



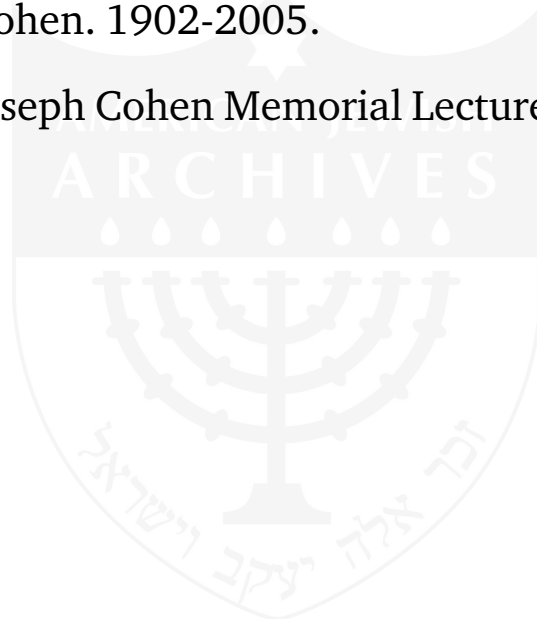
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**March 23, 1992
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The first program of this annual lecture series was held in April of 1981. The date of this lecture is particularly meaningful as it marks the 90th anniversary of Mr. Cohen's birth.



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LAURIE MILBURN

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3-25-92

Barton -

Just wanted to make
sure you had seen this
good press on the lecture.
I hope you were pleased
with everything.

Laurie

Work the media when working for high-profile defendant, lawyers told

By TOM JACKMAN

Staff Writer KCS

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Randolph added that, though the forfeiture laws were inspired by the drug problem, "now they're just seizing property from virtually any person accused of a crime."

Hoffman also assailed state and federal prosecutors for leaking information to the media, often through the guise of "unnamed government sources." Defense attorneys who try to respond can face sanctions from the judge, Hoffman said.

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Randolph, who helped defend the McMartin Preschool case, said defense attorneys need to battle outside the courtroom to shape public perceptions of their client. He agreed with the strategy of the lawyers defending the Los Angeles police officers in the Rodney King beating case; the lawyers are "holding court" with the media outside the courthouse every day after trial.

Before the trial started, Hoffman said he would have "done a publicity campaign about the good acts" of the police officers and followed up with stories about the "bad acts" or prior record of the victim. But in cases that aren't already highly publicized, Hoffman said he would not seek any publicity.

Laurie -

Legal experts advise defense lawyers to take prominent cases to the press

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COHEN PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS

April, 1981

Advocacy: Its Changing Roles, Honorable Robert E. Keeton, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

April, 1982

The Economic Impact of Civil Litigation, Thomas D. Barr, Esq., a member of the firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, in New York City

September, 1983

State of Missouri v. Frank James, Observations by John Kaplan, Jackson Eli Reynolds Professor of Law, Stanford University

February, 1985

Where are the Advocates from La Mancha?, Millard C. Farmer, Esq., Senior Counsel, Team Defense Project, Atlanta, Georgia

April, 1986

Protecting Religious Liberties, a panel discussion featuring The Reverend Dean Kelly with the National Council of Churches, Samuel E. Ericsson of the Christian Legal Society, and Eric M. Lieberman, Esq. with the firm of Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard, Krinsky & Lieberman

January, 1987

Memory Distortions and the Law, Elizabeth Loftus, Ph.D., University of Washington in Seattle

April, 1988

The Miranda Decision Revisited: Did It Give Criminals Too Many Rights? A debate featuring Paul Marcus, Dean and Professor of Law, University of Arizona College of Law and Steven J. Markman, Assistant United States Attorney General for Legal Policy

March, 1989

Mass Injuries: Can the Legal System Cope? A symposium featuring Frank Theis, Judge, United States District Court, District of Kansas, David Morris, Esq., Shamberg, Johnson, Bergman & Morris and James DeMarce, Director, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation

April, 1990

New Barriers to Civil Rights: Are Sanctions Against Attorneys Chilling the Exercise of Constitutional Rights? A debate featuring George C. Cochran, Professor of Law, University of Mississippi and Martin B. Louis, Professor of Law, University of North Carolina

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University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law
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Program

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| Welcome | Robert Popper Dean UMKC School of Law |
| Introduction & Remarks | R. Lawrence Ward, Esq. Chairman of the Board Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy |
| Presentation | Dr. Reiko Hasuike Managing Director Litigation Sciences Mr. Michael E. Cobo Director Litigation Sciences |
| Questions | Mr. Ward |
| Closing Statements | Dean Popper |

R. Lawrence Ward, Esq.

Attorney R. Lawrence Ward, chairman of the board of Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, received his J.D. from UMKC in 1961. As head of the third largest law firm in Kansas City, he is a recognized leader of the Bar, and is regarded as a skilled trial advocate. Mr. Ward will serve as facilitator of this presentation.

Dr. Reiko Hasuike

Dr. Hasuike is managing director of the Los Angeles office of Litigation Sciences. She was born in Japan but has lived in the United States since 1971. Dr. Hasuike received her Master of Arts degree in Linguistics from Ohio State University and her Masters and Ph.D. in Psychology from Princeton University.

Mr. Michael E. Cobo

Mr. Cobo is a director in the firm of Litigation Sciences. He is a frequent speaker for professional associations throughout the country, including the litigation section of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar programs and several judicial conferences. Mr. Cobo has a degree in business administration from the University of Southern California.

Litigation Sciences

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Reception immediately following
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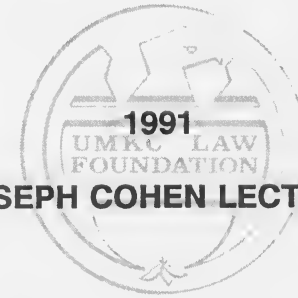
Left to right: Dean Robert Popper,
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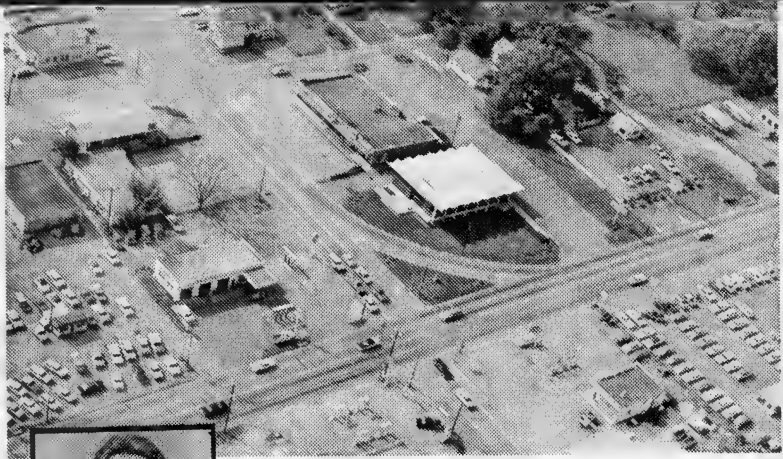
Barton-

Here's a few invitations to
the lecture. I'll send
you a schedule when it's
finalized but remember, this
deadline after the lecture.
I'll be in touch.

Laurie

P.S. These went out about a
week ago. We already have
invitations.

D.P. SUN 5/22/92



Do You Remember 79TH & Metcalf-Some 30 Years Ago?

By James P. McGilley III

My good friends Ben and Evadean Craig sure do. Metcalf State Bank happens to be in the center of the above photo and I asked Ben to share some of his earliest memories of Overland Park with me for this article.

It was June of 1962 when the late Johnson Countian, Joseph Cohen, founded the bank. Banking wasn't new to him as he also owned the Rosedale State Bank-all this while practicing law in Wyandotte County. Joe immediately went about forming a board of directors many from the Downtown Overland Park business sector. J.R. "Bob" Jennings owner of Jennings Lawn and Garden; Arthur "Art" England owner of England Dairy (just a block west and across the street from the bank, in picture above), and the late Wally Vestespada owner of Wally's Firestone Tire Stores. Joe knew that to be competitive with Overland Park's first bank, Overland Park State Bank founded in 1910 some 52 years earlier, he needed the support of local key business leaders.

Ben Craig came to the bank on January 1, 1964, as President and muses about the fact that since he took the job in "64" he's never gotten a promotion. Ben has often been asked why Metcalf State Bank is located just a block away from Overland Park State Bank and his answer has always been the same, "Downtown Overland Park was the only business district in the city at that time." I remember becoming a part of that district in 1976 when we purchased the Hoge Funeral Home. Even then there was that small town hominess to the area-you only had to go into a shop once or twice and you and the owner were on a first name basis. Most all of the people mentioned in this article served on the board of the Downtown Overland Park Business Association at one

time or another including myself and my manager at McGilley and Hoge, Floyd Russell even Ben's wife Evadean was the Executive Secretary for the Association for many years.

Of Ben's memories of the last 30 years one sort of sticks out-"The Robbery" in 1968. Two men, Floyd H. Brown and Andrew Gipson, after planting a diversionary bomb at the new City Hall, entered and robbed the bank. Bill Batt while working at the Kentucky Fried Chicken store directly west of the bank noticed the robbers, called the police and took chase only to lose them. Bill now is an Overland Park Police Detective. Soon after an Overland Park motorcycle patrolman took up the chase, before being shot and wounded by the fleeing robbers. They finally were cornered in the Heatherwood Apartments where an intense shootout took place. During the gunfire Sgt. Eldon Miller of the Kansas Highway Patrol was shot and killed, becoming the first Kansas Highway Patrolman killed in the line of duty. Later, the men were captured, tried and sent to prison and all the money was recovered.

Over the years the complexion of 79th and Metcalf has changed dramatically, but a couple of things have remained the same. Ben's still President of the bank and Downtown Overland Park is still a great little place to meet people in shops you won't forget - but more importantly - they won't forget you.

If you have any pictures of places or people in Johnson County history, please call me at 942-6180 so we can share them with our readers.

PS Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.


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April 1, 1993

Barton P. and Mary Cohen
12617 Briar
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Dear Barton and Mary:

Chancellor Schwartz and I would like to thank you for your recent contribution of Metcalf Bancshares, Inc. stock to the UMKC Law Foundation.

As you requested, this gift will be credited to the Joseph Cohen Lecture Fund. When the proceeds from the sale of the stock are received, the fund balance will be \$36,382.98.

It is supporters such as you, who remember the school whenever they can or when the Foundation has a special request, whom we doubly appreciate and look to for guidance. Your attention to the educational development of the law community through the lecture series is highly regarded.

As you know, plans are underway for the 1993 Joseph Cohen Lecture to be held this fall. We will keep you informed of the progress.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Popper'.

Robert Popper
Dean

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6/12/93

Barton:

As you will see from the attached letter, we are working on arrangements for Don Fiedler's visit. We will set a date once his trial schedule is set (which should occur in the next few weeks). I wanted to check our tentative dates with you and also see if there are October dates that would not work for you. Please let me know if any of the Thursday dates proposed (9/9, or during October) present a conflict. I can be reached at 235-2372.

Thanks.

Ellen Levin



June 10, 1993

Don Fiedler
900 Farnam, Suite 316
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Dear Mr. Fiedler:

I enjoyed talking with you last week and look forward to meeting you when you join us as the Cohen Lecture "Lawyer in Residence" next Fall.

As we discussed, we would like you to present "An Evening With Clarence Darrow" for a student and practitioner audience one evening of your visit. Our visits normally involve a Thursday and Friday, and if possible, we would schedule your performance for Thursday night. I believe MACDL is interested in hosting a reception for you on Friday evening. In addition to your performance, we would like to have you meet with students in one or more of the following settings: an informal presentation on the use of storytelling in trial; visit(s) to criminal law or trial advocacy class(es); informal meeting with students in our lounge to discuss criminal practice. We can work out the precise details once we set a definite date for your visit.

The visit will be sponsored by the Joseph Cohen Lecture Fund. As we discussed, we are able to offer you an honorarium of \$500 for the visit. In addition, we will pay for your travel, accommodations and technical expenses. As the date of the visit approaches, Jean Klosterman, Executive Assistant to the Dean, will be in touch with you to handle those arrangements.

We understand that the timing of your visit will depend on your trial and performance schedule, but our ideal dates would be September 9-10 or October 7-8. We do have considerable flexibility in the Fall semester, however, and are currently checking on facility availability. Once your trial schedule has been set, we can agree on a firm date for your visit. I would appreciate hearing from you when that occurs. If, before that time, I have more definite word regarding facilities, I will let you know.

We are excited about your visit and look forward to working out all the details to make it happen.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (816) 235-2372. Otherwise, I await hearing from you regarding available dates.

Sincerely,

Ellen Y. Suni
Professor of Law
Chair, Program Committee

cc: ✓ Barton Cohen





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August 31, 1993

Don Fiedler
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Dear Don:

I apologize for the delay in getting this letter to you, but I underestimated by a lot the amount of time my new administrative position would take the first week of school. I did want to get back to you and provide written confirmation of the preliminary details for your visit.

We are most pleased that you will be able to join us on October 20 and 21, 1993 as the Cohen Lecture "Lawyer in Residence." As we discussed, the highlight of your visit will be the presentation of "An Evening With Clarence Darrow" on Thursday evening, October 21st. The presentation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the White Recital Hall on the UMKC campus. A reception will follow the program in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center. You can expect that the audience for the performance will be comprised of students, attorneys, and, to a lesser extent, the general community. White holds just over 600 people and we hope to have a large crowd.

If possible, we would like to have you arrive in Kansas City by lunchtime on Wednesday. If that is feasible, we will schedule a luncheon on Wednesday. You indicated an interest in use of dramatic technique in trial, and we would like you to do a presentation on that topic sometime Wednesday afternoon. The audience for that presentation would be largely students, especially those enrolled in our Trial Advocacy Program. Attorneys would also be invited. The likelihood of practitioners attending will depend on the time of day the program is scheduled. We will also schedule a dinner on Wednesday evening at which you will be the guest of honor. We would be happy to have you make some informal remarks at the dinner, but no formal presentation is required.

On Thursday morning, we would schedule a breakfast, perhaps an informal opportunity to meet and chat with students in the Lounge, and a more formal lunch. We have not yet firmed up the various programs, but one of the meals will be with our faculty and another function will involve members of MACDL. The dinner will be small, with the donor, the Dean and a few additional invited guests. As requested, we will not schedule any other programming after lunch on Thursday so that you are free to prepare for the play.

As we discussed previously, the visit will be sponsored by the Joseph Cohen Lecture Fund. We will provide you with an honorarium of \$500 for the visit. In addition, we will pay for travel and accommodations for you and your technical assistant as well as freight or similar charges for bringing your set pieces to Kansas City. We will work with you to insure that you have what you need within the constraints of our limited program budget. As soon as I have the name of the technical contact person at the theater I will get you in touch so that technical arrangements can be made.

We are very excited about your visit and look forward to having you here. I have received your packet of materials and we are beginning to prepare invitations and publicity materials. We could use a resume or other assurance that the background information provided in the articles is accurate. In addition, we would like pictures of you (as you and as Darrow) to use in our publicity. Please send these to me at your earliest convenience. Also, at your convenience, please provide me with the names of those to whom you would like invitations sent, or let me know how many you need if you will send them yourself.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (816) 235-1654. I will be in touch as we have further information or details to work out.

Sincerely,

Ellen Y. Suni
Professor of Law
Interim Associate Dean
Chair, Program Committee

EYS/e

cc: Barton Cohen ✓
Laurie Milburn



To: *Barton Cohen*

Date: *8/31/93*

From: **Ellen Suni**
Interim Associate Dean
235-1654

Now that Don Fiedler's
trial schedule has been
set we can move forward
with the Program. Everything
seems to be falling into
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ready fairly soon. We
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Donald B. Fiedler

By day Donald Fiedler is a 50-year-old attorney in Omaha, Neb., who takes on more than his share of controversial causes. By night, he dons greasepaint and a hairpiece to portray his idol, Chicago's famous defender of the underdog, Clarence Darrow.

"An Evening With Darrow," written by David W. Rintels and based on Irving Stone's novel "Clarence Darrow for the Defense," details several episodes in the life of one of the most famous defense lawyers in our country's history. Fiedler began memorizing the play in the 1970s in his spare time, before he discovered his love of acting.

Known as a champion of the working class, freedom of speech and equality for minorities, Darrow successfully defended 102 men who would have been executed if convicted. He may have been best known for the Scopes Monkey Trial, which questioned the teaching of evolution in public schools.

Fiedler has performed the one-man play many times since he began in the mid-1980s. His performance has been described as "a lovingly rendered, superior theatrical event," "polished and entertaining as well as educational," "[comparing] favorably to those of Kevin McCarthy in Truman and Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain," "a masterful job of communicating the humor and drama of Darrow," and "appealing and captivating, infectious and riveting."

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DATE: October 18, 1993
 TO: Barton Cohen
 FROM: Laurie Milburn *LM*
 RE: Schedule for Cohen Guest Lecturer

As we discussed, we are providing several opportunities for students and faculty to interact with Don Fiedler, this year's Joseph Cohen Guest Lecturer.

His schedule of appearances is as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 21:

- 12 p.m. - Faculty lunch, Faculty/Alumni Room, Law School
- 7 p.m. - "An Evening with Clarence Darrow" - White Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, UMKC
- 9 p.m. - Reception - Lobby, Performing Arts Center

Friday, Oct. 22:

- 8 a.m. - Small Breakfast Forum for Students, Faculty/Alumni Room, Law School
- 12 p.m. - The Use of Dramatic Technique in Trial, Student Lounge, Law School
- 3 p.m. - Reception with Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Woodside Racquetball Club (MACDL is paying for this)

You expressed interest in attending the lunch with faculty on Thursday, Oct. 21. Please let me know if you and Mary will be attending the luncheon (or any of the other events. I look forward to seeing you Thursday.

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Friday, October 22, 1993

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To: *Barton Cohen*

Date: *6/1/94*

From: **Ellen Suni**
Interim Associate Dean
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help in arranging this
visit. We're looking
forward to a great
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June 1, 1994

Jack Greenberg
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Dear Professor Greenberg:

On behalf of Dean Jeffrey Berman, our faculty and students, it is with great pleasure that I formally invite you to be the 1994 Joseph Cohen Lecturer at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. We are pleased and excited that you will be able to share your knowledge and insights with our students and the community.

As you know, we are very lucky to have the support of Barton Cohen and his family. Through Barton's generosity, we are able to invite a prominent member of the legal community to visit the Law School, give a talk, and meet and interact with students and faculty. This year, Barton has been instrumental in making the contact with you and arranging for your visit as well. We sincerely appreciate his efforts.

It is my understanding that you will be available to visit UMKC for a lecture and programming on September 1, 1994. Based on the information I received from Barton and consultation with our Program Committee, we would like to have your formal presentation on Thursday evening, September 1st beginning at 7:30 p.m. The talk, tentatively entitled "Crusaders in the Courts - Activist Lawyering for Civil Rights," would be held in our Courtroom and would be followed by a reception in our Lounge. The anticipated audience for this presentation is students, faculty, lawyers and members of the general community.

In addition to your primary talk, we would like to ask you to have lunch with the law faculty. No formal presentation would be required at the lunch. We would also ask you to do an informal presentation for our students on Thursday afternoon. A possible focus for that presentation, which would be held in our Student Lounge, would be Supreme Court Advocacy. If time permits, we might also ask that you be available for very informal discussions with groups of students and faculty during the course of the day. More specific details of these aspects of the visit can be worked out as the date gets closer. If you desire, we can also arrange for book signings, either separately or in conjunction with one or more of these sessions.

Barton indicated that you will be arriving on Wednesday, August 31st and staying at his home. All of your travel expenses will be paid. Please let us know whether you prefer to make your own arrangements and receive reimbursement or whether you would prefer that flight arrangements be made at this end. We would like you to be our guest at dinner preceding the talk on Thursday and, if your schedule permits, on Wednesday evening as well.

Please feel free to contact me or Laurie Milburn, Manager of Alumni Relations (235-1676), if you have any questions or to make the necessary arrangements. Please also send Laurie a bio and photograph that we may use in our publicity.

We are all excited at the prospect of your visit and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Welcome

Interim Dean Jeffrey Berman

Keynote Lecture

Jack Greenberg

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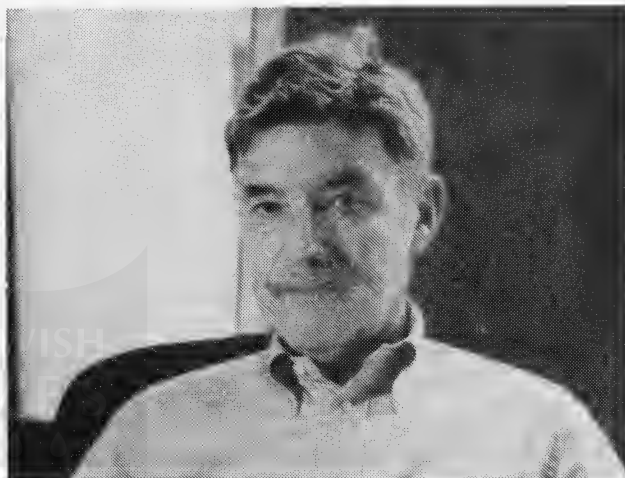
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**CRUSADERS IN THE COURTS:
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INTRODUCTION

Jeffrey Berman
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KEYNOTE LECTURER

Jack Greenberg
Columbia University

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The LDF was the first public interest advocacy organization of its kind, developing from a group of five lawyers with little funding or support from the legal community to the driving force behind the fight to end legal apartheid. Through his book and public speaking, Jack Greenberg makes an invaluable contribution to understanding the impact and meaning of the civil rights movements.

*Reception immediately following the lecture
in the Law School Student Lounge*

*Crusaders in the Courts will be available for
purchase (\$20) and signing. Retail \$30.*

JOSEPH COHEN LECTURE SERIES

Joseph Cohen, a 1925 graduate of the Kansas City School of Law, practiced law in Kansas City, Kansas, for more than 50 years. Regarded as one of the area's leading trial attorneys, Cohen built his reputation as an advocate for the disadvantaged and disabled. Throughout his career, he was dedicated to improving the education of lawyers and the development of their trial skills.

Joseph Cohen was one of the organizers and served as the first president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association. He was the first representative from Kansas on the Board of the American Trial Lawyers Association, then known as the National Association of Claimants and Compensation Attorneys. He organized and served as the first president of the Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society. He advocated opening membership in the Wyandotte County Bar Association to women and blacks and later served as president of the association. Past lectures have included:

- 1983 - **State of Missouri v. Frank James**, observations by John Kaplan, Stanford University
- 1985 - **Where Are the Advocates From LaMancha?**, Millard C. Farmer, Esq. Team Defense Project, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1986 - **Protecting Religious Liberties**, panel discussion featuring Dean Kelly, Sam Erickson and Erick Lieberman
- 1987 - **Memory Distortions and the Law**, Elizabeth Loftus, Ph.D., University of Washington in Seattle
- 1989 - **Mass Injuries: Can the Legal System Cope?**, panel discussion featuring Hon. Frank Theis, David Morris, James DeMarce
- 1990 - **New Barriers to Civil Rights: Are Sanctions Against Attorneys Chilling the Exercise of Constitutional Rights?**, panel featuring Laura Kaster, Prof. George C. Cochran, Prof. Martin B. Louis
- 1991 - **Litigation Effectiveness -- Fine Tuning With Science**, Dr. Reiko Hasuike, Litigation Sciences
- 1992 - **Representing High Profile Criminal Defendants**, panel featuring John O'Connor, Jeffrey Hoffman and Donald Randolph
- 1993 - **An Evening with Clarence Darrow**, featuring Donald B. Fiedler

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State v. Hyde

**The Reenactment of a
Historic Turn-of-the-Century Trial**

Two Performances

**Friday, January 12, 1996
7 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 13, 1996
7 p.m.**

**UMKC School of Law
E.E. (Tom) Thompson Courtroom
52nd and Oak streets**



***At the Center...
in the Forefront***



The Logan O. Swope home, where Thomas H. Swope died, was on the highest ground of a 19-acre tract in Independence, Mo. It was embellished with gardens and winding walks.

Col. Thomas H. Swope donated 1,313 acres at the turn of the century, which became one of Kansas City's premier parks, Swope Park. When he died Oct. 3, 1909, authorities and his family cried foul, believing the wealthy bachelor was murdered. The suspect — Swope's physician, B. Clark Hyde — the husband of Swope's niece.

Welcome to the trial of the century.

It was alleged that the defendant, B. Clark Hyde, poisoned Swope to forestall action by the colonel that would have given \$1.5 million of his property to charity. It also was insinuated the defendant caused the deaths of two Swope family members, and the typhoid fever illness of five other Swope family members, to enrich his wife by additional inheritance.

Cast Members:

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| Judge | Hon. Tim O'Leary '56 |
| Bailiff | Hon. Scott Wright |
| Prosecutors | Tim Dollar '84 Pat Peters '85 |
| Defense Counsel | Charles Rogers '76 Hon. J.D. Williamson '65 |
| Pathologist | Dr. Charles Wheeler '59 |
| Toxicologist | Dr. Ernest Neighbor '71 |
| Defendant Hyde | Dr. Tom Whittaker '82 |
| Nurses | Jan Day '87 Suzanne Shank '82 |
| Mrs. Maggie Swope | Bobbie Lou Nailing, Executive Director, KCMBBA |
| Court Reporter | Pat Batenic, Staff-retired |
| Narrator | Norman O. Sanders '57 |

Special Thanks to...

- The cast members for their enthusiasm and hard work in reenacting this historic trial.
- Vince Scassellati and the Missouri Repertory Theatre for the wonderful costumes.
- The Joseph Cohen Lecture Series -
The Lecture Series is named in honor of the memory of Joseph Cohen, a 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Law, a member of the Bar of the State of Kansas, and an eminent trial lawyer who was devoted to the education and training of lawyers in the art of advocacy.



- Robert Gaines '83, proprietor of one of Kansas City's well-known dining establishments, Colony Steakhouse and Lobster Pot, for hosting a dinner party for the cast.

Thanks for joining us this evening.

RESERVED SEAT

State v. Hyde
Trial Reenactment

Friday, January 12, 1996

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Law Report



School of Law

1996-97
Academic Year



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Historic Summary—UMKC School of Law

In 1895, three young, energetic and visionary lawyers, William P. Borland, Edward D. Ellison and Elmer N. Powell, founded the Kansas City School of Law. They had the active assistance of leading members of the bench and bar, support which continues to this day. Borland, the first dean of the school, was elected to Congress in 1910 and was succeeded by Ellison, who served as dean until the School of Law merged with the University of Kansas City in 1938. After affiliation with the University of Missouri System in 1963, the school assumed its present name as the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

Mission of the School of Law

The commitment of the School of Law is to be a center of learning, debate, research and service. It will produce the highest quality lawyers. Its graduates will have the competence necessary for the practice of law, the foundation for continued professional growth, the highest ethical standards, and consistent with the ideals of professionalism, will meet the needs of the public for legal services.

The School of Law will provide the highest quality legal education. This will include a comprehensive curriculum with high quality instruction, opportunities for specialization, advanced study and continuing professional education. Its students will have a rigorous learning experience that develops analytical and practice skills, promotes intellectual inquiry and provides a solid foundation of substantive law.

The School of Law will:

- advance the research and scholarship that are fundamental to the practice, development and understanding of the law and legal institutions;
- provide a forum for public debate and discussion;
- provide opportunities for interaction with a variety of viewpoints, beliefs and backgrounds;
- promote quality, diversity and continued development of the faculty and the bar;
- provide public service and instill the value of public service in students;
- create and maintain a strong research and practice oriented library; and
- promote opportunities for partnering within the University, the bar and the community through interdisciplinary and collaborative efforts.



"The past is but
the beginning of a
beginning, and all
that is and has been
is but the twilight of
the dawn."

— H.G. Wells
1866-1946
*The Discovery of
the Future (1901)*

Dear Friends,

Ecclesiastes tells us that, "For every thing there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven ..." The pages that follow give expression to that sentiment. In this year's Law Report, the second formal chronicling of a year in the life of the School of Law, we hope that our message is clear: This is our time.

We, of course, understand that a sentiment expressed so directly — so unabashedly — runs some risk of sounding brash. That is not our intent. Rather, in laying claim to this time, we assert nothing more than the historical fact that the men and women — students, faculty, administrators, alumni, friends and supporters — who have invested in the School of Law can take (and by right ought to take) pride in what they have accomplished. After more than one hundred years as a law school and upon the eve of the graduation of our 100th entering class, we are entitled to take stock and to look forward. The calendar tells us that chronologically we are at the beginning of a new millennium. We know better, however. We know, in the phrase of H.G. Wells, that we are in the "twilight of the dawn," of another century of progress.

This is our time to challenge ourselves by affirming old aspirations and setting and achieving new goals. If then, Woodrow Wilson was correct, that "It is only once in a generation that a people can be lifted above material things," our commitment and the proof in these pages is easily stated: This is our time to rise above the material and with acts of inspiration to achieve our aspirations. This is our time. This is our season!

Chronicled here, therefore, are some of the major steps we took over the course of the year to march toward the forefront of legal education. In a particularly significant move, for example, Matt Davis, formerly of CIGNA Insurance Co., joined the School of Law as its first full-time assistant dean for student services. The move completes the restructuring and expansion of services devoted to the support of students that we began last year. Moreover, as the report on our student demographics elsewhere in these pages confirms, Dean Davis' appointment underscores two broader considerations. In response to the growing attractiveness of the School of Law as a place to study, it affirms our commitment to the expansion of resources devoted to students, and our commitment following admission to an educational environment that supports and enhances teaching and learning.

While our emphasis on a positive learning environment continued, however, we also achieved expanded involvement in research by the faculty. Substantially every member of the faculty was formally engaged in scholarly writing within (or across) their discipline. These efforts reflected a redoubled commitment to personal growth, but just as important, they laid the faculty's foundation for an ever-deepening and more engaging dialogue with their students. Thus, it should not be missed that our faculty has been featured among the leaders in their fields in forums stretching the length and breadth of the nation and around the world — New York to Oregon, Chicago to Houston, and points between too numerous to mention.

But even as we have advanced in traditional spheres, these pages also reveal that we are continuing our effort to expand and enrich both the form and function of legal education. Again this year, we have heavily invested in information and communications technology. Upon completing the last phase of a computer upgrade program that brought all remaining faculty and key staff members online, we turned our attention to expanding the system. We completed the work of transforming a once forsaken library annex in the Corporate Law/Tax Suite into a Virtual Law Office — complete with state-of-the-art computers, a printer, a facsimile machine and conference room furniture. Although this is but the first of seven conversions we hope to complete, it has encouraged corporate sponsorship and support for the conversion of the remaining areas. It also served, in part, to encourage Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co., Law Office Information Systems (LOIS), and Matthew Bender, our newest corporate partners, to join with us. They donated CD ROM databases for the Virtual Classroom of the library and we, in turn, linked the Corporate/Tax Law Virtual Law Office to the library's Virtual Classroom.

As important as are the classrooms, the library and the new virtual offices, however, our vision of the School of Law as a dynamic, intellectual crossroad encompasses more than bricks, mortar, bits and bytes. We have challenged ourselves to be *the* place in the Metroplex where serious discussion about the law ensues. This year, for example, Missouri Associate Justice Ronnie L. White delivered the commencement address. In addition, our three principle lectureships (i.e., the Smith, Cohen and Gage Lectures) played host to a prominent criminal defense lawyer, two international law authorities, the Kansas attorney general and a noted constitutional law scholar. Furthermore, through our Crossroads Forum Speakers Program, we hosted two internationally-known consumer law advocates.

Accordingly, as this report summarizes, the 1996-97 academic year was the "beginning of a beginning." By our actions, we pledged ourselves to meet the challenges ahead with the confidence and knowledge that comes only from beliefs and goals that are strongly rooted in shared values. Thus, as we take pride in achieving a century of existence, we take even more pride in the many experiences and accomplishments that have shaped and continue to shape the School of Law. As you turn these pages, therefore, consider the legacy reflected here. Consider how we have grown since our founding by trial lawyers and judges. Consider how we have even expanded our horizons internationally, through such efforts as our now 15-year-old Oxford Summer CLE Program. Consider, too, that the traditions of quality faculty and students continues. Finally, consider how the growing support of our alumni and friends continues to be so important as we strive to assure that the School of Law has the resources available to take the next step forward.

Consider these things and you will understand why we are sure that this is, indeed, our time. And, oh, what a glorious time it is!

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— Dean Burnele V.
Powell

Student Overview

During the 1996-97 academic year, the School of Law enrolled one of its largest classes ever. Of the 525 students, 171 were incoming first-year students. Males comprised 57 percent of the enrolled students and females equaled 43 percent. Students were from 71 undergraduate schools and had an average age of 27.

The school conducted its annual Minority Recruitment Open House and participated in student recruitment fairs in Chicago, Atlanta and throughout the Midwest. Reaffirming its efforts to ensure that there is sufficient diversity within the school to achieve an environment that promotes quality teaching and learning, the admissions office aggressively worked to attract a diverse student body, awarding 34 minority-related scholarships.

Students at the school continued to play an integral role in shaping their own educational experiences, while enriching the lives of those in the surrounding community. Individually and through the combined efforts of the School of Law's 23 student organizations, students volunteered to renovate or build homes for the less fortunate through such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and Christmas in October. Students have also participated in blood drives, contributed to Harvesters' Food Drive and conducted voter registration drives. The promise of future leadership by our students as members of the bar was evidenced by their active participation in activities of the American Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and many other bar-related organizations.

Anticipating their future role as alumni, students assisted the law school staff in organizing alumni activities and actively participated in the Law Foundation Telethon. Mindful of those who will follow, students also proved invaluable by hosting visits and fielding questions from prospective students as volunteers in the Emissaries Program.

Ever eager and inquisitive, students reached out beyond the classroom for additional ways to expand their insights and learn their chosen profession. Some took part in national Moot Court, Trial Advocacy, and Negotiating competitions. Others clerked for state and federal judges, entered the courtroom as Rule 13 prosecutors and public defenders, or interned with government agencies. Sometimes the extracurricular learning was brought to the campus for all to share as student organizations invited to the school speakers of local, national, and even international repute. There was even time during the past year for a modest, yet healthy, number of social activities. Regular events ran the gamut from a student-faculty softball tournament to the black-tie event, the Barrister's Ball; from family activities such as a bowling night and ice skating to the comical annual "\$1.98 Law Revue." In the finest tradition of the legal profession, students found time amongst their studies and competitions to meet and interact not as competitors, but as colleagues and friends.



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— Matthew Davis,
Assistant Dean of
Student Services

New Assistant Dean Appointed

The School of Law welcomed Matthew R. Davis as the assistant dean for student services. Davis joined the School of Law from CIGNA Insurance Company where he worked for three years as a trial counselor. Prior to that position, Davis was in private practice with the Kansas City, Mo., litigation firm of Field, Gentry & Benjamin, P.C., where he practiced for ten years. As assistant dean for student services, Davis will be responsible for advising, admissions, recruitment, records, student services and student organizations. His goals are to further enrich the academic profile of the student body as well as promote diversity. He also plans to enhance the quality of life of the students at the school.

Davis is a 1981 honors graduate of the University of Kansas with a B.A. in English and Economics and a 1984 graduate of the University of Texas with a Juris Doctorate. He is admitted to practice in both Missouri and Kansas. He is married to Amy Sweeny Davis, a 1996 graduate of UMKC School of Law. The couple has one daughter, Mattie Louise Davis.



Assistant Dean
Matthew R. Davis



"For the first time in the history of the School of Law, first year students were trained in the use of computers beginning the first week of the Fall 1996 semester."

— Pat Harris
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With its collection of nearly 300,000 volumes and a staff of 12, the Leon E. Bloch Law Library continues to serve the Kansas City metropolitan community. The School of Law and the University are committed to making the law library a state-of-the-art research facility for students, faculty, practicing lawyers, paralegals and the public. The library, named in honor of alumnus Leon E. Bloch, is a place where traditional learning and research are enhanced by technology. As part of the ongoing computerization process, the library has created an Electronic Resource Center, popularly referred to as the "Virtual Classroom." Thanks to funding provided by the UMKC Law Foundation, the aesthetics, functionality and acoustical capabilities of the Center were greatly improved through the purchase of furniture designed for computer users.

As the cost and variety of legal materials accelerates, the law library constantly seeks cost efficiencies. The School of Law succeeded this year in forging cooperative partnerships with several law publishers. The Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company, Law Office Information Systems (LOIS), and Matthew Bender donated access to their CD ROM databases. These products are available to library patrons via the computer work stations of the Electronic Resource Center. For the first time in the history of the School of Law, first-year students were trained in the use of computers beginning the first week of the Fall 1996 semester. During the academic year, first-year students also received a minimum of four hours of instruction in the use of these CD ROM databases.

The law library also boasts a range of other modern technology services. Its web page can be accessed, along with that of the School of Law, at www.law.umkc.edu. The amount of information available through the web page has grown to more than 600 pages, featuring information about the school, its courses, the law library, services and faculty.

Indeed, challenges posed by technology were among some of the greatest points of concern and satisfaction during the year. There is never enough money to get everything we want for the collection, and in recent years we have increasingly found that we cannot afford everything we need. On the positive side, however, is the fact that the law library staff is ever-vigilant and creative in managing its resources.

The Office of Career Services

The Office of Career Services worked throughout the year to provide services to students and alumni in the areas of career counseling and job placement. The 1996-97 school year began with the fall on-campus interview program and the newly instituted Urbane Urban Lawyer Series. The fall on-campus interview program hosted 35 employers who conducted 745 interviews of second- and third-year students. Second-year students obtained summer law clerking positions and third-year students received offers for permanent positions following graduation. In preparation for the on-campus interviews, the KCMBA Young Lawyers Section co-sponsored two days of mock interviews.

The Urbane Urban Lawyer Series is a series of programs designed to broaden the perspective of law students and better equip them to interact with the public and the legal profession while enjoying the benefits of law school in a cosmopolitan community. The programs included a presentation on dressing professionally, wine tasting and enjoyment, and practical advice from nationally-known author, Kimm Walton, on finding "the legal job of your dreams."

Deborah Arron, the leading expert on alternative careers for lawyers, spoke to more than 160 people, most of them alumni, at a program co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Continuing Legal Education Department. Clarence Ditlow, the executive director for the Center for Auto Safety, was a guest of the School of Law in March. Ditlow spoke to students at the school's Crossroad's Forum and met with a group of students and practicing attorneys. His visit raised awareness about careers in public interest law and about practicing consumer protection law.

Each year, the Office of Career Services conducts an employment survey of the most recent graduating class. The office obtained data on 97.8 percent of the class of 1996. Of those responding, 92.6 percent were employed in law-related jobs.

Additional services provided by the Office of Career Services included job listings for both attorney and law clerk positions. The number of job postings listed between May 1, 1996, and April 30, 1997, increased by 19.6 percent. The attorney positions are compiled twice a month in the UMKC Job Opportunities Bulletin (JOB). On January 1, 1997, the office began offering the option of receiving the JOB by e-mail. More than 350 individuals and law schools received the JOB either by post or e-mail.

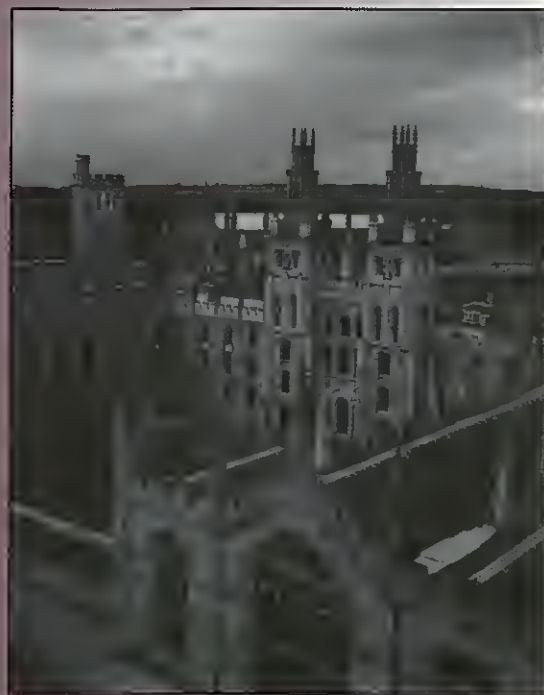
The Office of Career Services published a monthly newsletter which was distributed to all UMKC School of Law students. The office also presented programs on topics including practice areas and advice on working as a law clerk. A volunteer fair was held in January so that students could learn about volunteer opportunities.

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Legal Education



Continuing Legal Education

For more than thirty-five years, the School of Law has offered Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs designed to promote the competence of the bar and closely allied professionals and thereby enhance the quality of legal services available to the public. Today, the UMKC School of Law's CLE Program is the premiere provider of high quality, affordable continuing legal education in the Kansas City metroplex and has forged a strong presence in St. Louis. The CLE office has also resumed live programming in Springfield, Mo., and is second only to the Kansas Bar Association as a CLE provider in the state of Kansas.

In the past year, the UMKC School of Law CLE sponsored 83 accredited events which attracted nearly 8,000 individual registrants. Twenty regular and adjunct faculty members and more than 400 practitioners offered their time and expertise as CLE faculty. The CLE office also administered the Advanced Professional Studies Program which enables practitioners to attend regular School of Law courses either for nondegree credit or on a nonacademic credit basis.

The CLE office also continued its traditional co-sponsorship arrangements with the Lawyer's Association of Kansas City, The Heart of America Tax Institute, The Federal Estate Planning Society of Kansas City, The Employee Benefits Institute and the Heartland Labor and Employment Law Committee. Additionally, UMKC CLE co-sponsored successful events with the Association for Women Lawyers of Kansas City, The Hispanic Bar Association of Greater Kansas City, The Jewish Community Foundation, The NAACP Kansas City Chapter, The Educational Foundation of the Missouri Society of CPA's, the Missouri-Kansas District of the Internal Revenue

Service, and the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

Like the rest of the School of Law, UMKC CLE has incorporated new technologies into its course offerings. With the aid of the library's Virtual Classroom, the school recently integrated a continuing series of basic and advanced "hands-on" classes covering Internet services and legal research. "Distance Learning" is becoming an affordable reality as well.

For the past 15 years, the UMKC School of Law has offered a CLE program in Oxford, England.

Live, interactive video-conferencing through the University's expanding network of Technical Communication Resource Centers has provided an opportunity to link pilot CLE programs to the Missouri cities of Poplar Bluff, Mexico, and St. Joseph. These offerings will be increased as state-wide video-conference reception sites become available.

This year also marked the fifteenth anniversary of the Annual Oxford Summer School, a two-week study trip to Oxford, England, offering 36 hours of accredited CLE. A comparative law course on the British legal and political system, the Oxford summer school is taught by a combination of U.S. and British faculty at St. Edmund Hall, one of the ancient colleges of Oxford University.

The Continuing Legal Education operating budget is entirely self-funded. There is no general operating support. The unit is assessed a full-costing share of overhead and contributes to the support of the Office of Extended Programs. Financial success, therefore, is largely dependent on the loyalty and generosity of our volunteer faculty. Revenues generated provide an unrestricted source of underwriting for expanded CLE offerings, community outreach programs, School of Law and law library equipment and material acquisitions, student research assistantships and faculty research.

