Moritz education produces quality, whether in the courtroom or in the classroom. Five recent alumni are demonstrating this fact in law schools nationwide. While their scholarly interests vary widely, each cites Moritz as an important source of inspiration and preparation.

Michelle Morgan Harner ’95 always wanted to pursue teaching and she is currently achieving that goal at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Law. How...
at the cutting edge of the law. Their scholarship and service help frame the law and public discourse. This dynamism is woven into their courses.

Here is the challenge - to situate our teaching, scholarship, and service for maximum positive effect in light of an ever-changing legal landscape. Bringing our students into regular contact with professors, jurists, and practitioners who live at the edge of change and shape it will ensure the next generation of Moritz lawyers are equal to the challenges that surely await them.

— Dean Nancy H. Rogers

More than $50,000 Raised to Support Summer Public Interest Internships

Thanks to all of you who donated items for the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) auction, attended the event and made your bids. With your help, PILF raised more than $50,000, a record-setting performance. These funds will enable PILF to provide substantial support for our students engaged in public interest employment over the summer.

Thanks go to David Goldberger, Alan Michaels, and Ric Simmons for serving as auctioneers, as well as to those faculty who played poker in “Poker with the Profs.” Thanks also to the many faculty and staff who contributed items to be auctioned off. Without your generosity, this event would not have been possible.

Substantial contributions were made by Dean Rogers, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, Bricker & Eckler, and Jones Day.

Finally, I want to recognize the enormous effort put in by our students to put this auction on. Carrying off an event like this takes lots of time, planning, creativity, attention to detail and commitment. Kudos to them for a spectacular job!

— James W. Shocknessy

Professor Arthur F. Greenbaum

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bench memo or study state constitutional law from former U.S. Supreme Court clerk and Ohio Solicitor, the Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton ’90 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. They can learn trial practice from the Hon. Algenon L. Marbley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio or from the Hon. Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and former U.S. attorney. A cadre of similarly-talented attorneys share their expertise in a range of course offerings each semester.

Practitioners also play an important role in skills training at Moritz. Each year, busy local practitioners give up their evenings and weekends to judge moot court rounds and negotiation competitions. Third-year students enrolled in civil, criminal prosecution, criminal defense and justice for children clinics work under the supervision of Moritz clinic faculty, all of whom are experienced licensed attorneys. Students in the college’s new real estate law practicum are taught by Rick Daley ’78, a former real estate executive and private practitioner. Students find practitioners’ insights and practical experiences invaluable learning opportunities.

Dean Nancy H. Rogers understands the unique ability of practitioners to inspire tomorrow’s lawyers. She invites distinguished alumni to join her as she meets in small groups with all first-year students. This year’s coffees have introduced 1Ls to alumni who include a federal judge, a managing partner of the nation’s second largest law firm, the president of a family advocacy center, and a Central Ohio CEO.

Practitioners actively mentor students in the Mentoring and More @ Moritz program envisioned by Dean Rogers in 2003 to promote professionalism. “What better way to train lawyers who fully embrace their obligation to clients and the administration of justice, than to put students in regular contact with outstanding practitioners,” she concludes.

Moritz partnerships with the profession contribute to one of the nation’s best learning environments. Professors and their practitioner partners create a stimulating intellectual community in which Moritz students are continuously challenged to push their analytical reach and every graduate is equipped for a lifetime of ever-broadening intellectual horizons.

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio Gregory G. Lockhart ’76 at a recent Columbus Bar Association sponsored visit to Moritz to talk with students about professionalism.
Teaching Teachers continued from page 1 ever, an unexpected love of the legal practice kept her at Jones Day for more than ten years after completing a federal judicial clerkship. After becoming partner, she decided to return to the passion first ignited at Moritz.

While a student at Moritz, Harner developed benchmarks for herself through conversations with Professors Greenbaum, Brudney and Rapaport. They suggested excellent grades, a clerkship, and publishing scholarly articles while practicing would build a solid foundation for a teaching career.

More important than prescribing her path, Moritz faculty inspired her to follow it.

Professor Harner says she was “so impressed with the faculty” during her time at Moritz that they “instilled [in her] a passion for the law.” Through her own courses, Professor Harner tries to ignite this same passion in her own students, along with a sense of what an “honor it is to be in this profession.” In the Moritz tradition of gifted teachers, Professor Harner was recently voted “Professor of the Year” by her upper-class students, during her first year of teaching.

Mark Godsey ’93 was also inspired by the excellent instruction he received at Moritz. After a federal clerkship and private practice at Jones Day, Godsey served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York. He later joined the faculty at Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. In 2004, he made the move across the Ohio River to the University of Cincinnati.

Professor Godsey feels privileged to spend each day teaching the fundamentals, as well as inspiring students to think critically about the law. Nothing pleases him more than having students “get fired up” during a class discussion. His engaging classroom style has led Professor Godsey to be given the Lukowsky Award for Teaching Excellence at Chase College of Law, and the Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching at the University of Cincinnati.

Jayanth Krishnan ’96 has built a career upon his enthusiasm for interdisciplinary studies. After discussing his interest in India and human rights with Dean Nancy Rogers, he decided to follow the dean’s suggestion and pair his legal studies with a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Following completion of his Ph.D., Krishnan accepted a position at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn. In addition to teaching, Professor Krishnan has consulted for the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development, and the World Bank.

Professor Krishnan found teaching role models in Moritz professors such as Daniel C.K. Chow, Nanci Rapaport and David Goldberger. Professor Krishnan was voted Teacher of the Year during the 2003-2004 academic year by Mitchell College’s Student Bar Association. Professor Krishnan is the author of numerous law review and peer-reviewed articles, and he is a co-editing a volume on law and Hinduism that Cambridge University Press will publish next year. Comparative law and, specifically, what he refers to as the “amazing democracy” of India drive his current research and scholarship.

Justin Schwartz ’98 began his teaching career, prior to attending law school, as a philosophy professor at Kalamazoo College and The Ohio State University. He had anticipated that law school would be the end of his teaching days. However, after clerkships and private practice at both Jones Day and Kirkland & Ellis, he found that both the classroom and scholarly pursuits of academia were calling him back. After a successful visitorship, he recently accepted a permanent position at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Professor Schwartz feels that it is a privilege to be responsible for helping students shape their views as they enter the legal profession and it is at Moritz that he gained a model for teaching the law.

