2001 Distinguished Law Alumni Awards

On Friday, October 12, 2001, more than 300 family and friends are expected to join the School of Law in honoring this year's distinguished law alumni. At the annual law alumni dinner held at The Ritz-Carlton, Floyd E. Crowder, Judge Moses W. Harrison II, Judge Harold L. Satz, and Gene M. Zafft will be presented with the 2001 Distinguished Law Alumni Awards. Audrey Fleissig and Sandra M. Moore will receive the 2001 Distinguished Young Alumni Awards. Recipients of the award are recognized not only for their professional achievements, but also for their contributions to the community and to the legal profession.

Distinguished Law Alumni Award

Floyd E. Crowder, JD '57, is chairman of Crowder & Scoggins in Columbia, Illinois. His practice areas include business law, general litigation, banking law, corporate law, estate planning law, estate settlement law, and municipal law. He is also the chief executive officer of the Monroe County Title Company. Crowder received his AB degree in 1955 and his law degree in 1957, both from Washington University. After graduation, he served three years in the United States Air Force as a judge advocate. In 1960 Crowder entered private practice, joining the firm of Walker & Williams in East St. Louis. Three years later he established his own general practice in Columbia, Illinois. Today the firm of Crowder & Scoggins, with seven attorneys, has expanded to a second location in Waterloo, Illinois, where Crowder serves as city attorney.

During his professional career, Crowder has been state’s attorney for Monroe County, Illinois, from 1964 to 1968 and again in 1976. In addition, he served as special assistant attorney general of Illinois from 1969 until 1983.

A former president of the Monroe County and the St. Clair County Bar Associations, Crowder is a member of the Illinois Bar Association and the Missouri Bar and a fellow of the American Bar Association. Active in community and philanthropic activities, he serves as president of the Sophia and Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation, the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation, and the Crowder Family Foundation. Crowder is also a member of the National Council for the School of Law.

Crowder’s family includes his wife, Judith; four daughters, Carolyn, Joy, Michelle, and Andrea; one son, John; and 10 grandchildren.

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Moses W. Harrison II, JD '58, is chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. Born in Collinsville, Illinois, Harrison earned his BA degree from Colorado College in 1954 and his law degree from Washington University in 1958. He began practicing law in East St. Louis and Collinsville, Illinois. He was elected to the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association and president of the Madison County Bar Association. He also served on Collinsville's city council and finance commission.

In 1973, while a senior partner in the Collinsville firm of Harrison, Rarick and Cadagin, he was appointed circuit judge by the Illinois Supreme Court and elected to that position in 1974. Harrison served two terms as chief judge of the Third Judicial Circuit after having previously been assigned to the Felony Division and Major Civil Division of the Circuit Court of Madison County.

In 1979 the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Harrison to the Illinois Appellate Court, Fifth District, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. He was elected in 1980 and retained by the voters in 1990. During his service on the Illinois Appellate Court, he served two terms as presiding judge of the Fifth District Appellate Court. He also served one term as chair of the Illinois Appellate Courts and on numerous Supreme Court committees. Harrison was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court in 1992 and subsequently selected to serve a three-year term that began January 1, 2000, as chief justice.

A member of numerous professional organizations, Harrison is a past recipient of the Justinian Society Award of Excellence, the Illinois State Bar Association Access
Harrison was former senior warden and a member of the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church of Collinsville, a member of the board of the Collinsville Lions Club, and secretary of the Maryville Colonial Nursing Home.

His family includes his wife, Sharon; his two sons, Clarence and Luke; and four grandchildren.

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Harold L. Satz, LLB ’58, is a partner of The Stolar Partnership in St. Louis. His areas of practice include commercial litigation, intellectual property and technology, and alternate dispute resolution.

Satz's return to private practice came after a long and distinguished career on the bench. He served 14 years as judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Missouri, where he served as chief judge from 1987 to 1988 and as settlement judge from 1982 to 1986. Before his appointment to the appellate court, Satz was a circuit court judge for St. Louis City for eight years.

After his U.S. Ameritime Service as a Merchant Marine in 1946, Satz received his AB degree in 1950 from Washington University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He also served in the U.S. Army Ordnance, 1950–52. Following his graduation from the School of Law in 1958 with an LLB degree, he clerked for Judge George Moore of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Satz later worked for the United States Patent Office in Washington, D.C., as a patent examiner before settling into private practice in the firm of Satz and Ponfil in St. Louis.

A member of the American Arbitration Association and a certified neutral for the federal district court, Satz has served as an arbitrator or mediator in more than 400 cases since his retirement from the bench.

