Honoring Distinguished Alumni

On Friday, April 16, 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 dinner held at The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis, John R. Barsanti, Jr.; Harry J. Joe; Joseph D. Lehrer; Arthur S. Margulis; and Virginia Morsey Wheeler Talley will be presented with 2004 Distinguished Law Alumni Awards, while Kathleen M. Boozeand Daniel K. Glazier will receive the 2004 Distinguished Young Alumni Awards.

Recipients are recognized not only for their professional achievements, but also for their exemplary contributions to the School, their communities, and the legal profession.

Nationally recognized for his expertise in business transactions and environmental matters, John R. Barsanti, Jr., BSIE ’49, JD ’52, is of counsel and former partner at the St. Louis firm of Armstrong Teasdale LLP.

He is chairman of the International Tax Practice Group of Lex Mundi, an international group of which Armstrong Teasdale is a member. Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Barsanti was general counsel and president of Kellwood Company in St. Louis and a partner at the St. Louis-based firm of Husch Eppenberger.

A former president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Barsanti is an active member of the Missouri Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He formerly served as one of seven ABA representatives to a joint commission with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

At Washington University, he served on the Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1990. He was chairman of the Annual Fund Campaign and the Alumni Federation, the predecessor to today’s Alumni Board of Governors; founding member and first president of the Washington University Alumni Club; and co-chair of numerous reunions.

Barsanti’s community service includes leadership positions with Missouri Goodwill Industries, St. Andrews Resource for Seniors, Lakeside Center, St. Louis Angel Network, Kirkwood Board of Education, and United Way. He also served as an adviser to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on the development of the state’s air laws and regulations, and as vice chair of the Missouri Air Conservation Commission.

He and his wife, Nancy Lee, have four children—Lisa, William, Lori, and Lucy—and seven grandchildren.

Aboard-certified specialist in immigration and nationality law, Harry J. Joe, JD ’75, is a shareholder at Jenkens & Gilchrist in Dallas, Texas. He practices federal administrative law before the United States Departments of Homeland
Security, State, and Labor and before the United States federal courts.


A member of the American Bar Association, Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, Irving Bar Association, and Dallas Bar Association, he also is a member of and has held leadership roles with the American Immigration Lawyers Association, State Bar of Texas, and Dallas Asian-American Bar Association. The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association presented him with its Trailblazer Award in 2003.

Joe serves on the Judicial Nominations Committee for the city of Dallas. He was a city councilman and mayor pro tem of Irving, Texas. Joe is a member of the School of Law’s National Council, an adjunct faculty member at Southern Methodist University School of Law, and a member of the Planning Committee for the University of Texas School of Law’s Annual Symposium on Immigration and Nationality Law. He has also published numerous articles and several book chapters on immigration law.

He and his wife, Liz, have three children—David, Jason, and Carolyn.

The chairman of the Corporate Practice Group of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale PC, Joseph D. Lehrer, AB ’70, JD ’73, formerly served as a member of the board of directors and president of this St. Louis-based firm.

In his 30 years of practice, Lehrer has represented numerous clients in merger, acquisition, and divestiture transactions and in regard to venture capital and private financing transactions. His clients include large privately held companies and small- to medium-sized publicly held companies.

He also represents substantial closely held corporations in regard to financial and tax structure, general business law matters, and strategic planning issues. Lehrer has served on a number of statutory boards of directors and advisory boards on behalf of private and publicly traded companies.

At the School of Law, Lehrer teaches Business Acquisitions as an adjunct professor; serves as a member of the National Council; and chairs the Public Interest Summer Stipend Program. His service to the community includes serving as a member of the board for Jazz at the Bistro and former president of the Progressive Youth Center.

Lehrer is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, including the Business Law Steering Committee; the Missouri Bar; the Illinois Bar; and the American Bar Association, including the Taxation and Business Law Sections.

He and his wife, Sandy, who is president of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro St. Louis, have a daughter, Rachel, a junior at the University of Colorado.

A member of the St. Louis-based firm of Margulis Grant & Margulis PC, Arthur S. Margulis, AB ’57, JD ’58, specializes in criminal law.

After graduating from law school, he served in the
United States Army as a lieutenant in artillery. He then worked as an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in several cities on the East Coast, receiving three special commendations from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Returning to St. Louis, he worked for attorneys Robert and Edward Dowd and at another local firm before starting his own practice.

