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Emerging in Leadership

AND HOW CHASE PREPARED THEM FOR IT

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Chase Leads Into the Future with a History of Innovation

A 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WILL RECOGNIZE HOW ONE NEW IDEA HAS LED TO MANY OTHERS

Despite being one of the nation's historic law schools, the Chase College of Law has long been an innovator. Before Chase was founded in 1893, attending law school was reserved for the privileged few who could afford the luxury of a university education and a long apprenticeship with a practicing lawyer, often the retained family representative. Cincinnati lawyer Robert Ochiltree had a different idea.

In 1893, Mr. Ochiltree founded the Night Law School, later renamed the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, with the goal of making legal education and a career as a lawyer accessible to working students, who could combine full-time day employments with part-time evening studies. Chase was founded as an innovation. Part-time legal education was at that time an untested concept. Only two other schools had attempted it, and for only a few years before Chase.

Through its affiliation with the Cincinnati YMCA, and through perseverance and good fortune, Chase made the new model work, quickly becoming the national model for part-time legal education, a fact evidenced by the numerous law schools that copied Chase's innovative scheduling. Soon after World War I, Chase extended its evening program to four years, a standard the Ohio Supreme Court and other state supreme courts proceeded to require for all evening law schools.

/// Chase was founded as an innovation. ///

Innovative thinking permeates Chase's history. Chase was among the first to introduce and integrate expansive skills curricula into required doctrinal subjects. This dynamic approach, today termed "engaged learning" by education experts, blends the theoretical and the practical, and has long been the bedrock element that has consistently allowed Chase to produce practice-ready graduates. Even today, as other law schools try to catch up, Chase has moved forward, through our innovative W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology, introducing a new set of skills for the next generation. Chase students today can graduate with experience in quantitative methods and legal informatics, which means that they have added to their traditional legal education the ability to read a balance sheet, understand financial statements, and deploy competently the many advanced technological tools that permeate modern legal and business practices.

Chase also has recently introduced new degree programs, re-configuring basic course offerings and sequences to create

shorter routes to needed legal education. Indeed, Chase has even, after almost one-hundred twenty-five years, moved to reposition our evening program, taking advantage of scheduling efficiencies and online components to allow our evening students to complete their law degree in just two nights per week, with a few half-Saturdays. Chase is an innovative, nimble, and responsive law school, just as Mr. Ochiltree envisioned it.

As the 125th anniversary of the founding of Chase approaches, we will have many opportunities to celebrate our history of innovation, much as we point the way to our next century. Our celebration will begin October 7 with the 125th Anniversary Gala at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center, a landmark building near where Salmon P. Chase had his Cincinnati law office, and a place that perfectly reflects on Chief Justice Chase's historic commitment to the freedom of all Americans. Just a few blocks away, the building where Chase College of Law first held classes has been replaced by a glass-and-steel office tower. But the innovation that began there in 1893 with seventeen students has been multiplied in the years that followed through the lives of thousands of lawyers, judges, business executives, and other leaders. Please join me in celebrating the one-hundred and twenty-five historic years of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Jeffrey A. Standen

DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW



Chase Leads Kentucky Law Schools on Bar Exam

Chase College of Law has the best passage rate among Kentucky law schools on the winter 2017 Kentucky bar examination, continuing its best-in-the-commonwealth result on the 2016 examination.

Eighty-one percent of Chase graduates who took the February examination passed, well above the commonwealth average of 71 percent. Chase also led the commonwealth on the 2016 bar examination, when a combined 79.6 percent of graduates passed the February and July examinations.

Graduates who took the 2016 and 2017 examinations were among the first since Chase introduced its Foundations program of bar examination preparation, but Class of 2017 graduates will be the first to take an examination after having the full Foundations program available. That includes a new graduation requirement to have passed two bar examination-style multiple-choice tests.

“The bar examination is the ultimate test of a law school,” Dean Jeffrey A. Standen said. “At NKU Chase, we are very proud of the team effort that

produces our success. But behind every statistic is a student. Chase students come here because they have a work ethic and commitment to achieve that is second to none. They pass the bar for the very same reason.”

Chase has emphasized passing a bar exam as the final test of law school the past several years. The Foundations program allows students to review and test themselves on key legal doctrines during their final two years, and provides coaching in areas in which a student needs improvement.

MEDIA

Documentary Lawyer Offers Insight into Fame

Even a fleeting brush with notoriety can give Chase students an idea of what they might anticipate if they become involved in a high-profile criminal case.

Jerry Buting, a Wisconsin defense lawyer who became a streaming video celebrity in the Netflix documentary “Making a Murderer,” visited Chase this past winter to talk with students about his involvement in the case in the ten-episode series released in late 2015. It recounted the murder trial and conviction of a Wisconsin man, Steven Avery, that occurred two years after he was released after 18 years in prison on a wrongful conviction in an unrelated sexual assault case. The murder trial gained notoriety when his lawyers suggested a possibly improperly protected blood sample from the assault case could have been used to plant incriminating evidence in the murder case.

“People like to ask, ‘Do you think he is innocent?’” Buting said. “I don’t want to answer, because that does not focus on

the issue of, did he get a fair trial?” Acknowledging the distinction between “innocent” and “proven guilty,” Buting told students: “I always felt he was not guilty at the time. There were too many unanswered questions, too many things that did not fit.”

Prosecutors in the case have criticized “Making a Murderer” for displaying a defense bias, while others have praised it for its presentation of legal issues recorded over a ten-year period and for its production quality. “I hear it a lot from lawyers that this has done a lot for the image of lawyers, and the profession as a whole,” Buting said.



JUDICIARY

Jurist-in-Residence Confirmed to U.S. Court of Appeals



Judge Thapar

United States District Court Judge Amul Thapar, who is Chase College of Law jurist-in-residence and teaches a Supreme Court seminar, has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The vote in late May was 52-44.

President Trump nominated Judge Thapar in mid-March for the seat on the Cincinnati-based appellate court for Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Tennessee that had been vacant since Judge Boyce Martin retired in 2013.

U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, had a lot of praise for Judge Thapar, a judge in the Covington divisional office of the Eastern District of Kentucky, when he was nominated and when he was confirmed.

“Throughout his already impressive career of public service, Amul has shown an incredible intellect and an unshakable dedication to the law,” Mr. McConnell said in a prepared statement when Judge Thapar was nominated. And later: “He will fairly apply the law to all who enter his courtroom because, in Judge Thapar’s own words, ‘the most important attribute of a judge is to be open-minded and not to prejudge a case without reading the briefs, researching the law, and hearing from the parties.’”

Judge Thapar was nominated to the district court by President George W. Bush in 2007, and received his commission in 2008. He previously was U.S. Attorney for the sixty-seven-county Eastern District of Kentucky and an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Ohio and in the District of Columbia.

EDUCATION

More High-Achievers Can Count Chase in the Equation

The numbers are adding up for the Chase College of Law 3+3 Accelerated Law program for top students to enroll early for three years of law school after three years of undergraduate college.

The program that began in 2015 for undergraduates at one university – Northern Kentucky University – added a second institution in 2016 – Thomas More College, in Crestview Hills, Kentucky – and a third this year – Mount St. Joseph University, in Cincinnati. Similar programs at other law schools typically are limited to undergraduates at the university of which the law school is a part. The Chase program expands the

ADMINISTRATION



Gerry St. Amand

Former Dean Leads NKU During Presidential Search

Chase professor and previous dean **Gerry St. Amand** is interim president of Northern Kentucky University while a search committee seeks a successor to President Geoffrey Mearns, who becomes president of Ball State University, in Indiana, this summer. Of the nineteen-member search committee, four are connected to Chase – three alumni and a professor.

Interim President St. Amand had been NKU vice president for development for about six years between his tenure as Chase dean, from 1999 to 2006, and his decision to return to the faculty in 2013. He had planned to retire following the 2016-17 academic year.

NKU Board of Regents Chair Rich Boehne wrote to NKU faculty and staff that, “Gerry’s particular experience with our university, his familiarity with the strategies and culture that have come to define NKU, in addition to his proven and diverse leadership skills, make him my recommended candidate for this key position.”

The search committee members with Chase affiliations are alumni Martin Butler ’77, a shareholder in the Cincinnati law firm of Strauss Troy; Dennis Repenning ’79, in solo practice in Erlanger, Kentucky; Lee Scheben ’91, executive vice president of Heritage Bank in Northern Kentucky; and Professor David Singleton.

pathway for more high-achieving students to pursue a law degree.

It is a pathway NKU undergraduate and Chase 1L Josh Kemme is taking. “Learning and understanding the law, and how it operates and applies to different facts and scenarios, is an enjoyable and stimulating experience,” he says of his year of dual credits that apply to a law degree and college graduation.

To enter the program, undergraduates must have enough credits toward a baccalaureate degree by the end of their junior year to allow first-year courses at Chase to be counted as electives to complete their undergraduate degree and toward a law degree. Students in the program receive bachelor’s degrees from their undergraduate colleges after successfully completing their first year at Chase.

Internet Symposium Links Web to Practice

PANELISTS DOWNLOAD OUTLOOKS ON RULE
CHANGES, ENCRYPTION, PRIVACY



Try these search terms: Chase, Internet, Law.

Result: The Chase Controversies and Issues in Internet Law Symposium. The early-March symposium explored such topics as whether service providers will have to keep users' data private, whether law enforcement can compel a technology company to decrypt a smartphone, and what happens to privacy when anyone can invade it online.

The conference, presented by the *Northern Kentucky Law Review* and the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology, brought together professors from six law schools, including Chase, and three practicing lawyers for presentations.

Now narrow the search to: Chase Professor Kenneth Katkin and what happens to Internet rules when administrations change and the Federal Communications Commission gets a new chair.

The search result: In 2015, the Federal Communications Commission adopted rules that prevent Internet carriers from favoring some lawful web traffic over others, and that forbid fees or promises of affiliation in exchange for allowing some content to move faster than others, Professor Katkin told the symposium on the Northern Kentucky University campus. The principle is similar to that for telephone companies.

"In the waning days of the Obama Administration, the FCC also began to extend some additional principles of twentieth-century telecommunications regulation to the Internet," says Professor Katkin, who spoke before President Trump signed legislation that voided a not-yet-implemented regulation that Internet service providers ask users for permission to sell their data. "Under rules proposed in 2016, but never implemented, the Obama FCC sought to require broadband access providers to protect the privacy of user data, to ensure access to broadband services by individuals with disabilities, to ensure competitive access to utility poles and other infrastructure needed by new entrants, and to subsidize service for certain low-income or high-cost users."

