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From the Dean

It's springtime on campus. Once again we will say goodbye to a wonderful, talented group of students. In that way, we will be just like every other law school. What sets us apart from many law schools, however, is that among the graduates will be part-time evening division students. Anyone who knows anything about the program knows it might be better described as a "full-time plus" program. Almost every student in that group comes to class having already put in a full day of work at a job somewhere or as a caretaker.



The part-time evening program at NKU Chase is part of our DNA. We are proud of our part-time program and its graduates. In this issue of *NKU Chase Lawyer* we highlight the history of the part-time program and the experiences of those who attended the program. That history is a story of success. From humble beginnings as the YMCA College of Law in 1893, the part-time program has become the gateway to practice for many highly successful Chase alumni. As their stories attest, the program has enabled many men and women who otherwise would not have been able to attend law school.

Part-time legal educational programs were looked upon with disdain by many legal educators during the early years of the 20th century. Even today, part-time programs are out of fashion. Why? Some critics continue to believe, despite all evidence to the contrary, that the only way to become a true lawyer is to attend law school full time. We know better. Some schools elect not to offer a part-time evening program for the simple reason that programs place an enormous strain on law faculty members who must offer a duplicate curriculum. I am proud to say our faculty willingly accepts that responsibility. Indeed, the faculty and I feel a special obligation to continue the tradition of offering every NKU Chase student, full time or part time, the very best legal education we can. Every day we meet with graduates of the part-time program who remind us of the pivotal role the program has played in their lives. We know how much better off our profession is for the contributions of the graduates of our part-time program.

Because there will always be talented men and women who cannot afford the luxury of attending law school on a full-time basis, there will always be a need for part-time legal education programs. NKU Chase has been there to fill that need for more than 100 years. You can count on NKU Chase to be there for the next 100 years as well.

Dennis R. Honabach
Dean and Professor of Law

On the Cover: Professor Christopher Gulinello with Chase evening students (pictured, L-R, starting with front row) Kesiana Ymeri, Benjamin Bauer, Elizabeth Sprowl, George Wilson, Melissa Crump, Michael Mahon, Katherine Adams, Joseph Mooney, Tiffany Smith, Barry Spurlock, Joseph Huber, Matthew Faber, and Karin Morris.

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Pioneering Part-Time Legal Education

BY AMBER POTTER

Chase continues its tradition of providing a comprehensive legal education through a part-time evening program

On Oct. 17, 1893, 17 men arrived at the Cincinnati YMCA building downtown ready to learn about the law. Within a few weeks the number of attendees at the Cincinnati YMCA Night Law School more than doubled to 39 students. In the 2010-11 academic year, NKU Chase College of Law, formerly known as “The Night Law School,” has 239 part-time students in the evening program, which accounts for 39 percent of the student body.

The Night Law School

Since the 19th century, Chase has been dedicated to educating practice-ready lawyers. Chase's founding dean, Robert M. Ochiltree, recognized the need for a local part-time program for those wanting admission to the bar but who were unable to devote themselves to full-time study. In the unfamiliar waters of evening law programs, Dean Ochiltree began the third night program in the United States, which delivered the same curriculum and opportunities as a full-time legal education.

“Our goal at Chase is to continue to provide the students in the evening division the same high-quality education available in any full-time program,” says Dean Dennis Honabach. “Students in the evening division take courses from the same faculty members who teach in our full-time program. We work hard to provide students in the evening division the same opportunity to participate in all of the core curricular and co-curricular programs.”

These programs include guest speakers, externships and internships, programs sponsored by Chase's Centers for Excellence and clinics, Law Review, and competition teams.



▲ Chase was housed in the Cincinnati YMCA building at Elm Street and Central Parkway downtown until 1972.

◀ Professor Christopher Gulinello teaches an evening class at the college of law.

▼ Evening classes at Chase begin at 6:30 p.m. giving students time to commute to campus after work.



E. Douglas Baldridge, M.D. '01

Attorney at Arnzen, Molloy & Storm, P.S.C., Covington, Ky.

