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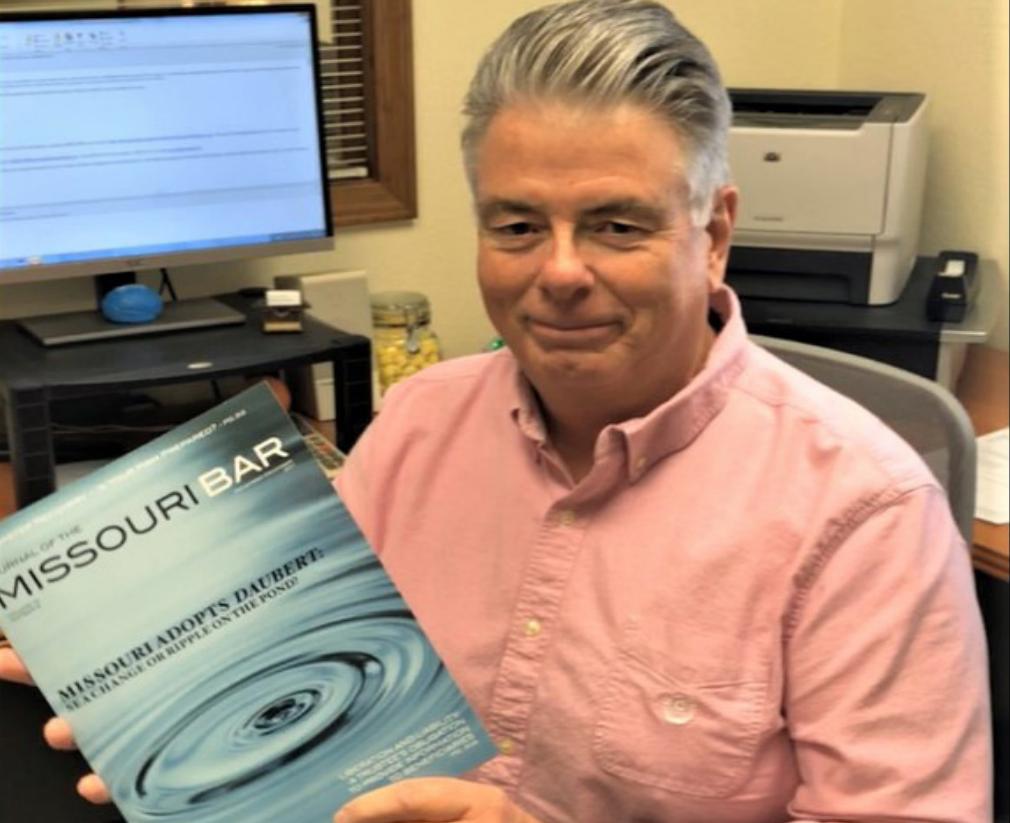
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GARY TOOHEY SAYS FAREWELL TO THE MISSOURI BAR

BY HANNAH FREVERT

After 36 years as editor of the *Journal of The Missouri Bar* and director of communications, Gary Toohey is ready for retirement. Toohey, one of the bar's longest-serving employees, has gained a national reputation for his commitment to both quality and professionalism.

Toohey's passion for writing and communications traces back to his days at The University of Missouri-Columbia, where he studied journalism and became a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, the national journalism honor society. After graduating in 1978, he honed his skills as a reporter, editor, and publisher at newspapers in Missouri, Tennessee, and Georgia.

In 1984, Toohey was hired by The Missouri Bar to work as a managing editor and assistant director of information under the direction of Wally Richter. Just two years later, in 1986, he assumed the role of editor of the *Journal*, where he has remained for the rest of his tenure. Over the course of his career, Toohey has worked closely with hundreds of lawyers and dozens of Missouri Bar presidents to produce timely, substantive content. He has overseen multiple *Journal* redesigns – all aimed at helping lawyers even better serve their clients.

But Toohey's work doesn't end with the *Journal*. As director of communications, he spearheads the Judicial Performance Review process, produces the bar's Annual Report, and oversees the Board of Governors Appointments Committee. Toohey is also a gifted photographer and has helped coordinate and document numerous Missouri Bar events, including Annual Meeting, Spring and Fall Committee Meetings, and new lawyer enrollment ceremonies, among others.

Toohey's commitment to excellence in communications extends beyond Missouri. He has been an active member of the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) since the beginning of his bar career in 1984. As part of NABE's Communications Section, Toohey served as co-chair of the Publications Committee (1987-1988); co-chair of the Communications Audit Committee (1993-1995); member of the Executive Council (1988-1989 and 1995-2002); secretary-treasurer (1997-1999);

chairperson-elect (1998-1999); and chairperson (1999-2000).

In 1999, he co-chaired a Communications Section Workshop in Chicago, and, in 2003, he chaired the Communications Section Workshop in St. Louis.

