CLASS NOTES

1963

Judge William H. Crandall, Jr., has retired from the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, after serving on the court for 23 years. He previously served as a trial judge for 14 years, was an assistant public defender, and was engaged in general practice. During his tenure on the bench, he also sat as a special judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri. Additionally, he was a panel member for Clayton Mediation and Arbitration LLC and for Pinnacle Arbitration and Mediation Services.

1964

Robert Cross has joined Patron Systems, Inc. in Chicago as chief executive officer. The company provides security solutions for proprietary information to corporations, municipalities, states, and countries. Cross is an active member of Business Executives for National Security and the Illinois Technology Development Alliance.

1970

Michael T. Hannafan has been selected a 2005 Illinois Super Lawyer by Chicago and Law & Politics magazines. The selection was made through a survey of attorneys statewide. Hannafan is a trial lawyer at his firm, Michael T. Hannafan & Associates, in Chicago and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. His son Blake, JD ’98, practices at Hannafan’s firm, and his son Brent, JD ’95, practices with the Dechert law firm in New York City.

Stephen Rudman has accepted an appointment as assistant professor in the Department of International Business, College of Business, San Francisco State University. In the term beginning this August, he is teaching International Trade Management, followed by Legal Environment of International Business. He earned a doctorate at Cambridge University following a business career in which he served in senior legal and management positions in international ocean shipping, intermodal transportation, manufacturing, and international banking. A book based on his doctoral research, which focused on management of the China affiliates of United States companies, will be published by Blackwell as one of the first volumes in its forthcoming Organization and Strategy series.

1975

John W. Kozyak, partner at Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton PA in Miami, Florida, recently received the South Florida Business Journal’s 2005 Diversity Works Award for his mentoring of black law school students and promotion of diversity throughout Florida. Kozyak also has been selected as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was tapped for the Iron Arrow at the University of Miami School of Law, the highest honor given by the university.

1977

Mary Bonacorsi, a partner at Thompson Coburn LLP in St. Louis, was recently elected a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is chair of the firm’s Construction and Real Estate Litigation Group.

Alan R. Ostrowitz is a partner at Ostrowitz & Ostrowitz, Esquires, which has offices in New York City and Manalapan, New Jersey. He specializes in banking law, commercial collections, creditor rights, and creditor bankruptcy law. He is also an adjunct professor teaching Civil Practice and Bankruptcy in the paralegal studies program at Fairleigh Dickinson University in both Madison and Teaneck, New Jersey.

Steven C. Roberts received the John D. Levy Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Congress, St. Louis Chapter. He was honored along with his brother, Michael, his business partner in The Roberts Companies. The award recognizes their numerous charitable and civic contributions to the St. Louis community.

1980

James M. “Van” Vanderplas has been selected to receive the Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award, Florida’s highest public honor conferred by its Supreme Court on a private lawyer. He works in private practice in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. Vanderplas donates his legal expertise to Gulfcoast Legal Services.

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Daniel K. Glazier has been named executive director of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. Glazier also has a master’s degree from Washington University’s George Warren Brown School of Social Work.

1982

Peter S. Clark II was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 2005 in the areas of bankruptcy and workout by Law & Politics and Philadelphia magazines. The selection was made through a survey of attorneys statewide. He is a partner in the Philadelphia office of Reed Smith LLP.
Phillip A. Pillar (LLM) has joined the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, office of Reed Smith LLP as counsel in the Regulatory Litigation Group. He was previously director of the Tax Controversy and Risk Management Services practice of Ernst & Young LLP in Philadelphia.

Seth Ptasiewicz received the 2005 New Jersey State Bar Association’s Pro Bono Attorney of the Year award, which recognizes his work in assisting the indigent population of Essex County, New Jersey, with legal problems and in recruiting other attorneys to engage in pro bono efforts. He is an associate with Wilson, Eber, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP in Newark.

Karyn (Gimbel) Youso and Bernie Youso reside in a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The couple has three daughters: 4-year-old Cecelia and 2-year-old twins Alexandra and Bridgette. She is in private practice, focusing in the area of family law, particularly high-conflict divorce and issues involving domestic abuse. He is president of his family’s cheese company, which processes and distributes a variety of products internationally.

Erik Bolinder was recently appointed president of Idaho’s Fourth District Bar Association. He is a founding partner of Bolinder Tanner Dunn PLLC in Boise, Idaho, which was formed last year. Bolinder’s practice focuses on commercial transactions and litigation, private securities, real-estate transactions, land-use planning and zoning, landlord/tenant representation, business planning, entrepreneurship and entity formations, corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, and joint ventures. He is licensed to practice in cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth District and the United States Court of Federal Claims.

