Join us for the 2007 Class Reunion Sept. 7 - 9! Weekend festivities include an OSU football game with a tailgating party preceding the event. Show us your class spirit!

Reconnecting With Moritz: It is Class Reunion Time

No matter how you look at it, chances are that going to law school had a significant impact on your life. Yes, that dynamic analytical talent that saves mergers and dazzles judges, your inability to accept hearsay evidence from your children as they beg you to let them do something, and those alternative dispute resolutions skills that come in quite handy when negotiating with spouses and dry cleaners alike, all were born here at Ohio State. We are honored to have played a role in helping mold the person you are today and wish you would come back and share your memories, talents, and insights.

“As practicing lawyers, we can provide the law school with a great wealth of information about our experiences to help the school continue to adapt and change to meet the needs of the ever-changing legal market,” said Andrew Weaver, a Class of ’02 reunion committee member. “As graduates, we all have a responsibility to help make Moritz a great place to study law.”

Moritz will welcome back the classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002 for their respective reunions Sept. 7-9. The weekend promises to be memorable for everyone with events including a welcome reception and private tour at the Columbus Museum of Art, class dinners at various establishments around Columbus, walking and bus tours of campus, a gourmet tailgate at the Barrister Club before the Ohio State-Akron football game, tours of the recently redesigned law school, and many more opportunities to relax, socialize, and reconnect.

“I feel for the Class of ’57 this is very

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A Successful Year of Momentum at Moritz

In recent years, the entire Moritz community has focused on a strategic mission targeted at overall improvement – improved student statistics, an improved student experience, improved placement, improved faculty productivity, and an improved reputation among peers and in the legal community. The college has set measurable and quantifiable goals for itself and one by one has begun reaching these benchmarks. The 2006-07 school year was a strong one for the college, and it made significant strides toward drawing the strongest students, building nationally recognized programs, and receiving national exposure for faculty.

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The profile of a Moritz student has changed dramatically in recent years and the Class of 2009, which recently finished its first year, is the college’s strongest yet. In addition, the class entering this fall is expected to surpass this bar with even higher credentials. The entering students’ Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) scores have risen considerably and the 75th and 25th percentile scores have increased by more than five points in the last five years. What was once the 75th percentile score is now the college’s 25th percentile. The median LSAT score now places Moritz incoming students in the top 15 percent of all LSAT takers nationally. Students’ undergraduate grade point averages have also leaped and last year’s incoming class had an average undergraduate GPA of 3.61.

The college is enrolling students from a plethora of regions, cultures, and backgrounds. The Class of 2009 includes students from 27 states and four foreign countries, as well as representing more than 100 undergraduate schools. Students of color make up 23 percent of the class. Students range from 20 to 38 years old and 20 students in the class have already earned master’s degrees or their doctorates.

In order to continue to recruit top students, faculty and staff are continually creating new courses and programs that set Moritz apart from other leading law schools. For example, Moritz launched the Program on Law and Leadership in 2006. Many legal professions require developed leadership skills, yet few law schools focus many resources on this training. The program offers a variety of courses and extracurricular activities designed to hone in on students’ leadership styles while developing a core foundation of skills. This program will also offer more than 75 full or partial three-year scholarships to students entering Moritz this fall and who demonstrate leadership.

The Leaders program should continue to only help strengthen the attractiveness of Moritz students to prospective employers, an area the college has already seen jump by monumental proportions. In 2003, the college’s placement rate at graduation was 69.3 percent, and it rose to 84 percent for the Class of 2007. The Class of 2006 reported a placement rate of 98.6 percent nine months after graduation. Those jobs were in 26 states and two foreign countries and at law firms of all sizes, as well as in local, state, and federal government. In addition, more than 20 students have been offered and accepted judicial clerkships, which is double the college’s previous rate.

Much of this success can be attributed to the strength of the college’s faculty, who have been busy in and outside the classroom over the past year. Not only has the faculty continued to produce a plethora of high quality books, articles, and treatises, their work has continued to increasingly gain national recognition. In 2005, Moritz faculty scholarship was cited in more than 1,500 judicial opinions, court briefs, and law review articles, up from 879 in 2001, an increase of more than 75 percent. In addition to traditional avenues, Moritz faculty have also taken the lead in entering the arena of new media and currently write some of the most read and recognized law blogs in the country. Professor Douglas Berman’s Sentencing Law and Policy blog was the first blog to be cited by the Supreme Court and provides up-to-the-hour updates on the current chaos and disparities plaguing the federal sentencing guidelines in the wake of two recent Supreme Court decisions. Professor Dale Oesterle’s business law blog provides the latest in Security and Exchange Commission actions, corporate takeovers, shareholder disputes, and white collar crimes. There are also several blogs in the Election Law @ Moritz program, which receive thousands of hits particularly during election cycles.

Many of the new initiatives and successes last year can be attributed to a productive year in the development office. By adding additional staff, the college has doubled the contributions to its Annual Fund and has been able to completely self-fund the first year of the Leadership Scholarship program. Many of the new contributions have come from the college’s Investing in Momentum Campaign, which aims to match Michael E. Moritz’s gift of $30 million. Money raised in the campaign, which currently stands at about $26 million, will fund scholarships, named faculty positions, and innovative programs.

Finally, the college realizes that outside recognition is important to both alumni and students, and in April Moritz was recognized for the first time as one of the top 10 public law schools in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

Moritz has increased its academic profile and is sending graduates to top positions across the country.

