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## From the Dean

One of the best times of the year at the law school is fall. We welcome back returning students, about half of whom are entering their final year of studies, excited about the prospect of beginning their careers soon while dreading facing that final hurdle, the bar examination. At the same time, we welcome a new incoming class of equally excited and talented students. Over the next few years, we'll get to know them well. They are an immensely talented and diverse group of students. Some are fresh out of undergraduate school; others are launching their second career. With the arrival of the incoming class and the return of the upper division students, the law school has come alive. There is a definite buzz in the building.



We are also excited to welcome our new faculty members. Professor Ursula Doyle, who was with us last year as a visiting professor, has joined the regular faculty. She is joined by Professor Jennifer Kinsley and Professor Barbara Wagner. Each of them will bring fresh ideas and energy to our school. You'll have an opportunity to learn more about them in the pages that follow. We are also pleased that Professor Larry Putt has agreed to stay on as a visiting professor for another year.

As I have written before, we have an amazing history of past successes here at Chase. One consequence of that history has been the creation of a tradition of strong interscholastic competition teams in Moot Court and Trial Advocacy. Recently, we have extended that tradition to include winning teams in national arbitration competitions, negotiation and counseling competitions, and transactional competitions. Evidence of that tradition of success is everywhere around the law school as our trophy cases rapidly fill. None of those successes would be possible were it not for the willingness of alumni and friends to spend countless hours coaching and mooting our teams. We are deeply indebted to them.

Thank you for your continued support. As you know, our goal of becoming the law school of choice in the region is possible only if we are successful in building and sustaining a strong partnership among our students, faculty, and most important, you. Thank you for your continued loyalty to Chase.

**Dennis R. Honabach**  
Dean & Professor of Law

**On the cover:** More than 200 Chase College of Law students have earned awards at moot court, trial advocacy, arbitration, client counseling, negotiation, and transactional lawyering competitions in just the past seven years.

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# ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE THROUGH COMPETITION

**C**hase College of Law’s competition teams have been bringing home the hardware -- trophies, plaques, and similar awards, that is -- for generations. And in recent years, Chase’s competition program has expanded significantly, gained momentum, and achieved a tremendous amount of success. Today, Chase offers a variety of national competition teams providing students with numerous opportunities to “learn by doing” in a competitive yet collaborative environment. The program includes moot court teams, trial advocacy teams, arbitration teams, client counseling teams, negotiation teams, transactional law teams, and IP transactional law teams. The law school also offers a number of intra-scholastic competitions.

Chase’s competition teams just completed another banner year. In 2011, the moot court program was ranked 15th in the nation out of the 114 law schools included in the *lawschooladvocacy.com* ranking system. The Chase team continued that success this spring as national runner-up at the Gabrielli Family Law Moot Court Competition. In addition, Chase’s trial competition team was national runner-up at the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge; the negotiation team was national runner-up at Drexel’s Transactional Lawyering Meet; and the client counseling team won the regional championship in the ABA National Client Counseling Competition.

In the past seven years, Chase competition teams have been national champions six times, national runners-up ten times, regional champions seven times, and team members have won countless individual awards.

Recent Chase graduates from the classes of 2006 through 2011, and four Chase graduates from the 1980s and 1990s, share their competition experiences in this article. They talk about the advocacy skills they learned through the competition program that they might not have learned otherwise. They credit their professors and coaches and recall particular moments that were especially memorable. They explain how their participation on competition teams helped them obtain their first legal positions and how it helped prepare them for success in the practice of law and other endeavors.

## Learning trial skills under the gun

“Learning trial skills when you’re under the gun – that’s what trial team forces you to do,” said Sarah Clay Leyshock ’06.

“There is no way to get better other than by doing it. Each opening, closing, direct exam, and cross exam you do, you will get better. You have to think on your feet many times over before you really get comfortable with it. The more you do on your feet, the better you are going to get at trial.”

“Also, because every team prepares and presents both sides of the same case in the competition, you get to see



A TRADITION OF SUCCESS

## An extraordinarily engaging experience

Judge Timothy Black ’83 remembers that “moot court was by far and away the most enjoyable experience at law school, and yet at the same time it was a learning experience.”

Judge Black serves on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. In law school, he and team members Larry Flemer and Walter Towkatsch were the runners-up at the

1980 Tri-State Moot Court Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition, Judge Black won the Best Oralist Award that year and then won it again at the 1982 competition held at Chase.

“Moot court was an extraordinarily engaging experience, and it helped me hone my oral advocacy skills,” he said. “There’s nothing like having to get up on your feet and speak and respond to questions to teach you the lesson that you need to be thoroughly prepared.”

“One of the great lessons I learned



from moot court was that, at least in moot court competitions, only half of it was oral advocacy; the other half was writing the brief," he said. "Down the road, both as a practicing lawyer for 10 years and now as a judge for 18 years, I have found that truth to be self-evident; that it's not just oral advocacy, you better be able to write and present effectively in a brief as well."

"I do recall one specific experience, however, where I and my teammates were fully prepared, we had written a great brief, and we were ready to just knock it dead,"

he said. "I was first up and the first question out of the box within the first minute was - 'What's the basis for the court's jurisdiction?' and it absolutely floored me. I didn't know the answer. The answer I wanted to blurt out was - 'Well, it's moot court and they presented this issue.'"

"In my work as a judge, the first question is - 'What is the basis for jurisdiction?' and I learned that in 1981 when I simply could not answer the question, and the judge would not let me go," he said. "It took me a full minute

and a half to get the judge off the question, which I was unable to answer. From that day forward, I have always been fully educated as to the threshold issue of what is the basis for the court's jurisdiction."

"There were a few other teaching moments, and I remember with great fondness various post-competition briefings with my classmates where we were able to laugh and guffaw at what had occurred," he said. "It was a magnificent experience that has made me a better lawyer, a better judge, and I'm grateful for it."

the case presented in dozens of different ways,” she said. “You can learn what to do and what not to do from the other competitors.”

Leyshock learned these lessons through participation in mock trial competitions. She and team members Steve Dasenbrock, Brandi Hagan, and Taylor Sorrels were champions at the 2005 Kentucky Mock Trial Competition in Lexington, Kentucky. The following year, she and Dasenbrock were runners-up at the 2006 National Trial Competition Regionals in Cleveland, Ohio.

She believes that her trial competition experiences helped prepare her for her current practice, which is primarily devoted to litigation. She is an associate with Beckman Weil Shepardson LLC in Cincinnati, Ohio.

“It revealed how much work goes into a trial,” she said. “We worked for months on these trials, and that is no different than what you do on a case when you graduate. It tends to be late evenings and weekends. That’s the way it was in law school, and that’s the way it is now that I practice. It definitely taught me that there’s a lot of work that goes into preparing for trial.”

“It also taught me that the more prepared you are, it will show in court,” she said. “Being able to speak off the cuff is an excellent skill, but you have to be prepared. A successful trial is a balance of those two skills -- being well prepared and being confident enough to think on your feet.”

Learning those skills in law school helped Leyshock land her position with the firm.

“I sent my resume to Beckman Weil in December of my last year of law school, but the firm wasn’t hiring at the time,” she said. “However, between December and the end of the school year, they decided they needed a litigator. When they looked at my resume, I think they were impressed by my participation in the trial team, and that was the reason they called me in for an interview. I was told that the job was between a more experienced attorney and me, and that they decided to hire me because

the other attorney didn’t have as much courtroom experience. They were looking for someone to try cases, so my trial team experience actually set me apart from someone who had been practicing for a few years.”

## It helps build confidence

Kelly Gindele '07, an associate with Dressman Benzinger LaVelle PSC in Cincinnati, Ohio also credits her trial team experience with helping her obtain her position with the firm.



She and team members Ray Atkinson, Garrett Baker, Lorelei Bolohan, Alice Kay, Lynne O’Connor, Stephanie Ogg, Dawn Sommers, and Brionnea Williams were champions at the 2005 Ohio Cross-Town Mock Trial Competition in Cleveland, Ohio. Next, she and team members Ray Atkinson, Lindsay Hunter, and Wesley Williams were runners-up at the 2006 Kentucky Mock Trial Competition in Covington, Kentucky. The following year, she and team member Kyle Murray were champions at the 2007 National Trial Competition Regionals in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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— KELLY GINDELE '07

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“My trial team experience was monumental in obtaining my position with my firm,” she said. “I had called Emily Hanna '03, an associate at the firm, to



Fillinger (center) and Chase students.

## Nothing compares to a panel of judges

Roderick Fillinger '89 and team members Martin Kenworthy and Howard Levy were the first Chase students to participate in the Albert R. Mugel Moot Court Tax Competition in Buffalo, New York in 1989. Professor Ljubomir Nacev recruited the students to go to the competition, where they finished as semi-finalists and won the Best Brief Award.

“The particular case we argued was

actually a live issue that was being litigated through the tax court at the time,” Fillinger said. “When I interviewed for my first job after law school with the IRS Chief Counsel through its honors program, the attorney who chaired that interview panel was actually the attorney under whose supervision that issue was being litigated. So I ended up being able to talk about those tax issues with my interviewer.”

“Tax Court is very document intensive, a lot of written and oral motions and briefing,” he said. “It very

network. She had been one of my trial team coaches, and by chance, her firm had a position available. Then, one of the partners who interviewed me was David Kramer. He had been one of the judges at the Kentucky Mock Trial Competition, and he remembered me.”

She got the job, and now practices primarily in the areas of construction and real estate law. “I always thought I was going to be a litigator, but landed in transactional law,” she said. Nevertheless, her trial team experience helped prepare her for a transactional practice. “Quite frankly, it helped train me to think quickly under pressure and with confidence, particularly when I get into some of the more strenuous negotiations,” she said. Her advice to students -- “Don’t let the fact that you might want to practice transactional law turn you off from participating in advocacy competitions. There really are valuable skills you can learn that will help you in your practice, whether you litigate or do transactional work.”

“I was a part-time student and was working full time,” she said. In addition, during the National Trial Competition Regionals, she was seven months pregnant. “The trial team program was so demanding, it forced me to manage my time and prioritize; it helped me to focus,” she said. “I improved my ability to speak on my feet quickly, to respond quickly to the unexpected, and to think under pressure.”

“The more time you put in at the beginning, the more you’re going to get out of it in the end,” she said. “If you try to think of as many different angles and scenarios as you can in the beginning and try to prepare yourself for those, it’s not that you aren’t going to get a curve ball, but it helps build your confidence that you can anticipate almost anything that someone is going to throw at you. And you can be prepared for it and ready to respond.”

“The faculty coaches put in so much time and work to get the teams prepared. The local legal community was also crucial to our success. It was a full community effort.”

directly helped me develop and refine skills related to tax litigation, and more broadly, it also prepared me for more of the transactional type work that I do now.” Fillinger is General Counsel in the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program in Washington, D.C. His responsibilities include providing a full range of legal services to an IG overseeing a 700 billion dollar program.

Fillinger and team members Laurie Dowell and Jennifer Olano also

participated in the 1988 National Moot Court Competition in New Orleans, Louisiana where they were quarter-finalists. “I loved my moot court experience,” he said. “It’s nerve racking to be called on in class. But that was nothing compared to a panel of judges. In New Orleans, we were in the Fifth Circuit’s En Banc Courtroom with actual District Court and Circuit Court Judges among the judges who were doing

## One of the best life-skills courses

Scott Van Nice '08 agrees. “The coaching I received at Chase was fantastic,” he said.

Van Nice and team members Ashley Baird and Megan Maxfield were national runners-up at the 2007 National Child Welfare and Adoption Law Moot Court Competition in Columbus, Ohio. The following year, he and team members Benjamin Lewis and Marisa Palmieri Schroder were national champions at the 2008 Robert F. Wagner Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Competition in New York City, where Scott was named the Best Final Round Advocate.

Van Nice, who is profoundly deaf, communicated with the judges using American Sign Language. “I felt that



the questioning. You learned just how well you had prepared, and whether you were equipped to think on your feet and handle whatever was thrown at you. There’s no substitute for preparation.”

Fillinger also remembers that one of the many Chase alumni who volunteered to judge practice rounds was Timothy Black '83 (see profile on page 4).

using a sign language interpreter brought a new and interesting dynamic to the proceedings,” he said. “It was fascinating.”

“My coach for the Wagner competition was Dean Lawrence Rosenthal, and I can say without equivocation that he is a very gifted coach,” Van Nice said. “He has this talent of being able to identify hidden gifts in each student and then bring those gifts out to the surface.”

Van Nice, who was working at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio while he attended Chase in the evening division, participated on the competition teams even though it was “very time-consuming,” he said. “My life was literally surrounded by three things: my career, my coursework, and preparing for competitions. I was fortunate at that time that I was not yet married and did not yet have children. I participated on the competition teams because it seemed like an excellent way to round out my law school education, where I could pick up advocacy skills that could serve me well in my career at Procter & Gamble.” Van Nice runs P&G’s eDiscovery Services as a manager, where he is responsible for ensuring that electronic data can be identified, collected, and preserved for its evidentiary value.

“Moot Court is one of the best life-skills courses for you in the real world,” he said. “In Moot Court, you often have anywhere between five to ten minutes to persuade the judge to support your position, and you need to be prepared for all sorts of questions that might be thrown at you. This is no different from the corporate environment where you might be asked to provide a brief presentation to management, and how well you anticipate questions, respond to questions, and conduct yourself can have a significant impact on how well your proposal is received.”

“One big asset of my participation on the competition teams is the high degree of confidence I have in myself, as well as a new sense of discipline that was honed by all of my coaches,” he said.

## A testament to our preparation



**Benjamin Lewis '09** also became a believer in preparation and discipline.

Lewis and team members Marisa Palmieri Schroder and Scott Van Nice were national champions at the 2008 Robert F. Wagner National Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Competition in New York City, where the team also received the award for the Best

Respondent Brief. “We all worked on the brief, but Marci made it sing,” Lewis said. The following year, he and team member Sara Caudill were the national runners-up at the 2009 Wagner competition.

“I remember how intimidating it was initially when we arrived with all of the other teams, many from well-recognized law schools,” he said. “I had no idea how we would stack up. But as the competition progressed, we realized we could compete with, and beat, many of the other teams. That was a testament to our preparation under the direction of Dean Rosenthal and the other professors who put us through the paces and pushed us to write better briefs. I realized how much that preparation paid off as we became more successful.”