Teaching with Technology

The focus on creating a positive learning environment in the classroom remained strong during the 1996-97 academic year. While conventional methods of teaching were commonplace, incorporating technology into instruction methods was also not uncommon.

"It is now possible to create an electronic classroom that runs parallel with the actual classroom."

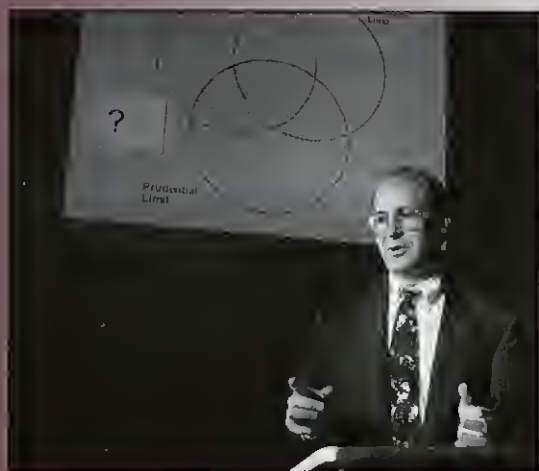
—Jeff Thomas,
Assistant
Professor of Law

Increasingly, more professors at the School of Law are using the Internet to enhance the classroom experience. The advantages include the ease of distribution of materials to students, greater flexibility when updating notes and assignments, and the ability to create interactive discussions about issues or cases presented in the classroom. The discussion groups, moreover, often promote interaction by students who might otherwise remain quiet during actual classroom time. The Internet also provides immediate links to other educational resources which enhance the over-all learning experience.

Professors use the Internet to maintain home page web sites for their courses, provide sample exams, distribute information to students, and post course materials and course syllabi. The Internet is also used to establish question-and-answer discussion pages, which in turn, encourage interaction between students. The use of the Internet in teaching also affords links to important sites such as the Missouri Bar Association Home Page, the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility, the Missouri Board of Bar Exams, the Bar Disciplinary Counsel and others.

Technology may even be said to enhance a sense of community. When students are admitted to the School of Law, they are given an e-mail address to use to interact with professors, other students or even family back home. Some students use e-mail regularly while others are still learning.

Other uses of technology in the classroom include the use of simulation. These are exercises assigned to students that simulate what actually happens in the courtroom. The professor gives a group of students a hypothetical case for which they must brief and then role play as though they are in a real-life situation. This helps students see the case from different perspectives. The professor will then post feedback on a selected Internet site for all students to access. This approach has been well accepted by the students and has produced positive learning results.



Associate Professor of Law David Achtenberg regularly uses detailed visuals to aid in his lectures.

Faculty Summaries

Associate Professor **David Achtenberg's** article, "Windfall Analysis: A New Look at Uncharged Conduct Evidence," analyzed Rule 404(b) of the Federal Rules of Evidence and was published in the *Pacific Law Journal*. In addition, his supplement to "Suits Against Governments and Governmental Officials Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983," will be published by the Missouri Bar. After several years of research, Professor Achtenberg is currently writing an article explaining how an understanding of the use of original documents may well change general understanding of 42 U.S.C. § 1983's history, and should change the way courts interpret the statute. Professor Achtenberg was also the keynote speaker at the NAACP's Fifth Annual Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting. In addition, he spoke on "Entering Legal Academia After an Established Career" at the annual Association of American Law Schools Recruitment Conference, and on "Recent Developments in Civil Procedure" at UMKC CLE's annual Review of the Law. Professor Achtenberg was also recently appointed to a three-year term on the Federal Practice Advisory Committee for the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. He taught Civil Procedure I and II, Evidence and Civil Rights Litigation.

"While our emphasis on a positive learning environment continued, however, we also recorded expanded involvement in research by the faculty."

—Dean Burnele V.
Powell

Professor **Mark Berger** was involved in research about the growing "contingent employment" segment of the American labor market. His article on this subject will appear in the *Yale Law & Policy Review*. Presently, he is working on a project to study the impact of Great Britain's elimination of the privilege against self-incrimination. During the past year, Professor Berger spoke around the nation on diverse topics relating to labor law. Topics included: the application of wrongful discharge theory to contingent employees, at Stetson University Law School's Twelfth Annual National Labor & Employment Law Conference; the rights of contingent employees to work place benefits commensurate with the employer's regular staff, before the Labor & Employment Law Section of the ABA; and Recent Labor & Employment Law Developments, before the Heartland Labor Law Conference in Kansas City. Several times Berger was also designated by the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service and the American Arbitration Association to arbitrate or assist in the resolution of labor disputes. He taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure II, Labor Law and Employment Law.

Associate Dean for Faculty Services **Jeffrey Berman** continued to update the *Missouri Civil Procedures Form Book*. He continued to serve as reporter for the Missouri Bar Commission on Venue. He coached the national trial competition teams and directed the activities pertaining to the computerization of the school's grading program and transcripts. He taught Trial Advocacy II and Civil Procedure.

Associate Professor **Julie Cheslik** continued as director of the Legal Writing Program for the School. During the year she presented "Using Other Disciplines to Inform Scholarships" to the Central States Law Association. She also spoke on "Recent Missouri Property Developments," as part of the Missouri Bar CLE program. She is a council member of the Missouri Bar Property Law Committee, a member of the Legal Writing Institute Ad Hoc Plagiarism Committee and is chair of the Missouri Bar Real Property Committee. She is a member of the University-wide faculty senate, the school's Executive Committee, the Policy and Planning Committee and is chair of the Curriculum Committee. She taught Property I and II, Advanced Lawyering Processes I and II, and Advanced Legal Writing: Practical Skills Development.

Professor **Corinne Cooper's** recently completed article, "Letter to a Young Law Student," is being circulated. She also updated and revised the index for the 1996 edition of her book, *The Portable UCC*. Her article, "Checks Held Hostage," 102 *Banking L.J.* 532 (1985) was cited with approval in *Laws v. United Missouri Bank*, 1996 U.S. App. LEXIS 27330 (8th Cir. 1996). With Professor Glesner-Fines, Professor Cooper developed and taught a set of problems that bridge the first-year courses on civil procedure and contracts, and which develop skills in client interviewing and counseling, ethics and drafting. Professor Cooper also continued her efforts to integrate computers into legal education. She developed a computer program to teach negotiable instruments law and attended the Internet Leadership Institute on the "Use of the Web in Education." This was also the year that Professor Cooper completed her two-year term as editor-in-chief of *Business Law Today*, the professional journal of the ABA Section of Business Law. Drawing upon her wide-ranging exposures to the business world, Professor Cooper spoke on the subject of "professional presence" to the Oklahoma Bar Association, the ABA Young Lawyers, and the Texas Bar Association. She also spoke on "Climbing to the Top" at the ABA Annual Meeting of the Section of Business Law; was appointed liaison to the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession; spoke at the annual Margaret Brent Luncheon at the ABA Annual Meeting; and was appointed by the task force on the Revision of Article 1 to draft the unconscionability provision for the revision of Article 1 of the UCC. She taught Contracts, Sales and Leasing and Commercial Transactions.

Associate Professor **Robert Downs** published several articles over the past year: "Law and Economics: Nexus of Science and Belief," 27 *Pac. L. J.* 1 (1995) (published in 1996); "The First 100 Years, UMKC School of Law: An Abridged History," 64 *UMKC L. Rev.* 669 (1996); "Derivative Securities: Governmental Entities As End Users; Bankrupts And Other Big Losers," 65 *UMKC L. Rev.* 483 (1997)(with Lenora Fowler); "It Can't Be Lake Wobegone . . . A Nationwide Survey of Law School; and Grading and Grade Normalization Practices," 65 *UMKC L. Rev.* 819 (1997) (with Professor Nancy Levit). Professor Downs also contributed to the American Bar

Association Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI) project by commenting on the Zagreb Stock Exchange Listing Rules for the Republic of Croatia, the Investment Funds Law for the Republic of Macedonia, the Securities Law for the Republic of Macedonia, and the Membership Rules for the Zagreb Stock Exchange-Republic of Croatia. He taught contracts I and II, Business Organizations and Negotiating Mergers and Acquisitions.

Clinical Professor of Law **Bill Eckhardt** published "Nuremberg-Fifty Years: Accountability and Responsibility," 65 *UMKC L. Rev.* 1 (1996). Professor Eckhardt also served as chairman of the Jackson County Ethics Commission. In addition, Professor Eckhardt made three presentations: "The United States and the Use of Force: Ethical Evaluation of Governmental Policy" at Saint Mary College, spring honors seminar; "Thirty Years of Litigating" before the University of Kansas School of Law's first-year class; and "Working for the Government Abroad: Professional Conduct, Democratization and Human Rights." Professor Eckhardt's other service activities included his involvement with the International Relations Council of Kansas City and the International Trade Club of Kansas City. He also continued as director of the School of Law's Urban Affairs Outreach Program, oversaw the school's Urban Research and Outreach Initiative and was the dean's representative to the University Core Planning Team. He taught Introduction to Law and Lawyering Process, Public Defender Trial Clinic and Administrative Law.

Assistant Professor of Law **Kenneth D. Ferguson** was on a sabbatical leave during the fall semester of 1996 to conduct research regarding informal exemption claims in bankruptcy. His recent article, "Repose or Not? Informal Objections To Claims of Exemptions After *Taylor v. Freeland*," which will be published in the winter 1997 issue of the *Oklahoma Law Review*, considers whether bankruptcy courts may rely on "informal objection" or the "relation back" doctrine to circumvent the "strict constructionist" view the Supreme Court followed in *Taylor v. Freeland*, 503 U.S. 638 (1992). In that case, the Supreme Court held that a bankruptcy debtor could exempt property pursuant to a completely baseless exemption claim if the trustee failed to file a timely objection. During the winter semester 1997, he taught Contracts II and Secured Transactions.

Associate Professor of Law **Barbara Glesner-Fines** published "The Expanding Liability of Lawyers in the 21st Century: A Post Conference Reflection," 37 *So. Tex. L. Rev.* 1283 (October 1996); "Unethical Honesty?" in *Business Law Today* (May 1997); "Using Technology to Teach Professional Responsibility," in the *Newsletter of the AALS Section on Professional Responsibility* (Winter 1996); and "Lesson Guide," in Elaine W. Shoben and William Murry Tabb's *Remedies, Cases and Problems — Teachers Guide*, 48-50 (2d ed. 1996). Professor Glesner-Fines continued researching and developing technology uses in teaching. Her web site publications include "A Guide to

Researching Professional Responsibility" and "Law School Teaching Assistants : A Training Manual." She also served as director of the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) for whom she reviewed proposed lessons.

Glesner-Fines was a speaker at Southwestern Law School's faculty retreat and was a faculty member at the Law School Admissions Council's National Academic Support Training Conference. Her entry of a Civil Procedure and Contracts simulation exercise (co-authored with Professor Corinne Cooper) was given an honorable mention in the Dispute Resolution Simulation Writing Competition sponsored by Willamette University Center for Dispute Resolution. As the 1996-97 president of the Central States Law School Association, Glesner-Fines hosted the association's annual meeting. She was invited to speak on "Uses of Technology in Teaching" at several regional and national meetings and served as a member of the UMKC Faculty Senate (chairing the Administrative Affairs Committee). She taught the Summer Academic Enrichment Program and directed the Legal Aid Clinic for upper-level students. She taught Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Remedies, the seminar in Legal Education and the seminar in Great Lawyers.

Professor of Law **Francis M. Hanna** spoke at continuing legal education seminars for the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association on the new amendments to the Missouri Probate Code and to members of the Eastern Jackson County Bar Association on the subject of legal malpractice in estate planning and estate administration. Also during the fall semester, the class on Estate Planning and Drafting prepared instruments for many UMKC employees, including wills, trusts and durable powers of attorney. Although Professor Hanna was on leave during the winter semester, he taught several classes for Adjunct Professor Roger Bern who became ill. He also completed the pocket part for his *Probate Code Manual*, published by West, and worked on a complete revision of the manual. He was also a speaker at the 18th Annual Mo-Kan Trust Conference — the largest trust conference in the midwest. He taught Estates and Trusts, and Estate Planning and Drafting.

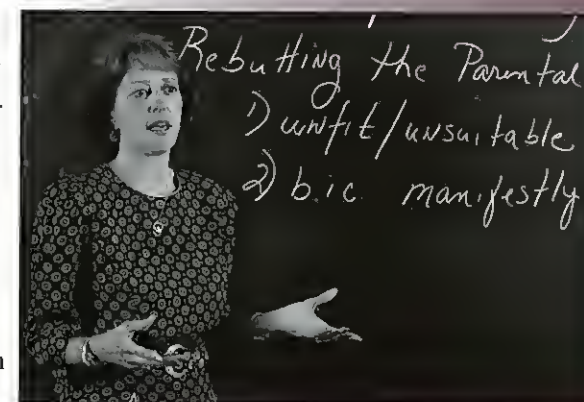
Professor of Law **Edwin T. Hood** published two supplements with Professor John Mylan of Southern Methodist University School of Law: the 1996-2 (Nov.) and 1997-1 (Mar.) *Supplements to Federal Taxation of Close Corporations* (Clark Boardman Callaghan). Professor Hood is nearing completion of his new treatise entitled *Closely Held Businesses in Estate Planning*, with an expected publication date of November 1997. The new work will cover close corporations, limited partnerships and limited liability companies. Professor Mylan and Tim O'Sullivan, who works for the Kansas City law firm of Husch & Eppenberger, will join Hood as co-authors of a forthcoming treatise. Hood also published, with Professor Mylan and O'Sullivan, an article entitled, "Valuation of Closely Held Business Interests," 65 *UMKC L. Rev.* 399 (1997). As the director of the Graduate Tax Program, Professor Hood, with the

assistance of Deputy Director Judith Wiseman, oversaw UMKC's Graduate Law LL.M. Tax Program. The program attracted students from several midwestern law schools. He taught Federal Taxation, Corporate Taxation I and II, International Tax and Estates and Trusts.

Professor **Christopher Hoyt** published the second edition of *The Legal Compendium for Community Foundations* (The Council on Foundations). His article, "Planning For Charitable Gifts From Retirement Plan Accounts," *Planned Giving Today*, Vol. VIII, No. 2 (Feb. 1997), p. 1, was reprinted by five charities for distribution to attorneys and donors. Hoyt was appointed vice-chair, along with William LaPianna of New York Law School, of the Lifetime and Testamentary Charitable Gift Planning Committee, ABA Probate & Trust Committee D-1. During the past academic year, Professor Hoyt made 25 professional presentations across the nation, principally speaking about charitable gift strategies to estate planning councils, foundation executives and university development executives. He chaired the program at the ABA Meeting of the Section of Taxation: "Legal Issues Concerning Transfers from Retirement Plan Accounts to Charities and Charitable Remainder Trusts." He was also the leading speaker from the midwest invited to speak on "Charitable Gifts of Subchapter S Stock" at the Ivy League/MIT/Stanford development conference held at Brown University. He taught Federal Taxation, Business Organizations, Taxation of Business Organizations and Deferred Compensation.

Dean Emeritus **Patrick D. Kelly** authored *Missouri Evidence Restated*, 3d ed. (Missouri Bar), and the 1997 *Cumulative Supplement to "Missouri Evidence,"* a two volume publication of the Missouri Bar. His publication *Legal Aspects of Medical Decisionmaking as to Withholding/Withdrawing Treatment* will be published in September 1997 by UMKC Continuing Legal Education. In addition, he authored the *Blashfield Automobile Law and Practice* (15 volumes) 1996 pocket parts for West Publishing Co. In February and June, respectively, Dean Kelly addressed the annual meeting of the Native Sons of Kansas City and the Harry S. Truman Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution on the subject of the early 1900s criminal trial involving the death of Col. Thomas B. Swope, a renowned local philanthropist.

Associate Professor of Law **Mary Kay Kisthardt** was on leave during the winter 1997 semester working on research concerning attorneys' perceptions of the use of alternative methods of dispute resolution to resolve domestic relations disputes. She also continued to serve as the editor for the *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, the organization that recently honored her with the its public service award.



Professor Kisthardt also prepared materials on "Current Issues in Family Law" for presentation at the Missouri Bar annual meeting. In addition, she continued to serve on the Ethics Committee at Children's Mercy Hospital. She taught Family Law, ADR and a workshop on Current Issues in Family Law.

Associate Professor of Law **Kris Kobach** completed two articles in the past year: "The Origins of Regulatory Takings: Setting the Record Straight," 1996 *UTAH L. Rev.* 1211 (published, May 1997), and "Spurn Thy Neighbor: Direct Democracy and Swiss Isolationism," pending publication this fall in the journal *West European Politics*. Professor Kobach also authored a number of opinion pieces, including "Pretentious Grammar Dropouts Ruin the Language," in the *Kansas City Star*, and "Government Isn't Getting Smaller," in the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. During the past year, Professor Kobach was a frequent guest on the "Walt Bodine Show" on KCUR-FM 89.3. He discussed topics including the trend toward returning power to the states, recent Supreme Court decisions, the November 1996 results in state referendums and initiatives, and misuse of the English language. He taught Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II and American Legal History.

Associate Professor of Law **Nancy Levit** published "Defining Cutting Edge Scholarship: Feminism and Criteria of Rationality," in the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*, a symposium issue on faculty scholarship. Her book, *The Gender Line: Men, Women, and the Law*, will be published by New York University Press in the fall of 1997. She has been invited to present a paper, "Re-Telling the Story of Race: An Interphenomenal Comparison of Race, Sex, and Disability," at the Yale Law School's Critical Race Theory Conference in November of 1997. Professor Levit was the 1996 recipient of the Daniel L. Brenner Faculty Publishing Award and the Elmer Pierson Teaching Award. She taught Torts I and II, Jurisprudence, Gender and Justice, and Law Review I and II.

Professor of Law **Douglas Linder** recently published "Juror Empathy and Race" 63 *Tennessee L. Rev.* 887 (1996). Professor Linder appeared on the "Walt Bodine Show" on KCUR 89.3 FM to discuss affirmative action and spoke to community groups on subjects ranging from "Legal Issues Relating to the Internet" to the Supreme Courts' changing view of church-state relations. In addition, Professor Linder has begun putting together materials for a "Famous American Trials" website. The website will include transcript excerpts, photos, crime scene maps, biographies of trial participants, bibliographies and other information pertaining to selected trials. For each trial, Professor Linder prepared an introductory account of the trial containing hypertext links to other trial documents. As of this writing, materials have been compiled for two well-known trials involving Clarence Darrow, the Scopes ("Monkey") Trial, and the Leopold-Loeb murder trial. He taught Constitutional Law, Communications Law, Perspectives on the Jury and a seminar in Famous Trials.

Douglas Stripp Missouri Professor of Law, **Andre Moenssens** was the moderator of the plenary session at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensics in Nashville, Tenn. He spoke on the topic "Through the Looking Glass: Forensic Sciences Under Scrutiny." He was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Washington, D.C. He completed the 6th revision as General Editor of *Sources of Proof—In Preparing a Law Suit: State and Federal*, to be published in the fall of 1997 by the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Virginia State Bar. Professor Moenssens continues his work as editor-in-chief of the *Illinois Law Enforcement Officers Law Bulletin*, a monthly publication which he has edited for the past 30 years. He serves as chairman of the Long Range Planning Task Force on the Media, American Academy of Forensic Sciences. He was recently elected the 1997 recipient of the Outstanding Service Awards by the Jurisprudence Section of American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Associate Professor of Law **Patricia Harris O'Connor** continued as director of the Leon E. Bloch Law Library. During the fall 1996 semester, she team-taught the Tax Research Practicum for LL.M. tax students. Professor O'Connor also inaugurated the School of Law's first computer training program. First-year students received instruction in the use of CD ROM legal resources. For most of the academic year, Professor O'Connor served as the legal editor of an Internet Site, entitled Onekey™. As editor, she identified the best web sites for researching specific areas of law — e.g. constitutional history, consumer law, bankruptcy, etc. O'Connor also acted as the faculty adviser to the Giles Sutherland Rich Patent Moot Court Competition. Two UMKC teams represented the School of Law at the regionals in San Francisco. In April 1997, Professor O'Connor served as a panelist/speaker on the Rivette Visiting Scholar Program on Women and Technology. During June and July 1997, Professor O'Connor was appointed an adjunct faculty member of the University of Washington School of Library and Information Science. She taught a course at the University of Washington School of Law entitled Law Library Management. At the UMKC School of Law, she taught a seminar on Computers and the Law which focused on new legal issues emerging on the Internet.

Dean and Professor of Law **Burnele Venable Powell's** activities included participation in Hofstra University School of Law's symposium on "Legal Ethics: The Core Issues" and publication of "Diagnosis and Prescription: Illusory Lawyer Disciplinary Reform and the Need for a Moratorium," 1 *J. Inst. for Study Leg. Ethics* 263 (1996). The article criticizes the growing tendency by lawyer disciplinary authorities to promote procedures that give the illusion of serving the public interest, while having no (or a negative) affect on controlling lawyer misconduct. Powell also served as a member of the ABA High-Profile Crimes Committee; the ABA Committee on Research on the Future of the of the Legal Profession; the ABA Standing

Committee on Professionalism; and as a member of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar Diversity in Legal Education Committee. Powell's other involvements included serving on the Conflict of Interest Committee of the Board of Directors of Consumers Union (publishers of *Consumer Reports*); as a member on the North Central Accreditation Association Site Visit Team to DePaul University; as a member of the American Law Institute, and as an At-Large Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Powell was recently re-elected to the Board of Consumers Union; named by the ABA as the first chair of the Governing Committee of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility; appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Midwest Bioethics Center; appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Western Missouri; designated to chair the Missouri Bar Venue Commission; and appointed to the Missouri Bar Foresight Committee. During the year, Powell taught Administrative Law.

Professor **John Ragsdale** wrote "Anasazi Jurisprudence" to be published in the *American Indian Law Review*, January 1998 and "Book Review on Gateway Communities" to be published in the fall issue of the *Urban Lawyer*. In addition to his publications, Professor Ragsdale continued to serve as co-chairman of the school's Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Promotion and Tenure Bylaw Revision Committee. He also was a member of the Honor Code Revision Committee and served as chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. Professor Ragsdale also served on the boards of directors of the Great Plains Foundation and the Buffalo River Stewardship Foundation. He is also a member of the Blue River Stream Team. He taught Indian Law, Water Law, Preservation Law and Natural Resources Law.

Professor of Law **Patrick Randolph** has devoted his career to the study of the legal environment for real estate transactions. Last year Professor Randolph published the second book in his series, *The Commercial Property Lease*, and a law review article "The New Federal Foreclosure Laws," 49 *Oklahoma Law Review* 123 (1996). Randolph was invited to speak at conferences around the nation, including Miami, Tampa, New York City, Virginia Beach, Washington, D.C., and Scottsdale, Ariz. In addition, Professor Randolph spoke at the Missouri Bar Annual meeting and made several local bar presentations. Recently he conducted a faculty colloquium for the Akron Law School where he also talked with students and members of the bar. For the second time, Professor Randolph was invited to demonstrate his teaching techniques as a member of the Property Law Teaching Conference of the Association of American Law Schools. The Conference, held every four years, brings together property professors to discuss teaching methods and legal trends. Professor Randolph also pursued his special interest, Chinese Real Estate Law. His article "Commercial Leasing in China" (with Lou) was published in the *UCLA Pacific Rim Law Journal* and he continued working with Professor Lou Jianbo of

the Beijing Law School on a book-length discussion of the legal principles of the People's Republic of China. Professor Randolph is also active in law reform issues concerning common interest developments (e.g., condominiums) and is currently researching an article on the subject. He taught Basic Property Law I and II, Real Estate Finance Law and Real Estate Transactions.

Professor of Law **Edward Richards** was named associate editor for *Legal Medicine Perspectives*, presented papers at the American College of Legal Medicine Annual Meeting and the International Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, and continued as associate editor for the *IEEE Bioengineering in Medicine and Biology Magazine*. Richards also ran LAWPROF, an Internet discussion group for law professors, and HEALTHLAW-L, the health law discussion group. He published three chapters: "Introduction to the Legal System," in *A Practical Introduction to Food and Drug Regulations* (Food and Drug Law Institute Press); "HIV/AIDS Testing, Screening, and Confidentiality: The United States Experience" in *Whispered Everywhere- HIV/AIDS: Testing, Screening and Confidentiality* (Oxford University Press); and "Public Health Law," with Katharine C. Rathbun, in *Public Health and Preventative Medicine* (Appleton and Lange).

Richards also published: "Physicians in Managed Care: The Shift from Malpractice to Criminal Fraud," with Thomas R. McLean, M.D., in the *Journal of Legal Medicine*; "Hepatitis B, Syphilis And Human Immunodeficiency Virus: Are Different Approaches To Prenatal Screening Justified?" with Richard Grimes, Ph.D., and Katharine C. Rathbun, M.D.; "Extracting The Teeth From The False Claims Act," with Charles Walter, in the *IEEE Engineering In Medicine And Biology Magazine* (EMBM), in press; "The Supreme Court Rules on Medical Device Liability - Or Does It?" EMBM; "Custodians of Information," with Charles Walter, EMBM; "Covenants to not Compete: A Trap for Missouri Physicians," with Katharine C. Rathbun, *Missouri Medicine*; and "Supervising RNs and Advance Nurse Practitioners: New Regulations for Missouri," with Katharine C. Rathbun, *Missouri Medicine*. He taught Torts, Products Liability, General and Public Health Law.

Professor of Law **Ellen Suni** continued to speak on "Ethics and Technology," presenting programs for the Clay County Bar Association and for UMKC/CLE. She also presented programs on professional responsibility each semester for UMKC's graduate teaching assistants. She served as a member of a special committee constituted by the president of the University to provide recommendations on alternatives to prisons for members of the Missouri Senate and on the Missouri Supreme Court Committee to Study Methods of Conducting and Grading Bar Examinations. She continued to serve as legal director of the Kansas City Youth Court and served on the boards of the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Public Interest Litigation Clinic. Professor Suni is also Missouri legal advisor to the Police Law Institute and is coordinator of

the AALS Section on Professional Responsibility Exam Bank. She served as Eighth Circuit Vice-Chair of the Amicus Committee for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and coauthored the amicus brief on behalf of NACDL in *United States v. Bates*, pending before the United States Supreme Court. Professor Suni also served as co-counsel in *Wilkins v. Bowersox*, a death penalty case pending in the Eighth Circuit. Professor Suni also served as a commentator for ABA/CEELI in the analysis of the Draft Criminal Procedure Code for the Republic of Georgia. Professor Suni taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Law Practice Management and Appellate Advocacy, as well as supervising the Death Penalty Clinic and the Academic Enrichment Program.

Associate Clinical Professor **Wanda M. Temm** continued to teach in the Legal Research and Writing Program. She taught Introduction to Law, Advanced Legal Writing and Litigation Drafting.

Assistant Professor of Law **Jeffrey E. Thomas** was the recipient of the Elmer F. Pierson Teaching Award for the 1996-97 academic year. He was recognized for his excellence in teaching and his innovative use of technology and simulations in his courses. Professor Thomas also presented a proposal for an innovative insurance product at a National Institute on Insurance Coverage for Defective Construction sponsored by the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. In addition, Professor Thomas organized, delivered and moderated discussions of simulated problems at a continuing legal education seminar on the "Essentials of Liability Insurance." He is a member of the executive board of the Insurance Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools and serves as the editor of *Occurrences*, the section's newsletter for which he writes several columns. Professor Thomas taught Torts, Insurance Law, Federal Jurisdiction and Appellate Advocacy, and was the co-advisor to the Moot Court program.

Assistant Professor of Law **Robert Verchick** completed work on his article, "The Commerce Clause, Environmental Justice, and the Interstate Garbage Wars," which will appear this winter in the *Southern California Law Review* (1998). Professor Verchick previously presented research from this piece at the UMKC Law Foundation "Conversations with the Faculty" and at the Annual Conference of the Central States Law Schools Association. Professor Verchick also co-moderated a program, titled "Brownfield Redevelopment: Environmental Justice and Urban Development," at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools; participated on a panel titled "Brownfields Redevelopment: Industry Meets the Post-Industrial World" at the Conference on Public Interest Environmental Law at the University of Oregon; and lectured on "Women and the Environment" as part of the UMKC lecture series for Women's History Month. Professor Verchick also collaborated with Professor Nancy Levit on a number of

presentations involving the Missouri Rep's production of David Mamet's *Oleanna*, a play that explores issues of language and power in the context of sexual harassment. During the 1996-97 academic year, Professor Verchick became an associate of the UMKC Center for Environmental Studies, a new interdisciplinary project of the University. He continued to serve as the associate editor of the *Urban Lawyer* and as a member of the Chancellor's Advisory Board to the University Women's Center. In the spring of 1997, Professor Verchick was invited to teach and research for a semester at the University of Aarhus in Denmark.

Professor of Law **G. Ray Warner** wrote and presented to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission in Washington, D.C., a report titled "American Bankruptcy Institute Report on the State of the American Bankruptcy System." He also produced and edited the "Bankruptcy Notes Homepage." Professor Warner serves on the board of directors of the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification, National and the board of directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute, National. He served as chair of the search committee for the Edward A. Smith/Missouri Chair in Law, the Constitution and Society; Advisory Committee, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Appeal of Terminal Appointment; Faculty Welfare Committee, Law School Representative to Graduate Council, Graduate Officers and Curriculum Committee; consultant with Slovakian judges, lawyers, law professors and bankers of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Central and the Eastern Europe Regional Bankruptcy Project (Slovakia). He taught Debtor-Creditor Rights, Consumer Protection, Secured Transactions and Bankruptcy Court Clerkship.

Assistant Clinical Professor **Daniel Weddle** taught legal writing and analysis for the federal CLEO Program held this summer on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia. This year's CLEO Program served minority students from 44 states. Professor Weddle began the 1997 fall semester at UMKC by teaching an enrichment course to incoming students to help them prepare for the rigors of the first year of law school. In service to the bar, Professor Weddle taught a continuing legal education seminar on legal writing for the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association in June of this year. He taught Introduction to Lawyering Processes I and II, Advanced Legal Writing: Litigation Drafting, Advanced Lawyering Processes and Summer Enrichment Program.

Judith Frame Wiseman, associate director of the Graduate Tax Law Program, continued to develop the School of Law's Graduate Tax Law Program. Through recruitment efforts involving visits to 15 law schools in the Midwest, she recruited law students and lawyers to the School of Law's LL.M. (Taxation) program. She expanded the Advanced Tax Fellowship Program, whereby outstanding tax students are placed with area law firms, giving them practical experience in tax law. She conducted two on-campus job fairs for the gradu-

ate tax law students, one for law firms and one for accounting firms. She coordinated the Graduate Tax Advisory Board, a group of area tax lawyers serving the Graduate Tax Law Program. Wiseman also served on the board of directors and finance committee of the Graduate Tax Law Foundation. She served as speaker at the UMKC CLE program on individual income tax. She taught Taxation of Estates, Gifts and Trusts, Taxation of Property Transactions, Estate Planning and Practice, and Tax Practicum I.

New Faculty Appointed to the School of Law

Marcia Cook, lecturer in law, joins the School of Law from Blackwell Sanders Matheny Weary & Lombardi LLP, where she practiced for four years. While she was with that firm, her emphasis was in medical malpractice and insurance defense. She received her B.A. in English from the University of Northern Iowa with high honors and her J.D. with honors from the University of Arkansas School of Law. She is a member of the Missouri Bar Association and the Kansas Bar Association as well as the Johnson County Bar Association. She teaches Introduction to Law and Lawyering Processes.

Franco Ferrari joins the school as a visiting professor of law. He came to UMKC from Bologna University School of Law in Bologna, Italy, where he was a professor of comparative private law. He received his masters of laws, LL.M. degree from Augsburg University, Germany, and his J.D. degree with honors from Bologna University, Italy. He is teaching International Business Transactions and International Sales.

Michele Giovagnoli joins the school as a lecturer in law. She also practices labor and employment law with Blackwell Sanders Matheny Weary & Lombardi, LLP. She received her B.A., cum laude with honors, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Missouri-Columbia and her J.D. with distinction, Order of Barristers, Bench and Robe Society from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. While at UMKC, she was member of the *UMKC Law Review* and served on the editorial board and as note editor. Her published writings include: "To Be or Not To Be?: Recent Resistance to Mandatory Arbitration Agreements in the Employment Arena" and "Missouri Limited Liability Companies: An Innovative and Developing Business Choice." She teaches Introduction to Law and Lawyering Processes for the fall 1997 semester.

Jennifer O'Hare joins the School of Law as associate professor. She joins the school from St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, Fla. where she taught for three years. She also practiced corporate and securities law in New York with the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue. Professor O'Hare received her B.S. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She received her J.D. with honors from the

George Washington University School of Law in 1990, where she was a member of *The George Washington Law Review* and was elected to the Order of the Coif. She teaches Security Regulations, Business Planning and Federal Income Taxation.

Special Guests and Lecturers

Barry Scheck, a nationally recognized authority on DNA evidence and testing, spent an evening with faculty, students and friends of the School of Law on April 16. The evening was sponsored by the Joseph Cohen Lecture Series in conjunction with the UMKC Law Foundation. Scheck spoke to an audience of more than 300 in the E.E. "Tom" Thompson Courtroom on his own personal experiences over the past eight years as an expert on DNA evidence and testing precedures. When DNA testing was first used in criminal cases starting in 1989, Scheck and his colleague, Peter Neufeld, immersed themselves in the new technology. Their success in six years of landmark litigation not only shaped the course of case law across the country, but led to an influential study by the National Academy of Science on forensic DNA testing, as well as important state and federal legislation — setting the standards for use of DNA testing. Scheck had already achieved national prominence as a trial lawyer and authority on DNA evidence when he joined the O.J. Simpson defense team. By the time he finished his closing argument in the Simpson case, Scheck's legal performance was rated by legal commentators, pro-defense and pro-prosecution, as the most professional, skillful and accomplished work produced by any of the lawyers.

In 1992, Scheck and Neufeld established the Innocence Project, a clinical program at the Benjamin J. Cardozo School of Law in New York City. The project has helped free, through post-conviction DNA testing, 17 men who were convicted of crimes they did not commit. Scheck is a professor of law at the Cardozo Law School and serves as the director of clinical education and trial advocacy programs at the Jacob Burns Center for the Study of Law and Ethics.

Rhoda Karpatkin, president of Consumers Union, Inc., which publishes *Consumers Reports* magazine, visited the School of Law on March 3. She spoke to a group of students about consumerism and the vulnerability of consumers. She shared that an important part of her job is to help educate consumers so they can make wise decisions when making purchases. She stated it is also her role to make sure that consumer protection laws are enforced. Karpatkin also spent time talking about the pros and cons of the "wide-open" market for children and her newest publication *Zillions*, an informative consumer magazine just for kids. Karpatkin's visit was sponsored by the Association of Women Lawyers.



Barry Scheck

Clarence Ditlow, executive director for the Center for Auto Safety (the consumer group founded by Consumers Union and Ralph Nader), was guest of the School of Law on March 25. Ditlow spoke to Professor Warner's consumer protection class and then was featured speaker at a forum for faculty, students and staff entitled "Issues in Consumer Protection." Ditlow is an attorney who has worked in consumer protection for the several years. He is best known for his role in initiating numerous recalls on unsafe automobiles and leading consumer efforts to get automobile-related "lemon laws" passed in 47 states.

The John B. Gage Lecture series featured two lectures during the 1996-97 academic year. The first, presenting notable authorities, was held on February 13, titled "International Terrorism...What Can We Legally Do?," raised the question of how to preserve civil liberties, yet make the necessary changes to protect our society. This was a timely topic in light of the then recent bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, Okla. **Elizabeth Rindskopf**, past general counsel of the CIA, drew upon her considerable experience in civil rights litigation to begin to define the appropriate role for intelligence agency assistance to law enforcement. She articulated the need for the government to face, in a disciplined manner, the legal realities of international crime as well as crime here in the United States. Co-speaker **John Murphy**, professor of law at Villanova University and long time expert on international law and international terrorism, offered insights. Murphy has served in the legal advisor's office in the State Department and was chair of an inter-bar study group on international terrorism.

The second John B. Gage Lecture on April 3, featured attorney general for the state of Kansas, **Carla J. Stovall**, and **Joan Mahoney**, professor of law at Western New England College of Law. The duo offered opposing points of view on the topic of "Civil Rights and Sexual Predator Laws: Where is the Balance." More than 150 guests joined in the E.E. "Tom" Thompson Courtroom for the presentation. After an in-depth discussion between the two guest speakers, audience interaction was focused toward societal ramifications and new approaches to criminal law enforcement of sexual predators.

The class of 1997 was bid farewell by the **Honorable Ronnie L. White**, Supreme Court of Missouri. As the keynote speaker, White addressed an audience of more than 700 at the annual commencement ceremony held on May 9, 1997. White was quick to remind graduates that they have achieved their goals not only by hard work and dedication but by the support they have received from family and friends. He recommended that each graduate not miss the opportunity to give something back to their community, stressing that compassion and concern for others is what has helped him to become successful.



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Office of Development and Alumni Activities

A superior legal education is sustained through the provision of auxiliary financial resources, together with the partnership and advocacy of alumni and friends alike.

This past year reflects the successful influence of the School of Law's constituency organizations, the Law Foundation and School of Law Alumni Association, in both fundraising achievements and in presentations which honored the singular accomplishments and unique legacies of individuals associated with the school. The school takes special pride in acknowledging the following:

- The Jack and Helyn Miller Scholars Program**
Established through a three-year, \$108,000 grant, the Miller Scholars Program inaugurates a new level of student recruitment and academic support at the School of Law. With the resources of this program, the School of Law will effectively respond to the highly-competitive market for those students considered the "best and brightest" in potential for academic and professional achievement. In addition, Miller Scholars will be students of demonstrated social leadership who share a deep personal commitment to learning and to the legal profession. Through this endeavor, we honor the memory of Jack Miller, Class of 1932, and his wife Helyn, long-time Kansas City residents and community leaders.
- Gift of \$100,000 from the Estate of Robert G. Duncan**
A generous life insurance bequest was received by the Law Foundation from the estate of Robert G. Duncan, Class of 1959. The primary usage of the bequest will be to provide unrestricted funds to the Law Foundation. With this key financial resource, and a focus on people and programs, the School of Law will be able to respond more effectively and with greater speed to the demands of a rapidly-changing legal education environment.
- Growth of the Cavanaugh and Logan Scholarships**
The endowed scholarship, initiated through a gift by Hope Cavanaugh in memory of her husband, Judge David T. Cavanaugh, continued to grow in scope and influence thanks to a new gift in the amount of \$60,000. Students who desire to pursue a legal education in an urban setting, but with documented financial circumstances which limit their access, are the beneficiaries of this scholarship.
In much the same fashion, Sheridan A. Logan added to the scholarship named for his father, John Sublett Logan, with a gift of \$35,000. Sheridan A. Logan has made a specific commitment to assist students who are planning to use their legal skills to benefit the community where their education was received.

- **Rich Prize in Corporate Law develops partnership with Association of Corporate Counsels of America**

A unique relationship developed over the past year between the local chapter of ACCA, a professional association supporting corporate law, and the UMKC School of Law's Rich Prize in Corporate Law. Under the sponsorship of ACCA, the finalists for the Rich Prize presented their papers at an Association meeting and the 1996 prize winner was announced during this session. The corporate law focal point allowed the School of Law to showcase both faculty and student achievements in this area. The school anticipates an on-going partnership with ACCA to stimulate interest in corporate law and to further enhance student involvement with local companies and practitioners.

Law Foundation

As a fiscally-autonomous organization, operating with its own board of trustees, the Law Foundation strives to assist in meeting the long- and short-term financial needs of the school. In an on-going effort to meet these goals, the Law Foundation established the "Second Century Fund" in 1996 to financially position the School of Law to play a critical role in shaping the way law is taught, and in how lawyers practice in the 21st Century. During the past year, the Law Foundation added more than \$71,000 to this fund. Additional achievements included:

- sustaining growth of the Law Foundation corpus to \$3.7 million;
- awarding scholarships totaling \$97,179 to 43 students;
- providing financial support for student services and programs, technology needs, alumni and friends cultivation efforts; and the school's public communications program;
- providing critical support for faculty research; and
- continuing the long-standing tradition of acknowledging top contributors with a black-tie dinner and dance.



Celebrating a tradition of leadership, 1997-98 Law Foundation president Chris Abele (left) offers congratulations to retiring president Larry Schaffer (right).

With justifiable pride, the School of Law salutes these efforts. The Law Foundation enhances our ability to respond to academic needs and professional opportunities, ensuring our position at the center of legal education and in the forefront of the legal profession.

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The Law Alumni Association is a critical component to the success of a progressive legal education enterprise. Devoted to bridging the passage between student and professional life, the Alumni Association encourages the rewards of service as well as a personal commitment to a society based on law and justice.

Law Alumni Association members have demonstrated their commitment in a variety of ways. They have been mentors and career counselors. They have shared their professional talents with student competition teams, raising the Trial and Appellate Advocacy, Negotiation and Client Counseling teams to positions of regional and national prominence. Their expertise and accessibility have become highly valued by the School of Law faculty as an enhancement to classroom education. Moreover, School of Law alumni have been actively engaged in community legal education.

During the 1996-1997 year, the Law Alumni Association developed diverse activities in support of the School of Law. Association members:

- celebrated the connections between faculty, students and alumni with 200 guests at the annual Law Alumni Association Dinner;
- gave public recognition to R. Lawrence Ward as Practitioner of the Year and to Professor Robert Popper as Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year;
- established the Charles E. Whittaker Award for Academic Excellence, recognizing an outstanding third-year graduate who has advanced the intellectual life of the school. A cash award and certificate were presented;
- sponsored a celebratory "Bar Pass Results" reception for recent graduates;
- continued aggressive efforts in support of student recruitment, including the sponsorship of reception and forums for both minority and academically-talented student prospects; and
- volunteered substantial hours to student organizations, including the legal service fraternities, the advocacy and negotiating competitions and various law school forums.



Dean Burnele V. Powell congratulates Angela Bennett as the school's Alumni of the Year Award recipient.

The accomplishments of the Alumni Association are significant, but efforts continue to develop stronger bonds among alumni and friends, faculty and our student body. Two on-going initiatives are notable:

1) We must achieve a program which offers both meaningful involvement for alumni and practical services to the school through such efforts as:

- creation of a program to direct professional resources to the needs of the School of Law;
- reinstatement of class reunions as annual celebrations; and
- utilization of school facilities for "real-life" legal exercises such as hearings, negotiations and trials.

2) We must continue efforts to increase membership. The Association's goal is to have 25 percent of the total alumni pool signed-on as members by the year 2000. Membership today stands at 8 percent of the total pool, a modest gain over the previous year.

The UMKC School of Law Alumni Association celebrates the achievement of literally thousands of graduates whose influence is felt throughout the city, state, region and nation. It is a privilege to have such partners to promote and extend the School of Law's educational mission.