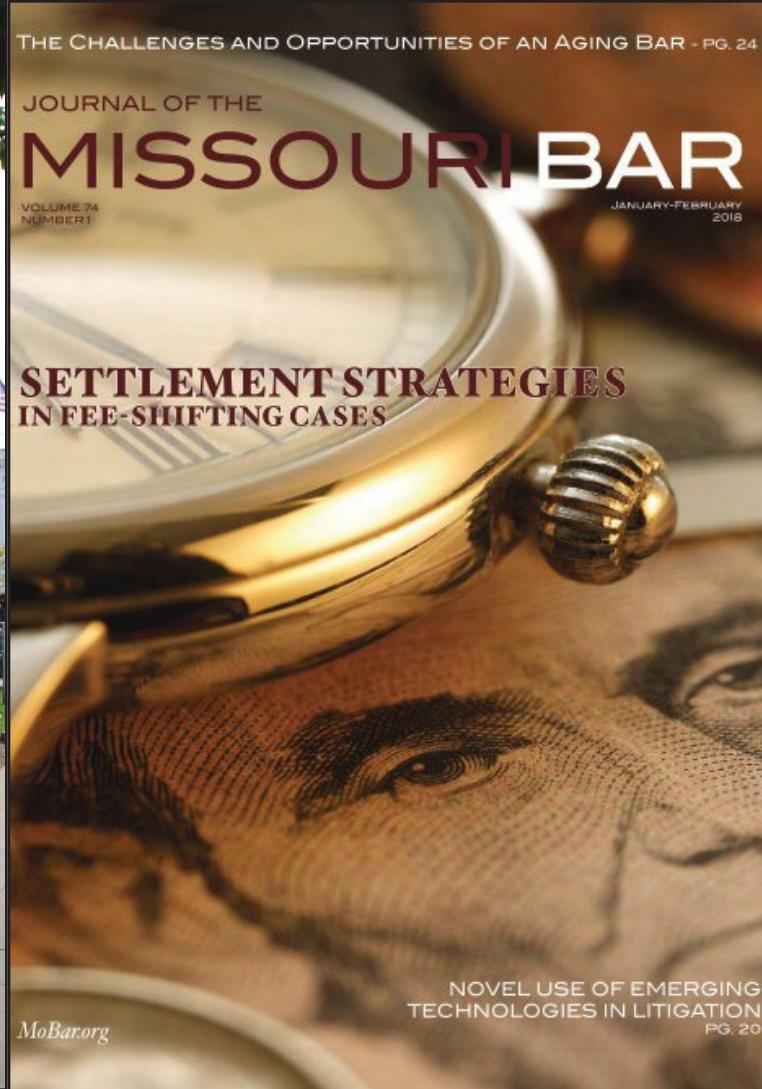
Many NABE members have fond memories of the 2003 meeting, including Joyce Hastings of the State Bar of Wisconsin, who presented Toohey with the E.A. "Wally" Richter Leadership Award that year. The award is an annual recognition named after Toohey's first supervisor at The Missouri Bar. During the event, Hastings helped arrange a special surprise: Richter himself was there to honor Toohey and his work. As part of the awards presentation, Hastings reflected on Toohey's work ethic.

"Whether helping the section's executive council make tough decisions by sharing his sound judgment, or being a friend or mentor, we have all benefited from his dependability, steady guidance, and unassuming confidence," Hastings said. "He can ease a tense or difficult situation with his easy-going manner and wonderful sense of humor."

In all his roles, Toohey is a consummate professional. Whether he is providing an update during a director's meeting or sending a rejection email to an author, Toohey's kind demeanor and respectful attitude are appreciated by all he encounters. His thoughtful leadership within his department and in a wide range of groups has inspired countless colleagues.

Toohey's time at the bar comes to a close during a year unlike any other. Due to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, he and other staff members have spent the majority of it working remotely. Even in these conditions, Toohey has produced a variety of valuable content for Missouri's lawyers.

Toohey's final day at The Missouri Bar is Dec. 31, 2020, but the mark he has left on the organization will continue to have an impact on staff and lawyers from across the nation. In light of his well-deserved retirement, Toohey has relocated to the Lake of the Ozarks, where he will relax near the water with his wife, Ann, and their beloved pup.



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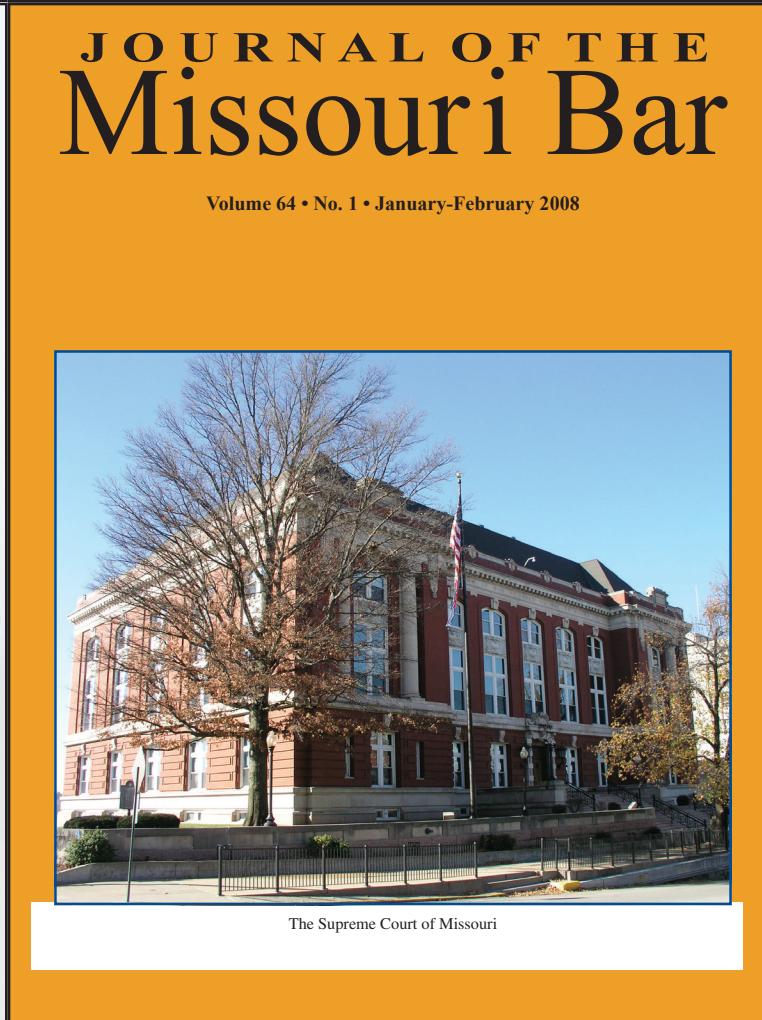
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EDITORIAL BOARD COMMENTARY

The *Journal of The Missouri Bar* has achieved and maintained national status under Gary's steady leadership for more than a generation. Equally important, Gary leads by example, combining the quest for excellence while emphasizing collegiality that encourages Bar members to follow.

Working with Gary all these years has been a genuine pleasure, and I know that he will remain active in worthwhile pursuits during his well-earned retirement.