In addition to his membership in professional organizations such as the American Bar Association, the Missouri Bar, Lawyers Association of St. Louis, and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Satz is a frequent lecturer at Continuing Legal Education programs and a former lecturer at Trial Judges School.

Satz served as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of Missouri, 1965–72, and also as a board member of the St. Louis Public Library, 1990–94.

He and his wife, Virginia, have a daughter, Connie, and a son, Philip, and six grandchildren.

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Gene M. Zafft, JD ’52, is a principal in the St. Louis firm of Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein & Zafft, PC. He has served the community in a range of professional, academic, and public-service activities.

A member of the Washington University Law Quarterly, Zafft graduated from the School of Law in 1952. Following his military service as a captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea, he attended New York University as a research fellow in the Graduate Tax Program, where he received his master's degree in 1955, finishing first in his class.

Since 1955 Zafft has been in private practice in St. Louis, specializing in taxation; estate planning; and corporate, financial, and real estate transactions. He has written and spoken widely on these topics and served on several committees of the Missouri and St. Louis Bar Associations. Since 1975 he has also served as an adjunct professor in the School of Law’s Graduate Tax Program, most recently teaching Estate Planning.

His public service includes terms as chair, vice chair, and commissioner of the Missouri Housing Development Commission; as a board member of the National Council of State Housing Agencies; as vice-chair of the Missouri State Tax Committee; and as chair and member of the St. Louis County Board of Equalization. Zafft is also a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the American Bar Association.

Zafft's community service includes serving as a member of the advisory board of The Miriam School, which is dedicated to teaching children with learning disabilities, and as a board member of Temple Emanuel. For 13 years he coached youth football teams, many of which won state championships. Several of his former players are now graduates of the School of Law.

He and his wife, Marlene, have four children—Susan, Richard, Nancy, and Robert—and one grandchild.
Distinguished Young Law Alumni Award

Audrey Fleissig, JD ’80, is a United States magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. Before her appointment to the bench, Fleissig was the first woman to hold the post of United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri. As the United States attorney, she formed a regional Computer Crimes Task Force and served a leadership role in numerous community-based programs focused on reducing violent crime and addressing the issues of hate crimes and neighborhood revitalization.

Engaged in the practice of law for more than 20 years, Fleissig graduated magna cum laude in 1976 from Carleton College in 1976 and in 1980 from Washington University School of Law, where she served as a member of the Washington University Law Quarterly and was elected to the Order of the Coif. As a third-year student she also clerked for Judge Edward Filippine, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. From 1991 to 1999 Fleissig served as assistant United States attorney, where she prosecuted criminal white-collar cases. She was the head of the bankruptcy fraud coordination group and a member of the National Bankruptcy Fraud Working Group.

Before joining the office of the United States attorney, Fleissig practiced for 11 years with the St. Louis firm of Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel and Hetlage. As a partner in litigation at the firm, she concentrated in business, commercial and bankruptcy litigation, school law, and class actions, primarily in the federal courts.

She has been a speaker at numerous programs on trial practice, appellate practice, and bankruptcy fraud. Fleissig has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, president of the Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis, and a member appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court and the Missouri Bar to the Gender and Justice Implementation Committee.

An adjunct professor at Washington University School of Law since 1991, Fleissig teaches Pretrial Practice & Procedure and Trial Advocacy. She is married and has two children, Matthew, age 12, and Rachel, age 15.

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Sandra M. Moore, JD ’79, is president of Urban Strategies. This not-for-profit corporation works with neighborhoods around the country to design and implement community revitalization plans that include schools, health care, jobs, recreation, and senior-care components.

Formerly the chief executive officer of the Missouri Family Investment Trust, a public–private partnership leading Missouri’s multisystem reform efforts, Moore was responsible for helping communities across the state develop, implement, and evaluate strategies to improve education, health, mental health, human resources, and economic development for vulnerable families.

She also previously served as vice president of St. Louis 2004, Inc., a citizen-based effort to make the St. Louis region a recognized leader in the 21st century through the accomplishment of major projects.

A former director of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Moore was responsible for the Division of Labor Standards, the Division of Employment Security, the Division of Workers’ Compensation, the Governor’s Council on Disability, the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, and the State Board of Mediation.

Prior to her position at the state’s labor department, she was an administrative judge with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She adjudicated complaints of employment discrimination filed against the United States government by current and former federal employees and by applicants for federal employment.

Moore earned her bachelor’s degree in urban studies in 1976 and her law degree in 1979, both from Washington University.

She is a member of the Missouri Bar, the Mound City Bar Association, and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Additionally, she is a member of the board for the St. Louis Internship Partnership, St. Louis Works Partnership, Missouri Health Foundation, and the board of regents for Southeast Missouri State University. Moore is also a member of the National Council for the School of Law.

Moore and her husband, Eric, have two children, Eric, Jr., and Erin.
ORDER OF THE COIF WELCOMES NEVEST INDUCTEES

The newest members of the Washington University chapter of the Order of the Coif participated in the May 17 induction ceremony held in the Janite Lee Reading Room of Anheuser-Busch Hall. Invitation for membership in the honorary society is extended to graduating students who exemplify academic excellence by finishing in the top 10 percent of their class.

Acting in his capacity as chapter president, Daniel Keating, associate dean for academic affairs and the Tyrrell Williams Professor of Law, inducted the 21 new members, including honorary member Cathy R. Kelly, JD ’83.

Following nearly a decade of experience as a public defender, Kelly has served as the director of training for the Missouri State Public Defender since 1994.

A magna cum laude graduate of the law school, Kelly was a member of the team that won the National Mock Trial Championship in 1983. She was awarded the George A. Spiegelberg Award for the Best Oral Argument in National Mock Trial Competition from the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Milton F. Napier Trial Award from the law school for her excellence in trial practice.

“Cathy is an ideal selection as our honorary Coif initiate,” Keating says. “She was an outstanding law student who brought national recognition to this School through her mock trial accomplishments. As a lawyer, she has lived up to the standards she set while in law school and has risen to the top ranks in her field of criminal defense law.”

A frequent guest lecturer on trial techniques, Kelly is a member of the National and Missouri Associations for Criminal Defense Lawyers, a member of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, and vice-chair of the Missouri Bar Criminal Law Committee. She also has been an adjunct professor for the School of Law’s trial practice program.

In addition to her professional activities, Kelly is former chair of the Board of Trustees for the Shaw Avenue Children’s Center and current chair of the Board of Trustees for the Oak United Methodist Church.

Participating in the Order of the Coif induction ceremony were (seated, from the left) Mercedes P. Davison, Associate Dean Daniel Keating, Kathryn F. Taylor, Melissa Lee Marglous, Dean Joel Seligman, and Laura M. Robb and (standing, from the left) William H. Freivogel, Tracy L. Odvody, James Franklin Herbison, Stefanie A. Ravenhill, Justin D. Pitt, Julie A. Goshorn, Joel N. Lander, Neal Wayne Settergren, Bradley W. Crandall, Rachel M. Korenblat, Matthew W. Jackson, Jodi Lynn Wilson, Brian Edward Anderson, Carrie Melissa Goldstein, Toby K. Buchanan, and Cathy R. Kelly. Not shown is Mason A. Reeves.
Every day as he enters his office in Anheuser-Busch Hall, Professor A. Peter Mutharika is reminded of the influential role he plays in the lives of his students by a plaque that reads “In Honor of Peter Mutharika, Gift of the Class of 1975.”

This special class gift was announced at the Law Annual Awards Dinner in October 2000. For Mutharika, the night was like a surprise party. “I had no idea that they had done this,” he says. “It was a total surprise. I was moved. There is nothing more meaningful than the people you teach giving you this kind of recognition. But I have to say, it is the Class of ’75—not me—that deserves recognition. They were the ones who came together as a class and made this kind of effort.”

The plaque represents the culmination of more than 25 years of affinity between Mutharika and the Class of 1975—all of whom came to the School of Law together in 1972. “We were first-year students when he was in his first year of teaching us,” says William S. Daniel. “The Class of 1975 was honored to have the opportunity of recognizing Professor Mutharika by dedicating his office within our new law school building in the year 2000, a quarter-century since our graduation.”

The Class of 1975 Reunion Committee—including Daniel, Gary Carr, Karen Fairbank, Gerald Greiman, Paul Ground, Mark Juster, John Kozyak, Richard Lageson, Shayne Madsen, and John Tisdale—began working on the gift several months before the presentation.

Kozyak remembers that choosing to honor Mutharika was one of the committee’s easiest decisions: “He came to Washington University the same year we did, and he has stayed. He is such a humble, quiet man that he would never ask for anything like this. He is a very nice man to pay tribute to.”

The committee sent only one letter to the approximately 180 alumni with known addresses. More than a third of these alumni contributed, raising more than the required $30,000 to name Mutharika’s office. With the additional funds, the class was able to fund the engraved plaque.

“The response was higher and wider and better than expected,” says Daniel. “I think that is because Peter Mutharika generated that kind of affection. We all care about the law school building, but we care much, much more about our law school professors.”

### Calendar of Events

**Friday, October 12**
Annual Law Alumni Dinner

**Saturday, October 13**

**Monday, October 29**
Annual Scholarship Dinner

For additional information, please contact the Office of Alumni and Development Programs at (314) 935-5462.