## Practical aspect an immeasurable benefit

**Michelle Knight '93** wanted to experience everything she could at Chase, and “moot court was the bug that caught me,” she said. “I participated in the internal Grosse Moot Court Competition, and when I found out that I made the team, I was elated. It was truly one of the best experiences.”

Knight is Vice President and Commercial Legal Counsel with Fifth

Third Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

“I’ve played sports, and it’s always fun to compete and to win,” she said. “It was a rush to know that you had to be that prepared, that you were going to get those questions that weren’t going to be easy, and that you had to be able to answer them. I distinctly remember that Jay Fossett '87 was a very tough judge in the Grosse competition.”

Knight and team members Paul Allen and John Watson were champions at the 1992 Rendigs National Products



“The coaches stressed reading and re-reading the record, and every time I was able to pick up something extra,” he said. “We learned to do this over and over again because we would find things in subsequent reviews of the brief or the facts, such as an angle that we hadn’t thought of, and we had to be prepared for every angle. It reminds me now to always go back over and plow the same field and make sure that I am aware of all the potential pitfalls and all the points that need to be scored.”

Lewis is an associate with Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP in the firm’s Louisville office and a member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group and the Labor and Employment practice group.

His competition experiences were great preparation for his current practice and also helped him connect during his interview.

When Lewis interviewed for his position at Greenebaum, one of the partners, an accomplished labor and employment attorney, knew one of the judges from the national competition who was then General Counsel to the National Labor Relations Board. “I was able to make that connection,” he said. “It gave me more confidence during the interview knowing that I had that success in law school.”

### That’s what really prepares you for practice

Danielle Ravencraft ’10 also credits the competition team coaching for the program’s successes.

“We were very fortunate to have extremely knowledgeable and talented coaches who stressed preparation and thoroughness,” she said. “Some schools don’t pay enough attention to the briefs, when in real life the brief is more important. We were taught to do all of it, not just part of it, well.”

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— DANIELLE RAVENCRAFT ’10

Ravencraft remembers well a lesson she learned from one of her coaches, a lesson she is glad she did not have to learn at a competition or later in her law practice. “During a practice round for one of the competitions, Professor Rick Graves asked if I knew what the readings of the electrocardiogram were,” she said. “He was testing me to see if I knew what that term meant and to see what I would do. I had never heard of that term, so I said ‘no, that’s not in the record,’ and I just sailed right along. However, there were EKG readings in the record. Now, I will always know that an EKG is an electrocardiogram.”

Ravencraft and team members Brad Gibson and Christen Steimle were national champions at the 2009 National Child Welfare and Adoption Law Moot Court Competition in Columbus, Ohio, where Ravencraft was named Best Advocate. She was also named Best Advocate at the 2010 National Moot Court Championship in Houston, Texas and the 2009 Kentucky Mock Trial Competition in Covington, Kentucky.

Ravencraft is very grateful for



Liability Moot Court Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio where they also received the Best Respondent’s Brief Award. In addition, Knight remembers participating in a moot court competition in Chicago with team member David Brittingham. In her final semester, she also participated in a competition in Nashville, Tennessee where she helped write the brief. “I enjoyed moot court immensely, and I jumped at every chance I got,” she said.

“When you have to stand up in front of the Ohio Supreme Court and argue your point, you really have to know it,” she said. “The practical aspect of the experience was an immeasurable benefit.”

“My moot court experiences brought home to me that there will always be times that you will be presented with issues that won’t be easy,” she said. “So you must be prepared; there’s just no shortcut. You either know it or you don’t. Now, having practiced with a firm and as

in-house counsel, the phone calls are not that much different. When there are difficult issues, the bottom line is: ‘How am I going to be that problem solver?’ I have to be prepared.”

“Moot Court was such a positive experience for me,” she said.

her advocacy skills training. “The competition teams and the skills courses are what prepare you for practice,” she said. “I am more comfortable now as a result of the competition teams than I would have been otherwise. It strengthens your ability to present an argument in a cohesive and persuasive manner to someone who is not as familiar with the facts. It prepares you for pretrial practice, and that is often where cases are won or lost. It definitely teaches you to manage your time. You have to figure out a way to get everything done, and frankly, that translates quite well into private practice.”

“Law firms want attorneys who are ready to hit the ground running when they graduate, and that is more important now than ever in this current economy,” she said. “You need to acquire the skills that will set you apart. If you can say, ‘I can handle a file on my own; I can write and argue motions; I can go to trial,’ that’s very attractive to a firm.”

Ravencraft is an associate with Reminger Co., L.P.A. in the firm’s Louisville office, where she focuses her legal practice in the areas of general tort liability, commercial premises liability, employment practices, workers’ compensation, and appellate advocacy. She also worked at Reminger as a law clerk during law school. The firm was very supportive of her participation in all of the competitions. Today, Ravencraft and former competition team member Christen Steimle volunteer to coach the Chase team participating in the Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition.

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— LAWRENCE HILTON '11

## Investing in our future

**Lawrence Hilton '11** is an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney in Kenton County, Kentucky.

When Hilton interviewed for the position, Commonwealth’s Attorney Rob Sanders ’98 was well aware of Hilton’s tremendous success in moot court and trial advocacy competitions, due in part to the fact that Sanders’ father, prominent trial attorney Bob Sanders, was one of Hilton’s coaches.

Hilton and team member Christopher Allesee were national champions at the 2011 Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition in New York City. The previous year, Hilton and team members Joel King, Erin Melchior, Andrew Powell, and Meagan Tate were champions at the 2010 National Trial Competition Regionals in Cincinnati, Ohio. Then Hilton and team member Danielle Reesor were champions again at the 2011 National Trial Competition Regionals in Louisville, Kentucky. In addition, Hilton and team members John Milligan, Sean Pharr, and Danielle Reesor were champions at the 2010 Kentucky Mock Trial Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Hilton was also invited to participate in the first- and second-ever, invitation only, Top Gun Mock Trial Competition at Baylor Law School in Waco, Texas.

Hilton recalls many memorable moments from his competition experiences, but two particular memories stand out. The one that occurred early in his legal education was a challenge to do better, and the one that occurred during his national championship final round was a confirmation that he had done extremely well.

“The first moment occurred when we were preparing for a competition, and I got up to do a closing argument,” he said. “It did not go very well, and one of the coaches was very blunt in telling me that it was unacceptable. I think that from that moment forward, my entire work



## All the better for it

**John Tilley '96** serves as State Representative from Kentucky’s Eighth House District and is Chair of the House Standing Committee on Judiciary. He also maintains a private practice of law in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Tilley and team member Marva Kinley were runners-up at the 1996 National Administrative Law Moot Court Competition at the University of Dayton. He and team member Bronston McCord also participated in the 1995 Constitutional Law Moot Court

Competition at the University of Wisconsin.

“Moot Court was the essence of what advocating for a client is all about,” he said. “You were trying to better your skills in the courtroom and sharpen your skills of advocacy in front of a pretty tough panel of judges. You had to be able to handle yourself on your feet under pressure situations. I was all the better for it.”

“We spent many hours perfecting our arguments, anticipating the tough questions and the traps that might be set for us, and planning how to respond to



ethic and my entire outlook just changed. I wanted to be the best. I wanted to understand the law, be able to apply it, and do whatever I needed to do to be better than anyone else. From that moment forward, I just started working really,

really hard to hone my craft and my skills.”

“The second moment occurred in the final round of the Wagner competition in New York City,” he said. “A judge asked me a question, and I didn’t know how to tell him he was wrong without being rude. He said, ‘Mr. Hilton, are you telling me that I am wrong?’ I said, ‘Well, respectfully your honor, you are wrong.’ I thought he was about to jump down my throat, but he just kind of looked at me and winked. I learned that, while you must be respectful, sometimes you just have to tell the judge that he’s wrong.” That was a great confidence-building moment for Hilton.

“I loved being able to put into practice what I was learning in class, and I loved the competition aspect of it also,” he said. “I learned how to think quickly on my feet and how to write under pressure in a short amount of time.”

“We had great students, but we also had amazing coaches and faculty members,” he said. “When I needed extra assistance, I could contact any of the trial team coaches and they were always willing to work with me. The support I received was unbelievable.”

“There were a lot of evenings and weekends, but I knew that in order to be good there were sacrifices that I

was going to have to make,” he said. “When I look back, I absolutely am happy that I put in the extra hours.”

“Dean Rosenthal put so much work into making sure we were prepared for the moot court competitions,” he said. “When I tell my friends that we were practicing five times a week to prepare for our moot court competition in New York, they thought it was crazy. It was great that he put so much time into making sure our oral arguments were ready to go, and it paid off.”

“Chase definitely invested a lot of resources into making sure that we were prepared and that we did well,” he said. “I definitely attribute our success to the coaching. I thank Chase for investing so much in my future.”

All agreed that their participation in both intra-school competitions and on competition teams complemented their coursework. Many were often working with rules or cases in their competitions that were the same rules or cases they were working with in their Civil Procedure, Evidence, Constitutional Law, or other courses. They also agreed that their participation in the competition program provided them with many invaluable networking opportunities to interact with practicing lawyers and judges.

Through the years, hundreds of lawyers and judges, alumni and non-alumni, have volunteered to serve as competition coaches or judges. The graduates from the classes of 2006 through 2011 who shared their competition experiences in this article were coached by one or more of the following faculty and/or practitioners: Professor Rick Bales, Professor Rick Graves, Professor Kathleen Johnson, Professor Barbara McFarland, Associate Dean Lawrence Rosenthal, Melody Bennett ’05, Nathan Blaske ’03, John Dunn ’03, Emily Hanna ’03, Tifanie McMillan, Richard Smith-Monahan, Carrie Fischesser Russell ’05, Bob Sanders, Shannon Sexton, Linda A. Smith ’94, Pierre Tismo, and Jay Vaughn ’02.

them and get out of them,” he said.

However, Tilley amusingly recalls a teaching moment at the competition in Dayton. “In the final round, all of the judges were real judges, distinguished judges,” he said. “And one of the judges said to me, ‘Boy, you certainly have a silver tongue, but you couldn’t fool me,’ and she went on to make the point that I had failed to accurately state the law on the question that she was asking me. She then complimented my oral advocacy, but told me to bone up on the law. I learned a real lesson that day. There’s no substitute for the right answer

no matter how well you might say it.”

“There is no substitute for preparation,” he said. “It pays to anticipate. There is no amount of work you can do that is too much. Also, it helps to bring in others with fresh perspectives to uncover those questions and angles you might not have focused on during your preparation.”

“Through the moot court program, I learned the skills of oral advocacy and how to react on my feet,” he said. “I can think of being on the house floor, advocating for passage of a bill, knowing that there will be

tough questions, knowing that I’ll be under the gun on live television. That’s what appellate advocacy is. It’s anticipating those tough questions and being able to respond.”

“In chairing the House Judiciary Committee, there are tough legal issues that come up at every meeting,” he said. “Being able to react and respond to those definitely harkens back to my days in the moot court program. It absolutely had a positive impact and laid the foundation for my ability to handle those issues better than I otherwise would have.”

# Chase College of Law Competition Coaches

## Faculty and Directors



**PROFESSOR ERIC ALDEN**  
Transactional Lawyering Meet and  
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IP Law Meet and  
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Trial Competition, AAJ Trial  
Advocacy Competition, and  
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Welfare and Adoption Law Moot  
Court Competition



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Energy & Sustainability  
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Products Liability Moot Court  
Competition

## Practitioners

**LUKE BUSAM**  
Kentucky Mock Trial  
Competition

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National Trial Advocacy  
Competition

**MELISSA HAILEY**  
Kentucky Mock Trial  
Competition

**JASON JOHNSON**  
National Trial Advocacy  
Competition

**MICHAEL MAHON**  
Kentucky Mock Trial  
Competition

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Domenick L. Gabrielli Family  
Law Moot Court Competition

**CARRIE STARTS**  
Kentucky Mock Trial  
Competition

**CHRISTEN STEIMLE**  
Domenick L. Gabrielli Family  
Law Moot Court Competition

**MEAGAN TATE**  
Kentucky Mock Trial  
Competition

# Chase College of Law Competition Achievements

## Selected Highlights 2005 - 2012

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP AND BEST BRIEF**

2012 Domenick L. Gabrielli  
National Family Law Moot  
Court Competition

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP**  
2012 South Texas Mock  
Trial Challenge

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP**  
2012 Transactional  
Lawyering Meet

**NATIONAL SEMI-FINALISTS**  
2012 National  
Telecommunications Moot  
Court Competition

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
2012 American Bar  
Association Client  
Counseling Competition

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AND BEST FINAL ROUND ADVOCATE**  
2011 Robert F. Wagner  
National Labor &  
Employment Law Moot Court  
Competition

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP**  
2011 American Bar  
Association Arbitration  
Competition

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP AND BEST BRIEF**  
2011 National Child Welfare  
and Adoption Law Moot  
Court Competition

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP, BEST RESPONDENT BRIEF, BEST FINAL ROUND ADVOCATE, AND BEST PRELIMINARY ROUND ADVOCATE**  
2011 National Latino/a Law  
Student Association Moot  
Court Competition

**NATIONAL SEMI-FINALISTS**  
2011 Transactional  
Lawyering Meet

**NATIONAL SEMI-FINALISTS AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**

2011 National Trial  
Competition

**BEST ADVOCATE**  
2011 Case Classic Mock Trial  
Competition

**NATIONAL SEMI-FINALISTS**  
2010 August A. Rendigs  
National Products Liability  
Competition

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
2010 American Bar  
Association Arbitration  
Competition

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
2010 National Trial  
Competition

**FIRST PLACE BRIEF**  
2010 National Child Welfare  
and Adoption Law Moot  
Court Competition

**BEST ADVOCATE**  
2010 Moot Court National  
Championship

**BEST BRIEF**  
2010 National  
Telecommunications Moot  
Court Competition

**CHAMPIONS AND BEST ADVOCATE**  
2010 Kentucky Mock Trial  
Tournament

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
2009 Albert R. Mugel  
National Tax Moot Court  
Competition

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, BEST BRIEF, AND BEST FINAL ROUND ADVOCATE**  
2009 National Child Welfare  
and Adoption Law Moot  
Court Competition

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP**  
2009 Robert F. Wagner  
National Labor &  
Employment Law Moot Court  
Competition

**NATIONAL SEMI-FINALISTS, BEST CROSS EXAMINATION, AND BEST SUMMATION**  
2009 Buffalo-Niagara Mock  
Trial Competition

**BEST ADVOCATE**  
2009 August A. Rendigs  
National Products Liability  
Competition

**BEST ADVOCATE**  
2009 Kentucky Mock Trial  
Competition

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, BEST BRIEF, AND BEST FINAL ROUND ADVOCATE**  
2008 National Child Welfare  
and Adoption Law Moot  
Court Competition