Prof. Douglas E. Abrams,
Editorial Board chair 2000-2020



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December 1, 2020

Dear Gary,

Greetings from Thiensville, Wisconsin! Friends tell me that your retirement is imminent! May God grant to you every blessing in retirement, and strength to enjoy the things that you want to do with your family and friends in the years to come.

Your years of service to The Missouri Bar, and especially to the *Journal* and the other publications, have been marked by professionalism, fairness, and a commitment to service to the profession and to the state. I have especially appreciated your commitment to preventing the Bar's publications from being used in the service of narrow and partisan interests, but rather ensuring that they always remained practical resources for working attorneys and judges.

Thank you for the kindness and patience you have shown to me, particularly on a couple of occasions when my own contributions were being prepared for publication. Serving on the Editorial Board of the *Journal* was a special opportunity that helps me to stay in touch with outstanding legal writing on a variety of timely topics — and for that reason, I think it also helped me to serve more competently as a judge for my own community. These were not special favors, but just the way you did business. Many others have been similarly blessed through your service. Thank you for all that you have done. I consider it an honor to have served with you and to have gotten to know you as a friend.

Warmest regards,
Karl DeMarce

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Gary is one of the very first members of the Bar staff I recall meeting after becoming a lawyer. Starting with the very next time I saw him, and every single time I've encountered him since, he greeted me by name and with that inimitable and ebullient smile. It is often said that people remember best how you make them feel. The universal love and appreciation those in the legal and Jefferson City communities feel for Gary is a testament to the veracity of that saying. Gary makes everyone feel important and seen, an elusive quality possessed only by the best humans. Gary is most definitely one of those.

Thank you, Gary, for your enduring dedication to the Bar. But most importantly, thank you for the way you always made us feel.

John Gunn, 2020-21 President



Gary has had a huge presence at the Bar for so long! He will be missed!! But I'm perplexed at Gary retiring at such a "young" age. As some of you know, Gary's dad was a long-time attorney in Perryville who maintained an active law practice into his 80s.

John Grimm,
2020-21 President-Elect



Congratulations on your retirement! Your dedicated service to The Missouri Bar, Missouri lawyers, and the public are something you should be very proud of. Your decades of hard work have benefitted all of us. Thank you and enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

Sander Sowers

I've worked with Gary during my time on the Appointments Committee for the last few years. Gary has worked so hard for our committee getting information and helping us with the process and procedure of the many committees that we review and make recommendations for appointments and reappointments.

Gary is always up for new ideas and he has been so instrumental to this committee's success. It has been a pleasure working with you and we will miss you. I wish you a wonderful retirement.

Athena Dickson



Congratulations, Gary. I can't imagine The Missouri Bar without you. It has been so nice working with you all these years. I hope you enjoy retirement as much as we enjoyed working with you.

Karen McCarthy

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Dear Gary,

It was an honor and pleasure to work with you on The Missouri Bar business. Thank you for many years of service.

You represent excellence, professionalism, and humanity in all respect. We will miss you a lot!

Mira Mdivani



Bravo, Gary! Thank you for your service and grace. Best wishes as you go write your next edition...

Megan Phillips



A true gentlemen.

Judge Michael Colona

Thanks, Gary.
It was pleasure to work
with you.

Robert Jones

Thanks for your help and
wonderful service over all the
years! We'll miss you.

Jim McConnell

I echo Athena's comments. Gary was critical in establishing the procedure for the Appointments Committee! He kept Gov. Wulff and I on track.

Thank you, Gary, for your service and endless kindness! Congratulations on your retirement! You will be missed!

Tricia Scaglia



Congratulations Gary,
we will miss you!!!

Lauren Tucker McCubbin,
2020-21 Missouri Bar vice
president

Thank you, Gary!

Alexandra Wilson

Agreed, such a gentleman.
Always so helpful!

Hon. Doug Thomson

Thank you, Gary, for your
friendship and service!

Scott Robbins

You have been such a tireless,
talented leader for The
Missouri Bar. Thanks and
congrats, Gary!

Hon. Joe Dandurand

Thank you, Gary!
We will miss you.

Amanda Ketchum

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Tribute to Gary Toohey and The Missouri Bar

From 1944-1945 when The Missouri Bar was integrated the lawyers in our state have been fortunate to have a longevity of professional leaders. H.S. Rooks at that time was the Executive director followed by Wade Baker, Keith Birkes and Sebrina Barrett to 2019. Thus, four Executive Directors have served for seventy-four years. Mischa Epps assumed the Director's duties January 1, 2020.

The same extensive length of service of the Editor or managing Editor of the *Journal of The Missouri Bar* is applicable. E.A. Wally Richter and now Gary Toohey have served for more than fifty years, thirty-six of which are attributable to Gary. This may be the most extensive professional service of any one person in the bar's history even before integration.

As we read the *Journal*, little attention is given to those who have compiled the content. Choosing the subject matter and then cajoling those who will write on a chosen subject is a major task. And the final editing especially when a multitude of legal citations is involved, requires a lot of "burning the midnight oil." NO one has been more diligent, faithful and dedicated to an Editor's task than has Gary Toohey. In addition, he has frequently contributed to a journal with his own coverage of a subject which has provided the bar and others with a wealth of important information.

Gary can be grateful for his genetic background to give him the impetus to manage the *Journal* so successfully. Francis Toohey, Gary's dad, was a highly successful practicing lawyer in Perryville, Missouri. Growing up in a legal atmosphere helped create his interest in the law. That coupled with his low key and yet forceful handling of the job, has lent great success for a readable product.

Under Gary's leadership, the *Journal* has been a major contributing factor in providing lawyers up to date useful information in their daily practice. Thank you, Gary, for your splendid service.

Stephen N. Limbaugh, Sr.



Francis Toohey, Jr.

PAST PRESIDENTS

What an incredible and successful career. You have made us all look better.

Tom Bender, 2019-20 Missouri Bar president

Gary started at the Bar about the time I joined the YLS Council. We have grown up and grown old together at the Bar.

