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From the Dean

Another glorious fall! Another terrific entering class! Nothing is more certain to bring a smile to a law professor's face than watching a new cadre of aspiring lawyers as the students tackle their first cases. This year has been no exception. The incoming class is an immensely talented group of students.

Indeed, there is much to be proud of at NKU Chase College of Law. The Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Transactional Law Practice Center are drawing the attention of judges, lawyers, and academicians across the country. Our *pro bono* program is in full swing, providing the community with much-needed service and our students with valuable experience. Our new Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic, the first of its kind in the Greater Cincinnati region and the entire commonwealth of Kentucky, offers crucial services to start-up companies and nonprofits that could not otherwise obtain legal services. The advocacy center continues to ramp up its activities, hosting numerous programs on campus ranging from hosting the ABA's regional arbitration competition to presenting an immensely popular panel discussion about the controversial Ryan Widmer trial. And in listing these events and activities, I have only begun to scratch the surface of all that is occurring here at Chase. You will read more about that in the pages that follow.

Indeed, there is so much occurring that it would be easy to forget to reflect on our prior successes. There is no chance of our doing so, however, because our history is so incredibly rich. The best evidence of the value of a Chase College of Law education is the success that our alumni have achieved and continue to achieve. In this issue of the *NKU Chase Lawyer*, we have chosen to focus on one of Chase's proudest legacies – the long line of Chase graduates who have ascended to the bench. The importance of an independent, highly qualified judiciary is central to our system of government and our faith in the Rule of Law. And, as this issue underscores, Chase can rightly be considered the birthplace for many of our region's finest judges.

None of the successes highlighted in this issue of the *NKU Chase Lawyer* would be possible, however, without the continued support of our many alumni and friends. Without that support, our goal of becoming the law school of choice in the region and one of the leading law schools in the nation would be nothing more than a pipe dream.

Thank you for your continued loyalty to Chase.

Dennis R. Honabach
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Alumni in the Judiciary



The part-time program at Chase provided the opportunity to obtain a quality legal education while continuing a career in Nursing Administration and supporting my family. My

participation in Law Review and Moot Court provided a rewarding challenge that I have valued throughout my career.

> Judge Sally Blankenship '90
Dearborn Co. Superior Court,
Lawrenceburg, Indiana



When I attended Chase College of Law, I worked full time and went to law school at night for four years. Most of my fellow classmates were in the same position and understood

and appreciated how valuable our law degree would be based upon the hard work necessary to obtain it. I am now completing my 30th year as a judge and have valued every minute of the time that I have been honored to occupy that position.

> Judge Harvey J. Bressler '68
Ohio Court of Appeals, 12th District,
Hamilton, Ohio

Salmon P. Chase College of Law, named in honor of the sixth Chief Justice of the United States, is proud of its long legacy of alumni who have served in the judiciary since the law school was founded in 1893. Notably, the first president of the Chase Alumni Association was Judge Frederick L. Hoffman, a graduate of the class of 1896. On the following pages, we are pleased to recognize the many Chase alumni who are now serving in or retired from the judiciary. These pages also highlight a cross section of alumni judges serving locally, regionally, and nationally, whose words best illustrate Chase's well-established tradition of public service in the judiciary.

The following list was prepared from our alumni records. If you or a fellow alum should have been included, we extend our sincere apology. Please e-mail editor Amber Potter at pottera1@nku.edu for inclusion in the next issue of *NKU Chase Lawyer*.

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Judge, Harlan Circuit Court,
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MICHAEL L. BACHMAN '84
Magistrate, Hamilton Co. Court of
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DAVID R. BAIRD '82
Master Commissioner, Madison Circuit
Court, Richmond, KY

CHARLES M. BARTON '78
Judge, Chaffee, Custer, Fremont & Park
Co. District Court, Salida, CO

D. ANDREW BATSCHKE '96
Judge, Mason Municipal Court,
Mason, OH

The Honorable Timothy S. Black '83, Chase's newest federal judge

The Honorable Timothy S. Black, Chase class of 1983, was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio June 21, 2010. He was nominated for the position by President Barack Obama in December 2009 and confirmed by the Senate in May 2010. Black attributes his accomplishments in practice and on the bench to the education he received at Chase College of Law.

"Without Chase I wouldn't be a lawyer; I wouldn't be a judge," Black said. "The education and training I got at Chase was absolutely first rate. It was hard working a day job and going to law school at night, but the professors and my fellow students understood what we were all going through, and we were supportive of each other."

A graduate of Harvard University in English and American literature, Black began his career as a teacher at the Roxbury Latin School and the Seven Hills Schools as he earned his J.D. at Chase.

"We all burned the candle at both ends, but that's what was required at the time," Black said of his time as a student in the evening division and working full time as a middle school and high school teacher and coach. "I think the challenge of going to law school at night made us all more appreciative of what we were working toward and more inclined to put in the necessary time and effort."

While in law school, the judge strengthened his skills through involvement with the Northern Kentucky Law Review and as chief justice of the Moot Court Board.

"Among the most important skills I learned in law school were the legal research skills that I learned largely out of my experience with the Law Review and the oral advocacy skills that I learned largely through participation in Moot Court," Black said. "The more practical-skills-based a law school curriculum can be, the better it will serve its students. I wish in my day there had been more legal clinics, more practical experience working with practicing lawyers. My sense is that modern-day Chase has a whole slew of practical skills opportunities for students that



well, and I think it instilled in us a commitment to service. I think that ends up being a reflection of why there are so many judges that are Chase grads."

Throughout his career, Black has made significant contributions to the Greater Cincinnati bar and community. He has served as co-convenor of the BLAC- CBA Round Table and served on the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers steering committee for 10 years, including three years as the chair. Black is also the founder and was the lead convenor of the Hamilton County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council; served on the steering committee of the Hamilton County Family Violence Prevention Planning Project; served as a member of the Ohio Supreme Court's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline; and has worked for

"I didn't go to law school to be a judge. I went to law school to be a lawyer, and I'm still a lawyer first and foremost. A Chase lawyer."

may not have been present when I was there, and I think that's a credit to the law school."

Following his graduation from Chase, Black joined the law firm of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP in 1983, becoming a partner in 1990. In 1994, he left the firm to become a Hamilton County municipal court judge. After 10 years on the municipal court bench, he became a U.S. magistrate judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Throughout the years, he never forgot the professors and law school classes that helped to shape the lawyer and judge he became.

"Judge Jack Sherman and Dean Henry Stephens were among my favorite professors," Black said. "Judge Sherman taught constitutional law and criminal law, and those were among my favorite courses. Dean Stephens taught environmental law before environmental law was cool. He was also my evidence teacher. I think Chase prepared us

organizations supporting summer school programs, Cincinnati's neighborhoods, adoptive parents, abused and neglected children, and health care. In 2009, Black was the recipient of the Themis Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Cincinnati Bar Association for extraordinary service to law and the community. He also received Chase's Professional Achievement Award at the 2010 Chase Alumni Luncheon.

"My goal at Chase was to graduate and become a practicing lawyer as a civil litigator," Black said. "I didn't know at the time I was at Chase that I wanted to be a judge. That realization only came to me after a number of years as a practicing litigator. I didn't go to law school to be a judge. I went to law school to be a lawyer, and I'm still a lawyer first and foremost. A Chase lawyer."



I have the utmost respect for the faculty, administration, and staff at Chase. The professors instilled in me a sense of responsibility and confidence I had never

known before. It's funny how the once 'intimidating professor' became a lifelong friend, resource, and confidant. That's a Chase thing.

> Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette '89
Lincoln, Pulaski & Rockcastle Circuit Court,
Somerset, Kentucky



I think I can truly say, after 21 years on the bench, the legal and practical education I received from Chase has been an incredible asset in dealing with the issues and cases that come before me.

The legal knowledge and the practical application of that knowledge and law has been an asset over these years on the bench.

> Judge Thomas L. Clark '77
Fayette Circuit Court,
Lexington, Kentucky



Chase College of Law was the answer to my dreams. The night program was the only way I could afford to raise my family and attend law school. Lawyers who graduate from Chase

receive a legal education that prepares them to compete with lawyers from all law schools across the country.

> Judge Anthony W. Frohlich '80
Boone & Gallatin Circuit Court,
Burlington, Kentucky



I owe my career to Chase, to the kind of legal education I received from full-time professors and adjunct professors who were practicing experts. It was this combination of

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Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court,
Southern District of Ohio, Cincinnati, OH

J. KEVIN HOLBROOK '94
Judge, Johnson, Lawrence & Martin
District Court, Paintsville, KY

theory and reality that helped me become a successful attorney and, for the past 27 years, a member of the bench in Hamilton County at all three levels of the court system. When I meet a classmate in the halls of the courthouse, the conversation inevitably trails back to Chase where our lives were forever changed, as we share the common bond of accomplishment and gratitude to the institution that offered us that opportunity.

> Judge Sylvia S. Hendon '75
Ohio Court of Appeals, First District,
Cincinnati, Ohio



Some of the area's best lawyers taught night classes at Chase, including C.R. Beirne, Bernard Gilday, and Jack Wirthlin. They understood both the theoretical and practical side and were terrific teachers. They instilled in us the value of one's professional reputation, taught us to care about our clients, to respect the courts, and encouraged us to seek their advice after graduation. Their love for the law and their enthusiasm to share their knowledge was abundantly evident.

> Magistrate Judge Timothy S. Hogan '72
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio,
Cincinnati, Ohio



A former law enforcement officer, I was blessed to have had the opportunity to attend Chase College of Law while I taught in the undergraduate law enforcement program at Northern Kentucky University. I remember that Professor David Elder was our version of *The Paper Chase's* Professor Kingsfield. Professor Elder made us think on our feet, he pushed us, and he wouldn't let go until we got it right. He prepared me well for the practice of law; he was the best professor I ever had.

> Judge J. Michael Hunter '86
Hardee, Highlands & Polk Co. Circuit Court,
Bartow, Florida



Chase is a top-notch institution and many of the faculty that taught me over 20 years ago are still there today. I enjoyed a varied and successful legal practice that enabled me to serve the needs of many people. My current position on the Court of Appeals has allowed me to take that service to an even larger spectrum of our community, and for that privilege I am most grateful. A solid legal education like the one provided at Chase is the foundation for countless opportunities.