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The Class of 1997 Bids Farewell With High Hopes for the Future

The weather could not have been more perfect. The sky was bright blue and the air was crisp with a slight breeze. May 9, 1997, was a picture perfect day for 189 anxious candidates to finally achieve their dream — a degree from the UMKC School of Law. The 189 graduates included 159

they provided one another.

"This class was very caring and put each other first," Klosterman said. "They often thought of others before they thought of themselves." Klosterman also believes, in the years ahead, the class of 1997 will give back much more to the school than they received.

"These students are very community oriented and I think this mind-set will continue as they set forth in their careers," Klosterman said.

The class of 1997, to date, has raised more than \$22,000 for the class gift of a fountain to be built on the school grounds.

"This is the largest gift we have

or as a trailblazer, but simply as a graduate of the UMKC School of Law.

White addressed a crowd of more than 700 graduates, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and family members. He discussed the importance of students receiving support from each other, and from family and friends during their journey

White recommended that each graduate not turn their backs on an opportunity to give something back to those around them.

"I hope that somewhere along the way each of you has learned what it means to have compassion and concern for others — especially for those who



Kim Carlos, Student Bar Association president, and Lyra Johnson, anxiously await the moment they'll receive their law degrees.



Left to right: Allison Godfrey, Roberta Sullivan, Becky Schwartz and Karen Calvin share a special moment only good friends can share.

students receiving their J.D. degrees and 30 students who received their LL.M. degrees.

The Class of 1997 has been called by some "a special class," "a class that has made a difference," "a class made up of caring individuals that will continue to give to the UMKC School of Law despite their departure from the world of academia."

"The students in this class came to this school with an abundance of energy," said Burnele Powell, Dean. "I think we knew the from the first few weeks of their first year that the class of 1997 would be a special group of students," he added.

So what made the class of 1997 so special? According to Jean Klosterman, director of admissions for the School of Law, the key point was the support



Randy Crawford, Stephanie Hall and Geraldine Watkins are ready for the festivities to begin.

received from a graduating class since 1983," said Kathy Dunn, director of development, alumni programs and the Law Foundation. "We are extremely proud of the class for both their initiative to take on the class gift

project and for the outstanding success they realized. I think the fountain will be an excellent addition, and we look forward to the fountain becoming a permanent part of our campus."

The keynote speaker for commencement was the Honorable Ronnie L. White, Supreme Court of Missouri. White, himself a 1983 graduate, said he was pleased to join in the celebration, not as a history maker



Just perfect. Michelle Higinbotham makes last minute adjustments to her cap before walking across the stage to receive her law degree.

through law school.

"I am sure each graduate here today has memories of the support they received and realize that graduation day is truly a great day for everyone to celebrate — because without the love, encouragement and assistance from others — none of us would have accomplished what we have today," White said.

Keynote speaker, the Honorable Ronnie L. White, Supreme Court of Missouri, addresses an audience of more than 700.



cannot help themselves," he said.

A special part of the commencement activities included a

private tree planting ceremony in memory of Ann Lorraine Cooper, a third-year law student who lost a battle with cancer late last year. Cooper's husband, Howard, received his wife's diploma at the commencement ceremony.

As the festivities of the day began to wind down, all were left with not only memories but with plans and hopes for the future. Perhaps keynote speaker White said it best, "As I look around this auditorium filled with graduates, I have faith that the best is yet to come."

Top Student Achieves Better Than Perfect Marks

When Jeff Scurlock enrolled as a first year student at the UMKC School of Law, he hadn't planned to achieve the top ranking grade point average for the class of 1997. But somehow along the way, Scurlock was able to achieve a grade point average of better than perfect — 4.1 on a 4.0 scale.

When asked about his high marks he modestly replied, "I achieved this standing with persistence and good luck. The results of my first semester midterms proved I did not do as well as I'd like to have."

"After that experience, I knew I had to do better, I knew I had to be more persistent and try a little harder," Scurlock added.

And "try a little harder" is exactly what he did. He learned the ropes necessary to becoming a successful law student. He became involved as a research assistant with David Achtenberg, associate professor of law, an experience Scurlock said he feels lucky to have had.

"Professor Achtenberg was a big part of my success at UMKC. He was my mentor and I am grateful. I was able to help him with various projects, but he certainly helped me more than he knows," Scurlock said.

Scurlock said he didn't consider becoming a lawyer until he was in college at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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David Achtenberg, associate professor of law, was recently appointed to the Federal Practice Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. The committee will study the rules of practice and internal operating procedures of the court.

Mark Berger, professor of law, is doing research on the implications of the increasing utilization of contingent employees in the American workplace, including the legal disabilities such employees work under. He will present his findings at the 12th Annual National Conference on Labor and Employment Law. The results of his research will be published in the *Yale Law and Policy Review*.

Corinne Cooper, professor of law, has been teaching the subtler aspects of communication skills in "Professional Presence." She has presented the program to organizations throughout the country including the ABA Young Lawyers Division and the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Kenneth Ferguson, assistant professor of law, has continued his analysis of the "exemption by declaration" process in bankruptcy in "Repose or Not? Informal Objections to Claims of Exemption After Taylor v. Freeland." His first article in response to the issues raised by the U.S. Supreme Court's 1992 decision, "Discourse and Discharge: Linguistic Analysis and Abuse of the 'Exemption by Declaration' Process in Bankruptcy," was published in the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*.

Barbara Glesner-Fines, associate professor of law, has been elected to the board of directors of the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction. Her article, "Speculating on the Future of Attorney Responsibility to Nonclients," recently appeared in the *South Texas Law Review*.

The second edition of Professor Christopher Hoyt's *Legal Compendium for Community Foundations*, the most widely used legal reference among the nation's community foundations, has been published by the Council on Foundations. He was recently appointed vice-chair of the Lifetime and Testamentary Charitable Gift Planning Committee of the Trust and Probate Section of the ABA. Hoyt presented a mini-program "How to Structure Charitable Bequests from Qualified and Non-Qualified Retirement Plans," at the May 1997 meeting of the ABA Section of Taxation in Washington, D.C. He has presented the program throughout the country during that past several months.

Mary Kay Kisthardt, associate professor of law, received the Public Service Award from the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers at their annual meeting in November.

Larry Ward Receives the Practitioner of the Year Award



Larry Ward, a 1961 Alumnus of the School of Law, received the prestigious "Alumni Practitioner of the Year Award" at the annual meeting of the Law Alumni Association.

Larry Ward, a 1961 alumnus of the School of Law, received the prestigious "Alumni Practitioner of the Year Award" at the annual meeting of the school's alumni association. Ward, known as the "lawyer's lawyer," has practiced law for more than 35 years.

"I am very surprised, yet very honored, to have received this award," Ward said.

His leadership of Bar activities at local, state and national levels, is widely respected. He has served as president of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, has been member of the Board of Governors of the Missouri Bar Association and currently serves on the Appellate Judicial Commission for the state of Missouri. In 1994, Ward brought the American Bar Association's mid-year meeting to

Kansas City and served a co-chair for this well-attended gathering. His leadership at the School of Law includes a four-year term as president of the Law Foundation where he was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1987. As further evidence of his accomplishments, Ward has been included in every edition of Best Lawyer's in America since its inception in two categories: Business Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation. Ward practices at the law firm of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, P.C.

"When one seeks to personify all that UMKC School of Law means, one thinks immediately of Larry Ward," School of Law Dean Burnele Powell said. "Larry Ward is an individual who has distinguished himself not only as an attorney and counselor, but someone who has demonstrated the highest degree of mastery in the courtroom."

"The designation of Larry Ward as Practitioner of the Year was hardly a surprise to our alumnus," Powell added. "I suppose that when all was said and done, the big surprise was that Ward had not been recognized sooner."

Alumni of the Year: Angela Bennett



Dean Burnele Venable Powell congratulates Angela Bennett as the school's Alumni of the Year Award recipient. Bennett recently was selected to be the regional director for the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Active Judges That are UMKC School of Law Alums

Missouri
D. Brook Bartlett, attended
U.S. District Court

Dean Whipple, 1965
U.S. District Court

Fernando J. Gaitan Jr., 1974
U.S. District Court

Ortrie D. Smith, 1971
U.S. District Court

Gary A. Fenner, 1973
U.S. District Court

John T. Maughmer, 1980
U.S. District Court

Robert E. Larsen, 1973
U.S. District Court

Frank W. Koger, 1953
U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Arthur B. Federman, 1976
U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Ronnie L. White, 1983
Missouri Supreme Court

Edward D. Robertson Jr., 1978
Missouri Supreme Court

Robert G. Ulrich, 1969
Missouri Court of Appeals

Robert W. Berrey III, 1955
Missouri Court of Appeals
Forest W. Hanna, 1962
Missouri Court of Appeals

Paul M. Spinden, 1979
Missouri Court of Appeals

Victor C. Howard, 1976
Missouri Court of Appeals
Kenneth J. Cain, 1980
Division of Workers Compensation

Rebecca S. Magruder, 1983
Division of Workers Compensation

Mary Ellen Young, 1989
17th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Joseph P. Dandurand, 1980
17th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

William B. Collins, 1982
17th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Larry D. Harman, 1978
7th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Michael J. Maloney, 1964
7th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Jane Pansing Brown, 1982
7th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Justine E. Del Muro, 1984
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

William F. Mauer, 1959
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Lee E. Wells, 1957
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Ronald R. Holliger, 1973
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Charles E. Atwell, 1978
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Edith L. Messina, 1974
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Jay A. Daugherty, 1981
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Jon R. Gray, 1976
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Richard E. Standridge, 1980
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Charles L. Stitt, 1968
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Kelly Moorhouse, 1985
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri
(Commissioner)

Kathleen A. Forsyth, 1980
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri
(Commissioner)

Margaret L. Sauer, 1983
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri
(Commissioner)

William W. Ely, 1966
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Barry Scheck, National Expert on DNA Testing Visits School of Law



Left to right: Miles A. Cohen; Burnele V. Powell, dean; Barry Scheck; Barton P. Cohen; and Mary Davidson Cohen.

Barry Scheck, nationally recognized authority on DNA evidence and testing, spent an evening April 16 with faculty, students and friends of the School of Law. The event was sponsored by the UMKC Law Foundation, in conjunction with the Joseph Cohen

Lecture Series.

Scheck had already achieved national prominence as a trial lawyer and authority on DNA evidence when he joined the O.J. Simpson defense team. By the time he finished his closing argument in the Simpson case,

Scheck's legal performance was rated by legal commentators, pro-defense and pro-prosecution as the most professional, skillful and accomplished work produced by any of the lawyers.

When DNA testing was first used in criminal cases starting in 1989, Scheck and his colleague, Peter Neufeld, immersed themselves in the new technology. Their success in six years of landmark litigation not only shaped the course of case law across the country, but led to an influential study by the National Academy of Science on forensic DNA testing, as well as important state and federal legislation — setting the standards for use of DNA testing.

Scheck, a professor of law at the Cardozo Law School, serves as the director of clinical education, trial advocacy programs and the Jacob Burns Center for the Study of Law and Ethics.

FACULTY NOTES

Nancy Levit, associate professor of law, has received the Law School's 1996 Elmer P. Pierson Faculty Teaching Award and the 1996 Daniel Brenner Faculty Publishing Award. Her article, "Defining Cutting Edge Scholarship: Feminism and Criteria of Rationality," was published in the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*.

Andre Moenssens, Douglas Stripp/Missouri Professor of Law, was voted the first recipient of the Harold Fetter Award for Outstanding Contributions to Forensic Sciences at the annual meeting of the Jurisprudence Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. The award will be presented to Moenssens next year at the 50th anniversary meeting of the academy.

Edward Richards, professor of law, and his wife, Katharine Rathbun, associate professor of occupational medicine, have contributed a chapter to the *Principles of Public Health Practice*, the new text for public health students. They also have a chapter in *Public Health and Preventive Medicine*, the standard reference work on public health.

Robert Verchick, assistant professor of law, will spend next fall at the University of Aarhus in Denmark teaching the American component of a course on comparative environmental law and researching the principles of environmental federalism in the United States and the European Union.

Jeff Thomas, assistant professor of law, is involved in a collaborative effort of lawyers, insurance professionals and the construction industry to find solutions to the problem of providing meaningful insurance coverage for construction defects. A presentation of initial findings was recently made to the National Institute on Insurance Coverage for Defective Construction. The project will be on-going. In addition, Thomas will address the annual meeting of the ABA on the complex nature of construction litigation in August of this year.

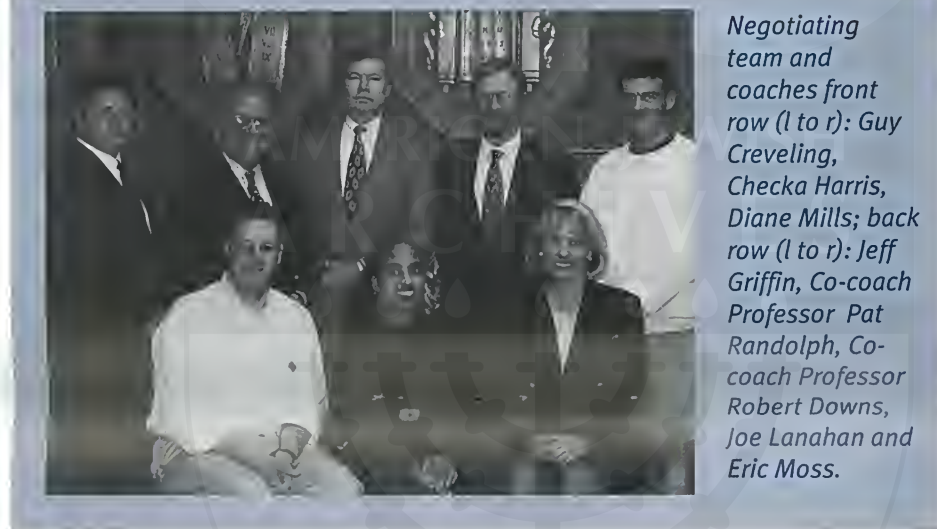
G. Ray Warner, professor of law, recently testified before the National Bankruptcy Review Commission in Washington, D.C. He presented the results of a major nationwide study of bankruptcy law. The study — "The American Bankruptcy Institute Report on the State of the American Bankruptcy System" — analyzed both the current bankruptcy system and various proposals for reform. Warner served as reporter for the study, which was sponsored by the Washington-based American Bankruptcy Institute, the nation's largest organization of insolvency professionals.

School of Law Negotiating Team Places Fourth at Nationals

The School of Law Negotiating Team, comprised of students Joe Lanahan and Guy Creveling, recently finished fourth in the nation out of 24 teams at negotiating competitions held in San Antonio, Texas. The competitions are sponsored by the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

Lanahan and Creveling advanced to the nationals after finishing second in the regional competition held last November at the UMKC School of Law. Another UMKC team, Eric Moss and Diane Mills, placed third in regional competition but lacked a mere one point necessary to advance to the national rounds of competition. Jeff Griffin and Checka Harris also competed successfully in the regionals with Keith Perkins serving as alternate.

"We are very proud of their achievement since every team our students competed against at nationals was either a runner-up or winner in regional competitions," said Robert Downs, associate professor of law and co-advisor for the team. Downs and Pat Randolph, professor of law, serve as co-advisors for the team.



Negotiating team and coaches front row (l to r): Guy Creveling, Checka Harris, Diane Mills; back row (l to r): Jeff Griffin, Co-coach Professor Pat Randolph, Co-coach Professor Robert Downs, Joe Lanahan and Eric Moss.

The students received advice and coaching from a number of School of Law faculty, as well as alumni. Clay Crawford, Mike Jones, Brent Lagergren, Jeff Maloney and Cindy Powers are all alumni who helped the team this year.

"We appreciate the assistance of our alumni and faculty," Downs said. "Their long hours of dedication to the competitions are important to the students." he said. "The assistance of

these fine alumni, as well as other lawyers in the community, makes it possible for many UMKC students to compete in our local competition."

Randolph is pleased with the success of the team. "UMKC students do consistently well in these competitions since they are smart, savvy and mature," he said.

This year marks the fifth year in the past six years that UMKC negotiating team has competed in the national finals.

Jack E. Gant, 1954
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

J.D. Williamson Jr., 1965
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

John I. Moran, 1957
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

C. William Kramer, 1979
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Alan B. Slayton, 1955
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Marco Roldan, 1983
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri
(Commissioner)

Vernon Scoville III, 1978
16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

John B. Williams, 1973
Municipal Court
Michael R. McAdam, 1975
Municipal Court

Charles J. DeFeo Jr., 1970
Municipal Court

James F. Karl, 1960
Municipal Court

Leonard S. Hughes III, 1976
Municipal Court

Marcia K. Walsh, 1988
Municipal Court

James M. Reed, 1970
Municipal Court

Victor M. Rocha, 1963
Municipal Court

Deborah A. Neal, 1983
Municipal Court

John Frerking, 1976
15th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

John G. Miller, 1967
15th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Ward B. Stuckey, 1960
6th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Charles C. Curry, 1975
Municipal Court

Kevin K. Anderson, 1981
Municipal Court

Roger Potter, 1981
Municipal Court

Michael J. Svetlic, 1976
Municipal Court

Richard Rose, 1978
Municipal Court

Jeffrey S. Eastman, 1983
Municipal Court

Larry E. Butcher, 1969
Municipal Court

Tom Capps, 1977
Municipal Court

Steven R. Fuller, 1974
Municipal Court

Thomas C. Fincham, 1981
Municipal Court

J. Michael Murphy, 1971
Municipal Court

John Jack, 1977
Municipal Court

Donald L. Crow, 1973
Municipal Court

Paul O. Liebengood, 1975
Municipal Court

Garry L. Helm, 1983
Municipal Court

Michael Englert, 1988
Municipal Court

William A. Lewis, 1975
Municipal Court

Sandra Ferguson, 1964
Municipal Court

J. Gregory Dorsey, 1968
Municipal Court

John H. Fairfield, 1982
Municipal Court

Charles McKeon, 1983
Municipal Court

Alumni News and Notes

'49 Richard Sprinkle, a partner with Stinson Mag & Fizzell and a former Jackson County Circuit Court Judge, received the Spurgeon Smithson Award at the 1996 Missouri Bar annual meeting. This award is presented by the Missouri Bar Foundation and recognizes those who have "rendered outstanding service toward the increase and diffusion of justice."

'57 Norman Sanders of Sanders and Simpson has been elected to the board of directors for the DeLaSalle Education System.

'60 Thomas Graves of Morrison & Hecker has been named in the 1997-98 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'61 R. Lawrence (Larry) Ward has been named Practitioner of the Year by the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

'64 Michael J. Maloney has been selected as circuit judge for Clay County, Mo.

'65 Frank Koger has been appointed to serve as Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

'66 Robert H. Martin recently was elected vice-president of the Metropolitan Community Colleges Board of Trustees.

'67 Charles "Chuck" Zarter has joined the law firm of Swanson Midgley Gangwere Kitchin & McLarney. His emphasis is franchise and distributorship law, real estate, corporate, general business and secured lending.

'70 Roger Hershey recently was elected to the board of trustees of the Sierra Club Foundation, a national conservation organization, and will serve on the foundation's legal oversight and investment committees.

'71 J. Scott Brown has been named Honorary British Consul for Her Majesty's Consul General in Chicago, Ill. His appointment will cover the western half of Missouri and Kansas.

'73 John P. Barelli recently became a member of the ordained clergy in the Roman Catholic Church. He is a clergy member at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Phoenix, Ariz.

Gary Fenner has been sworn in as a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Mario Mandina, solo practitioner and founder of the National Lawyers Association, has been named one of eight "Lawyers of the Year" by *Lawyers Weekly USA*.

'74 Dan C.D. Sturdevant has become counsel with the law firm of Dicus, Davis, Sands & Collins, P.C.

Dirk Vandever holds the office of president of the Kansas City Bar Association. He is a former editor of the *UMKC School of Law-Law Review*. He is affiliated with the Popham Law Firm.

Success Times Three

Judith Whittaker Doing it Her Own Way

The old adage, "Big things come in small packages," certainly is true for Hallmark Cards's number one lawyer, Judith C. Whittaker. The petite, soft spoken Whittaker has become a heavy hitter for the nation's number one greeting card company.

In January, Whittaker was promoted to vice president-general counsel/secretary. She is responsible for all legal matters relating to Hallmark Cards, Inc., including its corporate and personal expression organizations and strategic acquisitions. She also oversees legal issues related to Hallmark's personal development and family entertainment subsidiaries, including Binney & Smith, Hallmark Entertainment, Inc. and Crown Center.

Stepping into her new role has been an easy adjustment for Whittaker.

"I absolutely love it here at Hallmark. I assume that everyone would like to run such an operation. When you've been doing something for a long time, you want the opportunity to do it your own way," Whittaker said.

And doing it her own way she has. Kansas City has watched Judy Whittaker ever since the birth of her daughter, Catherine Cameron Whittaker, made front page news in the *Kansas City Star* in May 1963. The birth of her daughter caused headlines because the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law had just named Whittaker, one of only a handful of women, valedictorian of her class.

But over the years, Whittaker has blazed a strong career path. She was one of the first women to practice law in Kansas City area courts, the first woman admitted to the International Society of Barristers and the first woman to sit on the MCI Communications Corp. board of directors. She also was the first woman attorney hired at Sheffrey Ryder Skeer Krigel & Rose, a small Kansas City law firm. Overlooking her academic honors from UMKC, many of the city's bigger law firms turned her down without even an

interview. The dean of the Law School at the time, Pat Kelly, recommended her to his friend David Skeer, a senior partner at the firm and following an interview, the rest is history. Four years later she was invited to become the firm's first woman partner.

Even in the early years, Whittaker had close ties to the community. As a committed and early supporter of legal



Judith Whittaker, class of '63, has been promoted to vice president-general counsel/secretary for Hallmark Cards, Inc. She is responsible for all legal matters related to Hallmark Cards, Inc.

aid, Whittaker imagined that if a quality society was to survive then the legal system must work for everyone. "It seems as though when I was young, I focused on fairness and justice and civil rights. I was very active in the Lawyer's Committee, an urban affairs program inspired by John F. Kennedy which helped assemble top notch lawyers to work toward solving the problems in the Kansas City community," she said. "I even helped integrate the leadership of Kansas City's Legal Aid of Western Missouri."

Over time, Whittaker's interests have evolved, but these social conscience remains a defying characteristic. She now focuses her energies on housing needs, education and the needs of children and youth.

At Hallmark Cards, Whittaker's focus is on running her department and meeting the challenges that face a large company.

"The most challenging part of my job is getting it all done," Whittaker said. "I try to anticipate issues and

problems that might be coming my way. I find it difficult at times to handle the increasing number of lawsuits that daily come across my desk."

She and her staff work with credit problems at area Hallmark stores, various workplace and human resource issues that arise. Although she deals with some foreign issues, the office's main focus remains on domestic issues.

Whittaker currently has 12 lawyers and six paralegal working for her. Since all departments at Hallmark have their own legal needs from time to time, Whittaker's team of lawyers work with each department.

"All of our in-house clients have very different needs and our team of lawyers is able to meet these needs," she continued.

Becoming a good lawyer takes time and skill, Whittaker believes.

"I see lawyers as problem solvers. Lawyers should have special skills, analytical skills, but that is not the extent of it," she said. "Lawyers need to negotiate in a tactful way. Lawyers are sales people and negotiating is a big part of the job."

Educating good lawyers today is crucial believes Whittaker. She put it succinctly, "UMKC had good students

when I was there and they still have good students today. I think now that I am an alum, I can see the ways that the School of Law has impacted my life. I enjoy the resources of the campus community, the sort of networking that the UMKC community provides is important."

When reflecting back over the years Whittaker is quick to share that she feels fortunate.

"I have wanted to do a lot of things in my life: raise a family, pursue an

interesting career and make substantial contributions to the community," she said. "I wanted to do all of these things and I think I have done them well."

So what should be her legacy?

She hopes to be remembered as a woman who lead the way for other women — who like her, wanted a career in business. She takes pride too that she is someone who has worked at helping others become successful.

The future at Hallmark Cards looks bright for Judy Whittaker. But with just a little more than five months at her new position is it fair to question her retirement years?

"When I slow down I have no desire for a second career! I will spend more time with my children and grandchildren, play golf, ski, hike, play the piano and read...yes, I am a big reader you know," she said laughing. "But for now, I have a job to do, a very big job to do."

Tim Dollar

Passionate About Law

For many of us, morning means just the start of another day at the office. For Tim Dollar, every morning means something different. It means another day of practicing in a career that has been a passion since the age of five.

From this very young age, he knew he wanted to be a lawyer, a good lawyer. "I cannot think of any other profession that would have been for me," said Dollar. "I get a thrill getting up each day knowing what is ahead for me. It is truly a joy to be a practicing lawyer."

Dollar is a partner with the law firm of Stigall, Humphrey, Lucas, Henry, Stigall & Dollar. He was the 1996 recipient of the Lon O. Hocker Memorial Trial Lawyer Award, the award which recognized outstanding trial work by young lawyer members of the Missouri Bar. Receiving this



Tom Dollar, class of '84, considers himself fortunate to be in a career he loves.

award was one of the highlights of his career.

"I have watched people who I respect tremendously achieve this award. This list is ongoing. To be named in a class with so many well respected trial lawyers is a humbling experience, I truly cherish this award," Dollar said. "My only regret is that my father passed away just six months before I received this award. My father was a truly positive force in my life," he said.

While a student at the UMKC School of Law, Dollar was actively involved in moot court, an experience he found quite memorable.

"This was a tremendous experience. At the time, it satisfied my desire to be a trial lawyer," he said. Dollar believes the over all atmosphere of the school was and still is conducive to producing good lawyers.

"We had some tremendous role models at the school, Dean Popper, Professor Suni, Professor Cooper and of course Dean Kelly. These people all helped shape who I am today," he continued.

Although a busy practicing lawyer, Dollar finds time to remain active in the school.

"Interestingly enough, I really have never left the UMKC School of Law," Dollar said. "The year I graduated, I submitted a proposal to re-vamp the Trial Ed Program, the proposal was accepted and the next year, in 1985, I started teaching as an adjunct professor. Today, I am teaching Fundamentals of Trial Advocacy and Trial Advocacy II."

Tim and his wife Deborah have three children. He is currently special prosecutor for Jackson County, a member of the UMKC Alumni Association Board of Directors and is active in his church.

When asked if he would be a lawyer if he had it to do all over again he quickly replied, "Without a doubt! On a daily basis I see some dissatisfaction with the practice of law among my peers. But for me the practice of law is where I belong."

Alumni News and Notes

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Jack Bangert of Sherman, Taff & Bangert P.C. has been named president of the Kansas City Claims Association.

Victor C. Howard has been appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, by Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan.

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Justin Johl has been named partner of the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon. He will practice in the business law division in the Overland Park, Kan., office.

Steven Hamilton has joined the law firm of Stinson, Mag & Fizzell. He will work in the firm's corporate section in the Kansas City office where he will practice real estate law.

Edward B. Rucker received the President's Award, established by the Executive Committee of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. This award is presented annually to members of KCMBA who have contributed significantly during the past year, by the way of participation in the work of the bar, value to the organization and leadership. He serves as a part-time contract prosecutor for the city of Kansas City, Missouri.

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Charlie Atwell has been named Jackson County Circuit Judge. He is a partner in the law firm of Wyrsh Atwell Mirakian Lee & Hobbs.

Gary Barnes, with the law firm of Husch & Eppenberger, has been

selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Barnes is listed in the area of bankruptcy law.

Katheryn J. Shields received the President's Award, established by the Executive Committee of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. This award is presented annually to members of KCMBA who have contributed significantly during the past year, by the way of participation in the work of the bar, value to the organization and leadership. She is a Jackson County Executive.

Linda Gill Taylor has been appointed to the board of directors for the Kansas City Crime Commission.

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F. Coulter deVries is acting president of the Jackson County Law Library, a non-profit corporation established to provide a broad range of legal resources and information services to support the research needs of its members.

Stanley Reigel of Morrison & Hecker has been named in the 1997-98 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Ann Mesle

Commitment to Community

Making a commitment to her community is a natural part of life for Ann Mesle. For the past several years, having a strong sense of involvement has become a way of life for Mesle. She was recently elected president of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

"Being of service to my community is important to me. I learned the value of giving to the community through my family," she said. "I'm a preacher's kid and preachers' kids are usually involved in some sort of community service."

In addition to her career, community involvement is an integral part of her work. She has been actively

involved in charitable organizations, including the Heart of America United Way, as president of SHARE, Inc., the Kansas City Civil Rights Board, and president of the Harry S. Truman's Neurological Center.

Mesle's ongoing commitment to children and involvement with children's organizations has opened her eyes to the needs of Kansas City's youth. She is currently promoting partnerships with children. This includes continued involvement in LEAP, (Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance) a program to raise

money and awareness of the importance of education for underprivileged children.

She is past president of the UMKC Law Foundation, and is active as a UMKC trustee and a member of the school's Strategic Planning Committee. She is a founding member of the Association for Women Lawyers and also serves on the board of directors of the Kansas City Bar Foundation.

A 1972 graduate with honors from UMKC School of Law, she is certain that the school helped shape who she is today.

Her experience in law includes both the plaintiff and defense sides of litigation. But after many years experience, she decided that the defense side of law was what she was most comfortable.

"For me, I am more comfortable with the defense side of things. But I will always remember my civil rights experience as an important part of my personal and professional development," she said.

She has one daughter, Meghan, and is married to Terry Christenberry.



Active in a number of boards, Ann Mesle, class of '72, is particularly interested in helping children.

Success

Alumni News and Notes

'81
Michael J. Maloney has been named a Clay County Missouri Circuit Judge.

'83
Deborah Neal, with the Popham Law Firm, P.C., has been appointed to the Kansas City Municipal Court.

Greg Spies is with McDowell Rice and Smith as a commercial litigator. He formerly was with the Watson & Marshall law firm.

'84
Joseph Chiarelli has joined the law firm of James R. Schurman and Associates as associate.

Tim Dollar of Stigall, Humphrey, Lucas, Henry, Stigall & Dollar is the 1996 recipient of the Lon O. Hocker Memorial Trial Lawyer Award, which recognizes outstanding trial work by young lawyers who are members of the Missouri Bar.

Judith Popper has joined the law office of Bernard E. Brown.

Mark Warnick has joined the law firm of Blackwell Sanders Matheny Weary & Lombardi as senior counsel in environmental law.



'86
Robert Bartunek has been named of counsel to the law firm of Swanson Midgley Gangwere Kitchin & McLarney, LLC.

His primary areas of practice include corporate law, estate planning, real estate law and tax law.

Janet Blauvelt of Dysart, Taylor, Lay Lewandowski & Coter, P.C. has been named secretary of the Kansas City Claims Association,

John K. Sherk III has been named of counsel with the law firm of Shook Hardy & Bacon. He will work in the litigation division.

'87
James Barton Jr. has become shareholder and director of the law firm of Myerson & Morrow, P.C. His practice emphasizes civil litigation, professional negligence, products liability and insurance.

Zoe Ann Holmes has joined the Kansas City Aviation Department as staff counsel. She formerly was with the Centennial Life Insurance Company where she worked as corporate counsel and corporate secretary.

Bill Rudy has joined the intellectual properties team of the Lathrop & Gage law firm. He will work in patent, copyright and trademark litigation and in patent and trademark prosecution. He is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Bar.

'88
Mike Bartolacci has been named partner at the law firm of Thompson Coburn.

Notes From the Office of Career Services

by Linda S. Trout, Director

Each year the Office of Career Services conducts an employment survey (placement) of the most recent graduating class. We have just completed the survey for the Class of 1996. The data collected is used throughout the year in reports to the American Bar Association, the National Association of Law Placement, and U.S. News and World Report, among others. The report also is eagerly anticipated by members of the School of Law community who are interested in how where recent graduates are placed.

The overall employment rate for the class of 1996 is 92.6 percent. This number includes all members of the class who are employed in some capacity. Only seven graduates have reported they are currently unemployed and seeking work. Three graduates have reported they are unemployed and not seeking work at this time. However, the rate of full-time employment

for the class of 1996 is 83.1 percent. The rate of full-time employment is perhaps a better indicator of the level of employment than is the rate of legal employment, 79 percent in both full- and part-time positions. This is because not all graduates want to practice law in a traditional setting and some have found the position they want in a non-legal setting.

As in previous years, private practice is the single largest job placement arena; 51 percent of the graduates are in private practice with the largest percentage of those working at small law firms with two to 10 attorneys. The second largest category is the government, 22.1 percent; this includes 8.1 percent of the graduates in a judicial clerkship at some level.

The geographic distribution also is similar to previous years. Most of the 1996 graduates, 89.7 percent, have remained in the Missouri and Kansas

area. The remaining 10.3 percent have relocated in 11 states throughout the United States.

The average salary for the class of 1996 is \$37,553. This is a significant increase over the average salary of \$33,087 for the class of 1995. Full-time salaries ranged from \$18,000 to \$130,000. Both the highest and lowest salaries were found in private practice. Finally, as in other years, most of the recent graduates found their jobs after graduation. Only 42.1 percent had secured their positions by graduation. The rest found jobs after taking the bar examination or after receiving bar results.

If you would like additional information about employment trends or this employment survey, call the Office of Career Services at UMKC School of Law, (816) 235-1668, or via the Internet at troutl@smtpgate.umkc.edu.

Continuing Legal Education Programs

END OF YEAR CLE REPORTING PROGRAMS

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| June 11 | Asset Protection Planning Regal Riverfront Hotel | St. Louis |
| June 13 | 15 Hour Review of the Law Harrah's Hotel | N. Kansas City |
| June 19 | Kansas 8+4 Review of the Law Holiday Inn Lenexa | Lenexa |
| June 20 | 15 Hour Review of the Law Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza | Kansas City |
| June 20 | 15 Hour Review of the Law Ritz-Carlton Hotel (Clayton) | St. Louis |
| June 26 | Wage & Hour Workshop UMKC University Center | Kansas City |
| June 27 | Kansas 8+4 Review of the Law Overland Park Marriott | Overland Park |
| June 30 | 15 Hour Review of the Law Hyatt Regency Hotel | Kansas City |
| June 30 | 15 Hour Review of the Law Ritz-Carlton Hotel (Clayton) | St. Louis |

PROGRAMS IN JULY

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| July 11 | ESOP Institute Hyatt Union Station | St. Louis |
| July 17 | Health & Leave Issues Workshop UMKC University Center | Kansas City |
| July 18 | Sexual Harassment Seminar Marriott Downtown | Kansas City |

SPECIAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

Aug. 9-23 15TH OXFORD SUMMER SCHOOL Oxford, England

Continuing Legal Education Program Available On-line Via the Internet

The School of Law Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminar schedule is now available on-line via the Internet. The CLE web page, updated each week, allows users to click on a seminar topic and access the schedule and approved number of

credits for each seminar. You can now register on-line or download a registration form and fax your registration to (816) 235-5414.

Internet access for this program is <http://www.law.umkc.edu/umkccl.htm>.

Calendar of EVENTS

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| Aug. 25 Monday | First Day of Classes |
| Sept. 3 Monday | Second Annual Max Foust Scholarship Golf Tournament <i>Loch Lloyd Country Club</i> |

In Memory

David E. Bass
Scott Milton Brasfield
John J. Bukaty Sr.
Henry Burr
John "Jack" Collins
Ann Lorraine Cooper
Robert G. Duncan
Donald C. Earnshaw
Jorge Austin Elliott
Dorothy M. Groendes
Harvey Gene Holmes
Theodore L. "Ed" Koontz
Jack Krigel
Victor Panus Sr.
Richard Reid
Francis "Frank" Sawyer
Charles C. Scott
Donald Schaumburg
Joseph A. Sherman
Hon. Robert G. Smith
William Raymond Williams
Sylvester H. Winston

Charles Scott: Founder of the UMKC Law Review Remembered



Charles C. Scott

Charles C. Scott, founder and first editor-in-chief of the UMKC School of Law *Law Review*, has died. Scott will be remembered in a dedication in the next issue, 66:1, of the *Law Review*, to be published this summer.

Scott's family has donated his library of forensic books, documents and research to the UMKC School of Law. The collection contains a sizeable number of books containing cited evidence and research still used by

forensic experts. The School plans to establish a medical, legal and forensic library in the Hughes Suite and Scott's collection will be the centerpiece of this library.

Scott was internationally prominent as a forensic document examiner. He was an expert in inspecting and comparing writing for the purpose of rendering opinions and testifying in court on questions concerning the authenticity of handwriting and typewriting. Alterations, additions and obliterations were other issues that fell within his expertise.

Born in Kansas City, Scott received his law degree from the then Kansas City School of Law in 1935. He was admitted to practice that same year. While a student, Scott remained as editor for several volumes and contributed to articles on legal photography [3 K.C. L. Rev.8 (1934)] and dying declarations on homicide cases [3 K.C.L. Rev. 999 (1936)], as well as writing introductory remarks for several issues [e.g., 1 K.C. L. Rev. 3 (1932)].

While in college and law school, he gained experience as a photographer, which set the stage for his later

career. After graduation, he worked at Stinson Mag law firm. During World War II, he was an officer in the United States Navy, serving as naval intelligence in the South Pacific. After his military service, he opened a forensic office and laboratory in downtown Kansas City.

Scott's ties to the UMKC School of Law continued throughout his career. He taught as an adjunct professor for more than 25 years, instructing his students in scientific and photographic evidence.

Scott participated in many important legal cases in his career. The Select Committee on Assassinations of the U.S. House of Representatives appointed Scott to determine the authenticity of the handwriting of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby on documents crucial to the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

His writings have been cited frequently by appellate courts and used by lawyers, judges and forensic experts in the United States and throughout the world.

Alumni News and Notes

'88

David B. Young recently received the Outstanding CLE Article Award, presented by the College of the State Bar of Texas. The article is entitled "Preferences and Fraudulent Transfers: A Lender's Perspective." He is of counsel with the law firm of McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P.

'89

Jacqueline A. Cook has rejoined the law firm of Wyrsh Hobbs Mirakian & Lee, P.C. as a shareholder. The firm's representation is primarily in the areas of criminal defense, civil trial and appellate practice.

Robin S. Martinez of Viveros & Barrera recently was elected president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Greater Kansas City.

'90

Suzy Block has joined the law firm of Lathrop & Gage as a pro bono attorney. She works with indigent clients as their court-appointed attorney.

Ellen Jervis has joined the law firm of Polsinelli White Vardeman & Shalton as a staff associate practicing pro bono juvenile law.

'91

Steven Bernstein of Bernstein-Rein advertising company has been promoted to president of the video franchise, Serendipity and Verite. He joined the company as director of operations in 1991 and was promoted to vice president in 1992.

Frank Brancato of Brancato Haggerty & Palmentere has been named chairman of the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

'92

Susan P. DeCoursey has been named Of Counsel to the law firm of Swanson Midgley Gangwere Kitchin & McLarney, LLC. Her primary area of practice is litigation.

Jeffrey Hemmel has joined the law firm of Myerson & Morrow, P.C. as associate.

Top Student

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"As a political science major, I took an undergraduate course in the American Constitution, a course very similar to a law course, and I liked it. I did well in the course and this helped me realize that the profession of law was what I wanted to pursue," Scurlock said.

A life-long Kansas City resident, UMKC was a natural choice for Scurlock. "I knew I wanted to attend law school in an urban environment. "Going to a school located in the heart of a large metropolitan city afforded me more opportunities for summer employment as well," Scurlock added. "UMKC School of Law proved to be a terrific school with a great faculty," he said.

The future looks promising for Scurlock, who has accepted a position with the McLeod Law Firm in Kansas City, where he will focus on litigation matters.

When reflecting back on his three years as a student of law, Scurlock feels proud of his achievement.

"Three years of school went by so quickly. The first few months seemed like the longest months of my life. Then before I knew it, it was all over," he said. "After three years of law school I certainly feel like I have accomplished something."

Scurlock is glad he had the opportunity to experience law school, and the friends he has made along the way are invaluable to him.

"My friends are all very generous people. I couldn't have completed all of this without them," he said smiling. "I've met friends that I know I will have for life."



Left to right: Chris Arbuckle, Jeff Scurlock, Susan Neubauer and Tristram Hunt are glad it's graduation day.

200 for the Second Century

The spirit of the Law School Centennial continues as the Law Alumni Association pledges to increase membership by 200 new alumni members each year to the millennium.

Will your name be on the list? We hope so! Just clip and return the membership form below.

Join today and save! Dues will increase on July 1, 1997. Take advantage of lower rates and member benefits now. Watch for membership updates in future issues of *LawTalk*. The tally begins June 1, 1997.

Yes! Count my name towards the "200 for the Second Century" goal.

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Law Alumni Association

Member Benefits:

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- Discounts at selected shops and restaurants
- *Perspectives* magazine and school newsletters
- And more!

Law Alumni

Membership Means:

- Support to students
 - Mentors
 - Competitions
 - Minority Affairs
 - Leadership and Academic
 - Bar Pass Celebration Awards
- Public recognition for alumni achievement
- Professional resources directed to the needs of the school.

Alumni News and Notes

Judith Weaver, a health care attorney with Lathrop & Gage, was named chairperson of Missouri's Health Facilities Review Committee. Weaver has been member of the committee for the past three years.

'94 Daren Adkins has recently been named partner of the law firm Miller, Seidel & Havens. He handles general civil and criminal practice. The new name of the firm will be Miller, Seidel, Havens and Adkins, LLP.



Nathan Sutton has been named of counsel to the law firm of Swanson Midgley Gangwere Kitchin & McLarney, LLC. His primary

areas of practice include corporate law, estate planning and tax law.

'95 James Poppell has joined the law firm of Shugart Thompson & Kilroy. He is an associate with an emphasis in business litigation.

Christopher Reedy has joined the law firm of Polsinelli White Vardeman & Shalton. He will practice in the firm's commercial and securities group in their Overland Park, Kan., office.

'96 Steven Becker has joined the law firm of Craft Fridkin & Rhyne. He is an associate attorney and will practice in the areas of construction, environmental and general litigation.

Allison Bergman has joined the law firm of Morrison & Hecker, LLP. She will work in the firm's litigation department.

Berian Fields has joined the law firm of Polsinelli White Vardeman & Shalton. He will work in the firm's product liability group.

Baird Deramus Fogel has been appointed associate for Lathrop & Gage L.C. He works in the firm's Missouri office, emphasizing corporate, intellectual property and real estate law.

"GI Bill" Classes to Hold Reunion

The distinguished alumni of the "GI Bill" classes of '48, '49 & '50 request the honor of your presence at the 50th Reunion Celebration to be scheduled in 1998.

We invite you to join alumni Lee Marts ('49), George Berry ('49), Bill Partin ('49), Bob Bates ('50) and Fil Munoz ('48) in planning for this extraordinary gathering of classmates, spouses and friends. Contact the Alumni/Development Office at the School of Law at (816) 235-1676 for details on how to join the steering committee — and watch for the reunion date — plus additional information in future issues of *Law Talk*.

Want to start reunion plans for your graduation class? It's never too early. The Alumni Office will help facilitate the planning, creation and execution of your ideas. Let us hear from you! Call us at (816) 235-1676, or write to Kathy M. Dunn, director of alumni and development programs at the School of Law. Reunions this year honor class years ending with "7" and the Class of 1972.