Gary has always been a great ambassador for the Bar and its excellent staff-- always professional, friendly, approachable, helpful in any and every way, kind and VERY patient as he waited on the presidents to get their columns and other writings to him usually past deadline. Whatever job I was doing for the Bar, Gary always helped make it easy.

Gary and many other staffers have contributed immensely to making The Missouri Bar a leader nationally and a great value and service to its members. Thank you, Gary. Now it is your time.

Theresa Levings



Gary,

Thirty-six years of dealing with egomaniacs and megalomaniacs! I am astonished you didn't burn out in seven. No, wait, that was 1991-92. That would have been the one year when your hellish 36-year sentence was commuted. Yours has been a truly remarkable career.

I have no idea how you did what you did for Bar Presidents in addition to your regular chores with the *Journal*. Nor do I know how you can take two sentences of guidance and turn it into a 20-minute speech. Yours is a truly remarkable talent.

I trust you will find worthwhile activities to occupy your days going forward. Maybe you will write the great American novel. I have every faith that you could do that. I wish you well in whatever course you chose. Because yours is a truly deserved retirement.

I still think it is uncanny how you could know what I thought when I didn't even know what I thought! My best guess today is that you are a sorcerer. I wish you the best.

Hon. Ortrie Smith

Although Gary and I always got along great, I did try to test his proof reading and nerves when writing my articles for Missouri Bar publications. I would end my submission with some pretty drastic, sometimes caustic, sometimes crude suggestions. I thought I was funny but I'm afraid I scared Gary too.

He would call and tell me how much he liked the article and how appreciative he was for my promptness. Then he would calmly suggest that he thought we might need to change the wording at the end. Such a lovely, kind and patient man he is – unfortunately this made him a perfect target for my humor. I send him all my wishes for nothing but the best and no more aggravation from people pulling his chain.

Michael Gunn

For over twenty-five years, Sylvia and I have had the pleasure of knowing Gary. We first got to know him in his capacity as a talented, and quietly persistent, photographer for The Missouri Bar. We came to learn that he was also a clear writer and an effective editor. The Bar's communications were made better by what Gary did.

We also knew Gary as a warm, caring individual who assisted all of the leaders of the Bar and exemplified the very best of qualities of its staff.

When I was President of The Missouri Bar, I determined that the best definition I could find for the concept of a person who was a "professional" was one who was competent, who had integrity, and who dealt with others with civility. A lawyer with those qualities, in my eyes, rose above the ordinary and exemplified the best that our profession has to offer.

Sylvia and I saw in everything that Gary did that he met those standards as a member of The Missouri Bar's staff and was a true professional in his field. We are grateful for having had the opportunity to know and work with Gary. We also wish him much joy and satisfaction in the days ahead.

Laurence Tucker



Few things give me as much joy as sending compliments to Gary Toohey.

What a gentleman! What a gentle man!

Gary was a pleasure to work with, to share ideas with, and just to talk to. He invariably made anything I wrote better. He treated me with kindness and more respect than I deserved.

He made my presidential year better.

I always got the impression that Gary was truly interested in making me look good , not only so The Missouri Bar would look good, but because he cared about me. No small task.

One he did well, especially given what he had to work with. The Bar is going to miss Gary.

I always say none of us is indispensable. Gary may be the exception to the rule.

Please give him my deeply felt thanks for all his help. And my wishes for a well deserved great retirement.

Please tell him I will think of him often and with fond memories.

John Johnston

Gary:

Best wishes on your retirement! You have been an extraordinary asset for The Missouri Bar for many years, and we will miss you greatly. You are a fine writer and a perceptive analyst of the various issues that the Bar has confronted.

During my year as President of The Missouri Bar (1992-93), we dealt with challenges such as judicial retention, legislative authorization for limited liability companies, and the Great Flood. Communication was essential, and your publications kept the membership attuned and informed. I know you have done the same for other Presidents, and through your efforts we all have benefited.

Once again, thanks and best wishes.

John S. Black

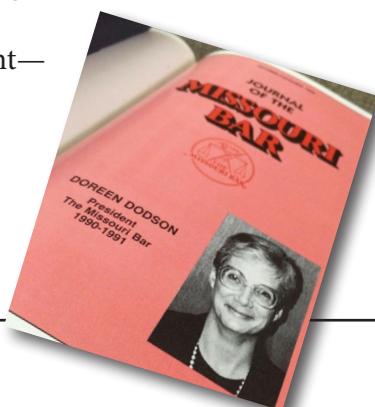
Gary was a godsend when I was Bar president 1990-91. We had a project where we met in several cities around the state, especially in Outstate, meeting with representatives of the local Bars and media, taking questions and discussing the role of lawyers and the Bar and its initiatives, such as the then proposed durable power of attorney law.

This meant driving with Gary all around Missouri, learning from him about working with the media. I told him that in addition to his expertise and professional work he had to let me know— as the first woman president— if I had lipstick on my teeth or a run in my stockings. (That was when women wore stockings!)

Gary was unfailingly supportive, kind, and a terrific person with whom to share long drives. Thank you, Gary, for your willingness to help me with any crazy idea, for your guidance and constant good nature.

Have a wonderful retirement—
you will be sorely missed.

Doreen Dodson



Gary,

Congratulations on your retirement after a wonderful career. The MoBar was fortunate to have your service for these many years.

Sincerely,

John W. Briscoe

Gary,

Your calm, professional demeanor and outstanding work contributed greatly to my very enjoyable tenure as Missouri Bar president! I know everyone else feels the same way. You will be missed!

Best wishes to you in retirement,

Jennifer Gille Bacon

"Now you don't have any excuse to miss any Cardinal games! Congratulations Gary, enjoy your retirement!"