During law school: General and vascular surgeon for St. Elizabeth and St. Luke, Northern Kentucky

What made you decide to attend law school at Chase? In more than 16 years of surgical practice, we interfaced with law in many areas: contracts, partnership agreements, employment issues, real estate, etc. I chose Chase because it allowed me to go to law school in the evenings and continue practicing surgery. I got up at 4 a.m. to prepare for the evening classes because I typically started my day in surgical practice about 6-6:30 a.m. When classes were over in the evenings, I was ready to sleep and had difficulty trying to read cases at that time of the evening.



Debra K. Crane '96

Former senior vice president and general counsel of Ohio Casualty Corp., Fairfield, Ohio

During law school: Department head of regulatory compliance, then assistant treasurer, then vice president for Ohio Casualty Insurance Co., Fairfield, Ohio

What was your favorite course and why? I loved corporations and securities regulation taught by Professor Robert Seaver and all my tax classes taught by Professor Ljubomir Nacev. By working at a public company and being responsible for the proxy statement and regulatory compliance, I realized the authenticity of the classroom experiences. Professor Seaver was very generous with his

time in suggesting new ways for me to think about business problems. I had the same experiences with Professor Nacev. In managing through a large-case audit while taking the tax classes, I could immediately apply what I was learning in the classroom to the work situation.



David E. Crawford, Jr. '96

Partner at Senniger Powers LLP, St. Louis, Mo.

During law school: Design engineer at GE Aircraft Engines, Cincinnati, Ohio

What made you decide to attend law school at Chase? Although I enjoyed being an engineer, and particularly working on technically challenging components, ultimately I wanted more autonomy than a large corporation could offer. Through my work as an engineer, I became interested in the patent system and a career as a patent lawyer. Attending Chase allowed me to continue to work at GE and leave law school debt free.



H. Drewry Gores '01

Partner at Kohnen & Patton LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio

During law school: Law clerk for Kohnen & Patton LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio

What made you decide to attend law school at Chase? My grandfather, father, and brother were trained as lawyers, so I guess it was in the blood. However, I got sidetracked after college. I wanted a break from schooling. So, for the first 18-plus years of my professional life, I worked in the retail book business. The last 16, I owned an independent bookstore located in Hyde Park Square called Drew's Bookshop. When I was forced to shut the store in the mid-1990s due to the changing market, I decided to go to law school.

"I participated actively in the Moot Court program and also served as a member of the Law Review," says Daniel P. Mecklenborg '81, senior vice president, human resources, chief legal officer, and secretary of Ingram Barge Company. "Both benefited me tremendously because they required painstaking attention to detail in drafting, whether a legal brief or a law review article. The Moot Court competitions really helped me learn to think on my feet and respond to questioning with confidence."

Chase's dedication to providing a part-time program with all the advantages of a full-time program while remaining flexible enough for those with full-time jobs is further evidenced by Dean Honabach's position as the chair of the Association of American Law Schools' Part-time Division Programs Section.

"The mission of the section is to study the various ways law schools might improve their part-time programs," Dean Honabach says. "Each year the section sponsors a special program at the AALS annual meeting focusing on special issues confronting part-time programs. A recent program, for example, discussed ways to tailor legal writing programs to fit the needs of students in part-time programs."

A Rabbi, a Priest, and a Minister...

As Chase demonstrates, there is no such thing as a "traditional" evening law student. From straight out of college to career men and women, the part-time evening program offers the opportunity of a quality legal education to those who choose to begin or continue their careers while attending law school.

"Over the years, my students have worked at a variety of jobs," says Professor Caryl Yzenbaard, who has been teaching at Chase for 36 years. "For example, a rabbi, a priest, and a minister have all been students. Other professions have included doctors, nurses, teachers, morticians, welders, and homemakers. Some have used their law degrees in their current profession while others became practicing attorneys."

Third-year evening student Melissa Crump worked as an accounting manager for NetGain Technologies in Lexington when she started law school.

"The part-time program was exactly what I was looking for," Crump says of her decision to attend Chase's evening program. "Part-time would allow me to pay part of my tuition expenses, allow my husband and me to be the primary daycare providers for our child, and still allow me time to work and prepare for class."

In addition to class, an externship with the Children's Law Center in Lexington, and caring for her family, Crump also participates in the Legal Association for Women, Chase Public Interest Group, and Toastmasters, and she attended the first Business Boot Camp held by Chase's Transactional Law Practice Center in August 2009.