The Election Law @ Moritz program provided expertise throughout the 2006 mid-term elections.
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special because it is the 50th anniversary of our graduation from the Ohio State College of Law. It probably represents the last organized and official reunion at which a significant number of our ’57 classmates can and will attend,” Marc Eilerman, a class committee member, said. “Fifty years of practice probably represents the end of the professional career for most class members, and thus it is meaningful to look back and note where we started from, where we have come, and where we are at this milestone in our respective professional careers and lives. This is our last hurrah. This is a finale for the turkeys from Page Hall, the first class to graduate from the then new Law Building, to celebrate the blessings that we have all enjoyed over the past 50 years.”

While the Class of ’57 is enjoying its milestone reunion, the Class of ’02 is focused on the plenitude of changes that have entered their young lives.

“For the Class of 2002, this will be our first reunion and our best chance to re-establish connections that have not faded dramatically over a great period of time. In addition, the first five years of practice often involves a fair amount of changes for young lawyers, so the reunion presents a great opportunity to find out what has been happening with law school friends since graduation,” Weaver said. “Not only was law school a fun three years, but law school provided me with the skills to actually help those in need of assistance, from large corporations and third-world countries to nonprofit organizations and low-wage immigrant workers.”

The Class of 1982 is celebrating its 25th reunion. According to committee member Bob Reynolds, the class is a bunch of good attorneys that never missed an opportunity to have a good time and learned early on not to take themselves too seriously. Committee member Carol Tenyak-O’Connor is hoping to extend that notion of not missing a good time at the reunion.

“After 25 years, there have been a lot of changes in people’s lives and this is an excellent way to reconnect with friends and form new friendships,” Tenyak-O’Connor said.

Class of ’77 committee member J. Douglas Drushal recommends that everyone come to the reunion.

“Ohio State has meant a lot to all of us, and I want to see everyone,” Drushal said. “We are old, and we may not meet again.”

Class members wishing to update contact information, serve on class committees, or recommend a fellow classmate may contact Sara Grimm at (614) 292-8809 or grimm.127@osu.edu. For the most up to date information on the reunions, please visit http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/alumni/reunions/index.php.

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Introducing the Class of 2007

The Class of 2007 is definitely accomplished. And, during their time at Moritz, they built a legacy that will live for generations of classes to follow. They helped create two new journals – *I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society* and the *Entrepreneurial Business Law Journal*, bringing the number of scholarly journals to five. Two hundred students joined the innovative Mentoring and More @ Moritz Program, which pairs practicing attorneys with students. They helped make possible the award-winning Election Law @ Moritz program, which brings unbiased information and analysis to the media and public, and assisted the nation in its understanding of the role of law during hotly contested Presidential and Congressional elections. They raised record amounts for the Public Interest Law Foundation, contributed to the college’s reputation through their moot court and lawyering skills competition successes, and improved the journals, the Pro Bono Research Group, and many other organizations.

A Fulbright Scholar. A President’s Volunteer Service Award winner. Moot court champions. A Pro Bono Publico Award first runner-up.

If you want to know how to balance your classes and still do pro bono work, just ask any of the 85 Class of 2007 Moritz law students who were able to do both while they were in law school. Of those, 61 graduates received Public Service Fellow (PSF) honors each for completing anywhere from 50 to 1,070 hours of pro bono legal or mediation work.

Overall, the Class of 2007 contributed 13,507 hours of pro bono work in a variety of settings from government to judicial chambers to direct legal services. In all, 42 organizations and their clients benefited from the work these graduates completed.

Jill Meinhardt received the PSF with Dean’s Highest Honors for her service both on and off campus. Most notably, Jill represented four special needs siblings in a neglect case for many months as a Court Appointed Special Advocate while volunteering for CASA of Columbus. Her dedication to this, her leadership of Moritz Advocates for Children and the Pro Bono Research Group, and her research for the

Class of 2007 Sets New Record for Pro Bono Service

Children’s Defense Fund of Ohio were all recognized when Jill received national recognition by taking the NALP/PSLawNet Pro Bono Publico Award, First Runner-Up, in fall 2006.

Three graduates took time out to help in the hurricane ravaged Gulf Coast. Sarah Cherry and Adam Bowers did pro bono legal work at the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation. Sarah helped New Orleans residents properly succeed to their real property in order to be able to make insurance claims for loss or damages. Adam spent

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A year of contract law is not something many law students look back on with a feeling of fondness and affection. But, first-year contracts professor Albert L. Clovis touched this year’s graduating class in such a way that he was selected as the Morgan E. Shipman Outstanding Professor.

“The first week of Contracts with Professor Clovis was probably the most terrifying week of my life. He called on a classmate and grilled him for the full hour the first day of class, and after that I can remember cramming frantically any spare second I had in the hope of understanding contract law,” said Genevieve Reiner, a 2007 graduate.

“However, after that first week, his love for teaching and his affection for his students became apparent. Looking back, he will be the professor that epitomizes the whole experience for me. By the end of our year of Contracts we were more confident and able to laugh at ourselves and our mistakes, which I think, in the end, was his goal. He taught us contract law, but I think he also did a wonderful job of shaping us into future lawyers.”

— Professor Dan Chow

Professor Clovis presents his words of wisdom to the graduating Class of 2007.

Professor by the graduating classes of 1974, 1982, and 1994, and he has earned a reputation for his legal expertise, caring, and dry wit. He is also a recipient of the University’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

Professor Clovis received his B.A. from Yale University, M.A. from the University of Michigan, and LL.B. from Harvard University, where he served on the Harvard Law Review. Following three years of legal practice, Professor Clovis joined The Ohio State University law faculty in the fall of 1965 and is currently a professor emeritus at the Moritz College of Law.