While Schwartz has degrees from Princeton, Cambridge, and the University of Michigan, it is the Moritz tradition of teaching that counts.

These five professors featured are among the most recent alumni to enter full-time law teaching. They join the ranks of many Moritz alumni engaged in law teaching, including Moritz Professor Stanley K. Laughlin ’60 and clinical professors Robert M. Krivoshey ’78, Elizabeth Lingen Cooke ’94, and Terri Enns ’96.
David Gergen, Director of Harvard’s Center for Public Leadership, Visits Moritz

D avid Gergen spoke on leadership when he met with students and their mentors at the February 15 Mentoring and More @ Moritz luncheon. Gergen is currently a professor of public service at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and director of its Center for Public Leadership. He is also editor-at-large for U.S. News & World Report. He previously served as a White House advisor to Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton. In the fall of 2000, he published the best-selling book Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton.

Following the luncheon, he met with a group of faculty and staff who are finalizing the Lawyers as Leaders Program to be launched in Fall, 2007. The Lawyers as Leaders Program includes scholarships for high-achieving candidates who demonstrate leadership potential, advisors who will work with scholarship recipients to develop individualized leadership plans, and a wide range of curricular and extracurricular opportunities designed to cultivate leadership skills.

Gergen is active on many nonprofit boards and he is chairman of the National Selection Committee for the Innovations in American Government. He frequently lectures in the United States and overseas and holds 14 honorary degrees.

Mentoring and More @ Moritz: 2007-2008 Applications Being Accepted

For additional information, please contact Angela Henderson at (614) 688-4359 or moritzmentoring@osu.edu. Current Moritz students may download an application form for 2007-2008 at: http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/alumni/mentoring/

As a general rule, all of the mentoring luncheons will be held at the Barrister Club from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. The format will include an introduction and presentation. Following the expert's address, the mentoring groups will discuss and debate issues identified during the presentation.

— by Elizabeth Worthing '06
Professor Garry W. Jenkins knows first-hand what it’s like to be a lawyer who is called upon to be a leader. He was lucky that his credentials -- a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government -- put him ahead of the curve in meeting the leadership challenges of COO and general counsel responsibilities at the Goldman Sachs Foundation, a $200 million international corporate foundation, within four years of graduation.

“At Goldman Sachs, I was hired because of my law degree, but I was spending 75 percent of my time leading people and projects,” he says. When he moved to academia, he wanted to develop a course that would provide law students the tools to excel in similar circumstances. His unique “Lawyers as Leaders” course is giving Moritz students an important advantage in understanding and succeeding in leadership positions.

Professor Jenkins acknowledges why law graduates are frequently called upon to lead, “They bring strong analytical skills, a mental discipline to weigh competing viewpoints, a tendency to discuss conflict without personal attacks, strong communication abilities, and, increasingly, superior skills in problem-solving and negotiation.”

Lawyers as a group, however, are no more likely than non-lawyers to be prepared in other aspects of leadership -- for example, leadership in times of crisis, leading change, consensus building, and mobilizing groups and organizations to address complex issues. These are among the issues addressed in the innovative course that are, paradoxically, absent in most law schools' curricula. “Today's leaders need to understand how to empower people, diagnose situations, and align people in the same strategic direction, and that requires more than merely charisma, but rather an understanding of persuasion, incentives, vision, and communication,” says Professor Jenkins.

Borrowing from the business school model, Professor Jenkins combines theory, case study, simulation, and role playing to introduce frameworks and diagnostic tools in the course. All of the case studies in the course feature protagonists who are lawyers by training. “I want students to understand the hallmarks of skillful leadership so they can develop those skills and think more critically, but I also want students to see the broad range of career choices they have with their law degree,” he says.

Students then choose a lawyer-leader and write their own case study. When Jill Meinhardt '07 expressed an interest in educational policy and design, Professor Jenkins helped her identify Beth Lief, founder and CEO of New Visions for Public Schools. Meinhardt feels fortunate to have made contact with Lief, who remains one of her role models. The course also focuses on the cultivation and recruitment of mentors once students enter the profession.

“Students frequently come to the class with a 'heroic model' of leadership,” Professor Jenkins says, “they think the leader is going to do all the work. Leadership comes in a variety of different forms. It needs to be unpacked from authority or title. Ultimately, leadership consists of creating conditions that allow people to do their best on behalf of the organization.” He is pleased at how insightful Moritz students are and enjoys watching them grow in sophistication and savvy.

Genevieve Reiner '07 was a quick study, “One of the most poignant lessons I learned was that some of the most effective leaders are those people that perform their job with an understated humility coupled with a strong professional will. In a profession full of
Criminal Law Faculty Honored for Scholarship and Teaching

The Moritz College of Law may claim the criminal law triple crown this year. Not only was Frank R. Strong Chair in Law Joshua Dressler honored with The Ohio State University’s Distinguished Scholar Award, his colleague, Edwin M. Cooperman Designated Professor in Law Alan C. Michaels, received the university’s Alumni Award for Teaching. Their collective honors are a third tribute to the college’s success in having built one of the most distinguished criminal law faculties in the country.

Joshua Dressler Recognized for Distinguished Scholarship

The Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes exceptional scholarly accomplishments by senior professors and is particularly appropriate given Professor Dressler’s widely adopted casebooks on criminal law and criminal procedure, and more than thirty influential and constantly cited law review articles.

In 2003, Professor Dressler founded, with his exceptional colleagues and inspired Moritz students, the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law (OSJCL), which soon became one of the top two leading specialty journals in criminal law. In what some say establishes him as first among equals in the field, he was asked by publisher McMillan to be editor-in-chief of the four-volume Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice, a compilation of top scholars’ analyses of the most important contemporary criminal law issues.

The OSU award also recognizes the character and collegiality that define extraordinary scholars. Throughout his academic career, Professor Dressler has demonstrated courage in taking on the most difficult criminal issues, both substantive and societal. Respect and civility characterize his commentary on and critiques of colleagues’ work.

Professor Dressler is a generous mentor to younger scholars and he serves as a role model for students. Cheryl Collins Gutridge ’03, who served as chair of the founding board of OSJCL, recounts, “Although it is very common for graduate students and faculty to collaborate in most areas of higher education, it is relatively rare in law school. Professor Dressler created a system where student participants in the OSJCL were essentially treated as peers in a peer-edited journal. This collaboration was the defining experience of my education at the Moritz College of Law.”

