



Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse Launched

BY CYNTHIA GEORGES

THE SCHOOL OF LAW has launched a new Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse, <http://clearinghouse.wustl.edu>. Margo Schlanger, professor of law, teamed up with colleagues and students from across the University to create this innovative Web-based repository of documents related to important civil rights litigation.

Over the past 50-plus years, civil rights litigation has greatly affected Americans' lives. It has secured our constitutional rights. And it has dramatically improved many of our public and private institutions, among them government organizations, schools, prisons, mental health facilities, police departments, child welfare agencies, and large and small employers, Schlanger notes.

Consider the landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which outlawed racial segregation of public education, transforming American schooling, politics, and life.

"*Brown* is unique," explains Schlanger, "but cases that followed on its heels similarly closed some institutions and opened others, dominated local and state budgets on occasion, and set regulations that have affected many millions of people."

Nonetheless, Schlanger says, information about these cases has been exceedingly difficult to locate. Until now.

To begin to remedy this problem, Schlanger created an electronic library that makes available to the public for the first time, free of charge, a large body of civil rights cases and the settlements, court orders, opinions, case study research, key filings, and other documents. The repository already houses thousands of documents related to more than 1,000 civil rights injunctive cases—those seeking policy or operational change (as opposed to monetary awards). It is the first major project sponsored by the School of

Buell Receives Award from Attorney General

SAMUEL W. BUELL, associate professor of law, received the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service for his work on the Enron investigation and prosecution. Buell was recognized along with the other prosecutors and investigators who worked on the case.

This is the United States Department of Justice's highest award, which goes to only one effort in the department each year. Although the DOJ's normal policy is not to confer these awards on former employees, an exception was made for Buell and two other individuals who were instrumental in developing the government's Enron case during the first two years following the bankruptcy.

Buell also received this award in 2004 for the prosecution in Boston of a notorious organized crime group led by James "Whitey" Bulger. It is highly unusual, if not unprecedented, for someone to receive the Exceptional Service Award more than once.



Samuel W. Buell

Buell served as a special attorney for the Enron Task Force from January 2002 to March 2004; assistant United States attorney, District of Massachusetts, from July 1998 to July 2004; and assistant United States attorney, Eastern District of New York, from October 1994 to July 1998. He joined the School of Law faculty in fall 2006 and teaches Criminal Law and Securities Regulation.



Washington University in St. Louis

SCHOOL OF LAW



BILL MATHEWS PHOTO

BIG DIG

Some 22,000 cubic yards of soil and 7,600 cubic yards of rock have been removed to make way for the new Social Sciences & Law Building. (See story on page 2.)

(continued on page 6)

Social Sciences & Law Facility Taking Shape

BY ANN NICHOLSON

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDER WAY FOR THE NEW SOCIAL SCIENCES & LAW BUILDING, which is being erected on a site west of Olympian Way, just southwest of Anheuser-Busch Hall. Ground was broken for the four-story, Collegiate Gothic building on September 5, 2006; the targeted date for completion is June 30, 2008.

“The construction project is on schedule,” notes Patricia Rolfe, facilities manager at the law school. “We look forward to 2008, when the new facility not only will provide us with much-needed space, but also will create increased opportunities for interdisciplinary

collaborations among our faculty and students and their colleagues in the social sciences.”

At the same time, the fundraising effort, led by National Council members Thomas R. Green, JD '58, and Steven N. Rappaport, JD '74, is going well, notes Gina Sholtis, director of development: “Tom and Steve have been instrumental in helping us raise, to date, \$1.43 million in gifts and pledges toward our \$4 million goal. We are grateful for their leadership.”

About 15,000 square feet of the new building's 83,000 net square feet have been earmarked for the law school. The new space will be

used for two 45-person classrooms and two seminar rooms; an office suite for student organizations and space for law reviews; and a suite for the School's Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies, Center for Research on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Center for Empirical Research in the Law.

The Arts & Sciences portion of the new building 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 Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy; the Center in Political Economy; and the Center for New Institutional Social Sciences—have offices or other spaces planned in the new building.

“The new facility will create increased opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations among our faculty and students and their colleagues in the social sciences.”

PATRICIA ROLFE



This architectural rendering depicts Boston architect Rayford Law's concept for the new Social Sciences & Law Building.

Sadat's Article Garner's National Recognition

LEILA NADYA SADAT, the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law, received the 2006 Article of the Year Award from the International Association of Penal Law (American Branch) for her piece, “Exile, Amnesty and International Law.” The association's annual award recognizes the “best scholarly contribution to the field.”

Sadat's article was published in volume 81 of the *Notre Dame Law Review*. The award committee described it as “a careful, thoughtful, thorough examination of current state and international practice on exile and amnesty.” The committee added that the work “raises some quite fundamental issues

about our discipline and about the slogan ‘no peace without justice.’”

