New Facility to Expand Law School Capabilities

A new building that will house some School of Law and some social sciences programs is a natural extension to current collaborations among the fields.

ARTS & SCIENCES AND THE LAW SCHOOL will share the four-story, Collegiate Gothic building planned for a site on the west side of Olympian Way, just southwest of Anheuser-Busch Hall. Construction is expected to begin this summer and take 18 months to complete.

About 15,000 square feet will be earmarked for the law school and provide space for faculty offices; two 45-person classrooms; two seminar rooms; an office suite for student organizations; space for law reviews; and a suite for the School’s Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies, and Center for Research on Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

“The construction project will provide much-needed space, as we expand institute and center programs, recruit new faculty members, and support student activities,” notes Kent D. Syverud, dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor. “The new facility also will create a wonderful opportunity to foster increased interdisciplinary collaborations among law and social sciences faculty, which currently range from conferences to empirical research projects to jointly taught courses.

“The relocation of some of our programs to more appropriate space in the new building also provides us with the unique opportunity to retrofit Anheuser-Busch Hall to better meet our current needs,” he adds.

Architect Rayford Law of Kallmann McKinnell & Wood Architects Inc. in Boston is designing the 83,000-net-square-foot facility.

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Keating Catches Up with Tony La Russa

Daniel Keating, the Tyrrell Williams Professor of Law, knew Cardinals manager Tony La Russa way back when. The year was 1979. Keating, known to his colleagues as the Whiz Kid, was a 17-year-old reporter for the Daily Southtown Economist. La Russa had just been promoted to manager of the beleaguered Chicago White Sox.

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Student Receives Skadden Public Interest Fellowship

CYNTHIA WOLKEN, JD ’05, will receive a Skadden Fellowship to design a model program for the Montana Legal Services Association that will combat trafficking in women and children.

The international firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP sponsors the fellowship program to encourage public interest work among graduating law students.

“Human trafficking is a growing global epidemic that has reached our nation’s borders,” Wolken says. “Women and children are primarily trafficked into the United States to perform agricultural, domestic, or sex work. I plan to create an effective and sustainable anti-trafficking model in Montana that can be replicated in other western states. This project will enforce the legal rights of vulnerable immigrant women and children to live free from violence, coercion, and imprisonment.”

Beginning in fall 2006, Wolken will focus on education and outreach, legislative advocacy, legal representation, and economic empowerment. The fellowship grant is for one year and renewable for a second year.

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Third-year Students Garner Prestigious Federal Clerkships

BY SUSAN C. THOMSON

Pursuing a clerkship for a federal judge is an exercise in long hours against long odds. So fierce is the competition for these most prestigious of judicial clerkships that it’s common for an aspirant to make more than 100 applications, carefully gathering for each a cover letter, a résumé, a writing sample, copies of transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

Third-year student Patrick Otlewski estimates that he applied to more than 150 judges, from which he netted 11 interviews and, on his very first one, an offer to clerk for Judge Richard C. Wesley of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He accepted on the spot.

Otlewski envisions clerking for a federal judge as “a good way to learn the nature of the judicial process and gain a unique perspective on appellate advocacy.”

Besides providing an opportunity to “learn from the best,” a federal judicial clerkship improves a lawyer’s résumé, says Tomea Mayer, the School of Law’s associate dean for career services.

In recent years, the law school has redoubled its efforts to assist students with obtaining clerkships. In addition to information sessions hosted by the Career Services Office, faculty members work closely with students.

Susan Appleton, the Lemma Barkeloo and Phoebe Couzins Professor of Law and then chair of the faculty committee on clerkships, says that each class is now assigned a “clerkship adviser” who works with students to “excite them about clerkships and advise them on course selections and other steps that can enhance applications.” During the fast-paced clerkship interviewing process, the adviser works closely with individual students.

Due in part to a new judicial hiring plan restricting students from applying for clerkships until the Tuesday after Labor Day of their third year, the Career Services Office is overseeing clerkship applications. This ensures that Washington University students’ complete applications arrive on this date. This fall, faculty assistants processed more than 10,000 recommendation letters. The Career Services Office then collected and collated all the pieces for 40 students’ 4,952 applications to 1,330 judges. The assembled packets were dispatched either by courier or FedEx. “It was a lot of paper, an enormous task,” Mayer says.