Bartimus Challenge Advances; Second Century Fund Grows

More than 300 alumni and friends of the UMKC School of Law joined in partnership to successfully meet the \$50,000 Bartimus Firm Challenge Match for the Second Century Campaign. More than \$71,000 has been raised to-date, including the entire \$50,000 matching gift, towards the overall \$200,000 campaign goal.

The Second Century Fund puts the Law School in a position to play a critical role in shaping the way law is taught and in how lawyers practice in the 21st Century," Dean Burnele Powell said. "With these financial resources and a focus on people and programs, we will be able to respond quickly and effectively to the demands of a rapidly changing legal education environment."

The Second Century Fund will continue to target three areas for enhancement:

Students

Increase funding for student scholarships to successfully compete for the "best and brightest" students. Increase the technological capabilities of the student suites. Enhance our ability to make technological advances in the legal profession available to each student.

Faculty

Increase the support for faculty research and scholarships. Compete for the most honored academic talent. Attract distinguished visiting professors and guest lecturers.

Building

"Electrify" the physical surroundings of the Law School — from the library to the student/faculty suites, making it once again a "cutting edge" environment for legal education.

"The Second Century Campaign gives alumni the opportunity to set the course for the coming decades," Powell said. "I'm urging all alumni to give serious consideration to this campaign and add their generous gift and their name to our circle of leaders."

You are invited to join the Second Century Campaign with a one-time gift, multi-year pledge or bequest to the UMKC School of Law. All gifts can be directed to: Kathy M. Dunn, director of Development and Alumni Programs, UMKC School of Law, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499.

Alumni News and Notes

'96 Steven Harris has joined the law firm of Wallace Saunders Austin Brown & Enochs. He will work in products liability, litigation, environmental law and intellectual property.

Jennifer Charno Nelson has been appointed associate for Lathrop & Gage L.C. She works in the firm's Missouri office, emphasizing environmental and business litigation law.

Derek Potts has joined the law firm of Hale, Kincaid & Skinner, P.C. He is an associate with an emphasis in civil and criminal litigation.

David Rosenberg is with the personal injury law office of Vance Preman.

Kimberly Snell has joined the law firm of Gunn, Shank & Stover, P.C. Her practice emphasizes bankruptcy, commercial and land use law and civil litigation.

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LAW AND ORDER — Attorney Barry Scheck — better known as the guy who got O.J. Simpson off — will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

If he wasn't before, Scheck is now nationally recognized as an expert on DNA evidence and testing. DNA testing was first used in criminal cases in 1989.

In 1992, Scheck and a colleague established The Innocence Project, a clinical program designed to free men wrongly convicted of crimes by demonstrating their innocence through DNA testing. The program has helped free 17 men, two of them from death row.

Scheck is a professor of law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City.

For free reservations to his lecture, call the UMKC Law School Foundation at 235-1645.

A reception will follow Scheck's remarks.

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"Reason, however sound, has little weight with ordinary theologians." — Baruch Spinoza

Jewish Chronicle
4/11/97

DNA expert Barry Scheck's lecture Wednesday, April 16, at UMKC Law School was the Joseph Cohen lecture. This fact was omitted from the item that ran April 11 in *The Chronicle*.

4/11/97 Business Journal

- The heartthrob of the O.J. Simpson criminal defense team is coming to Kansas City.

Barry Scheck, who led Team O.J. in its challenge of DNA evidence, will speak April 16 at the **University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School** as part of the Joseph Cohen Lecture Series.

Scheck has long been acknowledged as an expert in the use of DNA testing in court. In 1992, he co-founded the Innocence Project, a clinical program designed to free convicted criminals through post-conviction DNA testing. The project has helped free 17 men, including two who had done time on death row.

The lecture is free to the public. Reservations, but no DNA tests, are required.



An evening with
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The UMKC Law Foundation, in conjunction
with the Joseph Cohen Lecture Series,

invites you and a guest to spend an
evening with **Barry Scheck**.

**Wednesday, April 16, 1997
7:30 p.m.**

UMKC School of Law

E.E. "Tom" Thompson Courtroom
(Corner of 52nd and Oak streets)

Kansas City, Missouri

Reception

immediately following program.

For your free reservations, call

Sarah Edin at (816) 235-1645.

Those with speech or hearing impairments may call
Relay Missouri at 800 735-2966 (TT) or 800 735-2466 (voice).



The Joseph Cohen Lecture Series
is sponsored
by the UMKC Law Foundation.

Barry Scheck had already achieved national prominence as a trial lawyer and authority on DNA evidence when he joined the O.J. Simpson defense team. By the time he finished his closing argument in the Simpson case, Scheck's legal performance was rated by legal commentators, pro-defense and pro-prosecution, as the most professional, skillful and accomplished work produced by any of the lawyers.

When DNA testing was first used in criminal cases starting in 1989, Scheck and his colleague, Peter Neufeld, immersed themselves in the new technology. Their success in six years of landmark litigation not only shaped the course of case law across the country, but led to an influential study by the National Academy of Sciences on forensic DNA testing, as well as important state and federal legislation — setting standards for the use of DNA testing.

In 1992, Scheck and Neufeld established the Innocence Project, a clinical program at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City. The project has helped free, through post-conviction DNA testing, 17 men who were convicted of crimes they didn't commit.

Scheck, a professor of law at the Cardozo Law School, serves as the director of clinical education, trial advocacy programs, and the Jacob Burns Center for the Study of Law and Ethics. He was appointed last year as a commissioner on New York's Forensic Science Review Board, a body that regulates all forensic laboratories in the state.

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April 1, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Barton and Mary Davidson Cohen

FROM: Kathy Dunn
UMKC School of Law

RE: JOSEPH COHEN LECTURE featuring
PROF. BARRY SCHECK

I thought you would like to see a copy of the Cohen Lecture brochure, which announces the upcoming event featuring Barry Scheck.

Prof. Scheck has yet to confirm his final travel arrangements, however we do plan to set an occasion for you both to meet with him at some point during his stay. We will confirm these plans once we have the necessary information. For now, please "hold" the time immediately prior to the evening lecture as we will have a light supper, hosted by Dean Powell, no matter what else the schedule dictates and certainly want you to be part of that activity.

I look forward to seeing you both on April 16. All best regards.

Enclosure

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April 21, 1997

Dean Burnell Powell
 University of Missouri at Kansas City
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Re: Joseph Cohen Lecture

Dear Dean Powell:

Mary and I want you to know how pleased we were to have Barry Scheck as the Joseph Cohen lecturer. His talk was most interesting and he certainly is in the forefront of an important medical legal development. He is an engaging person and we really enjoyed the opportunity to visit with him during dinner. His willingness to spend time with the students is the essential ingredient that makes Joseph Cohen Lecture Series successful. Having a person of his stature on campus enhances the reputation of UMKC School of Law and the Joseph Cohen Lectures. For these we are most appreciative and know that my father would be very pleased also to have made this contribution to his law school.

However there were some aspects of this event, although minor by comparison, which we believe need more attention.

First of all it appears that whatever office handles the publicity for university events, failed to get this event the publicity it deserved. I know that I read only a fraction of the newspapers and magazines published in this region but still I did not see any mention of Barry Scheck's appearance, either before or after, in the Kansas City Star. Perhaps there was an article in the Star and I missed it, but if there was no article, then to ignore such an important event is inexcusable. It seems to me it is the responsibility of that office to obtain for the university as much favorable press as possible. You, as Dean, should be complaining loudly to the Chancellor and to the development office about the manner in which the publicity office carried out its responsibilities for this event.

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When I complained to the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle that it failed to mention the fact that Barry Scheck was speaking at the Joseph Cohen Lecture, I was told by the editor that it had not received the publicity on the event. The Chronicle had picked up the information on the lecture from a newsletter sent out by the university which did not mention the fact that it was the Joseph Cohen Lecture. The publicity office of the university should include the Chronicle on its list of papers receiving news releases. How many other papers also are not furnished the news releases? And all publicity on this event should state that the speaker is, in fact, the Joseph Cohen lecturer. It is important, in the raising of money, that those from whom it is received are appropriately recognized.

Also missing this year was a printed program. Kathy Dunn said that no program was printed because of the other costs involved in this presentation. To us, a printed program is important. It provides information on the lecturer as well as on my father and frequently more can be conveyed than during the introductions. If we had known that you had cut out the program because of added costs, we would have seen to it that the funds to underwrite the printing were made available. We hope that, in the future, programs will be printed for each lecture and it may be helpful to review with us the budgetary requirements for each lecture in advance.

For your information, I am enclosing copies of programs from past years. Whenever the subject matter of the lecture has been in the area of civil rights, then we like to emphasize my father's significant contributions in that area. Otherwise, the emphasis should be more on his contribution to furthering the education of trial lawyers and aiding the underprivileged as he did through his organization of the Trial Lawyers Associations and Legal Aid. In particular, I like the profile in the 1992 program.

My dad frequently spoke of the "romance" of the law. He loved the drama of the courtroom, the challenge of being an advocate for a cause or a person, the opportunity to promote personal rights over the rights of property; and he wanted law students to approach their studies with enthusiasm and dedication. Thus in establishing this lecture series, it was important that the lecture be presented in a way that made maximum impact on the student and generated student involvement. We have found that scheduling the lecture late in a semester adversely affects attendance of students since exam time is so near. We have recommended that the lecture be scheduled early in the school year when those students will feel they have time to attend. We hope that future lectures can be held during the first part of the academic

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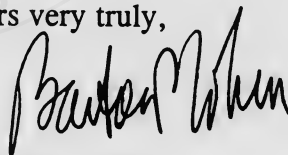
year. If you could make such arrangement, it would mean that there would be no Cohen lecture for academic year 1997-98 and the next lecture held at the beginning of the 1998-99 school year. Planning for such event would begin next fall.

Lastly, it was only by chance that Mary and I were able to attend this year's lecture. We did not know that it had been scheduled until receiving the flyer from Kathy Dunn a few weeks before the lecture. I had arranged to take a group of 60 senior citizens on a tour of Kansas and by the time I learned the date for the lecture, it would have been too late to cancel that trip. Fortunately, we were not to leave until early Thursday morning. Thus we would appreciate being advised on the date of the lecture as soon as it is set and, if possible, be consulted as to alternative dates.

Please do not take the foregoing comments as criticism. They are meant only as suggestions for improving the event based upon our many years of involvement. Overall no one could have been more pleased than we were with this year's lecturer and the attendance. It was a high quality event, very much in keeping with our vision of the event at the time the lecture series was established. We appreciate you and all that you are doing to make UMKC School of Law an outstanding institution and one that makes a substantial contribution to the Kansas City community.

With fondest regards,

Yours very truly,



Barton P. Cohen

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October 6, 1997

Joseph Hartzler
Office of the U.S. Attorney
600 East Monroe
Room 312
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Mr. Hartzler:

I enjoyed the chance to chat with you last week about the possibility of your visiting UMKC School of Law to deliver the Joseph Cohen Lecture. This letter will serve to extend our formal invitation.

The Joseph Cohen Lecture Series

Let me start by telling you something about the Joseph Cohen Lecture Series. The Lecture Fund specifies that the speaker must be "a practicing attorney who has gained a nationwide reputation in the trial of lawsuits" It is named in honor of Joseph Cohen, a 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Law, our predecessor institution. Mr Cohen was an eminent trial lawyer who was devoted to the training of lawyers, and was dedicated to issues involving religious liberty and civil rights. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the disadvantaged and disabled throughout his long career.

The benefactors of the Joseph Cohen Lecture Fund are delighted to hear that a lawyer of your stature and impact may appear in the series, which was inaugurated in 1981. Other speakers who have appeared include Professor Barry Scheck, U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Markman, Dr. Elizabeth Loftus, the Honorable Robert Keaton, and Millard C. Farmer.

UMKC School of Law

UMKC School of Law is proud to host the Cohen Lecture series. UMKC School of Law has just completed the celebration of its centennial year. It is an urban, public law school with special awareness of our role in the training of public lawyers. We have a long and proud history of training trial lawyers who have gone on to serve the public in all types of practice. Harry Truman was a student here, as was Supreme Court Justice Charles Whittaker. A majority of the active judges of both the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, and the Missouri Court of Appeals (Western District) are graduates of the Law School.

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The 1998 Cohen Lecture

As the Cohen Lecturer for 1998, we would ask that you prepare an address of 35 to 40 minutes, for an evening forum open to the public. The audience will include many lawyers, law students, academics, and members of the community. Given your profile, we anticipate considerable press attention, and would be glad to work with you to arrange any interviews or appearances that might be of interest to you. For example, the University is the home to a National Public Radio affiliate of national reputation.

In addition, we would ask that you plan to spend a day at the law school, visiting classes and speaking to the students in an informal forum at lunch. Traditionally, this is followed by a luncheon with the faculty.

I have been advised that an honorarium is not permitted in your position, but we would of course pay all of your transportation costs and any other costs associated with your visit, including for members of your family traveling with you. Since I understand that the logistics of travel may be difficult, we would be glad to do whatever we can to make your trip a pleasant one.

Scheduling

I have attached a copy of an *ad hoc* calendar listing dates when the speech could be scheduled during the Winter Semester. Any of the days listed would be acceptable; you may wish to identify two days, speaking on the first day and visiting the Law School on the second.

About Kansas City

I am also enclosing a variety of information about Kansas City that may be of interest to you and your family. The Law School is located close to the Country Club Plaza, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. There is a rich variety of theater and music available, including 5 equity theaters, a ballet company, a symphony orchestra, and terrific live blues and jazz. I encourage you to visit the Kansas City web site at www.kansascity.com for more information about activities that may interest you.

Although Kansas City does not have a professional basketball team (and in my estimation, never did!), I did discover that the NCAA National Women's Basketball Championships will be held in Kansas City at Kemper Arena on March 27 & 29, 1998. If this event interests you, I will do what I can to help you to procure tickets.

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Mr. Hartzler, I know that you are inundated with requests for your appearance. I also know

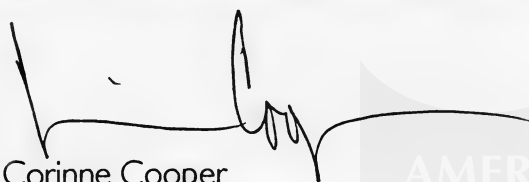
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that travel is not easy for you. I can only ask that you consider our invitation in the very sincere light in which it is extended. We offer you an invitation to join the Law School community and lead us in a reflection on one of the most important trials in our history.

If there is any other information that I can provide, or any other question that I can answer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Corinne Cooper
Professor of Law
Chair, Program Committee

cc: Dean Burnele Venable Powell
Barton P. Cohen, Esq.

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Winter 1998 Calendar

These are the dates when a visit and speech would fit well into the academic calendar

January 12-30 excluding January 16 and 19

February 2-27

March 17-31

April 1-2, 6-17





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January 26, 1998

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Dear Mr. Hartzler:

I am delighted to confirm your agreement to appear as the 1998 Joseph Cohen Lecturer. We have agreed that you will speak on April 9, 1998. In addition, as my letter of October 6, 1997 indicated, we ask that you speak to the students in an informal forum at lunch for 15-20 minutes, and then attend a luncheon in your honor with the faculty.

You have told me that you wish to conduct this program as a Socratic dialogue with a few selected students, and have agreed to give me more specific guidance on the number of students and the information that you wish to convey to them ahead of time. The Dean and I agree that this type of program is best suited to the Law School Courtroom.

In addition, you have agreed to forward to me at your earliest convenience a description of the program for publicity purposes, a biography, and a photograph. I enclose a return envelope for this purpose. You graciously agreed to do an interview, which I am in the process of arranging.

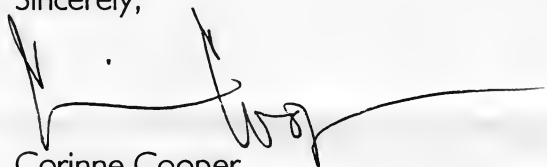
I have made a reservation at the Raphael Hotel, 325 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, for the nights of April 8-10. Your confirmation number is 32687. The Law School will be billed directly for your hotel charges. The hotel is very near the law school, and also adjacent to the Country Club Plaza. We have requested a specially-equipped suite. If you have any particular needs, please convey them to the hotel. Their number is (800) 831-5343.

I will make every effort to attend your presentation in Nashville so that I will have a sense of the program. If I'm not able to attend, let's plan to talk next week so that I can get a clearer understanding of the program you plan to present.

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Again, we are delighted that you will be coming to Kansas City and to UMKC School of Law.
Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Corinne Cooper
Professor of Law

cc: Dean Burnele V. Powell
Mr. Barton P. Cohen



Community

Beth Shalom

Daily Services

Services are at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Katz Chapel.

Shabbat morning services are at 9:10 a.m. in the sanctuary and at 9:30 a.m. in the library (library minyan). Saturday Mincha begins at 6 p.m. during May.

Sunday morning services are at 8 a.m. in the Katz Chapel.

Torah Portion on the Web

Summaries of the Torah portions are on Beth Shalom's Web site, www.uscj.org/central/kansascb.

Beth Shalom Book Club

The Beth Shalom Book Club has selected "Murder on a Kibbutz" by Batya Gur for its next meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Mike and Laurel Rogovein's home, 10223 Knox Drive.

The community is invited. Those interested in attending should call the Rogoveins, 492-7887.

In her third mystery book, Gur, who teaches literature in Jerusalem, examines the political and ideological crises of Israeli society as a whole and the world in 1979. For a complete American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The book is available in paperback.



Civil rights and terrorism

Joseph Hartzler (center), prosecutor in the Oklahoma City bombing case, is shown with Mary Davidson Cohen and Barton Cohen at an April 9 lecture on civil rights and terrorism at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. The event was part of the Joseph Cohen Lecture Series, named in 1981 to honor the memory of Cohen, a 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Law (predecessor to the UMKC School of Law) and eminent trial lawyer devoted to the education and training of lawyers in the art of advocacy. Among the prominent attorneys who have spoken as part of the series is Barry Scheck, a member of the O.J. Simpson defense team. Barton Cohen is Joseph Cohen's son.

Community

JCC Singles

Biking the Katy Trail

JCC Singles is planning a leisurely ride along the historic and scenic Katy Trail for Jewish singles in their 20s, 30s and 40s.

Participants will carpool from the Jewish Community Campus to Rocheport, Mo., where bicycles will be available for rent. Those who wish may bring their own bicycles. The group will stop a few times along the way for sightseeing, lunch, Frisbee and other activities.

The group will depart from the JCC at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 7, and will return approximately 6 p.m. There is no charge other than the cost of bike rental — approximately \$12.

Reservations for bike rentals are required by Friday, June 5.

Participants may bring their own lunches or buy lunch at a trail stop.

For more information, call Bill Cartiff, 327-8074.

Midweek Mixer

Jewish singles in their 20s, 30s and 40s are invited to gather informally for coffee from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday through May 27 at the cafe in the Barnes & Noble at Town Center Plaza, 119th Street and Roe Avenue.



Hundreds donate thousands

Steve Israelite (right), executive director of the Jewish Heritage Foundation, and his wife, Joan, pause with Meyer Brown, a board member of Network Rehabilitative Services for People with Mental Illness, at Network Rehab's annual benefit. The fund-raiser, held Monday, April 13, at the Bristol Bar & Grill, drew nearly 350 people and raised approximately \$40,000 to provide services to people with severe and persistent mental illness in the Kansas City area.

Mary S. Watkins

J-VIPs

Mini Golf and Ice Cream

Jewish singles over 40 are invited

Center as well as to J-VIPs/JCC programming. More events will be

Essay contest offers \$500

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JOSEPH H. HARTZLER

Assistant U.S. Attorney

speaking on

“CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL WRONGS”

*a discussion with the audience
on our cherished civil rights and
the consequences of the government's
infringement of those rights.*

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THE JOSEPH COHEN LECTURE
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 1998
UMKC School of Law, Courtroom

Welcome and Introduction

Burnele V. Powell, LL.M.

Dean, UMKC School of Law

Keynote Speaker

“Civil Rights and Civil Wrongs”

Joseph H. Hartzler

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Reception following

JOSEPH H. HARTZLER

Joseph H. Hartzler, the government's first lead counsel in the Oklahoma City bombing case, has concentrated 19 years of practice primarily in the area of criminal law. After graduating from American University's Washington College of Law and clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Hartzler became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago in 1979. During his nearly 10 years in that office, he prosecuted virtually every type of federal offense from mail theft to terrorism. Hartzler served as Chief of the Civil Division and Chief of the Criminal Division. He then left government service in 1989 to become a partner at the Chicago law firm of Rudnick & Wolfe, where he developed a criminal defense practice.

Hartzler is a devoted father of three young boys. In 1991, he and his family moved to central Illinois. He returned to public service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois and concentrated on fraud crimes.

After the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, Attorney General Janet Reno selected Hartzler, who volunteered his services in the case, to head the nine-member federal prosecution team. After the federal trial in Denver convicting Timothy McVeigh, the *ABA Journal* reported that the team presented "a complicated case with masterful choreography."



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February 25, 1998

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Re: Joseph Cohen Lecture

Dear Bart:

Enclosed are your four tickets for this year's Joseph Cohen Lecture, as well as the brochure, which goes out to 6000 recipients on Friday. I have also enclosed a brochure for another event at the law school, the Jo Tyler Lecture by Professor Randall Kennedy, which will take place on Monday, April 6. If you are interested in tickets to this event, please let me know.

I hope that you are pleased with the description of your father used in the brochure. We pieced it together from prior pieces, as well as your letter to Dean Powell of April 21, 1998. If you have additional information about your father that you would like Dean Powell to use in his introduction, please send it to me and I will see that he gets it. I'm afraid that, over the years, some of the information we may have had about him has been lost.

After spring break, I will begin working with the University to assure full publicity of the event. I know that you understand that we have absolutely no control over the coverage by any news outlet, including KCUR. I am sure that a speaker with Joseph Hartzler's public status will result in an appropriate level of public response.

Although I know that you had wanted the Cohen Lecture to be moved to the fall, that was not possible this year. Joseph Hartzler has a very busy trial schedule and cannot schedule too far in advance; our only opportunity to secure his attendance was during the week of April 6, and rather than miss the opportunity, we decided to go with that date.

If you would prefer in the future that the lecture be moved to the fall, please let me know and we will do what we can to accommodate that wish. However, it will not be possible in the fall of 1998. We have already begun planning for two lectures during that period, and would like to reserve the Cohen Lecture for the winter semester of 1999, or to hold it off until the

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fall semester of 1999.

I would suggest, though, that first-year students in particular are overwhelmed during the first semester, and often do not take advantage of the opportunity to attend programs. We may get better attendance by them at a program scheduled during the early part of the winter semester. We tried to get (and almost had) a commitment from Mr. Hartzler for February of this year, but he had to reschedule after the first of the year.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's Cohen Lecture.

Sincerely,

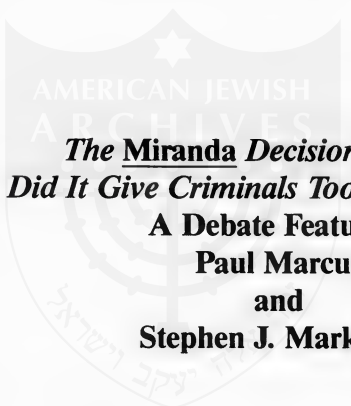


Corinne Cooper
Professor of Law

cc: Dean Burnele V. Powell



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**JOSEPH COHEN
LECTURE SERIES**

The logo for the American Jewish Archives is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top is a five-pointed star. Below the star, the words "AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES" are written in a serif font. The shield also contains a menorah and Hebrew text at the bottom.

***The Miranda Decision Revisited:
Did It Give Criminals Too Many Rights?***
**A Debate Featuring
Paul Marcus
and
Stephen J. Markman**

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 1988
E.E. (Tom) Thompson Courtroom
UMKC School of Law
52nd and Oak Streets
Kansas City, Missouri

MODERATOR

Dean Robert Popper

THE SPEAKERS

Paul Marcus
Dean and Professor of Law

Stephen J. Markman
Assistant Attorney General for
Legal Policy
United States Department of Justice

THE DEBATE

The Miranda Decision Revisited:
Did It Give Criminals Too Many Rights?

The Miranda decision is one of the most controversial Supreme Court decisions in history, and certainly one of the most familiar. But was the decision a good one? Are the rights it gives to suspects required by the Constitution? Has the Court, through Miranda, granted to criminals excessive protection?

Two leading experts on criminal law will debate this issue. Arguing that Miranda should be overturned will be **Steven J. Markman**, Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy. Prior to joining the Attorney General's staff, Mr. Markman worked for seven years as Chief Counsel to the United States Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution. He has also served as Deputy Chief Counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and has worked as Legislative Assistant to the Ranking Member of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Markman has authored articles on constitutional and civil rights for such publications as Harper's, The American Spectator, and National Review.

Arguing that Miranda should be upheld will be **Paul Marcus**, Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Arizona College of Law. Dean Marcus has taught Criminal Law and Procedure and has been counsel in numerous state and federal criminal law cases. He has acted as Reporter and consultant to the House Judiciary Sub-Committee on Criminal Justice, as well as to the Federal Jury Instructions. He is currently a member of the Arizona State Bar Criminal Justice Section Committee on Representation of Indigent Defendants.

Dean Marcus has published widely in the field of criminal law, including articles on entrapment law, the privilege against self-incrimination, and defending conspiracy cases. He has co-authored three textbooks on criminal law, and is currently working on *The Law of Entrapment* for Kluwer & Company.

The evening promises to be a lively and timely debate over the wisdom and necessity of "Miranda rights" and the role they play in the criminal justice system.

For reservations, call 276-1644.

THE JOSEPH COHEN LECTURE SERIES

The Lecture Series is named in honor of the memory of Joseph Cohen, a 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Law, a member of the Bar of the State of Kansas, and an eminent trial lawyer who was devoted to the education and training of lawyers in the art of advocacy. The series brings lecturers of outstanding reputation to the School of Law, the University and the Kansas City metropolitan community.

COHEN PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS

April, 1981

Advocacy: Its Changing Roles, Hon. Robert E. Keeton, United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts

April, 1982

The Economic Impact of Civil Litigation, Thomas D. Barr, Esq., Cravath, Swaine & Moore, New York

September, 1983

State of Missouri v. Frank James, observations by John Kaplan, Stanford University

February, 1985

Where Are the Advocates from LaMancha?, Millard C. Farmer, Esq., Team Defense Project, Atlanta, Georgia

April, 1986

Protecting Religious Liberties, a panel discussion featuring Dean Kelly, Sam Erickson and Erick Lieberman

January, 1987

Memory Distortions and the Law, Elizabeth Loftus, Ph.D., University of Washington in Seattle

April 17, 1998

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Prof. Corinne Cooper
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Re: 1998 Joseph Cohen Lecture

Dear Dean Powell and Prof. Cooper:

Joseph Hartzler, the Joseph Cohen Lecturer, was sensational. The lessons he taught were both frightening and enlightening. He led some of your brighter students into taking a position that acts of terrorism and violence were the only alternative solution available. That a majority of your students were reluctant to accept that solution, sought other means to remedy the situation and urged alternatives based on due process was a tribute to your educational institution and its emphasis on procedural due process.

It is a shame not more people attended. The print media publicity and the KCUR announcements gave this year's lecturer better publicity, as far as we can remember, than was given in preceding years. It is hard for us to make any recommendations for better publicity although some members of the Law Foundation Board claimed they had not been notified. The amount of work that Professor Cooper did in organizing this event and in structuring Mr. Hartzler's day at the law school is very much appreciated.

In the past we have urged that, if possible, this lecture series be scheduled at the beginning of the school year. My Dad always believed in the romance and glamour of the courtroom and the benefits of a good legal education. Perhaps entering law students are more interested in those areas during their first few weeks of law school than they are later.

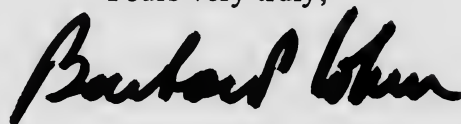
But I am enough of a realist to know that you take good lecturers whenever you can get them and Joseph Hartzler was exceptional. We are very pleased to have Joseph Cohen's name attached to such a quality presentation and we thank you for making these arrangements.

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Dean Burnell Powell
Prof. Corinne Cooper
April 17, 1998
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We look forward to future Joseph Cohen lectures.

Yours very truly,



Bart and Mary Cohen



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Preliminary Itinerary for Joseph Hartzler

April 8, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Hartzler arrive in Kansas City via their own transportation and check into the Raphael Hotel, at Country Club Plaza, 325 Ward Parkway.* Reservation number is 32687.

April 9, 1998

- 11:00 Mr. Hartzler arrives at UMKC School of Law, the corner of 52nd and Oak* via his own transportation. He meets with Dean Burnele Venable Powell in the Dean's Office and is shown the Law School.
- 12:00 Dean Powell accompanies Mr. Hartzler to the Student Lounge and introduces him.
- 12-12:30 Mr. Hartzler speaks the students about his life as a federal prosecutor and takes as many questions as time allows.
- 1:00-2:15 Dean Powell accompanies Mr. Hartzler to the Faculty Lounge for lunch with the Faculty.
- 2:15 Mr. Hartzler is free to return to his hotel.
- 6:00 Promptly at six, Dean Powell, Professor Cooper, the Hartzlers and the Cohens (and two additional members of the faculty) meet in the private room at the Grand Street Cafe for dinner*
- 7:10 The Hartzlers, the Cohens, and the Dean, proceed to the Law School* each in their own vehicles to *reserved parking at the top of the driveway.*
- 7:15 We proceed to the Courtroom.
- 7:30 Dean Powell greets the crowd, introduces the Cohens and speaks briefly about the Joseph Cohen Lecture Series, and introduces Mr. Hartzler.
- 7:35 Mr. Hartzler speaks, engaging the students who will be seated in the jury box.
- 8:20 We adjourn the program to the Student Lounge for a reception.
NOTE: The Cohens, the Dean, and the Hartzlers will remain briefly in the Courtroom for photographs

9:15 The Hartzlers return to their hotel in their own vehicle.

April 10

6:45 a.m. Shaunda Parks of University Communications will meet Mr. Hartzler in the lobby of the Raphael Hotel, and travel with him in his vehicle to Channel 4 for an interview on the morning news program.

7:30 a.m. After the interview, Shaunda Parks will return with Mr. Hartzler to the Raphael. He has the rest of the day free.

* We will provide you with a map identifying all of the locations noted. They are all within 1/2 mile of one another and transportation in this area is quite easy.



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TO: Corinne Cooper
Professor of Law
VMKC School of Law

3/19/98

Re: Joseph Cohen lecture

My wife, Mary, and I accept Dean Powell's invitation
for dinner at Grand St Cafe on April 9.

Only two of us will be at the dinner and only two
of us will use the tickets sent.

Re: News release. Joseph Cohen was born 3/23/02.
If, as article states, this is 90th anniversary of his death
and he graduated in 1925 he would have been 17 years
of age at time of law school graduation.

Joseph Cohen was a founder and first President
of Kansas TRIAL Lawyers Association; he was first
representative from Kansas on Board of Directors of
American Trial Lawyers Association; he was the founder
and first President of Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society;
and a President of Wyandotte County Bar Association.

Look forward to April 9th events.

Bart Cohen



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March 16, 1998

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Re: Joseph Cohen Lecture

Dear Barton:

Dean Powell has asked me to extend to you and your guests an invitation to dinner before the Joseph Cohen Lecture on April 9. Dinner will be held at the Grand Street Cafe, behind Winstead's near the Plaza, at 6:00 p.m. We have reserved the small private room in the rear. Since you asked for 4 tickets, I am assuming that you will be four for dinner. Joseph Hartzler and his wife, Dean Powell, and I will be joining you.

We are about to begin the design of the program for the evening. If you have additional information about your father that you would like Dean Powell to use in his introduction, or that you would like included in the program, please fax it to me at (816) 235-5591.

I am also enclosing the press release prepared by University Communications to publicize this year's event.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's Cohen Lecture.

Sincerely,

Corinne Cooper
Professor of Law

cc: Dean Burnele V. Powell

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 9, 1998 #372
Contact: Shaunda Parks
(816) 235-1591

**UMKC Joseph Cohen Lecture Series to Feature
Oklahoma City Bombing Lead Counsel, Joseph Hartzler**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – On April 9, Joseph Hartzler will give the Joseph Cohen Lecture at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. The lecture, in observance of the April 1995 anniversary of the Oklahoma City Bombing, will focus on civil rights in the face of terrorism.

Hartzler, the government's lead counsel in the Oklahoma City bombing case, will discuss civil rights and the consequences of the government's infringement of those rights at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the E.E. "Tom" Thompson Courtroom, UMKC School of Law, 500 E. 52nd St.

Hartzler's lecture marks the 90th anniversary of Joseph Cohen's birth. The lecture series was named for Cohen in April 1981 and honors the memory of the 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Law (UMKC School of Law's predecessor). A member of the Bar of the State of Kansas, Cohen was an eminent trial lawyer devoted to the education and training of lawyers in the art of advocacy. Throughout his lifetime, Cohen was actively involved in issues relating to religious liberties and civil rights.

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Hartzler has concentrated 19 years of practice in the area of criminal law. In 1979, he served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago, where he prosecuted virtually every type of federal offense from mail theft to terrorism. He served as Chief of the Civil Division and Chief of the Criminal Division until 1989, when he was named a partner at the Chicago law firm Rudnick & Wolfe. Following the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno selected Hartzler, who volunteered his services in the case, to head the nine-member federal prosecution team.

The UMKC Joseph Cohen Lecture is free and open to the public; however, tickets are required by calling (816) 235-5573. People with speech or hearing impairments may call Relay Missouri at (800) 735-2966 (TT) or (800) 735-2466 (voice).

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NOTE: Hartzler will be available for interviews before his lecture to UMKC law students at noon in the UMKC School of Law. Reporters interested in interviewing Hartzler can call Shaunda Parks at (816) 235-1591.



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Re: Joseph Cohen Lecture

Dear Barton:

I just wanted to let you know how grateful the faculty and students were for the opportunity to meet Joseph Hartzler, and to attend this year's Joseph Cohen Lecture. Each of the students who participated has come to me with different insights that the experience elicited.

I thought it was a delightful and provocative evening. We are all grateful for the support and guidance that you offer to UMKC School of Law.

Sincerely,

Corinne Cooper
Professor of Law

P.S. Tell Mary I am perfectly serious about her joining the first year class!

cc: Dean Burnele V. Powell



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April 15, 1998

Joseph Hartzler
Office of the U.S. Attorney
600 East Monroe
Room 312
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Mr. Hartzler:

I wanted you to know how much we enjoyed having you at UMKC Law School as the Joseph Cohen Lecturer. The students, faculty, the audience, and the Cohen family all found the evening exhilarating and provocative.

The students who participated have each come to me to discuss the evening's impact on them. They were uniformly affected by it. After the event, I said to Nick Marshall (your nascent assassin), "Well, there goes the federal judgeship! I have you on tape." And he responded, "I thought of that!" It was interesting to see how the members of the audience were able to see where you were heading, while the students were totally swept up in the exercise.

I hope that you and your family enjoyed your trip to Kansas City. I appreciate your sharing your very valuable free time with us.

Sincerely,

Corinne Cooper
Professor of Law
Chair, Program Committee

cc: Dean Burnele Venable Powell
Barton P. Cohen, Esq.

April 13, 1998



MEMO TO: Corinne Cooper

FROM: Shaunda Parks 

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Attached for your files are copies of articles and calendar listings that were printed in *The Kansas City Star*, *The Kansas City Globe*, *The Kansas City Call*, *Wednesday Magazine*, *Pitch Weekly* and *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*.

In addition, the Joseph Hartzler lecture received coverage Thursday, April 9, and Friday, April 10, on news radio stations KMBZ-AM 980 and 61 Country. The Randall Kennedy lecture received coverage on WDAF-TV4, KSHB-TV41, KCUR's Walt Bodine Show and on the KPHN 1190-AM Mike Shanin show, Off Center.

We were pleased to see that many news clips included the name of the lecture series, which is rarely printed.

Once we have a copy of the photos from the Hartzler lecture, we will send them with a cutline to *The Independent* and *The Jewish Chronicle* for additional publicity. In the meantime, we will continue to forward additional clips as they come through our office.

cc: Bill French
Barbara Smith
Dean Burnele Powell
Rick Mann

NATION

Lead prosecutor in McVeigh trial talks on terrorism

By RASHEEDA CRAYTON
Staff Writer

A University of Missouri-Kansas City audience of law students got a lesson Thursday night in the difference between terrorism and patriotism.

The teacher was Joseph Hartzler, lead prosecutor in the trial of convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.



“(McVeigh) had so rationalized his behavior, he saw himself as a patriot and not a terrorist,” Hartzler said. “McVeigh said he believed deeply in the ideals on which this nation was founded. But he didn’t. He went after innocent people, and that is not patriotism.”

Last June, Hartzler won a conviction against McVeigh for his participation in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 persons. Hartzler spoke to about 40 persons, most of them law students, at the UMKC Law School.

To illustrate how easily people can rationalize violent acts, Hartzler called on six audience members. He designated three of them as under age 27 and three as over 27, then told them that the rights to drive and vote were granted only to those over age 27.

Hartzler then introduced scenarios to inflame the under-27 group, ending with a fatal fire that was rumored to have been started by the over-27 crowd.

The under-27 group then decided to assassinate the leader of the other group.

“I didn’t get really into it until he said that (driving) was an inalienable right, something that was invaluable,” said role player Nick Marshall, who suggested the assassination plot. “It really made you think about the incident and what happened three years ago.”

Hartzler soon stopped the role-playing and reiterated that patriots don’t kill innocent people. He said people who are at odds with another group should resolve their problems by dealing with the others, rather than involving innocent bystanders.

“The most fundamental thing for me was the death penalty phase of that trial,” Hartzler said. “It was all about perception and McVeigh was hearing only what he wanted to hear. I told the jury, ‘Please don’t do anything to encourage this kind of behavior.’”



NEWSMAKERS

Joseph Hartzler, the government's lead counsel in the Oklahoma City bombing case, will give the Joseph Cohen Lecture tonight at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Thompson Courtroom, 500 E. 52nd St.

■ **CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE FACE OF TERRORISM:** Joseph Cohen Lecture. Speaker: Joseph Hartzler, the U.S. government's lead counsel in the Oklahoma City bombing case. 7:30 p.m. April 9, E.E. "Tom" Thompson Courtroom, UMKC School of Law, 500 E. 52nd. Free; reservations required. (235-5573)

THIS WEEK

Thursday

**Joseph Cohen Lecture at
the UMKC Law School**

Title: "Civil Rights and Civil
Wrongs"

Topic: Civil rights in the face of
domestic terrorism

Speaker: Joseph Hartzler, Assis-
tant U.S. Attorney and lead govern-
ment counsel in the Oklahoma City
bombing case

Location: E.E. Thompson Court-
room, UMKC School of Law

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: None, but tickets are required

Information: (616) 235-1591

Counsel in Oklahoma bombing case to discuss civil rights at UMKC

On April 9, Joseph Hartzler will give the Joseph Cohen Lecture at the UMKC School of Law, 500 E. 52nd St. The lecture, in observance of the April, 1995 anniversary of the Oklahoma City Bombing, will focus on civil rights in the face of terrorism.

Hartzler was the lead counsel in the bombing case. He will discuss civil rights and the consequences of the government's infringement of those rights at 7:30 p.m. in the E.E. "Tom" Thompson Courtroom.

The event is free and open to the public. Tickets, however, are required by calling 235-5573.

Hartzler has concentrated 19 years of practice in the area of criminal law.

In 1979, he served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago, where he prosecuted virtually every type of federal offense from mail theft to terrorism.

Following the 1995 bombing, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno selected Hartzler, who volunteered his services in the case, to head the nine-member federal prosecution team.



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Mr. Barton P. and Dr. Mary Davidson Cohen
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Dear Barton and Mary,

It was a pleasure meeting you both last week at the Joseph Cohen Lecture that featured guest speaker, Brian Levin. It was a privilege to have worked on the details for this important event.

I wanted to share some of the positive feedback that has been relayed to the faculty and staff here at the Law School. Last Friday, Dean Powell was stopped in the hall by a student who said, (and this is an actual quote) "Dean, I just want to tell you that Levin was the best thing that has taken place at this institution in the time I've been here." Many of the professors commented that they also received positive feedback from students. Additionally, I received a call at home last weekend from the parent of a high school student who attended the lecture because this particular student is seriously contemplating going to law school. The parent was calling to thank UMKC and the Joseph Cohen Lecture for giving her son had the opportunity to hear Brian Levin.

I also wanted to let you know that Ron, a very helpful JCC staff member, took great care in hanging the blue and yellow banner that has traditionally served as a visual announcement of the UMKC School of Law/ The Joseph Cohen Lecture Series. However, when Brian Levin asked for a screen and an overhead projector (which he ended up not using), the screen that dropped from the ceiling completely covered the banner! Despite the hidden banner, I know that the 1999 Joseph Cohen lecture was a great success, providing not only Law School students, but the greater Kansas City community with an important, topical and thought-provoking evening.

Again, it was a pleasure to have met you both. I look forward to providing support for future Joseph Cohen lectures!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debby Simon".

Debby Simon
Advancement Officer for
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Brian Levin, Esq.



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7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 11, 1999

Jewish Community Campus

5801 West 115th Street

Overland Park, Kansas

The Joseph Cohen Lecture

The Joseph Cohen Lecture Series honors the memory of Joseph Cohen, a 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Law, the predecessor of the UMKC School of Law. The Joseph Cohen Lecture celebrates the courage and commitment of a lawyer to the causes of civil rights, individual liberty and religious freedom.

Joseph Cohen loved the challenge of being an advocate for a cause or a person. He was a member of the Bar of the State of Kansas and an eminent trial lawyer who was devoted to the education and training of lawyers in the art of advocacy.

For more than 20 years, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and throughout his lifetime was actively involved in issues relating to religious liberties and civil rights.

The UMKC School of Law and The Joseph Cohen Lecture gratefully acknowledge the cooperation and support of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau and the Jewish Community Center.

There will be a brief reception following the lecture.

Brian Levin, Esq.

Associate
Professor of
Criminal Justice,
California State
University at
San Bernardino

Civil rights attorney Brian Levin is the founder and director of the Center on Hate & Extremism, which conducts sophisticated research and monitors trends, criminal cases and legislation pertaining to terrorism, extremist movements and hate crimes.

Previously, Professor Levin served as Associate Director-Legal Affairs of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Klanwatch/Militia Task Force in Montgomery, Ala.; Legal Director of the Center for the Study of Ethnic and Racial Violence in Newport Beach, Calif., and as a corporate litigator for Irell & Manella. Mr. Levin also was a New York City police officer in the Harlem and Washington Heights sections of Manhattan during the crack wars of the 1980s.

Mr. Levin is a graduate of Stanford Law School, where he was awarded the Block Civil Liberties Award for his work on hate crime. The California Association of Human Rights Organizations recently selected him to receive its Civil Rights Award. He is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and the State of California. He received his bachelor's degree with multiple honors from the University of Pennsylvania.