Ozzie Smith

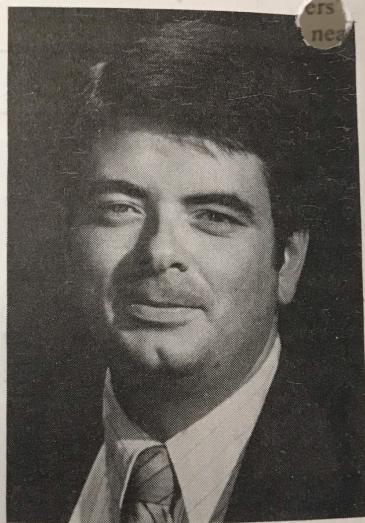


Toohey Joins MoBar Staff

Gary P. Toohey has joined the staff of The Missouri Bar as assistant director of information.

In his new position, Toohey will work with Director of Information E. A. Richter on the *Journal of The Missouri Bar* and the *MoBar Bulletin*, as well as handle law-related education materials and information services. The publication of *Communis Scriptura*, the law-related education newsletter, will also be his responsibility.

Toohey is a 1978 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism, and is a member of that school's chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha, the national journalism honorary society. He has worked on various newspapers in Missouri, Tennessee and Georgia. He served as managing editor of the Marshall (Mo.) Democrat-News from 1981 to 1983. Most recently, he was the editor of The Missouri Times in Jefferson City.



Gary P. Toohey

He and his wife, Ann, and their daughter, Jennifer, make their home in Jefferson City.

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Gary,

Your calm, consistency with me will forever be appreciated.

I take a bit of pride in being the only president to turn in all of her articles at the beginning of her presidency so that you never had to worry about me being late.

It was enough for you to have to make sure I did not sound insane. Blessings in your future fun.

Dana Tippin Cutler

I would like to express my thanks to Gary for the absolute fantastic job he did for me researching and drafting the president's page during my presidency.

Gary could take a concept or idea and articulate it much better than I could. I appreciate his writing ability. I hope he enjoys his retirement.

Best Regards from John M. Gibson.

Gary:

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement. Your years of devoted service to The Missouri Bar were outstanding.

I know your work with me was much appreciated and served me well. I always appreciated your positive attitude and welcoming smile. Thanks again for a job well done.

Ron Baird 2006-07





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November 23, 2020

Mr. Gary Toohey
c/o The Missouri Bar

Dear Gary,

One of the best things about being President of The Missouri Bar was getting to work with you.

No matter how difficult or time-consuming the task, you met it with a smile and commitment. You made sure it got done- and got done well. Your top priority was always doing the best for The Missouri Bar and its members.

Every past, current and future member of The Missouri Bar is indebted to you for your many years of dedicated service. You have earned the right to look back with great pride and know that it was a job well done.

Best wishes for many years of good health in retirement.

Yours truly,

W. Dudley McCarter

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STAFF THOUGHTS

Gary,

It has truly been an honor to work with you for the past 30+ years. I will miss your phone calls . . . hearing how "swell" your day is going, talking about being down to double-digits, then single digits, and just generally sharing work and personal events that were important to both of us. Thank you so much for your guidance, your professionalism, and most of all, your friendship.

So, CONGRATS TO YOU, this is so well-deserved! I hope you enjoy every minute of your new adventure and that every day, from this day forward, is more swell than the last.

Steph Webb



"Superhero!"

Robert Stoeckl

Your countdown is now complete! I have truly enjoyed working with you these past few years. Thank you for your grace, guidance, and mentorship. Enjoy every moment of your well-deserved retirement!

Hannah Kiddoo Frevert



It's really great to see someone retire who is so deserving. I feel very fortunate to have worked with you for 25 of those 36 years--some absolutely unforgettable times.

Wishing you years of good health, much happiness and a truly satisfying retirement.
Congratulations!

Dee Shepherd

Although we've only worked together briefly, I have found you to be unfailingly professional, encouraging and generous. Congratulations on your retirement.

Jessica Long

Gary {Mr. Toohey),

As I start to write this, I think of the many times I asked for your help in rewriting or polishing something I had written to make it sound better. I always admired your way with words, always professional and sometimes with a little bit of wit. I'll try it on my own this time.

Before you moved to your current office in the Annex Building, we spent many years as “suite mates” with your office directly across from my desk. This close proximity allowed you to overhear many of the bizarre, sometimes crazy, incoming phone calls I answered for The Missouri Bar. The one we will never forget has to be the one regarding “dah voices.”

We survived many Annual Meetings over the years. You wrote many publications and press releases for the Annual Meeting, but the awards program had to be the most challenging. Despite the many changes we made to the process in an attempt to make it better, it was never easy. It always came together in the end, thanks to your continued patience and hard work.

On a personal note, the marriage of your daughter Jennifer and my son Jason went on record as the first interoffice wedding. Later, we became the first interoffice grandparents.

I hope retirement is everything you had hoped for and more. Based on my first hand experience, I think you will truly enjoy it. If you decide to author that book (“As the Bar Turns”) someday, let me know.

Diana (Mrs. Gerling)



Gary, congratulations on your well-earned retirement. It has been a pleasure working with you these last 27 years.

Becky Libbert

Your quality and character are unparalleled! Thank you for sharing your knowledge with me and all you have done for staff and members! We will sincerely miss you.

Farrah Fite

*Congratulations, Gary!
Your work is an inspiration!*

Anne Chambers

Gary, you may not know it, but you gave me the ultimate gift when I joined the Bar.

You showed me that while excellence is the norm here, your quick wit, ready smile and wonderful laugh demonstrated to me that it was okay to have fun while accomplishing great things. I will always appreciate that and I will miss you immensely.

Tony Simones

Gary, you are a man of wit, grace, and charm. It has been a pleasure to work with you. Enjoy the retirement you have earned and deserve.

Jason Cecil

GARY TOOHEY

THE MISSOURI BAR ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE

BY: MILLIE AULBUR

I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Gary Toohey for twenty-three years. He was here when I started with The Missouri Bar in 1994 and he was here when I retired on December 31, 2017. Gary was a great writer and did an admirable job of covering all of the bar's important events. Like all bar staff members, he was expected to keep in the background and showcase bar members and bar policies. Gary was an expert at this. Bar president after bar president expressed how Gary made them look good in their various columns. And many of them said that Gary also made them sound interesting! That was Gary—making all of us look good.