And it worked. “The percent of students getting these higher level and more prestigious clerkships has improved,” Mayer says. “To date, 18 students in the class of 2006 have accepted federal clerkships, and six of these are with appellate judges. Last year, three students clerked at the appellate level.”

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Among the architect’s portfolio of national and international projects is the design of a new building to house the arts and sciences faculty. The new facility will include classrooms, a lecture hall, offices, and suites for academic centers. The Departments of Political Science, Economics, and Education, and various centers—including the Center for New Institutional Social Sciences; the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy; the Center in Political Economy; and the Richard A. Gephardt Institute for Public Service—have offices or other spaces planned in the new building.

**Sonnenschein Program Awards Summer Grants**

Two joint-degree law and social work students, Cristen Sargent and Naomi Warren, have been awarded inaugural grants from the Sonnenschein Scholars Program for public interest work this summer. Sargent will be interning with a public policy advocacy foundation in the Republic of Georgia, and Warren plans to work for a non-governmental human rights organization in Ghana.

Alan Bornstein, JD ’81, a partner at the firm, is the president of the Sonnenschein Scholars Foundation, which funds the summer grants designed to encourage students to pursue public interest careers. As part of the firm’s centennial celebration this year, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP will provide 50 stipends per summer for five years to grant applicants from 25 law schools nationally.

Sonnenschein also is partnering with law school clinical programs lending pro bono expertise in areas where the firm has offices nationally. In St. Louis, Sonnenschein is working with the School of Law’s Civil Justice Clinic, Civil Rights & Community Justice Clinic, and Indian Law Project.
Fall Conferences
The School of Law hosted three major conferences in fall 2005 focusing on corporate governance, commercializing innovation, and the First Amendment. Legal scholars and practitioners, judges, journalists, business leaders, political scientists, and economists were among the participants.

The New Corporate Governance
September 29 - October 1, 2005
Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

Commercializing Innovation
November 4 - 5, 2005
Center for Research on Innovation & Entrepreneurship
Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies

PRESENTERS AT THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE included
(from top left, clockwise) Hideki Kanda, University of Tokyo; Roel Campos, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Floyd Norris, New York Times; and Maxine Clark, Build-A-Bear Workshop.
MARY BUTkus PHOTOS
The Rehnquist Court and the First Amendment
November 18, 2005
Washington University
Journal of Law & Policy

Presenters at the Rehnquist Court Conference included (from top to bottom) Martin Redish, Northwestern University; Jeffrey Segal, SUNY at Stony Brook; Lee Epstein, Washington University; and Garrett Epps, University of Oregon.

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National Commission on Prisons Convenes Hearing at Law School

On November 1-2, 2005, the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America’s Prisons conducted a hearing at the School of Law on the extremely stressful and challenging role of corrections officers.

The hearing—the third in a series of four nationally—was open to students, faculty, and the general public.

“With over two million people in jail and prison on any given day, problems in correctional administration are growing more and more pressing. This commission has a chance to really contribute to some solutions,” says Margo Schlanger, professor of law, a commission member, and an expert on civil rights and inmate litigation.

The 21-member commission is considering a range of issues related to safety failures, budget constraints, violence and use of force, overcrowding, inmate physical and mental health care, and staff training and oversight. Chaired by former Attorney General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach and former United States Court of Appeals Judge John Gibbons, the commission will issue its findings and recommendations this spring. A special issue of the Washington University Journal of Law & Policy also will publish the final report and selected testimony.

Witness Lou West described his work as a corrections officer in an old-style, maximum security jail: “There was nothing to prepare me for the graphic violence that was an everyday experience. Some days you would immediately view inmates trying to destroy each other with all the might and aggression that they could muster.”

He likened his current work in a modern, direct supervision setting for 67 inmates to “customer service in hell,” combining the roles of psychiatrist, social worker, role model, father figure, humanitarian, disciplinarian, Academy Award-winning actor, and fireman constantly “putting out conflicts.”

Witness Elaine Lord, a nationally renowned former superintendent of a women’s prison, stressed the need for the public to better understand the benefits of prisons serving a rehabilitative role: “An inmate may have committed a criminal act, but it is not a steady state. They are not monsters. They are not subhuman. They are us,” she says. “We have to get the average American to begin to see that that could be their daughter. And then we can make an impact.”