He is the author or co-author of several widely cited Supreme Court briefs, books, scholarly articles, training manuals and studies on extremism or civil rights. His analytical research on the severity of hate crime offenses was presented to the U.S. Supreme Court in two amicus briefs he authored on behalf of more than one dozen government agencies and civil rights groups. The analysis was adopted by the Court in a unanimous opinion upholding hate crime statutes in *Wisconsin v. Mitchell*.

Mr. Levin has testified before Congress, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and various state legislatures on hate and extremism. He has appeared on numerous national network evening news and public affairs broadcasts on hate, terrorism and extremism, as well as in numerous nationally known newspapers and periodicals.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT UMKC

Monday, November 15 – 7:00 pm – Pierson Auditorium
Orville Schell, author and foremost expert on China, will give a lecture at the Cockefair Chair Annual Dinner. Cost is \$17 per person.
Call Central Ticket Office at 235-2700 for reservations.

Tuesday, November 16 – 7:30 p.m. – Room 106, Univ. Center
Professor Robert D. Herman will give the 1999-2000 Annual N.T. Veatch lecture. Free and open to the public, however reservations are required by calling the Central Ticket Office at 235-2700.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 – Friday, Dec. 24 – Missouri Repertory Theatre presents “*A Christmas Carol*,” by Charles Dickens. For ticket information, call the Central Ticket Office at 235-2700.

Wednesday, November 17 – Conservatory of Music presents “*Bach’s Lunch*”. Noon in Room 122, Grant Hall. Free and open to the public.

Men’s Basketball vs. M.M.S. AAU. 7 pm in Municipal Auditorium.
For ticket information, call the Central Ticket Office at 235-2700

Thursday, Nov. 18 – Saturday, Nov. 20 – 7:30 pm, White Recital Hall, 4949 Cherry - Conservatory of Music presents “*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*,” an opera by Benjamin Britten. For tickets, call the Central Ticket Office at 235-2700.

Sunday, Dec. 5 – 7:30 pm White Recital Hall, 4949 Cherry – “*An American Family Christmas*” with singers and instrumentalists under the direction of Eph Ehly. Presented by Conservatory of Music Signature Series. Call 235-2700 for tickets.

Saturday, Dec. 11 – 7:30 pm, White Recital Hall, 4949 Cherry – *Quartetto Gelato* will play holiday selections from *Corelli, Dvorak, Holst* and traditional favorites. Presented by Conservatory of Music Signature Series. Call 235-2700 for tickets.

Friday, Dec. 17 – 3:00pm Swinney Rec Center, 50th & Holmes – Mid-Year Commencement

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Opinion

Fight the hate

The crowd of nearly 200 people who showed up last week at the Jewish Community Campus to hear remarks from two experts on hate groups and political extremism shows that the sponsoring agency, the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee, has its finger on the pulse of the community.

Titled "After the L.A. Shootings: What's Next? Perspectives from the United States and Europe," the forum featured local researcher and writer Leonard Zeskind and his European colleague, Graeme Atkinson of the anti-fascist Searchlight magazine.

They trace a rise in "white nationalism" to the collapse of the Cold War political system. Absent a red enemy — and the unifying effect that had on Americans — Zeskind says that many people on the extremes are casting their lots with the white race, rather than with any national government or mainstream political movement. And when you start identifying yourself as a racist, almost no action — even gunning down children in a Jewish Community Center day care center — is unthinkable.

Vigilance is about our only recourse. We can support the work of Jewish defense agencies like the JCRB/AJCommittee. We can take prudent measures to increase security at Jewish institutions without making them fortresses. And we can demand that law enforcement give a high priority to combating violent hate groups; hopefully infiltrating them and preventing their members from carrying out any nefarious deeds.

The JCRB/AJCommittee is cooperating on another intriguing program next week. Attorney, college professor and former New York City cop Brian Levin will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Jewish Community Campus on "Hate Crimes and the Law." Levin will deliver the annual Joseph Cohen Lecture, sponsored by the UMKC School of Law.

Levin is one of the leading legal strategists in the fight against hate crimes. His insights should also prove fascinating and timely.

Local News

Civil rights attorney to speak in KC on terrorism, hate crimes

Brian Levin has devoted his life to fighting hate crimes by strengthening federal laws, testifying before Congress, speaking throughout the country and presenting to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of civil rights groups.

Levin will come to Kansas City Thursday, Nov. 11, to speak on "Hate Crimes and the Law" at the Jewish Community Center, 5801 W. 115th St., as part of the Joseph Cohen Lecture at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The 7:30 p.m. event is supported by the UMKC School of Law, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community Relations Bureau.

The lecture is free and open to the public, but reservations are required by calling the UMKC Central Ticket Office at (816) 235-2700.

People with speech or hearing impairments may call Relay Missouri at (800) 735-2966 (TT) or (800) 735-2466 (voice).

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BRIAN LEVIN

Local News

Rabbi Cohen to be honored for decade of service

Rabbi Alan Cohen will be honored at the Combined Conservative Movement Event on Sunday morning, Dec. 5, at Congregation Beth Shalom. He will be recognized for 10 years of service as senior rabbi of the congregation.

This will be the second year in which fund-raising efforts for several organizations within the Conservative Jewish movement have been combined into a single event — a concept initiated by Rabbi Cohen last year. "It is only fitting that



RABBI ALAN COHEN

this event should honor Rabbi Cohen, who has contributed so much to our congregation and to the Conservative movement both here and in Israel," said Shelley Silverman, event chairman.

The Combined Conservative Movement Event will benefit the Jewish Theological Seminary in the United States, as well as three organizations for the advancement of the Conservative movement in Israel: the Tali School Movement, the Masorti Movement, and the Fuchsberg Center for

Conservative Judaism.

The Dec. 5 event will include a study session led by guest speaker Dr. Anne Lapidus Lerner, vice chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary. A donor brunch will follow.

As this year's honoree, Rabbi Cohen has been active for many years in his work to further the principles and practices of Conservative Judaism. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he graduated cum laude from Columbia University with a bachelor's degree in history. He holds bachelor's and masters' degrees in Hebrew Letters from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, where he also

was ordained as rabbi. In 1998, the JTS granted him an honorary Doctor of Divinity.

Rabbi Cohen came to Congregation Beth Shalom in 1989 from previous pulpits at Temple Beth El in West Palm Beach, Fla.; Synagogue Emanu-El in Charleston, S.C.; and Congregation B'nai Israel in Gainesville, Fla. Throughout his career, he has taken an active role in both religious and civic arenas on behalf of education and social action.

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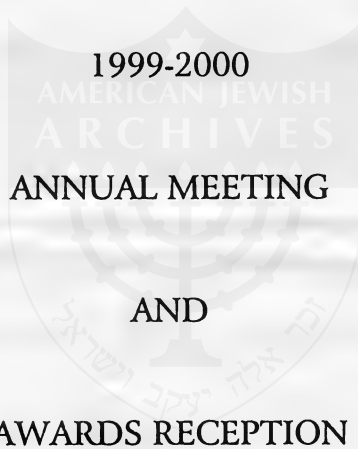
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tribution was from a source that the people involved in the fund-raising hadn't really identified. He stepped forward and made the gift. It came at a very important time for the community at large. It helped liquidate the debt on the campus, which was much appreciated."

In all, Koralchik contributed \$1.7 million dollars to the Jewish Community Campus



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**Mistaken eyewitness from victim Jennifer Thompson
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Professor Richard Rosen helped release Ronald Cotton
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Come hear their story.

7:00 pm Wednesday, October 17, 2001
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Lyrics on cover composed by Ronald Cotton while in prison

Joseph and Barton Cohen Papers. MS-778, Box 3, Folder 3. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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7:00 p.m.

E.E. (Tom) Thompson Courtroom

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Panel Members and Background Information

Jennifer Thompson was sleeping in her apartment in North Carolina. It was the summer of 1984. She was twenty-two years old. Jennifer Thompson was suddenly awakened by an intruder—a man with a knife. Jennifer Thompson soon realized she was going to be raped.

Ronald Cotton was positively identified by Jennifer Thompson when she selected him from a police line-up. A trial was held in January 1985, and Ronald Cotton was convicted. He was also convicted of a second rape that occurred in the same proximity. At a second trial held in November 1987, Ronald Cotton was sentenced to 54 years plus life in prison.

Professor Richard Rosen along with another new attorney, took over Ronald Cotton's case in 1994. In the appeal process, they filed a motion for DNA testing. The results of the testing did not match with Ronald Cotton, thus proving that Ronald Cotton was innocent.

On June 30, 1995, Ronald Cotton was cleared of all charges and released from prison. He had served 10.5 years of his sentence. Mr. Cotton was offered \$5,000 in compensation for the time he spent in prison.

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Joseph Cohen practiced law in Kansas City, Kansas for more than 50 years. He was regarded as one of the area's leading trial attorneys, and built his reputation as a dedicated advocate for the disadvantaged and disabled. He was a member of the Bar of the State of Kansas and an eminent trial lawyer who was devoted to the education and training of lawyers in the art of advocacy. He wanted law students to approach their studies with enthusiasm and dedication.

Joseph Cohen was a founder and the first president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, and the first representative from Kansas to the Board of Directors of the American Trial Lawyers Association. He was also the founder and the first president of the Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society, and the president of the Wyandotte County Bar Association. For more than 20 years, Joseph Cohen was a member of the Board of Directors of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Throughout his lifetime, Joseph Cohen was actively involved in issues relating to religious liberties and civil rights.

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5/13/02

GOP sees political capital in policies

Bush stand on Israel finds Jewish support

By KEVIN MURPHY
The Kansas City Star

WASHINGTON — Republicans think President Bush's strong support for Israel in its conflict with Palestinians could pay off with Jewish voters, historically a Democratic stronghold.

Jewish Republicans say there are signs of a drift toward Bush, who got only 19 percent of the Jewish vote in 2000.

ANALYSIS

Democrats concede that Bush has pleased Jews with his pro-Israel views but say it won't matter at the polls.

"There is no question there is an historic opportunity for the Republican party within the Jewish community to significantly alter the political landscape," said Matt Brooks, executive director of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

Brooks cited a survey from late last year by GOP pollster Frank Luntz showing that 66 percent of Jews approved of Bush's handling of relations with Israel, even though 79 percent of the respondents said they were Democrats or independents. Overall, Bush got a 79 percent approval rating from Jews.

A Gallup Poll in early May found that Republicans and conservatives were more likely than other groups to say that the United

States should take Israel's side in the Mideast.

Bush met last week with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and has largely backed Israel in its defense against Palestinian terrorism.

Last month, he eased off a demand that Israel immediately withdraw forces for the West Bank.

The Sept. 11 terrorist strikes in the United States seem to have made Bush more supportive of Israel's right to respond to attacks, said Amy Walk Katz, president of the politically neutral Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City.

"Frankly, if he was to dig in his heels, I would say, 'How can you condemn Israel given what the United States has done in Afghanistan?'" Katz said. "He's been right on the money and he's extended that same logic to Israel."

Two other rabbis in the Kansas City area, both Democrats, said Bush and Republican leaders such as House Majority Whip Tom DeLay are getting the attention of Jews.

"At one point in past years it was hard to find involved Jewish people who identified very much with the Republican Party," said Alan Cohen, rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom. "I think that's less true today, certainly here in the Midwest."

Mark Levin, rabbi at Congregation Beth Torah, said he would not be surprised if the Israeli situation worked to the president's political advantage. But Levin said Bush and Republicans still don't represent most Jews on other issues.

"I don't think the domestic agenda of the Republicans is going to benefit," Levin said. "People are pleased with the reaction to (the Israel conflict) but I doubt it's going to affect their voting patterns."

Jews traditionally part with Republicans on issues such as abortion, gun control, school prayer and funding of social programs.

David Harris, deputy director of the National Jewish Democratic Council, said Republicans have been saying for years that Jewish voters are leaning their way.

"Much smoke, no fire," Harris said. "Every year we have reams of quotes from GOP operatives saying this is the year for realignment. It never materializes."

No one could argue, however, that the Israeli-Palestinian issue will cost Bush any support among Jews, Levin said. In a close election, a small gain in votes from a group that turns out heavily at the polls could make a difference.

Brooks said Bush got 35 percent of the Jewish vote in Florida, where his razor-thin victory gave him the White House. Jews account for about 4 percent of voters nationwide, but are more prevalent in key

electoral vote states like Florida and New York.

One sign of a Jewish tilt toward the GOP is a "dramatic" increase in membership of the Republican Jewish Coalition, Brooks said, though he would not give numbers. The coalition is opening offices in several states, he said.

Barton Cohen, a Leawood resident and member of the coalition's board of directors, said he has seen two recent signals of growing Jewish support for Bush and the GOP.

On May 6 at a meeting organized by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Leawood, about 150 people turned out to hear U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt, a Republican from Springfield, speak about the Israel-Palestinian conflict, Cohen said.

"In the past I've tried getting turnouts for Republican senators and Congress people and have never seen a turnout as large as that," Cohen said.

Cohen said the other recent sign of Jewish support for the GOP was an April 26 editorial in the *Kansas City Jewish Chronicle* stating that "Israel is finding much more support on the Republican side of the aisle..." The publication does not endorse candidates but usually expresses views consistent with Democrats.

Concern over the situation in Israel may somewhat overshadow other issues that normally work in favor of Democrats, Cohen said.

"There are those who still place higher priority on those issues but I think a larger number of Jews are now really concerned and place their highest priority on the future and security of Israel," he said.

Republicans would not only like to draw more votes from Jews but also more money.

Jews accounted for 21 percent of money donated to Democratic candidates for president in the 2000 primaries but only 2.5 percent of donations to the Republican hopefuls, according to research by political scientists at the University of Akron.

There has been no trend in favor of the GOP, said political science professor John Green at the university. In some recent elections, Jews accounted for as much as 4 percent of donations to the GOP, he said.

"I don't think that Bush will do much in the way of permanently attracting Jewish voters to the Republican Party," Green said.

"But Bush and other Republicans might get more donations from Jewish supporters who appreciate their Middle East positions. If that went from 2.5 percent to 10 percent of their money, that would be a dramatic increase."

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Dear First-year Law Student:

I write to extend greetings and congratulations to you upon your pending arrival at the School of Law. Aspirations that for some of you are grounded in childhood dreams and for others are planted in no firmer soil than a casual conversation at your college graduation party now converge to make all of you, simply: The Class of 2005.

It is a grand title, earned after a most probing review of your excellent credentials, and I know that you will wear it well.

"The Story"

In this, my annual letter welcoming the first-year class, I traditionally take the opportunity to say a little about who we are, something about what is going on in the life of the law school, and by implication – rather than in any preachy way -- a word about what we are expecting from you. This year's search for a theme that would allow me to frame these thoughts came more easily than in some years. In fact, I can say, quite literally, that it arrived in the mail.

Sorting through the mounds of mail last week, I was surprised by a cheerful note from two longstanding friends of the law school, Barton and Dr. Mary Davidson Cohen. As a heads-up, you will come to know the Cohens for, among other things, their support of the *Joseph Cohen Lectureship*. Joseph Cohen was a 1925 graduate of the School of Law (then known as the University of Kansas City School of Law). Upon graduation, he went on to become a distinguished trial lawyer who devoted his life to the education and training of trial lawyers, the ideals of leadership and public service, and the defense of religious liberties and civil rights. Since 1981, The Joseph Cohen Lectureship has celebrated lawyers in the Cohen tradition.

Last year's Cohen Lecture, for example, presented Jennifer Thompson, Ronald Cotton, and law professor Richard Rosen. The three have become sort of demi-celebrities as a result of their roles in an almost operatic miscarriage of justice – a 1984 North Carolina case involving rape, mistaken identification, and imprisonment. Together they told the story of an eleven-year struggle by Rosen and other lawyers to free Cotton, and how Thompson and Cotton have not only become friends, but crusaders in the effort to require corroboration for eyewitness testimony.

But I digress. My point was the understated note penned by Bart, explaining: "Mary and I found the enclosed at an antique store in the country and thought it belonged with your archives."

The "this" Cohen referred to was a copy of *The Kansas City School of Law Announcement for the Thirty-seventh Year 1931-1932 (June 1931)*!

So there it was: one of our earliest compilations of *The Story* – the story of which you are now a part!

The Announcement opens with a photograph of the entrance to the second law school building, simply framed with what to the untutored eye are Roman columns capped with a crest on a bed of scrolled ribbons and depicting what appears to be Lady Liberty surrounded by scales of justice and the lamp of knowledge. Chiseled in large characters is an address that is still recognizable in downtown Kansas City today: 913 Baltimore. It is an address less than half a block from the law school's first permanent location in Kansas City's first "skyscraper," the 1888 *Italianate* design building at 20 West Ninth Street, which is now the Aquila World Headquarters. As Aquila (then known as "UtiliCorp") described it during its 1997 grand opening following the restoration: "This is . . . one of the few 19th century buildings in Kansas City known by students of architecture throughout the U.S."

Three other things draw attention to the fact that *The Announcement* is something special. First, there is an organizational history listing the original incorporators: Judge Francis M. Black, The Honorable Oliver H. Dean, The Honorable Sanford B. Ladd, Judge Edward L. Scarritt, Judge Edward H. Stiles, The Honorable R. J. Ingraham, The Honorable James H. Harkless, The Honorable John W. Snyder, the Honorable Elmer N. Powell, the Honorable Edward D. Ellison and The Honorable William P. Borland.

Because it was Ellison, Boreland and Powell -- the first of whom was also the first Dean -- who formed the law study club from which sprang the idea to initiate the August 1895 petition that led the Jackson County Circuit Court to decree the establishment of the Kansas City School of Law, history's spotlight has fallen most brightly upon them. But what *The Announcement* preserves is the record that even thirty-seven years later the law school was hard at work documenting its history.

That study club, the first two of whose members had only recently been admitted to the bar, shared more than a commitment to law; they shared a vision that would not only affect the local law community but shape the City of Kansas City and, in significant ways, the Nation. (Consider, for example the impact of alumni Harry S. Truman, Charles Evans Whittaker, and Clarence M. Kelley.) Ellison, Boreland, and Powell dreamed of a law school in Kansas City -- at the center of the Nation -- that would provide students access to the forefront of legal education. They wanted a school where students would not only study law but practice it as well. Then, as now, however, they understood that such a dream could not be realized without the support of leading members of the bench and bar. These were men of vision, courage, and competence -- men of stature -- but most of all, they were practical leaders who cared about the law and their community and understood that, as lawyers, they had a responsibility to give something back.

A Deep and Special Connection

What is remarkable, and my second point, is the extent to which in realizing their vision, they also established a deep and continuing association of the law school with the leadership of Kansas City. Even a casual perusal of the Faculty Section reveals names of prominence in the Kansas City of the 1930s. Many of them remain so today and, given the tradition of the law school, it would be surprising if some of you are not, like Kevin Bacon, within six degrees of them: Sanford B. Ladd, for whom an elementary school was named; Judge Merrill E. Otis of the U.S. District Court; Cyrus Crane and Thomas H. Reynolds of the Lathrop, Crane, Reynolds, Sawyer & Mersereau firm, which later merged with the Gage firm to become the Lathrop & Gage Law Firm; John B. Gage, lead partner and former reform-Mayor who led the drive to oust the Pendergast political machine, and for whom the school's annual *John B. Gage Lecture* is named; Arthur D. Scarritt, for whom downtown's Scarritt Building is named; John S. Dawson of the Supreme Court of Kansas; and Henry L. Jost, Mayor of Kansas City and Member of Congress.

There is also a geographical and social lesson presented by that faculty list. The buildings and businesses mentioned there are all the evidence one needs that the law School's influence has long extended up and down the social stratum and across the length and breadth of the Metroplex. Think, then, if you can, of Kansas City without a few of the historic power corridors that are mentioned: The Commerce Building, the Missouri Court of Appeals, the Rialto Building, the Kansas City Life Insurance Co., the Federal Reserve Bank Building, and the Office of the Missouri Attorney General. Remember, too, that it was to the synergies of such a community that *The Announcement* alluded when it pointed out that:

Kansas City has many advantages for the location of a law school, and in this matter Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas, the metropolis of Kansas, are one. Combined, they have a population of over 500,000 and are rapidly growing. Within these cities are held a multitude of courts, which are in almost constant session.

Ultimately, though, I do not recount this history simply out of pride, though it is certainly hard not to take great satisfaction in what has become of the study club's vision. No, there is a larger, more immediate, and now for you more personal reason, for recounting it. *The Story* is a reminder that individuals – and sometimes a very few individuals – can make a difference. It tells us, too, that we are aware that the law school's social, psychological, fiscal and physical connections to Kansas City are unique for any law school and, as a consequence, particularly important to the way this one defines itself. Implicitly, *The Story* reminds us that in the legal world, as in the world generally, it is still the three C's – competence, concentration, and cooperation – that ultimately make the difference when it comes to success.

In 1931 one of the ways we expressed the three C's was in terms of our ability, as a law school, to bring expert teachers and practitioners together and we emphasized the importance of a supportive working relationship between the academy and the profession. We expressed the hope in *The Announcement* that:

. . . all students who can do so will connect themselves with law offices in the city, as the best practical results can be attained in this way in their studies. The officers of the school frequently have inquiries from leading lawyers, who are willing to take students into their offices. While the faculty cannot engage to find such opening for all students who may apply, its members are willing to extend any aid they can in this direction.

Today, we emphasize that same relationship through the work of our faculty in professional organizations (such as the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the Missouri Bar, the Kansas Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, and the list goes on). You will learn soon about the work of various professors in efforts that bring lawyers and professors into working relationships: Ellen Suni and Andre Moenssens working to establish a chapter of the Innocence Project; Mark Berger's involvement in labor arbitration; Chris Hoyt's efforts around the country to educate about our charitable-giving laws; Mary Kay Kisthardt's efforts to promote "appropriate dispute resolution" techniques; and there are many others.

You can also add to this list our growing efforts to expand our clinical teaching program. In the last several years, we have expanded our Externship Program and introduced three modest-size legal clinics, where students have yet another opportunity to learn-by-doing under the supervision of lawyers. Although you will not be eligible to participate until after your first year, there is little downside to learning more about the Kansas City Tax Clinic, the Business/Law Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, and the Child and Family Services Law Clinic.

I would also include in the category of learning-by-doing our two international summer school programs. The world, the world economy, and the role of lawyers in relation to them are changing. Different perspectives for different times will be needed. You should begin early to think about what an international perspective on the law might mean to you. The *Summer School in China*, directed by Professor Patrick Randolph, is held each year at Peking School of Law in Beijing. It offers an opportunity that is unique among American law schools, to study abroad in courses that are actually taught by leading legal scholars from the host country. Similarly, we have established an outstanding *Summer Law Program in Ireland*, which focuses on the conduct of commerce with the European Community from a uniquely Irish-American perspective. Conducted in two phases that are divided among the cosponsoring universities, the first phase of the program takes place on the campus of Magee College, University of Ulster. The second phase is conducted in Derry, Northern Ireland on the campus of the University College of Dublin.

These are but a few of the efforts that keep alive the tradition of *informed education* that was celebrated as the justification of our founding and that continue to excite our vision today.

Some Faculty and School Developments

The notion of informed education -- and this brings me to the third, and final, point that I wanted to share -- cannot simply mean that legal education must reflect the environment in which it is taught. It must also include an expectation about how our graduates will comport themselves in the world. That is why we were not surprised to see in *Ingram's Magazine's* recent issue about "Rainmakers, that three of the eight persons featured were UMKC *Juris Doctor* or Masters of Law graduates. What they shared in common, however, was not simply their *alma maters*; it was an attitude about the law. "The single most important thing," said Jim Polsinelli, the chairman and founder of the firm that bears his name, Polsinelli, Shalton & Welte, "is that I thoroughly enjoy what I do. If you are going to be successful, you have to love and have passion for what you are doing."

Another graduate, Larry Ward, chairman of the board of Shugart Thomson & Kilroy, put it this way: "You have to become a consummate professional . . . You have to become the very best that you can be at what you specialize in . . . I overworked every case, . . . I worried about every detail, every nuance."

And the third, Peter Brown, a partner at Husch & Eppenberger whose practice emphasizes the business tax planning he refined in the graduate tax program, suggested that an informed education must also relate to the practice environment: "This is a total entrepreneurial town . . . People don't worry about where you're from, but what you do."

None of these graduates reached the pinnacle of success without a personal commitment. But understand, too, that they did not succeed -- could not have succeeded -- without the investment that others (and in particular the law school) made in them. When I speak of an informed education, therefore, understand that I am speaking broadly about the continuing vision of intellectual and social reciprocity that we are working to foster at the law school and the role that each of us -- you included -- have to play in it.

At the most basic level, for example, we remain committed to the ideal of an engaged, committed and accessible faculty. You will find that your professors are available not only in the classroom, but also during scheduled contact hours, through informal interaction in other activities of the law school, and in many instances through Internet-based technologies. If you have not already done so, you should log on to the school's website at <http://www.law.umkc.edu/>. You will want to see, in particular, the *Famous Trials* web pages maintained by Professor Doug Linder and the Forensic Law and Evidence website maintained by Professor Andre Moenssens.

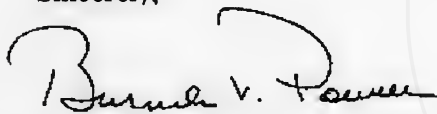
There is also a general note about the faculty that you should be aware of this year. By coincidence, we have several faculty members who are (or will soon be) on leave. Among those who regularly teach first-year courses, Professor Barbara Glesner Fines, who teaches civil procedure, will be visiting the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign during the second semester. Also, at the end of the first semester, Professor Andre Moenssens, who teaches criminal law, will retire.

At the upper-level division, you should also be aware that Professor Kris Kobach, who teaches constitutional law and is currently serving as a White House Fellow, will continue on assignment with the Justice Department for another year. Finally, with the decision of Professor Ed Richards to relocate southward, Professor Rogelio Lasso of Washburn School of Law, has agreed, as he did two years ago, to teach torts for us.

And there are some environmental changes that continue to evolve. Several of you who attended open-house programs or arranged for private tours of the building with *The Emissaries*, the student volunteers who represent the law school, will find that there are some subtle changes that have taken place since spring. The Student Lounge is now completely furnished, the chairs and side-tables having all arrived. We have also activated the wireless Internet connection, so if your deskbook is properly carded, you will be able to log-on in the lounge (or for that matter on the Truman Terrace or virtually any other place in the law school). Those who are true propeller-heads will also note that the campus Internet II is up and running, so that it is now possible to access Court TV and other cable channels via the Internet. Finally, as a last technological note, the electronic computer bar, which is designed to provide walk-up access to one's e-mail account, should be operating by the time you arrive.

Let me say in conclusion, therefore, that we are excited about sharing *The Story* with you and helping you to write your chapter in it. With a commitment to each other and to the future, we cannot fail. Again, then: Welcome and congratulations. May the very best that this special year has to offer be yours!

Sincerely,



Burnele V. Powell
Dean and Professor of Law



JEWISH CHRONICLE

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Adrien Brody plays Wladyslaw Szpilman in 'The Pianist,' opening here Jan. 10.

Truth to tell

Polanski's 'The Pianist' is Holocaust survivor's story set in Warsaw

By Tom Tugend
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LOS ANGELES — When Nazi troops abandoned Warsaw in January 1945, only 20 out of the city's prewar Jewish population of 360,000 were still alive.

One of the survivors was Wladyslaw Szpilman, one of Poland's foremost composers and concert pianists.

He lived through Warsaw's five years of agony, from the opening carpet bombing of the Polish capital, through the ghetto, forced labor and random executions, while witnessing the ghetto uprising of 1943 and the Polish uprising one year later.

Immediately after the liberation of Warsaw by Soviet troops, Szpilman recorded his experiences, in a curiously detached tone, in "Death of a City."

The book was read by another Polish Jew and Holocaust survivor, film director Roman Polanski ("Chinatown," "Rosemary's Baby"). He escaped from the Krakow Ghetto at age 7 and had been searching for a way to tell this story without making it autobiographical.

The result is "The Pianist," a two-and-a-half hour English-language film with an international cast that opens Jan. 10 in the Kansas City area. There

will be a review in next week's Chronicle.

It is a movie that is unsparing in its depiction of Nazi sadism and mindless brutality, incredible suffering and the utter destruction of the city. Yet, in the end, the film version of "The Pianist," like the book, celebrates the power of music, one man's determination to survive and the worst and best of some individuals — Jews, Poles and Germans — amid the universal carnage.

One of the saved

Szpilman originally survives the ghetto by playing popular tunes in a cafe for Jewish black marketeers and collaborators. Through the intervention of a Jewish policeman working for the Nazis, he is one of the few saved from deportation to Treblinka.

He is hidden by a Polish woman after the ghetto is razed, and in the last days of Nazi occupation, hiding in the ruins of the city like a wild, stray animal, is miraculously saved by a music-loving German officer who even gives the freezing Szpilman his overcoat.

In a final scene, Szpilman rushes out to greet the first Soviet troops, un-

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Censor or sensible?

Bart Cohen's efforts to change library policy have been shot down

By Scott Factor
Staff Writer

Striking the proper balance between providing security and promoting civil liberties is an issue that has gotten a great deal of public attention recently. In the wake of the USA Patriot Act, many people have differing opinions on where and how to draw that line.

Now the controversy has reverberated down to the local library board level, thanks to a member of the Jewish community.

"Each person has to decide where to draw the line for themselves," said Bart Cohen, a member of the Johnson County Library board. "I personally draw my line closer to the side of personal security."

Cohen, an attorney, is one of seven library board members. Each of the county's six geographic districts gets one member on the library board, with the seventh appointed by the chairman of the Board of Country Commissioners. Cohen was named to a four-year term on the board in the summer of 2001 after an

interview with Country Commissioner Annabeth Surbaugh.

"I saw an ad in the paper by the commissioner, who was seeking applicants for the position from the 3rd district," Cohen said. "I had always been interested in the library."

For instance, Cohen and his wife, Mary Davidson Cohen, gave the Johnson County Library the money necessary to buy microfilm copies of all the back issues of The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle and to have the collection updated each week. "We were concerned that Jewish history would be accessible to the Jews of this county," Cohen said. "The only other place it was available was at the downtown (Kansas City, Mo.) library, and most of this city's Jewish population lives in this county."

On the job

Soon after beginning his work on the board, Cohen said, he began to see a need for change in the way the board ran.

"I observed that the board was passive and really wasn't asked to do too much," he said. "Whenever there were policy issues presented, they were at the bottom of the agenda and usually came up at the end of the meeting. There was

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Bart Cohen, outside the main Johnson County Library.

Roger Nomer

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LIBRARY/Jewish man tries to remake Johnson County rules

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n't supposed to be any discussion about it."

One issue that Cohen immediately saw a need to address was the library collection policy. The library board's own regulations say that the board must review the collection policy every two years. But it had not since 1997.

Cohen questioned the need to strictly follow the American Library Association's basic policies, which state that "libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of views on current and historical issues."

What does that mean in an age of terrorism, Cohen wondered. Should propaganda from the Ku Klux Klan or Islamic Jihad be on the shelves of local libraries?

After further reviewing the policy, Cohen concluded that a librarian, under the current policy, has no legal grounds to refuse to put something they deem inappropriate on the shelves or in a display case.

"In my proposal, the decision of what should and shouldn't be put on display would be left to the librarians," Cohen said. "I just wanted to give them (the librarians) the power to refuse material that they perceived as hateful or inappropriate."

Cohen notes a community library is different from a research library.

"A community library appeals to children and families who are looking for reliable information and for entertaining fiction," he said. "Material that condones violence against members of the community shouldn't be allowed."

At the last library board meeting Dec. 18, Cohen made a motion to have the local library board endorse various ALA policy guidelines individually, rather than as a whole, so that each could be discussed. The motion was not seconded, and so it was not discussed.

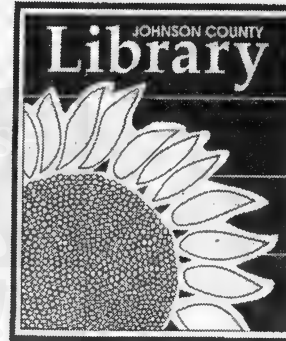
"I don't agree with the ALA and all the views that they put in," Cohen said. "I think in this community, we have a right to have our own standards."

Annabeth Surbaugh, who appointed Cohen and who will take office later this month as the first chairman of the County Commission, said the current library policy has served Johnson County well.

"We have been successful for a long period of time with this policy," she told The Chronicle. "It was made by people who have been working with libraries nationwide for years."

Other fronts

Apart from the library system's collections policy, Cohen sees an urgent need to change policy concerning Internet usage. Now the libraries follow the ALA



guideline that "A person's right to use a library shouldn't be denied or abridged because of age, origin, background or view."

This concerns Cohen.

"I don't agree with the existing policy because it says that minors of any age have the right to access any Web site they want," Cohen said. "I thought that a minor should only be allowed to use terminals with filtered software. I believe, personally, that if you let your child go to the library, you should feel comfortable that your children won't access anything that you wouldn't want them to access at home."

At the Dec. 18 meeting, the board voted 4-3 not to discuss any changes in the Internet policy.

Although his two main arguments have thus far fallen on deaf ears, Cohen is determined to keep pursuing his agenda. Two of the seven library board members will leave office in April, he noted, and new members may see things differently.

"The majority of the board believes that I am trying to impose upon the areas where they have operated freely without any limitations in the past," Cohen said. "I think that board has a responsibility to represent the taxpayer and the community."



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Mr. Smith will be addressing the First Amendment and the constitutionality of internet filtering requirements and the use of such software on library computers. Smith successfully argued the Third Circuit case invalidating provisions in the Children's Internet Protection Act that required libraries, as a condition of receiving federal monies, to install filtering software on computers used by the public. Smith is representing the ALA in their current case before the US Supreme Court

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The Joseph Cohen Lecture Series is named to honor the memory of Joseph Cohen, a 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Law, the predecessor of the UMKC School of Law. Cohen loved the drama of the courtroom, the challenge of being an advocate for a cause or a person, and the opportunity to promote personal rights over the rights of property.

Joseph Cohen practiced law in Kansas City, Kansas for more than 50 years. He was regarded as one of the area's leading trial attorneys, and built his reputation as a dedicated advocate for the disadvantaged and disabled. He was a member of the Bar of the State of Kansas and an eminent trial lawyer who was devoted to the education and training of lawyers in the art of advocacy. He wanted law students to approach their studies with enthusiasm and dedication.

Joseph Cohen was a founder and the first president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, and the first representative from Kansas to the Board of Directors of the American Trial Lawyers Association. He was also the founder and the first president of the Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society, and the president of the Wyandotte County Bar Association. For more than 20 years, Joseph Cohen was a member of the Board of Directors of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Throughout his lifetime, Joseph Cohen was actively involved in issues relating to religious liberties and civil rights.



Paul M. Smith is a partner in Jenner & Block's Washington, D.C. office. He is the Co-Chair of the Firm's Appellate and Supreme Court and Media and First Amendment Practices.

Smith has had an active Supreme Court practice, including arguing six cases in that court — most recently *Swint v. Chambers County Commission* (1995), and *McMillian v. Monroe County* (1997), both dealing with county liability for civil rights violations under section 1983, along with *Mathias v. WorldCom* (2001), dealing with the Eleventh Amendment immunity of state commissions. He also represented a group of congressional interveners in *Department of Commerce v. U.S. House of Representatives*, involving the constitutionality of "sampling" and the census. He has worked on several First Amendment cases in the Supreme Court, including *Masson v. New Yorker Magazine* (1991) (dealing with constitutional standards for libel) and *Reno v. ACLU* (1997) (involving restrictions on indecent communications over the Internet) and was substantially involved with *Lexecon Inc. v. Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach* (argued in 1997) dealing with the scope of the federal multidistrict litigation statute.

In March of this year, Paul Smith will again be before the Supreme Court. He will represent the American Library Association in its challenge of the Children's Internet Protection Act, requiring public libraries to install Internet filters on computers.

Paul Smith has been a partner at Jenner and Block since 1994. Mr. Smith graduated summa cum laude from Amherst in 1976. He received a J.D. from Yale, where he served as editor-in-chief of Yale Law Review. After graduation, Smith clerked for Second Circuit Judge James Oakes and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell.

ABOUT THE UMKC LAW FOUNDATION

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Subject: RE: Lunch

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From: Cohen, Bart
[mailto:BCOHEN@Blackwellsanders.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2003 9:20 AM
To: Thomas Cohen - Kansas
Subject: RE: Lunch

Perhaps some day you will learn and show that you care

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Cohen - Kansas
[mailto:Thomas_Cohen@gmaccm.com]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2003 2:35 PM
To: bcohen@bspmlaw.com
Subject: Lunch

Hi Dad, its been a long time since we've spoken. Wanted to see if you were available for lunch sometime. If so, let know when. Kids were asking about you.

Tom

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This message is intended for the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient, please do not read, copy, use or disclose this information to others. Also, please notify the sender by replying to this message,

06/03/2003

Cohen, Bart

From: Cohen, Bart
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 4:04 PM
To: 'Thomas Cohen - Kansas'; Cohen, Bart
Subject: RE: Lunch

Before you meet with us we suggest you give thought to what you have done in the past, the changes in approach and attitude that you propose for yourself in the future, how those changes will set the stage for something productive to occur, the lessons you have learned from the past, and what it is that you want to achieve and whether your goals are realistic considering the past and the present. Past experience with you has left us devoid of ideas, with negative expectations preferring the status quo. 7:30 pm is ok but if you need more time to think through your ideas a delay will be ok.

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Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 1:40 PM
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Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 11:26 AM
To: Thomas Cohen - Kansas
Subject: RE: Lunch

If you have something to discuss you may come to our house on Tuesday June 3rd at 7 pm. You had better be prepared to hear things you may not like. If you do intend to be here let us know,

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Cohen - Kansas [mailto:Thomas_Cohen@gmaccm.com]
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To: Cohen, Bart
Subject: RE: Lunch

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From: Thomas Cohen - Kansas [Thomas_Cohen@gmaccm.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 1:52 PM

To: Cohen, Bart

Subject: RE: Lunch

Dad, my primary goal here is to get to a situation where you and your grandchildren have a relationship. I know Justin would like to see you and Mary and Tessa would like to meet both of you as well. That's my goal here.

As I read thru your correspondence to me, it appears that your primary goal is to exact a pound of flesh out of me. I was willing to listen to your comments if I thought it could result in a positive goal of rebuilding relationships. You last note throws cold water on my goal.

I would like to know if you share my goal or if you have a separate goal of your own. I cannot guess or read your mind here.

If you have an interest in the children, then I will do most anything to help build the relationship. I just need to know. If you have an interest in me, then I will do most anything to rekindle that relationship. If you prefer the status quo (which I do not) as you state below, then, I won't bother you.

I have read your text closely and cannot by myself suggest changes in approach and attitude without some participation on your part. Its not a one way street, but if you read my text closely and perhaps share this correspondence with those that you trust, I do believe they will see a change in attitude and approach. You don't have to take it from me, share this with others and seek their input.

For now, I won't come by this evening, but would like to when you are ready. Just know that I am ready any time.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cohen, Bart [mailto:BCOHEN@Blackwellsanders.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 11:33 AM

To: Thomas Cohen - Kansas

Subject: RE: Lunch

From this exchange of emails it is obvious to me that the same errors and transgressions of the past are being repeated. Rather than meeting with us I think your time would be better used for you to study this exchange and try to learn from its text. There is no reason to add to the list at this time and we have no interest in being your instructor.

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Cohen - Kansas [mailto:Thomas_Cohen@gmaccm.com]

Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 4:32 PM

To: Cohen, Bart

Subject: RE: Lunch

06/03/2003

That sounds like a lot and I wonder if you can address all of these issues on your part?

I don't expect to solve all of the issues and the problems we've had tomorrow, that would be unrealistic. I also don't and probably won't have the answers to all of the questions you have set forth below. I merely want to begin the "healing" process both for myself and my children. I don't think our relationship and behavior toward one another has been a happy one for either of us and I do want to change that. I assume you do as well.

I'll see you tomorrow at 7:30p.

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Library to re-evaluate Internet filters in wake of court ruling

BY ELAINE BESSIER

SUN STAFF WRITER

Johnson County Library officials kicked into high gear on Tuesday in response to the Supreme Court's decision Monday restoring the Children's Internet Protection Act, which removes federal funding from libraries that do not put filters on their computers.

The CIPA had been declared unconstitutional last June by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. This week's ruling reversed that decision.

Library administrators and staff held a 1 1/2 hour strategy session to begin discussing how the library would implement CIPA, should the board decide to go that direction.

The alternative is to forfeit any federal funding, which library attorney Fred Logan estimated could be "maybe \$80,000" a year.

However, County Librarian Mona Carmack said the funding is based on the demographics of a library's service area and that Johnson County Library has received no federal funding so far this year and may not receive any.

Nevertheless, she thought the board would choose to comply with the Supreme Court's decision. They will discuss the issue at their next meeting at 4 p.m. July 16. A public hearing would be required if the board decides to change the library's Internet access policy, she said.

"We were ready to do it a year ago, then the court executed an injunction so the law didn't go into effect. Philosophically, I think filtering limits access to the resources of the Internet," Carmack said. "Practically speaking, it's something we can certainly live with and we will comply with the law. We could choose to give up federal e-rate funding, money collected to pay for various telecommunications costs. But we never know until we get it and don't know whether we will get any this year. We haven't gotten much recently."

Carmack said she did not think it would be expensive to implement mandatory filtering, except for staff time. All of the library's 650 computers are already equipped with Internet filters.

said Tim Rogers, technical services manager. Currently, when patrons turn on a computer, they are given the option to turn on the filter or not.

"The law says that staff can turn the filter off for bona fide research purposes," Carmack said. "We have to figure out how to do that and under what circumstances. It's going to be pretty vague."

The library has had the BESS filtering system for several years. "My sense is, not too many people use it," Carmack said.

According to Rogers, only 4 percent of the 540,000 individuals who used the library's computers from January through April of this year elected to turn on the filters.

"I'm not quite sure why, other than that they felt they didn't need filters," Rogers said.

In the children's sections of the libraries, computer users are guided to a "kids page" from which to make site selections.

Board Chair Terry Goodman said, "It would be premature to comment on how I will vote, not having had the opportunity to read through the opinion, hear the advice of the board attorney, or consult with staff to find out the implications for daily operations."

Board Member Karen Housholder said, "I think it is the responsible thing to do to protect children. It was a good day for libraries and the public."

"I've heard of reports from all over the country of children accessing hard core porn and adults exposing themselves in libraries. I would like to see us move forward to comply with CIPA. The filters are there, we just need to make sure they are turned on."

Housholder said she had heard concerns about people not being able to access research information "but it just simply isn't so. Stuff like breast cancer, they can easily get that. I've even keyed in 'sex' and got good health information."

The Supreme Court opinion did not surprise Board Member Michael Krolski. "That is the approach I was certain they would take. Now, we need to comply with it. In this time of tight budgets, that's not an

Even if money were not an issue, I feel we should probably comply with the act and follow the spirit of the law."