Gary gained quite a reputation for the decrees he would write for the bar presidents as they finished their years, for bar employees as they retired, and occasionally for a bar honoree. These decrees were amazing. For one thing, they always demonstrated how Gary paid attention to what people did and what people said. They demonstrated that Gary took the time to get to know people personally. They were laced with Gary's marvelous sense of humor. These decrees meant a lot to the people who received them.

Gary also was a ton of fun. I am not good at having a poker face. At staff meetings and at bar meetings and events, Gary would remind me that how I felt was written all over my face. I worked hard to change that. But, at staff meetings, Gary sat across the room from me and tested my resolve. He is one of those people, who in elementary school, never got in trouble but caused it for others. He had what I called the "John Belushi" eyebrow move. I tried not to look at him when a discussion got "interesting" because if I made eye contact, his eyebrow spoke volumes! I could hardly maintain a straight face. Speaking of John Belushi, right before I retired, for Halloween, I talked Gary Toohey and Bob Stoeckl into dressing up as the Blues Brothers and I was a Catholic nun. We had a blast to say the least.

Gary deserves to retire. He deserves a great big party where people have written decrees about him. I just hope he knows he has been respected and valued and, yes, for some of us, loved.



Gary Toohey is/was an exemplary editor and boss. The first thing Gary did that gained my admiration was giving me credit for my ideas. In every job I had before working at The Missouri Bar, my supervisors would like my ideas, but they passed them on as their own.

Gary gave me the opportunity to write for Precedent, and I truly appreciate that. I was encouraged to use my education to stretch beyond the usual limits of the job title. Because of his management style, The Missouri Bar benefited by having a team that worked well together and strived for excellence in all work aspects.

For almost 40 years, Gary has maintained the esteemed quality of *the Journal of The Missouri Bar*, and every project that has been under his leadership. His work ethic is admirable. I wish him a well-deserved retirement. Congratulations, Gary.

Cynthia Heerboth

Best Wishes to Gary Toohey

Gary, this brings best wishes on the occasion of your retirement. You've served long and well, and you will be very much missed. But we all get to lay down our work tools eventually, and I believe you'll enjoy retirement very much.

I know that others will remark on your countless contributions to The Missouri Bar's publications, but I want to just observe how much things have changed since 1975 and today. When I came aboard, the *Journal* was a well-respected magazine, as it is today, but it was physically smaller in the 6x9 inch format we also followed in the CLE Department, and its appearance didn't grab a reader's attention. Also, there was no real editorial oversight of the accuracy of the articles published. We trusted our authors to get it right.

The *Journal* you'll be leaving behind you has moved into the modern era, and it's a joy to read. It looks like something I want to pick up and read (and I do, every one of them). There are so many improvements that merit comment, but one I really appreciate is articles now begin on a left-hand page. This flies in the face of centuries (I think) of tradition, but it makes for much more readable articles and a more attractive appearance. Good job, Gary! You've earned your rest. Enjoy the holidays, then move into 2021 at the pace of a man who doesn't have to be in the office by 8 a.m. And know that you have made a lasting difference.

Cecil Caulkins



Missouri Bar Staff 2018

Gary,

Congratulations on your retirement from The Missouri Bar.

I enjoyed working with you on law related education and appreciated your gentle reminders when my articles for the Annual Report or other publications were due (or past due). Along with your service as editor of Missouri Bar publications, your work to support and improve the non-partisan court plan greatly benefited the legal profession and public.

Hopefully, retirement will give you more opportunities to engage in your favorite activities including attending Cardinals and Blues games.

I still enjoy reading the resolution you prepared for my wedding to Anne.

Take care. M - I - Z

Chris Janku



Gary,

Congratulations on starting your new life and finishing your work at the bar. When I think of your contribution to the bar's mission, I don't think of the details of the daily 9 to 5 – the editing, the writing, the support to various committees. The things you excel at. I think of your knowledge and appreciation of the law and the Constitution. I think of your steady work and your professionalism. I don't think in all the years we worked together I've ever seen you ruffled. (Even your distinguished looking gray head of hair never had a stray strand!) You must have done hundreds, if not thousands, of speeches that became the script of the Annual Meetings.

Looking back, I can see that those words were much more than introductions and transitions. You gave lawyers the words that helped highlight the good the profession does in our society. As well, you articulated the value of living in a society where the rule of law shapes our daily lives. Thousands of lawyers have been inspired by your words. And, I honestly think they have taken that inspiration and converted it into better service and more compassion for their clients.

For a boy from Perryville, you done good!

Jack Wax

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Gary,

Congratulations on your retirement. During your 36-year tenure, you have witnessed and been a part of significant change at The Missouri Bar.

We are grateful for your dedication, professionalism and hard work.

Through your leadership in communications, you have written and helped shape the history of our bar and positively impacted the lives and practices of thousands of lawyers across our state.

You have been a great asset to our organization and contributed to the bar's work in countless ways.

Thank you for your outstanding service and commitment.

I hope that the blessings of family, friends, health and the satisfaction of a job well done fill this next period of your life with happiness. All the best to you.

Mischa Buford Epps



It was an honor and pleasure to work with Gary for a portion of his remarkable 36-year career at The Missouri Bar.

Always kind, professional and thoughtful, Gary is a key contributor to the success that the Bar has had during his tenure.

From assisting with winding down the print shop, which led to significant savings, to spearheading a redesign of the *Journal of The Missouri Bar*, to helping the Bar modernize its approach to advertising and

vendor revenue—Gary handled all of these tasks and more with expertise and skill.

His ability to put into words the contributions of so many Bar leaders and staff is extraordinary, and show the genuineness of his character and devotion to the legal profession.

I send my best wishes to Gary for a wonderful, fulfilling retirement. Congratulations, Gary!

Warm regards,
Sebrina Barrett



I first met Gary Toohey during the year before I became executive director of MoBar and he was one of the first staff members that I hired.