> Judge Michelle M. Keller '90
Kentucky Court of Appeals, 6th District,
Covington, Kentucky



Chase provided me with an invaluable legal education because it gave me access not only to a good faculty but also to actual practitioners who knew their craft.

> Judge Charles J. Kubicki, Jr., '93
Hamilton Co. Court of Common Pleas,
Cincinnati, Ohio



My experience at Chase College of Law was exceptional. The courses provided me with a great foundation for my legal career. Now, as a municipal court judge, I refer to those experiences often, both on the bench and in chambers. I am grateful for the legal education I received at Chase.

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Dayton Municipal Court,
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Master Commissioner, Anderson Circuit Court, Lawrenceburg, KY

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Judge, Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton & Robertson Family Court, Cynthiana, KY

STUART C. PEEK '82

Master Commissioner, Livingston Circuit Court, Smithland, KY



During my years at Chase College of Law I learned that the practice of law is not only about researching, learning, and implementing the law, it is also about maintaining and defending the foundation upon which our great society is built, a foundation of justice and equality. My professors and classmates from Chase provided me with invaluable insights and experiences that continue to guide me today to sit as a fair and impartial jurist.

> Judge Jody M. Luebbers '90
Hamilton Co. Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati, Ohio



The ever-changing legal field has been challenging and exciting. I have found that some of the best attorneys in the area are graduates of Chase College of Law. Chase continues to grow into a great institution. I would encourage all graduates to take a look at the changes taking place on campus and the great programming at the school. The great Salmon Portland Chase would be proud of his namesake institution.

> Judge William L. Mallory '86
Ohio Court of Appeals, First District
Cincinnati, Ohio



Chase College of Law provided its students with an atmosphere that promoted comradery. We learned to laugh and cry together, and we learned the importance of compassion in a profession that many times deals with human misery. We learned that the practice of law is an honorable profession with the most important virtue being honesty in your word. It is not surprising that Chase has produced so many Judges.

> Judge L. Beth Lewis Maze '88
Bath, Menifee, Montgomery & Rowen Circuit Court, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky



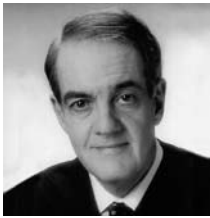
The legal and professional education I received at Chase prepared me well for the practice of law and to be a member of the judiciary. The professors emphasized the substance of the law, while impressing upon us that the law is a profession and that attorneys have a very high duty to uphold the integrity of the profession. It is an honor to serve as a member of the judiciary upholding the rule of law.

> Judge Joy A. Moore '96
Kentucky Court of Appeals, 6th District,
Burlington, Kentucky



Beginning our legal studies in the YMCA building west of the courthouse was a unique experience accentuated by the lawyers and Judges that taught courses at that time, such as Judge Mestemaker and Bernie Gilday. That offered a perspective that could not be gained from reading cases and horn books. Our study group worked in and around the courthouse which led to study sessions in jury deliberation rooms, the Cincinnati Workhouse, and the Cincinnati Police Department District One. That experience brought to life the practice of law.

> Judge R. Thomas Moorhead '75
Eagle Co. District Court,
Eagle, Colorado



While attending evening law school, I supported my family and financed my education by operating my father's retail store during his illness and subsequent death. Many of our professors were practicing attorneys who taught us not only the law but the practical application. Were it not for Chase College of Law, I would not have become a lawyer or a Judge. I now serve as Chairman of the Board of the Chase College Foundation.

> Judge Norbert A. Nadel '65
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Master Commissioner, Mason Circuit Court, Maysville, KY

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Judge (Ret.), Hamilton Co. Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati, OH

MARTIN J. SHEEHAN '83
Judge, Kenton Circuit Court, Covington, KY

JACK SHERMAN, JR. '69
Magistrate Judge (Ret.), U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Cincinnati, OH

RANDALL L. SHORT '87
Master Commissioner, Butler Circuit Court, Morgantown, KY

CANDACE J. SMITH '92
Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, Covington, KY

LESLIE SPILLANE '74
Judge (Ret.), Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations, Hamilton, OH

FREDERICK A. STINE '78
Judge, Campbell Circuit Court, Newport, KY

ALAN C. STOUT '81
Master Commissioner, Crittenden Circuit Court, Marion, KY

PATRICIA M. SUMME '79
Judge, Kenton Circuit Court, Covington, KY

THOMAS D. SWINDLE '81
Judge, Ripley Co. Circuit Court, Doniphan, MO

KAREN A. THOMAS '85
Judge, Campbell District Court, Newport, KY

LARRY E. THOMPSON '87
Judge, Pike Family Court, Pikeville, KY

MICHAEL J. VORIS '67
Judge, Clermont Co. Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations, Batavia, OH

FRANK H. WAKEFIELD II '87
Judge, Allen & Simpson District Court, Franklin, KY

W. TODD WALTON II '83
Judge, Bracken, Fleming & Mason District Court, Flemingsburg, KY

JAMES E. WALSH '66
Judge (Ret.), Ohio 12th District Court of Appeals, Middletown, OH

JULIE REINHARDT WARD '95
Judge, Campbell Circuit Court, Newport, KY

KATHERINE H. WATKINS '85
Magistrate, Hamilton Co. Juvenile Court, Cincinnati, OH

WILLIAM J. WEHR '76
Judge (Ret.), Campbell Circuit Court, Newport, KY

JOHN A. WEST '71
Judge, Hamilton Co. Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati, OH

JAY A. WETHINGTON '84
Judge, Daviess Circuit Court, Owensboro, KY

H. RUPERT WILHOIT III '91
Judge, Carter, Elliot & Morgan District Court, Grayson, KY

WAYNE F. WILKE '59
Judge (Ret.), Hamilton Co. Probate Court, Cincinnati, OH

ROBYN EDMONDS WILLIAMS '98
Judge, Clinton, Russell & Wayne District Court, Russell, KY

SQUIRE N. WILLIAMS '99
Judge, Franklin Circuit Court, Frankfort, KY

STEVE A. WILSON '82
Judge, Warren Circuit Court, Bowling Green, KY

RALPH WINKLER '70
Judge (Ret.), Ohio 1st District Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, OH

RALPH E. WINKLER '87
Judge, Hamilton Co. Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati, OH

ROBERT C. WINKLER '87
Judge, Hamilton Co. Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati, OH



Chase provided the opportunity to receive a fine legal education for those of us who did not have the luxury to attend school full time. While this made for some long days, the rewards were worth it. I am grateful for the legal education I received and think it is important that Chase continues to give others the same opportunity.

> Judge Robert P. Ruwe '70
U. S. Tax Court
Washington, D.C.



Chase played a key role in forming the lawyer and judge I have become. The evening program provided me with the opportunity to attend law school. The school's reputation and community presence, as well as the dedicated faculty and staff, were pivotal in my success in private practice. Even my interest in the federal courts and judiciary originated through Chase, when I participated in the clinical extern program and first experienced working in a judge's chambers. It is a privilege to serve the public, the court, and the bar, and I gratefully owe my educational foundation for achieving this honor to Chase.

> Magistrate Judge Candace J. Smith '92
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
Covington, Kentucky



Chase was the best learning experience of my life. The professors were committed to the mastery of the basic premises of each subject with its foundation of 'due process of law.' Real property was taught by Professor Eugene Youngs, the quintessential professor in his suit and glasses scratching bundles of property rights on the blackboard. He cultivated real estate as my favorite subject and turned it into a lifelong study. I was blessed to go to Chase.

> Judge Patricia M. Summe '79
Kenton Circuit Court,
Covington, Kentucky



After graduation, I carried on a private practice with two other partners for over 25 years. I centered my work on criminal defense and family law trial practice. My courses at Chase that dealt with these specialized areas were of great help to me. All the staff and faculty back then were so good to all of us, but Marty Huelsmann and Steve Stephens were instrumental in my development. Chase was not only a scholastic center but stressed the actual 'practice' of law and that helped expedite my seasoning.

> Judge Thomas D. Swindle '81
Ripley Co. Circuit Court,
Doniphan, Missouri



The legal education I received as a student at Chase allowed me to pursue many different career paths in the legal profession. As part of the curriculum I was given practical experience that prepared me for the practice of law. As a judge I have been able to utilize my legal education as well as the legal community at Chase to do a better job in serving the people of Campbell County.

> Judge Karen A. Thomas '85
Campbell District Court
Newport, Kentucky



The diversity of Chase's law students is reflected in Chase graduates who practice in Western Kentucky. Many serve in administrative or judicial capacities, many in private practice with a wide range of specialties. I am particularly appreciative of my educational experience with several adjunct professors while at Chase who gave us their time and the benefit of their practical expertise. They showed us that while we were learning the basics of the law at Chase, they had learned that the law was a tool wielded with judgment, wisdom, and practicality.

> Judge Jay Wethington '84
Davis Circuit Court,
Owensboro, KY

RICHARD A. WOESTE '81
Judge-Elect, Campbell Family Court,
Newport, KY

KATHRYN G. WOOD '95
Judge, Pulaski & Rockcastle District
Court, Somerset KY

JOSEPH S. YATES '84
Master Commissioner, Henry &
Trimble Circuit Court, New Castle, KY

ROBERT T. YOAKUM '99
Judge, Bell District Court,
Pineville, KY

WILLIAM W. YOUNG '61
Judge, Ohio 12th District Court of
Appeals, Middletown, Ohio

W. KENNETH ZUK '72
Judge, Clermont Co. Court of
Common Pleas, Batavia, OH

In Memory of Judge Julia A. Stautberg '94



The Honorable Julia A. Stautberg '94 passed away May 19 at the age of 43 after a year-long battle with cancer. She was inducted as the 2010-2011 president of the Cincinnati Bar Association and was selected as one of the YWCA Career Women of Achievement for 2010. She was appointed as a Hamilton

County Municipal Court judge in 2004, elected to the position a year later, and re-elected in 2007. She was a past-president of the Chase Alumni Association.

Judge Stautberg was a graduate of the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers and had served with the Supreme Court of Ohio Mentoring Program, the Ohio Judicial Conference, and the Hamilton County Criminal Justice Commission. She had been honored with the Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Champion of Hope Award, the Mary Rose Geckle Leadership Award from the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Service Board, and the YWCA Rising Star Award.

The Hamilton County courts and the Cincinnati Bar Association dedicated the Hamilton County Courthouse's Rookwood Room and the Judges Conference Room in Judge Stautberg's honor on Sept. 30.