Sadat's article considers state and international practices regarding amnesties for “jus cogens” crimes, including genocide and crimes against humanity. In her examination of cases both from Latin America and from international courts and tribunals, she stresses that amnesty for “jus cogens” crimes “can foster a culture of impunity in which violence becomes the norm, rather than the exception.”

Sadat also considers what judicial, legislative, and international treaty constraints currently exist in amnesty cases.




Leila Nadya Sadat

sideBAR

Sidebar is published for the benefit of Washington University School of Law alumni, friends, and colleagues.

Kent Syverud, *Dean*
 Ann Nicholson, *Managing Editor*
 Ryan Rhea, *Editor*
 Erin Kawell, *Art Director*
 PJ Bogert, *Graphic Designer*
 Scott Huetting, *Production*

Direct communications to—
 Ann Nicholson
 Washington University
 School of Law
 Campus Box 1120
 One Brookings Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63130-4899
 Phone: (314) 935-6430
 e-mail: anicholson@wustl.edu


Washington University in St. Louis
 SCHOOL OF LAW

Students Experience Africa

Former United States Representative Richard A. Gephardt (back row, right) meets with law students and faculty involved in the School of Law's Africa Public Interest Law and Conflict Resolution Project. Since summer 2002, students have interned with African public interest organizations. Funding in summer 2006 included the School's Summer Public Interest stipends, Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies funding and Whitney & Anna Harris Travel Grants, the University's new Richard A. Gephardt Institute for Public Service stipends, African and African American Studies Program funding, U.S. Arbitration & Mediation Service-Midwest grants, and Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP stipends.



First-Year Law Students Learn Tips for Business Etiquette

BY JANET EDWARDS

Etiquette quiz: During a business dinner, your client asks for the basket of rolls. Do you pass it to the right or to the left? Which bread plate is yours? Which water glass?

NEARLY 50 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS learned answers to these questions and many others during a professional etiquette session led by Joan Newman, JD '72, LLM '73. She is the founder of Joan Newman & Associates, a training and development consulting firm, and a former partner at Thompson Coburn LLP.

The etiquette class met recently in the formal ambiance of the University's Whittemore House. A beginning session on how to mingle effectively preceded an actual dinner—served on white tablecloths and featuring the full, confusing complement of place settings.

From the sidelines, Newman served up tips, tricks, and anecdotes regarding manners and other "strategic" skills.

"Etiquette is a way for law students to distinguish themselves at job interviews and business/social functions," Newman says. "What happens if young lawyers don't look or act right? Their career will be limited. My goal is to help them feel more comfortable because they can then focus more on who they're with and what they're talking about."

Before the training, law student Brent Burpee said he knew only enough to keep his elbows off the table. He now knows to pass shared food to the right, use the bread plate to his left, and drink from the water glass on his right.



Law alumna Joan Newman (center) visits with law students Ross Kordas and Kathleen Tucker as they practice the art of fine dining.

"It's always better to be on the safe side and show up with manners," he says.

Law student Jessica Kronstadt adds: "I enjoyed learning what people expect of you when you walk into a situation not knowing anybody. We talked a lot about how conversation groups form and how to get yourself situated in them."

Law student Miska Shaw learned specific reasons for social rules that once seemed arbitrary, and therefore difficult to remember. For instance, the proper place for nametags is on the right shoulder, she understands now, "because that's where one's eye naturally gravitates while shaking hands.

"I'll at least act more confident now that I've taken this class," Shaw says. "If you know the rules, you can make people believe you're confident even if you're not."

Trial Team Takes Second in Nationals

THE SCHOOL OF LAW'S TRIAL TEAM

finished second in the Tournament of Champions Competition held at Stetson University, October 26–28, 2006. The tournament is an invitation-only competition, limited to schools with the most successful records in the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) Student Advocacy Competition and in the National Trial Competition.

"Trial competitions, like the Tournament of Champions, are so valuable to our students because they provide first-rate training in trial advocacy—training that will serve them well in practice," says Michael Kobay, Trial & Advocacy Program director.

Washington University students have been national champions in the National Trial Competition twice and national finalists, semifinalists, or quarterfinalists 12 times. Since 2000 the Trial Team has placed second in the NITA Tournament of Champions, been a regional winner and national quarter-finalist in the ATLA Competition, and placed second in the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Competition.

Current Trial Team members are Bridget Barbera, Ethan Corson, Adeyinka Faleti, and Marisa Maclennan. Judge David C. Mason is the head coach, and Emily Hughes, David Fahrenkamp, Mark Dupont, Rachel Fuchs, Jennifer Lorentz, Paula Luepke, Mark Rudder, and Lyn Ruess are assistant coaches.

"Trial competitions are so valuable to our students because they provide first-rate training in trial advocacy—training that will serve them well in practice."