Memories of Gary from his interviews are vivid and obviously very favorable.

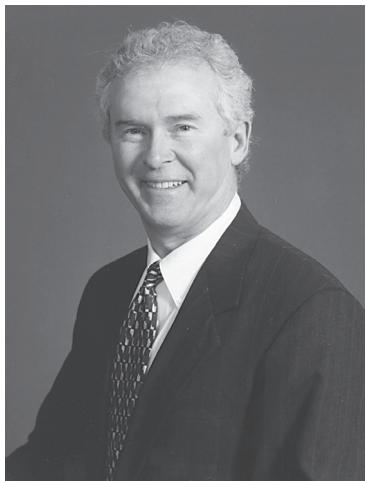
Gary became an immediate success as a member of our communications team.

Wally Richter had been director of our team for many years and Wally immediately got Gary up to speed on everything MoBar was doing in the communications area.

Wally was preparing to retire and did so about two years later and Gary took over as our Director of Communications and he has held and performed that position with distinction until the end of this year.

Gary is a gifted writer and among the many publications he wrote and or edited was our flagship publication *The Journal of The Missouri Bar*.

The *Journal* was and is the publication that provides all Missouri lawyers with timely and import notification of new developments in the law as well as disciplinary action and the death of our members.



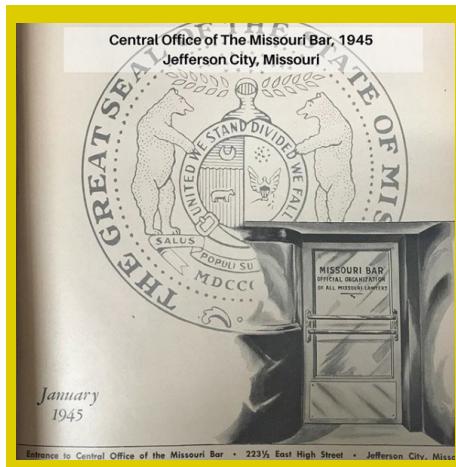
Every publication of MoBar other than continuing legal education materials were prepared with Gary's guidance or the actual content. Any activity involving speeches, prayers, proclamations, humor, public information brochures and accomplishments and projects of MoBar were written by Gary.

Gary's retirement is well deserved but his departures from the staff of MoBar will leave a void very difficult to fill with someone as affable, dependable, professional and gifted as Gary.

I would like to express on behalf of the thousands of Missouri lawyers he has served deep appreciation and admiration for a job very, very well done!

Thank you, Gary Toohey, and my very best wishes!

Keith Birkes



GARY TOOHEY: NOW AN INDELIBLE PART OF THE BAR'S HISTORY





St. Louis, Mo., 2017: Gary toasts Mark Mathewson's retirement, joined by Suzanne Robertson, Jenna Grubb, Joyce Hastings, and Barry Kolar.

AND, “POOF!”

Well, Gary, if I had a beer for every time I asked you when you’re retiring over the past several years, I would need to sleep it off for a week. Your timing is interesting. Actually, perfect. Work at home some during the pandemic, get a sense of what retirement might be like. Then, “poof!” slip away when no one is noticing. Way to downplay the exit, Gary style.

Well, I’ll notice. Those you’ve touched in the Missouri legal community will notice. Your co-workers will notice. And, your NABE colleagues – those you’ve mentored, had a beer or two with, will notice a huge void. You’ve touched us in so many ways.

I have many memories over the years, but one favorite. You and I (and, of course Elizabeth Derrico) may be some of the last to have met E. A. “Wally” Richter. In 2003, I chaired the Wally Richter Committee – and we had this brilliant idea. What if we invited Wally Richter back to the workshop to bestow the Communications Section’s highest honor on another Missourian? Perfect, don’t you think?

Can you believe I found my comments from that October 17 meeting? Grace under fire. Easy going. Great sense of humor. The best of our profession. A leader, a worker bee. Unassuming confidence, sound judgment. Insane (tell me more!). A model of professionalism, dedication, and commitment. Mentor, friend. Yup, yup, yup.

I wish Anne and you a great life in the Lake of the Ozarks. I will miss you dearly, and hope we find a way to keep in touch. Make up that guest room, and I promise I won’t overstay my welcome (maybe).

The best to you, dear friend.

Joyce Hastings

GARY TOOHEY EARNS 2003 E. A. WALLY RICHTER LEADERSHIP AWARD

The following script was delivered by E.A. Wally Leadership Committee chair Joyce Hastings, last year's award recipient, on Oct. 17, 2003, during the Communications Section workshop in St. Louis, Mo. We were honored by the attendance of Wally Richter, the first recipient and namesake of the Communications Section's highest honor.

We're here to recognize a section member who exemplifies the spirit of this section, the spirit of Wally Richter. And, we're honored to have Wally participate in the presentation of this award in his home state of Missouri.

Recipients of the E.A. Wally Richter Leadership Award demonstrate Wally's extraordinary service to this section, our profession, to NABE, and to their bar associations.

I join previous Richter Award winners in observing that the respect we have for this award is heightened by the respect we have for prior recipients and is deepened by the selection of this year's winner.

This year's recipient is described by his peers as grace under fire. Insane (although this probably describes most of us). A model of

professionalism, dedication, and commitment. A mentor, friend. He exhibits the best of our profession.

His co-workers tell me "He couldn't be undependable, regardless the situation. He wouldn't know how to miss a deadline if he tried. He wouldn't know how to construct an awkward sentence if he wanted to."

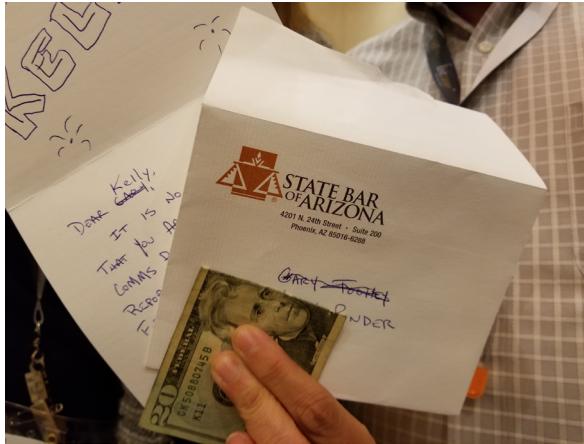
The recipient of this year's award has served the section on so many fronts, holding just about every volunteer position, it's impossible to name them all – section chair, committee leader, workshop chair – twice – worker bee. And he has served his bar as a communications professional for the last 17 years.