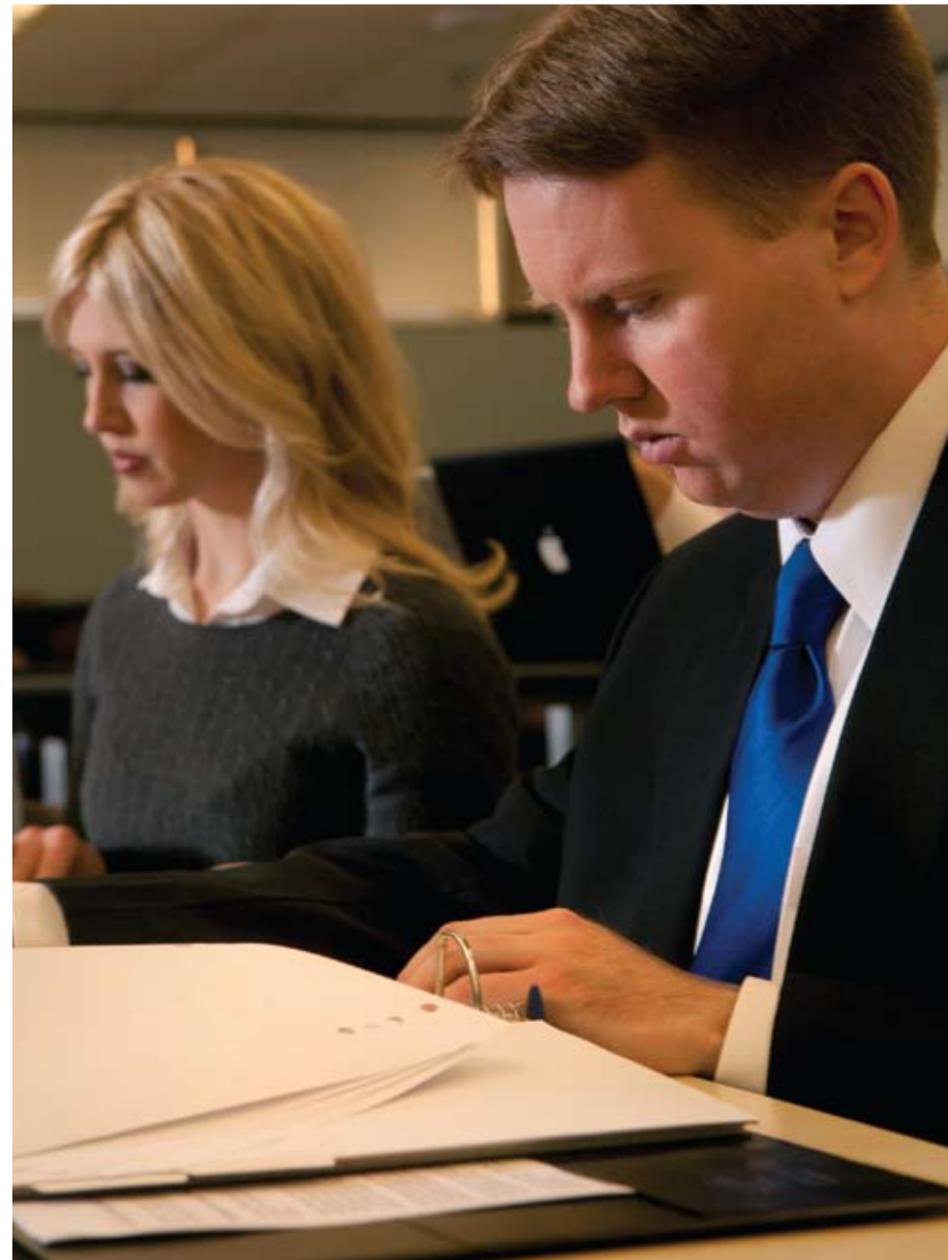
While working in the investment department at Ohio Casualty Corp., alumna Debra K. Crane '96 was always looking for someone to review legal documents.

"After a successful move to the tax department, the CFO approached me about going to law school and becoming the company's counsel," says the former vice president and general counsel of Ohio Casualty. "I had always wanted to be a lawyer, but coming from a background where no one in my family had attended college, I never dreamed it could really happen. Here was my employer offering to pay for me to have this opportunity."