“Those peers who know him best describe him as a gifted teacher. “Professor Clovis is a remarkable teacher for many reasons,” Isadore and Ida Topper Professor of Law David Goldberger said. “First and foremost, he has complete mastery of the subject. And, when he teaches, he focuses on being sure that his students are learning. In other words, he is attuned to the progress his students are making with the material in the course on a day-by-day basis and in a way that is remarkably sensitive. If a student is having a hard time in a course, Professor Clovis will do whatever he can to help him. Finally, he has a wonderful and endearing sense of humor.”

— Professor Dan Chow
The Death of Commercial Law Has Been Greatly Exaggerated

“...[T]here is no approach to legal scholarship – none – that cannot be employed profitably in the study of commercial law. If some think the field settled, with nothing new to be said – well, there is a long history of savants pronouncing the closing of the scholarly frontier, and always have those savants looked silly.”

— Prof. Larry Garvin in the Ohio State Law Journal

Two decades before the publication of Einstein’s world-changing theory of general relativity, the American Nobel Prize-winning physicist Albert Michelson confidently proclaimed of physics in 1894 that “it seems probable that most of the grand underlying principles have been firmly established.” Equally historically wrong are those in the legal academy who may similarly proclaim the area of commercial law to be devoid of potential new discoveries and unworthy of serious study. The Ohio State Law Journal has dedicated an entire issue – tagged Commercial Calamities – to bringing the best and brightest in commercial law together to discuss the leading questions of the day. The 17 distinguished commercial law professors write about some aspect of commercial law that they find misguided or erroneous.

Garvin doesn’t deny that commercial law has seen better days. In fact, Garvin numerically documents that the field of study in American law schools has been in significant decline. Despite the continued expansion in law schools and law faculty over the past 20 years, there are fewer commercial law professors today than 20 years ago.

In addition, Garvin documents that there are perilously few vibrant young commercial law faculty, particularly at the top law schools; indeed, last academic year no commercial law professor with less than 10 years of teaching taught commercial law at a top school. And he points out that while areas like criminal law, intellectual property, and other comparable fields have trebled the number of published articles over the past 40 years, the number of commercial law articles has declined by more than a quarter.

Garvin points to a number of causes for the decline. First, the boom in academic commercial law in the 1960s after the enactment of the Uniform Commercial Code may be thought of as having artificially elevated the market, necessitating a market correction of sorts after the buzz wore off. This effect was exacerbated by the corresponding rise during the same period of other competing areas, such as bankruptcy and intellectual property law.

In addition, Garvin writes that some aspects of the legal academy generally have contributed to the decline of commercial law specifically. For example, law schools have increasingly placed less emphasis on curriculum when making hiring decisions.

“This attitude may explain in part the lack of young commercial law scholars at most of the top schools,” he said. “If few promising juniors have any interest in those areas, the top schools will, rather than dip lower in the pool, hire in other fields.”

Garvin explores a number of other possibilities. But whatever the cause, Garvin offers a sobering look at the effects - not the death of commercial law, but a serious loss nonetheless.

“As long as we have commerce, we will have commercial law; as long as we have commercial law – particularly as long as it remains a Bar topic – it will be offered regularly at most American law schools,” he writes. “Rather, the question is whether it will remain a topic for inquiry at the best law schools, which traditionally have provided most American law teachers and most intellectual leaders of our profession. Here we risk a vicious cycle. If students at these top schools do not have the chance to take commercial law; if it is taught mainly by adjuncts or by lesser figures; if they do not see articles in the field published in the leading journals – then they will draw the sensible conclusion that the field isn’t as important as others where these are not true, and transfer their attentions...
elsewhere. Without a fresh supply of academics, trained at the best schools and skilled in the newest analytical methods, commercial law in the academy is in danger of becoming an intellectual backwater.”

Garvin offers a number of possible solutions, including: stop curtailing demand by curtailing class offerings; encourage top schools to teach commercial law more often with tenure-earning faculty; encourage top schools when hiring to look more aggressively at commercial law and expand their searches beyond the traditional academic “feeder schools;” mobilize the students and alumni; and be more fair when counting citations by not comparing apples and oranges. To be more fair when counting citations by a scholar in this field with constitutional law, Garvin argues.

“For academic commercial law to lapse into innocuous desuetude would be, in its way, a calamity. Certainly a calamity for those of us in the academy who stubbornly study it, for there is little pleasure in shouting into a void. But a calamity as well for those whom commercial law affects – that is, all of us: judges who rule on commercial disputes, lawyers who advise clients on how they should behave or how a failed deal leaves them, and all of us save a few reclusive or quixotic non-combatants in the battles of the marketplace.”


Faculty in the News

Have you ever sat down to read the Sunday paper and been surprised to see one of your law professors right there in black and white? Moritz faculty are being sought as experts in increasing numbers by the media.

Whether in response to landmark Supreme Court rulings or decisions on Capitol Hill, Moritz faculty have been interviewed and quoted by reporters at the nation’s largest and most influential newspapers.

Below is a sample of recent activity:

Professor Peter Shane, a separation of powers expert, has been called on repeatedly to comment on the U.S. Attorney firings by The New York Times, Baltimore Sun, Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, and The New York Times. Professor Shane also published an OpEd on the subject in the Columbus Dispatch and Newsday.