In a note to the Moritz community that demonstrates his wisdom transcends criminal law, Professor Dressler expressed his thanks, “Receiving an award is largely a fluke... In all matters of life, luck -- good or bad -- has a lot to do with results. Things sometimes come together the way you want them to, sometimes they don’t. Ultimately, what really matters, what we all really should hold on to in life, are friendships and kind words and deeds from others. I received the award because of kind words from within Moritz and outside and hard work by the Dean, [Associate Dean] Donald B. Tobin, and others (I don’t know who all of the persons are who have participated). Those words and deeds are what mean so much to me, recipient or non-recipient.”

This collaboration [with Professor Dressler] was the defining experience of my education at the Moritz College of Law.”

— Cheryl Collins Gutridge ’03
Top Teaching Honors Go to Alan C. Michaels

Edwin M. Cooperman Designated Professor in Law Alan C. Michaels is the recipient of a 2007 Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Professor Michaels joins a select group of gifted Moritz teachers to have been voted Outstanding Professor of the Year by a graduating class not once, but twice and an even more select group of four Moritz professors to have also been selected for the university's Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching. A sampling of teaching evaluations reflect students' regard for his teaching talents, "Michaels is by far the best instructor I have had yet; One of the best profs I've had at Moritz; My favorite class, it has persuaded me to go into criminal law; He really is everything a law professor should be."

Outside of the classroom, he coaches the Criminal Law Moot Court Team, advises two student groups, and mentors students as co-managing editor of the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law (OSJCL).

While serving as associate dean, Professor Michaels organized and moderated a host of faculty panels designed to enrich students' intellectual lives and place legal theory in new and unusual contexts. His panels on the legal ramifications of the 2000 presidential election, the legal aftermath of September 11, and Enron's collapse filled Saxbe auditorium and created aftershocks of spirited student debates.

H is peers are no less enthusiastic about Professor Michaels' teaching. James W. Shocknessy Professor of Law Arthur F. Greenbaum says Professor Michaels is, "One of the finest classroom teachers I have ever observed. It is clear to me that he performs at the top of our craft."

Professor Michaels' teaching is not limited to students. Associate Dean Donald B. Tobin has been the beneficiary of Professor Michaels' teaching expertise, "When I was a new professor, I often consulted with Professor Michaels about teaching in the classroom."

“When I was a new professor, I often consulted with Professor Michaels about teaching in the classroom. His advice was incredibly valuable and insightful.”

OSU President Karen Holbrook and Provost Barbara R. Snyder congratulate Professor Michaels on top teaching honors.

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big personalities and intense competition, I found the humility of some leaders to be a refreshing and welcome inspiration."

“The capstone class over one weekend,” Meinhardt says, “helped students identify their individual strengths as leaders and learn how to intentionally design leadership strategies in line with those strengths.”

“I hope that students will become more conscious about their choices and behaviors. The ability to manage strategic relationships and think through human behavior problems can make or break an entire career. So, if the course makes students a mere five percent more effective than their peers, the annual compounding effect of that difference can significantly alter a career trajectory,” says Professor Jenkins. As a result of taking the class, Shad Neiss ’07 reconsidered what he expected from his career and decided to start his own practice. He is optimistic about his future and says, “I would recommend this class to anyone interested in examining the concept of leadership and exploring whether they are realizing their full leadership potential.”

Just as Professor Jenkins and the “Lawyers as Leaders” course are ahead of the curve, so is Moritz. “Only two or three law schools, including Harvard, are offering leadership education as part of the curriculum,” says Professor Jenkins. Dean Nancy Rogers wants to remain at the vanguard, “A number of our alumni -- including Jack Creighton ’57, who served as CEO of Weyerhauser and United Airlines, and those who preside over law firms or lead other operations -- have suggested that our graduates would have an edge in leadership opportunities if they were prepared in advance. In addition, they might be more effective in the volunteer leadership roles that lawyers so often assume. That preparation is now an option for our students, thanks to Professor Jenkins’ innovation and generous support from Jack Creighton, the Estabrook Foundation, and a number of our alumni.”

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On January 22, 2007, the Supreme Court of the United States announced its decision in Cunningham v. California, in which it rejected California’s attempt to characterize its sentencing system as complying with the Apprendi/Blakely/Booker line of federal precedents. Justice Anthony Kennedy, in dissent, urged a particular “principled rationale” for the application of the Apprendi rule: “The Court could distinguish between sentencing enhancements based on the nature of the offense, where the Apprendi principle would apply, and sentencing enhancements based on the nature of the offender, where it would not.”

This is a distinction that has been principally championed by William B. Saxbe Designated Professor Douglas A. Berman in a series of articles, most recently in an article he co-authored with University of Pennsylvania Law Professor Stephanos Bibas published in the Fall 2006 issue of the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law (OSJCL). Justice Kennedy cites this OSJCL article in the text of the dissent on the point of the distinction. While the majority does not embrace this approach, Professor Berman’s scholarship is a significant part of the debate over arguably the most significant criminal justice doctrinal development of the past ten years. In addition, Professor Berman is working on a new article in which he explains why, though the offense/offender distinction may not become embraced as a formal part of Sixth Amendment doctrine, he expects the basic concept will still play a significant and consequential role in the practical application of most sentencing systems.

Professor Berman’s principal teaching and research focus is in the area of criminal law and criminal sentencing. He is the co-author of a casebook, Sentencing Law and Policy: Cases, Statutes and Guidelines, published by Aspen Publishers. In addition to authoring numerous publications on topics ranging from capital punishment to the federal sentencing guidelines, Professor Berman has served as an editor of the Federal Sentencing Reporter for nearly ten years. He also now serves as co-managing editor of the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law, a peer-evaluated, faculty-student cooperative venture published semi-annually as a forum for important scholarship written by academics and professionals in the criminal justice field.