Chase's New Law Clinic is Open for Business

The first of its kind in Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati, Chase's Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic is now open for business. The clinic allows law students to work under the supervision of an experienced attorney to represent small businesses and nonprofits in a wide range of legal matters. The clinic provides free legal services to small businesses and nonprofit organizations that would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services.

"This clinic serves the community as well as our students by providing needed legal services to underserved Kentucky and Ohio small businesses and nonprofit organizations," said Dean Dennis Honabach. "The clinic provides valuable opportunities for our students to gain practical hands-on experience that will help them become experienced attorneys upon graduation from Chase."

Under the supervision of clinic director Sherry Porter, students assess the needs of clinic clients, provide legal counsel, draft organizational documents and contracts, and otherwise provide legal services for clients. During the first weeks of operation, student interns met with new clients and set up a limited liability company, drafted an operating agreement and vendor contracts, and reviewed basic copyright and trademark issues for clients.

The clinic is designed to serve new or emerging businesses that have been in operation fewer than five years and that have gross annual revenues less than \$100,000. The clinic also represents nonprofit organizations that often cannot afford legal counsel to address their legal needs.



▲ Porter meets with student clinicians in the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic.

"It is both exciting and challenging to learn how legal principles are applied to real client issues, especially in the context of business considerations," said third-year Chase student and clinic intern Nathaniel Arnett. "The skills I'm learning through my work with the clinic will help me transition to the legal profession after I graduate."

The Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic works closely with NKU's Small Business Development Center and the university's Institute for Nonprofit Capacity, which will further the law school's outreach to the community, particularly in the area of community and business development.

"The clinic gives students a head start by providing opportunities to learn first hand what it takes to be an attorney as they meet with clients, review and prepare documents, and handle legal issues," said Porter.

The clinic operates as part of Chase's Transactional Law Practice Center. The center,

drawing on a unique partnership of law students, faculty, practicing lawyers, and business leaders, offers students innovative training to develop the practice skills they will need to become successful transactional lawyers.



▲ Sherry L. Porter '89, director of the Transactional Law Practice Center, serves as director of the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic.

Pro bono service program

Alumni partner with Chase and team up with students to provide much-needed service

NKU Chase College of Law recognizes that *pro bono* service is an important responsibility of members of the legal profession. Through the Chase *Pro Bono* Service Program, law students develop a commitment to providing those services early in their legal careers. The *pro bono* program also serves as an educational tool, helping students gain legal skills, exposing them to various areas of the law, and enhancing their contact with the legal community.

About the Program

Launched in the fall of 2008, the *Pro Bono* Service Program requires each entering student to complete a minimum of 50 hours of *pro bono* legal service as a graduation requirement. For purposes of the program, *pro bono* work is defined as law-related work performed in legal service organizations, government agencies, private law firms or with private attorneys (*pro bono* cases), nonprofit organizations, and legislative offices. Students may undertake a variety of *pro bono* assignments, including client intake, case preparation, legal research, legislative analysis, and community legal education. While many Chase students have actively participated in *pro bono* activities in the past, this formalized *Pro Bono* Service Program ensures that all students have this opportunity with the choice of a wide variety of established placements, which often include the engagement of Chase alumni.

At Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, Chase students work as volunteer law clerks with legal aid attorneys, assist *pro bono* attorneys, and participate in *pro se* divorce and wills clinics as part of the Chase Law Advocates Program. This latter program represents the collaborative efforts of the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers, Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, and Chase College of Law.

"First of all, students get hands-on experience working with clients and learning to practice law, which I think is helpful for them," said Richard A. Cullison '76, executive director of Legal Aid of the Bluegrass.



▲ Molly Tami, director of Chase's *Pro Bono* Service Program talks with Danielle Reesor and Andrew Powell about *pro bono* opportunities for students.

"Secondly, it serves the community, and they get to use their talents to assist the least fortunate in our society with legal needs that they can't afford to have addressed."

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass serves a 33-county area and closes in excess of 4,500 cases per year. With volunteer help, including the seven to 10 Chase students working as part of the Chase *Pro Bono* Service Program, legal aid is able to assist even more people with legal needs.

"It increases the volume of what we can do," Cullison said of Chase students volunteering at legal aid. "But I believe that it also increases the quality of what we do if we have access to law students to assist with research and case preparation. I think it's a quality and a quantity thing."

Kimberly Brooks Tandy '89, executive director and founder of the Children's Law

Center, Inc. in Covington, feels that the *pro bono* program sets a good example for students and provides them with useful exposure in the field. She started the center during her last year of law school to address the unmet legal needs of children in the community. She, like Cullison, attests to the fact that having students work at the Children's Law Center as part of the *pro bono* program helps the center to better handle the volume of work that comes its way.

"We often have periods of time during which we are extremely busy and don't have enough hands and minds to get done what we need to," Tandy said. "We have used *pro bono* students on a number of projects where we needed additional research, writing, data analysis, or other help."



▲ Cullison confers with Katherine Adams, a Chase student and *pro se* clinic coordinator with Legal Aid of the Bluegrass.

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▲ Eilers works with Chase students at the Volunteer Lawyers Project's wills clinics.

Producing Better Lawyers

Not only does the Chase *Pro Bono* Service Program allow students to help local organizations, but it also helps to produce well-rounded future lawyers and to prepare them for the real world.

"It's important for students to be involved with *pro bono* work because after they graduate they'll be expected to be involved in this sort of work, so they might as well be exposed to it early," said John W. Eilers '67, a partner at Wood & Lamping who also works with the Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati Volunteer Lawyers Project. "More importantly, it's an opportunity to see what the practice of law is really like."

Students work with VLP, which serves seven southwest Ohio counties, at wills clinics by pre-interviewing clients, inputting data into the computer, drafting wills, and



▲ Tandy meets with Bethanie Chaney '08, when Chaney was a student intern at the Children's Law Center.

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meeting with clients at Saturday clinics.

"I think the students get an opportunity to understand what's really involved in creating a will," said Eilers, named Volunteer Lawyer of the Year in 2008 by the Cincinnati Bar Association, of the practical experience students have gained through participation in the VLP wills clinics.

In addition to placements with organizations such as Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, the Children's Law Center, and Legal Aid of Cincinnati, students may also design their own *pro bono* projects and participate in *pro bono* projects at the law school. Each year the Chase Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provides students with the opportunity to assist low-income clients in preparing tax returns. In partnership with the Kentucky AOC juvenile services diversion program, the

Chase Street Law Program affords students the opportunity to provide law-related education classes to juveniles who have been "diverted" out of the court system and into a statewide program that promotes education and accountability. In addition, a Chase Domestic Violence Project and a Veterans *Pro Bono* Project are currently being planned in collaboration with various community organizations and court agencies.

"A great deal has changed since my time at Chase in the 1980s," Tandy said. "There are many more opportunities for students to become involved in *pro bono* activities, fellowships, internships, and special student organizations. Involving students in civil engagement has been a strong focus and one that is an important aspect of their role in the community. I am glad to see Chase moving in this direction."



If your organization or firm performs *pro bono* work, please consider serving as a placement site or a "*pro bono* partner." To learn more, visit chaselaw.nku.edu/pro_bono or contact Associate Dean Molly Tami, director of the *pro bono* program, at tamim1@nku.edu. Because Chase's *pro bono* program will only be successful with the participation of the legal community, please join the college of law in helping Chase students "do well while doing good."

Transactional Law Practice Center Hosts Gary D. Cohen '78 as Distinguished Practitioner in Residence



Gary D. Cohen '78, chief administrative officer and secretary of The Finish Line, Inc., served as the Chase Transactional Law Practice Center's Distinguished Practitioner in Residence March 24-25.

Through the program, the Transactional Law Practice Center invites a distinguished practitioner to visit the college of law to interact with students, faculty, and alumni in a variety of settings. The program provides an opportunity for accomplished practitioners to share their experiences and insights about the realities of transactional law practice with the Chase community.

"The students and faculty were genuinely interested in my experiences and how I made the transition from general counsel to chief administrative officer of The Finish Line," Cohen said. "I was able to discuss how important it is to understand the business side of the job and shared stories from my own personal experiences. It was remarkable how much the students already knew about the company. Many of them had done research prior to my arrival, which showed true interest in my visit and what I had to share with them."

As practitioner in residence, Cohen participated in featured lectures, regularly scheduled classes, special workshops, and small-group discussions with students, faculty, and alumni. Topics included "The Role of General Counsel in a Publicly-Traded Company," "Collaboration Between In-House and Outside Counsel," "Effective Negotiation and Closing the Deal," and in an open forum, "Ask the General Counsel."

"As the guest lecturer in my contract drafting class, Gary brought several different contracts with him to go over with the students," said TLPC director Sherry Porter. "He pointed out various provisions throughout the contracts and discussed what they meant and how they could be better drafted to protect the client, and how each side to the contract might argue for the provision to be worded differently to best serve his or her client."

GARY D. COHEN is the chief administrative officer and secretary of The Finish Line, Inc. His primary responsibilities at the Indianapolis-based athletics retailer include management and supervision of the corporation's initiatives in strategy and development. He is also responsible for the legal/lease administration, corporate governance and compliance, and human resource and payroll departments.

Cohen is a national board member of the Association of Corporate Counsel and a member of its Indiana chapter. He has been a panelist or speaker at national retail and legal conferences, along with authoring numerous articles on different aspects of the in-house legal environment. Cohen is also a member of the Chase College of Law board of advisors and is a founding partner and advisory board member of the Transactional Law Practice Center.

Prior to joining The Finish Line, Cohen was the senior partner in the Indianapolis law firm of Cohen and Morelock, where his practice concentrated in the areas of commercial collection, corporate law, mediation, and real estate law. He still maintains an "of counsel" status with the firm Brand & Morelock.



▲ Jon Collins, 2009-10 president of the Transactional Law Practice Center Group, presents Cohen with a commemorative plaque.

Benjamin A. Bauer, 2010-11 vice president of the Transactional Law Practice Group and a third-year law student, attended many of the events during Cohen's visit.

"It was encouraging to hear from an alumnus who has achieved such an extraordinary amount of success," Bauer said. "I never cease to be amazed at how much business can be involved in the practice of law, which reflects the importance of having a center like the TLPC for our student body. There is no substitute for real-world perspective – it simply cannot be taught in the classroom."