Philip J. Schworer '86, member at Frost, Brown, Todd and past president of the Cincinnati Bar Association, attended Chase's evening program while working for Pedco Environmental Inc.

"Through my environmental consulting work I started interacting with lawyers and thought it would be an interesting combination of environmental law and engineering," Schworer says of his decision to attend law school.

As the only part-time evening program in the Greater Cincinnati area and the only evening program in the entire commonwealth of Kentucky, Chase attracts locals as well as students who commute from Louisville, Lexington, Frankfort, Dayton, and other cities in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.



▲ Top: Part-time Chase students Katherine Adams and Joseph Mooney study before class. Bottom: Professor John G. Tomlin teaches a Chase evening class in the Cincinnati YMCA building. If you recognize any of the students in this picture, please contact Nancy McGinley at mcginley1@nku.edu or (859)-572-7825.



Richard L. Grant '82

Owner of Sanctuary Golf Club at Cat Island, Beaufort, S.C.; consultant for Worldwide Energy, Overland Park, Kan.

During law school: Engineer for Cincinnati Gas & Electric (now Duke Energy), Cincinnati, Ohio

What made you decide to attend law school at Chase? I always wanted to be a lawyer, coupled with the fact that *To Kill a Mockingbird* was/is my favorite movie. The most memorable parts of my law school experience were the atmosphere, work ethic, and sense of accomplishment; the knowledge that if you work hard and prepare enough you can succeed regardless of the competition.



Bruce G. Hopkins '89

Partner at Thompson Hine LLP, Washington, D.C.

During law school: Investment manager for Travelers, Cincinnati, Ohio; vice president for Emery Realty, Cincinnati, Ohio

What was the most memorable part of your law school experience? When our second child was born, I called the professor and asked to reschedule my presentation from "before break" until "after break," that night. With surprise, he asked whether I wouldn't simply prefer to wait until another day. I was prepared that day, and my wife, Erin, and I both knew that by mid-evening she and the newborn would be sound asleep with no need for me to be around. When I walked into class at the end of break as promised, ready for my presentation, the class burst into applause and laughter.



R. Dennison Keller '06

Principal, The Law Practice of Dennison Keller, LLC, specializing in elder law, Cincinnati, Ohio

During law school: Journalist and sports anchor for WKRC-TV Local 12, Cincinnati, Ohio

Who was your favorite professor and why?

I remember sitting in a number of classes thinking, "I don't care if I had gone to Harvard or Stanford; I can't imagine having a better professor for this subject than the person standing in front of me lecturing right now." Professor David Elder for torts, Professor Caryl Zyenbaard for property, Professor Ken Katkin for constitutional law, Professor Henry Stephens for evidence. If I had to pick one, though, it might be Professor Chris Gulinello for corporations. I was dreading taking corporations, had no interest in it whatsoever. Yet he was just so energetic and engaging and helpful that I ended up really enjoying the class.

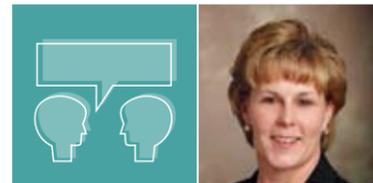


Kevin G. Krogmeier '86

Vice president of human resources for Vulcan Materials Co. Western Division, Los Angeles, Calif. (the western division covers New Mexico, Arizona, and California)

During law school: Manager of employee relations for Rockwell International Corp., Florence, Ky.; director of human resources for Batesville Casket Co. (part of Hillenbrand Industries), Batesville, Ind.

What made you decide to attend law school? I was working in the field of employee and labor relations. There were a number of legal-related issues with the work that I was doing, and I decided to attend law school to enhance professional and career opportunities. Today in my current position, I am responsible for negotiating 28 different collective bargaining agreements. Also, I handle mediation with state and federal agencies involving employment claims.



Julie L. McGehee '92

Vice president, benefits and compensation and corporate secretary at The E.W. Scripps Co., Cincinnati, Ohio

During law school: Manager, employee benefits and taxation, for Cincinnati Microwave, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio

What was the most challenging thing about working and attending a part-time law program in the evening? I had my child, Laura, who will be 21 in April, during my final exam week of my second year at Chase. I thought I had it all planned out, but my daughter decided to arrive almost three weeks early. I took one exam, had my daughter, and then finished up my exams about 10 days later and then started summer school. The professors and administration were all fantastic and understanding. I also had great support from my family and friends.