MICHAEL KOBAY

Judgment at Nuremberg

The School of Law hosted a three-day symposium, "Judgment at Nuremberg," commemorating the 60th anniversary of the international military tribunal. The event, which took place in Anheuser-Busch Hall on September 29–October 1, 2006, was sponsored by the School's Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies and Washington University's Department of Philosophy. Co-sponsors included the Robert H. Jackson Center, the American Bar Association Section on International Law, and the American Society of International Law. Law professors Leila Sadat and John Haley and philosophy professor Larry May were the conference organizers.

MARY BUTKUS PHOTOS



M. CHERIF BASSIOUNI, International Human Rights Law Institute



PATRICIA VISEUR-SELLERS, former international criminal courts in Yugoslavia



NUREMBERG PROSECUTOR GENERAL
From left: Henry King, Ben F...



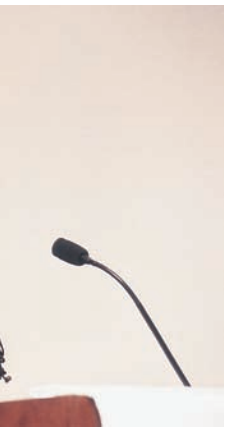
PHILIPPE KIRSCH, president, International Criminal Court



HANS HESELMANN (left), City of Nuremberg mayoral office, and **FRANCIS SLAY**, mayor, St. Louis City



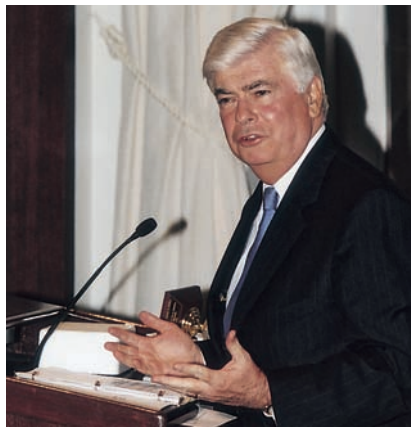
WHITNEY HARRIS, Nuremberg prosecutor, and **HANS PETER KAUL**, International Criminal Court



prosecutor,
slavia and Rwanda



DAVID CRANE, former chief prosecutor,
Special Court for Sierra Leone



CHRISTOPHER DODD,
United States senator, Connecticut



RS
erencz, Whitney Harris



PATRICIA WALD, President's
Intelligence Commission



CHRISTOPH SAFFERLING (left), Erlangen University
(Germany), and **THERESA GALAKATOS**, participant



Law's new Center for Empirical Research in the Law (CERL).

"The Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse marks the fruition of an exciting collaboration," says Kent D. Syverud, dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor at the School of Law.

"It uses cutting-edge Internet database methods in what is truly a multidisciplinary project. Its development has involved faculty, students, and technicians in both the law school and Arts & Sciences, and it will benefit researchers, teachers, students, and participants in many policy areas and academic disciplines."

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

A leading authority on civil rights litigation, Schlanger says that court records can be a treasure trove for those inside and outside of the legal profession.

"They can serve as important information sources not only for legal researchers, but also for historians, political scientists, sociologists, anthropologists, students, teachers, advocates, and policymakers," she notes.

To build the database, Schlanger's team, which included more than 50 Washington University students from Arts & Sciences and law, culled court documents from a variety of sources. These include the United States



Margo Schlanger (left), professor of law, and Troy DeArmitt (right), research technologist, with student researchers

Department of Justice, the National Archives and Records Administration, advocacy organizations, individual attorneys, and the federal court's Web-based docketing system.

Troy DeArmitt, CERL research technologist, oversaw the six-month process of bringing this large data collection online. This involved analyzing the full body of materials, developing an appropriate database schematic, importing enormous quantities of legacy data, building a Web-centric application to allow for continued data collection and coding, and finally creating and launching the public Web site.

The Clearinghouse collection offers more than archival documents. It includes citations and links to several thousand additional opinions rendered in its cases

and case summaries complete with procedural histories that recount important pre- and post-decree activity.

Says Schlanger, "The Clearinghouse recognizes that the story of a litigation doesn't end with a liability finding or decree. There is often continued court jurisdiction and post-decree action and oversight."

Law students have worked on the project as research assistants, and undergraduates as interns under the supervision of Denise Lieberman, lecturer in political science.

Schlanger adds: "Because of the work of dozens of people, this digitized database of easily accessible, fully indexed, and searchable documents will transform the use of the included records.

"We hope that this kind of access will be not only a technocratic success, but a democratic one as well."

STUDENTS BEGIN YEAR BY VOLUNTEERING

More than 220 first-year law students participated in the fifth annual Orientation Service Project. Groups of students volunteered at more than 20 organizations in the St. Louis area, including Gateway Greening, Operation Food Search, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri, Beyond Housing, St. Vincent Home for Children, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, and the St. Louis Science Center. Julie McDermitt (below) helped replant seedlings as part of a beautification project for an abandoned city lot.