Bauer says programs like the distinguished practitioner in residence are important because "they help provide a bridge from the classroom into practice." He and a small group of students even got to sit down and discuss transactional law issues with Cohen face to face.

"By emphasizing the importance and cultivation of skill sets needed in the professional world, Chase is providing its law students with a distinct advantage," Cohen said. "I was pleased to see how many students were involved in all the programs offered by the college's Transactional Law Practice Center, in addition to their classroom studies."



▲ Cohen delivers a lunch presentation to the Chase faculty titled "Collaboration Between In-House and Outside Counsel: Adding Value to the Relationship."

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-GARY D. COHEN



▲ Cohen talks with Steve Shuh '78 and Dan Shephard, director of development, at a dinner party with alumni and friends.



▲ Cohen delivers a presentation to the student body titled "The Role of the Business Lawyer: Effective Negotiation and Closing the Deal."



▲ Cohen has breakfast with a group of Chase students involved with the Transactional Law Practice Center.

Faculty in the news

Professor **RICHARD BALES**: Please see Faculty Spotlight, page 19, for recent news about Bales.

Professor **ROGER BILLINGS** spoke to the Munich, Germany, bar association on the subject of “Differences between the U.S. and German Legal Systems” in December 2010.



Professor **ANTHONY CHAVEZ** presented his paper “The Red and Blue Golden State: Why California’s Proposition 11 Will Not Produce More Competitive Elections” at the University of Kentucky in October 2010, and it will appear in a spring issue of the *Chapman Law Review*. In November 2010, he was a member of a panel at UC Davis School of Law regarding the Voting Rights Act.



Professor **DAVID ELDER** was chosen as a peer reviewer by Ashgate Publishing Co. for a multidimensional book about the Duke Lacrosse controversy.



Professor **CHRISTOPHER GULINELLO** traveled to Taiwan in May 2010 to co-teach a class on corporate law and U.S. public corporations at the National Taiwan Chenchi University College of Law. He has also signed a contract with Aspen to write a business organizations casebook (co-authored with **BILL SJOSTROM**).



Professor **KENNETH KATKIN** served as moderator and organizer of the *Northern Kentucky Law Review’s* fall 2010 symposium titled “Health Care Reform and the Constitution: The Constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” in October 2010. He also discussed the legal framework for mandatory immunizations and vaccinations for children on WVXU’s (91.7 FM) “Impact Cincinnati” in July 2010.



Associate Dean **JENNIFER ANGLIM KREDER** led Chase students and staff in helping to file an amicus brief in June 2010 on behalf of a coalition of Jewish community leaders and organizations, Holocaust educators, artists, art historians, and legal scholars and practitioners dedicated to the promotion of alternative dispute resolution. She also spoke at the second annual Association for Research into Crimes against Art conference in July 2010 and was quoted in *ArtNews* in an October 2010 article titled “Claims



conflict: Tensions rising between U.S. museums and Jewish restitution groups over Holocaust loot.”

Professor **MICHAEL J. Z. MANNHEIMER** received the Association of American Law Schools Criminal Justice Section Junior Scholar Paper Award for his paper titled “Not the Crime but the Cover-up: A Deterrence-Based Rationale for the Premeditation-Deliberation Formula.” He gave a brief presentation of the paper at the criminal justice section luncheon in January 2010.



Professor **BARBARA MCFARLAND** was a presenter at the Law School Admission Council regional workshop, “Building a Bar Program,” in September 2010. Her topic was “Objectives, Objections, and Course Design.”



Professor **LJUBOMIR NACEV**, with the NKU/Chase tax clinic, helped to successfully litigate *Linkugel v. Commissioner*, T.C. Summary Opinion 2009-180 (December 1, 2009). He was also counsel of record in a recent United States Tax Court decision in *Hall v. Commissioner*, 135 T.C. No. 19 (September 22, 2010). Both cases were of importance to the low-income community. In October 2010, Nacev received a certificate of appreciation from the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service SPEC division, in recognition of 20 years of outstanding contributions to public service through the Chase Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.



Professor **SHERRY L. PORTER** gave a panel presentation in June 2010 at the Emory University School of Law conference, “Transactional Education: What’s Next?” Her panel spoke on the topic of “Transactional Centers and Certificate Programs.” Porter was also featured on WCPO Channel 9 News in September 2010 and on WNKU (89.7 FM) in October 2010 speaking about the new Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic.



Professor **DAVID A. SINGLETON**, executive director of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, was profiled in the winter 2010 issue of the *Harvard Law Bulletin* for his work creating the Constitutional Litigation Clinic at Chase. United States Senator Sherrod Brown presented the inaugural Canary Award to Singleton in April 2010 for his work with the OJPC. He was also interviewed by CNN in



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September 2010 for his work with the OJPC, featured in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* in July 2010, and featured in the July 2010 issue of the *CBA Report*.

Professor **PHILLIP SPARKES** presented a paper in October 2010 at the annual meeting of the International Municipal Lawyers Association titled “Representative Government, Represented Government, and the No-Contact Rule.” He also presented in October 2010 at the advocacy and lobbying workshop held by the Institute for Nonprofit Capacity. Sparkes also was interviewed in February 2010 by *Congressional Quarterly* for an article on congress.org about how Vermont, Kentucky, Alabama, and Washington handle voting rights.



Professor **HENRY L. STEPHENS** is included in the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the practice area of alternative dispute resolution.



Associate Dean **MOLLY T. TAMI** received a Kentucky Court of Justice Law Day Award in April 2010 for her work in creating the Chase Street Law Program. She also presented at the ABA Associate Deans’ Conference in July 2010. Her presentation, “Life of a Student: Professionalism, Policies, and Personal Balance,” focused on techniques that law schools can use to help students develop their professional values.



Professor **JOHN T. VALAURI** was a panelist at the *Northern Kentucky Law Review’s* fall symposium in October 2010 titled “Health Care Reform and the Constitution: The Constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.”



Associate Dean **MICHAEL WHITEMAN** presented his paper, “The Death of Twentieth-Century Authority,” at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools in January 2010. His paper was selected as part of a call-for-papers and was included in the panel presentation titled “Law Librarian as Scholar: Legal Authority and Research in an Age of Accessibility.”



New Faculty



BETH LOCKER has joined the Chase faculty as assistant professor of law and director of externships. She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and her A.B. from Dartmouth College with a major in psychology and a minor in education. She has focused her legal career on child welfare and juvenile justice issues and is committed to developing practice-ready attorneys who are well prepared to leave law school and engage in

fulfilling legal careers.

At the University of Michigan Law School, Locker worked with both the university's own child welfare law clinic and a similar clinic at the University of Cape Town South Africa. Upon graduation from law school, she was awarded the post-graduate fellowship in law at the Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic at Emory University School of Law. While there, she supervised students in the clinic and summer externship programs as well as co-taught a seminar course on child welfare law.

Upon completion of her fellowship, Locker joined the Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children where she eventually served as deputy project director. While working for the J4C, she was named a Marshall Memorial Fellow by the German Marshall Fund of the United States and given the opportunity to study international and children's policy issues in Europe.

In her most recent position, Locker served as policy director at Voices for Georgia's Children, a statewide children's policy and advocacy organization where she was responsible for oversight and expansion of the organization's comprehensive policy agenda for children.



DONNA M. SPEARS has joined the Chase Law Library faculty as assistant professor of law library services and assistant director for research and instructional technology. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and her master's degree in library and information science from Louisiana State University. Her first professional librarian position was as the electronic resources librarian at the Lafayette

Parish Public Library in Lafayette, La.

Spears earned her J.D. from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, La. While in law school, she clerked for justices Jeannette Theriot Knoll of the Louisiana Supreme Court and Ivan L. R. Lemelle of the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Her professional career as a law librarian began at the Florida International University College of Law Library where she served as a research and reference librarian. She is teaching Basic Legal Skills – Research and Advanced Legal Research.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Richard Bales

Professor **RICHARD BALES** was named Northern Kentucky University's 2010 Frank Sinton Milburn Outstanding Professor. He is a leading innovator in the classroom, an accomplished scholar and mentor of student scholars, and a university citizen who gives generously of his time to student work, university service, and public engagement. A member of the Chase faculty since 1998, Bales is the director of Chase's Center for Excellence in Advocacy. He served as interim dean in 2006 and as associate dean for faculty development 2007-09.



Of the student competition teams Bales coaches, all six arbitration teams have advanced to the national competition over the past three years, with the 2007-08 team finishing third in the nation and the 2009-10 team finishing fifth in the nation. The 2010-11 team will compete in the ABA National Arbitration Competition Jan. 21-22 in Chicago, Ill. Bales helps prepare the Chase Wagner Employment Law Moot Court Team, which has reached the final round in a 44-team field for three consecutive years. He has also served as the Law Review advisor or co-advisor since 2002 and the Black Law

Students Association faculty advisor or co-advisor every year since 2001.

Bales collaborated with the Haile/U.S. Bank College of Business to create the NKU Alternative Dispute Resolution Center, of which he is the advisory board chairperson. He also helped to develop a curriculum for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and drafted the Chase Concentration Program to give students an opportunity to focus a portion of their legal studies on a specialty area of law.

Bales is also active in the law community including serving as the law student outreach coordinator for the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law and volunteering for the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers Association. He is on the ABA Law Student Division Competitions Committee and the Negotiations Competition Subcommittee and was named a member of the American Law Institute in October 2010. Bales also traveled to Malaysia this summer with a Fulbright senior specialist grant to help train labor/employment law judges on mediation techniques.

Bales teaches Civil Procedure, Employment Law, Employment Discrimination, ADR in the Workplace, Labor Law, and Arbitration Law. He has authored or co-authored numerous books and scholarly articles and has helped Chase students publish scholarly articles as well.

Chase Students Excel at Competitions



National Trial Competition Regional Champions

The Chase National Trial Team won the National Trial Competition regionals held February 12-14 in Columbus, Ohio. This was the second time in three years that the college of law has won. *(Pictured, L-R)* Meagan Lorenzen Tate, Andrew Powell, Joel King, Erin Melchior, and Lawrence Hilton comprised the team.



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ABA Arbitration Competition Regional Champions

The Chase Arbitration Team won the American Bar Association Regional Arbitration Competition held on NKU's campus Nov. 13-14. The team of *(Pictured, L-R)* Jessica Biddle, Alyse Bender, MyLinda Sims, and Jonathan Davis defeated teams from John Marshall Law School, Georgia State University College of Law, Louisiana State University Hebert Law Center, and St. Mary's University School of Law. The team will advance to the National Arbitration Competition Jan. 21-22 in Chicago, Ill.