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, BEST RESPONDENT BRIEF, BEST FINAL ROUND ADVOCATE, AND BEST PRELIMINARY ROUND TEAM**  
2008 Robert F. Wagner  
National Labor &  
Employment Law Moot Court  
Competition

**CHAMPIONS AND BEST ADVOCATE**  
2008 Kentucky Mock Trial  
Competition

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AND BEST BRIEF**  
2007 Albert R. Mugel  
National Tax Moot Court  
Competition

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP AND BEST RESPONDENT BRIEF**  
2007 Robert F. Wagner  
National Labor &  
Employment Law Moot Court  
Competition

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP, BEST BRIEF, AND BEST PRELIMINARY ROUND ADVOCATE**  
2007 National Child Welfare  
and Adoption Law Moot  
Court Competition

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
2007 American Bar  
Association National  
Arbitration Competition

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
2007 National Trial  
Competition

**CHAMPIONS**  
2007 Ohio Cross-Town Mock  
Trial Competition

**NATIONAL SEMI-FINALISTS AND BEST BRIEF**  
2006 National Adoption and  
Child Welfare Law Moot  
Court Competition

**BEST PETITIONER BRIEF AND BEST PRELIMINARY ROUND TEAM**  
2006 Robert F. Wagner  
National Labor &  
Employment Law Moot Court  
Competition

**NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP AND BEST ADVOCATE**  
2005 Robert F. Wagner  
National Labor &  
Employment Law Moot Court  
Competition

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
2005 Thurgood Marshall  
Memorial Moot Court  
Competition

**CHAMPIONS**  
2005 Kentucky Mock Trial  
Competition

**CHAMPIONS AND BEST ADVOCATE**  
2005 Ohio Cross-Town Mock  
Trial Competition

## Timothy E. Eble '81

### A Passion for Law and Sailing!

**T**imothy E. Eble '81, having enjoyed a thirty-plus year career litigating class action claims and wrongful death cases around the country, now enjoys spending months at a time sailing among remote islands in the Caribbean. And one year, he tried something really different. He was a shore team member in the U.S. victory in

the Velux 5 Oceans, an around-the-world single-handed sailboat race.

Eble graduated from Chase in 1981. After working as a staff attorney with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati and then in private practice with the Covington firm then known as Robinson, Arnzen, Parry & Wentz, Eble joined a rapidly growing firm in



Charleston, South Carolina.

While at the firm, later known as Ness, Motley, Loadholt, Richardson & Poole, his practice was divided between litigating class action claims and trying wrongful death cases in various courts around the country. His wrongful death cases were primarily wrongful death claims resulting from occupational exposure to carcinogens, mainly asbestos. He has tried between two and three hundred cases across the country and assisted in some of the larger class action trials handled by his firm. Eble left Ness Motley in 2000 and started his own firm. His practice is now limited to class action litigation and consulting.

Eble also started sailing when he moved to South Carolina. He bought his first boat in about 1990 and has owned a dozen or so sailboats since then. "In my early years in Charleston, I was a member of a local racing circuit that was a Wednesday night fun-type of endeavor for those who would just go out and race around buoys," Eble said. "Later, I became interested in ocean sailing. I started doing passages, mainly deliveries, from the U.S. down to the Caribbean."

About three years ago, he started leaving his boat year round in Tortola, British Virgin Islands. "I would go down there and sail it for a month at a time, come back to the states for a week or two, and then go back for another 4-6 weeks during the season, which essentially runs from mid-December to early May," Eble said. "I was having so much fun

down there that I decided just to have it stored in the off-season rather than bring it back. Hamburgers in paradise.”

When asked what he enjoys most about sailing, he said, “Part of it is just the culture, the people you run into when you’re sailing. You meet a lot of people that are of similar interests, that are on sailboats themselves. And since sailboats break so often, the sailing community has a fairly close-knit and helpful informal support system. If you have a sailboat and you have a problem, sailors will sit around and chat about what’s wrong and collectively figure out how to fix things.”

Eble also enjoys exploring the more remote islands. “When you look at some of the cultures, at how the people live on some of these islands; it’s a very simple existence where they don’t have a lot of what we have, what we often take for granted,” he said. “They have most of their essentials, but they don’t have all of the variety and selection that we do in the U.S. So it’s different from that perspective. Some of the places you go you’ll be the only boat in a harbor on occasion. It gives you a pretty good feeling of the remoteness of some of these places. That’s the kind that I usually try to seek out. I always try to stay off the beaten path as much as possible.”



While cruising is his real sailing passion, in 2010 Eble decided to try something different. He joined the shore team for *Le Pingouin* (The Penguin) and helped refit the sailboat in Charleston for its round-the-world race in the *Velux 5 Oceans*, a single-person journey sprinting across five oceans. The race began and ended in La Rochelle, France with port stops in Cape Town, South Africa; Wellington, New Zealand; Punta del Este, Uruguay; and Charleston, South Carolina. His duties on the team included refitting the boat at each port in preparation for its next ocean sprint and delivering the boat to and from its home in Charleston to France, the start and finish points for the race.

Eble and the shore team sailed *Le Pingouin* from Charleston to La Rochelle, France, a distance of 3,600 miles, in 17 days. However, the return trip after the race took 27 days and over 6,500 miles were covered because the winds were coming from the wrong direction most of the time. And on top of that, *Le Pingouin* is an “Open 60,” a

special type of sailboat built solely for racing with absolutely no passenger amenities – no running water, no refrigeration, no toilet.

After each refit, the shore team would hand off the reins of *Le Pingouin* to its skipper, Brad Van Liew, who would then undertake a month-long solo sprint across the ocean to the next port. After the refit at each port, Eble would stay for a month-long visit in the port country. The visits included France, a trip through the South African wine country with his daughter, and month-long tour of New Zealand with his wife.

Following that adventure, Eble returned to cruising among the islands in the Caribbean, including the British Virgin Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, and even the lesser known Spanish Virgin Islands. His cruising sailboat is outfitted with all the passenger amenities. Today, he spends about a month at a time in season sailing among the islands, sometimes accompanied by his wife Libby, adult children, Matthew and Sarah, or a crew of lawyer sailing friends from around the country.

## NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute

### Recent Highlights

#### Comprehensive Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Seminar

The NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute hosted a Comprehensive Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Seminar, in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and CincyIP, on August 13-14, 2012 at Chase. The seminar provided patent attorneys, patent agents, patent portfolio managers, paralegals, and law students with a comprehensive understanding of the PCT, which is an international patent law treaty designed to unify the patent filing procedures to protect inventions in its contracting states.

The program was presented by Carol Bidwell and David Reed, US consultants to WIPO on PCT matters. Institute Director Jon Garon hosted the program.

The seminar included patent portfolio management strategies for maximizing patent protection and minimizing legal expenses. The seminar also included best practices, procedures for filing original patent applications in PCT member states, and recent changes to the PCT.



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#### Ethics in Informatics

The Institute presented an ethics program on May 4, 2012 at Wood Herron & Evans LLP in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dean Dennis Honabach and Institute Director Jon Garon led the conversation focusing on the changes to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Responsibility and similar changes to SEC guidance for disclosure of cyber security risk.



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#### Innovate / Activate 2.0

The Institute was a co-sponsor of Innovate / Activate 2.0, held on April 20-21, 2012 at Berkeley School of Law. Institute Director Jon Garon presented a breakout session: Funding/New Business Models without Maximum IP. The conference addressed how best to spur change through the thoughtful consideration of IP.





### Northern Kentucky Law Review Symposium Issue

Expanding upon the 2012 Law + Informatics Symposium, the Northern Kentucky Law Review has published a symposium issue featuring ten scholarly works first presented at the conference. The issue highlights include postnational global markets, international cybercrime, bioinformatics and health informatics privacy, security and interoperability standards, and various aspects of intellectual property.

A summary of the conference is available at the 2012 Conference webpage – [lawandinformatics.com](http://lawandinformatics.com). A video replay of the conference is also available along with a booklet highlighting the speakers and abstracts.



### Law + Informatics Institute's New Logo

In celebration of its first complete year, the Law + Informatics Institute has developed a new logo. Designed around a start button featuring the NKU colors, the logo captures a series of interlocking themes:

- Turning on Academic Exploration
- Starting Innovation
- Connecting Society Worldwide through Law and Technology
- Technology Mediated Law Practice

Chase has connected law and informatics using the + to graphically highlight the electric nature of the endeavor and emphasize the interconnected, interdisciplinary nature of the Law + Informatics Institute.



### Upcoming Events



**2012 NKU Security Symposium**  
 October 12, 2012  
 METS Center  
 Erlanger, Kentucky  
 Presented by the Center for Applied Informatics, NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute, and CincylP.



**Hate Crimes, Social Media and Justice**  
 November 28, 2012  
 Northern Kentucky University  
 Sponsored by the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute and the College of Informatics



**IP for Creative Upstarts: Development & Diversity of Cultural Industries & New Media**  
 November 9-10, 2012  
 Michigan State University  
 College of Law  
 East Lansing, Michigan  
 Sponsored by NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute



**2013 Law + Informatics Symposium on Labor and Employment Issues**  
 February 15, 2013  
 Northern Kentucky University  
 Sponsored by the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute

For more information about the Institute's upcoming events, visit [lawandinformatics.org](http://lawandinformatics.org) or contact Institute Administrative Director, Lindsey Jaeger at [JaegerL1@nku.edu](mailto:JaegerL1@nku.edu) or 859.572.7853 or Institute Director, Jon Garon at [GaronJ1@nku.edu](mailto:GaronJ1@nku.edu) or 859.572.5815. Most conference materials are available online. Find them at [lawandinformatics.com](http://lawandinformatics.com).

## Center for Excellence in Advocacy

### Recent Highlights

#### Center Hosts Advocacy Awards Celebration

The Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted its annual Advocacy Awards Celebration on April 23, 2012 in the University's Student Union. The Center's inaugural Distinguished Jurist in Residence, U.S. District Court Judge Amul R. Thapar, was the keynote speaker. The celebration, which was attended by students, faculty, alumni, board members, and guests, recognized those students and coaches who excelled in competitions and other advocacy programs during the academic year.



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#### First Certificates in Advocacy Awarded

Chase students Elizabeth Acciani and Peter Tripp were the first students to earn Chase's new Certificate in Advocacy. The certificates evidence these students' excellence in and successful completion of a rigorous program of study that includes specialized advocacy skills courses, real-world advocacy field work, participation in at least one advocacy competition, and participation in extracurricular advocacy-related programming.



### Center Hosts Intra-Scholastic Competitions



The Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Chase Student Advocacy Society hosted the third annual 1L Opening Statement Competition on October 8, 2011. The competition provided first-year students an opportunity to test their advocacy skills early in their law school careers, and hear valuable feedback from the judges, practitioners, and professors who volunteered as the competition judges. The winners (*pictured left to right*) were Erica Blankenship, second place; Melissa Schuett, first place; and Joseph Cunningham, third place.



The Center and the Chase Student Advocacy Society also hosted the third annual Closing Argument Competition on March 24, 2012. Students were given ten minutes to give a closing argument to the competition judges who served as the jury. This competition was open to all students. The winners (*pictured left to right*) were second-year student Tiffany Smith, second place; second-year student Russell Elliott, first place; and first-year student Joseph Cunningham, third place.

### Fall Events

**Client Counseling Skills Workshop**  
 Professor Richard Graves  
 August 30, 2012

**Public Speaking Workshop**  
 Wil Schroder '08, Assistant  
 Commonwealth's Attorney  
 September 20, 2012

**Benjamin C. Mizer**  
 Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
 Office of Legal Counsel  
 U.S. Department of Justice  
 September 25, 2012

**The Honorable Bill Cunningham**  
 Supreme Court of Kentucky  
 October 3, 2012

**U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky**  
 Sitting at Chase College of Law  
 The Honorable David L. Bunning and  
 The Honorable Amul R. Thapar, Presiding  
 October 10, 2012

**Juvenile-in-Justice CLE Program, Photography Exhibit, and Reception**  
 with Photographer Richard Ross and  
 a Panel of Juvenile Advocates  
 October 24, 2012

**"Hot Coffee," Documentary Screening and Susan Saladoff,**  
 Producer and Director, via Skype  
 October 25, 2012

**Kentucky Mock Trial Competition**  
 Kenton County Justice Center  
 Covington, Kentucky  
 November 9-11, 2012

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<http://chaselaw.nku.edu/centers/advocacy/index.php>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ChaseCenterForExcellenceInAdvocacy>

# Transactional Law Practice Center

## Recent Highlights

### Center Names Two New Directors

NKU Chase College of Law has announced the appointment of new co-directors of the Transactional Law Practice Center. **Professor Eric Alden**, who has been on the faculty since 2011 and teaches contracts, corporations, securities regulation, and corporate governance; and **Professor Barbara Wagner**, who joined Chase this fall to run the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic, are sharing the responsibilities of leading the Center. Between them, they bring to their roles a total of over 40 years of private practice in the corporate and transactional arena in a variety of senior roles at major national and international law firms, regional firms, in-house practice, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. In these capacities, they have also taught at law firms and law schools and run CLE programs focusing on both hot topics and applied practice skills.

“We share the commitment of providing students with both the substantive content and practical skills training to enter into transactional practice,” noted Professor Wagner. The Center was founded in 2008 and run by Professor Sherry Porter ’89 through June. “Professor Porter created a strong and



Professor Eric Alden

broad-based program which engaged students in a variety of activities,” said Professor Alden. “We owe her a great debt for the thoroughness and thoughtfulness with which she set up the Center and ran its programs. She helped students achieve major accomplishments.” The Center’s programs include the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic, interscholastic negotiation competitions, Business Boot Camp, hot topics presentations, internal workshops, and distinguished practitioners in residence.



Professor Barbara Wagner



### Student Earns First Certificate in Transactional Practice Law

Chase student A.J. Roseberry was the first student to earn Chase’s new Certificate in Transactional Practice Law. The certificate represents the student’s excellence in and successful completion of a rigorous program of study that focuses on learning transactional law practice skills and includes special courses, field work, competitions, and extracurricular skills-related projects.