Witness Mary Livers, a Maryland corrections department official, adds, “Institutions must have meaningful work for offenders and programmatic opportunities. Correctional staff are less likely to engage in abusive behavior if they are part of a culture that is hopeful and purposeful.”

The law school also hosted a panel discussion and a lecture by commissioner Stephen Bright.

New Center

THE SCHOOL OF LAW marked the opening of the new Center for Research on Innovation & Entrepreneurship on November 4, 2005. From left are CRIE faculty and staff Jennifer Rothman, Charles McManis, David Deal, Daniel Keating, and Scoff Kieff.
Utrecht Summer Institute Focuses on Global Justice

BY JANET EDWARDS

As the saying goes, “location, location, location …,” and that’s a prime selling point for the law school’s Summer Institute for Global Justice, held in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

THE CITY IS NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC; it boasts proximity to some of the world’s most influential international justice institutions in The Hague.

Offered for the first time in summer 2005, the institute attracts law students interested in focusing on human rights, business, politics, or government, says Leila Nadya Sadat, the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law and the institute’s co-director.

“This program exceeded my expectations by offering a rich, extraordinary experience for students. It is truly value-added education,” says Sadat, a leading expert in international and comparative law.

Washington University offers the summer program in association with Case Western Reserve University School of Law and Utrecht University in The Netherlands. American and international experts teach the courses, often co-teaching to instill a more global view. Courses focus heavily on comparative law, international criminal law, and human rights.

Law student Jason Retter found the experience enlightening. “The most important benefit of studying international law in an international setting is that it becomes a lot more real and immediate than in a classroom in America,” he says. “Gaining that sense of context—through living in Utrecht, visiting the European Union in Brussels, visiting The Hague, and traveling in Europe—and matching it to the classroom work made the whole experience the chance of a lifetime.”

Sadat, who assisted in the establishment of the International Criminal Court located in The Hague, uses her many valuable connections to introduce students to its inner workings.

“We get student access to The Hague, and—like Amsterdam’s cultural center—it’s only half an hour from Utrecht University,” Sadat says. “We take full advantage of the many opportunities. Last summer, for example, some of our students observed the Milosevic trial.”

Law student Hari-Amrit Khalsa attended the former Yugoslavian president’s trial at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. “It was eye-opening on several levels, particularly in regard to learning about the practical work of trying a war crimes case,” she says. “The whole summer school program was very interactive, and in six weeks I had a totally new outlook on international law.”

Tokarz and Legomsky Honored

LAW FACULTY Karen L. Tokarz and Stephen H. Legomsky were recognized with two of Washington University’s highest accolades. TOKARZ, professor of law and director of Clinical Education and Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs, received a Founders Day Distinguished Faculty Award on November 5, 2005. The award recognizes “outstanding commitment and dedication to the intellectual and personal development of students.”

A law faculty member since 1980, Tokarz is an internationally recognized leader in clinical legal education and an expert in alternative dispute resolution and civil rights law. She helps administer the Public Interest Law Speakers Series, coordinates the Access to Equal Justice Community Colloquium, oversees the publication of a public interest law volume, and is author of several books and articles. Tokarz frequently serves as a mediator in civil rights disputes. Her international work includes developing clinical programs in South Africa.

LEGOMSKY, the Charles F. Nagel Professor of International and Comparative Law, received the Arthur Holly Compton Faculty Achievement Award on December 3, 2005. Recipients are honored for “outstanding achievement in research and scholarship, recognized prominence within the community of scholars, service and dedication to the betterment of the University, and respected accomplishment in teaching.”

A faculty member since 1981, Legomsky is an internationally renowned scholar in immigration, refugee, and nationality law and policy. He is the founding director of the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies and a previous recipient of a Founders Day Distinguished Faculty Award. Legomsky has published widely on immigration and refugee law, including a course book used at 152 law schools. He has testified before Congress and advised several United States administrations, the United Nations high commissioner for refugees, immigration ministers of Russia and Ukraine, and several foreign governments.
Elbow Grease

FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS (from left) Akira Irie, Alana Hake, and Samantha Folkemer remove stubborn rust from a sculpture at the Laumeier Sculpture Park in St. Louis, as part of a public-service project during the School of Law’s orientation last fall. One hundred and seventy-five law students participated in a variety of service projects at seven sites throughout St. Louis.