Professor Berman is best known for his scholarship and writing in sentencing. He is the sole creator and author of the widely-read and widely-cited web log (blog), “Sentencing Law and Policy.” The blog receives well over 50,000 “hits” per month (and had over 20,000 hits the day of the Supreme Court’s major sentencing decision in United States v. Booker). Professor Berman’s work on the “Sentencing Law and Policy” blog, which he describes as a form of “scholarship in action,” has been profiled or discussed at length in articles appearing in the Wall Street Journal, Legal Affairs magazine, Lawyer’s Weekly USA, Legal Times, Columbus Monthly, and in numerous other print and on-line publications. In addition, “Sentencing Law and Policy” has the distinction of being the first blog cited by the U.S. Supreme Court (for a document appearing exclusively on the site), and substantive analysis in blog posts has already been cited in dozens of circuit and district court opinions, in many briefs submitted to courts around the country, and in more than 50 law review articles.

To preview Professor Berman’s “Sentencing Law and Policy” blog, go to http://sentencing.typepad.com/

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Law students are notorious among faculty for viewing any class as a failure if they don’t gain practical knowledge that will either help them pass the bar exam or later practice law. And law professors are notorious among law students for focusing too much on abstract gibber jabber that has no practical application in the courtroom.

At least as it relates to the bread-and-butter study of evidence, former prosecutor turned Moritz Professor Ric Simmons argues in a recent law journal article that there’s no reason to choose between practical knowledge and theoretical policy instruction.

“I believe law school generally - and Evidence specifically - should both prepare students for the actual practice of the law and teach them to think critically about the policies and consequences of the law they are learning,” Professor Simmons writes in “The Audience for an Evidence Class: Teaching to Litigators, Scholars, or Bar-Examinees?,” published in the Summer 2006 St. Louis University Journal of Law.

“In the end I believe that meeting all of these objectives is an attainable goal, especially in a class like Evidence. Evidence is unique because it rests directly on top of many of legal education’s fault lines. It is an advanced class populated almost exclusively by second years and is nearly always an elective, yet it is a class taken by the vast majority of law students and it is on the Multi-State Bar Exam. It has a rich field of doctrinal theories and policy questions to ponder, but at its base is a very practical class, a prerequisite to being a litigator. Thus, I think it provides a unique opportunity to blend black letter law, practical application, and policy questions.”

To do this, Professor Simmons suggests a holistic approach that combines study of the rules of evidence with specific cases, real-world problems, trial tactics and an exploration of the underlying policy and theoretical underpinnings of the whole area of law. He advocates three effective ways to interest students in the policy dimensions of studying Evidence.

“First, understanding the policy behind each rule usually helps students to understand how and under what conditions the rule operates. Second, litigators need to make policy arguments to judges when faced with close questions of evidence, especially in a field in which there is relatively little case law to guide them.

Finally, many lawyers will professionally ‘grow up’ to become policy makers in one form or another: they will serve on advisory bar committees; they will become judges that interpret rules in deciding cases; or they may in fact help to write or amend the rules.”

With specific exercises and lesson ideas as well as thoughtful exploration of the topic, Simmons’ article is an excellent primer for any new law professor taking on Evidence as a new assignment, an experienced instructor frustrated with students’ dissatisfaction with theoretical instruction looking for a new approach to the topic, and students looking for a better understanding of their classroom experience.

“If students grasp this holistic nature of the subject, they will have moved beyond their original goals for the class -- the bar examinees will perhaps consider a career in litigation, and the litigators will begin to appreciate the rich doctrine that underlies the subject.”

Ric Simmons, Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Simmons joined the Moritz Law faculty in 2003. He is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a Stone Scholar and a senior editor of the Columbia Law Review.

Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable Laughlin E. Waters of the Central District of California.

Professor Simmons served for four years as an assistant district attorney for New York County, and was an acting assistant professor at New York University School of Law from June 2000 through June 2003.

He teaches Evidence and the Prosecution Practicum.
Ohio's New Ethics Rules: Professor Arthur Greenbaum and Co-authors’ Newly Revised Treatise Provides Practical Guidance During Transition from Code to Rules

Publisher LexisNexis announced the release of a newly-revised ethics treatise to help Ohio lawyers, judges, educators and law students understand the new legal ethics rules in the wake of the transition from Code to Rules. The treatise, *Ohio Legal Ethics Law Under the New Rules*, was compiled by lead authors Moritz Law Professor Arthur F. Greenbaum and Marc L. Swartzbaugh, a retired Jones Day partner.

The treatise analyzes the new Rules and their Code analogs against the backdrop of Ohio legal ethics law as reflected in disciplinary, malpractice, disqualification decisions and in ethics advisory opinions. Organized under a Model Rule format, the treatise provides a detailed discussion of Ohio's new Rules of Professional Conduct, which officially replaced the Code of Professional Responsibility on Feb. 1, 2007.

The treatise provides the first comprehensive analysis of the new Ohio rules, explaining the new standards, pointing out their areas of ambiguity and harmonizing them, where possible, with the previous law of professional responsibility in Ohio.

"Identifying the important differences between our old and new legal ethics regimes will be significantly easier for Ohio lawyers with this resource," said Brian Toohey, a Jones Day partner who advised on the project. "The treatise is intended to help professionals efficiently move from the Code to the Rules. As Professor Greenbaum notes, “a change in rules of this magnitude always raises significant interpretive questions, often ones not apparent to the drafters. We believe the treatise will be of significant value to those involved in the disciplinary process, as well as to all lawyers managing their everyday affairs.”

Arthur F. Greenbaum is the James W. Shocknessy professor in law at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he has taught since 1980. Professor Greenbaum is an accomplished author in the areas of Administrative Law, Civil Procedure, and Professional Responsibility. His new work is a successor to his earlier treatise *Lawyer’s Guide to the Ohio Code of Professional Responsibility*.

Professor Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow* Accepted for Publication

Professor Michelle Alexander has landed a book contract from The New Press, which will publish *The New Jim Crow*, a volume that challenges the current civil rights agenda, calling for a return to the recognition, reflected in the Warren Court's so-called “revolution” in criminal procedure, that criminal law, including the mass incarceration of people of color, is central to the mechanisms by which racial oppression and control operates in the United States.

Professor Alexander joined the OSU faculty in 2005. She holds a joint appointment with the Moritz College of Law and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. Prior to joining the OSU faculty, she was a member of the Stanford Law School faculty, where she served as director of the Civil Rights Clinic.

Professor Alexander has significant experience in the field of civil rights advocacy and litigation. She has litigated civil rights cases in private practice as well as engaged in innovative litigation and advocacy efforts in the nonprofit sector.