## Chase Students Survive and Thrive in Business Boot Camp

Sixteen Chase College of Law students survived a week of boot camp - Business Boot Camp that is. Business Boot Camp is an innovative program that helps law students see business transactions through the eyes of their clients. Using a hypothetical case study based on a real transaction, students met with top business people, financial advisors, bankers, insurance agents, and human resource professionals to understand the business issues. They then made presentations to a panel of judges both describing and recommending solutions to the issues they identified.



## Fall Events

### Panel Discussion on Entity Selection Part I

Professor Eric Alden  
Professor Ljubomir Nacev  
Tim Schirmang '10, Partner, and  
Paul Schmid '10, Partner, with the law  
firm of Tim Schirmang, Esq.  
September 11, 2012

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### Panel Discussion on Nonprofits

Professor Phillip Sparkes  
Karen Zerhusen Kruer, Executive Director  
of the NKU Foundation  
Matthew Rosen '81, VP HR & General  
Counsel, Lutheran Services Florida  
September 18, 2012

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### Panel Discussion on Entity Selection Part II

Professor Eric Alden  
Professor Ljubomir Nacev  
Kenneth Kinder '00, Member,  
Cors & Bassett LLC  
September 25, 2012

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### "Making the Deal: The Negoti-auction"

An interactive webinar with Professor  
Guhan Subramanian, Harvard Law School  
& Harvard Business School  
September 26, 2012

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### Basics of Acquisition Agreements

An Online Course by LawMeets  
Followed by a CLE Program and Reception  
November 7, 2012

More information: [jaegerL1@nku.edu](mailto:jaegerL1@nku.edu)  
<http://chaselaw.nku.edu/centers/transactional/index.php>

## Faculty News



### **RICK BALES**

*The U.S. Employment Law Perspective on Protecting Research and Development*, chapter in MARILYN PITARD ET AL.,

BUSINESS INNOVATION: A LEGAL BALANCING ACT – PERSPECTIVES FROM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT, COMPETITION AND CORPORATE LAWS (EDWARD ELGAR PTY LTD, forthcoming 2012).

*The Damage is Done: Ordering a New Trial Based Solely on Damages*, 40 PEPPERDINE L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2013) (co-authored with Katherine Kubale).

*Determining the Proper Standard for Invalidating Arbitration Agreements Based on High Prohibitive Costs: A Discussion on the Varying Applications of the Case-by-Case Rule*, 14 TRANSACTIONS: TENN. J. BUS. L. \_\_\_\_ (fall 2012) (co-authored with Mark B. Gerano).

*You Say Stay: Staying District Court Proceedings Pending FAA § 16(a) Appeal*, 64 S. CAROLINA L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2013) (co-authored with Michael Tudor).

*A Minor Problem with Arbitration: A Proposal for Arbitration Agreements Contained in Employment Contracts of Minors*, 44 MCGEORGE L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2012) (co-authored with Matthew Miller-Novak).

*The Damage is Done: Ordering a New Trial Based Solely on Damages*, 40 PEPPERDINE L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2013) (co-authored with Katherine Kubale).

*Kentucky's Public Pension Crisis*, LEX LOCI, March 2012, (co-authored with Jacob Cales).

Presentation, "Amending the U.S. Constitution" Constitutional Law Conference, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (August 11, 2012).

Presentation, "Resolving American Labor/Employment Disputes Through Mediation," Center for Social and Labor Rights Conference, Moscow, Russia (May 28, 2012).



### **DONNA BENNETT**

*A Recipe for Success: Hiring and Training Law Students for Circulation Student Positions*, AALL

SPECTRUM (forthcoming 2012)



### **JOHN BICKERS**

Quoted in WCPO, "SCOTUS health care ruling based on tax issues," June 28, 2012, available at [http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/scotus-health-care-ruling-based-on-tax-issues](http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/news/local_news/scotus-health-care-ruling-based-on-tax-issues)

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### **ROGER BILLINGS**

Presentation, "Civil Rights During Lincoln's Presidency" panel discussion, Lincoln Forum, Gettysburg, PA (scheduled November 16, 2012)

Gettysburg, PA (scheduled November 16, 2012)

Presentation, "Lincoln as a Business Lawyer," University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY (scheduled Fall 2012).



### **SHARLENE GRAHAM BOLTZ**

CASE FILES IN BLACK AND BLUE: IN RE JULE AND LASALLE BLANDELE

(Sentia Publishing 2012). The book is an instructional case file for clinical and advocacy students involving domestic human trafficking and child abuse.

After completing training in threat assessment with the Advanced Threat Assessment Academy, Gavin DeBecker & Associates, Lake Arrowhead, CA, Prof. Boltz was accepted into the FBI Citizen's Academy, Cincinnati, OH. The FBICA is an 8-week course for non-law enforcement officers, which mirrors the full 19 week Academy experience for new FBI agents. She graduated from the FBICA in June 2012. In August 2012, she completed her FBICA experience with a visit to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. She is now a threat assessment and strategic intervention specialist, with emphasis on abusive and controlling behavior.



### **ANTHONY CHAVEZ**

Prof. Chavez, who previously was selected to present a paper at the Vermont Law School Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, had his paper, *A Napoleonic Approach to Climate Change*, selected for publication in the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law. He presented the paper at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law on April 2.

Participated on a panel put together by the Kentucky Bar Association's Environment, Energy and Resource Law Section on April 10 presenting a short paper

entitled *Not Up to Standard? HB 167 and Kentucky's Reluctance to Adopt a Renewable Portfolio Standard*.



**JON GARON**

Book Supplement, ENTERTAINMENT LAW & PRACTICE (Carolina Academic Press 2012) (previous editions

in 2007 and 2010).

Book Chapter, *The Medium is not the Message: Commercial Speech inside Video Games and Virtual Worlds in Governance of Social Media* (MIT Press 2012) (forthcoming).

*The Heart of the Deal: Intellectual Property Aspects in the Law & Business of Entertainment*, \_\_\_ J. Int. Prop. L. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2012).

*Technology Requires Reboot of Professionalism and Ethics for Practitioners*, \_\_\_ J. Internet L. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2012).

Lecturer, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche en Droit de l'Immatériel (Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne and Paris-Sud) (July 2012).

Panelist, "Student Deployment – The Legal Landscape," ABA, Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Biennial Conference, Las Vegas, NV (June 2012).

Presenter, "Innovation, Exclusivity & IP Protections," Middle East Education to Employment Fellowship Project, Minneapolis, MN (June 2012).

Visiting Faculty, Social Media and the Law, Intellectual Property Summer Institute, UNH Law School, Concord, NH (May 2012).

Creator and Editor of the Law + Informatics Blog, <http://lawandinformatix.wordpress.com/>



**RICK GRAVES**

Authored the regional and national-championship problem sets for the ABA's 2012 - 2013 Negotiation Competition.



**CHRISTOPHER GULINELLO**

Spent his summer as a visiting scholar at Taiwan's National Cheng-chi University. His duties included

guest lecturing, speaking at a workshop on "The Pedagogies of Teaching Business Law," and writing a comparative law article for publication in the school's new law journal, *The China Law Journal*.



**AMY HALBROOK**

*Northern Kentucky's Initiative to Improve Outcomes for Juvenile Status Offenders*, \_\_\_ Bench & Bar \_\_\_ (forthcoming

September 2012) (with J. Crabtree)

Served as faculty in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's weeklong trial skills program, Representing the Whole Family, at Hofstra Law School, Hempstead, NY (June 2012).



**JACK HARRISON**

*The Strange Intersection Between Law, Religion, and Government in the Regulation of Marriage*, 7

*Charleston L. Rev.* 101 (2012).

Quoted in *Lexington Herald Leader*, "Hands On Originals lays out defense in discrimination case," April 14, 2012, available at <http://www.kentucky.com/2012/04/20/2159010/hands-on-originals-lays-out-defense.html#storylink=cpy>

Lead counsel in two cases pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. One case involves the application of Kentucky's breach of fiduciary duty law. Prof. Harrison presented the oral argument in this case on behalf of the Appellant in early June. The second case involves class action claims brought on behalf of a class of severely mentally ill inmates in the Ohio prisons alleging that the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and the Ohio Department of Mental Health had failed to provide adequate discharge planning for these inmates. Oral argument was postponed in this case, but will take place in the near future. Prof. Harrison will present the argument on behalf of the inmate class.

Included in the 2013 edition of the Best Lawyers in America in the practice areas of Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants.

Elected to the Board of Directors of Caracole, a nonprofit entity that provides residential assistance and counseling to persons living with HIV.



**JENNIFER JOLLY-RYAN**

*Have a Job to get a Job: Disparate Treatment and Disparate Impact of the "Currently Employed"*

*Requirement*, 18 Michigan J. of Race and Law \_\_\_ (forthcoming).

## Faculty News



**JENNIFER KINSLEY**

Included in the 2013 edition of the Best Lawyers in America in the practice area of First Amendment Law.

*Pro Bono* counsel for low-income plaintiffs in *Davis v. Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners* in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.



**JENNIFER ANGLIM KREDER**

*Protecting Property Rights and Unleashing Capital in Art* 2011 UTAH L. REV. 881 (2011)

(co-authored with Benjamin Bauer)

*U.S. Museum Theft Prosecution*, \_\_ Canadian Crim. L. Rev. \_\_ (forthcoming 2013) (peer-edited) (solicited).

Presentation, "U.S. Prosecution of Museum Theft," Symposium on Criminality in the Art and Cultural Property World sponsored by the Law Society of Upper Canada, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada (June 15-16, 2012).

Quoted in The Clyde Fitch Report: The Nexus of Art and Politics, "Battling Hitler's Ghost in Claiming Nazi-Era Art," (an article that discusses her article proposing legislation concerning Nazi-looted art litigation), July 16, 2012, available at <http://www.clydefitchreport.com/2012/07/battling-hitlers-ghost-in-claiming-nazi-era-art/>



**MICHAEL MANNHEIMER**

Panelist, "The Report of the ABA Assessment Team on the Administration of the Death Penalty

in Kentucky," Kentucky Bar Association Convention, Louisville, Ky. (June 6, 2012)

Presentation, "Dog Sniffs, Medical Marijuana, and the Coming Federalism Battle in the War on Drugs," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL. (Aug. 2, 2012)



**LJUBOMIR NACEV**

EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTING YOUR CLIENT BEFORE THE IRS, (5th ed., American Bar Association

2011) (contributing editor, with others)

*Choice of Business Entity Revisited*, LEX LOCI, March 2011.



**LARRY PUTT**

Received Chase College of Law's 2012 Robert O. Lukowsky Outstanding Professor Award. The award

recognizes outstanding teaching and scholarship and is named for the late Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Robert O. Lukowsky. As award recipient, Professor Putt had the honor of serving as the Grand Marshal for the Chase College of Law's Commencement Ceremony. This award marks the sixth time in Professor Putt's career that he has been recognized for his teaching excellence, service, and scholarship.



**DAVID SINGLETON**

Quoted in CityBeat, "Fit to Live, How Ohio death row inmate Abdul Awkal was saved from

execution," (successful efforts by David Singleton, Chase students, and the Ohio Justice & Policy Center to halt the execution of a mentally ill man), available at [http://www.citybeat.com/cincinnati/article-25750-fit\\_to\\_live.html](http://www.citybeat.com/cincinnati/article-25750-fit_to_live.html)

Quoted in Cincinnati Enquirer, "Death of death penalty? Not in Hamilton County" (June 2, 2012) available at <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120602/NEWS010702/306020087/Death-death-penalty-Not-Hamilton-County>

Quoted in Cincinnati Enquirer, "Wheels of justice not on same speed" (April 23, 2012) available at <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120422/NEWS0107/304230015/ENQUIRER-DEPTH-Wheels-justice-not-same-speed>

Quoted in Dayton Daily News, "Warden demoted amid prison sex scandal" (August 4, 2012) available at <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/warden-demoted-amid-prison-sex-scandal/nP9z/>

Named one of Cincy Magazine's Outstanding Educators.



**PHILLIP SPARKES**

*New Word Order*, 76 BENCH & BAR 39 (March 2012); reviewed at <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/legalwriting/2012/05/word-order-in-english-sentences.html>

<http://www.typepad.com/legalwriting/2012/05/word-order-in-english-sentences.html>



*Speaking of Elephants*, BENCH & BAR (forthcoming September 2012)

Report, *Statutory and Non-statutory Obstacles to City-County Cooperation in Kenton County*, prepared for the Kenton County Governance Study Group.

Lesson, *Freedom of Information Act*, Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction. (forthcoming)

Presentation, "Representing Representative Government: Applying the No-Contact Rule in the Government Context," Kentucky Legislative Research Commission Seminar, Frankfort, KY (June 2012)

Presentation, National Teleconference on Ethics Codes for Municipal Government Employees, International Municipal Lawyers Association, (August 2012)

Presentation, "Wage and Hour Issues at City Hall" at the Master Municipal Clerks Academy sponsored by the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association, Lexington, Kentucky (August 2012)

Quoted in Cincinnati Magazine, "Would the city and county be better off if they merged?" (May 2012) available at <http://www.cincinnati.com/features/Story.aspx?ID=1693028>.

Named to the faculty of the Institute for Local Government Lawyers, a training program for new municipal attorneys.



**HENRY STEPHENS**

Accepted as a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. Academy

members have been found to meet stringent practice criteria and are among the most in-demand neutrals in their respective states, as nominated by both local peers and litigation firms. Only six mediators in Kentucky and eight mediators in Ohio were extended invitations.

*Mediation vs. Litigation: The Private Sale vs. The Courthouse Auction - Helping Clients Understand Reality, Risks and Costs* (with Joseph T. Mordino), Quarterly Review (published by the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys)

*Meeting the Plaintiff - Enhancing the Prospects for Mediation Success by Practicing the Golden Rule*, Quarterly Review (published by the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys)

Included in the 2013 edition of the Best Lawyers in America in the practice area of Arbitration and Mediation.



**CARYL YZENBAARD**

THE LAW OF TRUSTS AND TRUSTEES §§ 471-510 by Bogart and Yzenbaard (West 2009)

(Supplement 2012).