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Moot Court National Competition

Chase College of Law was one of only 16 law schools around the country to be invited to attend and compete in the Moot Court National Championship in Houston, Texas, January 27-30. This is the second consecutive year that Chase has been invited to compete. *(Pictured, L-R)* Christen Steimle, Danielle Ravencraft, and Benjamin Lewis advanced to the quarterfinals, and Ravencraft received the 2010 Best Speaker award, which is awarded to the student judged to be the best advocate in the competition.



National Adoption and Child Welfare Law Moot Court Competition

Two teams of Chase students attended the National Adoption and Child Welfare Law Moot Court Competition held March 12-13 in Columbus, Ohio. Issac Burkhart, Elizabeth Sprowl, and Angel Zachel advanced to the semifinals and won the award for third-best brief. *(Pictured, L-R)* Loree Stark, Gregory Ingalsbe, and Carolyn Besl advanced to the quarterfinals and won the Best Brief Award. Additionally, Besl was recognized as the fourth-best preliminary round advocate.



Robert F. Wagner Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Competition

(Pictured, L-R) Lawrence Hilton and Christopher Allesee advanced to the quarterfinals at the 34th annual Robert F. Wagner Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Competition held March 11-14 in New York City. Lawrence Hilton also represented Chase's National Trial Team in Baylor Law School's inaugural Top Gun Mock Trial Competition held June 4-6 in Waco, Texas, where he advanced to the quarterfinals.



Kentucky Mock Trial Competition Champions

The Chase National Trial Team won the Kentucky Mock Trial Competition hosted by the University of Louisville Nov. 13-14. The team of Lawrence Hilton, John Milligan, Sean Pharr, and Danielle Reesor won the competition, defeating teams from the University of Kentucky College of Law and the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. Third-year law student Lawrence Hilton won the award for Best Advocate.

Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition

The Chase National Trial Team consisting of Ronald Bowling, Lauren Jansen, Peter Tripp, and Siobhan Whitlock were semifinalists at the Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition held in Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 11-14. The Chase team defeated Georgia State University College of Law and South Texas College of Law to advance to the semifinals. The tournament consisted of 32 schools from across the country in what is one of the largest mock trial competitions of the fall semester. Second-year Chase student Ronald Bowling won the award for Best Cross Examination, and third-year Chase student Siobhan Whitlock won the award for Best Summation.



National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition

Chase students (Pictured, L-R) Tim Schirmang, Annette Graff, and Michael Mahon won the award for Best Brief at the 16th annual National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition held in Washington, D.C., March 27. Graff and Mahon also advanced to the semifinal round of the oral arguments.



August A. Rendigs, Jr., National Products Liability Moot Court Competition

(Pictured, L-R) Barry Spurlock and Joseph Mooney, both third-year Chase evening students, advanced to the semifinals of the 23rd annual August A. Rendigs, Jr., National Products Liability Moot Court Competition held April 9-10 in Cincinnati.



ABA Arbitration Competition

The Chase Arbitration Team consisting of (Pictured, L-R) Lisa Gentry, Steven Doan, Meg Thompson, and Michelle Eviston advanced to the semifinal round and tied for third place in the American Bar Association Regional Arbitration Competition held on NKU's campus Nov. 13-14. The students defeated teams from Emory University School of Law and the University of South Dakota School of Law in the preliminary rounds.

Alumni Assist with Business Boot Camp



Seventeen Chase students survived a week of boot camp - Business Boot Camp. BBC is an innovative program that helps law students see business transactions through the eyes of their clients.

Dedicated to providing first-hand experiential learning for Chase students, the Transactional Law Practice Center created the free week-long program to offer students the

opportunity to work with top business people, bankers, insurance agents, and human resource professionals to address the various business issues raised in a case study based on a real transaction.

“The hands-on experience and networking opportunity was something I could not pass up,” said second-year full-time student Jessica Grogan. “The information provided over the course of one week gave me a much better understanding of what exactly it takes to complete a business transaction.”

BBC participants met for presentations at area businesses, accounting firms, and law firms throughout the week of August 16. Local experts taught students how to read financial statements and how bankers interpret and use them to determine financing availability and terms. The experts also discussed insurance concerns, human resource matters, and many other business issues found in a typical business acquisition.

The students were divided into small groups to prepare presentations based on a business transaction that were given before a panel of Chase alumni who acted as clients.

“My favorite part of BBC was the problem solving aspect of it,” said second-year full-time student Brian Duffy. “While working on our group problem, I enjoyed discussing the available options for financing the problem and the pros and cons of each option.”

Chase alumni who volunteered their time to the program were Candice DeClark-Peace '82 of Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.; Winston R. Griffin '93 of the Laurel Grocery Company; Elizabeth A. Horwitz '83 of Wood & Lamping; Kenneth H. Kinder II '00 of Cors & Bassett, LLC; and David M. Spaulding '06 of Turner Construction. Other practitioners who volunteered were Stephen Brown of Stock Yards Bank & Trust; Christopher T. Cochran of MCF Advisors, LLC; Douglas Michel of Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.; Roger Myers of Stock Yards Bank & Trust; and Carolyn Potter of Employers Resource Association.

Chase's Center for Excellence in Advocacy Hosts Murder Trial Panel Discussion

NKU Chase College of Law's Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted a panel discussion about the Ryan Widmer murder trial October 5.

Widmer was accused of drowning his wife, Sarah, in their bathtub on August 13, 2008. He has been tried twice for murder. The first trial ended in a mistrial, and the second ended in a hung jury. A third trial is scheduled to begin in January 2011.

To better understand this highly controversial case, Chase College of Law invited a distinguished group of legal, media, and law enforcement experts to discuss the case's complex issues.

Panelists included legal experts Mike Allen, criminal defense attorney and former Hamilton County prosecutor; Daniel “Woody” Breyer, assistant chief prosecutor, Clermont County, Ohio; Professor Mark Godsey, University of Cincinnati, criminal defense attorney; Mark Krumbein, criminal defense attorney; and Professor Mark Stavsky, Chase College of Law.

Media experts included Travis Gettys, WLWT-TV Channel 5 reporter; Janice Morse, *Cincinnati Enquirer* journalist; Deb Silverman, WCPO-TV Channel 9 reporter; and Brad Underwood, Fox 19 reporter.

Law enforcement experts were Col. William Cole, chief of police, City of Bellevue, Ky.; Darrell Hawkins, forensic expert, assistant prosecutor, Clermont County, Ohio; Professor Jill Shelley, criminal justice professor at NKU; and Greg Shelley, forensic expert, Clermont County, Ohio.

Chase Professor Henry L. Stephens moderated the panel discussion.



Justice Wintersheimer Donates Papers to Chase Law Library



Donald C. Wintersheimer, retired justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court, has donated his original papers and other personal documents to NKU Chase College of Law. The Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer Digital Collection is a publically accessible digital archive with more than 8,000 documents chronicling the justice's work on the court. It offers a historical window into the social and economic issues facing Kentucky during his time on the bench. The collection includes draft opinions, memos, briefs, and other documents that accompanied the decision-making process of Wintersheimer and his colleagues on the court.

Wintersheimer served on the Kentucky Supreme Court from 1982 until his retirement in 2006. Prior to his service on the Supreme Court, he was a judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals, solicitor for the City of Covington, and an attorney in private practice. He was a prolific opinion writer, averaging more than 50 opinions each year, the most for any member of the Kentucky Supreme Court. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at Chase, teaches a seminar course in state constitutional law, and previously served as the college of law's distinguished jurist in residence.



New Writing Program

This fall, NKU Chase College of Law offered its inaugural "Effective Writing for Law Students" program, an innovative approach to helping incoming law students reinforce their writing skills. The program was designed to prepare students for more effective learning in the yearlong Basic Legal Skills Writing course that Chase requires of all first-year students.

Professors Richard Graves and Barbara McFarland and Associate Dean Lawrence Rosenthal created this intensive program to help students cope with the steep learning curve when they transition from pre-law composition standards to the exacting requirements of legal writing.

Chase held the program, free of charge, for more than 80 students during the week of August 9. Students spent the week strengthening their writing skills by working through a demanding series of drills and exercises under the guidance of Kerry Holleran, a Chase graduate and former instructor of college English.

Diagnostic tests given at the beginning and end of the program established that despite the short duration of the course, the students' mastery of basic writing principles increased substantially.

In light of the success in August, Chase also offered the program on Saturdays during the fall semester.

Renovations to Nunn Hall

If you haven't visited Nunn Hall for a while, things have changed! The first floor has been partially renovated and is the new home for the Office of Admissions. Construction has also been ongoing for Griffin Hall on Kenton Drive, which is where the College of Informatics will be located. Once the fences are gone and the dust has cleared, the college of law will have a beautiful new approach with plenty of green space. Stay tuned for photos in an upcoming issue of the *NKU Chase Lawyer* magazine!



Class of 2010 commencement ceremony



Families, friends, and graduates filled The Bank of Kentucky Chase College of Law 2010 commencement ceremony. Chase presented the degree candidates, and Northern Kentucky University conferred 150 juris doctors to eager graduates.



The Honorable Sylvia Sieve Hendon '75 of Ohio's First District Court of Appeals delivered the commencement address to graduates and guests. As grand marshal of the ceremony, John M. Bickers, assistant professor of law, carried the university mace, which has become a symbol of scholarship and integrity for universities since the 11th century. Molly T. Tami, Chase associate dean for student affairs and admissions, provided the welcoming and opening remarks. Gail W. Wells, NKU vice president for academic affairs and provost, delivered remarks in recognition of Chase faculty.

On behalf of the graduating class, Stiman Kelly Gilliam, president of the Student Bar Association, presented the Robert O. Lukowsky Award to Bickers and the Outstanding Staff Member Award to Billy V. Scott, faculty assistant.

Law Review Hosts Fall Symposium

The Northern Kentucky Law Review hosted its fall symposium on October 16 in the Student Union on NKU's campus. The symposium was titled "Health Care Reform and the Constitution: The Constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

Guest speakers were: Attorney General Greg Zoeller, state of Indiana; Professor Mark Hall, Wake Forest University; Professor Erik Jensen, Case Western Reserve University; Professor Roy Spece, University of Arizona; Professor Kenneth Katkin, Chase College of Law; Professor John Valauri, Chase College of Law.