With a change in presidential administrations, however, the 2016 regulations are on hold. "The new FCC chairman, Ajit Pai, has long argued that the FCC should promulgate new regulations only in response to proven market failure," Professor Katkin says. "Chairman Pai also believes that the FCC should adopt a regulation only if it determines that the benefits of the regulation outweigh its costs."



In mid-May, a 2-1 vote along party lines took the first steps toward scrapping the 2015 rules on Internet traffic, often referred to as net neutrality. Republican commissioners voted to allow public comment through mid-August on whether to end the standards.

New search: Whether law enforcement can compel technology companies to provide decrypted access to devices during investigations, an issue with national visibility after the FBI sought to force Apple to unlock an iPhone linked to a shooter in a 2015 terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California.

Result: Even though the FBI ultimately unlocked the phone with help from a non-law enforcement third party, John Selent, a partner in Dinsmore & Shohl, and Kurt Hunt, of counsel with Dinsmore, said the issue is not going away. The law enforcement and national security landscape has changed dramatically, they said, citing continuation of global terrorist attacks and the potential value of encrypted data to law enforcement.

Final search: Privacy rights and publishing on the Internet.

Result: A lawsuit filed by former professional wrestler Hulk Hogan against Gawker Media raised issues of celebrity, privacy, and outside influences that must be considered in analyzing the risk of publishing, Monica Dias, a member of Frost Brown Todd and a Chase graduate, told the symposium. Gawker's defense was that Hogan had made his sex life a public issue. A jury didn't see it that way, she said, and awarded him more than \$140 million in damages for invasion of privacy. The litigation, funded for Hogan by billionaire tech investor Peter Thiel, forced Gawker into bankruptcy and a sale. It ultimately settled with Hogan for \$31 million.

Alumni Join Supreme Court of United States Bar in Alumni Association Program

Sixteen Chase alumni and an adjunct professor became members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in a biannual group admission ceremony arranged by the Chase Alumni Association.



Standing with Dean Standen, far left, at the Supreme Court are Del Weldon '08, Brad Andress '13, George Fletcher '87, Greg Hughes '77, Jay Langenbahn '76, Bruce McGary '90, Nathaniel Sizemore, adjunct professor, Jeff Fichner '08, and John Dunn, Chase Alumni Association president who made the motion for admission.

Seated, from left, Allan Gifford '66, Angela Burns '06, Ben Rogers '81, Judge Marci Eaton '89, Chrissy Dutton '05, Stacey Schultz '11, Judge Patricia Summe '79, and Gabrielle Summe '00. Karen Oakley '96 was unable to attend and was admitted on written motion.

What is it like to stand before justices of the Supreme Court and take the oath of admission? Some of the Chase alumni share their reflections on the experience on the following pages. —>

Alumni Reflect on a Day to Remember

For Chase College of Law alumni, the biannual group admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States that the Chase Alumni Association arranges is a linkage of past and present.

With the most recent admission in April, sixteen alumni and an adjunct professor are admitted to practice in the court where Cincinnatians Salmon P. Chase and William Howard Taft presided as Chief Justice of the United States and Potter Stewart was an associate justice.

Five justices were on the bench for the swearing in – Chief Justice John Roberts and associate justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Anthony Kennedy, and Clarence Thomas – and Justice Ginsburg visited with the admittees and their family members at a reception the alumni association arranged at the Supreme Court Building. This is how some alumni remember the day:



Angela Burns

“As I stood to take the oath for the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, I was exhilarated and humbled. Exhila-

rated, because as a child to dream of becoming an attorney seemed to be impossible. The impossible became reality when I was graduated from Chase and passed the bar exam. Humbled, because receiving the opportunity to be named in the bar of the highest court in the nation reminds me that the practice of law is not just a personal achievement, but a call to continue serving others in a nation that declares ‘liberty and justice for all.’”

Chrissy Dutton

“Sitting in front of the justices at the swearing-in ceremony allows one to reflect on the important role that we, as lawyers, play in society to ensure justice for all and access to the legal system. I thought about what a privilege it is to practice law, and, that as attorneys, we have the ability to make a real impact on society and our communities. I also couldn’t help but also reflect on what an important role the judicial branch has, to provide checks and balances on the other branches of government.”



George Fletcher

Takeaways: “A new appreciation for Salmon P. Chase and the history of our school; having a very classy and friendly Justice Ginsburg visit our group; and experiencing the court in open session.”

Allan Gifford

“As we entered the U.S. Supreme Court Building on April 3, about an hour and a half before the beginning of the swearing-in ceremony, the thought that I was about to become a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, my tenth bar, began to sink in. As our group was presented to the Court, I, being the last seated of our group, was the first one named. As I stood, upon my name being read and my state bar, Hawaii, being read, it may have been my imagination, but I thought that the chief justice looked at me and smiled, perhaps wondering why someone traveled 5,000 miles to be admitted. After the court session ended we returned to our waiting room, where Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg made a brief stop. I had the opportunity to speak to her and mention that we had met at the annual Alaska State Bar convention several years ago, where she was one of the main speakers and her husband conducted several classes.”



Jay Langenbahn

“It was an honor to attend the swearing in ceremony with other students and classmates from Salmon P. Chase College of Law before the Supreme Court of the United States. It was a tribute to me, my son-in-law (Jeff Fichner), who also was sworn in, and my family, which was in attendance, including my grandson. We were able to take many pictures of the events and, in particular, the two robing rooms, which included the portraits of all of the Supreme Court justices, including Salmon P. Chase, as well as William Howard Taft. It was a humbling experience to be in the Supreme Court of the United States after practicing law in various courtrooms in state and federal court in Ohio and Kentucky. I was proud to represent the Salmon P. Chase College of Law.”



Ben Rogers



“Joining the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States gave me a sense of participating in some small measure in the history of the Court and our country. It was a very meaningful experience, which I would recommend to any member of the bar.”

Nathaniel Sizemore

“I felt that my legal education had come full-circle as I took the oath in front of the Supreme Court justices. Every law student and



practitioner understands the importance of the Supreme Court in our system of government, but there’s something special about experiencing the highest court in the country firsthand. It was an added benefit to have my family in attendance for the event, including my father, Greg Sizemore, who was admitted to the Supreme Court Bar with the Chase delegation a few years ago.”

Judge Patricia Summe

“Admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States has been on my bucket list for a long time.



There were the usual ‘lawyer’ reasons to seek admission. One of those important reasons was attending a law school which honors the rule of law and the Supreme Court of the United States by its very name, after Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. The Chase Alumni Association’s biannual group admission made accomplishing this dream both easy and joyous. Before and after the ceremony, it organized two fabulous meet-and-greets at the most historic sites. We had cocktails at the Hay-Adams hotel and lunch at the Willard InterContinental hotel.

You could image the events and conversations those places have witnessed. Because it was a group admission, I was honored to participate with other Chase alumni, which included my sister, Gabrielle A. Summe, the Kenton County clerk. It was very exciting to receive a nod from Chief Justice Roberts when the title ‘judge’ was read before my name. That was quite the memorable moment. After the ceremony, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg stopped by the reception and shook our hands. She is very gracious and a classical dresser. So, pretty much a very awe-inspiring weekend! I would recommend this experience be added to everyone’s bucket list. Just think, in two years you can scratch it off.”

More photos from the Supreme Court trip are on Page 25.

Del Weldon

“It was humbling to walk into the same courtroom where so much of our nation’s history has been shaped. To walk the same halls as



so many legendary justices, and to consider that they labored over the decisions they made in the same spot where we were gathered was quite powerful. We had the amazing opportunity to speak to Justice Ginsburg for a few minutes. I will never forget meeting one of my heroes. The William Howard Taft pieces and the Salmon P. Chase pieces were special to see as a Cincinnati. And don’t forget Associate Justice Potter Stewart. He was a Cincinnati City Council member, and was another legendary justice. I was truly in awe and honored to be a part of such a special day.”



Supreme Court of the United States Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, center, stands with Chase alumni and others with the college in the Supreme Court Building following the group admission.

A VOICE FOR CHILDREN

The Chase Children's Law Center Clinic and the Children's Law Center in Covington, Kentucky, have grown up quite a bit together since Kim Brooks Tandy created the non-profit legal service the year she was graduated from Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

That was 1989. Since then, Chase has sent students to the center as externs and *pro bono* volunteers, and in 2011 created its Children's Law Center Clinic. With Professor Amy Halbrook as clinic director, up to eight students a semester work on children's cases, such as access to education, parental custody, homelessness, and delinquency. Among the center's administrative staff and lawyers, six are Chase graduates, and in July, Chase graduate and deputy director Acena Beck will succeed Ms. Tandy as executive director.

The center's developmental years began after Ms. Tandy decided to combine her social work experience and law degree. For the now twentysomething center and its sibling Chase clinic, this is how the two have grown as a family to provide a home for children who need legal representation they are unlikely to find anyplace else:

HOW CHASE AND THE CENTER HAVE BONDED

"Chase and the Northern Kentucky University community have been invaluable. We have had research assistants, IOLTA fellows, and externs from Chase. Involvement from Chase on our board of directors has provided strong leadership and close connections, which has benefited both entities. And then, of course, we house and work closely with the Chase Children's Law Center Clinic, directed by Amy Halbrook."

HOW THE CENTER AND CLINIC HELP EACH OTHER

"Many of our current staff are Chase graduates. We get to know them and see the passion and talent they have for the work. The clinic students work with Professor Halbrook on high-conflict family court cases and other complex cases referred through our intake process. Students are exposed to and work with other lawyers at the center to expand their experiential learning. We are able to increase the number of cases we take because of the high-quality work being done through the clinic."

- Kim Brooks Tandy



Kim Brooks Tandy
Children's Law Center founder /
executive director

HOW CLINIC STUDENTS BENEFIT

"There are so many skills students learn. They have to learn negotiating, counseling, interviewing. They have to learn how to work with difficult clients, to navigate complex systems. They learn to think of themselves as problem-solvers. Some students come with social work or teaching backgrounds they want to continue. Some are committed to social justice, and want to do civil rights work, but they are not sure what that looks like. They find children and teens are some of the most vulnerable in society. It is easy to wrap their brains around that, even if the child committed a crime. Students come with a defense or civil rights orientation and discover the injustices committed against children."

– Amy Halbrook

HOW CHASE CLASSROOM AND CLINIC EXPERIENCES LEAD TO CAREERS

"Chase's offering of classes that teach about the issues the center works on was very influential to me. When I was a student, an Introduction to Juvenile Law was offered, which was co-taught by Professor Lowell Schechter and a center staff member. Chase provides several opportunities for students to work with the center, including IOLTA-funded clerkships, the clinic, externships, and *pro bono* hours. Many of our Chase alumni employees are former law clerks through IOLTA or were clinic students."

