Construction crews worked feverishly during summer 2008 to renovate Anheuser-Busch Hall and to complete the new Harry and Susan Seigle Hall, which the law school is sharing with Arts & Sciences. The projects are designed to enhance the law school’s sense of community and collaboration, while creating well-functioning, vibrant spaces.
“TOGETHER SEIGLE HALL AND ANHEUSER-BUSCH HALL will comprise one of the very best law school campuses in the United States,” says Kent Syverud, dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor. “I encourage all alumni and friends of the school to come see these exciting spaces—and the lively intellectual and professional activity going on inside them.”

In celebration of its completion, Seigle Hall will be officially dedicated at 4 p.m. on September 25. The new building, which is located just southwest of Anheuser-Busch Hall, is providing the law school with much needed additional space. This includes two 45-seat classrooms, one 67-seat classroom, two seminar rooms, and space for student organizations, student journals, and international and LLM programs. The Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, named in honor of Harris, a philanthropist and former Nuremberg prosecutor, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies now occupy a suite on the first floor. The Center for Empirical Research in the Law is on the second floor.

Since the opening of Anheuser-Busch Hall in 1997, the student body, faculty, and staff have increased by approximately 50 percent. In addition to the expansion into Seigle Hall, the renovation of Anheuser-Busch Hall is providing the law school with the necessary facilities to meet its needs.

Improvements to Anheuser-Busch Hall include the new glass canopy covering the third-floor Crowder Courtyard, creating a larger student commons; additional group study rooms and faculty offices; a new main entrance on the first floor; and enhanced spaces for Clinical Education, Student Services, Career Services, and Computing/Audiovisual/Web Services.

One of the most striking portions of the renovation project was using a 197-foot-tall, 550-ton-capacity hoisting crane to install the massive steel canopy structure over the Crowder Courtyard. The canopy was then fitted with fritted glass to fully enclose the previously open-air internal space.

“Crews used the largest crane in Missouri to carefully and precisely lift the steel canopy up two stories over Anheuser-Busch Hall,” says Patricia Rolfe, facilities manager. “Each of the two 30-ton pieces was lifted separately and seemed to float almost effortlessly over the law school before being secured in place. Although just one piece of the overall construction project, it was wonderful to have the installation go so smoothly.”

Other improvements include new plasma screens listing events scheduled in the building and smaller digital room signs providing specific information for each room.

With the opening of Seigle Hall and the removal of parking on the south side of Anheuser-Busch Hall, the main entry to Anheuser-Busch Hall is now the north door on the first floor. This hallway was redesigned to provide for a more inviting entrance, including a foyer area. Landscaping features, such as shrubs, flowers, and benches, also enhance the approach to this main entrance.

Additional landscaping is creating a visual connection between Anheuser-Busch Hall and Seigle Hall. Together the two facilities have been designed to provide the physical environment needed to support first-class legal education and faculty scholarship.

Renovations included installation of a canopy over Anheuser-Busch Hall’s Crowder Courtyard.

(left) Harry and Susan Seigle Hall