Whether helping the section's executive council make tough decisions by sharing his sound judgment, or being a friend or mentor, we have all benefited from his dependability, steady guidance, and unassuming confidence. He can ease a tense or difficult situation with his easy-going manner and wonderful sense of humor.

On behalf of the Leadership Award Committee and the NABE Communications Section, we are filled with enormous pride and deep gratitude as we return the 2003 E.A. Wally Richter Leadership Award to Missouri ... to "Mr. Record Attendance" Gary Toohey, communications director of The Missouri Bar.



NABE FRIENDS AND FELLOW WALLY WINNERS



We all knew it was coming, but seeing “Gary Toohey” and “retiring” in the same sentence still looks like a mistake. This truly is the end of an era.

Those of us who know Gary – and who perform the same job across the country – regularly marvel at what Gary has accomplished. Publications he touches shine, and sentences he writes or edits sparkle.

But that’s just what’s in the job description. What you also get in Gary is a compassionate and thoughtful colleague, one respected in his state and nationwide for excellence and professionalism.



Gary’s retirement means there’s one fewer ideal for me to live up to, but I’m sure he won’t be a stranger when we have questions and need a sounding-board. Here’s hoping we all can soon lift a cocktail in his honor.

Until then, I wish Gary a typo-free retirement filled with love and all the fellowship he’s given us. Be well, my friend.

Tim Eigo
Editor, Arizona Attorney Magazine
State Bar of Arizona

As former Editor of the Minnesota Bar magazine, Bench & Bar, from 1984 to 2014, I enjoyed many years overlapping with Gary as we encountered one another at NABE Communications Section meetings around the country.

As I recall, we met only once in Missouri and once in Minnesota, but our professional relationship was nonetheless rich and I looked forward to our annual encounters at NABE meetings in settings that were always stimulating.

Let me take this opportunity to thank him for his contributions and good fellowship over the years, congratulate him on a well-earned retirement, and wish him the very best in years to come. Based on my experience, retirement is a great gig and I’m sure he’ll make the most of it!

Judson Haverkamp



Gary,

Congratulations on your retirement. I hope it's everything you hoped it would be and more, but remember to come visit us in NABE-land once in awhile!

Thanks for all of your contributions to our bar pro community!

Karen Korr

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In all my travels through the organized bar, the one constant has been Gary. Whether I was in New York or Alabama, I'd make an annual call (and send a couple of emails) to him right around the time of the SEC football season. We are both bound by our connection to Mizzou and know the pain of rooting for a team that habitually loses!

I hope he and Anne continue to enjoy good health, happiness and prosperity (can you even have that in retirement?). Good luck and stay safe.

Bradley Carr

NABE FRIENDS CONTINUED...

Gary Toohey is the consummate communications professional, which probably explains why I've always looked up to him for inspiration, and called upon him for advice. Unflappable and affable, wise and word-smart, Gary has always been the "go-to" guy when bar communications professionals like me needed a north star.

How lucky The Missouri Bar has been to have him, and how lucky I and many others are to have worked with him, to know him, and to count him as friend. Happy Retirement, Gary! It's a new phase of life, to be sure, but you've got this!

Paul Nickell

Working with Gary on a NABE Communications Workshop in St. Louis many years ago – when I was a newer NABE Comm member – was a great opportunity for me to learn from a pro.

Gary has always been such a wonderful mentor to so many members of our section and I have admired his devotion and loyalty. He's also always been a great pro to brain-pick and run ideas by. I'll follow him in retirement very soon and am taking so many great memories with me of NABE friends like Gary.

My best wishes to him for a fabulous retirement!

Francine Walker
Director of Communications
The Florida Bar



Congratulations on your retirement, Gary!
I have so many fun memories of the times we shared at NABE meetings over the years. Being an experienced retiree, I can assure you that good times are ahead and especially that you will be in charge of your own time! Best wishes!!

Susan Andres

Gary was the first person from The Missouri Bar whom I met and he immediately took this ex-pat Missourian (then living in Toledo) under his wing!

Gary was NABE's wise elder; the one who could advise us with a view from history and an eye toward the future. He distinguished The Missouri Bar by following Wally Richter's fame with his own "Wally"!

And, finally, Gary was always available to discuss the current Cardinals' season. Thanks, my friend! Have a beautiful retirement!

Jenna Grubb

Missouri's flagship university has a storied journalism program, and The Missouri Bar has a nationwide reputation for excellence in communications. In fact, the National Association of Bar Executives Communications Section named its top award for MoBar legend E.A. "Wally" Richter.

Gary Toohey is a distinguished graduate of that journalism program, and I'm sure his late boss Wally Richter would be proud of his long career as a national leader in the bar community. Gary's warm and generous personality made him a beloved figure in the NABE Communications Section, where I got to know him. And getting to know Gary wasn't hard. A few people have a talent for putting everyone at ease and making them feel welcome. Gary is one of those people.

Here's wishing him a well-earned retirement full of fun but none-too-strenuous activity and frequent trips to Busch Stadium.

Mark Mathewson,
retired Assistant Executive Director for Communications,
Illinois State Bar Association

Congrats, Gary!

I am going to miss you 100 percent -- you have helped me all these decades and decades more than you'll ever know. You have been a rock -- and rockstar -- in NABEComm. Thank you for sharing your expertise so generously.

Your next steps sound pretty wonderful and I couldn't be happier for you.

Take care and have a blast!

Suzanne Craig Robertson



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Live Your Dream!

And enjoy your never-ending weekend!