Symposium guest speakers discussed the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the new health care legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama. Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller discussed the implications of the lawsuit he recently filed against the bill on behalf of the state of Indiana.

Chase professor Kenneth Katkin moderated the symposium, which concluded with a panel discussion. Matthew Swafford was the fall symposium editor, and Kate Bumgarner is the 2010-11 editor-in-chief.



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Student photo gallery



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▲ *Clockwise:* First-year Chase students and their families gather with faculty and alumni at the Chase welcome picnic. The Chase Latino Law Student Association held a meet-and-greet for students, faculty, and local practitioners. First-year Chase students attend a presentation of the professionalism series. The Chase class of 2010 celebrates at the graduation reception held at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse. Judge John M. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit speaks with Chase students at the Center for Excellence in Advocacy banquet.



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▲ Clockwise: Hamilton County sheriff, Simon L. Leis '65, delivers a presentation as part of the professionalism series for first-year students. Students gather at the Black Law Students Association's annual meet-and-greet. First-year Chase students perform yard work at the Campbell Lodge Boys Home as part of a community service program. The Student Bar Association hosts its annual Barristers Ball for Chase students. Chase students play in the 2010 Student Bar Association's golf outing.

Alumni Awards

The Chase College of Law Alumni Association honored four alumni and one honorary alumnus during its annual Chase Alumni Luncheon on October 8.



▲ The Chase Alumni Luncheon is held on the concourse at The Bank of Kentucky Center on NKU's campus



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 Bea V. Larsen '69
 The Honorable Timothy S. Black '83
 Richard A. Cullison '76
 Kenneth H. Kinder II '00
 Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III

BEA V. LARSEN '69 received the Lifetime Achievement Award. She is a senior mediator at the Center for Resolution of Disputes and has mediated over 750 disputes, primarily divorces and post-divorce conflicts. She began her legal career as an attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati, was associate director of the Model Cities Law Office, and director of the Public Defender Division of the Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati. Larsen was president of the Cincinnati Bar Association in 1986-87 and is a co-founder of the Collaborative Law Center. Read Larsen's expanded bio at chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/awards/blarsen.php.

THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY S. BLACK '83 received the Professional Achievement Award. He was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio in June 2010. Judge Black joined the law firm of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP in 1983, becoming a partner in 1990. In 1994, he left the firm to become a Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge. After 10 years on the Municipal Court bench, he became a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Judge Black serves as co-convenor of the BLAC-CBA Round Table and on the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers steering committee. Read Judge Black's expanded bio at chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/awards/htblack.php.

RICHARD A. CULLISON '76 received the Exceptional Service Award. He is the executive director of Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, an organization providing free civil legal services to 15,000 low income people annually in 40 Kentucky counties with headquarters in Covington, and branch offices in Lexington, Morehead, and Ashland. Cullison became Legal Aid's litigation director in 1980 and executive director in 1984. He successfully brokered two mergers with the legal aid programs in Lexington and Morehead and has implemented numerous successful programs



- ▲ Dean Dennis Honabach delivers the welcoming remarks.
- Alumni association president Ed McTigue '78 presents the awards.

in housing law, elder law, and family law. Read Cullison's expanded bio at chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/awards/rcullison.php.

KENNETH H. KINDER II '00 received the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award. He is a partner with Cors & Bassett LLC in Cincinnati, Ohio, and concentrates his practice in the areas of taxation, estate planning, probate, employee benefits, and business transactions. He is the head of the firm's probate committee. He was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine. Kinder is a founding partner of Chase's Transactional Law Practice Center, a member of the center's board of advisors, and was instrumental in planning and developing the center's first two Business Boot Camp programs. Read Kinder's expanded bio at chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/awards/kkinder.php.

WM. T. (BILL) ROBINSON III, received the inaugural Honorary Alumnus Award. He is

member-in-charge of the Northern Kentucky offices of Frost Brown Todd LLC. A past president of the Kentucky Bar Association and currently serving as ABA president elect, Robinson will become the 135th president of the American Bar Association in August 2011. Robinson helped facilitate the integration of Chase College of Law into Northern Kentucky University in the 1970s and has served the college of law in numerous capacities during the past 35 years. Read Robinson's expanded bio at chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/awards/wrobinson.php.

The luncheon program sponsor was Reminger Co. The table sponsors were: Adams, Stepler, Woltermann & Dusing; Honorable Timothy S. Black '83; Chase College of Law; Cors & Bassett; Richard A. Cullison '76; Dinsmore & Shohl; Dressman, Benzinger & LaVelle; The Farrish Law Firm; Freund, Freeze & Arnold; Frost Brown Todd; Kenneth H. Kinder II '00; Bea V. Larsen '69; The Lawrence Firm; Lerner, Sampson &

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More than 300 alumni and friends attended the luncheon. The annual Chase Alumni CLE Program was held before and after the luncheon. The presenters and topics were William E. Hesch '80 (tax); Philip J. Schworer '86 (environmental law); Colleen P. Lewis '89 (employment law); Thomas L. Rouse (ethics); Judge Joy A. Moore '96 (professionalism); and Cathy M. Jackson '91 (substance abuse).

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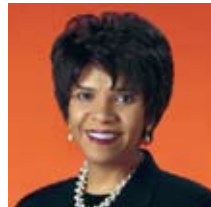
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▲ Sherry Porter, director of the Transactional Law Practice Center, talks with students at a center program.



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Alumni photo gallery



▲ Clockwise: Chase Alumni Association board members give Chase T-shirts to first-year students at the welcome picnic. Chase alumni gather for a Center for Excellence in Advocacy roundtable meeting. Chase Alumni Association board members serve lunch to Chase graduates taking the Ohio bar exam in Columbus. (Pictured, L-R) Candice DeClark-Peace '82, Winston Griffin '93, Elizabeth Horwitz '83, and David Spaulding '06 volunteer as "clients" for the Business Boot Camp final presentations. Bernie McKay '94 speaks at a diversity program for Chase students.



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▲ *Clockwise:* Chase alumni and friends play in the Chase Alumni Golf Outing at Belterra resort golf course. David Stratton '78 and John Billings '78 attend the Chase alumni reception at the KBA convention. The Chase Alumni Association serves lunch to Chase graduates taking the Kentucky bar exam in Louisville. Steve Franzen '82 talks with Judge Patricia Summe '79 at the dedication of the Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer Digital Collection at the Chase Law Library. Judge Michael Voris '67 and Dan Meyer '67 talk at an alumni roundtable meeting.

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Debra A. LaMorte '79 to Fund Endowed Scholarship for Chase Law Students

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LaMorte '79 has announced her

intention to fund a \$100,000 endowed scholarship for Chase law students. She has established the Debra A. LaMorte Endowed Scholarship Fund, whose annual proceeds will support deserving students.

"Chase gave me an opportunity that I may not have had otherwise," LaMorte said. "I will always be grateful. The education I received was invaluable and has contributed to what I was able to do with my life. It is a privilege for me to make the same opportunity available for others."

LaMorte is senior vice president of university development and alumni relations for New York University. She is responsible for coordinating all fundraising initiatives for the university and for delivering the philanthropic resources

required for NYU to meet its academic and programmatic goals for students and faculty. This gives her a distinct perspective on the impact of philanthropy on higher education and is a key motivation for her generosity to Chase.



Nancy L. Allf '82 Announces Future Gift to Chase

Nancy L. Allf '82 has announced her commitment of a future gift to Chase College of

Law through a bequest in her estate plan. This deferred gift will be unrestricted, for the greatest needs and opportunities of Chase at the time of receipt. Chase and Northern Kentucky University are pleased to welcome Allf to the NKU Heritage Society, which acknowledges such future gift commitments. Allf has been elected judge in the Clark County District Court in Las Vegas, Nev. She served as the

president of the State Bar of Nevada in 2007. She has practiced in the areas of commercial litigation, business law, and bankruptcy for the past 28 years. Until November 2009 she practiced with the law firm of Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan, where she was chair of their Bankruptcy Practice Group. Allf then opened her own law practice in Las Vegas before being elected as a District Judge. The NKU Alumni Association presented Allf its annual Outstanding Alumna Award for Chase College of Law at the University's alumni banquet in February.

CompEd Commits to Major Gift

CompEd, Inc. of Louisville has made a new five-year commitment to Chase totaling \$50,000. The gift will fund the CompEd Endowed Student Scholarship at Chase. The scholarship was established in 2004 and annually provides deserving Chase students significant support for their legal studies. CompEd is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the educational and informational needs of the workers' compensation system of Kentucky.

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ROBERT L. DAVIS is now of counsel at the Cincinnati office of Dressman Benzinger LaVelle PSC. He has been a solo practitioner in downtown Cincinnati since 1972 and has been involved in more than 100 jury trials.

CLASS OF 1966

DAVID WINCHESTER PECK received the Cincinnati Bar Association's John P. Kiely Professionalism Award. He is of counsel at Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, LLP, in Cincinnati, and he serves as a mediator for a variety of legal disputes.

CLASS OF 1968

JUDGE RONALD A. PANIOTO, domestic relations court judge, was honored at the Cincinnati Bar Association's 2010 Bench-Bar Social for his commitment to his work at the juvenile court.

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JAMES R. KRUER has joined the firm of Chevalier Ginn, PSC. He is a certified mediator and has a general practice of law including areas of domestic relations and personal injury.

TIMOTHY L. NOLAN is now the secretary of the Lawyers' Club of Cincinnati. He was also honored for his service to the club over the last three years.

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WILLIAM A. HUDDLESON is now of counsel at Graydon Head & Ritchey's downtown Cincinnati

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JEFFREY M. ROLLMAN has been named partner with Cohen, Todd, Kite & Stanford, LLC. He practices in the area of domestic relations.

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RALPH P. GINOCCHIO of Schimpf Ginocchio & Kehres Co. LPA is the 2010-11 vice president of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation. His practice focuses on family law, estate planning, probate and estate administration, personal injury, real estate law, and civil litigation.

RICHARD C. GOODWIN, a U.S. administrative law judge in the Office of Hearings, U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C., was elevated to vice chair of the American Bar Association Judicial Division during its annual meeting in August 2009.