– Acena Beck



Professor Amy Halbrook
Chase Children's Law Center
Clinic director



Acena Beck
Children's Law Center deputy director /
incoming executive director

A New Generation of Alumni Makes its Case *for Leadership*

IN PRACTICE, BUSINESS, AND PUBLIC SERVICE, GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2006 AND LATER ARE EMERGING IN KEY ROLES

Looking at the past and present, it is easy to identify fields in which Salmon P. Chase College of Law graduates are leaders. They are counted among members of the United States Congress, the federal judiciary, partners in law firms, ambassadors, state court judges, business executives, and bar association presidents.

But looking to the future? Where is the next generation of Chase leaders emerging?

While leadership can be obvious or subtle – it does not always mean being the person at the front of a room or appearing in the media – it takes time for a cohort of leaders to appear. For Chase alumni in the classes of 2006 and later, that time is arriving as many of those graduates have career-experience around the ten-year range. For each graduate being elected to law firm partnership, assuming bar association office, climbing in business, rising in professional visibility, or stepping into public service, the journey began in Nunn Hall.



In some instances, the entire Chase experience is the starting point on a roadmap to emerging leadership. In others, an insight from a single professor or a skill developed through a competition team or clinic is the beginning.

Even though Chase offers an elective course in leadership for lawyers, the two adjunct professors who co-lead it say they cannot teach leadership. What lawyers Gregory Sizemore and Nathaniel Sizemore say they can do is help students identify leadership principles that can help them to become leaders.

“There are four key principles that make successful people great at what they do: hard work, passion, competency, and propensity, meaning they capitalize on their strengths,” Nathaniel Sizemore says.

“If you do all four well,” Greg Sizemore continues the explanation, “you have a really good chance of being successful at what you do. The concept is leading oneself strongly, first.”

The Chase tradition as “The Lawyer’s School” obviously involves substantive legal knowledge. But other experiences, sometimes a one-semester externship or a clinic, also are part of the mosaic

that graduates of the past twelve years say underpins their emerging leadership roles.

For many of those alumni who had student externships in law offices and judicial chambers, interactions with lawyers moved them out of their classroom comfort zone – which they say was important – to begin their preparation for leadership.

One assignment in the program Professor Jennifer Kinsley oversees as director of experiential learning involves participating in a legal networking event or asking a lawyer the student does not know to meet for coffee. “This helps students realize the importance of building a professional network and increases their comfort level in reaching out to key players in the legal community.”

It is a strategy for beginning the journey to leadership that Carrie Masters Starts, a 2008 graduate and shareholder in Reminger, discovered at Chase and recommends. “Begin making connections in the legal

Professor Jennifer Kinsley, director of experiential learning, says networking helps develop leadership.



community and find a mentor as soon as you can in law school,” she says. “The connections you make early will help build your future and contribute to your success as a young lawyer.”

For all Chase students, nurturing a future that can blossom into leadership includes a requirement of fifty hours of *pro bono* work to understand not only the professional obligation of service, but also to develop practical experience and self-confidence. For externship students, there is a required two hours of non-legal community service. “This assignment helps them realize the importance of giving back to the community and leading through doing,” Professor Kinsley says.

Participating in a clinic – as many emerging leaders did – also can help soon-to-be lawyers develop traits adjunct professor Greg Sizemore identifies as the strong personal leadership that can be a foundation for wider leadership.

In the Small Business and Non-profit Law Clinic, for example, Professor Barbara Wagner sees students assume responsibility that goes beyond classroom requirements to brief a case and pass an examination. “If you do a not-very-good job on a classroom assignment, you just hand it in and move on.

In the clinic, if you do a not-very-good-job, you have to keep responding to my comments until you come up with a work product that I approve to release to the client,” she says.

With more than one thousand alumni since the Class of 2006 was graduated now in practice, business, public service, and nonprofits, there are hundreds of areas in which Chase alumni are emerging in leadership. Here are some of them, and what alumni say about how Chase prepared them to lead:



Professor
Barbara
Wagner

In practice and the bar



Faith Whittaker, 2007

Partner, *Dinsmore & Shohl*, concentration in labor and employment law

CINCINNATI

NOTABLE Chair of Cincinnati Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Committee and chair-elect of the Young Lawyers Section executive board; volunteer at an assisted living facility and a hospice; past board member of a community arts group.

HOW CHASE PREPARED HER “Serving as symposium editor for law review helped me learn how to plan a significant event. That experience has been extremely helpful when serving on boards and planning committees. Chase’s overall curriculum helped prepare me as an attorney, and especial-

ly Chase’s employment law focus, which helped me develop the substantive knowledge in my practice area.”

HOW SHE APPLIES IT “What has served me well has been my ability to build relationships, which has resulted in the opportunity to engage in challenging and sophisticated legal work. For example, last year I was part of a trial team in an age-discrimination case that obtained a full defense verdict.”

Jennifer Scholl Overmann, 2007

Partner, *Dietz & Overmann*, concentration in family law

EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY

NOTABLE

Board member of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Kenton and Campbell counties in Kentucky and of Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers; affiliates team director of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division; 2010 Volunteer Lawyer of the



Year of Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers; a Super Lawyer Rising Star.

HOW CHASE PREPARED HER “I was not sure what area of law I wanted to practice when I started as a 1L. One summer I took a class focused on preparing for a domestic violence trial. It piqued my interest in the area of family law. I took other classes related to family law, and by the time I graduated I knew that is what I wanted to do. By having a strong foundation, I have been able to benefit from all of the other guidance from my many teachers after law school, such as other attorneys, the judge I clerked for, and the partners at my first law firm.”

HOW SHE APPLIES IT “I spend a good amount of time each week on non-billable work for various organizations. *Pro bono* work is very important to me, along with volunteer work in general. As attorneys, we should want to make our community a better place. This can be done by serving on boards, being active in state, local, and national bar associations, and by donating time to a local charity.”

Carrie Masters Starts, 2008
Shareholder,
Reminger,
concentration
in liability
litigation



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NOTABLE Ohio Women's Bar Association board of trustees; Ohio Women's Bar Association President's Choice Award; Chase trial team coach; a Super Lawyer Rising Star.

HOW CHASE PREPARED HER "Because of the connections I made through the Career Development Office, I was able to plan my career and connect with local firms in my area of interest. With respect to litigation, it was extremely important to participate in trial advocacy and moot court. They were particularly helpful in preparing me for litigation, as I was able to learn how to prepare a case, think on my feet, and take a case all the way through to an appeal."

HOW SHE APPLIES IT "I have a litigation defense practice that focuses primarily on general liability, professional liability, and employment law."



In practice

Matt Nakajima, 2008

Associate, O'Connor,
Acciani & Levy

CINCINNATI

RECOGNITION A Super Lawyer Rising Star in product liability litigation.

HOW CHASE PREPARED HIM "Moot court and law review taught me how to become a better writer. Trial advocacy showed me that I had the passion and skillset for trial work. My externship allowed me to apply what I learned in a real world setting, and also to see some of the most talented lawyers and judges in the region analyze cases and legal issues."

HOW HE APPLIES IT "Being able to have a positive, life-altering impact on my clients and their family's lives is a tremendous honor. I've been humbled to be recognized by my peers for my legal work, but I am proudest of the lifelong friendships I've developed with some of my clients."

Andrew Powell, 2011

Henderson County (Kentucky) Occupational Tax Administrator and Assistant County Attorney

HENDERSON,
KENTUCKY

RECOGNITION

A Super Lawyer Rising Star in previous private practice concentrated in real estate.



HOW CHASE PREPARED HIM "Chase's curriculum and co-curricular activities, such as the trial advocacy team and law review, gave me a foundation of practical legal skills. My first summer clerkship was at a real estate firm in Newport that had me working on litigated real estate matters. That, combined with taking Advanced Real Estate Transactions, pushed me toward a focus in that field. My experience in litigation and complex real estate matters allowed me to add to my law firm's practice as soon as I began."

HOW HE APPLIES IT "In 2016 I was recruited to establish and administer Henderson County's newly enacted occupational tax as well as join the county attorney's office as an assistant county attorney. There has been a great deal of growth for me, personally and professionally, as I have moved from an associate lawyer to an administrative role in county government that provides a significant source of revenue."

Danielle Rodriguez, 2014

Associate,
Lawrence &
Associates

FORT MITCHELL,
KENTUCKY



RECOGNITION

A Super Lawyer Rising Star in bankruptcy.

HOW CHASE PREPARED HER "The most significant aspect of my Chase education in preparing me for practice was the numerous practical skills courses that were available. As an evening student, I wasn't able to participate in internships and externships. Practical skills courses such as Legal Drafting and Facts, Storytelling, and Persuasion made a direct impact on my everyday performance as an attorney. I was a member of the client counseling competition team. This required a great amount of impromptu interaction with clients in a very realistic setting."

HOW SHE APPLIES IT "My practice consists primarily of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 consumer bankruptcies, personal injury, and Social Security disability. I am most proud of helping a disabled Chapter 7 bankruptcy client argue successfully for discharge of her student loan debt."

In bar associations



Janaya Trotter Bratton, 2008

Associate,
Gerhardstein &
Branch

CINCINNATI

BAR ACTIVITY

Cincinnati Bar Association trustee.

HOW CHASE PREPARED HER "Several of my classes were very practical, which provided knowledge and experience

that is invaluable. The Indigent Defense Clinic helped me to get hired over other candidates when my first employer was looking for someone who knew the court system and could start handling cases relatively quickly on their own. Chase provided opportunities for leadership and networking. Those relationships built in law school have helped me advance in my career.”

HOW SHE APPLIES IT “I am approaching one year as a member on the Cincinnati Bar Association board. I am proud to be working on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.”

Colby Cowherd, 2012

Partner, Taliaferro, Carran & Cowherd

COVINGTON, KENTUCKY



BAR ACTIVITY

Northern Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Section chair, 2016.

HOW CHASE PREPARED HIM

“Chase empha-

sized a practical approach to law practice, and it encouraged student involvement. My professors’ individual attention and my involvement in organizations gave me the room to grow into myself and allowed me to believe I could be a leader if I simply stepped up to that role. My moot court experience and years on law review assisted in developing leadership qualities, by teaching me important advocacy skills and instilling confidence in my abilities.”

HOW HE APPLIES IT “As Young Lawyers chair, I am proud of my efforts to expand and strengthen the membership of the section. I feel I created a solid framework for the chairs that follow me to encourage continued involvement in the group. As social chair of the Young Lawyers, I created new events and

managed existing events to build a small but tight community among the lawyers who began to practice around the same time I did.”