Professor Douglas Berman, an expert in sentencing law, has appeared in hundreds of media outlets this year and articles related to U.S. Supreme Court decisions as well as high profile criminal cases. He was quoted in the Seattle Times and Austin American Statesman regarding the sentencing of Scooter Libby; in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch regarding the death of a defendant in a Supreme Court case; and the Miami Herald, LA Times, Salt Lake Tribune and CBS News on the U.S. Department of Justice’s push for stricter sentencing in criminal cases.

Professor Dale Oesterle, a business law expert, discussed the affect back-dated stock options are having on the NASDAQ stock exchange in The Street and was also quoted in The New York Times regarding the potential takeover of ABN Amro or its American Unit - LaSalle Bank - by the Royal Bank of Scotland Group, Barclays or the Bank of America.

Professor and employment law expert James J. Brudney was quoted in The New York Times regarding a Supreme Court decision in which the... continued on page 15
Public Interest Law Foundation Fellowship Recipients

This summer, 18 Moritz first- and second-year law students are working in public sector jobs thanks in part to fellowships awarded by the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF). These fellowships are for between $500 to $3,500 and help defray living expenses for students spending the summer in what are often low-paying or non-paying positions that serve underrepresented and underprivileged populations. In addition, for the first time, both the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation and Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP funded full PILF fellowships for deserving students.

Below is a description of the 2007 PILF Fellowship Recipients and their respective summer positions:

Melissa Benton, 1L, is interning this summer in the Criminal Division of the Lucas County Prosecutor’s Office in Toledo. As a legal intern, Melissa is assisting trial attorneys with case preparation, legal research, drafting of motions, and assisting with discovery and witness interviews.

Sara Bergene, 2L, is a summer intern at the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), a program of Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights based in Chicago. In addition to advocating for legislative improvements to the immigration law system, NIJC is a non-profit organization providing quality, low-cost legal services to immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in the Midwest. Through its dedicated team of staff attorneys, legal workers, and a network of over 750 pro bono attorneys, NIJC serves over 8,000 clients annually. Sarah is supporting staff attorneys to prepare for immigration hearings, in addition to conducting legal research, and drafting motions and briefs. For Sara, whose ultimate career goal is to practice public interest immigration and refugee law, this summer internship is a dream come true.

Rachel Burlage, 1L, is a law clerk this summer at Ohio State Legal Services Association (OSLSA), a nonprofit provider of legal services founded by the Ohio State Bar Association in 1966. Rachel is assisting low-income residents with a variety of legal issues as an “intake specialist” and legal researcher.

Rachel Chodera, 2L, is a legal intern at FairVote, a non-partisan, nonprofit electoral reform organization in Washington D.C. FairVote is dedicated to empowering disenfranchised groups through electoral systems changes and right-to-vote initiatives. Rachel is assisting with research and writing of amicus briefs in addition to providing analysis of past and pending election legislation.

Kathleen Clyde, 2L, the 2007 Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP PILF Fellow, is a law clerk this summer at the Brennan Center for Justice at the NYU School of Law in New York City. Her placement is with the Voting Rights and Elections section. She is assisting the Brennan Center staff in research, litigation, legislative drafting and counseling, and public education on a wide range of issues including improving election systems nationally and ensuring access to elections for all citizens. Kathleen hopes to pursue a career in election law.

Lauren Fontana, 2L, is a public interest legal intern at the Center’s Legal Initiative’s Project (CLIP) in Denver. Founded in 1992, CLIP is one of the country’s oldest Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender support services centers. CLIP engages in impact litigation and legal services for the most disadvantaged members of the LGBT Community in
Denver. Lauren’s duties this summer primarily consists of legal research for current and prospective cases. Lauren is also assisting with direct legal services through CLIP’s legal hotline.

Dylan Griffiths, 1L, is a summer intern at the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Ohio in Columbus. The Federal Public Defender provides legal services and representation for indigent criminal defendants. Dylan is performing a variety of legal duties, including preparing trial, hearing, and appeal materials. Dylan is also assisting with legal research and memo drafting in addition to accompanying counsel on client visits to local jails for consultation.

Katie Jory, 1L, is as a law clerk for Ohio State Legal Services Association at its state support center, working to prevent and solve legal problems that affect Ohioans living in poverty. Katie is also assisting clients with tax assistance.

Shannon Karla, 2L, is interning this summer for the Code Enforcement Department of the City of Cleveland’s Department of Law. Shannon’s duties include legal research and writing. In addition, with her Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio, Shannon has the opportunity to appear in court, representing Cleveland’s residents by helping to enforce fire, health, zoning, and housing codes.

Katherine Lengieza, 2L, who plans to pursue a career in criminal law after graduation, is a legal intern in the Criminal Enforcement Division at the Office of the Attorney General of Texas in Austin. Katherine is interning with an experienced Assistant Attorney General, assisting with legal research, memoranda drafting, and trial preparation.

Rachel Laing, 1L, is clerking at Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). CRIS is the only nonprofit organization in Central Ohio that provides immigration-related legal services and representation. Rachel is assisting with on-site client intakes, processing for green cards and naturalization, in addition to legal research and writing. Rachel is interested in pursuing immigration law after graduation.

Renato Manay, 1L, is serving as a summer legal intern at the Office of the Public Defender in San Francisco. The mission of the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office is to provide vigorous, effective, and ethical legal representation to persons who are accused of a crime and cannot afford to hire an attorney. As a summer intern, Renato is assisting an experienced attorney with in and out-of-custody client interviews, legal research, writing projects, trial preparation, and assisting at trials and hearings.

Julie McDermott, 1L, is a law clerk for Ohio State Legal Services Association. She is helping low-income clients at both the state support center in Columbus and the direct services program in southeast Ohio.