— by Professor Marc Spindelman

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Moritz VITA Volunteers Changing Lives for Low-Income Taxpayers

Moritz College of Law students have partnered with the OSU African American and African Studies Community Extension Center (OSU AAAS) to provide free tax preparation services for low-income Central Ohioans. This is the first year for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) at the site, which was chosen by the Columbus City Council because of its accessibility for the residents of the Near East side of Columbus.

The program, which began January 19, provides tax preparation services on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. On average, Moritz students prepare 24 tax returns each week. The program is in high demand and all available appointment times are filled.

The site is managed and operated by Moritz students. All of the volunteers received detailed training in tax law and computer tax preparation software. VITA gives Moritz students the opportunity to complete federal, state, and school district income taxes for people with incomes of less than $39,000. Students apply concepts they learn in business, financial, and tax law classes to the fact patterns of real clients. The site provides its services free of charge, saving many taxpayers more than $200 in preparation fees.

After only seven sessions, more than $80,000 in refunds were claimed for taxpayers. The average refund was $2,100, but some refunds have been as high as $6,400. These tax refunds often amount to 25 percent or more of a low-income taxpayer’s total income for the year. One grateful taxpayer told volunteers she planned to use her tax refund to purchase a car. By bus, her commute to work averaged two hours; with a car, her commute would be decreased to thirty minutes.

Politicians and local media outlets have taken notice of the program. Richard Cordray, the treasurer of the State of Ohio, visited the site and spoke with volunteers on how their services help the community. The local CBS affiliate recently visited the site to feature the Moritz students’ work during a live evening broadcast.

Moritz VITA Volunteers Changing Lives for Low-Income Taxpayers

With Moritz VITA students’ help, IRS refunds are averaging $2,100 per client.

Barton Scholarship Recipient Jason Langley ’07 “Paying Forward” as an Organizer of June 9 Barton Memorial Cup Tournament

Studying at the Moritz College of Law for the past three years has been a great opportunity for me. To have been provided a scholarship to reduce the burden of student loan debt that most law students face upon graduation is a testament to the college’s generous alumni and friends. For each of my three years at Moritz, the Robert K. Barton Memorial Fund has contributed to my tuition and made paying for law school easier.

The Barton Fund, created by Jack Nicklaus in 1966, is dedicated to law students with a love for the game of golf. I began playing golf at the age of six and continue to learn the game as I grow older. The principles taught to young golfers -- honesty, patience, and competing with respect -- are also important ethics taught in law school.

My passion for golf did not end when I began law school. In 2006, I, along with classmates Rob Tucker and Dave Shelton, converted our recreational golf outing into a new event we hope will become a tradition at Moritz, the Barton Memorial Cup. The tournament was established to contribute to the Barton Memorial Fund. We had a strong desire to grow the scholarship fund to help even more students fund their legal education. The generosity of the Barton Fund has provided me the opportunity to base my career choices on my career goals, rather than an overwhelming burden of student loans.

Last year, we were able to raise more than $23,000 for the Robert K. Barton Memorial Fund. We are hoping for greater success this year that will enable us to further increase the scholarship fund to help future students. The Barton Memorial Cup will be held on June 9th at the Golf Club of Dublin at 9 a.m.

For more information about the 2007 Barton Memorial Cup, please visit the website at: http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/bartonmemorial/
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Remaining True to His Beliefs Leads Moritz Student to Fellowship

Brandon Middleton '07 (left) stood at a crossroad. Two years ago he came to the Moritz College of Law interested in pursuing a Certificate in International Trade and Development. His first year of law school, however, exposed him to policy issues he had never considered. By the end of his first year, Brandon decided to focus his energy more in line with his firm political values.

This decision led to Brandon joining the Moritz chapter of the Federalist Society. “I became interested in property rights issues. The Federalist Society was a group of students who not only had similar beliefs in that area, but also strived to bring debate to a variety of legal and public policy matters.”

As his involvement with the organization grew, so did his commitment to his beliefs. The Society elected Brandon as its president in the spring of 2006 and he spent the following summer in Chicago working on ballot initiatives for Americans for Limited Government (ALG). “My experiences at ALG and as president of Moritz’ Federalist Society chapter demonstrated that I have a genuine desire to advocate for limited government and individual liberty.”

His association with the Federalist Society provided him with information about opportunities with organizations that actively promote their agendas through legal action.

An opportunity with the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF), headquartered in Sacramento, Calif. captured his interest. During his second year at Moritz, Brandon developed a particular interest in the United States Supreme Court case Kelo v. City of New London which focused on the issue of eminent domain. The amicus curiae brief PLF submitted to the court struck a cord. Once he learned about the two-year fellowship with PLF’s College of Public Interest Law, he knew immediately it was the opportunity he wanted.

Brandon knew there is a vast difference between wanting something and getting it, especially when that something is a fellowship awarded annually to only four graduating law students nationwide. “The initial application concerned, in large part, writing skills, so I spent a fair amount of time perfecting the requested personal statement. Once that was complete, Cybele Smith, career services director of public service and public interest programs conducted a very helpful mock interview with me.”

This personal dedication paid off. PLF Attorney, Paul Beard II observed, “One of the most important qualities we look for in a candidate is a proven commitment to the cause of individual liberty. Brandon’s leadership along with his experience with numerous pro-liberty organizations established that commitment. Other qualities that impressed us were his strong writing abilities, and his interest in and understanding of basic constitutional principles and theories. It didn’t hurt that Brandon is a personable and enthusiastic individual.”

After graduating from Moritz this year, Brandon will join PLF in Sacramento and will be partnered with a senior staff attorney. The initial assignments will be passing the California Bar and authoring a law review article. Beard says this is just the beginning. “The fellowship offers newly minted lawyers the opportunity to find their own cases and to take the lead in litigating them from their inception through final disposition. No task is out of reach for the fellow.”

Brandon sees the fellowship as the first of many opportunities he will have over his legal career to promote his values. “My career goal is to make a difference for small business owners—the fellowship is a perfect first step in achieving that goal.”