In the judiciary



Brandi Hagan Rogers, 2006

Family Court judge, Crittenden, Union, and Webster counties, western Kentucky

MARION, KENTUCKY

HOW CHASE PREPARED HER “Out-of-the-classroom opportunities allowed me to make connections and taught me that relationship building was important, and that it was not just about the law you learned, but how you used it. I participated in the Kentucky Innocence Project, which allowed me to team with investigators, to travel the state, and to learn the challenges of post-conviction. The divorce clinic introduced me to the hard work on the front lines for those without any financial ability to change their circumstances. The trial advocacy team paired me with amazing litigators, who taught me how to work in a courtroom.”

HOW SHE APPLIES IT “My law practice was best described as ‘life.’ My practice was mainly in family law, school law, and personal injury. ‘Life’ brings you unbelievable stories, incredible highs, and devastating lows. Since I took the bench as a family court judge, ‘life’ continues. We continue to work every day to find new ways to help the children in my area. Whether it be bringing Court Appointed Special Advocates into the circuit, expanding drug screening, or increasing mental health services, there will always be more that needs to be done.”

E. Gerald Parker, 2007

Magistrate, Montgomery County Juvenile Court

DAYTON, OHIO

HOW CHASE

PREPARED HIM

“Trial advocacy, Black Law Student Association mock trial, and clerking for then-magistrate and current U.S. District Court Judge Timothy



Black were just a few opportunities that prepared me for my career as an assistant prosecuting attorney, in civil practice/litigation, and now as a magistrate. I was able to feel confident in whatever position I was in because of my experiences at Chase.”

HOW HE APPLIES IT “I take pride that I’ve tried many cases, criminal and civil, in my relatively young legal career. That experience has made my transition to being on the bench that much smoother. I would characterize my current practice and role as providing access and opportunity to the juveniles in Montgomery County delinquency court.”

In business



Jonathan Wright, 2006
Commercial real estate project manager, previously chief of staff at the United States Trade and Development Agency, and a legislative assistant in the Department of Commerce

SAN FRANCISCO

HOW CHASE PREPARED HIM “My Chase legal education helped me understand and appreciate different perspectives when approaching an issue. It also helped me gain confidence in my written and oral communication skills. While serving as Student Bar Association president I learned to never stop focusing on the needs of my fellow students. It helped me learn to better manage my time and prioritize.”

HOW HE APPLIES IT “The ability to describe complex ideas in writing is critical when serving in leadership roles within the government or private sector. As chief of staff at the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, I served as lead adviser and project manager for the agency director on a wide range of policy, program, and management issues. I served as point of contact for White House executive staff and trade promotion agencies. In this role, I had the opportunity to represent the U.S. government in many bilateral meetings, visits, and trade. At the Commerce Department, I served as a liaison to Congress for the secretary and as a leader on the White House Business Council. I am now working in the private sector in the San Francisco Bay Area, at Sares Regis Group of Northern California, as a project manager assisting clients in the development and construction of commercial office buildings.”

How a class leads to leadership

Adjunct professors Greg Sizemore and Nathaniel Sizemore think the leadership course they teach at Chase can help practice-ready graduates be even more practice-ready lawyers.

“Lawyering is about influencing an outcome,” says Greg Sizemore, a Chase graduate. “Leadership is influencing outcomes.”

Acknowledging that they cannot teach students to be leaders, but can introduce them to skills necessary to become leaders, Greg Sizemore and Nathaniel Sizemore, also a lawyer, have taught the one-semester Leadership Skills for Practice-Ready Lawyers course for three years.

“Leadership does not necessarily mean being the guy in front. It can mean excellence in an area of achievement,” Nathaniel Sizemore says.

All lawyers learned the same tort doctrines and contract principles in law school, but knowing how to function as a leader can be what sets some of them apart, Greg Sizemore and his son Nathaniel Sizemore say. They want to prepare students to excel and lead from any role in an organization. “Sometimes leaders are behind the scenes,” Greg Sizemore says.

The course utilizes a combination of lectures, assigned reading, speakers, and classroom exercises to explore how lawyers apply leadership skills in such areas as professional ethics, government, business, and education. It also introduces skills for networking that can open opportunities to exercise leadership. “It is important to have handwritten thank-you notes, and to have business cards,” Nathaniel Sizemore says for networking to be more than just meeting someone.

The ultimate lesson of the course: Success requires knowing about more than black-letter law. “This class causes students to think holistically as they journey as an attorney,” Nathaniel Sizemore says.



How Music Underscores Key Concepts in Con Law

Listen to the music. Or at least read these lyrics: “It was against the law / What the mama saw / It was against the law.”

Now, think, what is going on there? Well, even Paul Simon, who wrote and performed “Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard,” admits he does not know. But when it comes to connecting popular music to even arcane legal topics, such as a rational basis test for the constitutionality of economic regulation,

One day, as a few students rode a Nunn Hall elevator to his Constitutional Law class, their conversation turned to what he would be playing to introduce affirmative action. His selection: The Joni Mitchell version of “Both Sides Now” (because he prefers it to the Judy Collins original).

Professor Bickers began thinking about using music to start class even before he became a professor. “The genesis of this whole project was a lunch conversation I had with a colleague while I was a defense counsel. He observed that most law professors had some ritual to signal the opening of class – opening a book, flipping a page on a notepad, intoning a particular phrase (“Okay, now we may begin”), or the like. I remarked that music would work, in sort of a musical-chairs fashion. The students would know the class had begun when

the music stopped.”

Professor Bickers used the technique when he taught at the United States Military Academy, and brought it with him to Chase. It started with music he liked, but which he suspected students had not heard.

“Then one day, listening to Dylan, it occurred to me that some tunes might actually work as introductions, either because they related to the subject matter of a prominent case for that class, or because – even better – they offered a way to remember key holdings. That Dylan inspiration served as the first (and

EVEN OBTUSE CASES HAVE INTRODUCTORY LYRICS WHEN PROFESSOR JOHN BICKERS BEGINS CLASSES WITH RECORDED SONGS

still the best) representative of remembering a key holding.”

Now, even with law school exams in the past for alumni, try to identify what Professor Bickers has used these three songs to introduce:

“Won’t Get Fooled Again,” by The Who. *Spoiler, answer coming in one second:* Professor Bickers says it introduces Constitutional Law, in general, with the lyrics of “the new constitution,” and by asking whether the new boss is the same as the old boss.

“Amazing Grace,” written as a hymn in 1779 by John Newton and made secularly popular in 1976 by Willie Nelson. *Time’s almost up, here comes the answer:* Newton was a repentant slave ship captain who became an Anglican priest and an abolitionist. Professor Bickers uses it to introduce the slave cases of *Prigg v. Pennsylvania* (1842), in which the Supreme Court held the federal Fugitive Slave Act pre-empted a Pennsylvania law that prohibited the return of escaped slaves to bondage, and *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857), which denied blacks citizenship and standing to sue in federal court.

“Smells Like Teen Spirit,” by the Muppets. *This one could also launch a musicology discussion on the merits of one artist versus another, but for law students, Professor Bickers says,* “It illustrates the Eleventh Amendment. The Supreme Court has contorted that amendment to mean things that bear no more resemblance to its text than the Muppets’ barber-shop version of the grunge classic does to the original version by Nirvana.”

And if he cannot find a song to match a topic? “I just play something I like.”



Professor John Bickers

Chase Professor John Bickers knows exactly what is going on.

Professor Bickers has long used recorded music both to signal the start of class when the music stops and to introduce the subject of the day. That rational basis test for the constitutionality of economic regulation? Think (or hum), “Don’t Think Twice, It’s Alright,” by Bob Dylan. “It’s a pretty good summary of the test in cases like *Carolene Products*,” Professor Bickers says of *U.S. v Carolene Products Co.*, the 1938 Supreme Court decision involving the commerce power of Congress.

A Guest Professor Reminds Students that Facts Matter

ALUMNUS MICHAEL F. LYON BUILT HIS REPUTATION BY LITIGATING THE FACTS OF A CASE TO SOLVE A CLIENT'S PROBLEM

A glance at his resume explains why Michael F. Lyon was Distinguished Guest Professor at Salmon P. Chase College of Law this spring:

Partner, Lindhorst & Dreidame, Cincinnati.

Approximately two hundred medical malpractice trials.

One hundred seven lectures and professional presentations.

More than fifty reported Ohio courts of appeals decisions and ten Ohio Supreme Court decisions.

Mr. Lyon was graduated from Chase in 1975, and had one of his earliest jury trials – a home warranty case – the following year. His reputation grew, and he is now numbered among the elite of medical malpractice defense lawyers. He is a member of the Joint Commission of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine and the Cincinnati Bar Association, was chair of the National Task Force of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, and chaired the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers *amicus curiae* committee.

His return to the classroom – a much different one, though, than where his graduation class started at the college's Cincinnati location – allowed him to share perspectives and experiences with students in a number of areas. In two of them, he shared thoughts on the practice of law and on zealous advocacy:

ON BEING A LAWYER: “For me, the practice of law has been a gift, and it has provided me the opportunity to fulfill the two-fold duties and responsibilities of a lawyer to his or her client, and that is to be an advocate in every sense of the

word, to stand up, defend and protect your client in accordance with the rule of law and, concurrently, provide the emotional and psychological support and guidance as a counselor at law.

“When asked what I do for a living, I oftentimes say, I ‘fix people’s lives’ which, as a practical matter, means the people come to me broken, damaged, or under siege, and it is my duty and responsibility, as an advocate and counselor, to ‘fix’ the problem, whatever it may be, and do it without judging, belittling, marginalizing, or diminishing my client.”

ON ADVOCACY: “The first ‘commandment,’ if you will, of being a zealous advocate is never to judge your client, no matter what the circumstances. I believe that you cannot help anyone, whether it be your children, your spouse, or your clients, if you judge them. Secondly, I believe that it is essential to being an effective and ethical counselor that one weds himself or herself to the facts with 100 percent commitment and never bend, invent, or diminish the facts in an effort to advance your advocacy.

“Zealous and ethical advocacy begins and ends with a commitment to the facts of every case, which then mandates the advocate to build representation around and through the facts, and not on some fiction, illusion, dream, or false premise. Being committed to the facts also assists the advocate in counseling his or her clients by confronting with the truth,



Michael F. Lyon at Chase

which is the only ethical and moral way to truly assist an individual in crisis.

“The bottom line for an advocate is always to know that ultimately you are an officer of the court, and that your primary commitment is to the rule of law, and, as a result, you can advance a zealous defense or representation as an advocate, but always tempered, guided, and controlled by the rule of law and the ethical standards thereby. You can be creative, you can be clever, but you need a career-long and life-long marriage to the facts.”