Greenfield Helps Draft Debt Legislation

A **PIECE OF DRAFT LEGISLATION** that Michael M. Greenfield, the Walter D. Coles Professor of Law, helped formulate has become law in three states. The Uniform Debt-Management Services Act, which will soon be effective in Utah, Delaware, and Rhode Island, is designed to regulate consumer credit-counseling and debt-settlement companies. Greenfield helped draft the model legislation for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). Additional states are expected to enact the law soon.

"The debt-management industry has grown significantly over the years, in part because recent amendments to the federal bankruptcy act require debtors to seek credit counseling before declaring bank-



Michael M. Greenfield

ruptcy," Greenfield says. "The new Uniform Debt-Management Services Act is designed to assist states with regulating this industry and to protect consumers from unfair or deceptive practices."

The act outlines specific requirements for credit counseling providers, including regulations surrounding agreements with consumers, agreements with creditors, disclosure, and bonding. It provides consumers and public officials with remedies against those who violate its requirements.

Greenfield previously has lent expertise to NCCUSL projects related to revising Uniform Commercial Code Articles 2, 3, 4, and 9 and to drafting the Uniform Consumer Leasing Act.

School Hosts Appellate Court, Ukrainian Judges

THE SCHOOL OF LAW HOSTED A SPECIAL SESSION of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, on October 24, 2006. Among those in attendance was a delegation of judges from Ukraine, who were in St. Louis on a visit organized by the city's chapter of the World Affairs Council. The court periodically holds special sessions at law schools as part of an educational outreach program.

During the special session, attorneys from both sides argued cases involving a property dispute over fences in a subdivision, a contract dispute that resulted in a \$1.2-million jury verdict, and the criminal appeal of a father convicted for his role in the shooting death of his daughter's abusive husband. Chief Judge Booker T. Shaw and Judges Lawrence E. Mooney and Patricia L. Cohen presided.

After the special court session, the Ukrainian judges met with the Missouri judges and law school faculty, discussing the legal and judicial systems in both jurisdictions. The delegation then delivered a panel presentation to law students on current developments in Ukrainian law. The judges were drawn from throughout Ukraine,

including Kyiv, Odessa, and Donetsk. They serve at the trial and appellate level on Ukraine's civil, criminal, and military courts.

Judge David Herndon, United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois, accompanied the delegation, which was hosted at the law school by Michael Peil, assistant dean for international programs.



Michael Peil (front row, left) with delegation from Ukraine

MARY BURKUS PHOTO

Clinic Supports Medicinal Plant Project

BY ANN NICHOLSON

THE SCHOOL OF LAW'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & BUSINESS FORMATION LEGAL CLINIC is partnering with The International Center for Indigenous Phytotherapy Studies (TICIPS). The TICIPS consortium is led by the University of Western Cape in South Africa, the University of Missouri, and the Missouri Botanical Garden. The project, which focuses on the use of South African plants for medicinal purposes, is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

TICIPS researches the safety and efficacy of South African phytotherapies, promotes conservation of plant biodiversity, preserves traditional healers' knowledge of medicinal plants, and strives to educate health-care providers and consumers about phytotherapy.

"The project is currently focusing on two herbal remedies in South Africa,"

notes David Deal, administrative director for the Intellectual Property & Business Formation Legal Clinic and lecturer in law. "One is a potential treatment to alleviate symptoms of HIV/AIDS, and the other is a potential treatment for tuberculosis."

Deal and Karen Tokarz, professor of law and director of Clinical Education & ADR



CLINIC ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DAVID DEAL (left) meets with a traditional healer in the Umlazi Township in Durban, South Africa.

Programs, recently visited South Africa and connected with faculty and officials at the University of Western Cape in Cape Town and the University of Kwa Zulu Natal. They also met with traditional healers who potentially could become involved in the TICIPS project.

South Africa recently joined the growing list of countries enacting a Biodiversity Act that addresses biodiversity, genetic resources, and traditional knowledge.

"In the coming year, the clinic will assist TICIPS in complying with the regulatory provisions of the new South African Biodiversity Act," Deal says. "The project will both help the consortium and be a great learning opportunity for our students."

"The clinic will assist TICIPS in complying with the new regulatory provisions."

DAVID DEAL



Honoring Women

Members of the Women's Law Caucus celebrate International Women's Day. (Top, left to right) Dara Strickland, Lauren Wojtowicz, Melanie Dailey; (bottom, left to right) Julie Arkush, Frances Petruso, Tracey Ohm. The 2006-07 event will be in spring 2007 at the law school. Check the Web site for more information (law.wustl.edu).