Daniel P. Mecklenborg '81

Senior vice president, human resources, chief legal officer, and secretary of Ingram Barge Co., Nashville, Tenn.

During law school: Pension account executive for Union Central Life Insurance Co., Forest Park, Ohio

What was the most memorable part of your law school experience? The most memorable event was my first moot court experience, which I recall was the Gilbert A. Bettman Intramural Moot Court Competition. It involved coming to Chase on a Saturday morning and arguing both sides of an appellate case over the course of the day without any advance preparation. I did well and ended up in the finals that evening at the federal district court in Covington. I came in second, but it was a great experience.

"Over the years I've done some recruiting for the school because it is such a unique program for this community," Schworer says. "If it wasn't for the Chase night program, I wouldn't have been able to go to law school."

Chase and Challenges

"I worked full time for WKRC-12 while I was attending Chase," says R. Dennison Keller '06, principal at The Law Practice of Dennison Keller, LLC, in Cincinnati. "Not only that, my wife and I were raising triplet sons who were just 18 months old when I started law school.... But you know, every time you started to feel overwhelmed about how full your plate was, you'd

look across the classroom and see someone who had it piled on even more than you."

While being a law student is by no means an easy feat, being a student in a part-time evening program certainly presents its own challenges and sacrifices, especially when one's time is divided among a full-time job, family, and school.

"You always feel you are pulled from so many different directions," Keller says, "You miss putting your children to bed and going to family functions and holiday celebrations because you are at class, at work, or studying."

Despite the challenges, Chase students, including David E. Crawford, Jr., '96, who was a design engineer at GE Aircraft Engines while he attended school, have proven that they received excellent educations through the part-time evening program.



Tracey A. Puthoff '95

Partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio

During law school: Aerospace engineer for GE Aircraft Engines, Cincinnati, Ohio

Who was your favorite professor and why? Professor Caryl Yzenbaard – she had great war stories (particularly some from her time at Taft) and made property law fascinating, a subject many may think is old and dry. Professor Nancy Firak – she was so passionate about torts. Professor Mark Stavsky – he was entertaining and made civil procedure more interesting than I think it otherwise would have been, at least to me.

“I took a bar review course in Chicago with students who had studied at different law schools in Chicago and across the country,” Crawford says. “The first day in the review course, it was clear I had been better prepared for the bar exam than most other students in the vast and packed lecture hall.”

Julie A. Schoepf '05, associate at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati, also believes that Chase prepared her well for the legal profession.

“If it wasn't for Chase and its part-time program, I would not have been able to become an attorney,” she says. “In addition to that, the longer I practice, the more I realize that I received an exceptional and well-rounded legal education at Chase.”

Quality Legal Education and Beyond

As Chase's first dean continuously adapted the structure of The Night Law School in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, so does modern-day Chase grow and adapt to continue to provide a comprehensive and quality legal education for its students.

“Our program has continued to evolve over the years,” says Dean Honabach. “If anything, that pace of change is likely to quicken. The bane of most part-time students is the time they must spend commuting to work, to school, and finally home. You can expect technology to make substantial changes in that routine. Internet access to library materials has already substantially reduced the amount of time a part-time student must spend in the library. Offering more online and blended courses and other innovations will bring about similar changes.”

Whether a student attends law school part-time or full-time, in the evening or during the day, at Chase, students are guaranteed to cultivate the skills they need to be successful while making memories that will last a lifetime.



Ann G. Schoen '94

Member and practice group leader of the intellectual property practice group at Frost, Brown, Todd LLC, Cincinnati, Ohio

During law school: Engineer for GE Aircraft Engines, Cincinnati, Ohio

What made you decide to attend law school at Chase? In the 1990s, there were fewer opportunities for advancement for engineers. I was interested in patent law but needed to keep my day job to pay the bills – I was a single mom with a five-year-old son. Chase gave me the opportunity to go to law school and still keep working.



Julie A. Schoepf '05

Associate at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio

During law school: Owner and operator of Continental Cleaners (a dry cleaning business), Alexandria and Wilder, Ky.