Board Member Bart Cohen, who over the past year has stumped for more restrictive measures on the Internet, said he was not at all surprised by the court's decision because it stated what he believed was the law.

"The court didn't make a new law, it just interpreted the existing law," Cohen said. "They never had the American Library Association's interpretation of what the ALA wanted the law to be."

The ALA has staunchly resisted the CIPA as a threat to freedom of information.

A board majority has resisted Cohen's efforts pending the Supreme Court ruling, which could have found filtering illegal as a violation of the First Amendment.

"The Supreme Court very clearly validated my interpretation of the law on issues which I have raised with the library board and I have been in the minority. Perhaps when they realize what the court said, they will be amenable to following the law of the U.S. as interpreted by the court rather than law as the ALA interpreted it," Cohen said.

Logan said that, in some respects, he was surprised by the decision and in some respects he was not surprised.

"The court decided to treat this as not representing a First Amendment issue," Logan said. "Very clearly, the placement of filters on library computers is legal. The board is now back to where they were last May and will have to decide whether to revise its policy to reflect the opinion. They will hold a public hearing on the proposed Internet policy."

Emily Baker, director of the Olathe Public Library, said her board would also take up the issue on July 16.

"We do not filter," Baker said. "We ask parents to sign a permission slip for children in sixth grade or under to use the Internet. We have Internet stations for children only next to the two checkout desks. That way, library staff can assist the children." Cincinnati, Ohio.

Internet filtering is on library board agenda next month

BY ELAINE BESSIER

SUN STAFF WRITER

Library filtering, a controversial subject that has been in and out of courtrooms, will be on the agenda of the Johnson County Library Board at its Aug. 21 meeting.

Chairman Terry Goodman on Wednesday placed the item on the August agenda at the request of board member Bart Cohen.

"I am concerned about minors exposed to obscene material," Cohen said Thursday. "I realize that filters are not a perfect solution because they filter out a lot of material children ought to have access to. On balance, it would appear to me that children could be prohibited from using an unfiltered computer unless they have parent approval."

A group of public libraries, library associations, library patrons and Web site publishers challenged the constitution-

ality of the Children's Internet Protection Act, which required public libraries to use Internet filters as a condition for receipt of federal subsidies. This spring, the statute was held unconstitutional.

"Because the filtering software mandated by CIPA will block access to substantial amounts of constitutionally protected speech whose suppression serves no legitimate government interest, we are persuaded that a public library's use of software filters is not narrowly tailored to further any of these interests," the ruling said.

However, the court did note that "less restrictive alternatives exist that further the government's legitimate interest in preventing the dissemination of obscenity, child pornography and material harmful to minors, and in preventing patrons from being unwillingly exposed to patently offensive, sexually explicit content."

To prevent patrons from accessing visual depictions that are obscene and child pornography, public libraries may enforce Internet use policies that make clear to patrons that the library's Internet terminals may not be used to access illegal speech, the ruling said. The libraries may then impose penalties on patrons who violate these policies.

Less restrictive alternatives to filtering include requiring parental consent to or presence during unfiltered access, or restricting minors' unfiltered access to terminals within view of library staff.

Cohen said that he would like these alternatives at least to be discussed by the board.

"We have an option for filtering in our libraries," Cohen said. "What we don't have is any prohibition against a minor walking up and viewing unfiltered material."



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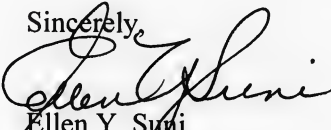
Dear Ms. Roberts:

Thank you for accepting our invitation to speak on the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law as the Joseph Cohen Lecturer for 2004-05. This letter is a follow up to your conversation with Professor Robert Klonoff and confirms your lecture on Monday, November 15, 2004 at the School of Law. We are very excited that you are willing and able to be our Cohen Lecturer this year.

Your presentation will include an informal talk to law students in our Student Lounge from noon to 1 p.m., afternoon classroom visits to be scheduled with the faculty and an early evening presentation to the public of 60-90 minutes in length. A reception will precede your presentation at 5:30 p.m. with your talk to begin about 6 p.m. Following the evening lecture, you are invited to join me, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Cohen, sponsors of the event, and a few faculty members, including Robert Klonoff, for dinner.

We truly appreciate your willingness to come to Kansas City and speak to our community. We are happy to cover your travel expenses, and will be glad to make hotel reservations for Sunday and Monday, November 14 and 15, but prefer that you make your own travel arrangements. Enclosed is a speaker agreement for your signature and a return envelope. As you will see, we would also like to schedule an appearance on the University-owned public radio station, if time permits. Please also send a bio and photo to be used in publicizing the event.

The students, faculty and staff of the UMKC School of Law look forward to your visit.

Sincerely,

Ellen Y. Suni
Interim Dean

cc: Robert Klonoff, Barton Cohen

**University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Foundation
Appearance Agreement**

This agreement, entered into as of this _____ day of July 2004, by and between (Agent) (Speaker) Michele A. Roberts herinafter referred to as (Agent) (Speaker), and the UMKC LAW FOUNDATION herinafter referred to as "Foundation,"

WITNESSETH: Foundation hereby engages the services of (Speaker) Michele A. Roberts for a speaking engagement to be presented at the time and place and under the conditions herinafter set forth.

Date & Time of Speaking Engagement . . . (Day-Month-Year)
Monday, November 15,
(Time) Lecture – 6 p.m., Informal presentation & Q & A with students, noon

Topic or Title of Speech TBD
Length of Appearance 90 minutes
Location for speech UMKC School of Law Courtroom
(Campus and Building) _____

Additional Special Conditions Dinner following Lecture with sponsor, Dean and special guests
Luncheon meeting, Q & A Informal presentation with students

The Law Foundation agrees to pay for the cost of travel and hotel accommodations for the Agent and/or Speaker.

1. The Law Foundation agrees to provide at its own expense the location for the speaking engagement properly lighted and heated and/or cooled, with a suitable public address system if one is desired by speaker.
2. Michele Roberts (Speaker or Agent) agrees to provide the services herein before set forth in accordance with all aforesaid conditions and further agrees to provide adequate promotional information on the speaker for publicity purposes, should the Foundation so request.
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- B. That all notices relating to mode of transportation and arrival time and all correspondence, publicity or other things concerning this contract shall be directed to Paula Yehle for the Foundation and to _____ for the Agent and/or Speaker.
- C. That Presenter and its agent shall be solely responsible for compliance with any rules or regulations and for any royalty fees, performance fees or responsibilities for which Presenter and/or its agents may be legally or contractually bound.
- D. No member or officer of the UMKC Law Foundation incurs or assumes any individual or personal liability by the execution of this contract or by reasons of default of the Foundation in the performance of any of the terms hereof. All such liability of members or officers of the UMKC Law Foundation as such is hereby released by Agent and/or Speaker as a condition of and consideration for the execution of this contract.
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- F. This agreement may not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have by their duly authorized representatives, executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York
May, 1968 - February, 1972
Assistant Chief, Civil Division, February, 1970 - February, 1972

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September, 1966 - May, 1968

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Visiting Professor, Harvard Law School
July, 1978 - June, 1979; January Terms, 1980 - 1991 and 1996

Adjunct Professor, New York University
Law School, 1986 – 2002; Spring Term 2004

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Guest Lecturer, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 1989 & 1996

Wallace Fujiyama Visiting Professor, Richardson School
of Law, University of Hawaii, Spring Term 1993

Adjunct Professor, Stanford Law School, January 1997 & August 2003
Irvine Fellow, September 2001- January 2003

Visiting Professor of Law, Georgetown University Government Department,
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CURRENT ACTIVITIES

American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, 1992 to present;
Treasurer 1997-98; President-elect 1998-99, President 1999-2000

American Law Institute, 2003 to present

Butler Family Fund, Member of Board of Directors and President,
1992 to present

Stern Family Fund, Member of Board of Directors,
1994 to present

Member, Program on Science, Technology & Law,
National Academies of Science, 2000 to present

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Administrative Conference of the United States
Member, 1980 - 1989; Senior Fellow, 1989 - 1995

Board of Governors, District of Columbia Bar
1975 - 1978; 1979 - 1985

President's Commission on a National Agenda for the 80's
1980 - 1981

Advisory Committee on Procedures, District of Columbia
Circuit 1983 - 1989

American Bar Association Action Commission to
Improve the Tort Liability System, 1985 - 1987

Advisory Committee on Exempt Organizations to
Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, 1987 - 1989

American Bar Association Special Committee to Study the
Role of the Federal Trade Commission, 1988 – 1989

American Bar Association Task Force to Study the
Initiative Process, 1991 - 1993

American Bar Association Special Committee on
Government Standards, 1991 - 1993

American Bar Association Comprehensive Legal Needs Study
Advisory Group, 1991 - 1995

Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group,
District Court for the District of Columbia, 1991 – 1993

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Member of Board of Directors, 1994 -2001

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Frank M. Coffin Lecturer, University of Maine School of Law, 2000

Potter Stewart Award, Council for Court Excellence, Washington D.C., 2003

Peter P. Mullen Chair in Law, Georgetown University, 2003

American Law Institute, Elected 2003

Public Citizen, Renamed Supreme Court Assistance Project for Him, 2003



Cohen, Bart

From: Kovarik, Craig
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2004 2:16 PM
To: Attorneys - KC
Subject: Michele Roberts (UMKC Lecture)

Please see information below regarding UMKC Lecture. I have been asked to forward. Craig

-----Original Message-----

From: Klonoff, Robert
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2004 11:58 AM
To: UMKC Law Faculty; UMKC Law Staff
Subject: Michele Roberts

Dear Colleagues:

I will mention this again at the faculty meeting, but I want to put in one more pitch for everyone to attend Michele Roberts' talk on Monday evening the 15th. I expect a substantial turnout for the student lunch, but right now we don't have a large number of RSVPs for the evening. The program starts at 5:15 (reception). The actual talk is at 6. Both the reception and the talk will be in the courtroom.

One reason to go is that we want to make a good showing for Bart Cohen, who has generously funded the Cohen Lecture.

A more fundamental reason to go is that Michele is truly an extraordinary lawyer, perhaps the best trial lawyer in the United States. And she will be talking about her secrets for winning jury trials.

To give you some idea of her stature, in a widely publicized recent survey, she was rated the top lawyer in Washington, DC. Finalists who did not make the top spot included Brendan Sullivan (represented Oliver North), Ken Starr, Robert Bork, David Kendall (represented Clinton), Bob Bennett (represented Clinton), Seth Waxman (former Solicitor General), Nathan Lewin (represented Richard Nixon, Ed Meese, and Jody Foster), and Michael Tigar (represented Terry Nichols in the Oklahoma bombing case). We are fortunate that UMKC will host the person who beat all of these distinguished lawyers for the grand prize (based on interviews with lawyers, judges, and clients).

Please make every effort to attend. (And feel free to ask Michele how she would have handled cases such as Scott Peterson, Kobie Bryant, and OJ Simpson as prosecutor and as defense lawyer).

Thanks,

Bob



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October 15, 2004

Mr. Barton Cohen
Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP
1200/40 Corporate Woods
9401 Indian Creek Parkway
Overland Park, KS 66210-2007

Dear Bart:

The Joseph Cohen Lecture for 2004 is pleased to present Michele Roberts of Akin Gump Strauss Haver & Feld, LLP in Washington, D.C. The lecture will take place on Monday, November 15, in the Courtroom at the UMKC School of Law beginning with a reception at 5:15 followed by the lecture at 6 p.m.

Robert Klonoff, Douglas Stripp Missouri Professor of Law, was able to arrange for Ms. Roberts' visit because of his association with her when he was practicing in Washington before joining our faculty. She is considered by many in Washington to be the No.1 litigator in the city.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend and ask for your help in publicizing the event to your colleagues. Enclosed is a flyer that I hope you will post in your office and copy and distribute within your firm and to others you know who might have an interest in attending.

Because of the generosity of Barton Cohen, we are able to provide this program with no admittance fee. We do ask for a response, so that we can plan space and hospitality arrangements. Thanks for your help. I hope I will see you on November 15 at the lecture.

Sincerely,

Ellen Y. Suni, Interim Dean
Marvin Rich Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law

Thanks for supporting this. It should be a great program and we look forward to seeing you and Mary here. G

The Joseph Cohen Lecture
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Michele Roberts

Akin Gump Strauss Haver & Feld, LLP
Washington, D.C.

Monday, November 15, 2004

UMKC School of Law Courtroom
500 E. 52nd St.

5:15 p.m. Reception
6 p.m. Presentation

Ranked in *Washingtonian* magazine, April 2002, as first among Washington lawyers, highly regarded litigator Michele A. Roberts has built a reputation as the finest pure trial lawyer in Washington—magic with juries, loved by judges, feared by opposing counsel. For years she has been an independent operator, though big firms have used her as a secret weapon, bringing her in at the 11th hour to argue their cases before a jury.

Michele is a native of the Bronx whose mother, a domestic worker, whiled away her free time at the courthouse watching trials. That, and Roberts' own belief that her brothers' friends kept going away for years at a time because there were no good lawyers to help them, inspired Roberts to become a lawyer. She won a scholarship to Wesleyan University and attended law school at the University of California's prestigious Boalt Hall. She spent eight years in the DC public defender's office before opening her own practice representing everyone from slumlords to accused murderers. She is a fellow in the American College of Trial Layers and a member of the District of Columbia Bar.*

Program is free and open to public, but please respond if you plan to attend to:
Rita Delgado, 816-235-1645 or delgador@umkc.edu

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PRESIDENT'S PRESS

Pesach — to all of us this time of the year is filled with memories of matzo (one sinking) in a

Bart 10/22/04
Thought you might like to have this.
Ben

March 1964

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JOSEPH COHEN

at our doors, how many remember that those distant ancestors from which we are all descended lived through some perilous times in order to pass down to us the legacy of our faith.

I want to wish all of you a very happy and enjoyable Pesach.

Jack Blackman

NEW SISTERHOOD SLATE

The Nominating Committee of the Ohev Sholom Sisterhood submits the following names as Officers and Board Members for 1964-65 nominated to serve a one year term of office. The election will take place at the April meeting.

OFFICERS

- President..... Mrs. Joseph Firestone
- 1st Vice-President..... Mrs. Jerome Hurwitz
- 2nd Vice-President..... Mrs. Labe Asner
- 3rd Vice-President..... Mrs. Charles Rubins
- Recording Secretary..... Mrs. Ben Hellman
- Financial Secretary..... Mrs. Jack Blackman
- Corresponding Secretary..... Mrs. John Abrams
- Treasurer..... Mrs. Lester Shalinsky
- Historian..... Mrs. Louis Swade
- Counselor..... Mrs. Arnold Levine

BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Wm. Abrams, Mrs. Daniel Aks, Mrs. Sig Anisman, Mrs. Bernard Balkin, Mrs. Joseph Bernstein, Mrs. Max Blackman, Mrs. George Devins, Mrs. Henry Dloogoff, Mrs. George Ehrenberg, Mrs. Jack Gersh, Mrs. Sam Ginsberg, Mrs. Edward Gold, Mrs. Lloyd Hellman, Mrs. Sig Kritzler, Mrs. Jack Lips, Mrs. Marshall Miller, Mrs. Harold Peneer, Mrs. Jack Press, Mrs. Werner Rosenthal, Mrs. Milton Shalinsky, Mrs. Colleph Shaw, Mrs. Alvin Silvers, Mrs. Stanley Simon, Mrs. Charles Solsky, Mrs. Louis Studna, Mrs. Alvin Tiber, Mrs. Sam Waldman, Mrs. D. J. Wasserstrom.

PAST PRESIDENTS

- Mrs. Stanford Gilus
- Mrs. Jack Stern
- Joann Gilgus,
Chairman Nominating Committee
- Martha Stern
- Leah Shaw
- Gerry Silvers
- Betty Waldman
- Anna Rubins

Since his childhood days, our Star of the Month has been involved with the affairs of Ohev Sholom Synagogue. Until the Congregation had a building in which to conduct services and hold meetings, the Cohen home above the family store in the 400 block on Minnesota Avenue was the natural locale for planning and formulating policy for the budding Synagogue. All of this Ohev Sholom history Joe remembers fondly as part of his childhood.

After the death of his father, when he was nine, Joe sold newspapers on the street corners, eventually obtained a newspaper route for himself, and finally became a reporter for the Kansas City Star with the assignment of covering court house activities. Following the death of his mother he shared with his brothers, Louis and Morris, both of blessed memory, the responsibility of raising his two younger sisters, Dorothy (Mrs. William Levitta) and Reva (Mrs. Henry Cohen). He and brother Lou alternately worked and went to school so that there would be money to support the family.

Joe's court house assignment aroused in him an interest in the legal profession, and as a result he attended night school at the old University of Kansas City School of Law, from which he graduated in 1925. He started the practice of law immediately, and with his natural talents of perseverance, intelligence, and personality his success was soon assured.

A young and beautiful school teacher named Margaret Pollock from Kansas City, Missouri, entered his life in 1925, and after their wedding helped Joe further cement his bond with Ohev Sholom. She was concerned about the religious education of the children in the Congregation, and was instrumental in the formation of our Sunday School. At this same time Joe became the President of the Beth Horon Lodge, No. 599, of B'nai B'rith, in which he remains very active. In 1933 he became the first and only member of this lodge to serve as President of the District Grand Lodge No. 2 of B'nai B'rith.

During the presidential campaign of 1936, the Republican candidate for the presidency, Alf Landon of Kansas, chose Joe to serve as his religious advisor. Joe traveled the country on Landon's special train making

SILVER FUND

The Silver Fund Committee recently purchased eight silver trays and two candy dishes. The complete silver fund inventory now includes eleven trays, four candy dishes, two tiers, two coffee servers with trays, and one pair of candelabra presented to the Sisterhood by the Seliger Family Club in memory of May Balkin.

These silver pieces, as well as two large punch bowls, are available to Sisterhood or Synagogue members for any happy occasions at the Synagogue for the nominal rental fee of \$12.50.

NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBERS

The Ohev Sholom Sisterhood is proud to add to its ranks the following new members:

- Mrs. Marvin Denton (Phyllis), 8313 Oak, Kansas City, Missouri
- Mrs. Norman Kahn (Sybil), 5612 Belinder, Prairie Village, Kansas
- Mrs. Gerald Kaplan (Nancy), 4820 W. 81st St., Shawnee Mission, Kansas
- Mrs. Barney Kurz (Rachel), 7747 Mohawk, Prairie Village, Kansas
- Mrs. Leon Litwin (Aileen), 8501 Delmar Lane, Shawnee Mission, Kansas
- Mrs. Minnie Simon, 506 E. 66th Terr., Kansas City, Missouri

speeches and aiding the candidate in many ways. Following the election, Joe returned to Kansas City to tend his ever-growing legal practice.

The years had blessed him and his wife with three devoted children: Barton, now associated with him in the practice of law and sharing the responsibility of any legal matters confronting the Synagogue; Hildred, now Mrs. Edward Hoffman, and Miles, a prominent Kansas City investment counselor. The great tragedy of Joe's life occurred in 1958 with the death of his beloved wife, but today he finds contentment and happiness in the love of his children and five grandchildren.

He has given of himself in many areas of community activity having served as President of the Community Chest and United Community Campaign of Kansas City, Kansas; Vice-President of the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City; Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; President of the Legal Aid Society of Wyandotte County; member of the Board of Directors of Ohev Sholom Synagogue; member of the Board of Governors of the National Association of Claimants Council of America; and is presently senior partner of the law firm of Cohen, Schnider, Shamberg, and Jenkins. In 1949 he became president of the Rose-dale State Bank in Kansas City, Kansas, and in 1962 founded the Metcalf State Bank of Overland Park, Kansas, where he serves now as Chairman of the Board.

Joe's success in the banking field helped our congregation at the time of our relocation from Kansas City, Kansas, to Prairie Village. It was he who arranged for a hundred and twenty-five thousand dollar loan, at a reasonable rate of interest, to finance the construction of our new synagogue building. Throughout the years Joe has contributed generously to the synagogue which he helped to found.

Ohev Sholom is understandably proud of Joseph Cohen. His desires are the desires of the Synagogue, and whatever future greatness the Synagogue achieves, his contribution will be noteworthy.



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October 26, 2004

Ms. Michele A. Roberts
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP
Robert S. Strauss Bldg.
1333 N.H. Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ms. Roberts:


All of us at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law are looking forward to your visit as the Joseph Cohen Lecturer on Monday, November 15, 2004 at the School of Law. Please send us your anticipated time of arrival on Sunday, November 14. Bob Klonoff plans to pick you up at the airport and take you to your hotel. A reservation has been made for you at the Fairmont Hotel on the Country Club Plaza. **Your confirmation number is 114893207.**

You have been scheduled for an interview with Steve Kraske on KCUR (public radio station) from 11-Noon on Monday. We will provide your transportation to the radio station and back to the Law School. Your informal talk to law students in our Student Lounge is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. Bob Klonoff has planned for you to attend at least one class in the afternoon.

The early evening presentation to the public of 60 minutes in length begins with a reception at 5:15 followed by your talk to begin about 6 p.m. Following the evening lecture, you are invited to join Ellen Suni, Interim Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Cohen, sponsors of the event, and a few faculty members, including Robert Klonoff, for dinner. Will you need any audio visual equipment for your presentation other than a microphone? Do you prefer a podium mic or a wireless mic?

Please let me know of your departure time on Tuesday, November 16, and we will arrange airport transportation. If you will please provide a receipt for your travel expenses, I'll see that you are reimbursed.

The students, faculty and staff of the UMKC School of Law look forward to your visit. If you have any questions or need anything, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Paula Yehle
Advancement Manager

cc: Robert Klonoff, Barton Cohen ✓

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The Joseph Cohen Lecture Presents:

Race Issues: 50 Years After Brown

with guest speaker:

Donald B. Ayer

Former Deputy Attorney General of the United States

Former Deputy Solicitor General

Former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California

Thursday, March 18, 2004

7:00 p.m.

UMKC School of Law
E.E. (Tom) Thompson Courtroom

Program

- Welcome Jeffrey Berman,
Interim Dean
- Introduction of Speaker Robert H. Klonoff,
Douglas Stripp Missouri
Professor of Law
- Speaker Cohen Lecture Donald B. Ayer

There will be a brief reception following the lecture in the Student Lounge.

The original Brown v. Board of Education complaint filed in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas will be on display at the reception. The document is being provided by the Central Plains Regional Archives of the National Archives and Records Administration located in Kansas City to showcase its holdings, which include court files for Brown.

The document will be accompanied by R. Reed Whitaker, NARA Regional Administrator, Diana L. Duff, NARA Director of Archival Operations and Daniel D. Holt, appointed by President Bush as the Kansas Representative to the Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary Commission and the Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, who will speak briefly about the significance of these original documents.



Donald B. Ayer has extensive trial experience and has briefed and argued many cases in appellate courts, including arguing 15 cases in the United States Supreme Court. He has appellate experience in most substantive areas of federal law. Most recently, he filed a major amicus brief supporting affirmative action in the University of Michigan case. He served as Deputy Attorney General, Deputy Solicitor General, and U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California. His topic this evening is the effect that Brown v. Board of Education has had on law and what it means for the future.

About the Lecture:

*Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action
Fifty Years After Brown*

The path of the law since Brown v. Board of Education reflects a constant tension between the ideal of the colorblind society and the principle of non-discrimination on the one hand, and the perception that, as Justice Blackmun said in Bakke, in order to get beyond race as a society, we must first take race into account. The concern with practical results has led the courts to justify race conscious actions in many contexts and on a number of theories, but almost always over the vociferous protests of those who see the Civil War amendments as requiring that race play no part in any sort of public decision making. This tension is very much with us today, and how it plays out in the years ahead is among the greatest challenges facing our courts and our country.

The Joseph Cohen Lecture

The Joseph Cohen Lecture Series honors the memory of Joseph Cohen, a 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Law, the predecessor of the UMKC School of Law. The Joseph Cohen Lecture celebrates the courage and commitment of a lawyer to the causes of civil rights, individual liberty and religious freedom.

Joseph Cohen loved the challenge of being an advocate for a cause or a person. He was a member of the Bar of the State of Kansas and an eminent trial lawyer who was devoted to the education and training of lawyers in the art of advocacy.

For more than 20 years, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and through his lifetime was actively involved in issues relating to religious liberties and civil rights.

Other Presentations in this Series:

Thursday, April 15, - 2:30 p.m. - UMKC School of Law E.E. (Tom) Thompson Courtroom. The UMKC School of Law, KCMBA, the Missouri Bar Association and the John B. Gage Lecture Series Program Presents "*Thurgood Marshall's Coming*" - A One Man Play & "*Thurgood Marshall: One Man's Lion*" - Keynote address by Attorney Carl Holmes.

Saturday, April 17, - 5:00 p.m.— UMKC Pierson Auditorium "*The Road to Brown: A Pathway Unfinished*" with guest speakers Angela Bennett, Curator, University of Missouri System; Audrey Bullard, principal of Chick Elementary; Dr. Donald Mathews, Chair of Black Studies at UMKC; Attorney Charles Scott, Jr. and Troy Nash, Councilman.



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March 18, 2004

7 p.m.

UMKC School of Law Courtroom
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Having served as Deputy Attorney General of the U.S., Deputy
Solicitor General and U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of
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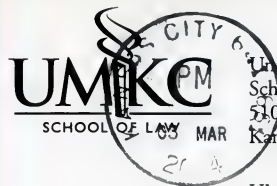
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Rita

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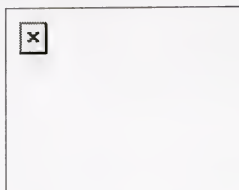
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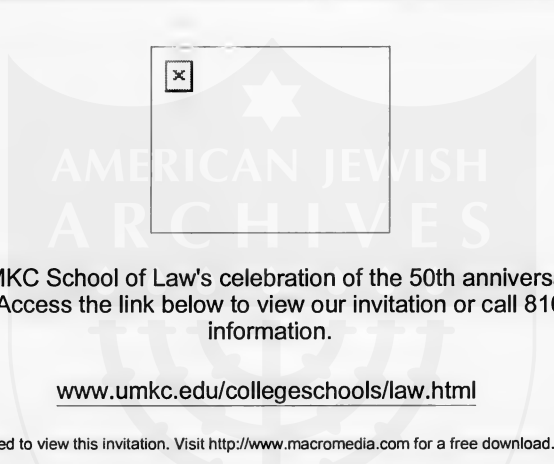

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"So who is this Donald Ayer guy, and why would we be interested in hearing him speak?"

That seems to be the big question. The answer is, this will be the only opportunity many of you have to meet and learn from a former U.S. Supreme Court clerk (to Justice Rehnquist), U.S. Attorney, Deputy Solicitor General and Deputy Attorney General who has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court 15 times. According to his Jones, Day bio (<http://www1.jonesday.com/attorneys/bio.asp?AttorneyID=10399>), "[Mr. Ayer] has appellate experience in most substantive areas of federal law, including, in particular, antitrust, bankruptcy, First Amendment (both speech and religion), civil rights and affirmative action, Commerce Clause, employment discrimination, False Claims Act, FOIA, patent law, and takings claims."

He has enjoyed the kind of legal career that many of us dreamed of when we first applied to law school. This promises to be a *fascinating* talk.

Please: speak with each member of your organization and encourage them to sign up at the front counter of the Administrative Suite.

Thank you,

Matt Davis

Matthew R. Davis
Assistant Dean
UMKC School of Law
(816) 235-5739

-----Original Message-----

From: Delgado, Rita
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2004 4:22 PM
To: Davis, Matthew
Subject: RE: Invitation to UMKC Law Students - Thursday, March 18

Matt,

Would you please send this notice the Professors and ask them to mention it in their class. As of today we only have two students sign up.

Thanks

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Washington, D.C.

SECRETS FOR WINNING JURY TRIALS

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(Pizza for those who RSVP in Administrative Suite)**

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6 p.m. Presentation

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The Joseph Cohen Lecture Presents:

Secrets for Winning Jury Trials

with guest speaker:

Michele Roberts

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Monday, November 15, 2004

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a presentation on public interest


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Tuesday, October 18, 2005

7:00 p.m.

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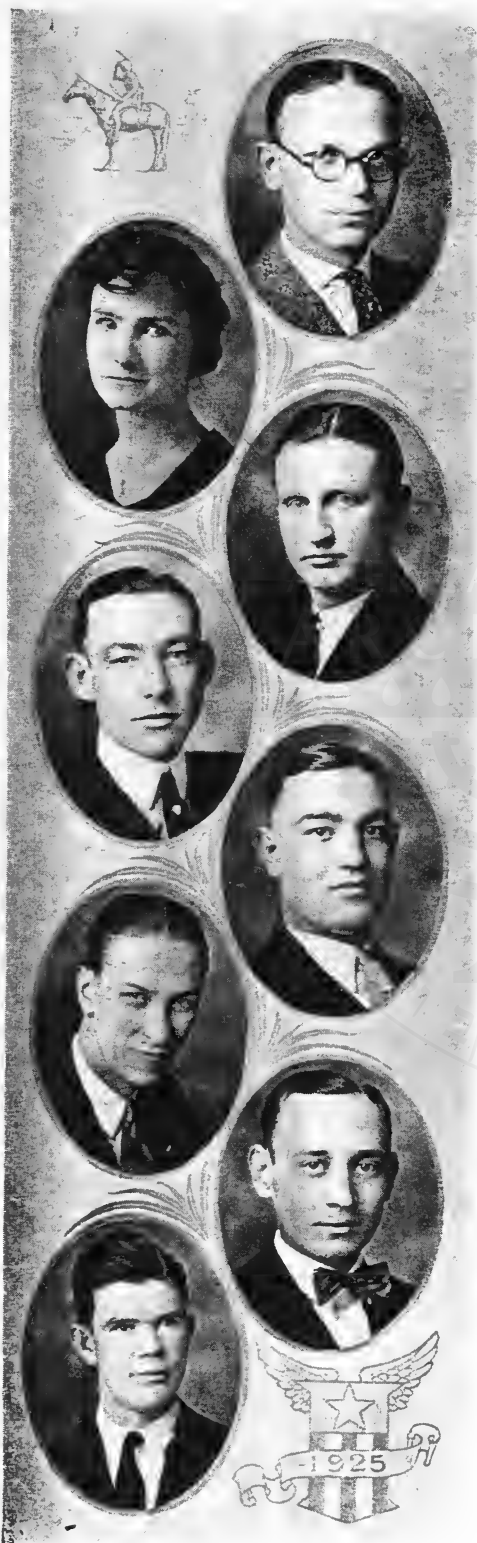


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Educational Background

- B.B.A. University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia; 1956
- L.L.B. (Now J.D.) Woodrow Wilson College of Law,
Atlanta, Georgia; 1967
- L.L.M. Woodrow Wilson College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia;
1968

Employment Background

Private Law Practice: Farmer, Fanning & Potterfield,
Newnan, Georgia; October, 1967 - January, 1975

Adjunct Professor, Woodrow Wilson College of Law,
Atlanta, Georgia; October, 1975 - January, 1980

Senior Trial Counsel, Georgia Criminal Justice Council,
Atlanta, Georgia; January, 1975 - August, 1976

Senior Trial Counsel, Team Defense Project, Inc.,
Atlanta, Georgia; August, 1976 - Present

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Georgia
Supreme Court of the United States
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
United States District Courts: Northern, Middle and
Southern Districts of Georgia
Supreme Court of Georgia
Georgia Court of Appeals
Superior Courts and Other Inferior Courts of Georgia

Professional Associations

National College for Criminal Defense
Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Honors and Awards

A.C.L.U. Georgia Person of the Year; 1975
State Committee on the Life and History of Black Georgians'
Courage and Human Rights Award for 1979
Individual Rights Section of the State Bar of Georgia,
Defender and Protector of Individual Rights Award, 1979
Honorary Membership, Florida State Prison Jaycees, 1979
Law Students Civil Rights Research Council, Courageous
Effort and Work Award; 1980 (Team Defense Members)
Black American Law Students Association, Community Service
Award; 1981 (Team Defense Members)
American Whig-Clisophic Society of Princeton University,
James Madison Award for Distinguished Public Service, 1981
Official Key to Omaha, Nebraska, Omaha Human Relations
Committee, 1980
Fellow, National College for Criminal Defense

Advisory Board

Center for Responsive Psychology, Brooklyn College,
Brooklyn, New York

Publications

"Motions for a Criminal Case", Georgia Continuing Legal Education, 1974.

Criminal Procedure Study Guide, Georgia Criminal Justice Council, 1975.

"Jury Composition Challenges", Law and Psychology Review, Volume 2, University of Alabama School of Law, 1976.

"Capital Trial Emphasis on the Punishment Stage of a Case", How to Try a Capital Case, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, 1977.

Fighting Oppression in the Courts, Co-author, Team Defense Project, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, 1978.

Objections to Evidence, Co-author, Team Defense Project, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia 1979.

"The Building Blocks of Capital Cases: Motions and Objections", The Champion, Vol. VIII, No. 2, March 1984.

Lecturer/Public Speaker:

"Contempt of Court", "Jury Composition Challenges", Fall Seminar of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Helen, Georgia September, 1975

"Client Interviews", Training Seminar of the Georgia Criminal Justice Council; Atlanta, Georgia October, 1975

"The Death Penalty: A Strategy Seminar", St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Georgia Committee Against the Death Penalty and Georgia A.C.L.U., Atlanta, Georgia July, 1976

"The Death Penalty", INSIGHT: LAW AND JUSTICE, WTCG Television, Atlanta, Georgia October, 1976

"Compulsory Non-Testimonial Evidence", Seminar of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Lake Lanier, Georgia October, 1976

Defense of Death Penalty Cases, NLADA Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania November, 1976

"The Death Penalty: A Strategy Seminar", Loyola Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana November, 1976

"When the State Seeks the Death Penalty", Seminar Program on Criminal Defense Trial Strategy, Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Atlanta, Georgia December, 1976

"Jury Selection -- A New Approach", The Defenders' Workshop, Criminal Justice Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana December, 1976

Panel Discussion, "Criminal Justice and Prison Reform", St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Atlanta, Georgia January, 1977

"The Defense of a Capital Case", Richland County Public Defender, Columbia, South Carolina February, 1977

"The Death Penalty", Knoxville Urban Ministry, B.A.L.S.A., East Tennessee Lawyers' Guild; Knoxville, Tennessee February, 1977

Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Public Defender Association, Tallahassee, Florida February 1977

Candler School of Theology, Emory University,
Atlanta, Georgia March, 1977

"Witness Against Executions", Georgia Committee Against the
Death Penalty, Atlanta, Georgia April, 1977

Capital Punishment Seminar, Georgia Committee for the
Humanities, Athens, Georgia Spring, 1977

"The Selection of a Winning Jury" and "The Successful
Preparation of Clients for Trial", Seminar of the Team
Defense Project, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia May, 1977

"Innovative Psychological Concepts Applied to the Law",
Seminar of the Team Defense Project, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia
May, 1977

"Defense of Death Penalty Cases: The Trial of the Penalty
Phase", North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers,
Greensboro, North Carolina July, 1977

"Trying a Death Penalty Case:", NACDL Annual Meeting,
Williamsburg, Virginia August, 1977

Kentucky Lawyers Against the Death Penalty Workshop,
Kentucky Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty,
Shakertown, Kentucky September, 1977

"Jury Selection Techniques", Colorado Public Defender
Training Seminar; Vail, Colorado October, 1977

"Defense of a Criminal Case", the Institute of Continuing
Legal Education in Georgia, Athens, Georgia October, 1977

Public Defenders Seminar, Shelby County Public Defender
Office; Memphis, Tennessee October, 1977

Death Penalty Conference, American Civil Liberties Union of
South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina November, 1977

"Team Defense v. the Death Penalty", Pre-Law Club, Georgia
State University, Atlanta, Georgia November, 1977

"The Dawson Five", Black Student Alliance, Yale University;
New Haven, Connecticut November, 1977

"Legal and Social Conditions in the Rural South", Amherst
College; Amherst, Massachusetts December, 1977

Death Penalty Defense Skills Seminar, Denver University
School of Law; Denver, Colorado March, 1978

"No More Prisons -- No More Death", National Moratorium on
Prison Construction and the Southern Coalition of Jails and
Prisons; Richmond, Virginia April, 1978

"Involving the Client in the Team", Toward the Elimination
of Bias at Trial: A Seminar; New Law School, University of
Minnesota; Minneapolis, Minnesota April, 1978

"A Seminar on the Defense of Capital Cases Directed by the
Team Defense Project", sponsored by the Georgia Criminal
Justice Council, Individual Rights Section of the State Bar
of Georgia and the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense
Lawyers; St. Simons, Georgia April, 1978

"Eliminating Bias at Trial: An Interdisciplinary Approach",
Ninth Annual Conference on Women and the Law; Atlanta,
Georgia April, 1978

Death Penalty Panel Discussion, Florida State University;
Tallahassee, Florida April, 1978

"Client Counseling", Sixth Annual Public Defender Training
Seminar; Louisville, Kentucky May, 1978

Death Penalty Defense Seminar, Florida Public Defenders
Association; Hollywood, Florida June, 1978

Fighting for Life Seminar, A.C.L.U. Foundation of Florida
and the Florida Clearinghouse on Criminal Justice,
Tallahassee, Florida July, 1978

Criminal Law for Public Defenders Seminar, The Public
Defenders Association of South Carolina, Inc., Columbia,
South Carolina August, 1978

"Fighting Oppression in the Courts", Fall Seminar of the
Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Fort Payne,
Alabama October, 1978

"Criminal Justice, Penal Reform and the Death Penalty",
Georgia Interchurch Association Task Force on Criminal
Justice and Penal Reform; Macon, Georgia November, 1978.

"Defending Death Penalty Cases: An Overview", Capital
Murder Defense Course, Criminal Defense

"A Cross Section of Your Community?", Capital Tiger Bay Club, Tallahassee, Florida February, 1979

"Objections to Evidence: Civil and Criminal", the Legal Education Project, Atlanta, Georgia February, 1979

Death Penalty Defense Seminar, National College for Criminal Defense, Portland, Oregon February, 1979

"Status of the Death Penalty", Black American Law Students Association 1979 Southern Region Convention, Columbia, South Carolina March, 1979

"Defending Death Cases: The Team Approach:", Death Penalty Defense Seminar, National College of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Public Defenders; Denver, Colorado April, 1979

"Organizing Against the Death Penalty", National March Against Death, Atlanta, Georgia May, 1979

Death Penalty Debate, Panhandle Tiger Bay Club, Inc., Pensacola, Florida June, 1979

Defense in the Capital Case, Seminar of the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Kansas City, Missouri June, 1979

Faculty, Trial Practice II, National College for Criminal Defense, Houston, Texas June, 1979

Key Note Address, Omaha Human Relations Department, City of Omaha; Omaha, Nebraska July, 1979

Death Penalty Workshop, National Lawyers Guild, New Law School, University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, Minnesota August, 1979

Bench-Bar Conference, Defender Association of Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New Jersey September, 1979

"Representation of Indigent Persons in Criminal Cases", Meeting of the Eastern Jackson County Bar Association; Independence, Missouri September, 1979

"Advocacy -- Leading the Parade", Seminar Program of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Helen, Georgia October, 1979

Death Penalty Defense Seminar, National College of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Public Defenders; New Orleans, Louisiana October, 1980

"The Team Defense Concept", Poverty Law Day, Black American Law Students Association, University of Georgia School of Law; Athens, Georgia October, 1979

Voir Dire Lecture and Demonstration, South Carolina Public Defenders Association, Criminal Law Seminar; Columbia, South Carolina November, 1979

"Television in the Courtroom", Mid-Year Meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association; New Orleans, Louisiana December, 1979

"Objections to Evidence: Criminal and Civil", Seminar Program on Defense Techniques, Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Atlanta, Georgia December, 1979

Death Penalty Defense Seminar, National College for Criminal Defense; Atlanta, Georgia February, 1980

Death Penalty Debate, State University of New York at Buffalo; Buffalo, New York February, 1980

Conference on the Death Penalty, University of Virginia Law School; Charlottesville, Virginia March, 1980

Dialogue on the Death Penalty, Florida State University; Tallahassee, Florida April, 1980

Interdisciplinary Conference on Capital Punishment, Georgia State University; Atlanta, Georgia April, 1980

"An Overview of the Death Penalty: Its History and Application", Yale Law Forum, Yale Law School; New Haven, Connecticut April, 1980

"Trial of a Criminal Case", Vanderbilt School of Law; Nashville, Tennessee April, 1980

Editorial Seminar, Georgia Press Association, Savannah, Georgia May, 1980

"Implications and Applications of the Death Penalty", Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia May, 1980

"The Rights of the Poor in Our Courts", Human Rights Day, University of Georgia School of Law; Athens, Georgia May, 1980.