## Law Review Hosts Fall Symposium on Legal Ethics for the Transactional Lawyer

The 2012 Northern Kentucky Law Review's Fall Symposium will focus on legal ethics for the transactional attorney and will examine the ABA's proposed changes to the Model Rules of Professional Responsibility. The proposed changes attempt to address challenges associated with the outgrowth of technology and with a more globalized lawyer pool. Speakers will present papers and topics on the overall impact of the 20/20 commission, ethical dilemmas associated with social media, changes to the conflict of interest rules, impact of the "Certainty Imperative" on attorney conduct, and the increase in judicial recognition of transactional legal ethics. The symposium will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the NKU Student Union Ballroom. The program is free of charge and requests for CLE credit have been submitted. The speakers include:

**John G. Browning**, Author; Partner at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith in Dallas, Texas; and Adjunct Professor of Law at SMU Dedman School of Law and Texas Wesleyan University School of Law

**Professor David Chavkin**, Author and Professor of Law at American University Washington College of Law

**Professor Diane Lourdes Dick**, Author and Associate Professor of Law at Seattle University School of Law

**Professor Peter C. Kostant**, Associate Professor of Law at Roger Williams University School of Law and Visiting Professor at the New York Law School

**Professor Louise Hill**, Author and Professor of Law at Widener University School of Law

**Thomas E. Rutledge**, Author; Member of Business Services Practice and Banking Litigation Practice at Stoll Keenon Ogden in Louisville, Kentucky; and Editor of the American Bar Association's PUBOGRAM newsletter for the Committee on LLCs, Partnerships, and Unincorporated Entities

**A.J. Singleton**, Author; Member and Deputy Counsel for Stoll Keenon Ogden in Lexington, Kentucky; and Frequent Speaker on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility



## New Faculty



**URSULA TRACY DOYLE** has joined the Chase faculty as Assistant Professor of Law. She had taught as a visiting professor at Chase during the past academic year. Prof. Doyle teaches Torts I, Torts II, International Law, and Mass Torts/Complex Litigation.

As a member of the Howard University School of Law faculty, she taught Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing, and Legal Writing. Prior to joining Howard University, she practiced law in the areas of mass tort, individual personal injury, and commercial litigation. She was a law clerk to the Honorable Theodore McKee of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. Doyle has significant prior teaching experience as an English instructor at Morehouse College, in Atlanta, Ga.; University of Alabama in Huntsville, in Huntsville, Ala.; University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Samford University, in Birmingham, Ala. She also has experience as an adjunct professor of legal writing at Birmingham School of Law, in Birmingham, Ala.

Prof. Doyle is a graduate of Cornell University (A.B., English) in Ithaca, N.Y., Columbia University (M.A., English) in New York City, N.Y. and Indiana University-Bloomington School of Law in Bloomington, Ind. (J.D.). She is a member of the bars of Alabama, Mississippi, and New Jersey.



**JENNIFER M. KINSLEY** has joined the Chase faculty as Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Field Placement/Externship Program. She was a partner with Sirkin & Kinsley, and prior to that, a partner with Sirkin Pinales & Schwartz, both in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her practice has focused on fighting governmental abuse of civil and constitutional rights. She has a passion for the underdog and has worked tirelessly to protect and defend the impoverished, the improperly silenced, and the wrongfully accused. She began her practice as an assistant public defender for the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office, where she primarily handled juvenile delinquency cases.

Prof. Kinsley currently serves as National Chair of the First Amendment Lawyers Association and is an active member of the Greater Cincinnati and Florida Criminal Defense Lawyers Associations, the Ohio Bar Association, and the Cincinnati Bar Association. She lectures frequently on free speech and civil rights issues and has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She is admitted to practice in Ohio and Florida and in the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous U.S. Circuit and District Courts.

Prof. Kinsley obtained her undergraduate degree in English from the University of Florida, where she graduated with highest honors and Phi Beta Kappa. She received her law degree from the Duke University School of Law.



**BARBARA WAGNER** has joined the Chase faculty as Assistant Professor of Law, Co-Director of the Transactional Law Practice Center, and Director of the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic. She brings over 30 years of private practice, most recently as Vice President, Associate General Counsel, and Assistant Secretary of Chiquita Brands International, Inc. The number two lawyer in the department, her responsibilities included the company's SEC and other corporate finance, and corporate governance areas, as well as significant transactional work, law department management, and outside counsel management. She also served as the company's Chief Compliance Officer in 2005-2007.

Prof. Wagner has always combined teaching with her legal practice. She served for many years as an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she taught hands-on corporate practice courses involving corporate transactional practice, drafting, and negotiation. Prior to attending law school, she taught corporate finance at the University of Maryland.

Before moving in-house, she spent ten years in private practice in New York City and Cincinnati where she engaged in a variety of corporate and securities law and transactional areas, as well as structured finance.

Prof. Wagner earned her B.A. from Yale University, an M.S.B.A. from Boston University and her J.D. from Columbia Law School. She is admitted to the bars of the states of New York and Ohio and has applied for admission in Kentucky.



## New Director

**LINDSEY L. JAEGER** has joined Chase College of Law as the Director of Centers and Institutes Administration, a newly created position. She is responsible for the administration of the law school's Law + Informatics Institute, Center for Excellence in Advocacy, Transactional Law Practice Center, and Local Government Law Center.

As a Six Sigma Black Belt, Jaeger specializes in business process development and improvement for service industries, including brand management. She coaches Chase's team competing in the Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition.

She is a member of the board of All Ohio Institute on Intellectual Property 2012, and the steering committee of CincyBIO 2012. Jaeger served two terms as the president of CincyIP, the Cincinnati Intellectual Property Law Association. She is a 2011 Forty Under 40 nominee, a member of the ABA Business Section, and is an adjunct faculty member of Beckfield College.

Prior to coming to Chase, Jaeger practiced patent and trademark law serving Fortune 500 companies with a boutique intellectual property firm headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jaeger received her law degree from NKU Chase College of Law and her undergraduate degree from Georgetown College.

## Dustan E. McCoy '78 Awarded Honorary Degree

### Chair and CEO of Brunswick Corporation delivers Commencement Address

President James C. Votruba and Dean Dennis R. Honabach bestowed upon Dustan E. McCoy '78 the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws during the Chase College of Law spring commencement ceremony. McCoy also delivered the commencement address to the 165 members of the Chase Class of 2012.

Dustan E. McCoy is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Brunswick Corporation, a position he has held since December 2005. Brunswick Corporation, headquartered in Lake Forest, Ill., is a market leader in the marine, fitness, and bowling and billiards industries. McCoy had previously served as President of the Brunswick Boat Group since 2000. He joined Brunswick in 1999 as Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary. He also serves on the Boards of Directors for Louisiana-Pacific Corporation and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.

Prior to joining Brunswick, McCoy served as Executive Vice President for Witco Corporation, with operating responsibility for a variety of global businesses and functions. During his six years at Witco, he also served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary. His previous experience also includes 15 years with Ashland, Inc., where he served as Associate General Counsel with responsibility for the corporate law department.

A native of Grayson, Kentucky, McCoy earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Eastern Kentucky University. He is Chairman of the Board of the Eastern Kentucky University Foundation. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Chase College of Law in 1978 and is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association.

McCoy has an exemplary record of significant achievements in law and business at the national and international levels and a demonstrated commitment to the support of higher education. He



has earned high distinction as a successful business leader, practicing attorney, and education advocate, and is an excellent role model for Chase graduates.

McCoy is active in a number of programs at the College of Law. He is a Founding Partner and member of the Board of Advisors of Chase's Transactional Law Practice Center. He served as the Center's inaugural Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, sharing his experiences and insights

about the realities of transactional law practice with students, faculty, and alumni through featured lectures, business law classes, special workshops, and small group discussions. He has also served as a guest judge during the College of Law's annual Business Boot Camp, a program designed to teach law students about the business issues involved in a typical transaction.

McCoy and his wife, Becki, reside in Bardstown, Kentucky. They have two children and four grandchildren.

## CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

MAY 6, 2012

BY DUSTAN E. MCCOY '78

President Votruba, Dean Honabach, faculty of Chase College of Law, this evening's graduates, parents, spouses, other family members and friends of those graduating, dignitaries, and finally others participating in this evening's graduation. Good evening. It's an honor and a privilege to stand here before you this evening.

I became an alumnus of this wonderful institution thirty-four years ago and as a result my life was changed forever. As I watch you, those we are honoring this evening, it's clear to me that I am fortunate to have graduated in 1978. I graduated from the first full-time class at Chase; we were called the day class. We were somewhat of a rag-tag group of law students. And I know absolutely that I would not be admitted today were I to compete against the talents and achievements of this graduating class from seven states representing fifty-four colleges and universities. So I am truly humbled for the opportunity to speak with you this evening.

To the graduates: in the next few minutes on this stage, the trajectory of your potential in life will move dramatically upward. As one who holds a law degree, you have an understanding of people, society, and the human experience which is unique and overpowering.

The degree itself does not bestow this understanding, but rather it's the years of work to attain the degree. You now have a deep understanding of the principles on which this great country was established, you understand the evolution of these principles, and the attempts to alter, regulate, expand, or harness these principles and the successes and failures of these attempts. You understand the common good can be uncommonly harsh on individuals in slivers of society. You understand effective commerce and invention propels society forward, and the extent with which these activities are regulated changes as the society propels forward changes.

You understand the sanctity, power, and importance of individual rights, but you also understand these rights are subject to limitations. And then the definition and limitation of these rights evolve with societal changes these changing rights and limitations provoke. But most importantly you understand the human experience. As humans we're unique in the way we communicate and interact with one another and our interactions bring happiness and anger, wealth and poverty, freedom and bondage, cooperation and war, as well as every additional emotion, state of mind, and existence possible.

Your reading of hundreds of cases, the study group debates, the interaction in and out of class you had with one another and the faculty all in the law school environment, which examines the appropriate boundaries to the human experience, has given you wisdom

and discernment beyond your years and other members of society. History is replete with those who have taken the great wisdom and discernment you now have and effected everlasting change. Names such as Jefferson, Marshall, Lincoln, and Holmes come to mind. We can agree though that you're not likely to influence or shape society as these men did. However, you now have an acuteness of judgment and understanding which causes the potential to effect positive change well beyond the sphere of those with whom you have personal contact. The potential of your life has changed. I now ask whether you will reach your potential. Said differently, having potential is one thing and reaching it is another. I don't hold myself as having lived a model life nor would my meager achievements be seen as meeting the potential of many others, but I want to share with you the few simple concepts by which I have lived as I have pushed toward achieving my full potential.

Determine what success means to you. If you don't define success in your life, someone else will. It is unlikely another's definition of success for you will be the same as yours and achieving the other's definition may feel like failure. Define success in the broadest sense. Personal, professional, emotional, intellectual, wealth, satisfaction, family, in the sense you are reaching your potential, are inputs into this definition. Their weight may vary but all have to be considered.

Make choices and live with them. Choices are not cast in stone but once made live with them until you change them. Many young women have children and young men start families and begin what for them is an excruciating series of day-to-day decisions as they balance children, spouse, career, community involvement, and personal peace. Perfect balance of those competing factors is not going to be achieved. So make choices of importance to each and then move forward. As children grow older and more independent, career opportunities rise and fall, families move and so on, choices can and should be changed and then live with the new choices. Life does not have to be hard.

In my own case, I've been the general counsel of two public companies, and twice moved from leading the legal function to leading businesses. I have a love and a passion for practicing law that's really hard for me to describe. But in each case I made a choice to stop practicing law and lived with the choice knowing the business side would be challenging and rewarding in a different way.

Show up every day. Not only physically, but also with deep intellectual curiosity. I've never had a business or accounting course of any kind at any level of education, but I learned the business by being curious about how

business worked and the store was kept. I've been blessed with professional opportunities ahead of my contemporaries as well as those more experienced and better educated than me. And it's all because of my day-to-day intensity and willingness to learn and change.

Be around as many people as possible who are good at what they do. Think about what they do well and where improvements could be made. Then emulate the things done well and train yourself not to do the others. As you watch the good ones, notice that what generally separates them from the mass is their judgment and decision-making. Continually test your judgment against theirs and when the time comes for you to make a similar decision, you will have a sharper sense of judgment.

Act with civility. It will enhance your potential. Mary Wortley Montague, a prolific letter-writer who died in 1762 said, "Civility costs nothing and buys everything." My experience is that those who live with cooperation, social grace, courtesy, and respect in their interaction with others over time become the recognized leaders and icons in their respective endeavors. This is true in politics, sports, business, and education.

A corollary to this is never burn a bridge. You may need to turn back to the bridge when you least expect it. Respect the other side whether it be in a legal proceeding, business dealing, sporting event, or friendly argument. If you don't respect them, you really won't hear or see them, and they will eventually sneak up and beat you because you lost sight of them.

Finally, many of you are leaving tonight with something in addition to your law degree: debt incurred to get this degree and no job. Don't let this debt and no job act as a speed brake which limits the upward trajectory of your potential. My wife and I were married in college, ages 19 and 20 respectively, and our oldest son was born while we were in college. We did not come from families of means and scraped, clawed, and worked to obtain our educations. I was 28 years old when I graduated from Chase and I promise you we didn't have two nickels to rub together. So I speak from experience.

Focus on your growth and achieving the potential your work at this great school has created. Stay true every day to this focus. You've got to understand, personal sacrifice will be required on a fairly regular basis for a while. You're in a hole you've got to get out of. The money will follow over time and the debt will eventually be gone. And if you do this correctly, with commitment, focus, drive, intellectual curiosity, and civility, your potential to effect change beyond the sphere of those with whom you have personal contact will be realized.

Good luck. God bless each one of you. And now go reach your potential.

## Class of 2012 Commencement Ceremony

The Chase College of Law 2012 Commencement Ceremony was held on Sunday evening, May 6 at The Bank of Kentucky Center on the university's main campus.

Northern Kentucky University President James C. Votruba and Dean Dennis R. Honabach conferred 165 Juris Doctor degrees. President Votruba and Dean Honabach bestowed an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Dustan E. McCoy '78, Chair and CEO of Brunswick Corporation. Mr. McCoy delivered the commencement address.

Chase Alumni Association President Debra K. Crane '96 presented President Votruba with a crystal arc naming him an Honorary Alumnus of Chase College of Law. Dr. Votruba retired in July 2012 after serving 15 years as university president.

Prior to the ceremony, the Chase Alumni Association hosted a reception for the graduates and their guests on the plaza behind Nunn Hall. Following the reception, an ensemble of bagpipers and drummers led the commencement procession from the law school across the campus to The Bank of Kentucky Center.

Chase visiting professor Larry O. Putt, recipient of the College of Law's 2012 Robert O. Lukowsky Outstanding Professor Award, had the honor of serving as the Grand Marshal for the commencement ceremony.





## Chase Alumni Association Gatherings



Alumni Association gifts of Chase t-shirts to new first-year students.



Alumni reception at Gallery B in Lexington in September.



Alumni reception at Jimmie's Ladder 11 Restaurant in Dayton in May.