Banner Year for Moritz Graduates in Judicial Clerkships

There is an increasing interest in Moritz alumni as law clerks as evidenced by the variety of courts hiring them. Also increasing is the geographic diversity of placements. With a number of 2007 graduates continuing to interview, the courts in which Moritz graduates will work next year already include:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit (3)
- U.S. District Court, N.D. Illinois
- U.S. District Court, M.D. Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, E.D. North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, N.D. New York
- U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio (2)
- U.S. District Court, S.D. Ohio
- U.S. District Court, E.D. Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, S.D. Texas
- U.S. Department of Labor
- Supreme Court of Massachusetts
- Supreme Court of Missouri
- Colorado Court of Appeals
- Delaware Court of Chancery
- District of Columbia, Court of Appeals
- District of Columbia, Superior Court
- New Jersey, Superior Court
- Tenth Appellate District of Ohio (2)
- Third Appellate District of Ohio
Howard L. Calhoun ’50 has been appointed to the University of Akron Board of Trustees. Calhoun serves on the Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee at Akron and continues to practice law at Roderick Linton, LLP.

Paul Scott ’56 shares, “At my age I am just happy that ‘the old goat is still afloat,’ but I am still active in the practice of law thanks to the USMC and G.I. Bill.”

Patrick N. McTeague ’62 was counsel in a national class action lawsuit, Syverson v. IBM, 461 F.3d 1147. The case concerned the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and was decided in August 2006. McTeague is of counsel at the firm McTeague, Higbee, Case, Cohen, Whitney & Toker, PA in Topsham, Maine, and focuses his practice on labor law, employment discrimination, and employee benefits law.

William T. Bodoh ’64, retired bankruptcy judge, (pictured with Dean Rogers) was appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Certification. The Board is dedicated to serving the public and improving the quality of the bankruptcy and creditors’ rights bar. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the Moritz College of Law.

Dan D. Sandman ’73 announces his retirement from U. S. Steel Corporation. Sandman has served U.S. Steel in a number of capacities: as the vice chairman and chief legal & administrative officer, as the general counsel, and on the company’s Board of Directors.

John W. Garland ’74, president of Central State University, and his wife Carolyn were honored at the Dayton Urban League’s 2006 Gala and VIP Reception on November 11, 2006.

Leslie Varnado Jr. ’74 has been elected president of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Midwest Section Board of Directors. The USTA is the governing body of U.S. tennis. The Midwest section, headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind., is the second largest regional tennis association in the USTA. Varnado also serves as vice president of the Midwest Youth and Tennis Education Foundation Board of Directors, the philanthropic arm of UTSA Midwest Section. He is a senior attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus.

Roland H. Bauer ’80 was appointed to the University of Akron Board of Trustees. Bauer serves on the Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee at Akron and continues his work as chief executive officer for The Cypress Companies, Inc.

Lt. Colonel Theodore Essex ’80 has accepted an appointment as a supervisory administrative law judge with the Department of Health and Human Services in Cleveland, Ohio. Essex left the Department of Veterans Affairs to assume his duties as an administrative law judge in November 2006.

Jack Thomas ’82 accepted a position at Walt Disney TV Animation as the executive producer for the cartoon “The Replacements.”

Phil Krajec ’83 is currently serving as the Atlanta chapter president of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (CPCU) Society. The CPCU Society is the professional organization for property and casualty insurance professionals; the Society promotes ethical behavior and provides continuing education.

Gib Reese ’52 and his wife Lou were honored in December, 2006 when the Newark, Ohio Ice Arena was renamed the Lou and Gib Reese Ice Arena. The celebration included an appearance by Santa and a holiday skating show.
Lyndean Lenhoff Brick '84 was elected chairperson of the Illinois Hospital Licensing Board. Brick is also the senior vice president of and a partner in the Joliet, Ill. firm of Murer Consultants, Inc., a legal-based healthcare consulting firm.

Barbara Andelman '86 was named executive director of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA). NACBA is the only national organization dedicated to serving the needs of consumer bankruptcy attorneys and protecting the rights of consumer debtors in bankruptcy.

Gregory E. O'Brien '86 was elected vice president of the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA). OACTA is the only state-wide organization of attorneys who largely devote themselves to the defense of parties sued in civil lawsuits, including individuals, businesses, governmental entities, and organizations. O'Brien is a partner in the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd LLP, where he practices in the areas of insurance law and real estate law.

On January 8, 2007 Captain David A. Wagner '82 was sworn in as the chief judge of the Navy Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals (NMCCA). Chief Judge Wagner oversees the appellate process that involves seven panels and eighteen appellate judges. The NMCCA is responsible for review of all courts-martial of members of the naval service and petitions for extraordinary relief within its jurisdiction.

Robert W. Horner III '91 was named assistant general counsel at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. Horner is responsible for domestic and international mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters. He has also been elected chairman of the St. Charles Preparatory High School Advisory Board.

Kimberly Brown Schroeder '92 was named group counsel, human resources and labor relations for Marathon Petroleum Company LLC. In this capacity, she will supervise the handling of all of Marathon's labor and employment matters.

Christopher T. O'Shaughnessy '93 joined Thompson Hine as counsel in the firm's construction practice group. He represents architects, engineers, surveyors, owners, contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers in bidding and construction disputes.

Patrick Pauken '94 received the 2006-2007 Faculty Distinguished Service Award from Bowling Green State University, in honor of his service to his college, the university, and his students. The award highlights the importance of service by a dedicated faculty member to the development and enhancement of BGSU. Pauken serves as chair of the educational administration and leadership studies department.

Public Service Career Leads Stephen L. McIntosh '83 to the Bench

Continuing his commitment to public service, Stephen L. McIntosh '83 has been elected to the position of judge for the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas General Division in Columbus, Ohio. Judge McIntosh previously held the position of chief prosecutor for the Prosecutor's Division of the City of Columbus. First Assistant City Prosecutor William "Bill" R. Hedrick '96 is enthusiastic about Judge McIntosh's election to the bench, "I have worked with Steve for more than ten years and I can think of no one better suited to serve on the Common Pleas Bench."

In addition to his prosecutorial background, Judge McIntosh practiced as a private attorney for the law firm now known as Crabbe, Brown, & James, LLP focusing on civil and criminal issues. He has worked to improve the legal landscape in the state of Ohio through his service on the Supreme Court of Ohio's Interpretive Services and Dispute Resolution advisory committees and the Ohio Supreme Court Sentencing Commission. Judge McIntosh serves on the Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors and previously served on the Columbus Bar Association's Racial Profiling and Domestic Violence Task Forces.