MICHAEL F. LYON, partner at Lindhorst & Dreidame, was elevated to the rank of diplomat by the American Board of Trial Advocates, a designation reserved for trial attorneys who have tried at least 100 civil jury trials. He was the first Ohio member to serve as president of the Ohio Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

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JOHN P. CONCANNON has joined the law firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP as an attorney in the education department. He works out of the West Chester office.

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JAMES J. CARROLL, member of Cors & Bassett, LLC, was appointed by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to the Accountancy Board of Ohio. The board regulates the practice of public

accounting in Ohio and determines the requirements for the CPA examination, CPA certification, CPA licensing, and public accounting firm registration.

MARY J. HEALY, partner in Dinsmore & Shohl LLP's Cincinnati office, received the National Diversity Council's Glass Ceiling Award. This award honors women who have achieved personal success in the area of leadership. She was also a guest speaker at the National Diversity Council's second annual Ohio Women's Conference, where she received the award.

CLASS OF 1979

DONALD C. MOORE, JR., principal at The Moore Law Firm in Cincinnati, received the Ohio Association for Justice's Distinguished Service Award for his commitment and dedicated service as secretary.

CLASS OF 1980

JOHN G. ERARDI, reporter with the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, was nominated for induction into the Christian Brothers Academy Lasallian Athletic Hall of Fame in Syracuse, N.Y.

JUDGE ANTHONY W. FROHLICH, Boone and Gallatin circuit court, was elected president of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court. Also, he presented a lecture on felony mediation at Universidad Interamericana Law School in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in October 2010.

ROBERT J. GEHRING, partner at Crabbe Brown and James LLP, is a 2010-11 trustee for the Cincinnati Bar Foundation. He concentrates his practice in the area of civil trial law, appellate practice, personal injury law, products liability law, insurance law, professional malpractice, commercial litigation, and civil rights law.

STEPHEN E. GILLEN has joined Wood Herron & Evans LLP as an intellectual property attorney. He has counseled clients in

publishing and entertainment transactions and disputes, Internet issues, advertising law, computer law, copyrights, technology transfer, trade secrets, and related matters.

JUDGE M. GAYLE HOFFMAN was appointed as Campbell Family Court Judge by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear in October 2009.

MARY K. MOLLOY, partner at Arnzen, Molloy & Storm, PSC, received the Richard D. Lawrence Lifetime Achievement Award. She concentrates her practice in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice defense.

JAMES E. PARSONS, of counsel at Taft Stettinius & Hollister's Northern Kentucky office, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Gateway Community and Technical College Foundation.

THOMAS R. SCHOENFELD has rejoined Trenz Schoenfeld & Knabe Co. LPA, formerly Trenz McKay & Knabe Co. LPA. He concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance defense and general civil litigation.

CLASS OF 1981

JOSEPH P. GUTMANN, former Louisville prosecutor, was named the 2010 Educator of the Year by Street Law, Inc. He currently teaches at Central High School in Louisville and coordinates Central's Law and Government Magnet Program. He received the award in Washington, D.C., at the annual Street Law awards dinner.

JUDGE THOMAS R. LIPPS, presiding judge of the Hamilton County Juvenile Court was honored at the Cincinnati Bar Association's 2010 Bench-Bar Social for having served nearly 37 years in the juvenile court, including 12 as judge.

DANIEL T. MISTLER, partner at Dressman Benzinger LaVelle PSC, received the Northern

Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers' Nick of Time Award in May 2010.

CLASS OF 1982

PAUL L. WHALEN presented at the 12th Conference on Illinois History sponsored by the Lincoln Presidential Library and Illinois Supreme Court History Commission. The topic of his presentation was "Kentucky Natives Who Served as U.S. Senators from Illinois."

CLASS OF 1983

JUDGE TIMOTHY S. BLACK was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. He was nominated by President Barack Obama in December 2009 and confirmed by the Senate in May 2010.

RICHARD L. ROBINSON, partner at Graydon Head & Ritchey, follows up his award-winning novels *The Maximum Contribution* and *Sniper Bid* with the political thriller *Manifest Destiny*, in stores now.

CLASS OF 1985

ANGELA M. FORD was selected as one of 10 top lawyers for 2009 by *Lawyers USA*, an online and monthly legal news publication. She also was honored as a 2010 Tower Awards for Women Leaders recipient in the category of government and law.

PAUL KOMAREK of Cissell & Komarek LPA has been selected to direct the Cincinnati Mediation Project funded by the Ohio State Bar Foundation and administered by the Ohio Justice and Policy Center.

JEFFREY C. SHIPP has been named partner at the firm of Wallace Boggs, PLLC. His areas of practice are litigation, personal injury, Social Security, workers' compensation, and

municipal law. Shipp is also trained as a mediator and accepts mediation cases in the Northern Kentucky area.

ROSALIE P. VAN NUIS was inducted as treasurer of the Cincinnati Bar Association at the annual meeting luncheon in April 2010. She is retired but previously served as senior corporate counsel for The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company.

A. CHRISTIAN WORRELL III, partner-in-charge of Graydon Head's Butler/Warren office, has been elected chair of the Butler County United Way. He has served on the organization's board of trustees since 2008 and chaired its annual campaign for 2007.

CLASS OF 1986

CHRISTOPHER P. FINNEY, shareholder with the law firm of Finney, Stagnaro, Saba & Patterson Co. LPA, has been appointed to the board of directors of the 1851 Center for Constitutional Law. It is an Ohio nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the constitutional rights of Ohioans from government abuse. Finney concentrates his practice in real estate and commercial law and constitutional litigation.

TODD V. MCMURTRY, a partner at Dressman Benzinger LaVelle PSC in Crestview Hills, has been appointed to the Covington Latin School board of education.

CLASS OF 1987

W. GROVER ARNETT was appointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to the Kentucky Workers' Compensation Nominating Commission and elected chairperson. Arnett was also named the Kentucky Community Technical College System Benefactor of the Year for 2009 and the College of the Ozarks Patriotic Education Honoree for 2009.

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LORI BARKER SULLIVAN has accepted a position as senior counsel with Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc. She previously practiced with the labor and employment practice group of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC.

CLASS OF 1988

KIMBERLY A. BROOKS TANDY was presented with NKU's 19th annual Lincoln Award. She is the executive director and founder of the Children's Law Center, Inc., and serves as the coordinator for the Central Juvenile Defender Center, a regional affiliate office of the ABA's National Juvenile Defender Center in Washington, D.C.

KATHARINE C. WEBER has joined Jackson Lewis LLP as a partner in the Cincinnati office. Her areas of practice include disability, leave and health management, labor including preventive practices, litigation and e-discovery, litigation avoidance, management education, reductions in force, WARN Act, trade secrets, non-competes and Workplace Technology, and wage and hour compliance.

CLASS OF 1989

DENISE S. BARONE of the Law Office of Denise S. Barone in Batavia, Ohio, has released her fourth novel, *Judge Not*, through The Wild Rose Press.

DEEPAK K. DESAI of Santen & Hughes was appointed committee chairperson for Pack 773 of the Dan Beard Council Trailblazer District for 2010-11. He focuses his practice in the areas of business law, tax, and litigation.

CLASS OF 1990

KATRINA Z. FARLEY of Santen & Hughes presented a lecture to the American Association of Individual Investors in Montgomery in March 2010. She spoke on

current issues concerning estate planning. She practices primarily in the area of estate and tax planning and estate, trust, and guardianship administration.

SHERYL E. HEETER of the Law Offices of Sheryl Egli Heeter was elected secretary of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court.

MATTHEW R. KLEIN, JR., was appointed as the Kentucky representative to the legal committee for the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. He is a partner at Dressman Benzinger LaVelle PSC and heads the firm's health care law practice.

JEFFREY R. SCHAEFER has been named partner in the Cincinnati office of Ulmer & Berne LLP. He is a registered attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and his intellectual property practice focuses on patent and trademark litigation, trade secret disputes, and licensing.

JUDGE CANDACE J. SMITH was sworn in as a federal magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky in March 2010. She was also elected treasurer of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court.

CLASS OF 1993

DAVID M. ANDREW practices in Reminger Co., LPA's Ft. Mitchell, Louisville, and Lexington, Ky., offices. His practice focuses on workers' compensation, D&O and employment practices, health care, professional liability, medical malpractice, and commercial litigation.

DEBRA S. PLEATMAN, partner at Ziegler & Schneider, PSC, was elected counselor of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court.

CLASS OF 1994

CRAIG C. DILGER of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC has been re-elected as chairperson of the Kentucky Registry of Election. This is his fourth consecutive term as registry chairperson.

CLASS OF 1995

DENNIS P. KENNEDY, a partner at Dressman Benzinger LaVelle PSC, has been appointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Coordinating Council.

SYBIL B. MULLIN, attorney with The Drew Law Firm Co., LPA, has been appointed a member of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Council. She practices in the areas of estate and trust administration, estate planning, real estate, and business formation.

MARY E. RAY was named to the nominating committee of the Cincinnati Ballet board of trustees. She has served as a trustee since June 2009. Ray is senior vice president, deputy general counsel, and assistant corporate secretary of Scripps Networks Interactive.

CLASS OF 1996

KELLI E. BROWN, partner at English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP, has written a chapter on powers of attorney in *Faller Kentucky Elder Law, 2009-2010 ed.* (Vol. 23, Kentucky Practice Series) published by West.

JILL P. MEYER, member-in-charge at Frost Brown Todd, has been elected to serve a three-year term as a member of the board of trustees for the Cincinnati Arts Association. She is also a 2010-11 trustee and Events & PR chair for the Cincinnati Bar Foundation.

CLASS OF 1997

LORI WALKER JEFFRIES, partner in the business and finance practice group at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, was elected to the board of trustees of Cincinnati Country Day School. She focuses her practice on corporate law, business acquisitions, lending and finance, real estate, and securities.

CLASS OF 1998

MATTHEW L. GARRETSON and the Garretson Firm Resolution Group were named by a federal judge in New York to administer the \$712.5 million that the government will pay to more than 10,000 workers injured in rescue, recovery, and debris removal efforts following the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Garretson is president and CEO of the firm.

CLASS OF 1999

PAIGE L. ELLERMAN was named president of the newly formed Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky chapter of The International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. It is the premier networking organization devoted to enhancing the professional status of women in the practice of insolvency and restructuring. A partner with Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, she was also named to the 2010-11 leadership class of Women Excel.