Alumni reception at the Hyde Park Country Club in Cincinnati in May.



Graduation reception on campus in May, co-sponsored by the Chase Alumni Association.



Alumni Association lunch for the Chase graduates taking the Kentucky Bar Exam in Louisville in July.





Alumni Association lunch for the Chase graduates taking the Ohio Bar Exam in Columbus in July.



Alumni reception during the Ohio Bar Convention at the Westin Hotel in Cincinnati in May.



Chase alumni gather at the NKU Alumni Awards Celebration on campus in May.



Alumni reception during the Kentucky Bar Convention at the Galt House in Louisville in June.



Alumni reception at the Chase Admission Ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court in April.

## J. David Bender '79

Honored by NKU Alumni Association  
for Distinguished Service

**D**avid Bender '79 was the recipient of the NKU Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented on May 9 during the association's annual awards celebration.

Bender has devoted countless hours of service to the University as a whole, the College of Law, the Bar, and the community. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in political science at NKU in 1976 and his Juris Doctor degree at Chase in 1979. Most recently, he served the University as a member of the 2012 presidential search and screening committee. He has served many years on

the NKU Foundation executive board, and will become president of the foundation in November. He is also a longtime member and a past president of the Norse Athletic Club board and serves on the advisory boards for the criminal justice program and the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. In addition, he is a past president of the NKU Alumni Council and a recipient of the Chase Alumni Association's Exceptional Service Award. He was selected as one of 40 successful alumni featured in the NKU Entrepreneurship Institute's publication, "Lessons in Entrepreneurship."

Bender is a past president of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association and has served as vice president and president of the Children's Law Center board. He is a member of the Chase College of Law Dean's Cabinet, a master member of the Salmon P. Chase American Inn of Court, a longstanding pro bono attorney for Northern Kentucky Legal Aid, and an assistant with Teen Court through the Campbell District Court. He is



J. David Bender

licensed to practice law in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. In addition, he is the chairperson of the board for Villa Madonna Academy where his children graduated from high school. He has also served on the finance council and education board at St. Thomas Parish.

Bender is a sole practitioner in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he lives with his wife of 29 years, Nancy. They have a daughter, Alyse Bender Hoffer '11, and a son, Jonathan.



Bender and President James Votruba give the NKU Norse "Viking horn" salute, mimicking the horned helmet worn by Victor E. Viking, the university's mascot.



Alyse Bender Hoffer, Jonathan Bender, Cindy Carl, David Bender, and Nancy Bender.



Bender talks with friends at the reception.

## Michael F. Lyon '75

### Named Outstanding Chase Alumnus by NKU Alumni Association

**M**ichael F. Lyon '75 was the recipient of the NKU Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award for Chase College of Law. The award was presented on May 9 during the association's annual awards celebration.

Michael Lyon is a senior partner with the Cincinnati law firm of Lindhorst & Dredame Co., L.P.A. After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in English and philosophy from Xavier University in 1969, Lyon earned his Juris Doctor from NKU Chase College of Law in 1975. His dream of becoming a trial lawyer came quickly—Lyon was sworn in on November 7, 1975, and tried his first civil jury trial three months later. The trial lasted two weeks, and he won a verdict for his client.

Lyon's practice as a trial lawyer is devoted primarily to the preparation and

trial of medical malpractice cases for the defense. He does, however, devote some percentage of his practice to plaintiff's product liability and personal injury. He has tried more than 200 medical malpractice jury trials in more than 20 cities in Ohio and Kentucky during his 37-year legal career.

Lyon is a fellow of the International Society of Barristers and, as a result of his extensive trial experience, he is the first Ohio lawyer to be elected to the rank of diplomat of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a past president of ABOTA's Ohio chapter. He lectures extensively on trial practices and participates regularly as a visiting professor at Chase College of Law and Ohio State University College of Law, assisting students in the art of trial practice.

Lyon has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer every year since 2004 and has been named one of the Top 50 Lawyers in Cincinnati for 2012. He is a founding partner and member of the board of advisors of Chase College of Law's Center for Excellence and Advocacy.

Lyon lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Jacki, who is a professor of English at Xavier University. Lyon has six children, Joseph, Maggie, Matthew, Zachary, Grace, and Margo.



Michael F. Lyon



Lyon delivers remarks during the awards presentation.



Jacki Lyon, Michael Lyon, and Joseph Lyon.



Lyon talks with Joseph Shea '74, a past award recipient, at the reception.

## Chase Alumni Take Oath of Admission at Supreme Court of the United States

Chase College of Law and the Chase Alumni Association hosted the sixth Chase Group Admission Ceremony at the Supreme Court of the United States on April 30th. Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath of admission in the Courtroom, with Justices Samuel Alito, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas also sitting. After the admission ceremony, the Chase Alumni Association hosted a reception in the Supreme Court's East Conference Room, where the portrait of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase is displayed. Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Ginsburg attended the Chase reception and spoke with the group of about 50 alumni and guests. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, William Suter, who is

a Kentucky native, also attended the reception.

On the evening before the ceremony, the Chase Alumni Association hosted a reception for the group at The Army and Navy Club of Washington, D.C. Chase alumnus H. Mac Riley '86, of Arlington, Virginia, was the group's club member sponsor. After the ceremony, the alumni association hosted lunch at the historic Willard InterContinental Hotel, located on Pennsylvania Avenue one block from the White House.

The following Chase alumni were sworn in as members of the Supreme Court Bar: Nadia Bashir '07, Stephen Burke '90, John Dunn '03, Christopher Dutton '06, Jodie Ganote '07, Ronald James '05, Kathleen Lape '90, Justin

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Debra Crane '96, then President of the Chase Alumni Association, made the Motion for Admission before the Court. In addition, former Chase Dean and now NKU Vice President for University Advancement Gerry St. Amand moved the admission of his son, Matthew St. Amand.



Chief Justice John Roberts poses with the new members of the bar of the Supreme Court.



Chief Justice John Roberts speaks to the Chase group as he references the portrait of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase.



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg talks with Chase alumni at the reception.



Nadia Bashir '07 in the Great Hall leading to the Courtroom, containing the bust of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase.



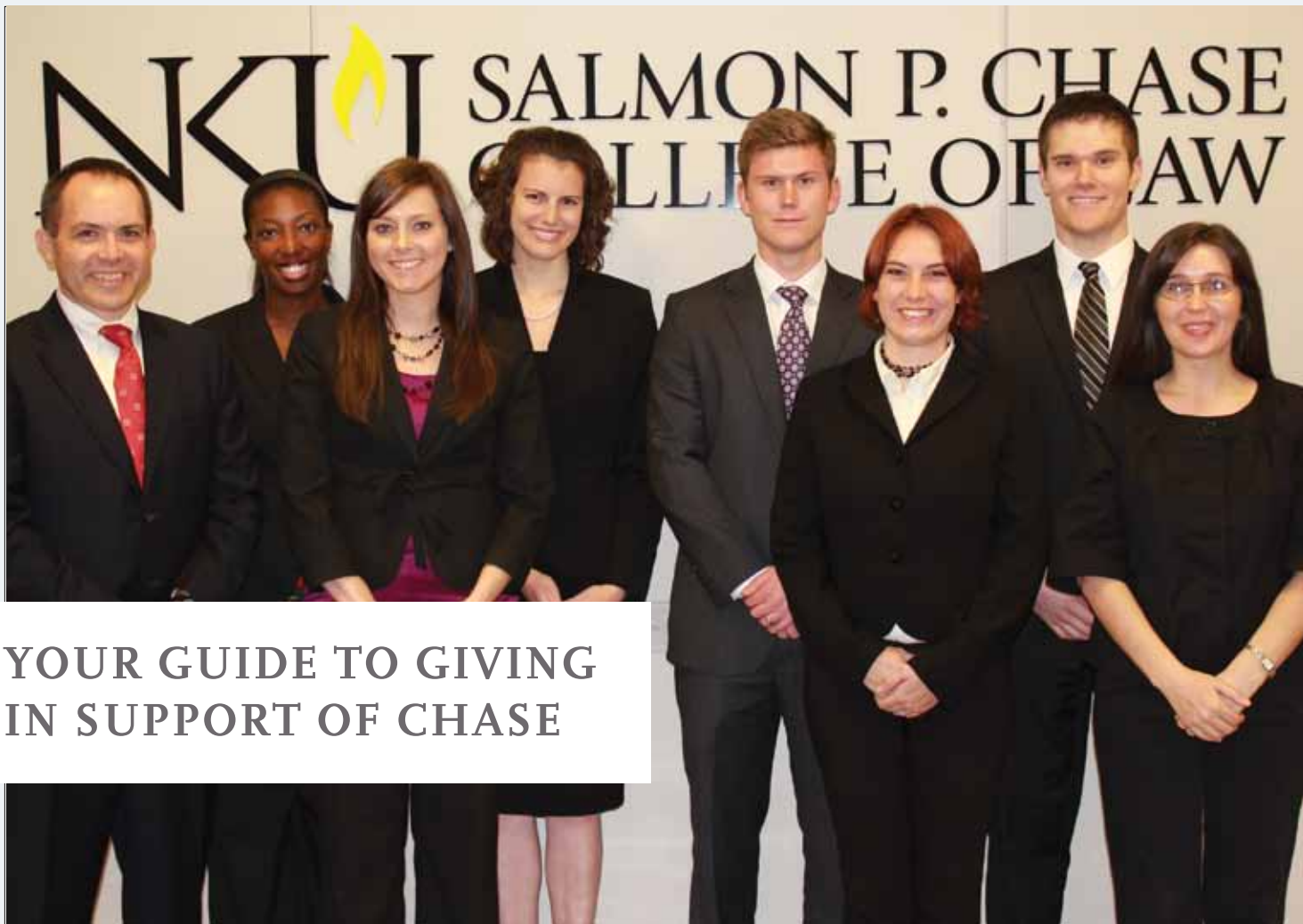
The group gathers for lunch at the historic Willard InterContinental Hotel after the ceremony.



Steven Rawlings '89, Melody Rawlings, Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Shea Nickell, Kaitlyn Rawlings, and Meredith Rawlings talk at the reception held at The Army and Navy Club.



David Spaulding '06, Kelly Spaulding, Steve Spaulding, and Vicki Spaulding pose in front of the statue of Chief Justice John Marshall.



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"As a student who has worked all throughout his college years, my appreciation for the Judge Ronald Panieto Scholarship cannot be put into words. This scholarship helps me focus on learning the law instead of focusing on the burden of paying back law school expenses. I am truly honored to have received this tremendous scholarship, and want to thank the Honorable Judge Ronald Panieto and Chase.

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Graduation Year: 2013  
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"I have always put a premium on public service. The NKU Chase Public Interest Fellowship Grant allowed me to work in the area of indigent criminal defense. It is an area I would have otherwise not been able to participate in due to the inability of the Hamilton County Public Defender to pay its interns. Without an income, I simply would not have been able to participate in this summer program, a program whose sole purpose is to represent those who cannot afford representation themselves. I am incredibly grateful to all those who have contributed to this worthwhile and noble fund. With this grant, I have been able to gain experience professionally and personally, which undoubtedly has provided me with the tools to be a better advocate."

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"I was truly excited and honored to receive the Toyota Diversity Scholarship. This scholarship has allowed me to continue my legal education worry-free. Toyota's commitment to diversity is admirable. This summer, I was also invited to intern with the Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America in Erlanger, KY. Here, I have experienced first-hand that this company values individual differences in backgrounds and ideas."

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 Activity: Transactional  
 Lawyering Competition



"When I learned that Chase was seeking students to compete in a transactional lawyering competition, I thought, 'How hard can that be?' Plenty hard, I quickly discovered, but remarkably rewarding. At the national competition my partner, Annette Redmon '12, and I found ourselves among the final four teams -- Northwestern, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, and Chase. We finished first representing the employee, but lost to Penn for an overall second place finish. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been chosen to represent Chase and offer my sincere thanks to the school, the Transactional Law Practice Center, and the many donors who make it possible for students to gain such an invaluable practical experience. Given the financial commitment of attending law school I am not sure that I would have participated if I had to fund the trips personally."

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### CLASS OF 1946



**John H. Klette, Jr.** was recently honored for his 70 years of practice in real estate and probate law by the Real Estate Section of the Northern Kentucky Bar

Association. He began his practice of law alongside his father in 1942. At that time, a student could be admitted to the bar before graduating from law school. He left Chase during World War II to serve as a B-17 pilot and then graduated after the war. He later served as a C-47 pilot during the Korean War. He practices with Klette, Klette & Mauntel in Fort Mitchell, Ky.

### CLASS OF 1970



**Judge Robert P. Ruwe** received the J. Edgar Murdock Award for distinguished service to the United States Tax Court. He was appointed

by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 and continues to perform judicial duties as a Senior Judge. Previously, he served as a Special Agent, Intelligence Division, for the Internal Revenue Service and worked with the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, as a trial attorney; Assistant to the Deputy Chief Counsel; Director, Criminal Tax Division; Deputy Associate Chief Counsel, Litigation; and Director, Tax Litigation Division.

### CLASS OF 1975



**Michael F. Lyon** received the NKU Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award for Chase College of Law. See full article on page 35.

### CLASS OF 1979



**J. David Bender** received the NKU Alumni Association's 2011 Distinguished Service Award. See full article on page 34.



**Donald C. Moore, Jr.** has been named president-elect of the Ohio Association for Justice. He has been a member of the OAJ Board of Trustees since 2006; has

served as the association's secretary, treasurer, and vice president; and has received the association's Distinguished Service Award. He is the principal of the Moore Law Firm in Cincinnati, Ohio and a member of Chase's Center for Excellence in Advocacy Board of Advisors.

### CLASS OF 1980



**Robert M. Hoffer** was named "The 2012 Northern Kentuckian of the Year" by Covington Catholic High School on May 11. He

heads DBL Law's employment law division and represents employers of all sizes including some of the largest throughout the Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area. He is the current president of the Kentucky Defense Counsel, chair of the Northern Kentucky Chamber's Labor and Employment committee, and a member of the Northern Kentucky Human Resource Association.

### CLASS OF 1981



**Timothy E. Eble** practices in South Carolina with a focus on complex class action litigation. He was a member of the *Le Pingouin* shore team, whose "Open

60" sailboat won the Velux 5 Oceans race, an around-the-world sailing competition involving five ocean sprints. See full article on page 14.