Judge McIntosh's desire to hold the office of judge stems from his commitment to justice. He appreciates the impact that the actions of a judge have on both the parties involved and the community as a whole. Strong in his conviction of what a judge and public servant should be, Judge McIntosh has pledged, "Every person who leaves my courtroom will do so knowing that they had their day in court because they had a judge willing to give their case the attention it deserved."

His colleagues fully expect Judge McIntosh to uphold his word; says Hedrick, "Steve's temperament, legal knowledge and reputation for fairness are the embodiment of what our judges should be."

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Aaron L. Granger '96 has been named partner at Schottenstein Zox & Dunn Co., LPA. Granger practices in workplace safety and management representation and focuses on helping public and private sector employers limit their liability. He currently serves as chairman of the Workers' Compensation Committee of the Columbus Bar Association.

Nichol M. Schoenfield '96 and her husband Donald E. Kacmar '97, along with daughter Ryan and son Mason, welcomed baby Reagan Annabella on September 10, 2006. She works part-time at Baker & Hostetler LLP in commercial disputes litigation, and he is senior counsel for Nestlé USA.

Robert Brady '97 was named chief assistant U.S. attorney for the western district of Texas, Del Rio division in August 2006. As chief, Brady supervises ten other federal prosecutors and their support staff in addition to handling his own criminal caseload. The Del Rio division extends over 13,000 square miles in seven counties and is located along the U.S. and Mexico border.

Jeff Yeager '97 has been named partner at Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP in the firm's Columbus office. Yeager practices business and complex litigation focusing on trial court and appellate litigation in both state and federal courts.

Gregory S. Baker '98 has been elected president of the Columbus AIDS Task Force (CATF) Board of Trustees for 2007. CATF is nationally recognized as one of the top AIDS service organizations in the country and described itself as "a full service, community-based, non-profit AIDS organization providing comprehensive services, educational programs and an HIV testing program." Baker is a partner at Schottenstein Zox & Dunn Co., LPA.

Salvador Cicero '98 has joined the CALMEC Global Law Group as of counsel. CALMEC was founded by Cicero's fellow alumnus, Andrew Sagartz '98, and the company specializes in domestic and international business transactions. CALMEC provides services in seven languages: English, Spanish, French, Russian, Korean, Japanese and Chinese. Cicero will be working out of CALMEC's Chicago office. He can be reached at ciceroconsultant@yahoo.com.

Erica Pontius '98, corporate counsel for The Kroger Co., was named one of the 2006 Forty Under Forty professionals in Cincinnati, Ohio by the Cincinnati Business Courier.

Nancy Valentine '98 has been named partner at Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP in the firm's Cleveland office. Valentine practices in creditors' rights, reorganization and bankruptcy law. She is serving as the Chapter 11 trustee for a bankruptcy debtor in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Nichole A. Francis '01 has been named counsel to the House Committee on Homeland Security. The committee has jurisdiction over legislation involving terrorism, port security, natural disasters, immigration policy and law enforcement. Francis will be advisor to the emergency preparedness subcommittee as well as one of several lawyers for the full committee.

Timothy S. Horton '95 Joins Franklin County Bench

In November 2006, Judge Timothy S. Horton '95 was sworn in to serve on the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas General Division. Judge Horton's commitment, knowledge and passion for fairness and justice remain fervent.

"My goal is to bring balance to the Court. I will continue to give people a fair chance to be heard and to receive fair, accurate, and consistent decisions. I will look to improve the court in whatever ways are available. I am honored to serve with such a well-respected group of judges and I look forward to balancing the scales of justice together for many more years."

Before elevation to the bench, Judge Horton practiced at the Columbus law firm of Chester Willcox & Saxbe, LLP, (CWS) where he specialized in complex civil litigation and employment law for nearly seven years. Judge Horton began his career as an Ohio assistant attorney general, where he was also involved in complex litigation in both federal and state courts.

Chester Willcox & Saxbe Managing Partner John W. Bentine '75 is proud of Judge Horton's accomplishment, "While we are always uncomfortable with the thought of losing a valuable member of our team, CWS was extremely supportive of Tim's decision to run for judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. We were confident Tim's legal skills and experience, coupled with great interpersonal skills and his tremendous commitment to community service, would serve both the practicing bar and the community very well."
Michael B. Kass ’99 is an attorney with Armstrong Teasdale LLP, where for the past five years he has practiced in employment law, business litigation and corporate law. He has also written and spoken extensively on the topic of non-compete agreements and the protection of trade secrets. He resides with his wife, Stacy, and their three children, in St. Louis, Mo. He can be reached at mkass@armstrongteasdale.com.

Brian E. Linhart ’99 has joined Schottenstein Zox & Dunn Co., LPA’s Columbus office. Linhart practices in the firm’s real estate and land use practice area.

David W. Walulik ’99 has been named partner at Frost Brown Todd LLC’s Cincinnati office. Walulik specializes in insurance coverage litigation concerning environmental and mass tort claims.

Nathan F. Ware ’99 has been named partner at Baker Hostetler LLP’s Cleveland office. Ware’s practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and corporate and partnership taxation matters.

Craig Bryson ’00, has accepted a position as counsel of international mergers and acquisitions for Abbott Laboratories in north Chicago, Ill. He and his wife, Ann, and their two children, Ben (5 years old) and Claire (5 months old) will be relocating to Chicago, Ill. from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sean Harris ’00 has been named a partner at Kitrick, Lewis & Harris Co. LPA in Columbus, Ohio. Harris currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers and Franklin County Trial Lawyers. Law & Politics magazine named Harris a “Rising Star” in both 2005 and 2006. Harris focuses his practice on wrongful death, insurance, and personal injury litigation.

Mandy Shavinsky ’00 has been named a partner at Snell & Wilmer LLP in Las Vegas, Nev. Shavinsky concentrates her practice on complex real estate transactions and development, specifically mixed-use and high rise condominium development.

Suzana Koch ’01 and her husband Paul celebrated the birth of their son, Alexander Cyrus, on December 31, 2006. They can be reached at paulckoch@hotmail.com.

Brian Ray ’01 has joined the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty at Cleveland State University. He is courses this year include Civil Procedure, Comparative Constitutional Law, and Conflict of Laws.

Anthony M. Sharett ’02 has joined Shumaker Loop & Kendrick, LLP as an associate. Sharett is the co-chair of the Columbus Bar Association’s New Lawyers Committee. He is also a fellow with the African Leadership Academy, a program through the Jefferson Center for Learning and the Arts.