DONALD W. MALLORY has joined Cohen, Todd, Kite & Sanford, LLC, as a member. His practice focuses on insolvency, debtors' and creditors' rights; bankruptcy, reorganizations; out-of-court workouts; and financial and organizational corporate restructuring.

DAVID E. RICH has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as of counsel in the litigation department and a member of the mass tort practice group. He will practice in the firm's Charleston, W.Va., office.

ADAM F. SEIBEL, former assistant Hamilton County prosecutor and former special assistant U.S. attorney, has joined Jacobs Kleinman Seibel & McNally Co. He practices in the area of civil and criminal litigation, white-collar crime, health care litigation, and false claims litigation.

CLASS OF 2001

SCOTT A. BEST has been named an associate of the firm of Wallace Boggs, PLLC. His areas of practice are litigation, personal injury, auto accidents, construction litigation, property damage, corporate representation, divorce and family law, medical malpractice, nursing home litigation, and tractor-trailer litigation.

STEVEN F. CLAYPOOLE obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Louisville. The Ministry of Education of Spain has nominated him to serve as an Auxiliar de Conversación de Lengua Inglesa in the autonomous region of Aragón.

J. ROBERT LINNEMAN of Santen and Hughes was elected as a member of the board of directors for the Corporation for Findlay Market in Cincinnati. The corporation is a nonprofit organization charged with the management of Findlay Market, Ohio's oldest public market.

CLASS OF 2002

JOSEPH S. BURNS has been elected as a member of Cors & Bassett, LLC. Burns has practiced with the firm since 2002. His practice includes general business, corporate governance, real estate/zoning, securities, trademark/trade name, construction, environmental, labor/employment, and transportation law.

ROBERT H. HERZOG, traffic reporter for Local 12 WKRC-TV, was named one of the *Business*

Courier's Forty Under 40 for 2010. He was also honored with the Distinguished Oak Hills Alumnus award from Oak Hills High School.

CLASS OF 2003

JAMES ADAM BROWNING has been named VP and general counsel of Gold Medal Products Co. in Cincinnati, the leading manufacturer of concession equipment and supplies. Prior to joining Gold Medal, he was an attorney at Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP.

JULIA B. CARNEY has joined Manly Burke, continuing her practice in the areas of land use planning, zoning, eminent domain, and local government law.

JOHN M. DUNN was elected partner at Reminger Co., LPA. He works in the firm's Ft. Mitchell office, and his practice focuses on trucking and transportation litigation, general insurance, premises liability, product's liability, construction liability, and Kentucky workers' compensation.

EMILY KIRTLEY HANNA, associate with Dressman Benzinger LaVelle PSC in the litigation practice group, was elected chair of the board of advisors for the Welcome House of Northern Kentucky. She has served on the board for more than five years, and during this time she also served as the secretary for the executive committee.

JASON A. MOSBAUGH has joined Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA, as an associate in the Cincinnati office. He is working in the firm's civil litigation/collections department.

CLASS OF 2005

SHARIF ABDRAHMO, judge advocate in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve with the rank of Commander, was mobilized in June 2010 for

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the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response. He served in New Orleans as the deputy legal officer for the federal on-scene coordinator.

M. RYAN KIRKHAM of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP has been selected to serve as chair of the West Chester Township Joint Economic Development District board of directors. Kirkham's law practice is concentrated in the areas of commercial lending, secured transactions, real estate, and corporate law.

CLASS OF 2006

TRAYCE T. HILL joined Ritter & Randolph LLC as an associate attorney. Her practice will focus on litigation, real estate law, foreclosure, landlord/tenant disputes, title insurance claims defense, creditors' rights/debt collection, and labor and employment law.

MATTHEW T. LOCKABY has joined Reminger Co. LPA. He defends insurers against extra-contractual claims and general casualty lawsuits.

CHRISTOPHER B. MARKUS is now an associate in the litigation practice group at Dressman Benzinger LaVelle PSC. He focuses on commercial, banking, and creditor's rights.

CLASS OF 2007

MICHAEL BRANDON FAULKNER has joined the firm of Fowler Measle & Bell PLLC as an associate. His practice is focused on insurance defense, including coverage determination, bad-faith litigation, subrogation, and personal injury.

LOUIS D. KELLY has joined Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing PLLC as an associate. He practices in the firm's civil litigation and government practice groups.

JENNIFER LEONARD has joined Buechner Haffer Meyers & Koenig Co. LPA as an

associate. She practices in the areas of estate planning, tax, corporate law, and probate.

BENJAMIN J. LEWIS has joined Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC as an associate. He joined the firm as a member of the labor and employment practice group and the litigation and dispute resolution practice group.

KENYATTA MICKLES has joined the University of Cincinnati College of Law as a visiting assistant professor of clinical law. She will be teaching the domestic violence clinic. She previously practiced as an attorney for Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati.

JENNIFER SCHOLL was named Lawyer of the Year by the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers in May 2010. She practices with the firm O'Hara, Ruberg, Taylor, Sloan & Sergent.

CLASS OF 2008

PHILIP CRNKOVICH was named as a Mary Lepper Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program honoree by the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers in May 2010. The project assists taxpayers with filing their federal and state tax returns.

ANTHONY JAGODITZ has joined Dinsmore & Shohl's Cincinnati office. He will practice as an associate in the litigation department and as a member of the firm's workers' compensation group.

LT. MICHAEL E. JONES, JAG Corps for United States Navy, deployed with the Expeditionary Strike Group Three in May 2010 as the staff judge advocate for PHIBRON 3 embarked on USS Peleliu. Major responsibilities include legal advice to commanders in the areas of military justice, operational law, ethics guidance, foreign claims, and anti-piracy ops.

CANDACE S. KLEIN of Graydon Head & Ritchey started a microfinance organization called Bad Girl Ventures. The business is a localized funding model of larger microfinance institutions such as Kiva and Lending Club.

CARRIE A. MASTERS of Reminger Co., LPA, was elected to serve as at-large trustee on the Ohio Women's Bar Association board for the 2010-11 term. Her legal practice focuses in the areas of general liability, premises liability, and professional liability.

BEN STARKEY has joined the Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney's office in Lexington, KY.

JANAYA L. TROTTER has joined Ritter & Randolph, LLC, as an associate attorney. Her practice focuses on civil litigation, criminal law, domestic relations/family law, and real estate law.

JORDAN DALLAS TURNER has joined the office of Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner in the 31st Judicial Circuit.

CLASS OF 2009

BRIAN BAYES has joined the Wilhoit Law Office in Grayson, Ky., as an associate. His work involves all aspects of practice, focusing on personal injury cases and civil litigation.

STEFANIE N. BRUNEMANN has joined Mark Godbey & Associates as an associate attorney. She concentrates her practice in the areas of consumer bankruptcy and domestic relations.

TYLER H. FIELDS is an associate in the Lexington office of Ward, Hocker & Thornton, PLLC. He works as a civil litigation attorney.

SARAH M. FOSTER has joined Cors & Bassett, LLC, as an associate. She is practicing in the firm's litigation group and is particularly

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interested in family law and alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration.

DUSTIN C. HUMPHREY has joined Cors & Bassett, LLC, as an associate. He is practicing in the firm's corporate and litigation groups.

AMANDA McFARLAND has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as an associate in the litigation department and member of the mass tort practice group. Her practice focuses on products liability, mass tort, and other complex litigation.

MEGAN E. MERSCH has been appointed assistant commonwealth's attorney in the Office of Kenton County Commonwealth's Attorney. She is assigned to the general prosecution division handling an array of felony cases in the Kenton Circuit Court.

AARON P. STACK has joined Ferreri & Fogle, PLLC, as an associate in its Louisville office. He is practicing in the area of workers' compensation and civil liability defense.

ADAM L. TOWE has joined the London, Ky. law firm of Kelley, Brown & Breeding as an associate attorney. He concentrates his practice in civil litigation and workers' compensation.

ROBERT J. VONCKX has been appointed assistant commonwealth's attorney for the Kenton County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. He is assigned to the general prosecutions division.

PROFESSOR ELTON C. LASSEIGNE passed away January 21 at the age of 87. He served in the army during WWII and graduated from Tulane Law School. He worked as a CPA and attorney before retiring and working as a full-time faculty member at Chase College of Law 1978-1987. He also taught at Garza Law School in Edinburg, Texas.

VERNON W. MCDANIEL '41 passed away August 27 at the age of 95. He was a graduate of Berea College and Chase College of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1941 and proudly served his country in the Navy during WWII.

THE HON. MELVIN G. RUEGER '46 passed away April 21 at the age of 92. Judge Rueger spent nearly 50 years in the legal profession as the prosecuting attorney for Hamilton County, as a common pleas judge, and as a probate judge. He retired in 1991. He also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and taught at Chase College of Law. Judge Rueger was instrumental in the creation of Delhi Park, and the auditorium at Miami Whitewater Park is named after him because of his commitment to parks.

FRANK VON HAGEN '55 passed away February 10 at the age of 87. He served as an Air Force pilot in World War II before attending Chase College of Law. He then practiced law for more than 50 years. Mr. Von Hagen was instrumental in the transformation of Forest Park, Ohio, from a village into a city, and he was inducted into the Forest Park Civic Hall of Fame for his dedication.

NORMAN GREVEY '56 passed away January 30 at the age of 79. After graduating from Chase College of Law, he joined the firm of Brown, Kohler and Grevey, which later

became Grevey, Ferris, Green and Garretson. He was president of the Butler County Bar Association in 1991 and practiced law for more than 50 years. Mr. Grevey was also a member of the Hamilton Civil Service Commission for more than 25 years and was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

JAMES V. HEATH '66 passed away September 3 at the age of 76. He was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy and Chase College of Law. He began his career as a pharmacist and then practiced law for more than 44 years. Mr. Heath served in the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He was instrumental in bringing the game of soccer to Cincinnati.

JOHN L. ACKMAN, JR., '77 passed away July 4 at the age of 60. He was an estate attorney in Louisville, Ky. He was also a board director and secretary of The Phoenix Global Humanitarian Foundation.

KENNETH A. SMITH, JR., '86 passed away November 13 at the age of 51. He was a Wood Creek Water District Commissioner, a board member of the London-Laurel County Industrial Authority, and a member of the London-Laurel County Planning and Zoning Board. He was past treasurer and president of the Laurel County Bar Association.

THE HON. JULIA A. STAUTBERG '94 (Please see our In Memoriam for Judge Stautberg on page 12).



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