Conferee, Roscoe Pound-American Trial Lawyers Foundation Conference on the Death Penalty; Cambridge, Massachusetts June, 1980

Faculty, Trial Practice Institute, National College for Criminal Defense; Houston, Texas June, 1980

Workshop, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Callaway Gardens, Georgia June, 1980

Death Penalty Defense Seminar, Georgia Indigent Defense Council, Atlanta, Georgia November, 1980

Death Penalty Workshop, NLADA Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico December, 1980

Death Penalty Defense Seminar, National College for Criminal Defense; Charleston, South Carolina,

"Fighting the Death Penalty in Georgia", Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia January, 1981

Indiana Death Penalty Defense Seminar, Indiana Public Defender Council, Indianapolis, Indiana February, 1981

Life Over Death Seminar, Florida Public Defenders Coordination Office, Crystal River, Florida February, 1981

Trial Advocacy Workshop, Indiana Public Defender Council; Indianapolis, Indiana March, 1981

Monthly Meeting, Broward County Bar Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida March, 1981

Death Penalty Symposium, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts April 1981

Awards Banquet, American Whig-Clisophic Society, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey April, 1981

"Development of a Criminal Case: Motions in Criminal Cases", Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, St. Simons, Georgia May, 1981

Legal Education Conference, Indiana Civil Liberties Union, Indianapolis, Indiana May, 1981

"Discrimination in the Criminal Justice System", Human Rights Day, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia May, 1981

"The Death Penalty and Our Responsibility", Executive Round Table, Kennesaw Junior College, Marietta, Georgia
October, 1981

"The Trial and Defense of a Criminal Case", Seminar of the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October, 1981

"Defending Death Penalty Cases: Relating to Your Client", National College for Criminal Defense, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
November, 1981

"No Killing in the Name of Justice: Organizing Against the Death Penalty", a Seminar sponsored by the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association and the Southern Coalition on Jails and Prisons, Atlanta, Georgia
November, 1981

"Jury Practice in Capital Cases", Death Penalty Symposium of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers and the Ohio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Columbus, Ohio
November, 1981

"Motions in Criminal Cases", National Legal Aid and Defenders Association's Annual Conference; San Francisco, California
December, 1981

"Techniques in Oral Advocacy", Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Seminar, Savannah, Georgia
April, 1982

Trial Advocacy Workshop, Indiana Public Defender Council, Indianapolis, Indiana
May, 1982

"Making a Legal System Relevant to the Poor", Human Rights Day, University of Georgia School of Law; Athens, Georgia
May, 1982

Faculty, Trial Practice Institute, National College for Criminal Defense, Houston, Texas
June, 1982

"Litigation in Capital Cases", Criminal Law Seminar of the South Carolina Bar and the South Carolina Public Defenders Association, Columbia, South Carolina,
September, 1982

"Capital Punishment in the Spirit of American Law" [a debate], Symposium on Capital Punishment, Millsaps College; Jackson, Mississippi,
October, 1982

"Presenting Pre-Trial Motions and Objections to Evidence to Preserve the Record for Appeal", Institute on Capital Murder: Death Penalty Defense, Criminal Defense Lawyers Project; Austin, Texas May, 1983

Faculty, Trial Practice Institute, National College for Criminal Defense, Houston, Texas May, 1983

"Constitutionalizing the Criminal Justice System", Meeting of the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association; Houston, Texas June, 1983

"Pretrial Procedure and Motions" and "Objections to Evidence", Death Penalty Defense Workshop, National College for Criminal Defense and the Indiana Public Defender Council; Indianapolis, Indiana September, 1983

"Preserving a Record for Appeal and Sentencing Phase Techniques", Capital Punishment: Execution of the Law Since Gregg v. Georgia, A Symposium and Seminar; Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, Macon Georgia October, 1983

"Post Conviction Work in Capital Defense", Civil Rights Litigation: 1983, The American Civil Liberties Union of S.C. Foundation; Columbia, South Carolina October, 1983

"Death Penalty Litigation", University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman, Oklahoma November, 1983

"Evidence in the Penalty Phase" and Voir Dire Demonstration, Kentucky Public Defender Death Penalty Seminar; Barren County, Kentucky December, 1983

"Defending Death Penalty Cases: Constitutionalizing the Trial", Seminar on Defending Louisiana Criminal Cases; Professional Education Systems, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana February, 1984

"Understanding & Persuading the Seven Triers of Fact", Defense of Capital Cases: Latest Techniques and Developments; NACDL, Southern Poverty Law Center, Jackson, Mississippi April, 1984

"Can the Killing be Stopped in 1984?", Seminar in Criminal Defense Litigation; Atlanta Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia June, 1984

Faculty, Trial Practice Institute, National College for Criminal Defense, San Diego, California July, 1984

**JOSEPH P. COHEN LECTURE
STATE V. HYDE - ADDED CASE HISTORY**

The jury convicted Dr. Hyde on May 16, 1910, and fixed his punishment as confinement in the penitentiary for life. That sentence was reversed by the Missouri Supreme Court on April 11, 1911. The Court ruled that "none of the other alleged crimes as to maladies or deaths of [other than Col. Swope] should have been given to the jury". In remanding the case for possible retrial, the Court noted other trial errors which included the several injections of nurse suspicions of the defendant, and the cyanide sniffing demonstration.

A second trial was commenced on October 23, 1911, only to be aborted on December 11th after one of the sequestered jurors left the "dormitory" without permission and didn't return until three days later.

After a series of continuances into mid-1915, a third trial was conducted; but the jury could not agree upon a verdict.

The case was then dismissed. Dr. Hyde's bond had been revoked two weeks into the trial [also held by the Supreme Court to have been error]. Upon his re-release on bond, he had been confined to jail for 12 1/2 months. Several years later Mrs. Hyde divorced him. He later practiced medicine in Lexington, Mo., where he lived for a time as a youth.

The prosecution team included:

Virgil Conkling, prosecuting attorney, lead attorney

Henry M. Jost, assistant prosecuting attorney

James A. Reed, employed by Mrs. Logan O. Swope to aid in the prosecution

John H. Atwood, employed by Mrs. Logan O. Swope to aid in the prosecution

Defense counsel were:

Frank Walsh, lead attorney

R.R. Brewster

John H. Lucas

John M. Cleary

W. T. Johnson

All trial testimony was based upon the 4,000 pp. transcript of the actual trial (though certain testimony was shifted to a different witness to enable inclusion in our abbreviated reenactment).



Joseph Cohen
1951 & 1955



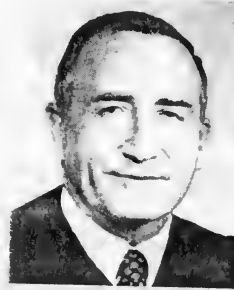
Joe L. Henbest
1952 & 1957



C. H. Morris
1953



Payne A. Ratner
1954



David Prager
1956



Charles S. Schnider
1959



Sam Crow
1960-61



Marion Miller
1961-62



John E. Frank
1962-63



W. Luke Chapin
1963-64



Albert M. Ross
1965-66



William H. Stowell
1966-67

Not Pictured - George Allred, 1958.



Patrick F. Kelly
1967-68



Lee Hornbaker
1968-69



Don C. Smith
1969-70



Payne H. Ratner, Jr.
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Arthur C. Hodgson
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Kansas Trial Lawyers Association “Celebrating 30 Years of Service”

AMERICAN JEWISH
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James M. Barnett
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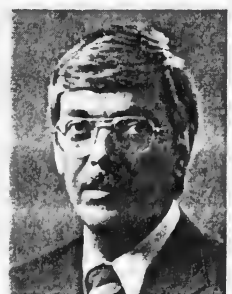
Terry O'Keefe
1973-74



Gene E. Schroer
1974-75



Gerald L. Michaud
1975-76



Donald W. Vasos
1976-77



Jerry R. Palmer
1977-78



Lynn R. Johnson
1978-79



Gerald W. Scott
1979-80



Jerry K. Levy
1980-81



Michael E. Callen
1981-82



Since 1977 the historic Columbian Building has housed the KTLA offices in Topeka, Kansas.

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THIRTY YEARS WITH THE
KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF PLAINTIFFS'S ATTORNEYS
AND KANSAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

In point of time, the origins of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association have proved slightly nebulous to assert now. The same is true as to the precise identity of all the originators, first officers and charter and early members.

While C. H. (Herk) Morris, of Wichita, was laboring to knit an association together and inform and educate the bar at the same time, he has proved to be our chief historian as well. He was the publisher and main contributor of "Kapa Komentis," the quarterly official publication, from February, 1953 to November, 1959. Few other records that early remain known.

In the first issue, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 6, (Feb. 1953) Morris wrote as president:

". . . Recognizing this need, NACCA was founded in Portland, Oregon, in 1946. KAPA came into being Thursday evening, May 22, 1952, at the Town House Hotel, Kansas, at a time when the Kansas State Bar was being assembled."

Considering the source, this must be accepted as gospel.

Yet it is believed by several lawyers then active that the same group, whether organized or not, had met and functioned earlier on occasions, some no doubt rather informally. Note Judge Musser's comments, *infra*. It is known that not only Morris but several others were from Wichita and southeast Kansas, as well as a few from the general Kansas City area, and they had been promoting the ideas of NACCA from the beginning, as also members of that group.

There is also conflict as to whether anyone acted as president or titular head and to coordinate *de facto* efforts prior to the occasion mentioned by Morris.

Kapa Komentis reported election of officers and members of the Board of Governors from time to time. All such reports of all known such persons are shown *infra*, as well

as all later such lists to this time.

No early membership rosters are now known.

Early activities were financed by the generosity of the founders. It is significant that until February 1955 there was no report of any office of treasurer or anyone acting as treasurer. In the issue of that date, it appears that Robert F. Bailey became treasurer. The reason for this delay is obvious; there were no funds and thus no need for any such office.

Any effort to name the founders and first members is fraught with danger, in the interests of accuracy and in justice to all concerned. Resort may be had to the names of the first officers as helpful and authentic. Yet some of those named were active only in limited degree. Other persons became interested and active, and meantime certain stalwarts emerged and are remembered. All older members remember these matters and emphasize on aspects best known to each of them and in accordance with the experience of each. Each may have his own list.

We suggest that any list of the earliest members would have to include C. H. (Herk) Morris, Robert F. Bailey, Payne H. Ratner, Sr., Payne H. (Darb) Ratner, Jr. and John C. Frank, all of Wichita; George Templar, Arkansas City; Joe Henbest, Columbus; Sylvan Bruner and Don Musser, Pittsburg; Walter B. Patterson, Fort Scott; Howard Harper, Junction City; Arthur Dillingham, Salina; and Joe Cohen, Kansas City.

Included therein or else slightly later would be William H. Stowell, Phillipsburg; Donald C. Smith, Dodge City; W. Luke Chapin, Medicine Lodge; Charles Rauh, Hutchinson; Lee Hornbaker, Junction City; Melvin O. Nuss, Great Bend; Norman M. Iverson, Arkansas City; Arthur C. Hodgson, Lyons; David Prager, Reginald LaBunker, Geo. E. McCullough, Ora McClellan and Sam A. Crow, all of Topeka; Tom Finigan, Charles Schnider, Albert M. Ross and Marion C. Miller, all of Kansas City.



INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EVOLUTION OF LAW IS PORTRAYED ON ONE OF THE SIX PLAQUES IN THE LAW SCHOOL BUILDING WHICH TRACE LAW ORIGINS BACK TO HAMMURABI. THE PLAQUES WILL BE MOVED FROM THE PRESENT TO THE NEW BUILDING.



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SIX PLAQUES ON THE WALL OF THE LAW SCHOOL LOBBY WERE INSTALLED WHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY OPENED THE LAW SCHOOL BUILDING. THEY SYMBOLIZE THE FOUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAW. THE LIBERTY BELL REPRESENTS THE STATUTES SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, CONSTITUTION, AND BILL OF RIGHTS.

THE COVER:

The stained glass window which was removed from the Kansas City School of Law Building is being restored and will be displayed in a prominent place in the UMKC School of Law Building.

The window is made up of separate panes representing classes, fraternities, and individuals with close ties to the School. Two other panes, detached from the window, appear on the back cover.



The year is 1895.

At Baltimore and West 9th Street in Kansas City, the five-year old ten story "skyscraper" New York Life Insurance Company building cradles the first classes of the infant Kansas City School of Law.

A dozen or so aspiring attorneys meet three evenings a week and partake of the knowledge offered by some of Kansas City's legal lights — lawyers and judges to whom teaching is a new experience. These men are law experts who are infected by the enthusiasm of their students, some still in their teens, who are determined to become lawyers. Justice Francis M. Black, then a recent retiree from the Supreme Court of Missouri, accepts the presidency of the fledgling institution.

The new Law School has sprung from the dreams and tenacity of a dozen or so young men who, in 1893, formed a "Law Students Club". Three of the club's members — William P. Borland, Edward D. Ellison, and Elmer N. Powell — unfazed by previous failures of others to introduce a Law School to Kansas City — have been the prime movers in establishing the institution.

As it enters the twentieth century, the school grows and prospers in terms of students taught, graduates admitted to the bar, accomplishments of its graduates.

**The year
is 1920.**

As part of the observance of the 25th Anniversary of the Kansas City School of Law, Elmer Powell, now Secretary-Treasurer of the School he helped found, offers a prediction: “. . . *this Law School will continue to grow until it will invite, attract and command attention of the very greatest Law Schools in the United States and will in due time, take equal rank with the greatest of them all.*”

Progress of the Kansas City School of Law continues to be meticulous, if not meteoric:

- 1920 — Course extended to four years.
- ◁ 1926 — School erects own building at 913 Baltimore Avenue.
- 1935 — Day classes are instituted.
- 1936 — Council on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of American Bar Association grants approval to the school.
- 1939 — School becomes part of University of Kansas City. Association of American Law Schools gives full approval.
- 1950 — New building dedicated on UKC campus.
- 1954 — Graduate program is introduced.
- 1976 — As the Nation celebrates its Bicentennial, the School which became the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law through affiliation in 1963 moves into its ninth decade. It is an accredited and recognized School of Law with origins nearly half as old as the United States of America. The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law is determined to reach for its high potential and to fulfill the prophecy of one of the founders of the Kansas City School of Law.

The year is 1976.

The UMKC School of Law has earned high respect because it continues to prepare men and women not only for the general practice of law but also for policy forming functions in government, business and organized community life. Stress is placed on a thorough knowledge of the principles, processes and institutions of the Anglo-American system of law. Integration of law with physical and social sciences, and with the ethical and philosophical systems also receives important attention.

The educational philosophy of the School of Law requires that the lawyer “see life whole” and be fully aware of the fundamental unity of all social and political phenomena. The aspiring lawyer is taught to be a thinker and scholar as well as a skilled technician.



KANSAS CITY SCHOOL OF LAW

located in the center of the financial and business district of Kansas City. The School conducts regular day classes and night classes for students who work.



Library—the learning of the past preserved and transmitted to the present.



Lounge—for study, reading and social gatherings.





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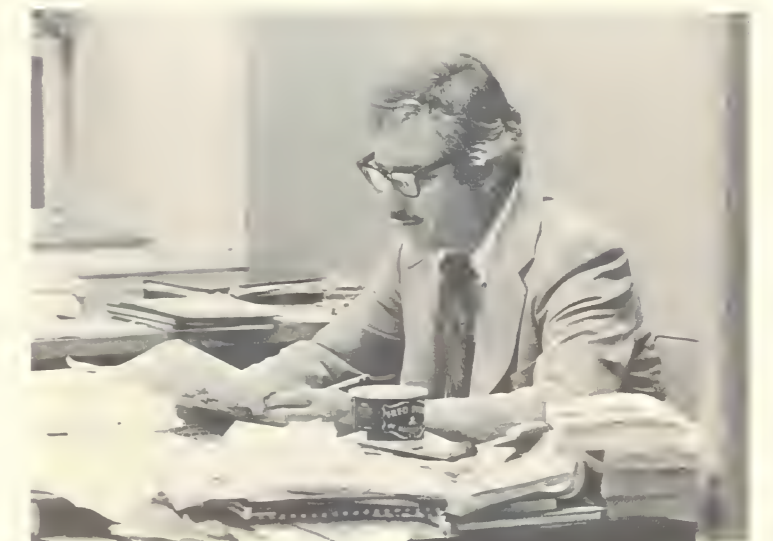
- The UMKC School of Law is one of the few law schools with a Master of Laws curricula, and is one of very few designed to provide advanced professional study in particularized practice areas. UMKC School of Law provides specialized curricula which enable a lawyer to gain advanced preparation in the following concentrations:

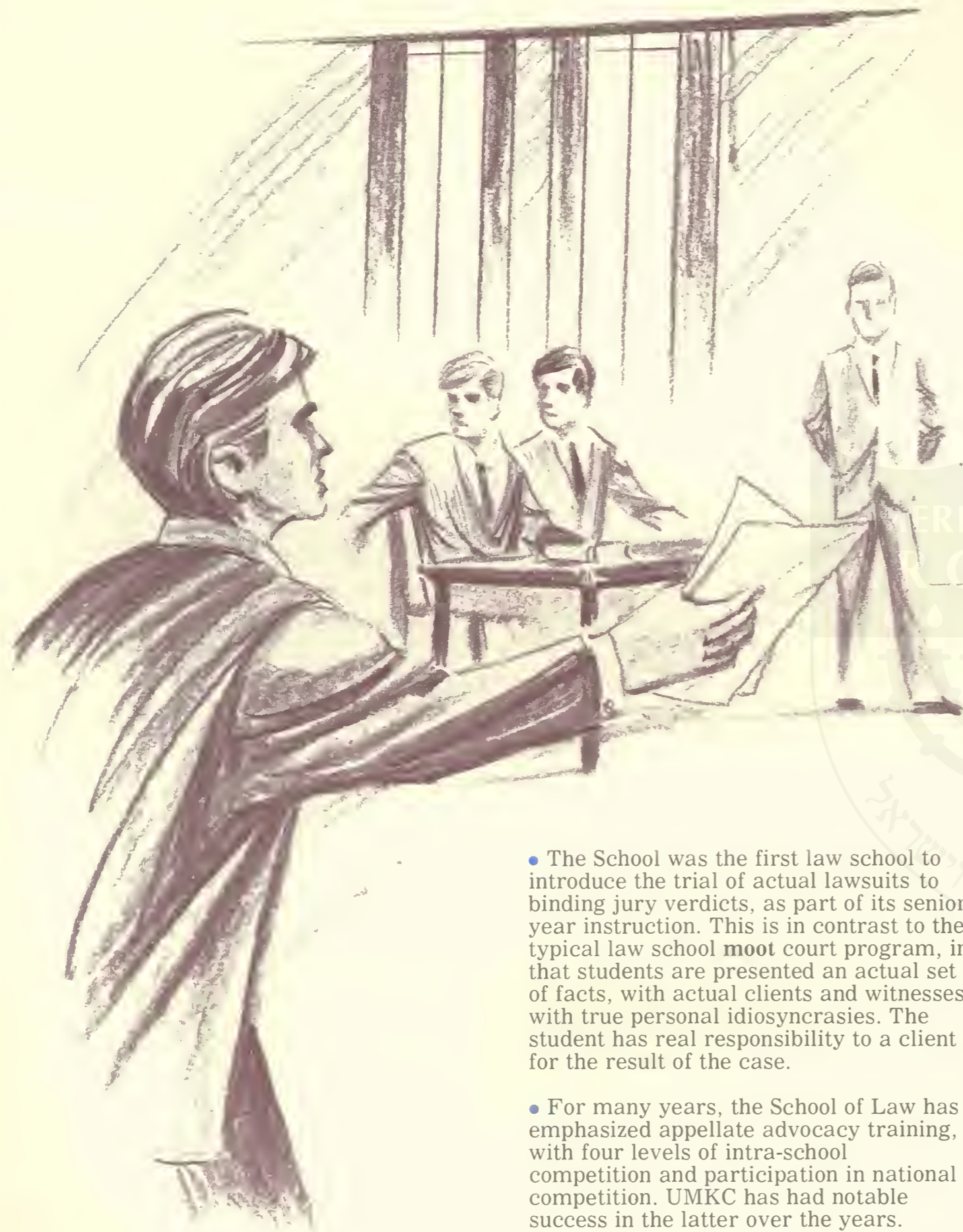
- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- International Public and Trade Law
- Taxation
- Trial Practice
- Urban Affairs

Not only is this a unique advanced professional study program for the bar, but it also offers a large range of specialized courses to J. D. candidates as elective courses.

- In addition to those specialized curricula offered for the Master of Laws to which J. D. candidates have access, choice may be made from an unusually wide variety of electives.

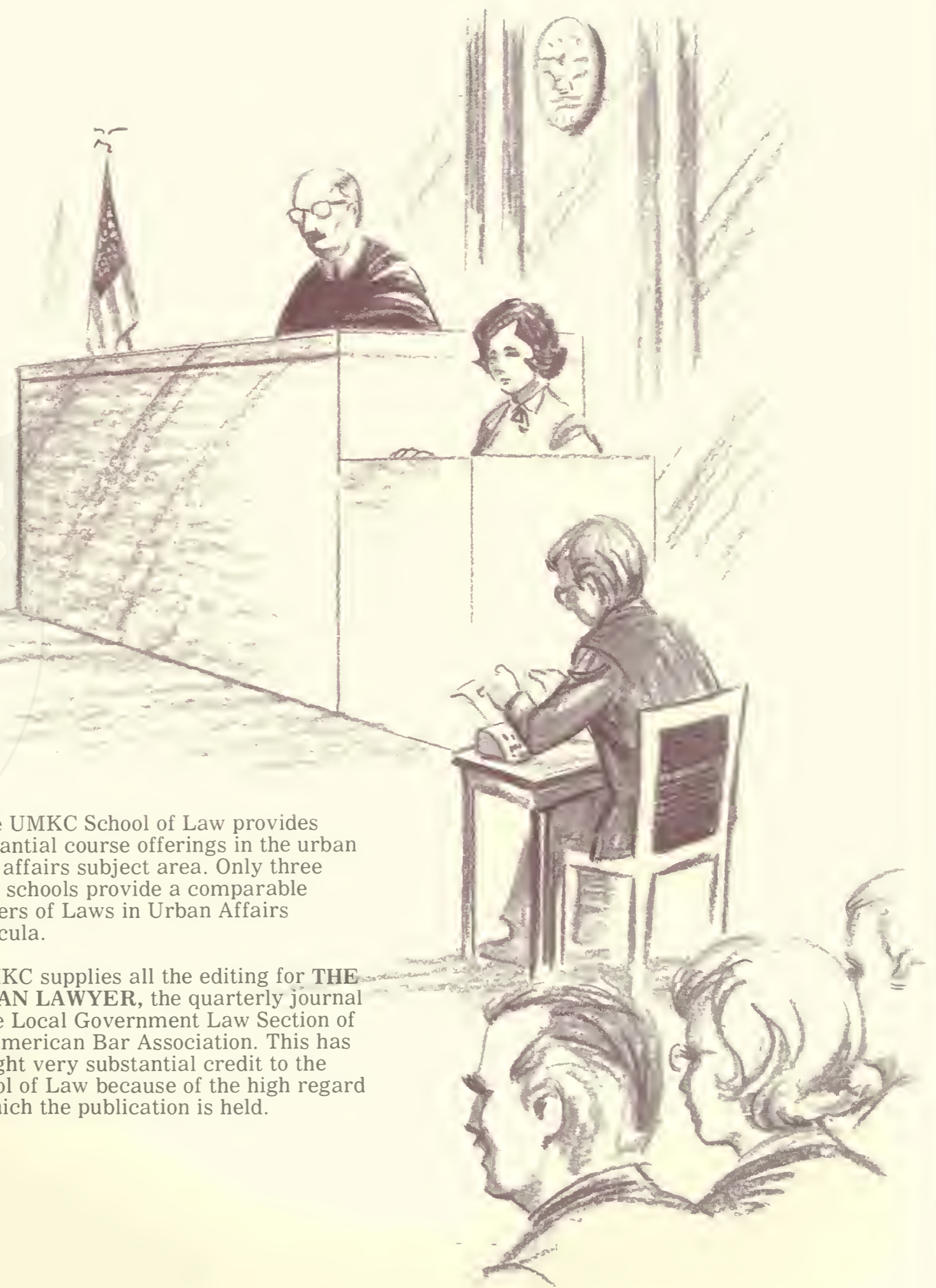
- A high proportion of law faculty has had significant law practice experience prior to teaching. Obviously, only persons with such experience are qualified to teach the advanced courses in the Masters Degree program, but UMKC has such faculty aside from the Masters program. The School's philosophy embraces the recruiting of faculty with law career experience.





- The School was the first law school to introduce the trial of actual lawsuits to binding jury verdicts, as part of its senior year instruction. This is in contrast to the typical law school moot court program, in that students are presented an actual set of facts, with actual clients and witnesses with true personal idiosyncrasies. The student has real responsibility to a client for the result of the case.

- For many years, the School of Law has emphasized appellate advocacy training, with four levels of intra-school competition and participation in national competition. UMKC has had notable success in the latter over the years.



- The UMKC School of Law provides substantial course offerings in the urban legal affairs subject area. Only three other schools provide a comparable Masters of Laws in Urban Affairs curricula.

- UMKC supplies all the editing for **THE URBAN LAWYER**, the quarterly journal of the Local Government Law Section of the American Bar Association. This has brought very substantial credit to the School of Law because of the high regard in which the publication is held.

• The School has always had strong ties with the local practicing bar. The good relationship stems from the fact that UMKC is *the* law school in the community and also has, for a long time, provided continuing legal education for practicing attorneys. The School works closely with the Kansas City Bar Association on all of its seminar programming and cooperates in excellent ventures with the Missouri Bar on statewide programs. The School also has solely sponsored many institutes and seminars over the years. This is becoming a growing mission due to increased pressure for lawyer participation in continuing education.

• Students are involved in a number of national activities. Currently, two of the six elected officers of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association are UMKC students. This is the first time one law school has provided two national officers.

A missing ingredient — one that certainly is needed for UMKC School of Law to reach upward to fulfillment of the Powell prophecy — is a functional building designed for an optimal J.D. candidate enrollment of 640.

A report of an evaluation team of three nationally esteemed legal educators described the present facility as woefully inadequate:

- Building, not designed for its special purposes, is undersized and dysfunctional.
- School's library situation is "deplorable". Over 14% of minimal total holdings cannot be shelved in the library. Seating is available for only 157 students whereas 496 students are enrolled in day study in current school year. The Association of American Law Schools prescribes seating for 298 students for a school of this size.





- American Bar Association standards require office space for graduate teaching assistants and part-time lecturers. No such space in present building.
- Courtroom lacks much of the desired formality and has no auxiliary spaces for use as a judge's chamber, witness conference rooms, jury room, nor for permanent audio-visual equipment.
- Law students edit two major journals. **THE LAW REVIEW** staff is physically separated from the Law Building, in violation of the American Bar Association's accrediting rules. **THE URBAN LAWYER** staff has cramped, "make do" offices in the Law School building.

The School, while commended by the evaluation team for its "innovative faculty", has no physical space in which to develop. Ironically, it is in the position of having a unique, successful trial advocacy program, yet having inadequate facilities for the conduct of jury trials.



As far back as a dozen years ago, the first overtures were made for a new building for the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

In 1975, the Legislature appropriated funds for planning, site acquisition and preparation.

Planning got underway and the UMKC faculty advanced some building concepts related to changing requirements in the teaching of law.

Recognizing that the full potential of the School of Law can be met most effectively through human resources of faculty and student body combined with research materials of an up-to-date Law Library in a **functional building**, the faculty gave deliberative study to how a building best could serve function.

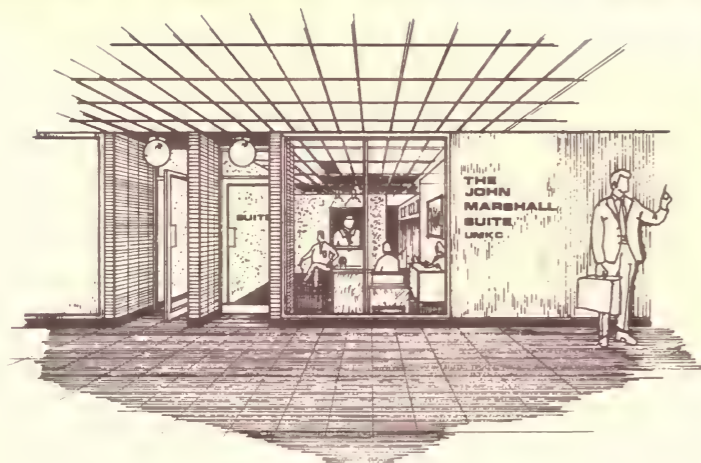
The major innovation in the new building will place together in suites second and third year student stations and the faculty offices. Flexibility is provided for varying amounts of clinical education as the faculty may decide upon from time to time. The plan permits:

- 1) *Opportunity for experience as law clerks in the second year, and as intern associates in the third year.*
- 2) *Natural decentralization of formal and informal student-faculty contact.*
- 3) *Merged utilization of study and faculty stations with "clinic space".*
- 4) *Merged faculty secretarial and "clinic" secretarial service.*
- 5) *Provision of an efficient and totally legitimized format for clinical education.*



Another unique feature to be included in the new law facility — a computer-assisted legal research center — is a recognition of this frontier development in law practice. The State of Missouri has been a leader in this development, being the third state to place its statutes and modern case law in a national data base. Besides provision of a user station, the center will enable the training of all students in the research method.

A special trial advocacy teaching facility will provide a modern courtroom with remote-controlled audio-visual capacity, and with a sound-proofed observation deck for live critique of actual trials. This trial courtroom, and a coordinated appeals courtroom, will enhance the excellent advocacy training program of UMKC School of Law and its tradition of producing first-rate trial advocates.



The cost of site acquisition, planning, construction and equipment of the building, and program enrichment is approximately \$9,000,000.

The 1976-77 budget of the University calls for an appropriation of \$6,400,000, in addition to site and planning funds of \$837,000 already appropriated, for law building construction purposes.

The balance of \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000 necessary to enrich the Law School program and to include innovative features in the new building, as well as to provide part of the equipment for the courtroom, law suites, library, classrooms, and offices, will be sought through a subscription campaign.

A subscription campaign will provide the following:

- Special classroom equipment — including audio-visual projection and screens, and equipment of one room as a unique teaching area for computer-assisted research method instruction.
- Special equipment in the Courtroom unit — including an audio-visual taping booth and courtroom monitor, distinctive finishing of the bench, the jury box and the courtroom interior, a large exhibit display panel, a unique octagonal jury room and circular jury table, and an appropriately finished Judge Chambers.
- Special equipment in the Law Library — including video tape terminals in student study rooms, computer-assisted research terminals, audio-visual projection center, micro-readers and micro-storage cabinets, and a video tape and audio tape cassette library.
- Special equipment for student/faculty suites — including video tape terminals, computer-assisted instruction terminals, suite libraries, and portraits of famous justices for whom suites are named.
- Distinctive lobby displays of memorabilia from the Kansas City School of Law. Restoration and mounting of a stained glass window from the old school. Removal to new building of plaques commemorating the origin and development of law. These were installed when the University of Kansas City School of Law first occupied the present building.
- Landscaping and seating for an outdoor discussion area.



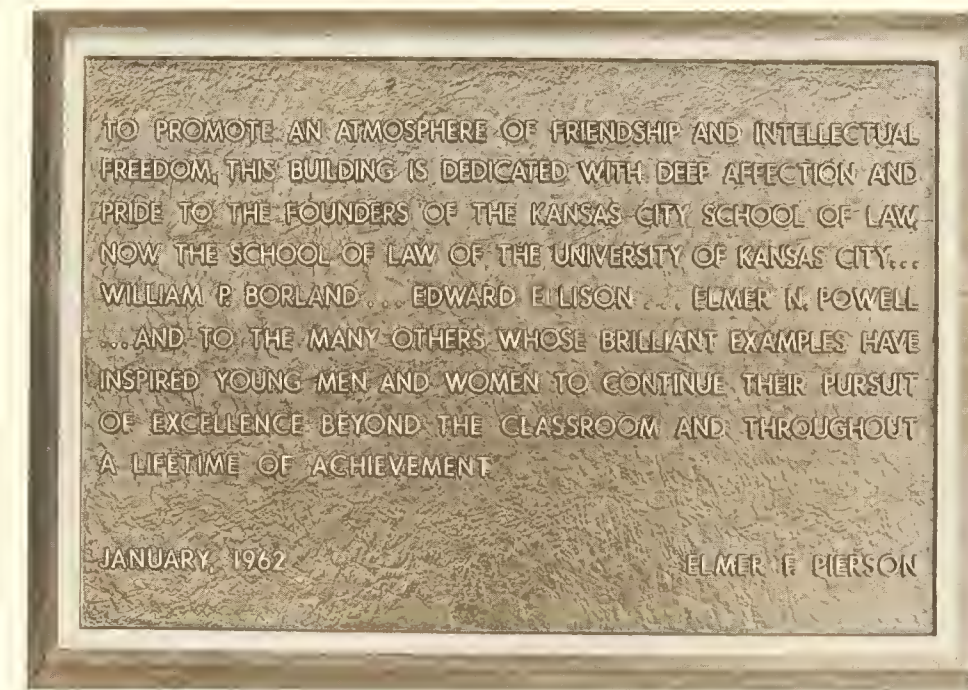
FULFILLMENT CAMPAIGN

The FULFILLMENT CAMPAIGN, now in progress, is designed to help the School of Law reach its high potential. The Campaign will seek generous pledges payable over a three-year period. Law firms, individuals, alumni, businesses, and organizations will be approached. The minimum goal is \$1,500,000.

Generous contributors will assure outstanding contemporary facilities equipped with innovative tools for teaching law.

The Law Foundation of the University of Missouri at Kansas City, established in 1959, prior to the joining of the University of Kansas City with the University of Missouri, has actively supported all efforts to bring a new law building to UMKC. The Foundation is sponsoring the FULFILLMENT CAMPAIGN.

The FULFILLMENT CAMPAIGN will enable the School to make another stride towards fulfilling the 55-year old prophecy of one of the founders.



PLAQUE IN PIERSON HALL
UNIVERSITY CENTER

COMMEMORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Gifts that will help the UMKC School of Law attain a peer level with the "very greatest Law Schools in the United States" provide unusual opportunities for projects bearing the name of the donor or someone he or she chooses to honor.

At one and the same time, the donor expresses support of the School of Law, willingness to offer personal assistance to further the objectives of a specialized education resource, and desire to bestow permanent honor upon an individual, family, or organization of his or her own choosing.

The "COMMEMORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES" folder in the pocket of the inside cover of this brochure offers units for commemoration by businesses, corporations, charitable foundations, family trusts, or other organizations.

Appropriate recognition through permanent markers and/or plaques will ensure enduring recognition of those gifts designated for any of the numbered projects listed herein.

The values are related to desirability and visibility, not necessarily to actual construction costs. Donors will be informed of any changes which occur between the original planning stage and actual construction. Suitable alternate projects will be decided upon in consultation with the donor.



LAWS OF HAMMURABI ARE REFLECTED BY THIS PLAQUE WHICH WILL BE AFFIXED TO A WALL IN THE NEW BUILDING WITH FIVE OTHERS WHICH SHOW HIGHLIGHTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAW. THE PLAQUES HAVE BEEN PART OF THE PRESENT LAW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Commemorative Opportunities



Besides the commemorative opportunities outlined in this folder, the Fulfillment Campaign provides other opportunities to support program enrichment (e.g., endowed professorships, library acquisitions). Interested persons should communicate with the Dean of the School of Law or the Director of Development, University of Missouri-Kansas City.



A Listing of Projects Available
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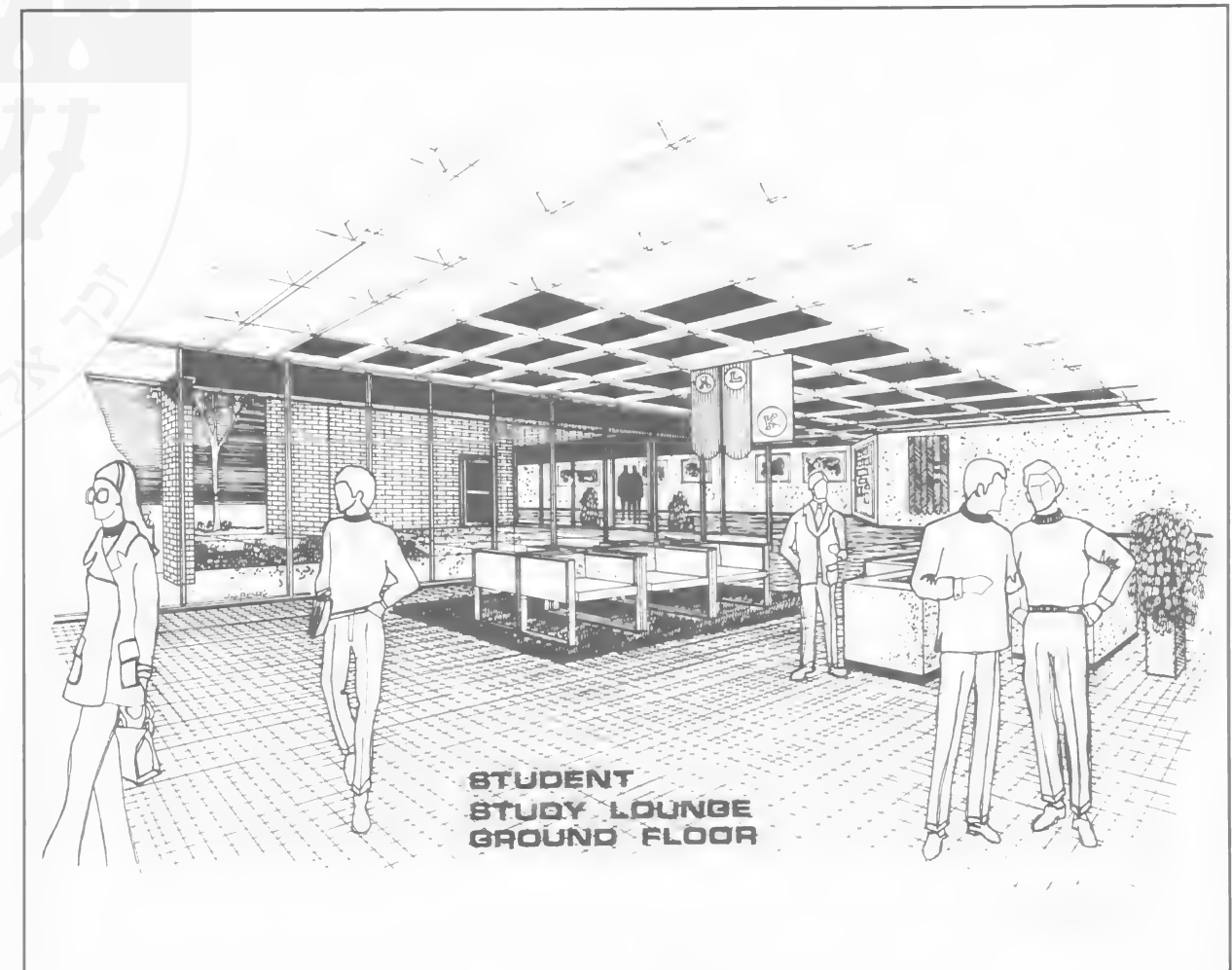
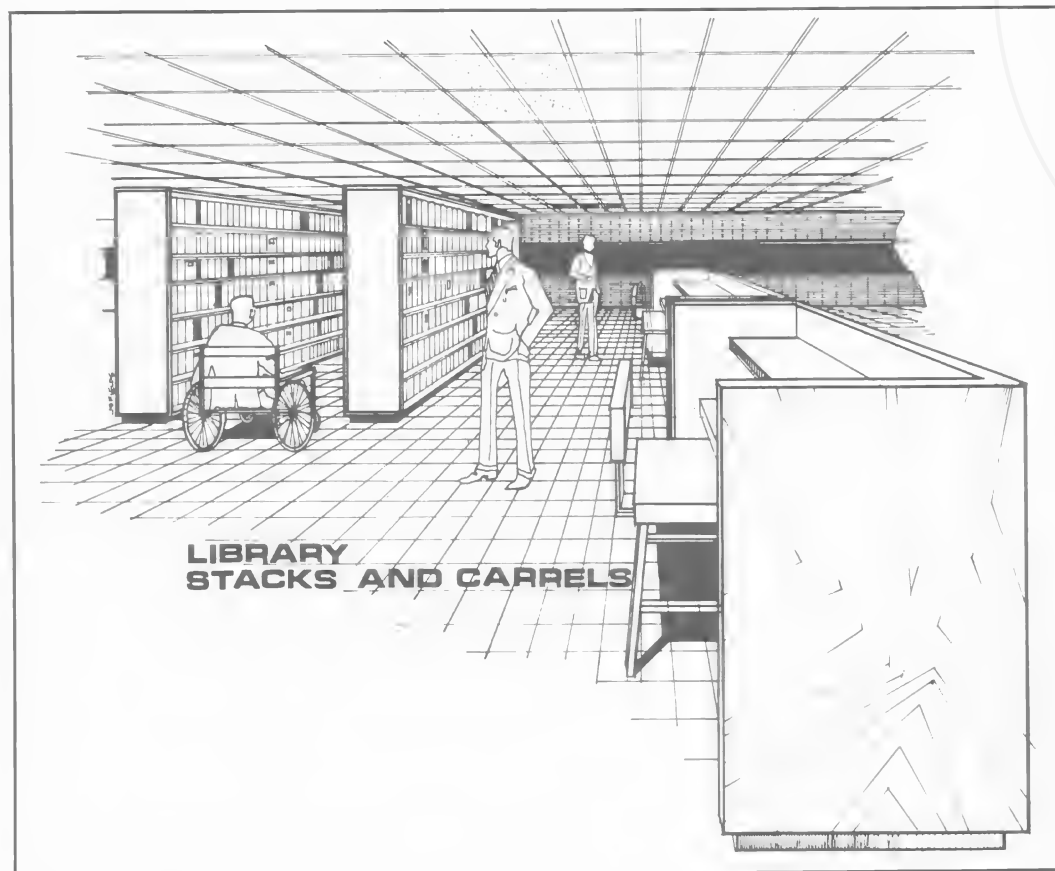
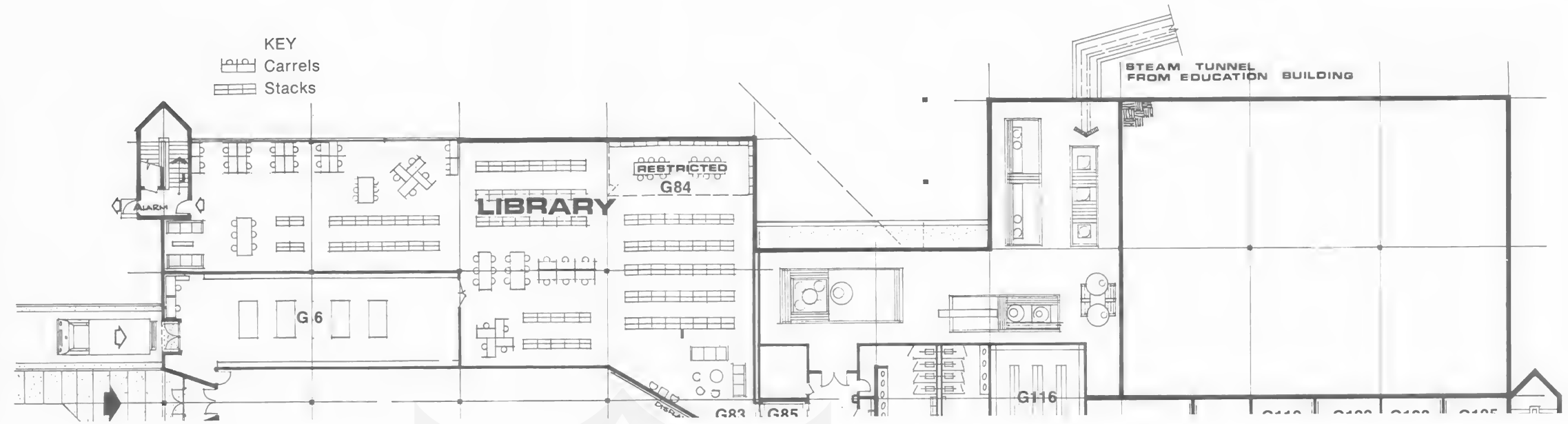
JUSTINIAN LAW IS GRAPHICALLY PORTRAYED ON THIS PLAQUE WHICH WILL APPEAR IN THE SERIES OF SIX TO BE MOVED TO THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING.



THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MOSAIC LAW AND CHRISTIAN LAW TO THE ORIGINS AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAW ARE COMMEMORATED ON TWO OF THE PLAQUES IN THE PRESENT BUILDING WHICH WILL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN THE NEW UMKC SCHOOL OF LAW BUILDING.

Recognition of a name well-loved or of someone held in high esteem and worthy of special honor is afforded through the UMKC Fulfillment Campaign commemorative opportunities program.