Adrienne Montalvo, 2L, is a legal intern at the National Immigration Project in Boston. For over three decades, the National Immigration Project has been protecting the rights of non-citizens facing the greatest barriers to justice. The National Immigration Project is comprised of immigration attorneys, public defenders, legal workers, grassroots advocates, and others working to defend immigrant rights through the promotion of social justice and equal treatment of immigrants and non-citizens including crime victims, detainees, and individuals with HIV. As a legal intern, Adrienne is supporting staff attorneys with legal research and writing.

Ryan Muennich, 2L, is clerking at Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). CRIS is the only nonprofit organization in the Columbus area that provides immigration-related legal services and representation. Ryan is assisting with on-site client intakes and processing for naturalization.

Caitlin O’Donnel, 2L, is serving as a summer intern at the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Ohio in Columbus. The Federal Public Defender provides legal services and representation for indigent criminal defendants. Caitlin is performing a variety of duties including preparing trial, hearing, and appeal materials. Caitlin is also assisting with legal research and memo drafting in addition to accompanying counsel on client visits to local jails for consultation.

Laura Sminchak, 2L, is working this summer at the Equal Justice Foundation (EJF), a nonprofit law firm in Columbus. EJF’s primary mission is the direct representation of individuals and organizations in impact litigation or cases raising issues of statewide significance for low-income persons. As a summer law clerk, Laura is assisting staff attorneys with research and drafting briefs and pleadings. Laura is accompanying attorneys at hearings and depositions. After graduation, Laura plans a career in anti-poverty advocacy and litigation.

Sarah J. Staley, 1L, a 2007 Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation PILF Fellow, is working as a summer law clerk at the Equal Justice Foundation (EJF), a nonprofit law firm in Columbus. EJF’s primary mission is the direct representation of individuals and organizations in impact litigation or cases raising issues of statewide significance for low-income persons. Since 1992, EJF has focused on key impact areas including human services, consumer protection, fair housing, predatory lending, discrimination, disability, and education rights. During the summer, Sarah’s primary responsibilities include conducting legal research, drafting legal memoranda, and serving as an intake specialist for EJF’s clients.
**1950s**

Harold L. Libby ’53 was listed with an incorrect address in the Moritz College of Law 2006 Alumni Directory. His correct address is: 1220 S. Orange Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236.

**1960s**

Ron Perey ’68 has changed the name of his firm to Perey Law Group PLLC, located in Seattle. He is a personal injury trial lawyer and focuses on medical malpractice representing injured patients as plaintiffs. After being included for over a decade in every year’s edition of both The Best Lawyers in America and Washington Super Lawyers, he has been selected once again for inclusion in the magazines’ 2007 editions. Both publications recognize Perey in the areas of medical malpractice and personal injury.

**1970s**

David Gradwohl ’72 has been selected for the third year in a row for inclusion in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers in the area of business litigation. He is a partner with the Lansdale, Pa., firm of Fox Rothchild LLP.

Robert Black ’74 has moved his office, Robert Black Law, to a new location in the JP Morgan Chase Tower in Columbus. He can be reached at RobertBlack@RBlacklaw.com.

William Todd ’76 joined Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff as counsel in the firm’s public law practice group.

Jeff Jurca ’78, together with Scott Lavelle ’80 and Beth Anne Lashuk, formed Lavell, Jurca & Lashuk, LLC, located in suburban Columbus. Lavell, Jurca & Lashuk will continue their practice in trucking and transportation defense, insurance coverage, professional licensing, general and bad faith insurance defense, product liability, premises liability, and general civil litigation.

**1980s**

Gerry W. Beyer ’80 has recently received two awards from the Texas Tech University where he serves as the Governor Preston Smith Regents Professor of Law: Outstanding Professor of the Year 2007 (presented by Phi Alpha Delta) and President’s Excellence in Teaching Award. The fourth edition of his book, Wills, Trusts, and Estates: Examples & Explanations was recently published by Aspen Publishers.

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Thomas D. Sykes ’79 co-authored a widely noticed article about the emergence of patents for tax strategies. The article was mentioned favorably in an article that appeared last October on the front page of the business section of The New York Times. Sykes also had a highly visible role in bringing about the demise, in 2006, of the federal excise tax on long-distance and wireless phone service. A partner in the Chicago office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP, Sykes was recently selected by his peers as an Illinois Super Lawyer in tax for 2007.

**1990s**

Judith M. Davis ’84 has been promoted to executive vice president and will remain chief legal officer (CLO) at BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. She will oversee executive management of subsidiary companies Companion Life Insurance Co. and Companion Property & Casualty Insurance Co., and corporate public affairs, communications, public relations, and law departments.

Richard Mancino ’82 was quoted in the Feb. 20 The New York Times with respect to a high-profile civil rights matter he is handling in conjunction with the New Jersey American Civil Liberties Union. Mancino and his firm are representing on a pro bono basis a high school junior who blew the whistle on his history teacher for proselytizing in class in violation of the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause. Mancino told The New York Times that he did not understand why school officials would not “stand up for this student, who had the guts to raise this constitutional issue.”

Kevin Hardman ’85 is a founding partner in the new law firm of Hill, Hardman Oldfield LLC, in Akron, Ohio, which focuses its practice on wrongful death and personal injury litigation. Additionally, he was selected one of “The Best Lawyers in America” in the field of medical malpractice law.