Scenes from Commencement

Ninety-eight students received Juris Doctor degrees, alumna Jakki Haussler delivered the address and received an honorary Doctor of Laws, and Chase awarded its first Master of Legal Studies degree. These are vignettes from the May 5 ceremony at Northern Kentucky University:



Graduates **Laurie Williams**, **Sarah Whitfield**, and **Zakry Whitehead** at commencement.



Dean Standen praises Chase students

"Chase students are highly dedicated. They are dedicated to the well-being of their community. They are also intensely dedicated to their studies here in law school. ... At Chase, and this is unusual in

legal education, our students are dedicated to each other. Chase students are a family," **Dean Standen** said in the dean's valedictory.



Student Bar president offers a challenge

Student Bar Association President **Nicholas Hunt** told fellow graduates their time to lead is arriving. "America has had her fair share of heroes, great men and women who stepped out into an unknown future,

who lived lives of conviction. But, if you are waiting for another Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King Jr. to save the day, ... stop waiting and look in the mirror. When you do, ... you will see the heroes of the future."



Alumna Jakki Haussler delivers the commencement address

Jakki Haussler, a 1988 graduate of Chase and founder and chief executive of Opus Capital Management, delivered the commencement address. Professionally, she is a member of the boards of directors of Morgan Stanley Funds and Cincinnati Bell. At Northern Kentucky University, she is a member of the Chase Board of Visitors and the NKU Foundation Board of Trustees. She was awarded an honorary doctorate during commencement.



Salmon P. Chase Award is presented

Jennifer Zaccheus-Miller received the Salmon P. Chase Award, as the graduating student whose activities best represent the spirit of advocacy Salmon P. Chase displayed as a lawyer before his political and judicial careers. She has advocated in the Chase Constitutional Litigation Clinic for the rights of prisoners to medical treatment, mentored teenagers in juvenile drug courts, and volunteered with the Street Law program and Boys and Girls Club. Among the recommendations that she receive the award, one nomination said: "She has achieved successes for her clinic clients that some practicing lawyers should envy and emulate."



Excerpts from what Jakki Haussler told graduates

About her Chase experience

"My education at Chase was one of the best and most rigorous experiences of my life; it taught me to view the world differently – that is, that situations are not always binary. I came to law school after a career as a CPA for a large public accounting firm, where most answers were either a debit or a credit, and not much in between.

"I learned to 'think like a lawyer' – to think critically and precisely and to articulate ideas with clarity and conviction. I was challenged to think differently and to be a problem-solver."

On seeking excellence

"[Apple founder] Steve Jobs was an individual who thought differently. Like so many successful entrepreneurs, he did not fear failure; he understood that failure was a teacher. What did Jobs fear the most? Mediocrity. He defied it and refused to accept it. ... My challenge to you is to not accept the status quo; mediocrity simply cannot become the new standard. Never let good enough be good enough."

Overcoming obstacles

"As you begin your careers, know that you are going to face situations where everything seems to be working against your client and you; the obstacles will seem endless. In those moments, remember that 'there is always a way.' Be committed to exhausting all resources to make things happen."

Advocacy

"In the legal world, vigilance can be the difference between guilt and innocence. As attorneys, you can change the lives of many people by advocating for just one. Speak up and speak out; in doing so you can create positive change."



A Lesson in the Classics

Tarah Rémy

WHETHER BEETHOVEN OR JOHN MARSHALL, 1L TARAH RÉMY FINDS HER INSPIRATION IN MUSIC AND LAW

Tarah Rémy thinks her classical music background has a lot in common with her aspiration to become a lawyer.

“Thinking like a musician aligns very much with thinking like a lawyer,” she says. “Thinking like a musician requires you to look past what is written on the page. It requires you to interpret and see what the composer intended, and to reproduce that through playing. Similarly, I find thinking like a lawyer requires the same skill. At this point, I am still learning to do it with law, but I think the concept is similar.”

Her musical training began with piano lessons when she was five years old and moved to the violin when she was eight. After a childhood break, she resumed violin lessons in high school, earned a music scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University, and became a section leader in the university symphony and in the string orchestra.

A Kentucky Legal Opportunity Scholarship brought her to Chase and classes in the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology to be able to include intellectual property in her repertoire of music and law. A summer associate position with the Cincinnati law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl will allow her to begin putting her knowledge of legal theory into practice.

Part of her law school theory is that the intensity of musical training has helped prepare her for

the intensity of studying and later practicing law. “I find that the discipline required to sit down and practice an instrument and learn a piece of music to near perfection is identical to what it takes to sit and prepare for classes and exams,” she says.

Her bridge from music student to law student was a summer internship in the development office for grant writing and data analysis of the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, in Northern Kentucky. Most of her time now is devoted to law school, with musical interludes when time allows. “I mostly play classical for weddings and birthdays, and for church we play songs where I’m required to improvise,” she says. When no one else is listening, she plays for enjoyment and a respite from the stress of law school.

She chose Chase because it felt like home to her. “Those people I trusted most spoke very highly of this school and believed it would be a great fit for me,” she says. “I decided to give it a chance and, honestly, it is the best decision I have ever made. The school is fantastic, the professors care and push you to be your best, and I have made friendships that will last a lifetime.”

When she eventually orchestrates her musical training and law degree to perform together, she wants the coda to be a law practice involving intellectual property.

Advice from the Front

EVEN 'SIMPLE' ESTATE PLANNING BECOMES COMPLICATED WHEN CLIENTS HAVE ADDICTED ADULT CHILDREN

The data is coldly clinical: Drug overdose treatments in Kentucky rose eighteen percent from 2013 to 2014; nationally, more than 33,000 people died of an opioid overdose in 2015.

But for Chase graduate Kelli Brown and her estate planning and probate practice in Prospect, Kentucky, near Louisville, the data has a very human face. It is the face of clients asking what to do about an addicted adult child who otherwise would be an easy choice to be an executor or to inherit.

Those types of questions prompted Ms. Brown, who was graduated in 1996, to set out her advice in a general-interest book, *Estate Planning When You Have an Addicted Child*, available on Amazon. She explains some of her perspectives:

The issue of addicted adult children in estate planning is growing.

“Early in my career I would only have a handful of clients who would come to me when a teenager or adult child had addiction issues. In the past several years, however, I have seen a real increase in the number of families with these issues. I can only surmise that this rise is a reflection of what is happening in society.”

Relatively simple estate planning becomes complicated with an addicted adult child.

“Most aspects of estate planning change from the ‘norm’ when there is a person who struggles with addiction and is not in recovery. From appointing fiduciaries to determining asset distribution, the situation at hand becomes very relevant.

“Specifically, naming an addicted adult child as executor, trustee, health care surrogate, or attorney-in-fact can be disastrous. When you consider that the responsibilities of an executor include all aspects of wrapping up the legal affairs of a person’s life (handling money, transferring title, selling assets such as cars and real estate, filing last taxes, and making distributions of personal property), typically, an addicted person cannot perform these duties competently.

“Further, a person who struggles with addiction and is not in recovery is making decisions that are harmful to himself or herself and to others. Ponder whether it is a good idea to give an outright distribution of money to a person who is addicted to drugs. It’s not. Estate planning can place restrictions on an addicted person or otherwise eliminate his or her ability to access assets or money.”

Creating a trust with detailed provisions can protect a testator’s intent.

“The use of a trust often means that a parent is not disinheriting an addicted adult child. This can be a significant relief. The parents I see are not interested in punitive measures against their child; rather, they don’t want the adult child to use his or her inheritance to do harm. The parents want their money to be used for food and shelter for their child. If drafted the right way, a trust can place restrictions concerning virtually anything, including when money is distributed (per week, per month), how much, and to whom (for example, funds can be paid directly for gas and electricity or rental insurance). A trust can also require testing or therapy before release of funds.”

All family members can be affected.

“My perception is that an addicted person impacts the whole family. Many times parents have spent time and resources on the addicted adult child, including rehab and paying for everything, including food, housing, and attorneys. The other children of those parents bear witness to this, and when a sibling does not enter into recovery, understandably, there can be hard feelings.

“Think of the situation in which adult children are entitled to an equal share of a parent’s personal property assets. Somehow the adult child who has a heroin addiction ends up with grandma’s wedding ring as part of his share. Likely, that ring will be sold and you can guess the feelings of the other children about this – not good. Estate planning can change this result.”



Kelli Brown
after Chase

LLM in estate
planning from the
University of Miami

Partner in
Goldberg Simpson

Three separate
terms as chair of
the Kentucky Bar
Association Probate
and Trust Law Section
and member of the
KBA Probate and
Trust Legislative
Committee to draft
proposed probate
legislation

Fellow of the
American College
of Trust and Estate
Counsel

Alumnus Mike Doyle has a Green Light to Success



Mike Doyle

**HIS LEGAL TRAINING
AND BUSINESS
ACUMEN COMPLEMENT
EACH OTHER TO KEEP
HIS TRAFFIC-CONTROL
COMPANY MOVING**

About nine years after graduation from Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Mike Doyle was looking for an investment opportunity. He had been admitted to the bars of four states, been a partner in a national accounting firm, and had become a partner in a California law firm.

An Anaheim company involved with traffic signals was struggling financially and needed new direction. There was the opportunity.

Now – forty-eight years after graduation from Chase in 1969 and thirty-nine years after acquiring the company with a business partner in 1978 – Mr. Doyle continues to oversee Econolite Group as chairman and chief executive officer. The business now operates in five units, with activity in more than thirty countries.

As Mr. Doyle moved with the accounting firm of Alexander Grant following graduation – from Cincinnati to Atlanta to Milwaukee to Chicago to Los Angeles – he gained a state bar admission each stop, except for about a year in Chicago. When he left the firm in 1978 that later became Grant Thornton it was time for partnership in the law firm of Stone & Doyle, in Pasadena. That was also when he acquired Econolite.

When Mr. Doyle was president of the Chase Student Bar Association for the 1968-69 academic year, the traffic light outside classrooms in the Cincinnati Downtown YMCA building at Central Parkway and Elm Street was state of the art: red, yellow, green, and a timer. The company he directs is part of a far more

complex industry known as intelligent transportation systems, for the way in which information and communication technologies are used in traffic and mobility management.

In the case of Econolite, the traffic signals suspended over roadways are merely the most visible elements. Its product lines include traffic controllers with display screens, systems for uploading and downloading from laptops to controllers, systems for video monitoring of traffic management, high-definition cameras, and the ubiquitous street-level cabinets for traffic-control equipment that have been taken high-tech with graffiti-resistant laminates.

