Students Earn High Honors in Competitions

School of Law students recently took high honors in several lawyering skills competitions.

The Trial Team won second place in the Cathy Bennett National Criminal Trial Competition held at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Chicago, Illinois. The team members were third-years Jennifer Moldthan-Lorentz, Christopher Macchiaroli, and Scott Vold, and second-year Daniel Smith. Macchiaroli also was named Best Advocate in the semifinal round and Best Overall Advocate for the entire competition.

In the Wiley Rutledge Moot Court Competition, second-years Jayson Clark and Whitney McGuire came in first place. Other finalists were third-years Christopher Wolpert and Robert Zavaglia. Both teams were eligible to compete in the Burton D. Weschler First Amendment Moot Court Competition at American University’s College of Law this year. Second-year Sharee Williamson received the High Oralist award, while third-years Scott Jarboe and Shawn Leist received the Golden Quill awards for the best briefs.

Winners of the 2002 Negotiations Competitions were third-years Beth K. Anderson, Lopamudra Mukherjee, and Scott Stone, and second-year Nicole Zellweger.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

Jacob Smiles (left), JD ’04, and Jennifer Good, JD ’04, presented Mel Brown, JD ’61, with a plaque during a November 22, 2002, reception held in honor of the Mel Brown Family Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

Judicial Observation

As part of the School of Law’s Judicial Observation Program, Sin Yi (right), LLM ’02, confers with United States Bankruptcy Judge James Barta.

Career Services Office Receives Recognition

The School of Law’s Career Services Office received a Community Service Award from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) in October 2002. LSEM presented this award to recognize the School’s long-standing commitment to public service work, as well as its increased focus on public service employment for its students and graduates. The award also recognizes the School’s support of LSEM, including the work of numerous law school interns.

LSEM provides civil legal assistance to low-income people in 21 counties in eastern Missouri.

Two alumni, Stephen Palley, JD ’98, and William Quick, JD ’83, also received Volunteer Lawyer Awards at LSEM’s awards ceremony.
Welcome Back

At the School of Law’s annual Night at the Ballgame held August 23, 2002, Daniel L. Keating, associate dean for academic affairs and the Tyrrell Williams Professor of Law, threw out the first pitch at a St. Louis Cardinals game.

Orientation 2002

The School of Law held several special events for the entering class of students. One of those activities was part of the Good Neighbors Project. (Top photos) Close to 200 members of the law school community—first-year law students, orientation group leaders, faculty, and staff—applied fresh coats of paint to the outside and inside of elementary schools in University City.

Another special event for the entering class was the address by Chief Justice Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr. (below) of the Supreme Court of Missouri. After welcoming the students to the profession of law, the justice stressed the importance of professional responsibility, including upholding ethical and moral standards in the practice of law.

Lawyers and Films

A new course, Lawyers & Ethics in Film & Law, premiered at the School of Law in the fall of 2002.

Created and taught by Professor Kathleen Clark and Bill Dorothy, lecturer in law, the course covered legal ethics through the portrayal of lawyers in film. Students examined a range of legal ethics issues, including trust and autonomy in the lawyer-client relationship, the tension between advocacy and truth seeking, the changing demography of the legal profession, and conflicts of interest. The overall goal of the course was to help students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to reflect on the rules, values, and ethical issues faced in legal practice.

Films shown during the class ranged from classics like To Kill a Mockingbird and The Verdict to recent films like My Cousin Vinny and The Insider.

“Like other areas of the law, the study of ethics centers around standards laid out in a body of rules, with occasional case law serving as interpretive guides,” says Joseph Glynias, JD ’03. “As such, going off of the rules alone can be prohibitively esoteric for many of us. This class was most helpful in that we were asked to apply those rules to factual—though fictional—situations. Seeing how those nebulous rules play out in situations posed by the films was an invaluable learning device.”