Linda A. Blair ’86 founded Benchmark Legal Research LLC last year. Benchmark specializes in legal research and writing for law firms and corporations. Some of the services offered include: legal authorities, legal memoranda, multi-jurisdiction surveys, motions, briefs, individual legal arguments, phone reports, and complaints. Blair may be contacted at blair@benchmarklegalresearch.com.
Richard Helmreich ’89 has been appointed to the 2007 Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans, also known as the ERISA Advisory Council, by the Secretary of Labor. The council provides advice to the Department of Labor on policies and regulations affected by ERISA. Helmreich is a partner in the corporate department of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP and is the chair of the firm’s Employee Benefits Practice Group.

Thomas L. Mason ’89, a partner at Mason, Mason & Kearns, was accepted into Mensa.

Sarah J. Mugel ’89 has been named general counsel of National Fuel Gas Distribution Company, and she will be responsible for the legal affairs of the company’s utility segment.

Christopher E. Parker ’89 has joined Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins LLP in Atlanta. As a partner, he will lead the labor and employment law practice.

Brad Sprayberry ’89, the director of attorney recruiting at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart in West Palm Beach, Fla., was recently elected to the nominating committee for the National Association for Law Placement (NALP). He will serve as the Southeast Region’s law firm representative, an area comprised of hundreds of law firms and law schools in 13 states and Puerto Rico.

Max Sutton ’89 has started his own practice in Newark, Ohio. He focuses on criminal law and also does domestic and personal injury work. He and his wife welcomed their second child and son, Shamus Christopher, on March 1.

1990s

Eric Bravo ’90 joined Bricker & Eckler LLP as a senior attorney in the litigation group.

Robert Kennedy ’90 was appointed superintendent of the Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Labor & Worker Safety. He was previously the chief of the Division’s Bureau of Wage and Hours. The Division of Labor & Worker Safety administers and enforces Ohio’s prevailing wage, minimum wage, overtime, and minor labor laws.

Daniel Klein ’90 was selected as Chicago Magazine’s Illinois Super Lawyer for plaintiffs’ personal injury in 2005, 2006, and 2007. The Super Lawyer designation represents the top five percent of lawyers in Illinois. He currently resides in Lincoln Park, Ill., with his wife, Stephanie, and their three children.

Andrea Cataland ’91 joined the Atlanta office of Smith Moore LLP. She made the move as part of a consolidation where Smith Moore combined with Cataland’s former firm, Carter & Ansley LLP.

Elise Porter ’91 will serve as the acting solicitor general of the state of Ohio. Porter has been with the Attorney General’s Office for more than 14 years, serving most recently as the principal attorney in the workers’ compensation section. She has also been the senior attorney in the Constitutional Offices Section and a member of the Major Appeals Group.

T. Earl LeVere ’94 joins Schottenstein Zox & Dunn as partner in the firm’s intellectual property practice group and commercial litigation practice area. LeVere focuses his practice on intellectual property and complex commercial litigation matters. In both 2005 and 2006, LeVere was named an Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star and has been honored as one of Business First of Columbus’ Forty Under 40.

Rebecca Ruppert McMahon ’93 has been named deputy general counsel for Key Corp based in Cleveland.

Kirsten Davis ’95 is leaving her position as associate clinic professor of legal writing at Arizona State University. She will join the faculty at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Fla., as an associate professor and Director of Legal Writing. Davis and her husband Chris have one son, 7-year-old Casey.

Gerhardt “Gage” Gsosnil II ’95 has been named partner at Chester Wilcox & Saxbe, LLP. He practices in the area of civil litigation.

Mark W. Sotak ’90 is an unorthodox artist. Sotak was involved in a car accident in 1981 that left him paralyzed. He went on to complete his J.D. and then started his own practice and co-founded Promotions One, a marketing and promotions company. Sotak moved to Palm Beach County, Fla., in 2000 and began to paint soon after that. His work includes landscapes, seascapes, animals, birds, and portraits. View his work at www.sotak.net.
David Kaufman ’95 has received his Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law Certification from the Ohio State Bar Association. A partner with Schottenstein Zox & Dunn in the firm’s Tax and Wealth Management group, Kaufman focuses his practice on estate planning, probate, asset protection, and business succession planning, representing individuals, families, and business owners.

Scott Lindsey ’96 and Heather Robinson Lindsey ’96, along with their son, Evan, welcomed baby Grant April 2. Scott is an estate planning attorney with Lindsey Law Office, LLC and Heather is an Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor where she serves as Director of the Environmental Crimes Unit.

Shawna L. (Erb) L’Italien ’96 married Mark L’Italien on Aug. 4. She is a partner at Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell, Ltd. in Salem, Ohio.

Jeanette Moll ’96 began a bi-weekly column, called “The Adjudicator” in the Sunday Jeffersonian. Her oldest daughter, 21-year-old Cassie, was married on July 7 and is a junior biology education major at Florida Tech. Jeanette and Gary Moll welcomed 5-year-old Aleigha Hope to their family in February; Aleigha is the little sister of the Molls’ adopted sons Brad (10 years old) and Aaron (9 years old).

Jeffrey D. Wilson ’96 and his wife Joanna welcomed twin boys, William Brandon and Robert Benjamin, on March 24. Jeffrey recently finished his first semester as an adjunct professor of employment law at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit.

Terri Barton Bragga ’97 has become a principal in the Chicago firm Zulkie Partners LLC and will continue her practice in immigration and nationality law. She is licensed in both Ohio and Washington D.C. and is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

Matt A. Mayer ’97 launched Provisum Strategies LLC, a Dublin, Ohio-based strategic consulting firm that concentrates on homeland security issues. Mayer formerly worked with state and local governments to prepare for terrorism, and he also worked as a policy and operational advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He serves on the board of directors for the Public Health Foundation and is an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University.