So how does a business of this type relate to a law degree? Simple: “Law keeps you sharp for business, and business keeps you sharp for law,” Mr. Doyle explains.

As Mr. Doyle turned Econolite to profitability three months after his acquisition and grew its business, his involvement in the industry also grew. He is a past chair of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America and has been a member of its board of directors. He was inducted into the ITS America Hall of Fame in 2013, an industry honor for leadership in intelligent transportation systems.

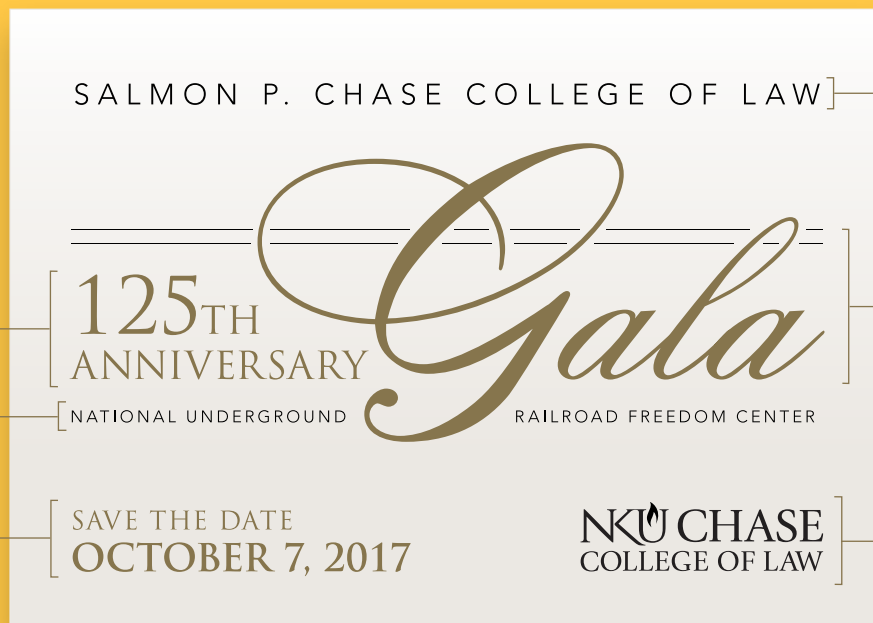
His career journey from Chase now spans forty-eight years and 3,100 miles. But the evening classes in downtown Cincinnati are where Mr. Doyle remembers he “met fascinating people and had fascinating professors.”

The Chase 125th Anniversary Gala Announcement, Annotated

A gala celebration October 7 will launch more than a year-long series of events to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Here is what to know about the gala, with the save-the-date card that was mailed to alumni annotated:

The gala launches more than a year of events leading to and continuing after the 125th anniversary date of the founding of Chase, in 1893.

The college was known simply as the Night Law School when classes began in the downtown Cincinnati YMCA. It became The Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1943, honoring the Cincinnati lawyer who became the sixth Chief Justice of the United States.



Alumni and friends of the college will receive printed invitations with details about the formal dinner.

The gala location represents a dual connection to Salmon P. Chase. The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, downtown Cincinnati, is near the site of his law office and chronicles the fight against slavery he engaged in through free legal advice to Underground Railroad operators and representation of runaway slaves.

The first Saturday of October 2017 occurs ten days before the date in 1893 Chase held its first class, with seventeen students.

Chase became part of what is now Northern Kentucky University in 1972, when it was Northern Kentucky State College.

Alumni Are Involved with Events at Chase

They host a Reception for the Class of 2017 Graduates ...



The Chase Alumni Association recognized members of the Class of 2017 with a reception in early May at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse, in Cincinnati. Standing following the reception, from left, are Randy Blankenship '86, Northern Kentucky

University Interim President Gerry St. Amand, Dean Standen, Ed McTigue '78, Judge Richard Brueggemann '04, Chase Alumni Association President John Dunn '03, and David Spaulding '06.

Welcome New Students ...



Standing with incoming students holding "NKU Chase Law" T-shirts the Chase Alumni Association gave them are, from left, Judge J.R. Schrand '97, Kelly Farrish '78, and John Garvey '91.

Share Professional Insights ...



Professor Sharlene Boltz, far left, moderated a panel of alumni, from left, Gwen Nalls '99, Gabrielle Summe '00, Laura Ward '05, and Rachael O'Hearren Neugent '11 who offered students career advice in the Panel of Power program sponsored by the Legal Association of Women, Center for Excellence in Advocacy, and Chase Career Development.

Attend a Student Chapter Reception ...



U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Black '83, left, talks with students Jennifer Carpenter and Mitch Zegafuse during a reception in Nunn Hall the Chase student chapter of the Federal Bar Association organized for students to meet Judge Black, other federal judges, and lawyers involved in federal practices.

Meet a High-Profile Visitor.



Elizabeth Accaini '12 was among alumni who met with Jerry Buting, the Wisconsin defense lawyer in the "Making a Murderer" documentary. An account of his visit to Chase is on Page 2.

Gatherings Accompany Court Admission

The trip to Washington, D.C., in early April for the group admission for Chase alumni to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States included a reception at the Hay-Adams hotel and lunch at the Willard InterContinental hotel. Among alumni and family members at the events:

An account of the admission ceremony and some alumni's reflections on it begins on Page 5.



Sally Langenbahn, Jay Langenbahn '76, Allison Langenbahn Fichner, Jeff Fichner '08, and Ben Fichner.



Judge Patricia Summe '79, Kathleen Summe, Gabrielle Summe '00, Savannah Grace Kingery, and Ben Rogers '81.



Dean Standen, Greg Sizemore '92, and Allan Gifford '66.



Judge Marci Eaton and her husband, Joe Eaton IV, and children, Miriam Eaton and Joe Eaton V.

Staying in Touch



Dean Standen meets with Norman Zoller '74, retired circuit executive for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, far left, and Regents Professor Emeritus David Elder, far right. Standing with Dean Standen and Professor Elder and Monica Bohlen is Greg Sizemore '92. The official portrait of Mr. Zoller is between him and Dean Standen.

Upcoming Events

Chase reception at KBA convention June 21, Owensboro.

Alumni golf outing June 28, Summit Hills Country Club, Crestview Hills.

125th Anniversary Gala October 7, Cincinnati.

Cybersecurity symposium October 13, NKU Student Union.

Timothy and Janice Timmel Endow Trial Scholarship



Timothy and Janice Timmel

Timothy Timmel and his wife, Janice, established the Timothy L. and Janice M. Timmel Endowed Scholarship in Trial Practice at Chase College of Law with a hope that it can provide a foundation on which students can build careers.

"I started Chase at night following my graduation from undergraduate business school," Mr. Timmel says. "This opened up a whole new world for me that I truly loved. It became the foundation for a long and successful career in law and business. Jan and I hope this helps others do the same."

Mr. Timmel entered Chase with an undergraduate degree in insurance. Following graduation in 1976, he

co-founded the in-house legal operations for The Cincinnati Insurance Company. He spent the next 19 years of his career as a trial attorney, primarily defending personal injury, medical malpractice, and insurance claims.

In 1996, Mr. Timmel was named senior vice president of operations for Cincinnati Insurance, responsible for the oversight of twelve departments, including corporate communications, government relations, litigation, human resources, and learning and development. He also serves as a director of Cincinnati Insurance and several affiliated subsidiaries.

Active in insurance industry trade groups, Chase, and many nonprofit

organizations, he has shared his business acumen and leadership skills through service on a variety of boards:

- Chair of the board of the Ohio Insurance Institute, the property casualty industry's state trade association.
- Chair of the Chase Board of Visitors, an advisory group to the dean.
- Chair of the board of trustees of Lighthouse Youth Services.
- Member of the advisory board of Butler Tech, a technical school in Butler County, Ohio.

In 2011, Mr. Timmel received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Chase Alumni Association in recognition of his distinguished career.

Judge Hendon Endows Chase Scholarship

For Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon, establishing the Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon Endowed Scholarship at Chase College of Law is a way to give future students a pathway to the same quality of education she received.

Judge Hendon of the Ohio First District Court of Appeals was graduated from Chase in 1975, when a movie ticket was \$2 and a new car was \$3,800.

"Tuition then was only a fraction of what it is now, but it was a financial drain on my young family," Judge Hendon says of her four years when Chase was exclusively an evening program. "I have two grandchildren who are the beneficiaries of Chase scholarship assistance. One graduated in 2015 and one is starting her second year. I know the quality of education they have



Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon and her husband, Bob Hendon, at a Chase holiday event.

received and I also know the financial pressure they face, even with some financial aid. If I can help a student continue to pursue his or her dream of practicing law, who can guess how many lives I may ultimately impact?"

Judge Hendon took her Chase degree into private practice for three years after

graduation. She then became a Hamilton County (Ohio) Juvenile Court referee, Hamilton County Municipal Court judge, Juvenile Court judge, and, beginning in 2004, an appeals court judge. Her continued association with Chase includes being a past president of the Chase Alumni Association, a commencement speaker, a recipient of the Chase Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award, and currently serving on the Chase Board of Visitors, an advisory group to the dean.

Judge Hendon has been involved in numerous professional, civic, and charitable organizations. Among them, she has been president of the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, a trustee of Xavier University, and a board member of the Tri-State Adoption Coalition.

THE CHASE CHALLENGE

Chase Challenge Continues

FIRMS CAN TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE FOR ALL CHASE ALUMNI TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHASE ANNUAL FUND

Even though the Chase Challenge is a friendly competition among law firms for alumni to contribute to the Chase Annual Fund, there are divisions, as in sports, but unlike sports, there are lots of winners.

In the continuing Chase Challenge for one hundred percent of Chase alumni in a firm to contribute to the Chase Annual Fund, three firms have been first out of the gate, if you will, in each division of small firms, mid-size firms, and large firms. And like in sports, each firm has an agent, or a Chase graduate who organizes the firm's campaign for the year's Annual Fund.

With three firms among the first to meet the challenge, the contest is continuing for other firms to participate. The prize – along with the satisfaction of supporting Chase – is a plaque and lunch for alumni.

So far, with the Challenge continuing through just about every sports season, these firms have plaques for their walls:

In the small firm division: Hemmer DeFrank Wessels, with four Chase alumni in its office in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.

In the mid-size firm division: DBL Law, with sixteen Chase alumni and offices in Crestview Hills and Louisville, Kentucky, and Cincinnati.

In the large-firm division: Frost Brown Todd, with thirty-seven Chase alumni and offices in Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and ten other areas.

Chase alumni who want to put their firms in the running for a spot in the Chase Challenge hall of fame may contact Jeannine Abukhater Lambert, assistant director of advancement, at 859-572-6403 or abukhaterj1@nku.edu.