What made you decide to attend law school at Chase? I decided to go to law school because I was looking for a more challenging career. I enjoyed owning my own business; however, I realized quickly that dry cleaning wasn't something I wanted to do forever. I went to Chase because it offered classes at night. Since I was a small business owner, going to school during the day simply wasn't an option.

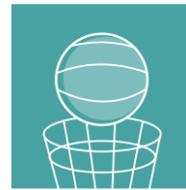


Philip J. Schworer '86

Member at Frost, Brown, Todd LLC, Cincinnati, Ohio

During law school: Environmental engineer for Pedco Environmental Inc., Sharonville, Ohio

What were your favorite courses and why? Torts because Professor David Elder was so incredibly demanding and that had some appeal to it. Professor Roger Billings' classes in secured transactions and commercial paper were incredibly helpful because you get your answers to your problems through the code, and that is exactly what I do in the environmental law practice through environmental laws and regulations. Looking back now, they all presented something special and unique. I still remember Professor Caryl Yzenbaard for her animated style of teaching and instructing. She was always entertaining.

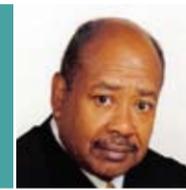


John P. Tafaro '82

President of Chatfield College, St. Martin, Ohio

During law school: Group sales director, publicity director, and director of events at Cincinnati Riverfront Coliseum (now U.S. Bank Arena), Cincinnati, Ohio

What was the most challenging thing about working and attending a part-time law program in the evening? Very simply, time management. My job required far more than a typical 40-hour work week, with nights and weekends often required to cover concerts, family shows, and sporting events. Plus, I was married with a baby daughter – who is now a Chase night student – at that time. At Chase I learned there is no substitute for preparation, and I do my best to convey that to Chatfield students at every opportunity.



Hon. John A. West '71

Judge for the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati, Ohio

During law school: Buyer for General Electric, Evendale, Ohio (large jet engine division) and Lynn, Mass. (small jet engine division)

What made you decide to attend law school? I was always fascinated with the law and didn't know any lawyers as I was growing up. My father said he was an eighth-grade educated man, and most of his friends had about the same level of education. They were just hard-working people, and it always seemed to me that they were being taken advantage of in transactions. So I decided in high school that I was going to be in a position where I would be able to work for myself, and I would be in a position to help people like my father who were not well trained and appeared to be getting taken advantage of. That led me straight to the law.



Hon. William W. Young '61

Retired judge for Ohio 12th District Court of Appeals, Middletown, Ohio

During law school: Bailiff in Warren County Common Pleas Court; law clerk for Young and Jones, Lebanon, Ohio.

Who was your favorite professor and why? Professor Fred Mebs. He taught contracts and real estate when we were at the YMCA in Cincinnati. He was just so patient. He would take the time if you didn't understand something to explain it and go over it with you. If you had to see him after class or before class, he would do that. He was just a very caring and giving individual, very low key, never got upset. He always impressed me very much.

Distinguished Practitioner in Residence



Center for Excellence in Advocacy Hosts Donald C. Moore, Jr., '79



DONALD C. MOORE, JR., is the principal attorney at The Moore Law Firm in Cincinnati. He has represented clients in nearly every facet of personal-injury litigation, including medical malpractice, products liability (including medical device failures), auto accidents, industrial and construction accidents, and intentional torts by employers.

Moore is a member of the Kentucky and Ohio state bar associations, the Potter Stewart American Inn of Court, and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He previously served as the president of the Clermont County Bar Association, member of the board of trustees of the Cincinnati Bar Association, and chairman of the CBA's tort and insurance committee. Moore also volunteers with the CBA and Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati Volunteer Lawyers Project.

Moore has authored numerous legal articles and has often served as a lecturer for national and local bar associations on topics related to his areas of practice. He has also lectured internationally in Romania to surgeons, physicians, and nurses on the status of medical malpractice law in the United States. Moore serves on Chase's Center for Excellence in Advocacy board of advisors and often serves as a guest lecturer at the college of law.

“Don is a great lawyer who believes passionately in his clients. He is the perfect role model for our students.” PROFESSOR RICHARD BALES



Chase's Center for Excellence in Advocacy welcomed Donald C. Moore, Jr., '79, principal attorney at The Moore Law Firm in Cincinnati, as the Distinguished Practitioner in Residence Sept. 22-23.