### CLASS OF 1982



**Paul L. Whalen** was appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education as a Hearing Officer to preside over the first revocation of a Local Board of Education

Member in 15 years. He serves as a mediator for the U.S. Department of Energy and a Hearing Officer for the Kentucky Department of Education and Department of Juvenile Justice. He is admitted to the Bars of Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio.



**John P. Tafaro** has been elected vice president of the Cincinnati Bar Association. He serves as president of Chatfield College, with campuses in

Cincinnati and Brown County, Ohio and is a partner with the law firm of Kohlen & Patton in Cincinnati, Ohio. He also recently accepted, on behalf of Chatfield College, the Brown County Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Peter Drucker Award.

### CLASS OF 1984



**Shawn Young** has been named chair of the business and corporate practice group at Strauss Troy. A general business and corporate lawyer, she

represents small and mid-size companies and counsels clients in a wide variety of business matters. Her practice also includes commercial litigation and appellate work.

### CLASS OF 1990



**Judge Michelle M. Keller** was honored at the Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards luncheon on April 20.

The annual luncheon recognizes outstanding women for blazing trails, opening doors, or



demonstrating leadership in their homes, their professions, their communities, or their state. Judge Keller is a member of the ABA Judges Advisory Committee Center for Professional Responsibility, Chairperson of the Kentucky Court of Justice Technology Governance Committee, and a founding partner and member of the board of advisors for Chase's Center for Excellence in Advocacy.

**CLASS OF 1993**



**John E. Christopher**, a former partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, has joined the law firm Manley Burke as a partner. In addition, he has established

Fraternal Law Partners with other Manley Burke partners. Fraternal Law Partners is the nation's only law practice dedicated to serving fraternities, sororities, student-life organizations, and their related educational and charitable foundations.

**CLASS OF 1994**



**Stephanie A. Dietz** has opened the law firm of Dietz & Overmann in Crestview Hills, Ky., with her partner Jennifer Scholl Overmann, also a Chase

alum. Stephanie concentrates her practice in the area of Family Law, including divorce, custody, and adoption. She is a trained mediator in the area of family law and a member of the Northern Kentucky Collaborative Family Law Group. She is a member of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's Board of Directors and is licensed to practice in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.



**Craig C. Dilger** was re-elected as chairman of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance for an unprecedented fifth consecutive time. He was

first appointed to the Registry by former

Gov. Ernie Fletcher and was re-appointed to the Registry by Gov. Steven L. Beshear. He is a member of the Labor and Employment and Business Litigation Practice Groups at Stoll Keenon Ogden in Louisville, Ky.



**Matthew W. Fellerhoff** has joined Strauss Troy in Cincinnati, Ohio after serving as a Hamilton County Municipal Court

judge. Prior to becoming a judge, he practiced law for 16 years, and established himself as a leader in the areas of litigation, complex land use matters, local government, eminent domain, property rights, and employment law.



**Kimberly I. Gevedon** has opened the Law Office of Kimberly Ison Gevedon in West Liberty, Ky. She primarily focuses her practice on divorce and family law.



**Bernard L. McKay** was honored at Caracole's 25th Anniversary Gala on June 9 for his countless hours of leadership for the organization. Founded in 1987,

Caracole House was the first licensed adult care facility in Ohio for people living with HIV/AIDS. Today, Caracole serves more than 900 clients living in an eight-county region in Southwest Ohio with six primary programs. McKay is the immediate past president of the organization. He is a member at Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is chair of the firm's personal and succession planning practice group.



**Lisa D. Pruitt** has been named Director of Risk Management/Corporate Compliance for Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland, Ky. She will

advise on legal and medical issues; maintain a hospital wide incident reporting system, including an incident

investigation system; and will develop and maintain appropriate integration with the hospital's Quality Assurance Department in compliance with regulatory and Joint Commission requirements. Before joining the hospital in 2011, she was a partner with Pruitt & Thorner in Catlettsburg, Ky.

**CLASS OF 1995**



**P.C. Edward Burcham** has retired from Procter & Gamble after more than 36 years of service, the last 16 years working in the EHS field. Most of his work in

EHS was focused on compliance management and ensuring P&G's results met corporate and legal requirements. He has now taken a position as Of Counsel with Goldenberg Schneider, a Cincinnati law firm focusing on civil litigation and EHS legal and technical services.



**Glenn D. Denton** was recently appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear to a second four-year term on the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

His appointment was confirmed by the Kentucky State Senate in April. The Council on Postsecondary Education has multiple responsibilities to ensure a well-coordinated and efficient postsecondary and adult education system. He is a partner with Denton & Keuler in Paducah, Ky.

**CLASS OF 1996**



**Jill P. Meyer**, Member-in-Charge of Frost Brown Todd's Cincinnati, Ohio office, was named a 2012 YWCA Career Woman of Achievement on May 9.

The award recognizes women who exemplify personal career success, dynamic leadership qualities, and a unique ability to serve as role models. In addition to leading Frost Brown Todd's

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client development, civic, political and charitable initiatives in the Cincinnati market, she concentrates her law practice on litigating, and counseling clients on, all types of media and advertising issues, including digital and social media, false advertising, and defense of the First Amendment.

**Steven W. Rakow** of Ocean Pines, Maryland is Worcester County's new drug court prosecutor. He graduated from Chase after retiring as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He practiced law in Ohio before joining Rakow Homes Ltd. in Berlin, Maryland. He has served as vice president for the Eastern Shore Builder's Association and as a member of the board of directors for the Maryland State Builder's Association.



**D. Woodford Webb** has been elected president of Downtown Lexington Corporation. He is president of The Webb Companies, where he oversees the legal and financial management of a large portfolio of residential and commercial investment properties. He is also of counsel with the law firm Webb, Hoskins, Glover & Thompson in Lexington.

### CLASS OF 1988



**Stephen M. Bernat** won the 2012 Janet Clemmons Community Service Award, recognizing his service to the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio. The Volunteer Lawyers Project serves low-income residents in seven counties in Southwest Ohio, including Butler County. His work has provided essential legal services to many residents of Butler County in situations in which they otherwise would

not have received legal help. He is an attorney with McCaslin, Imbus & McCaslin and practices in Hamilton, Ohio.

### CLASS OF 1999



**Shane C. Sidebottom** has been re-appointed by the Kentucky Supreme Court to serve a second term as the 6th Judicial Representative of the Continuing Legal Education Committee. He was also awarded the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northern Kentucky Bar Association. He was the inaugural recipient of the award, which recognizes an attorney for his or her commendable volunteer contributions to the mission of the bar association and legal community. He practices with Wolnitzek & Rowekamp, in Covington, Ky., where he maintains a general litigation practice with a focus on private and public employment law and U.S. immigration law.



**Carey K. Steffen** has been named chair of the Ritter & Randolph real estate practice group. She is also a partner with the firm. Additionally, she has been elected vice president of Cambridge Land Title Agency, Inc., which is the law firm's in-house title agency. She focuses her practice on residential and commercial real estate law, title insurance claims defense, foreclosure, and civil litigation. She is also a licensed title insurance agent.

### CLASS OF 2000



**Brian M. Ellerman** has joined Toebben Companies in Crescent Springs, Ky., as its general counsel. He was formerly a partner with Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing, where he focused his practice on corporate

structuring, commercial development, finance, and commercial banking in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.



**Lisa D. Hughes** has been named Partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, in the firm's Louisville, Ky., office. She works in the Litigation Department and practices primarily in the area of ERISA and employee benefits litigation, including claims for ERISA and individual disability benefits, life and accidental death benefits, and interpleader. Hughes also has significant pretrial and trial experience in representing business clients and in estate planning and trust and estate litigation.



**H. Trigg Mitchell** joined the corporate practice group of McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland as a senior associate in the firm's Lexington, Ky., office. In addition to his corporate background, he has extensive experience in estate planning, as well as preparation of individual, estate, fiduciary, and charitable tax returns. He has represented taxpayers on disputes with the IRS and the Kentucky Department of Revenue. Prior to joining the firm, he practiced in the Lexington office of Dinsmore & Shohl.



**Theresa M. Mohan** has joined Wallace Boggs in Fort Wright, Ky., as an associate. Her federal practice includes bankruptcy and false claim act cases. Her labor and employment practice includes representing employees and employers in unemployment hearings and appeals. She also represents children and families in a variety of Family Court and Juvenile Court cases. Recently, the Administrative Office of the Courts appointed her to serve as a Special Judge in Kentucky's Teen Court program.



**Todd C. Myers** has joined Rajkovich, Williams, Kilpatrick & True in Lexington, Ky. He concentrates his practice on litigation, including federal and state mine safety matters, employment disputes, construction claims, commercial litigation, and general tort claims. He is licensed to practice law in Kentucky and West Virginia. He is a Board Member for the Lexington Children's Theatre.



**Lisa J. Oeltgen** has formed the law firm of Oeltgen & D'Ambruoso with Ann E. D'Ambruoso. The firm is located in Lexington, Ky., and will engage primarily in the practice of family and probate law.



**Tad Thomas** has formed a new partnership, Thomas & Lyon, with Joe Lyon. The firm will limit its practice to plaintiff's civil litigation, including personal injury, products liability, nursing home litigation, and mass torts. The firm maintains offices in Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

**CLASS OF 2001**



**Ellen M. Houston** has been named partner at DBL Law. She practices in their Health Care and Employment & Labor practice groups. She was a member of Legacy and the Leadership Northern Kentucky Class of 2009. She also serves as a vice chairperson for Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky and is on the Board of Directors for the Children's Law Center.

**CLASS OF 2002**



**Mary P. Burns**, trust counsel at Johnson Trust Company, is now serving as chair of the board of directors of the Women's

Crisis Center of Northern Kentucky, which provides crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and rape. She is also on the board of The Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center and is currently vice president of the Cincinnati Estate Planning Council.



**Aaron J. Silletto** was named partner in the Louisville law firm of Goldberg Simpson. His practice primarily includes insurance defense, criminal defense, and general civil litigation. Prior to joining the firm, he worked two years as a Staff Attorney at the Office of the Louisville Metro Public Defender.



**Julia E. Tarvin** was elected partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister. She is a member of the Cincinnati private client practice group and focuses her practice on estate planning and probate and trust administration, advising clients on lifetime gifts and transfers at death and resulting tax issues. Prior to attending law school, she worked with adults with chronic mental illness in Hamilton County, Ohio and continues to help meet the needs of those with special needs through estate planning for families with children with disabilities. She serves on the CBA's Advanced Estate Planning Seminar steering committee and is a member of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Section of the Florida Bar.



**Rob J. Thumann**, formerly with Bricker & Eckler, recently formed CT Law, the law office of Crehan & Thumann. The office is located in Over-the-Rhine and is the first law office to open in the Gateway Quarter. He started his career at Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis. He serves as general counsel for several businesses and also focuses on personal injury and general litigation. CT Law also has attorneys focusing on family law, estate planning, and bankruptcy.



**Jay R. Vaughn** has joined Schachter, Hendy & Johnson in Fort Wright, Ky., as an associate. After law school, he practiced personal injury law with Busald Funk Zevely in Florence, Ky. He will continue his focus on plaintiff's personal injury, automobile/trucking litigation, nursing home neglect, medical negligence, and products liability.

**CLASS OF 2002**



**John M. Dunn** was honored on June 30 by the American Cancer Society for his dedication and unwavering support of the mission of the American Cancer Society. He has been actively involved in the American Cancer Society since shortly after his own diagnosis in 2004. He is a partner with Reminger Co. and practices in the firm's Northern Kentucky office. He is also a member of the Chase Alumni Association Board of Governors and is a US Army Reservist, having previously served in Iraq and Kuwait.



**Kelly S. Wiley** was honored by Connections: A Safe Place with the "Be the Scream Against Child Sexual Abuse" award. Connections is dedicated to serving victims of childhood sex abuse and challenging the community to take action to stop sex abuse. Wiley is an attorney with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in Covington, Ky., and is charged with the responsibility of ensuring permanency and protection for abused and neglected children. Wiley received the award on May 17.



**J. Patrick Schomaker** was named partner at Smith Rolfes & Skavdahl. He practices in the areas of insurance defense and claim investigation in the

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firm's Cincinnati, Ohio office. Mr. Schomaker is admitted to practice in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, and the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

### CLASS OF 2004



**Josephine Buckner** has been appointed Assistant County Attorney in Jefferson County, Ky. She previously served as an attorney for the Commonwealth of Kentucky for nearly six years.



**John B. Gardner** is the Commonwealth's Attorney-elect for Kentucky's 43rd Judicial Circuit, covering Barren and Metcalfe counties. He won the Democratic primary election and there is no Republican candidate on the ballot in the general election. He has practiced law in Glasgow for the past eight years, handling criminal defense work and civil cases.

### CLASS OF 2005



**M. Tyler Hull** was named partner at Smith Rolfes & Skavdahl. He practices in the areas of insurance defense and claim investigation in the firm's Detroit, Mich., office. He is admitted to practice in Ohio and Kentucky and is a member of the Cincinnati Claims Association. Before joining the firm, he worked as a law clerk for Judge Howard H. Harcha III of the Scioto County Court of Common Pleas.



**Casey Cantrell Swartz** has joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister as an associate in the firm's Cincinnati office. She works in Taft's

Business Restructuring, Bankruptcy, and Creditor Rights practice group. Prior to joining Taft, she was a law clerk for the Honorable Beth A. Buchanan and Honorable J. Vincent Aug, Jr. of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Ohio. She is currently the Chairperson of the Bankruptcy Committee at the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Treasurer for the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), and was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Midwest regional Bankruptcy Seminar.

### CLASS OF 2006



**Trip H. Bodley** joined Affidence, Inc. in Mason, Ohio as Consultant Manager & General Counsel. He previously worked for the Mason Municipal Court as Clerk of Court and Court Administrator.



**Erin C. Enderle** has joined Katz Greenberger & Norton in Cincinnati, Ohio as an associate. She will concentrate her practice on municipal court litigation.



**David M. Spaulding** received Legacy's 2012 Next Generation Leader Award in the Legal Services category on July 19. Spaulding is the director of Business Development and Legal Affairs, and Compliance Specialist at Turner Construction Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Next Generation of Leaders program is designed to recognize the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati region's young professionals ages 21 to 40 for significant accomplishments in their chosen professional field; as well as their commitment and contribution to the community.

### CLASS OF 2007



**Julie J. Huffman** has been appointed by Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper to serve as associate county court judge for Montrose County. She previously worked in private practice, with experience in domestic relations, guardianship, and juvenile law. She also served as deputy district attorney for Colorado's 7th Judicial District.