The first to all-in

Representing the first three firms meeting the ongoing Chase Challenge and receiving plaques for one hundred percent of Chase alumni contributing to the Chase Annual Fund, from left, are **Don Hemmer '79**, member of Hemmer DeFrank Wessels, in the small firm

division; **Kelly Schoening Holden '96**, partner in DBL Law, and **Patrick Hughes**, partner, in the mid-size firm division; and **Jim Frooman '90**, member of Frost Brown Todd, and **Ann Schoen '94**, member, with Dean Standen, in the large firm division.

Class Action

1978



Sara L. Sidebottom joined Ziegler & Schneider, Crescent Springs, Kentucky, as of

counsel. Her practice includes wills and trusts, employment and labor law, and private mediations.

1980



LaJuana Wilcher, a partner in English Lucas Priest & Owsley, Bowling Green, Kentucky,

moderated the panel discussion "Rising Superstars: Navigating Complex Environmental Transactions" at the fall conference of the American Bar Association Section of the Environment, Energy, and Resources, in Denver. She was Assistant Administrator for Water in the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.

1981



U.S. District Court Judge Danny C. Reeves of the Eastern District of Kentucky was confirmed by

the United States Senate to serve on the United States Sentencing Commission.

1992



Jeffrey R. Schaefer, partner in the Cincinnati office of Ulmer & Berne, is co-chair of the

firm's eDiscovery practice group, in the litigation practice.

1993



Thomas Glassman joined Cleveland-based Bonezzi Switzer Politto & Hupp as

shareholder in the Cincinnati office. His practice focuses on insurance defense, professional liability, insurance coverage, school law, and appellate practice in Ohio and Kentucky.

1996



Kelli Brown, partner in Goldberg Simpson, Prospect, Kentucky, published *Estate*

Planning When You Have an Addicted Child.

2005



Michael Nitardy, member of the litigation department of Frost Brown Todd, Cincinnati,

was selected for the 2017 Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers of the Cincinnati Bar Association. His practice focuses on business litigation, health law, litigation, and privacy and information security law.



Tim Spille, attorney at Reminger, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, is a 2017 Super Lawyer Rising

Star in insurance coverage.



L. Scott Miller joined Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, Lexington, Kentucky, in the public entity

practice group to focus on police officer defense, employment law, and civil rights litigation. He retired after nineteen years with the Kentucky State Police, as a lieutenant colonel.



Justin Lawrence, partner in Lawrence and Associates, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky,

opened an office in West Chester, Ohio, to provide representation in personal injury, workers' compensation, and Social Security disability.

2006



Dawn M. Gentry was appointed by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin as judge of the Kenton County

Family Court. She had practiced in the areas of family law and Social Security disability.



R. Dennison Keller of The Law Practice of Dennison Keller was elected to a two-year term as board of

directors president-elect of The Life Care Planning Law Firms Association. He will next have a two-year term as president.

2007



Acena Beck was named executive director of the Children's Law Center, in Covington,

Kentucky, effective July 1. She has been deputy director, and has experience in family and juvenile law.

2003

John Dunn, attorney at Reminger, Cincinnati, and lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, will study for a master's degree in national security strategy at the National War College at Fort McNair, near Washington, D.C. The college trains military and civilian leaders for high-level policy, command, and staff positions. With the Army, he is emergency preparedness liaison officer for Kentucky. At Chase, he is chair of the Alumni Association Council, governing body of the Alumni Association.



2006

Lewis Diaz, partner in Dinsmore & Shohl, Covington, Kentucky, was appointed to the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. He is a member of the board's Executive and Academic Affairs Committee and chair of the Student Life, Discipline and Athletics Committee. He is a member of the Dinsmore & Shohl public finance group and concentrates his practice on affordable housing and traditional governmental finance. He is a board member of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission and vice chair of the board of the Northern Kentucky Area Development District.



Her practice is focused in the areas of medical malpractice and personal injury, representing plaintiffs.



Zachary A. Corbin was elected Brown County, Ohio, prosecuting attorney and took office in

January. He was first assistant prosecutor.

2010



Michael Mahon, attorney at Reminger, Cincinnati, was elected

shareholder. He practices in the areas of long-term care, professional liability, trucking/commercial transportation, appellate advocacy, employment, general casualty, and intellectual property. He is a 2017 Super Lawyer Rising Star.



Christine Gilliam, attorney at Reminger, Louisville, Kentucky, was elected

shareholder. Her practice focuses on professional liability, general casualty, nursing home and medical malpractice defense, premises liability, and retail and hospitality defense. She is a 2015 through 2017 Super Lawyer Rising Star.

2012



Colby Cowherd was named partner in Taliferro, Carran & Cowherd, Covington, Kentucky. His

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practice focuses on personal injury. He is immediate past chair of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.

Michael Wessel was promoted to senior client lead of 84.51°, a marketing unit of The Kroger Co., Cincinnati. He is responsible for merchandising consulting with Kroger category managers. He was manufacturer client lead.



Peter Tripp, partner in Lawrence and Associates, is practicing in the firm's recently opened office in

West Chester, Ohio, which provides representation in personal injury, workers' compensation, and Social Security disability.

2013



Daniel Ebert joined the Miami, Florida, office of Cohen, Chase, Hoffman & Schimmel. His practice focuses

on estate planning and domestic and international tax matters.

2014

Marisa Dyson, associate with Lawrence and Associates, is practicing in the firm's recently opened office in West Chester, Ohio, which provides representation in personal injury, workers' compensation, and Social Security disability.



T. Alex Mattingly is city coordinator of Florence, Kentucky. He has been city administrator of

Elsmere, Kentucky, and an assistant city solicitor for Covington, Kentucky.



Lindsey Jaeger was appointed by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin to the board of directors of the

Kentucky Arts Council.

2008



Carrie Masters Starts, attorney at Reminger, Cincinnati, is a 2017 Super Lawyer Rising Star. Her

practice is focused on general liability, premises liability, medical and non-medical professional liability, insurance coverage, and employment law.



J.B. Lind was elected partner in the Cincinnati office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease. He is a member of the

litigation group and a Chase adjunct professor, teaching information privacy and data protection law and intellectual property law.



Wil Schroder, a Kentucky state senator, was elected chairman of the Northern Kentucky

Caucus. He was vice chairman.

2009



Lindsay Lawrence of The Lawrence Firm, Covington, Kentucky, was selected for the Cincinnati

Academy of Leadership for Lawyers of the Cincinnati Bar Association. She was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in March.

IN MEMORIAM

1951

Paul V. Yingst

January 13, 2016

Mr. Yingst was a former member of the St. Petersburg, Florida, City Council.

1953

Eileen C. Lentz

December 27, 2014

Ms. Lentz was a lawyer with Western & Southern for forty-seven years.

1955

John Hooley

March 17, 2014

Mr. Hooley retired in 1993 as an Illinois assistant state attorney.

1959

Wayne Wilke

April 30, 2017

Mr. Wilke was a founding partner of the Cincinnati firm of Wilke & Goering, and was a Hamilton County treasurer, Hamilton County probate judge, member of the Cincinnati Board of Education and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and president of the Cincinnati State College board of trustees.

1964

Richard A. Castellini Sr.

October 1, 2016

Mr. Castellini retired in 1993 from the City of Cincinnati, after serving as safety director, city solicitor, and deputy city manager. He was director of the nonprofit People Working Cooperatively.

1966

W. Roger Fry | May 2, 2017



1966

James E. McCue

December 23, 2016

Mr. McCue was retired from Ohio Casualty.

W. T. Adkins

November 21, 2016

Mr. Adkins was retired as senior managing partner of Boehl, Stopher & Graves, in Lexington, Kentucky.

C. Houston Ebert

October 14, 2016

Mr. Ebert was a former prosecutor and director of the Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program.

1967

Dan Meyer | November 28, 2016



Mr. Meyer at the dedication of the Dan Meyer Faculty Conference Room in Nunn Hall in 2007.

that I never would have had." He was honorary chair of "Shaping Dreams: The Campaign for Chase College of Law" during 1999 through 2004. The Dan Meyer Faculty Conference Room in Nunn Hall is named for him in appreciation for his generosity to the college. He was founder and former chairman of Vanguard Financial Co., a mortgage banking company in Cincinnati, and a founder of Anderson Bank, a retail bank in suburban Cincinnati.

1970

Jack C. Burkett

July 30, 2016

Mr. Burkett was retired from Western & Southern.

1971

Edwin W. Tranter

September 13, 2016

Mr. Tranter was practicing law in Northern Kentucky.

1973

Charles H. Schaffner

April 7, 2015

1976

David M. Bailie

May 24, 2016

Mr. Meyer was a member of the Chase College of Law Board of Visitors and recipient of the Chase Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. At the time he received the Lifetime Achievement Award he said, "I could not have accomplished all that I have without Chase's night program. Chase gave me opportunities and exposure

1979

Mark T. Farrow

August 17, 2016

Mr. Farrow was a former Kentucky state representative and retired Kentucky deputy commissioner of agriculture.

1986

George T. Hays

September 29, 2016

2005

Bruce L. Kells

October 10, 2016

Mr. Kells was a former supervisor of the Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands.

BOARD OF VISITORS

Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III

May 9, 2017



Mr. Robinson was a member and past chair of the Chase College of Law Board of Visitors. He had been awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by Northern Kentucky University, the Distinguished Service Award of Chase College of Law, and the Honorary Alumnus Award of the Chase Alumni Association. His thirty-five-year association with the college also included serving as a commencement speaker, an adjunct professor, and chair of the dedication committee when Chase moved into Nunn Hall. He was a member of two search committees for deans, a co-founder and first president of the Salmon P. Chase American Inn of Court, and a member of numerous college committees. Mr. Robinson was member-in-charge of the Northern Kentucky office of Frost Brown Todd and was president of the American Bar Association during its 2011-12 association year. He was president of the Kentucky Bar Association during 1985-86.

FACULTY, 1952-1960

Frederick W. Mebs

September 18, 2016

Professor Mebs was one of two full-time professors added to the faculty of part-time professors in 1952 as Chase undertook steps to receive American Bar Association approval. He taught contracts and real estate, and had a reputation among students for a willingness to take time with them outside of class, when necessary, to explain difficult concepts. He left the faculty in 1960 to enter private practice.

Never Forgotten

DECADES AFTER WORLD WAR II, PROFESSOR JENNIFER KREDER IS PURSUING JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND THEIR HEIRS



For the heirs of Holocaust victims and the few remaining survivors of Nazi genocide, the struggles of World War II have never ended. But instead of being fought in a Warsaw ghetto, they are now centered in United States and European courtrooms. Seventy-two years after liberation of the last German death camp at the end of the war, survivors and heirs are fighting to regain artwork stolen in the systematic purge of the Jewish people.