Matthew B. Zisk ’97 recently returned to the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as counsel in the intellectual property and technology group after four and one-half years as a senior patent counsel in-house at Johnson & Johnson. Zisk lives in Princeton, N.J., with his wife, Isabel, and 6-month-old daughter, Alexandra.

Gauri Shrotriya ’05 married Kirk Locker in January. Rebecca Owen ’05 served as one of Shrotriya’s bridesmaids. The couple resides in Seattle.

Peter Ellis ’98 has been named partner at DLA Piper in Chicago. Ellis practices in general commercial and business litigation.

Jonathan D. Mester ’98 has been named a ‘Rising Star’ by Law & Politics magazine for both 2006 and 2007. He was also recently named a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum after obtaining three multi-million dollar verdicts in 2006. Mester is a partner with the firm of Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy in Cleveland, and practices exclusively in the representation of plaintiffs in medical malpractice, nursing home litigation, products liability, wrongful death, and personal injury cases throughout Ohio. He and his wife, Rachel Corn Mester ’98, have two children, Anna (6 years old) and Alex (2 years old).

Karen Poling ’98 started her own firm in September, Einstein & Poling, LLC, which concentrates in the areas of domestic and employment law. The firm is located in Dublin, Ohio.

Paul A. Wollfa ’98 has been named partner at Baker & Daniels LLP. Wollfa practices in general litigation matters and complex business litigation from the downtown Indianapolis office.

Brian T. Lang ’99 has been named partner at Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. Lang practices in the firm’s Muskegon, Mich., office, and concentrates his practice in litigation and arbitration with a focus on international commercial litigation.

Amy K. Larson ’99 married Rich Price, former Royal Air Force Pilot for the United Kingdom, in the spring of 2006. Larson was promoted to lieutenant
commander and senior prosecutor for the Navy in Hawaii.

2000s

Byron Dailey ’01 has joined the Seattle office of DLA Piper as an associate in the firm’s corporate and securities practice.

Jeffrey Fickes ’01 has joined the Akron, Ohio, firm Witschey Witschey & Firestine Co., LPA as partner. He practices in the areas of business and corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, and banking and finance law. He represents entrepreneurs and businesses in various industries including manufacturing, distribution, banking and finance, and real estate development. He has been recognized as an Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2006.

Sean P. Flynn ’01 recently completed his first year as an in-house attorney with Marathon Petroleum Company in the Environmental Component of Marathon’s legal department, in Ashland, Ohio.

David Lindner ’01 has been appointed to the board of directors at Heights Parent Center for a three-year term. He is an associate in Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP’s Cleveland, Ohio office, and he represents owners, developers, contractors, and governmental entities in all facets of residential and commercial real estate. Heights Parent Center supports and promotes the healthy development of families and children.

Toshikazu Miyamoto ’02 assumed a new position as an associate in Allen & Overy’s London and Tokyo offices. He is in the International Capital Market division. Previously, he worked for Morgan Stanley Securities Japan Limited as a Senior Manager.

Sarah Biehl ’03 was featured in an April 2007 ABA Journal article called “Classroom Counselor: Founder of high school legal clinic empowers students facing tough issues.” The high school is in a Chicago neighborhood with a history of poverty and racial tension. Biehl explains her mission, “You need to know your rights before you can assert them.”

Chris Cave ’03 began his career as an Intelligence Officer at the Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska after completing Intelligence School in March. Cave plans to marry Rebecca Anne Lenneman in October in Columbus.

Brant Rhoad ’03 has recently joined the firm of Scherner & Sybert LLC, in Powell, Ohio, as an associate. Rhoad will focus his practice on the representation of individuals and families injured by the negligence of others, as well as representing small- and medium-sized companies with the Ohio Workers’ Compensation System.

Robert Nupp ’03 joined Benesh Friedlander & Aronoff LLP as an associate. He focuses his practice on patent litigation and polymer-related patent practice.

Kimberly Harrison ’03 and Noure Alo ’04 have started their own firm, Harrison Alo, Attorneys at Law. Their practice focuses on immigration services, including immigration and naturalization law, business and corporation formation, and contract review. Visit their web site at www.harrisonalo.com.

Julie Johnson ’04 has joined Hodgson Russ LLP as an associate in the corporate and securities practice group, focusing on mergers and acquisitions. She will practice out of the firm’s Buffalo office.

Joseph Nigh ’04 has joined the firm of Tyack, Blackmore & Liston Co., LPA.

Andre T. Porter ’05 has been elected to the Capital University Board of Trustees as well as to the board for Kids Voting Central Ohio. Porter is an associate at Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, where he practices in the firm’s government affairs area. The Capital University Board is the governing body for the institution. Kids Voting Central Ohio educates students about the importance of the democratic process, voting, and civic action.

Tariq Zeidan ’04 has joined the firm of Tyack, Blackmore & Liston Co., LPA.

Leslie Avery ’05 has joined the firm of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn. She will focus her practice on general business and real estate litigation, commercial leasing, real estate acquisition, and environmental litigation.
Submit news items to:

Carrie Brady ’05, alumni special events coordinator, Moritz College of Law, 55 West 12th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210.
You may also e-mail news to brady.1301@osu.edu.
Color photos are welcome, but will not be returned. Color digital photos must be high resolution for printing purposes.

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.