**Christopher J. Kippley** has joined the Raymond S. Bogucki Law Offices in Maysville, Ky. He practices in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, social security, domestic, and criminal law.



**T. Alex Mattingly** has been named City Administrator of the City of Elsmere, Ky. As City Administrator, he will be responsible for running the day-to-day operations of Elsmere. He previously served as Assistant City Solicitor and Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator for the City of Covington.



**Jenna Scholl Overmann** has opened the law firm of Dietz & Overmann in Crestview Hills, Ky., with her partner Stephanie Dietz, also a Chase alum. Jennifer represents parties in all family law matters including divorce, dissolution, child support, child custody, post-decree, and domestic violence. Jennifer also handles all forms of adoption cases. She is admitted to practice in Kentucky and Ohio and is a trained mediator. She is a member of Northern Kentucky Collaborative Professionals, and previously served as Chair of the Young Lawyers Section for the Northern Kentucky Bar Association.

**CLASS OF 2008**

**Alexander L. Ewing** has been appointed a senior associate at Frost Brown Todd in the firm's West Chester, Ohio office. He practices in the governmental services and labor and employment groups. His practice focuses primarily on public sector labor and employment law, including assistance with collective bargaining negotiations, labor arbitrations, and employment law issues. He regularly practices in Ohio school law, where he advises school law clients regarding a variety of issues. He is also experienced in Ohio municipal and township law.



**Candace S. Klein** was named to the list of Top 10 Most Influential People in Business Crowdfunding in an article in Forbes. She was also named to the City of Cincinnati's new Small Business Advisory Council. She is counsel with Ulmer & Berne in Cincinnati, Ohio; founder of Bad Girl Ventures (a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive financial, strategic planning, and business education, as well as micro-finance loans, to female business enterprises); and founder of SoMoLend (a peer-to-peer micro finance company for start-up and emerging businesses and individual lenders).



**Michael B. Weckenbrock** was elected second vice president, corporate compliance for Ameritas Life, Ameritas Life of New York, and Ameritas Investment Corp. He started with the company in 2007. His most recent position was assistant counsel.



**Delmar D. Weldon, III** was named Partner at Zerbe Garner Miller & Blondell. He will be focusing his practice on criminal

defense and plaintiff's litigation, with an emphasis on OWI/DUI Defense, Personal Injury litigation and Family Law, including Custody and CHINS Defense. He is a graduate of the Misdemeanor and Felony Trial Practice Institute and the OWI Trial Practice Institute. He serves on the Board of Directors for Melodic Connections, a nonprofit music therapy organization for individuals with disabilities.

**CLASS OF 2009**

**Helen G. Bukulmez** has joined the Spencer Law Group in Lexington, Ky. She is the head of Immigration and Bankruptcy Practice at the firm, and her practice also includes Personal Injury, Workers' Compensation, and Social Security. She has also been appointed as a Representative at Large to the KBA Young Lawyers Section. She serves on the board of Health Watch USA, a non-profit organization pursuing transparency in healthcare. She will be speaking on the topic of the Medical Device Safety at the organization's annual conference in November, 2012.



**Dawn Danley-Nichols** was awarded the IRS Chief Counsel B. John Williams National Litigation Award for her trial work in the Davis v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo. 2011-286 (December 12, 2011). The issue before the U.S Tax Court dealt with the taxation of non-qualified stock options. The award is given annually to four IRS Chief Counsel litigation teams.

**CLASS OF 2010**

**Melissa A. Hailey** has joined FirstGroup America, Inc. in Cincinnati, Ohio as Labor Counsel. FirstGroup America is the largest North American student

transportation and public transit provider, operating in over 40 states with over 75,000 employees. She was previously an associate attorney at Kephart Fisher in Columbus, Ohio.



**Allison A. Hawkins** has joined the firm of WilmerHale as a Discovery Attorney in their Dayton, Ohio office. She focuses on providing e-discovery and document review support for firm clients across industries and practices. She also provides ongoing support to case teams after document review is complete to supplement the teams' factual knowledge and context for depositions, briefs, and trial.



**Amanda R. Walker** has joined the The Zoppoth Law Firm in Louisville, Ky., as an associate. She concentrates her practice in labor and employment law. She is a member of the Labor and Employment Law Sections of the American and Kentucky Bar Associations.

**CLASS OF 2011**

**Jennifer L. Imsande** has joined Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati, Ohio as an associate in the real estate practice group. She has extensive experience in the construction industry and works on land acquisition and development issues. Prior to joining the firm, Imsande worked for Anchor Properties, Inc., a commercial developer in Northern Kentucky.



**Sarah E. Jacoby** has joined Ritter & Randolph in Cincinnati, Ohio as an associate. Her practice will focus on business and corporate law, non-profits, estate and charitable planning, and real estate law.

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**Andrew M. Powell** has joined Neel Wilson & Clem as an associate in their Henderson, Ky. office. He was elected as the Second District Representative to the KBA Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee, and is also a member of the Board of Directors of Matthew 25 AIDS Services.



**David A. Schulenberg** has joined Wallace Boggs in Fort Wright, Ky. as an associate. He is a general practitioner with a focus on civil litigation, workers' compensation, bankruptcy, and collections. He is also a volunteer lawyer at Legal Aid of the Bluegrass.



**Sarah N. Smith** has joined Schachter, Hendy & Johnson in Fort Wright, Ky. as an associate attorney. Her primary areas of practice will include product liability, medical malpractice, and personal injury.



**Barry S. Spurlock** has joined Golden & Waters as an associate in their Lexington, Ky., office. He will focus his practice on litigation. Before becoming an attorney, he worked for over 16 years as a safety professional in manufacturing, insurance loss control, and consulting. He is one of fewer than 10 board certified safety professionals that are also attorneys. Barry is an active member of ASSE and currently serves the Louisville Chapter as a past president and as chair of the Government Affairs Committee.



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## In memoriam

**Richard L. Firestone '39**, of Powell, Ohio, died February 13, 2012 at the age of 98. He practiced law in Lisbon, Ohio from 1940 to 1943, served in the Army from 1943 to 1946 and returned to Delaware, Ohio to practice law in 1947. He was instrumental in founding the Delaware County Bank and Trust Company, which opened in 1950. Recalled to active duty, he served in the Pentagon's Judge Advocate General's Office from January to December, 1951 during the Korean War. Following his return to Delaware, he continued his law practice. In 2009, friends and family gathered at his law office to celebrate his 70 years of practicing law. He was a vestryman, warden, chalice bearer, and lay reader at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and a member of Rotary and American Legion.

**Robert F. Wessel '51**, of Fairfield, Ohio, died February 4, 2012 at the age of 89. He served during WWII with the United States Army in the 83rd Infantry Division and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. He was instrumental in forming the City of Fairfield and was the first Mayor of the Village and of the City of Fairfield. He served for many years thereafter as City Solicitor. He practiced law for 60 years in Hamilton, Ohio and just recently closed his practice in September 2011.

**William P. "Pat" McGuinn '57**, of Centerville, Ohio, died April 12, 2012 at the age of 85. He was employed as a Referee in the Probate Court of Montgomery County from 1960-1962 and held a private law practice from 1962-1965, where he practiced primarily probate and real estate law. Later he worked as Assistant County Prosecutor in the Civil Division of Montgomery County from 1965-1966, and then as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Dayton from 1966 until his retirement. He served in the Army Air Corp during WWII and was a member of the American Legion Post #598 and the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of Church of the Incarnation in Centerville.

**H. Fred Hoefle '65**, of Cincinnati, Ohio died May 11, 2011 at the age of 73.

**Daniel W. Meehan '73**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died February 6, 2011 at the age of 70.

**John "Jack" C. Bauer '72**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died February 5, 2012 at the age of 66. He had a private practice and served as senior trial counsel for Hamilton County Public Defender. He held positions of leadership in several organizations. He enjoyed his family, time with friends, MG-T series sports cars, private pilot aviation, and travel.

**Gerald L. "Jerry" Steltenkamp '73**, of Berea, Ohio, died January 9, 2011 at the age of 63. He proudly worked at Sherwin-Williams for 24 years before he retired in 2006 as Director of State & Local Taxes. He loved all sports, but golf was his favorite. He also enjoyed photography and traveling. He was past president of the Cleveland Chapter of the Tax Executives Institute and a member of the Institute for Professionals in Taxation. He was very involved in the Ohio Manufacturers Association where he was instrumental in major Ohio business tax changes. He also spoke at many tax conferences throughout Cleveland and the United States.

**Ronald E. Reichard '74**, of Perrysburg, Ohio, died June 29, 2012 at the age of 65. After teaching journalism and coaching tennis at Stebbins High School, he received his Juris Doctor from Chase College of Law. He began practicing law with the Pickrel, Schaeffer and Ebeling Law Firm in Dayton, Ohio that same year. He was a member of Spinning Road Baptist Church.

**William J. Deupree III '76** of Park Hills, Kentucky, died March 17, 2012 at the age of 68. He was a partner with Ziegler & Schneider where he specialized in residential and commercial real estate, title insurance, probate, and zoning. He



served as the Deputy Master Commissioner for Kenton County for 27 years, and as a member and chair of the Kenton County Municipal Planning & Zoning Commission from 1980 to 1996. He had a distinguished military career, serving in the U.S. Army for 30 years and retiring in 1996 as a colonel. Among his numerous military achievements, he completed Army Ranger School, graduated from the U.S. Army War College, and earned myriad awards, including the Legion of Merit. He was also an active member of Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Cincinnati.

**Dennis G. Walsh '76**, of Hamilton, Ohio, died October 22, 2011 at age 63. He was employed by The First National Bank for 39 years in the Trust Department and retired from First Financial Bank as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer in 2009. He was a member of St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church. He worked for years to encourage philanthropic support to enhance the community. He was a member of The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Rotary Club, and past Chairman of Colonial Board of Trustees. In earlier years, he had been involved in St. Peter's Education and Finance Commission. He also taught English classes at Miami University Hamilton and served as President of New London Hills Club.

**Jerome L. Schimpf '77**, of Anderson Township, Ohio, died May 22, 2012 at the age of 79. He spent his life serving the public as a sergeant with the Cincinnati Police Department, an assistant city prosecutor, private practice attorney, and administrative assistant to Hamilton County Sheriff Simon Leis. He was also a member of American Legion Post 72.

**Gurney A. Johnson '78**, of Ashland, Kentucky, formerly of Catlettsburg, died July 10, 2012 at the age of 64. He practiced law in Catlettsburg for 32 years and also served as Catlettsburg's mayor and city attorney. He was the domestic relations commissioner of Boyd County and assistant county attorney for Boyd

and Carter counties. He was a member of the Catlettsburg Elks and attended Holy Family and Calvary Episcopal churches.

**R. Hughes Walker, Sr. '78**, of Durham, North Carolina, died February 16, 2011 at the age of 64. He served under Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins as Commissioner of Medicaid at the Cabinet for Human Resources, the agency where he worked for a decade. He also practiced law in Frankfort, sharing offices with former Kentucky Governor Julian Carroll. He enjoyed politics and worked on the campaigns of a number of notable Kentucky elected officials, including Todd Hollenbach Sr., Julian Carroll, Martha Layne Collins, and Ben Chandler. Most recently, he was a credentialing specialist at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center. After college, he served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was a prolific reader his entire life, especially books about history, military, and politics.

**Thomas W. Beiting '85**, of Newport, Kentucky, died July 29, 2011 at the age of 62. He was a self-employed attorney with Thomas W. Beiting Law Firm in Newport. He was active at the Brighton Center; a member of the Newport Code Board and did ProBono work for the Juvenile Detention Center in Newport. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

**A. Christian Worrell, III '85**, of Liberty Township, Ohio, died March 12, 2012 at the age of 60. He was responsible for Graydon Head's Butler/Warren Office, which serves the growing business community between Cincinnati and Dayton. He concentrated his practice in the areas of general business, real estate, environmental, and construction law. Prior to practicing law, he worked for the U.S. EPA as an environmental consultant and in industry as a compliance manager. He was active in his community, serving as the chair of the Butler County United Way Board of Trustees, the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance Board, the Liberty Township Joint Economic Develop-

ment District, the Liberty Township Board of Zoning Appeals, Partners in Prime, and the West Chester Park Committee. In 2008, he was awarded the West Chester-Liberty Chamber Alliance's Dorothy & Art Roth Citizen of the Year Award.

**Stuart K. Stansbury '89**, of London, Kentucky, died September 2, 2011 at the age of 53. He was a veteran of the United States Army where he served as a JAG Corps official. He was a member of Hawk Creek Baptist Church.

**Karen E. Carter '94**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died May 29, 2011 at the age of 48.

**Jennifer T. Westermeyer '95**, of Cold Spring, Kentucky, died July 10, 2011 at the age of 42. She practiced law as a Kenton County public defender.

**Je'Rhonda M. Lynem '11**, of Lexington, Kentucky, died May 10, 2012 at the age of 42. She was a licensed attorney and a member of Main Street Baptist Church in Lexington. While attending Chase, she was active in the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, president of the Chase Public Interest Group, secretary of the Chase Intellectual Property Law Society, committee chair for the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), and associate editor for the Midwest BLSA Law Journal. During her valiant fight with breast cancer, and while studying for and passing the Kentucky Bar Exam, she developed an interest in serving others suffering with cancer, particularly with patient rights issues. At the time of her death, she had founded and was serving as Executive & Litigation Director for Living with Cancer Legal Resource & Advocacy Center, Inc., a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the legal representation of those affected by cancer-related issues.

## Is this a good time?

Most meaningful major gifts are the result of a convergence of motivation and timing. If you have entertained thoughts of making a significant gift to NKU Chase College of Law at some point during your life, this might be a good time to examine the elements that often create a favorable giving opportunity.

Triggering life events, whether planned or imposed upon us, necessitate consideration of asset liquidation, which often triggers taxable events. A thoughtfully crafted gift plan, coordinated prior to such a triggering event and liquidation of an asset, can benefit both NKU Chase and the donor. Such life events invite thoughtful planning for asset allocation. Effective charitable gift planning can help minimize exposure to taxes and afford you the opportunity to make the gift of a lifetime.

If you're planning or anticipating

- a desire or need to increase income for yourself or for a loved one
- creating a fund for grandchildren's education
- a decision to unburden yourself of the obligations of property ownership
- a financial windfall, perhaps from a sale or an inheritance
- retirement and business succession
- updating your estate plan

this might be a good time to discuss life events, asset allocation, and your interest in giving to NKU Chase College of Law with us.



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