For Chase Professor Jennifer Kreder, the legal battles began as a litigation associate in a New York City law firm and a practice concentrated on Holocaust-era property issues and art disputes. They have continued in law review articles and *amicus curiae* briefs on legal issues that remain unresolved since the defeat of Nazi Germany. In March, she and co-counsel filed an *amicus* brief they wrote, with research assistance from Chase students Jamie Kohls and Desiree Isaac, to place the Holocaust in historical context for judges who must apply the recently enacted federal Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act, which eliminates a statute of limitations defense to litigation.

Taken from her published articles and recent *amicus* brief, this is the context she says is important to understanding why German persecution nearly eighty years ago remains an issue long after war ended:

The amount and value of stolen art is staggering.

It is commonly estimated not only that the Nazis stole twenty percent of all Western art in Europe, but also that at least 100,000 pieces are still missing. (*Writing in the Northwestern University Law Review Colloquy*, 2011) One Gustav Klimt painting restituted in 2006 was worth \$135 million – close to the highest value ever paid for any work of art. One expert estimated that \$700 million of art was restituted between 2001-2006. (*Southern California Review of Law & Social Justice*, 2008)

Post-war plans for restitution were sidetracked.

The United States and its allies during World War II initially committed to restitution of “readily identifiable works” directly to theft victims. As the Cold War set in and

the Allies implemented the Marshall Plan, however, other issues were prioritized over direct restitution. A number of nations established post-war claims tribunals, but they were not widely successful in achieving justice. France simply incorporated Jewish-owned artworks into the collection of the Louvre without ever attempting to return them to the victims and their families. (*Northwestern*)

The issue is about more than artwork and money.

The emotional toll endured by a survivor or heirs litigating a claim should not be underestimated. For some survivors or their heirs, the financial and emotional costs of litigation pale in comparison to their need to reclaim what belonged to them or their families, regardless of the property’s economic value. Some promised their parents that they would pursue recovery, such that it becomes almost a sacred duty. (*Southern California Review*)

The Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016 corrects a serious wrong.

The HEAR Act reflects a bipartisan – indeed a unanimous – congressional consensus followed by immediate presidential approval that we must find a better way of dealing with one of the last remaining clusters of messy and unfinished business from World War II. Indifference or lack of care about problems associated with Nazi-looted art and other property must now yield to greater attentiveness, greater understanding, greater reasonableness, and greater responsibility among people of many walks of life before we dare close the books on the gnarly questions of Nazi confiscation and who among us curiously seek to remain its beneficiaries within our republic, for example, by retaining looted art.

To resolve this problem, the HEAR Act establishes for all judges – state and federal – a six-year statute of limitations triggered only when a victim has actual knowledge of (a) the identity and location of the artwork, and (b) his possessory interest in it. Section 5 of the HEAR Act also imposes a uniform period of six years before which no claim for restitution of Nazi-looted art may be extinguished because of a failure to comply with the new federal statute of limitations. (*Amicus in Reif, et al. v. Nagy, et al., New York Supreme Court Appellate Division*, 2017)

Professor Kreder's book, *Art of War*, about German looting of artwork during World War II, will be published in December 2018 by University Press of Kentucky.

Faculty News



Sharlene Boltz
Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

“Check Your Bubble! Mindful Intersections of Trauma and Community Policing” to be published as a chapter in POLICING AND RACE IN AMERICA: ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS, by Lexington Press.

PRESENTATION

“Check Your Bubble! Mindful Intersections of Trauma and Community Policing” at a conference on race and policing at the University of Cincinnati, November 2016.

COMMUNITY

Elected president of the board of directors for the Ohio Alliance for Ending Sexual Violence, an advocacy group on sexual violence issues, January 2017.

Keynote speaker at a breakfast at Northern Kentucky University celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr., January 2017.



Carol Furnish
Professor of Law Library Services

PUBLICATION

Advising Kentucky Nonprofit Organizations, Northern Kentucky Bar Association Lex Loci, February 2017.



Amy Halbrook
Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

Custody: Kids, Counsel, and the Constitution, 12 DUKE J. CONST. L. & PUB. POL’Y 179 (2017)



Jack Harrison
Professor of Law

PRESENTATION

Registration, Fairness and General Jurisdiction, 95 NEB. L. REV. 477 (2017), at a works-in-progress panel at the Federalist Society Annual Faculty Conference, January 2017.

MEDIA

Quoted in “NKY Republicans Calling for Resignation of Embattled Prosecutor,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, March 24, 2017.



Thomas Heard
Associate Professor of Law Library Services

PUBLICATION

Military & Veteran Resources, Northern Kentucky Bar

Association Lex Loci, December 2016.



Dennis Honabach
Professor of Law

BOOK

Dennis R. Honabach, PROXY RULES HANDBOOK, 2016-17 edition (Thomson Reuters)



Kenneth Katkin
Professor of Law

PRESENTATION

“The Near-Term Prospects for Net Neutrality” at the *Northern Kentucky Law Review* Symposium on Controversies and Issues in Internet Law, March 2017.

MEDIA

Quoted or interviewed by nineteen print, online, and broadcast outlets on legal issues related to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton’s use of a private email server while secretary of state, the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States, and designation of Cincinnati as a “sanctuary city.”



Jennifer Kinsley
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Wrote a chapter on strategic pathways to free speech litigation in STRATEGIC LITIGATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST CASES: US AND RUSSIAN BEST PRACTICES, published in Russian for Russian distribution.

“Presidential Attacks on Free Speech” *Best Lawyers: Women in the Law*, Spring 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

“U.S. and Ohio Supreme Court Update: 2016 Criminal Cases” at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Lawyers Club, January 2017.

Secondary Legislation, a work-in-progress at the Chase faculty workshop, February 2017.

Developments in Commercial Speech Law and Alternative First Amendment Decisions at the Winter Meeting of the First Amendment Lawyers Association, February 2017.

PROFESSIONAL

Led a training webinar for the Social Justice Committee of the Clinical Legal Education Association on how the clinical legal education community could address First Amendment issues that could arise during the Trump administration, January 2017.

Appointed to a newly created committee of the Hamilton County (Ohio) Clerk of Courts to improve access to justice by *pro se* litigants by creating a self-help center within the clerk’s office, February 2017.

Wrote an *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of the First Amendment

Lawyers Association in support of a petition for a writ of *certiorari* to the Supreme Court of the United States in *Keefe v. Adams*, a case arising in Minnesota that involves the application of restrictions on professional speech to social media posts by college students in a professional program, March 2017.

Wrote an *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association in *For The People Theatres v. City of New York*, a case before the New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, on the question of whether content-based restrictions on speech require heightened scrutiny in light of *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, a 2015 decision by the Supreme Court of the United States involving municipal content-based restrictions on signs, March 2017.

Signed an *amicus curiae* brief in *Weaver v. Massachusetts*, before the Supreme Court of the United States, involving whether ineffective assistance of counsel that results in structural error should itself be considered structural error for which prejudice is presumed, March 2017.



Jennifer Kreder
Associate Dean and
Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL
Filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, in *Reif v. Nagy* on behalf of the American Jewish Committee and other amici to guide judges on the historical context of the Holocaust in applying the recently enacted federal Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act, March 2017.



Michael Mannheimer
Associate Dean and
Professor of Law

PUBLICATION
The Local-Control Model of the Fourth Amendment, 107 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY_ (forthcoming 2017)

CITATION
Ripeness of Self-Incrimination Clause Disputes, 95 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 1261 (2005), cited in *Vogt v. City of Hays*, 844 F.3d 1235 (10th Cir. 2017)

PRESENTATION
“Decentralizing Fourth Amendment Search Doctrine” at a works-in-progress panel at the Federalist Society Annual Faculty Conference, January 2017.

PROFESSIONAL
His argument that a federal death penalty cannot be imposed for a crime committed in a non-death-penalty state was adopted in a brief filed by the defendant in *U.S. v. Azibo Aquart*, a federal capital case from Connecticut in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, December 2016.



Ljubomir Nacev
Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL
Assisted a collaborative of United Way of Greater Cincinnati and Red Cross VITA, a national volunteer income tax assistance program for low-income taxpayers,

advising refugees who entered the United States as nonresident aliens and became residents the same tax year, in applying international tax rules and the federal earned income tax credit, March 2017.



Barbara Wagner
Assistant Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL
Accompanied and coached a student for The Closer negotiation competition at Baylor Law School, January 2017.

Organized and accompanied six students to participate in a *pro bono* assessment of nonprofit groups' operating practices by the law firm of Thompson Hine and the Southwest Ohio Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, March 2017.

PUBLICATIONS
Teaching Law Students about Business and Finance, 18 TENN. J. BUS. L. 541 (2016).

“Defining Key Competencies for Business Lawyers,” task force report of the Business Law Education Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section, in the Winter 2016-2017 issue of *The Business Lawyer*, February 2017.

PRESENTATIONS
“Why Transactional Law Matters” and “Student Assessments: Tips and Tricks from the Trenches” on Association of American Law Schools panels, January 2017.



Jeffrey Standen
Dean and Professor of Law

PUBLICATION
The Special Exemption for Fantasy Sports, in *HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN SPORTS LAW* (Michael McCann, ed., forthcoming 2017)

PRESENTATION
“Hedging Their Bets: Can Fantasy Sports and Sports Gambling ‘Play’ the Feds, the States and the Leagues?” on an Association of American Law Schools panel, January 2017

MEDIA
Quoted, *The Lane Report*, “Legal Services: Making Firm Allies,” February 2017.

Quoted, *The Lane Report*, “Northern Kentucky: Legal community’s expanding firms known for involvement and business expertise,” February 2017.



Michael Whiteman
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

PUBLICATION
Money Saving Tips for Conducting Research, CBA Report, March 2017

Appellate Jurisprudence in the Internet Age, 14 NW. J. TECH. & INTEL. PROP. 255 (2017)



IT'S CALLED A
QUASQUICENTENNIAL

*but Chase 125th Anniversary
is easier to pronounce.*



Where Chase began, in the tower room of
the downtown Cincinnati YMCA building at
Seventh and Walnut streets, later the
Shubert Theater.

**It all starts with a gala
event on October 7.**

Alumni and friends of the college
will receive invitations to the gala –
blocks from where Salmon P. Chase
had his Cincinnati law office – at the
Underground Railroad Freedom
Center.

**Remember: October 7 to celebrate
125 years of outstanding legal
education.**

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