A prominent defense attorney, Margulis has served as an adjunct professor in the School of Law’s Trial and Advocacy Program and instructed police officers under the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. He is a member of the Missouri Bar; Florida Bar; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as a life member; American Board of Trial Advocates; and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, where he chairs the Criminal Law Section.

Among his many accolades, Margulis has received the St. Louis Lawyers Association Award of Honor and the School of Law’s Honorary Order of the Coif.

He has served as a member of the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners, a member of the 21st Circuit Judicial Selection Commission, special assistant to Missouri Attorney General Thomas Eagleton, prosecuting attorney for the city of Creve Coeur, and a member of the Creve Coeur Board of Aldermen. He is a board member and former president for The Backstoppers in St. Louis.

He and his wife, Joyce, AB ’59, have four sons—Arthur, Jr.; William, JD ’90; James, JD ’98; and Thomas.

A retired attorney now living in Alaska, Virginia Morsey Wheeler Talley, AB ’42, JD ’42, was the only female member in her law class. Despite the perception that the law was a male-dominated profession, she excelled at the School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the Law Quarterly, valedictorian of her class, and elected to Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif.

After law school, she worked for the Legal Division of the Rural Electrification Administration, a New Deal agency. Talley traveled throughout the United States to help establish rural electric cooperatives, mediate disputes, and participate in negotiations for the purchase of electric facilities that were being divested from larger utilities.

She then worked for the Legal Department of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) while it was in its formative years. Talley participated in negotiations, drafted loan documents, and listed the bank’s securities on the New York Stock Exchange.

After marrying Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, who established the World Bank’s Engineering Department, she became a consultant to the bank. She and her husband then engaged in engineering and legal work for the World Bank and United Nations around the world. After Wheeler died, she married Brig. Gen. Benjamin Talley and retired to Alaska.

She is a member of the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar Association, and the Missouri Bar Association. Talley is active in numerous community organizations. Anchor Point Senior Citizens, Inc. dedicated its senior center to Talley and her husband, who died in 1998, in recognition of their contributions.

**DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNI AWARDS**

The associate dean for academic affairs and professor of law at Seton Hall University School of Law, Kathleen M. Boozang, JD ’84, is an expert in health law. She established Seton Hall’s Health Law & Policy Program, which U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks among the top-10 health law programs.
After law school, Boozang worked in the Health Law Group of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale PC in St. Louis, including representing SSM Health Care hospitals. She then earned her LLM from Yale University before pursuing her career as a law professor. She has served as a visiting professor of law at Washington University, University of Houston, and St. John's University.

A recipient of Seton Hall's University Faculty Excellence Award, Boozang currently teaches Health Care Organizations, The Law of Death & Dying, Alternative Medicine, and Nonprofit Organizations. She writes and speaks extensively on alternative medicine, medical futility, end-of-life care, and sectarian providers. Her current work focuses on the use by attorneys general of charitable trust law to regulate nonprofit boards.

Among her professional affiliations, Boozang is president of the American Society of Law, Medicine, & Ethics; editor-in-chief of the Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics; member of the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law; and member of the Advisory Committee for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. She previously chaired the Bioethics Committee for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Association of American Law Schools Section on Medicine and Health Care.

As co-managing attorney of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri's Housing Unit and director of its Homeless Legal Project, Daniel K. Glazier, MSW '80, JD '81, represents homeless people and low-income tenants and homeowners.

After law school, he was selected as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow, a nationwide fellowship of the Legal Service Corporation for community lawyering. Through this fellowship, he worked for LSEM’s Income Benefits Unit, representing clients in welfare and Social Security cases. Since 1983 he has worked for the Housing Unit, representing countless clients in landlord–tenant disputes, condemnations, tax sales, homeownership issues, and admission and retention in public and subsidized housing.

Glazier has co-counseled lawsuits leading to increased services for homeless people in St. Louis and increased affordable housing in Missouri. He has co-authored state legislation, published journal articles, and delivered numerous educational presentations on housing-related issues. In addition, Glazier has served as an adjunct faculty member at Saint Louis University and Webster University, and supervised Washington University and Saint Louis University interns at LSEM.

He is a member of the boards for the School of Law's Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic and for Professional Housing Resources. Glazier has held leadership positions with Citizens for Missouri's Children, Washington University George Warren Brown School of Social Work Alumni Board, and St. Louis Lawyers Project against Homelessness and Inadequate Housing. He also served on the St. Louis Mayor's Commission on the Homeless. He has received numerous awards for his advocacy work.

He and his wife, Nancy Snow, MSW ’82, have two children—Ethan and Rianna. ♦