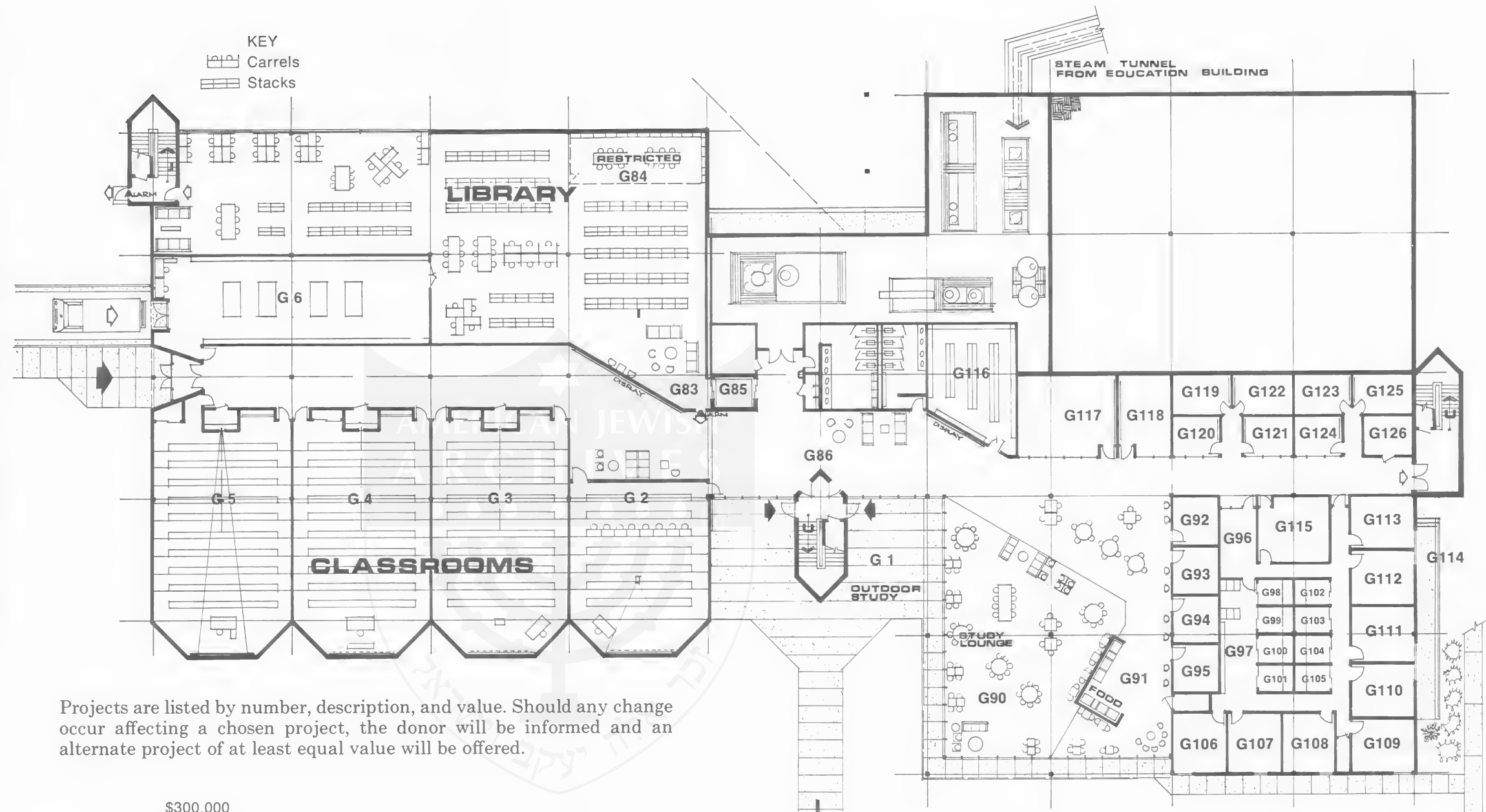
As a nation, we have succeeded in large measure because we believe in the dedication of names of citizens who have contributed to progress in the community, state, and nation. Leaders of other years remain a part of the lives of succeeding generations, their names permanently affixed on and in our buildings. There is no greater tribute to one we respect and admire than recognition in



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In the new three-floor, 115,000 square foot building on the northeast corner of Oak and 52nd Streets, you can arrange for a commemorative project which will be used by law students and viewed by visitors for years to come. The three connected structures of library, courtroom and general instruction area will each have appropriate markers to assure that recognition is visible to students and visitors alike.



Projects are listed by number, description, and value. Should any change occur affecting a chosen project, the donor will be informed and an alternate project of at least equal value will be offered.

TO NAME LIBRARY

\$300,000

**GROUND FLOOR
LIBRARY WING**

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| G1 | Outdoor Discussion Area | \$20,000 |
| G2 | Classroom (60 students w/computer research monitor) | 10,000 |
| G3-G5 | Classroom (80 students, projection booth) | 20,000 |
| G6 | Library Technical Processing | 20,000 |
| G7-G38 | Carrels, each (not shown) | 2,000 |
| G39-G80 | Stacks, Units of Four, each (not shown) | 1,000 |
| G81-G82 | Stacks, Units of Ten, each (not shown) | 2,000 |
| G83 | Library Discussion/Lounge area | 3,000 |
| G84 | Restricted Book Stacks | 1,000 |
| G85 | Elevator | 15,000 |
| G86 | Lobby | 25,000 |

INSTRUCTIONAL WING

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| G90 | Student Study Lounge | \$75,000 |
| G91 | Automatic Food Service | 4,500 |
| G92-G95 | Adjunct Professors Office (4), each | 3,000 |
| G96 | Secretary Waiting Room | 2,000 |
| G97 | Files and Library Area | 2,000 |
| G98-G105 | Research Assistant's Office (8), each | 3,000 |
| G106-G113 | Faculty Offices (8), each | 5,000 |
| G114 | Areaway | 1,000 |
| G115 | Seminar/Conference Room | 10,000 |
| G116 | Locker Room | 10,000 |
| G117 | Student Bar Association Office | 10,000 |
| G118 | Moot Court Board | 10,000 |

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TO BUS STOP
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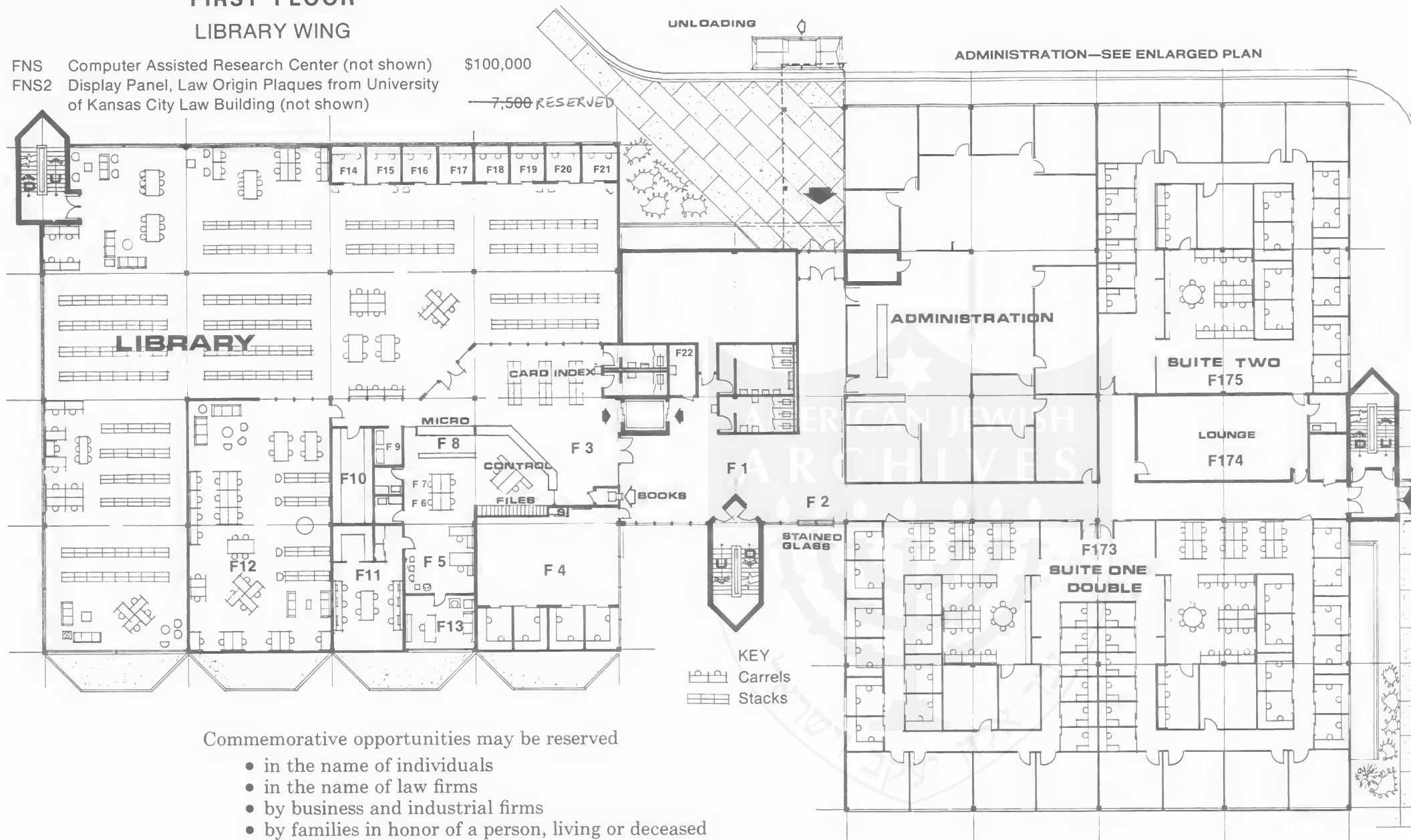
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| G119 | Student Lawyers Guild | 3,000 |
| G120 | Women's Council | 3,000 |
| G121 | BALSA | 3,000 |
| G122 | Student Organization (Unassigned) | 3,000 |
| G123-G125 | Legal Fraternity Office (3), each | 5,000 |
| G126 | Storeroom | 500 |

Courtroom Wing—There are no facilities on ground floor of this wing as this is unexcavated foundation.

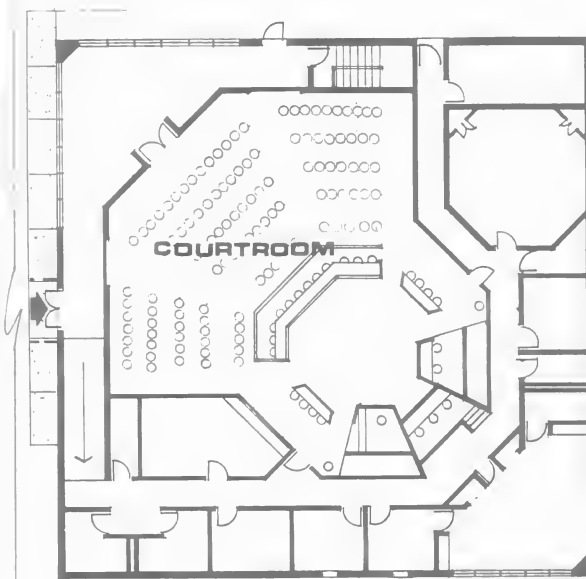
Commemorative project values are not intended to reflect cost of construction. Desirability is the determining factor in establishing values.

**FIRST FLOOR
LIBRARY WING**

FNS Computer Assisted Research Center (not shown) \$100,000
 FNS2 Display Panel, Law Origin Plaques from University of Kansas City Law Building (not shown)



COURTROOM—SEE ENLARGED PLAN



FIRST FLOOR

Commemorative opportunities may be reserved

- in the name of individuals
- in the name of law firms
- by business and industrial firms
- by families in honor of a person, living or deceased
- by employee groups
- by clubs, organizations, and service groups

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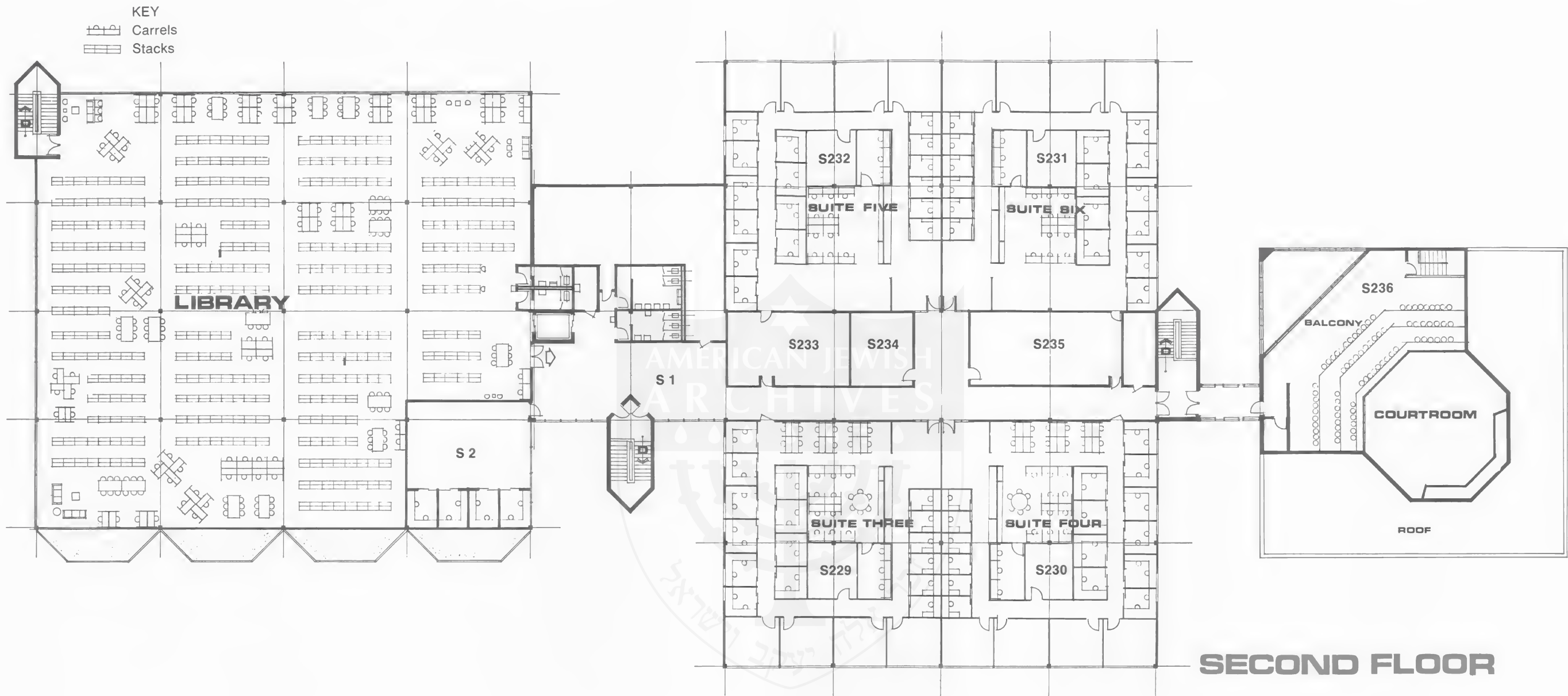
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| F2 | Restoration, Kansas City School of Law Stained Glass Window | 15,000 RESERVED |
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| F12 | Reserved Book Room | 15,000 |
| F13 | Librarian's Office | 5,000 |
| F14-F21 | Attorney Research Room (8), each | 10,000 <i>See</i> |
| F22-F77 | Carrels (56), each | 2,000 |
| F78-F148 | Stacks, Units of Four (70), each | 1,000 |

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| F150-F153 | Stacks, Units of Ten (4), each | 2,000 |
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| E173 | Suite One—Double Suite | 66,000 |
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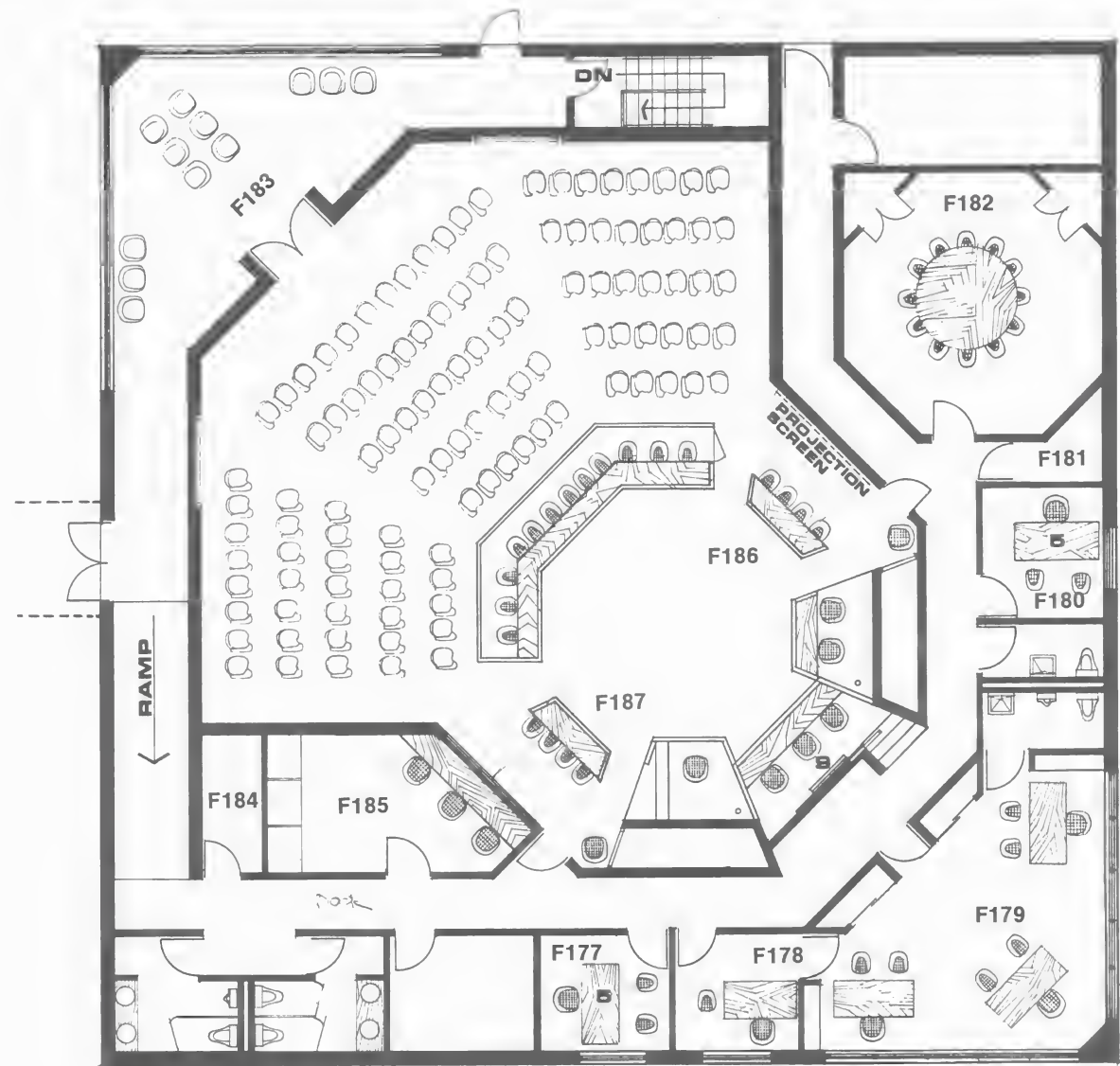
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| S159-S228 | Carrels (59), each | 2,000 |

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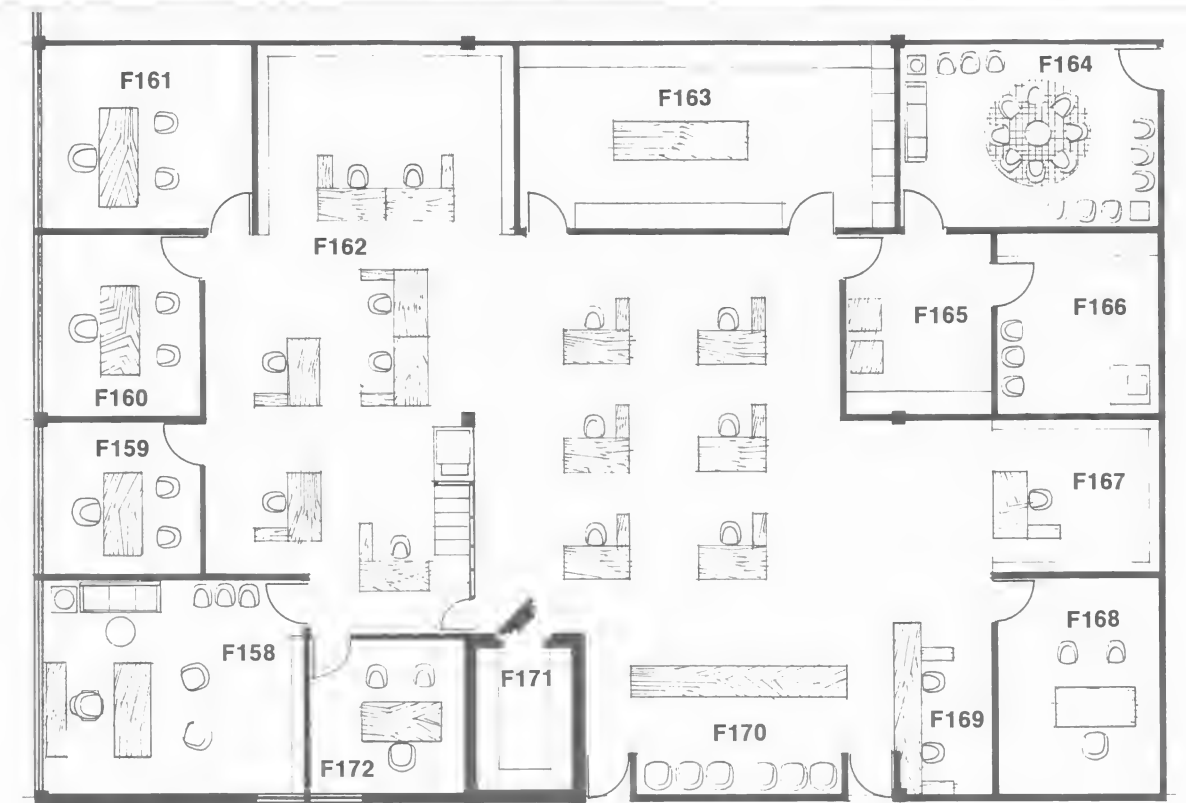
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| F178 | Court Reporter Office | 10,000 |
| F179 | Judge Chambers | 60,000 |
| F180 | Attorney/Client Conference Room | 10,000 |
| F181 | Bailiff Room | 10,000 |
| F182 | Jury Room | 50,000 |
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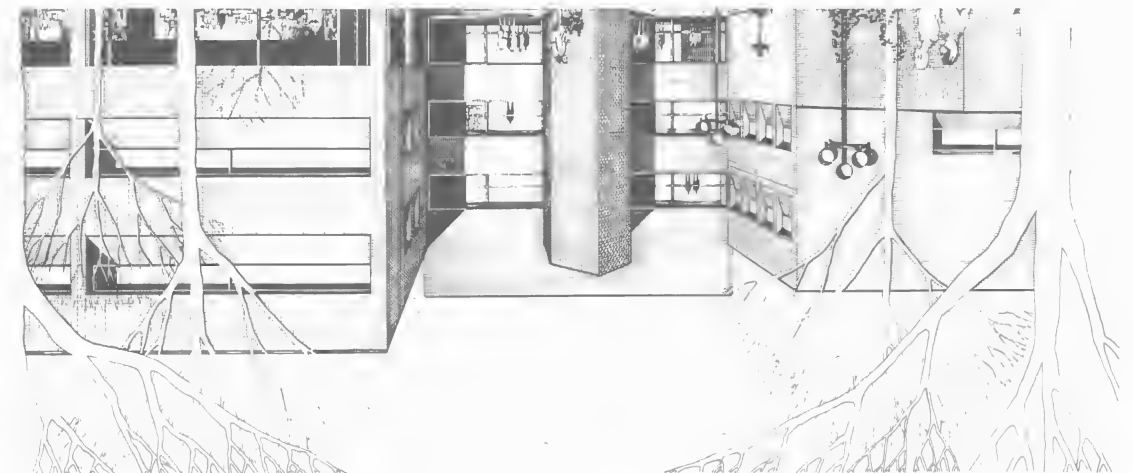


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| F162 | Administrative Staff Area | 10,000 | F170 | Waiting Area | 15,000 |
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Commemorative Opportunities



A happy holiday birthday

By Morris B. Margolies

Special to The Chronicle

All day Sunday, Dec. 25, I had telephone calls to wish me a "happy birthday." They came from Philadelphia, Cherry Hill, N.J., New York City, Las Vegas, Boston, Providence, Boca Raton, Chicago, Los Angeles and, of course, Kansas and Missouri. One of the most unusual of these calls was from nearby Raytown. Here is the way the conversation went.

"Is this Rabbi Margolies?"

"Yes, sir, it is. Whom am I talking with?"

"Well you wouldn't know me. My name is Thomas Sullivan and I read your piece on Chanukah in the Kansas City Star yesterday. And so I learned that Christmas and the first day of Chanukah occurred at the same time and that it was only the fourth time that has happened in the 84 years of your life. Well, I want to wish you a happy birthday, but I would love for you to do the same for me because, you see, I too was born on Dec. 25, 1921. So we must be soul-mates."

"Well, well, Mr. Sullivan, happy birthday to you. What, if I may ask, have you done for a living before you retired. I presume you are retired."

"Yes, I am. I practiced law in Missouri for many years. Some old-timers in my profession might still remember me."

Mr. Sullivan gave me his telephone number at my request and I promised to be in touch with him because, I said, a Sullivan and a Margolies have something very crucial in common.



Among our wonderful dinner guests on that very evening were my good friends, Barton and Mary Cohen. Barton was the eldest of the three lawyers at the table. I recounted the conversation with Mr. Thomas Sullivan and asked if anyone knew of him. To Mr. Cohen the name was vaguely familiar. But early the next morning he called to tell me that he had done some research and had discovered that Sullivan had been listed years ago as one of the top 100 lawyers in America.

I was so impressed by the obvious modesty of my caller from Raytown. He had not spoken of his achievements nor of his prominence at all. He merely called a fellow human being to congratulate him on a date of birth they both shared. Both of our neighbors directly across the street are wonderful families and faithful churchgoers. Both delivered Chanukah presents to us. One of them had a local bakery prepare *sufganiot* (Hebrew for jelly doughnuts), which have long been traditional Chanukah delicacies. Ruthie reciprocated with delicacies of her own baking.

All this, as I see it, was not "interfaith" activity. Rather it was the common humanity that is such an indispensable desideratum for bringing about concord and peace for all of us who were presumably created in the image of God.

Despite all the viciousness, violence and venality we are experiencing these days, we must never lose the conviction that there is a lot of love and real

compassion in the hearts of most people. All we need is a fourth "V," "V" for the Victory of human compassion over the corruption that is the bane of our existence, in America and in much of the rest of this world. When goodwill prevails, there will be peace among men and women. Let's go for it!

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“How do you measure a year in the life of a woman or man?” cry the desperate but hopeful young people in “Seasons of Love,” the signature song in the Broadway show *Rent*. Do you measure in minutes, daylight, sunsets, midnights, cups of coffee? No, they sing, “Measure in love!”

Greater Kansas City will measure the extraordinary love of five people and one institution at the *22nd Annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon*, the oldest and largest celebration of our community’s vital nonprofit sector. With Adele and Donald Hall as honorary chairmen and Steve Metzler as emcee, enjoy the traditions and new features that have made this event a Kansas City favorite for more than two decades.

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Measure the Love – A Video Love Story in Four Parts
Live entertainment by the Bar Natasha singers

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Recognition slide show offering congratulatory messages to honorees, as well as messages of thanks to notable volunteers, donors and staff of luncheon sponsors

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Business Philanthropist of the Year Metcalf Bank

Ben Craig, Barton P. Cohen & Jon Stewart

Nominated by Karen Wulfkuhle,
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Philanthropy and volunteerism have been traditions at Metcalf Bank, founded by attorney Joseph Cohen, since first opening its doors at 79th and Metcalf in 1962. Now, with five locations in Johnson County, Metcalf Bank donates two percent of before tax profits to more than 120 nonprofit groups across the metro area, more than \$100,000 in 2005. Its leaders – including current President and CEO Jon Stewart and Chairman of the Board and former President Ben Craig – have been instrumental in the creation and development of many of Johnson County's anchor institutions, including Johnson County Community College, United Community Services of Johnson County and the Downtown Overland Park Partnership. Today, the bank's 120 associates volunteer more than 6,000 hours a year – serving on boards, leading capital campaigns, chairing events, visiting classrooms, and more.

"If you look at the growth of their business, it really demonstrates to me that continued community involvement is good business. Metcalf Bank is a community bank in more than just words. There's a recognition that when their clients and the community prosper, the bank prospers."

*Ed Eilert
Former Mayor of Overland Park*

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Recent Acquisitions

Shafer Gallery Acquires Two Shafer Watercolors From Leawood Couple

Barton County Community College Friends of the Shafer Gallery have purchased two Gus Shafer paintings from Barton and Mary Cohen of Leawood. In turn, the Cohens have donated \$1,200 to the Friends of the Gallery Fund.

"The two paintings acquired from Barton and Mary Cohen are part of the legacy of the gallery's name sake, Gus Shafer," said Shafer Gallery Director Bill Forst. "Not only was he an outstanding sculptor he produced many fine paintings."

"These works are excellent examples of his watercolor technique and his vision of the American West," Forst added.

The watercolors are products of the many trips Gus and his wife, Eva, made to explore the ghost towns of the American West.

"Silver Slipper Saloon," reflects the 1961 condition of Silver City, Idaho, which was "one of the finest ghost towns still in existence," Shafer wrote on the back of the painting. The painting shows the saloon and what was known as the old Getchel Drug Store.

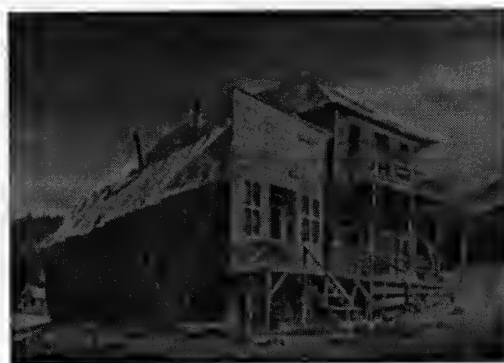
"There are approximately 30 old buildings in this ghost town, rated third best in the USA," Shafer wrote. The painting's original owner was Dr. John Broz of Twin Falls, Idaho.

"Desert's Toll," painted in 1970, depicts the sand dunes in southern Colorado. On the back of the painting, Shafer wrote: "The old wagon is a relic of the early days when Sprague's toll road ran 30 miles across the dunes. Some of the old log road can still be found on a hillside south of the dunes before you cross the river. The dunes rise 1,500 feet high and run northwest or southeast in direction for 30 miles."

The paintings are now on display at the gallery.

All Shafer Gallery exhibits are presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

L. E. "Gus" Shafer
b. 1907, Hoisington, KS
d. 1985, Overland Park, KS



Silver Slipper Saloon
Watercolor



Desert's Toll
Watercolor

Both paintings Funded by Friends of the Shafer Gallery

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Indian on a Horse
Oil on canvasboard

Donated by Barton P. and Dr. Mary Davidson Cohen

Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas to award venture capital, scholarships

Special to The Kansan

Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas (YEK) will host the program's first-ever awards night, Dreams to Dividends in Kansas City, Kansas, Thursday, May 4, 2006, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at the Theme Party Emporium, 2420 Merriam Lane, Kansas City, Kansas.

Winners of the YEK regional business plan competition will be announced. The winners will receive venture capital to start their businesses or apply to the costs of post-secondary education. A total of \$5,700 will be awarded. Winners of YEK's competitive scholarship competition will also be announced at the event.

Eleven students will showcase their businesses from 7-

7:30 p.m., with the awards presentation from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

With funding from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, YEK launched programs in J.C. Harmon, F.L. Schlagle, Washington, and Wyandotte high schools in the fall of 2005. Parents, families, teachers, school administrators and the general public are invited to the event to view the students' business ideas, learn more about Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas, and join in the awards celebration.

Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas (YEK) is a non-profit organization that works with public schools, teaching business and entrepreneurial skills in the classroom. YEK is in all public high schools

in Wichita, Augusta High School, Newton High School, Valley Center High School, Campus High School in Haysville, Kapaun Mt. Carmel, Topeka High School, Highland Park High School in Topeka, Lawrence High School, and four Kansas City, Kansas high schools. Since its beginning, more than 7,000 students have graduated from YEK. YEK was established in 1991 by the Charles G. Koch Foundation. It is a licensed program of the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, based in New York.

For more information, contact Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas offices at 316-978-7959 or see www.yeks.org.

Department of Education official to tour Academie Lafayette today

The U.S. Department of Education's regional representative Mary Cohen will celebrate National Charter Schools Week, May 1-6, with a visit on Thursday to Academie Lafayette. She is one of several senior Department officials who are visiting charter schools around the country to highlight their significant contributions to our education system.

"Charter schools are empowering parents with new options in public education," said Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. "I've visited charter schools all across the

country. And I've seen how these schools are doing whatever it takes to leave no child behind in some of America's toughest inner city neighborhoods. They take the most at-risk students, and they refuse to give up on them."

This year marks the 14th anniversary of the opening of the first charter school. Since then, more than 3,600 charter schools have opened in 40 states and the District Columbia and they educate nearly one million students.

Charter schools are independent public schools designed and operated by parents, educators, community leaders, education

entrepreneurs, and others with a contract, or charter, from a public agency, such as a local or state education agency or an institution of higher education. These schools provide enhanced education choices for parents within the public school system. Charter schools receive increased flexibility in exchange for high accountability for improving student academic achievement.

Throughout this week, charter schools will host open houses and welcome the public to visit, learn and experience some of the activities charter schools offer.

Brownback examines penalties against marriage

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DEATHS

Lloyd Milton Davis, 90, Brush, Colo.
Billy V. "Bill" Highfill, 80, La Crosse
Robert "Bob" Dean Ratliff, 77, Larned
Clyde "Bill" Denney, 76, Salina

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High 72, low 50 today.
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Claffin wins home meet
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Rice County escapee captured

PA termination spurs town meeting

By PAM MARTIN
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ELLINWOOD — Doctors and physician assistants often inspire loyalty in their patients and communities, and Ellinwood is no different. Patients of Debra Brockel, P.A., have started a petition drive and organized a town meeting to try and keep her in Ellinwood, after her posi-

tion at Ellinwood District Hospital was terminated last week. The petition drive demands "sponsorship and reinstatement of Debra Brockel to the hospital," said Robin Moos, a patient and friend of Brockel. The town meeting will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Heritage Center.
"The reason for the meeting is to get everybody going in the same

direction and stop the rumors," she said.
David Haneke, Ellinwood District Hospital administrator, confirmed Brockel's position with the hospital had been terminated, but refused comment on whether Brockel's contract contained a non-competitive clause, barring her from practicing within a specific distance of Ellinwood.

"It's my understanding contracts are not open to the public," Haneke said, adding he could not answer that question at this point.
Brockel did not return calls and could not be reached for comment.
The action was taken by Great Plains Health Alliance, the not-for-

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Agile education



Federal ed official praises area educators

By DALE HOGG
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Mary Cohen likes what she sees on Great Bend's educational landscape. Coming from the regional representative of the United States Department of Education, that complement doesn't come lightly.
Cohen visited Great Bend Monday and Tuesday at the behest of Darnell Holopirek, director of the Barton County

Mail carriers help 'Stamp Out' Hunger

By CHUCK SMITH
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Local postal carriers are hoping Great Bend will join the **Stamp**

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Rice County escapee captured near Great Bend

By SUSAN THACKER
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An escapee from the Rice County Jail was captured Monday night while attempting to hitchhike in Barton County. Timothy C. Moore, 23, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was captured at 11:15 p.m. by Barton County Deputy Tom Dyer, who responded to a report that a man was walking on U.S. 56, one mile west of Great Bend. Moore had managed to change from his orange-and-white striped inmate uniform to regular clothes, but was wearing jail sandals, Barton County Sheriff Buck Causey said. Moore, who is being held on many fraud charges for the Colorado Department of Corrections, escaped from the County Jail exercise area at Lyons around 12:15 p.m. He was noted missing at the 6 p.m. head count, Sheriff Dale E. Gign said. Authorities believed Moore might be traveling in a car that was seen traveling west on U.S. 56 from Lyons. A search was conducted with the assistance of a helicopter from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Department of Corrections dog handler Rick Elliot from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, deputies and detention officers from the Rice County Sheriff's Office, Lyons and Great Bend police officers, and



DALE HOGG/ Great Bend Tribune

Mary Cohen, regional representative for the United States Department of Education, visits with a group of women civic leaders at lunch time Tuesday at Lizzy's Cottage in Great Bend. She visited the area to talk to school and economic development officials while promoting education.

Mary Elizabeth Davidson Cohen is the secretary's regional representative for Region VII of the United States Department of Education. With headquarters in Kansas City, Region VII includes the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. The U.S. Department of Education maintains 10 regional offices. As the secretary's regional representative, Cohen serves as the department's liaison to state and local education agencies, public and private schools, colleges and universities and elected representatives of local and state government organizations. In addition, she disseminates information about department programs and initiatives. Cohen joined the department after serving as vice president for adult and continuing education and dean of the graduate school at Saint Mary College in Leavenworth from 1997 to 1999. She served as assistant

Mary Cohen

director of the William T. Kemper Foundation from 1993 to 1997. She was assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Kansas Regents Center from 1976 to 1992. She began her education career as a teacher in 1958 teaching fifth, sixth, and seventh grades in the Kansas City, Mo. She also taught science for K-7 grades in Kansas City for the district's educational television station KCSD - Channel 19. She received a doctorate in education administration from KU in 1977. She received her master of arts in science education for elementary teachers from Columbia University in 1962 and was awarded a bachelor of science in education at the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1958. She and her husband Barton, an attorney, reside in Overland Park.

Federal ed official praises area educators

By DALE HOGG
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Mary Cohen likes what she sees on Great Bend's educational landscape. Coming from the regional representative of the United States Department of Education, that complement doesn't come lightly. Cohen visited Great Bend Monday and Tuesday at the behest of Darnell Holopirek, director of the Barton County Community College Foundation. Overland Park residents, Cohen and her husband Barton donated money and books to help establish the Cohen Research Room in the library at Barton. "I came to see the seamless educational availability in Great Bend," Cohen said. She was in Wichita attending the state Parent/Teachers Organization convention and made the side trip. "The changing horizon of employment in this country presents a tremendous opportunity for community colleges," she said. More agile and flexible than their four-year counterparts, Cohen said community colleges can respond quickly to the needs of those they serve. This is becoming more important. Cohen said she had visited with Mayor Mike Allison Tuesday morning and asked him what Great Bend needed. "His answer was 'we need jobs.'" These jobs cover all professions and income levels. This is where Barton and other community colleges fit into the picture. They can easily create specialized training and offer Web-based schooling. "Education is so important. This college and this school system are so important to the continued vitality of this community." A veteran educator herself, Cohen started teaching in

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WORLD BRIEFLY

One million immigrants skip work for rally

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Illegal immigrants stepped out of the shadows and poured into the streets, marching in waves of red, white and blue as part of a nationwide show of economic clout designed to prove their value to their adopted homeland and pressure Congress for reforms.

"This country needs us. We are the strong arms that do all the tough jobs," said Donna Maria Mostache, a 43-year-old cook and illegal immigrant who marched alongside hundreds of thousands of others in Los Angeles. "We can't be afraid to come out and say who we are."

More than 1 million illegal immigrants and their supporters agreed Monday. From Los Angeles to Chicago, Houston to Miami, a "Day Without Immigrants" meant a day boycotting work and school in favor of rallies and marches that clogged city streets for miles.

While some businesses suffered, the marches were festive — despite divisions among activists who argued a boycott would alienate federal lawmakers who are considering sweeping immigration reform legislation.

In all, police departments and local officials in more than two dozen U.S. cities contacted by The Associated Press gave crowd estimates that totaled about 1.1 million marchers.

Social Security, Medicare financial health declining

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social Security and Medicare trustees say the financial condition of the government's two biggest benefit programs deteriorated slightly over the past year.

That assessment on Monday prompted Democrats and Republicans to hurl familiar charges at each other in a repeat of last year's pitched battle over what to do about Social Security.

Democrats accused the Bush administration of overstating the problems in the two programs as a way of getting Congress to enact draconian benefit cuts, while Republicans said Democrats were refusing to face serious funding shortfalls.

Given the tough talk on both sides, there was little likelihood that Congress will make significant changes in either program before the November elections. Some analysts said they don't expect major changes before the election of President Bush's successor.

The annual trustees' report moved up the date that the Social Security trust fund will be depleted by one year to 2040 and moved up the date that the Medicare hospital insurance trust fund will be depleted by two years to 2018.

Bolivia nationalizes natural gas sector

Joseph and Barton Cohen Papers, MS-778, Box 3, Folder 3, American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.



Grand 'Ol Performance

Courtesy photo

Members of Barton County Community College's Hilltop Singers perform "Favorite Son" during the Music Department's Endowment Concert Monday night on stage in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Left to right are: Johnilen Overmiller, Russell; Dustin Krier, Claflin; Audrey Reidl Hoisington; Trevor Wells, Halstead; Sarah Lewis, Great Bend; Kevlin Palmer Lucas; Becky Fryberger, Robert Anderson, Ellinwood; Caryn Mong, Galacia; Elizabeth Emerson, Great Bend; Kody Clawson, Ellinwood; Jaqui Smth, Claflin. Along with the Hilltop Singers the program featured ensemble performances by Dolce and DaCapo and two solo performances. Concert Choir opened the Endowment Concert with three songs.

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1958 in Kansas City, Mo. She was also in on a pioneering televised class program there in 1964. She said she's seen traditional classrooms and caught glimpses into those of the future.

Technologies such as the Internet and interactive television, she said, are the key to help small, rural districts offer

courses they might not otherwise be able to provide. "Think what's happened since 1964."

Cohen also talked with USD 428 Superintendent Tom Vernon and the district's administrative team, as well as school officials in other area schools. After talking about challenges and the No Child Left Behind Act, she said she was impressed. "They are doing a wonderful,

committed job."

She harked back to Jack Kilby, who lived in Great Bend and attended school here before developing the integrated circuit. "He opened up the world from right here in Great Bend."

"She was just out here advocating education," Holopirek said. Cohen spoke to a group of about 60 civic leaders Tuesday morning before meet-

ing with a handful of women business leaders for lunch.

"I think it made the schools feel good" to have her visit, Holopirek said. Cohen is passionate about education

As for the Cohens' gift to Barton, "they just came out here and fell in love with the community," Holopirek said. "They are very interested in the cultural aspects of this college."

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gested such items as canned meat and fish, canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal and rice be donated. Participants are asked to not

use items in glass containers or items that have expired.

Once the items have been picked up, they'll be taken to the Food Bank.

Everything donated in Great Bend goes to help that local food bank.

The letter carrier organization started the program in 1993, and according to information from that group, hundreds of millions of pounds of food have been collected in that time.

It is to be expected that the

letter carriers would be involved in such a project, according to information from that group. "Since 1775, the U.S. Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail."