More than 800 visitors joined the School of Law in celebrating Washington University’s Sesquicentennial on September 14, 2003. Highlights included two performances of The Three Bears v. Goldilocks, a dramatization of the Dred Scott case, a pictorial display, and two lectures.

In both presentations of The Three Bears v. Goldilocks, children from the audience served as jurors and found Goldilocks liable. In the second case, to the delight of the bears, Goldilocks was fined $1.2 million in punitive damages. After the performances, all audience members joined the cast in sampling “frozen porridge” from Ted Drewes. Mark Smith, JD ’86, associate dean for student services, wrote and directed the presentations. Cast members were law students Brandon Waggoner, Angela Schisler, Jennifer Plaster, Margaret Sobota, James Hofman, Jason Meyers, Chris Cameron, and Anthony Giovannetti.

In a dramatization of the second Dred Scott trial, law students in period dress transported audiences back in time for this landmark case. Directed by St. Louis City Circuit Judge David Mason, JD ’83, the dramatization presented a poignant case for Dred and Harriet Scott’s freedom. Cast members were Daniel Smith; Ajia Johnson; Brad Wilmoth; Kathy Reichbach; Christopher Macchiaroli; Kevin Kuhlman; Michael Smith; Stephen Palley, JD ’98, as the judge; Winston Calvert; Joshua Carpenter; Matthew Douglas; Paul Eisner; Mark Hanson; Patrick McCullough; Shanti Kulkarni; Christopher Pandelis; Bryan Paschke; Daniel Riordan; Peter Rocque; and Jonathan Wilds.


In the pictorial display, 33 panels of photos captured the School of Law’s history.
Harriet Scott, played by Ajia Johnson; Dred Scott, played by Daniel Smith; and the Scotts’ attorney, played by Brad Wilmoth, listen to testimony.

Slave owner John Emerson (right), played by Christopher Macchiaroli, answers a question from his attorney, played by Kevin Kuhlman, during a rehearsal of the Dred Scott trial. Michael Koby, lecturer in law, fills in as the judge.

The Dred Scott Trial

Jurors and the Scotts wait for the verdict to be read.
Lectures

- David Konig lectures on St. Louis' freedom suits.
- Joel Seligman discusses recent reform efforts by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Timeline

Spring 2004

School of Law Sesquicentennial Events

March 4
Historic Women in Legal Education: A Celebration in Honor of the First Women at Washington University

March 19
The Intersections of Mental Health and the Law: A University/Community Collaboration

April 2
F. Hodge O'Neal Symposium

May 21
Commencement

For more detailed information and full listings of all Washington University's special Sesquicentennial events, please visit 150.wustl.edu.

Visitors view a pictorial display depicting the School of Law's progress from 1867 to 2003.
The Three Bears v. Goldilocks

F. Lee Bearly, played by James Hofman (right), rests his case. Looking on are the judge, played by Chris Cameron; the bailiff, played by Anthony Giovannetti; Pop A. Bear, played by Brandon Waggoner; and the jurors, played by children from the audience.

Goldilocks, played by Maggie Sobota, and Porridge "Porry" Mason, played by Jason Meyers, await the verdict.

F. Lee Bearly; Pop A. Bear; Mom A. Bear, played by Angela Schisler; and Babe E. Bear, played by Jennifer Plaster, celebrate their victory.