John W. Smagula directs Asian Programs for Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For the past three years, he has taught American and international law in China, most recently at Sichuan University. He was part of a team teaching the only criminal legal clinic in China in which students were allowed to represent criminal defendants.

Thomas Newton Bolling, senior attorney for Continental Airlines, Inc., has been elected a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He chairs the Transportation Committee for the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice.

Suzanne Brown was recently elected chair of the Missouri/Kansas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). She also will serve on the National Board of Governors of AILA, a 9,000-member specialty bar association. Her St. Louis-based firm specializes in immigration law.

Daniel Goodwin has become a shareholder and director of Gill Elrod Ragon Owen & Sherman PA in Little Rock, Arkansas. His practice focuses on structuring and documenting corporate and public finance transactions; structuring asset acquisitions and dispositions; and general corporate, securities, and real-estate development law.

Vivian Manasse Teixeira Leite (LLM) is the founder of Going Global, a consultancy firm specializing in cross-cultural training in Brazil. She also teaches an intercultural management course for MBA students at Business School São Paulo.

Adam Bobrow is serving as senior counsel for commercial rule of law for the United States Congressional–Executive Commission on China. The commission has a legislative mandate to monitor human rights and the development of the rule of law in China, and to submit an annual report to the president and Congress.

Michael P. Downey has been selected as a contract administrative hearing officer by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In addition to conducting hearings and moderating public meetings for DNR, Downey is continuing to practice commercial and environmental litigation at Fox Galvin LLC in St. Louis. He also teaches legal ethics as an adjunct professor at the School of Law.

Andrew Thorpe has joined the firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco, California, as an associate. Prior to that, he was special counsel in the Division of Corporation Finance at the Securities and Exchange Commission. He focuses on corporate and securities law. Thorpe, his wife Leslie, and their daughter Madeline (18 months) reside in San Francisco.

Kashif Haque has started Aegis Law Firm PC in Irvine, California.

Alexis Gorton has joined the New York office of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, where she practices in the Patent Litigation Group.
James H. Newsom and his wife, Susanna (Woodbury) Newsom, are now located in New Hampshire. She works in litigation with Shaheen & Gordon PA, while he is in transactional work at Rath, Young & Pignatelli PA. Both firms are located in Concord.

Elizabeth T. Bernard recently joined the Intellectual Property Litigation Group in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Keith Edelstein has been named an associate with the New York office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP in the Banking and Finance Department.

Dionne Muhammad and her husband, Larry Muhammad, are celebrating the birth of their third child, Imani Yasmin Muhammad, who was born April 1, 2005, in Hazel Crest, Illinois.

Mark Sadaka has joined Parker and Waichman LLP in New York as an associate. His focus is in the Mass Torts Department.

Benjamin G. Williams has joined Rabbitt, Pitzer & Snodgrass PC in St. Louis as an associate. Williams is licensed to practice law in Missouri and Illinois. He concentrates his practice in defense of transportation and business litigation.

Jeffrey W. Craver has been named the Missouri Chamber of Commerce’s director of fiscal affairs and assistant general counsel. He represents the chamber on behalf of Missouri employers before the Missouri General Assembly, government agencies, courts, and the general public on matters relating to taxation, economic development, transportation, utilities, and state budgetary policy.

F. Scott Galt has joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP as a member of the firm’s Litigation Department, focusing primarily on business litigation.

Emily T. Gardner and her husband, Erin, welcomed baby Abigail Pope Gardner into their lives on January 5, 2005. They continue to enjoy life in St. Louis.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

1938 Jane Chappelow Dolson
1942 Charles A. Lee, Jr.
1948 Ralph B. Brick
1949 Kenneth J. Beck
1954 Edward G. Maag
1957 Dale Woodall
1960 Alfred A. Speer II
1963 Millard M. Backerman
1968 John A. Love
1983 Richard G. Byrd

A giant in the development of regional shopping malls, Louis I. Zorensky, is remembered not only for his business and legal acumen, but also for his leadership and generosity to the School of Law. An emeritus member of the School’s National Council, Zorensky died on July 9, 2005, after an extended illness. He was 88.

“Louis Zorensky was a great friend of the law school community. In addition to his leadership during two capital campaigns, I was particularly grateful for his advice and guidance throughout the planning phase, especially in the selection of an architect for Anheuser-Busch Hall,” recalls Dorsey D. Ellis, Jr., former dean and now the William R. Orthwein Distinguished Professor of Law.

The Zorenskys’ many gifts to the School of Law include a naming gift for a classroom and an endowed scholarship.

In 1976 he was honored with the Washington University Founders Day Alumni Award, and in 1991 both the School of Law and the Olin School of Business recognized him with their Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Among the survivors are his wife, Mary; daughters Doris Cheng, Barbara Wagman, and Irene Fowle (JD ’81); sons David and Edward Zorensky; and 12 grandchildren.