April (Teets) Bucknell ’02 and her husband John celebrated the birth of their first child, Isaac Benjamin, on July 4, 2006.

Kristopher J. Armstrong ’04 joins the Columbus office of Baker Hostetler LLP. Armstrong practices commercial and employment litigation, as well as intellectual property litigation and enforcement.

Justin D. Harris ’04 is working at Reminger & Reminger Co., LPA in the firm’s Sandusky, Ohio office. His practice focuses on general litigation, including complex commercial, products liability, real estate, and medical malpractice.

Brian Shinn ’96 Honored by Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO)

Brian Shinn ’96 will receive the Community Service Award for his work to add lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people to antidiscrimination and hate crime legislation in the City of Columbus. The award honors those who go “above and beyond” in their service, dedication and work within and on behalf of the LGBT communities.

Shinn, a member of the Columbus Community Relations Commission and former LGBT liaison for Mayor Michael B. Coleman, “has demonstrated amazing leadership as the groundwork at the Commission was laid for transgender inclusion,” says BRAVO Board President Chris Cozad. “He is legal expertise, professionalism and tenacity were paramount to the drafting process.”

The current project that Shinn and the Commission have undertaken is to expand Columbus’ equal rights laws to include gender identity and expression, a task that is nearing fruition.

“It had taken a tedious and at times painful two years of meetings and editing and educating and struggling to come to a final document, which is now slowly winding its way through the city governmental process,” Cozad noted. “While recent changes at the Columbus City Council may delay the final passage of these revisions for a short time, the Community Relations Commission is confident they will be adopted soon.”

— Reprinted (with edits) from Anthony Glassman, reporting for The Gay People’s Chronicle.
In Memoriam

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

Melville James (Jim) Shaw ’58, of Pompano Beach, Fla., died on December 11, 2006, after a lengthy illness. He was born in Columbus and attended The Ohio State University where he played varsity basketball and golf. Following service in the United States Air Force, he returned to Ohio State and earned his J.D. in 1958. Jim practiced law for a number of years in Ft. Lauderdale and served as attorney for the Broward County School Board. He was also an adjunct professor in international law with an emphasis on real estate development and retail leasing.

William Lewis Clark ’60, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away January 5, 2007. Bill graduated from Princeton University, where he earned his B.S. in Engineering, with honors, and rowed on the 150-pound crew. After serving three years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, Bill earned his J.D. from The Ohio State University in 1960. He practiced law for 21 years, specializing in construction and business litigation. In 1984, Bill graduated from M methodist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, and served as assistant minister at the First Congregational Church in Columbus from 1984 to 1985. In 1986 he became self-employed as a mediator and arbitrator in complex construction and business disputes. Bill chaired the Ohio Supreme Court Committee for Dispute Resolution for five years, the Columbus Bar Association Committee for Dispute Resolution for five years, and served as a referee on the Ohio Court of Claims. Bill is survived by his wife of 19 years, Barbara; the mother of his four children, Biddie; his children, Jeffery William Clark, Mary Ellen Wendling, Amy Catherine Bishop, and Karen M arie Moyer; stepchildren, Robert M ilton Beer, E lizabeth Ann Gilbert, and Catherine Louise Sonne; and 12 grandchildren and 6 step-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Constance Clark Jones and Anne Clark Carlyle; and brother, Stephen Donald Clark.

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Successful Winter Reception Draws Clinic Alumni of All Ages

Clinical Program alumni gathered on February 1, 2007 to enjoy good food and good company! The reception took place in a wintry, candlelit setting at the Barrister Club. A few alumni drove from Lancaster and Dayton for the evening, and many recent alumni joined the festivities. Dean Nancy Rogers introduced Director of Clinical Programs Greg Travalio, and Greg spoke about the many accomplishments of Clinical Program students.

After the reception, Director of Clinical Programs Greg Travalio said, “I was extremely pleased at both the number of former clinic students who attended, and the wide variety in the years that they represented. We had clinic alumni who graduated as far back as the 1960s and as recently as last year. This demonstrates the value that former clinic students attach to their clinical experience and the loyalty they have to Moritz’ Clinical Programs.”

A 2005 graduate, Jamie Radosevich, explained, “Almost every day at work I use a skill that I developed in the Justice for Children Practicum. I enjoyed coming back to school to see my professors and classmates, and I also enjoyed meeting new people who had participated in a clinic when they were in law school.”

The evening was so successful that Moritz clinic alumni are planning another gathering for next year.

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The following Moritz College of Law graduates have let us know that they were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers of America. Congratulations! We invite others to report their inclusion so the news may be reported in subsequent issues.

1960s
Frank C. Woodside, III ’69
Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
Cincinnati, Ohio
Recognized in the practice of products liability, class action law and health care.

1970s
B. Joseph Schaeff ’75
Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
Dayton, Ohio
Recognized in the practice of intellectual property, licensing, litigation, international business, and trademark and copyright.

1980s
Marilena R. Walters ’84
Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
Columbus, Ohio
Recognized in the practice of health care, litigation, and class action law.

In Sympathy

We at the Moritz College of Law extend our deepest sympathy to Kathy (Shanabrook) Gallo ’88, for the loss of her husband. Kathy asked that we let all of you know of her husband’s passing, and I attach her note below.

Sincerely,
Dean Nancy H. Rogers

Rick Gallo, 48, beloved husband of Kathy Gallo, died on May 8, 2006 of a heart attack at his home in Falls Church, Va. He is survived by his wife Kathy, and their five-year-old son Michael and two-year-old daughter Lina. Rick will be remembered for his kind and gentle manner toward children, his creative sense of humor, and his strong sense of and love for his family.

Friends wishing to get in touch with Kathy can write to her at: krgallo@verizon.net, or 6506 Twin Oak Place, Falls Church, Va. 22042, or call her at 703.534.1090.
Upcoming Alumni Events

May 11, 2007   2007 Spring Hooding
Located at the Palace Theatre, Columbus, 1:00 p.m.

May 17, 2007   OSBA Annual Convention/ Alumni Reception
Hilton, Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio, 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 7 - 9, 2007   Save the Date: Moritz College of Law Class Reunion
For more information visit: http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/alumni/reunions

For more information on alumni events, please contact Director of Alumni Relations Laura Landy Carr at (614) 292-2937 or carr.275@osu.edu.