G. Gene Jackson ’51, of Baltimore, Ohio, passed away at Fairfield Medical Center on March 17. He earned his J.D. from The Ohio State University in 1951, and he worked as an attorney in Baltimore for 40 years. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Baltimore. Gene is survived by his wife, Jean Jackson of Baltimore; daughters, Jackie (Dan Altice) Jackson of Nashville, Tenn. and Jill (Bill) Ackley of Baltimore; sons, Joe (Inez) Jackson of Baltimore and Geof (Jan) Jackson of Tulsa, Okla.; grandchildren, Faran Jackson, Bill Jackson and Brian (Melissa) Jackson; great-grandchildren Connor Jackson, Brady Jackson and Sierra Schneider; sister, Joan (Tal) McPherson of Marion, Ind.; brothers, Richard (Verda) Jackson, Earl (Patti) Jackson and Harold (June) Jackson, all of Marion, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Elizabeth Jackson; and his brother, Jerry Jackson.

Judge G. Jack Davis ’67, of Dayton, Ohio, passed away on March 4. He was born in Dayton, and he graduated from Tippecanoe High School and Bowling Green State University. He attended the accelerated law school program at The Ohio State University, earning his J.D. in 1967. Jack practiced law in Dayton, while acting as Law Director for the City of Vandalia, Ohio for 29 years. He was a union attorney for various firefighter locals, including the Dayton Firefighters Local 136, of which he is a lifetime honorary member. As a lawyer, Jack was active in the Dayton Bar Association’s Ethics Committee and Board of Trustees, and participated in the Dayton Volunteer Lawyers project. In 2002, Judge Davis was elected to the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, General Division. As a judge, he participated in the Certified Grievance Committee, Criminal Practice Committee, and the Committee on Civil Trial Practice, and served as chair of the Public Service Committee. Judge Davis is survived by his wife, Arnette; six children, Jack (Lindsay) of Toledo, Ohio, Jeff of Venice, Cal., Chris (Melissa) of Cincinnati, Ohio, Trisha Duff (Randy) of Oakwood, Ohio, Jackie Stefanoff (Jim) of Brookville, Ohio, and Annie Steele (Evan) of Orlando, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; two brothers, Joe Davis and Richard Davis of Tipp City, Ohio; and sister, Kathy Davison of Piqua, Ohio.

Joseph LoPresti Jr. ’73, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, passed away on March 5 at the Cleveland Clinic of complications from kidney stones. He was born in Cleveland and graduated from St. Ignatius High School. He received a business degree from the University of Notre Dame, and earned his J.D. from The Ohio State University in 1973. He was a partner in the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd before joining McDonald Hopkins. As president of the Cleveland-based McDonald Hopkins firm, he counseled businesses in mergers and acquisitions, commercial banking, finance, and strategic planning. Joseph served as president of McDonald Hopkins since 1999. He served on the management committee for many years and, before becoming president, headed the firm’s corporate law department. Joseph was named in “Ohio Super Lawyers 2004” in business for the Cleveland region, and was listed in The Best Lawyers in America for banking law. He was involved in numerous Greater Cleveland charitable and community activities. He was a former president of the Arthritis Foundation Northeastern Ohio and served on the organization’s board for more than 20 years. He is a past member of the board of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross. Joseph and his wife established the Daniel W. LoPresti ’03 Student Philanthropic Fund at University School in honor of Joseph’s son Daniel, who died in 2004. Joseph is survived by his wife of 37 years, Catherine “Cathy”; two sons, Matthew of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and James of Chicago; his parents, Joseph Sr. and Theresa LoPresti of Beachwood, Ohio; and one brother.

Anna M. Wachtell ’05 joins Weston Hurd Curley Patterson & Bush LLP as an associate. She focuses on matters involving insurance coverage and general defense, employment and products liability.

J Brady ’06 has been named counsel in the Office of General Counsel at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. He will practice in the intellectual property section of the corporate practices group, focusing on patent and copyright issues.

Asim Haque ’06 joined Schottenstein Zox & Dunn as an associate in the firm’s health care practice group and intellectual property and technology practice area.

Ryan Hatch ’06 joined Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP as an associate in the general practice group.

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Professor Peter Swire is quoted in the Wall Street Journal regarding the use of political campaign techniques in the corporate world, including the idea of making negative claims. Professor Swire also discussed domestic spying on PBS' Frontline.

Professor John a. powell was quoted in the Louisville Courier-Journal on the Supreme Court's landmark school integration cases decided on June 28. One of the two cases called into question the Constitutionality of the Louisville public schools' student assignment plan. The article states "though the court said Louisville and Seattle went too far in explicitly considering the race of students, john powell, director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Ohio State University, said the court did not turn its back on integration or affirmative action. In fact, for the first time, powell said, five justices said that there is a compelling public interest in fighting "racial isolation" in the schools."

Professor Dan Tokaji was quoted in the Washington Post and San Francisco Chronicle regarding the possible role election fraud was played in the firing of several U.S. Attorneys.

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Upcoming Alumni Events

Aug 8, 2007  Washington, D.C. Alumni/Student Regional Event hosted by Alan Briggs '67 at Squire Sanders & Dempsey, 5:30 p.m.
Aug 9, 2007  New York City Alumni/Student Regional Event hosted by Cleary Gottlieb with Andrew Weaver '02, Anne French Thidemann '03, Patrick Hurford '06, Jessica Clarke '08, and Ben Leffler '08, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 15, 2007  Chicago Alumni/Student Regional Event Osteria Via Stato, 620 North State Street, 5:30 p.m.
Sept 8, 2007  First tailgate of the season at the Barrister Club, two and one-half hours before the Akron game

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