The Distinguished Practitioner in Residence program provides an opportunity for accomplished practitioners to share their experiences and insights about the realities of trial advocacy with the Chase College of Law community.

“Don is a great lawyer who believes passionately in his clients,” said Professor Richard Bales, director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. “He is the perfect role model for our students.”

During his visit, Moore participated in featured lectures, regularly scheduled classes, special workshops, and small-group discussions with students, faculty, and alumni. Topics included “The Politics of Civil Litigation: Tort Reform, Where We've Been and Where We're Going,” “Networking in a Small-Firm Environment,” “The Practical Side of Products Liability Litigation,” “F frivolous Lawsuits, Fact or Fiction,” and “Impact of the Legislature/Election Process on Tort Law and Damage Awards.”



“In law school I felt like I learned fundamentally how to think like a lawyer, but you don't learn how to practice until you associate with people who are doing it,” Moore said of the importance for students to gain hands-on experience and advocacy training while in law school. “When I was at Chase we had a number of adjunct faculty members who were active practitioners and they were just excellent, and I felt really fortunate to have them. I think that's a really important part of law school education.”

Joseph Mooney, a third-year evening student and the student director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, agrees.

“There is no substitute for learning directly from those who have succeeded and continue to succeed in the field of law,” Mooney said. “People like Don are able to tell us about what really goes on in the legal system and expose us to many things that are not included in our textbooks.”



As a third-generation practicing attorney who has devoted his legal career to representing plaintiffs in personal-injury and tort litigation, Moore wanted to provide the students with a glimpse into what the legal system is really like.

“I wanted to be one of the first to give them the real facts because I'm in that system; I know how it works,” Moore said. “I'm the third generation of lawyers who've been in that system, and I know what changes have occurred, and most of the changes are based on information that's incorrect and is being forced on us on purpose. I thought it was important for them to know.”

Throughout his years in practice, Moore has represented clients in nearly every facet of personal-injury litigation. He has also prosecuted insurance bad-faith cases where an insurance company has failed to honor its obligations. As a former insurance adjuster and insurance defense attorney, Moore has had an opportunity to experience both sides of civil litigation.

“Don stressed that we should practice law that we are passionate about and to focus on our goals,” Mooney said. “This was important to hear from a practicing attorney because too often law students allow money to dictate the type of law they practice.”

Moore has been an active member of the Ohio Association for Justice for many years. The OAJ is a victims' rights advocacy association that works to ensure that those injured by misconduct and negligence can seek justice through the court system. Moore serves as the association's treasurer and previously served as its secretary and a member of its board of trustees. In 2010, he received the OAJ's Distinguished Service Award.

“I have a passion for what I do,” Moore said. “I just hope the passion is contagious and that Chase students develop a passion for whatever aspect of law they go into as well.”

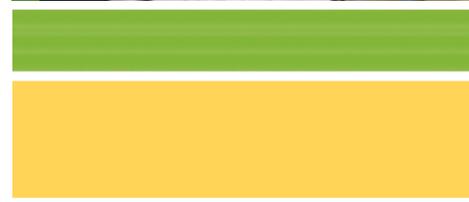
▲ Top: Moore leads a student workshop titled “Networking in a Small-Firm Environment.”

Middle: Robert Sanders, Mark Modlin, Professor Steve Stephens, and Dean Dennis Honabach at a dinner party with alumni and friends in honor of the practitioner in residence.

Bottom: Moore has breakfast with members of the Chase Student Advocacy Society.

Inaugural *Pro Bono* Fair

Chase celebrates local *pro bono* efforts with *pro bono* partners, alumni, faculty, and students



Chase College of Law hosted its first *Pro Bono* Fair and Celebration Reception Oct. 22 in NKU's Student Union ballroom. The event was held as part of the ABA's National *Pro Bono* Celebration Week. The ABA's national effort to encourage and support local efforts to expand *pro bono* legal services included more than 600 events in 48 states and Puerto Rico.

Through the Chase *Pro Bono* Service Program, the college of law places students with local *pro bono* partners, many of whom were present at the fair.

"Chase students learned of regional *pro bono* opportunities, while the reception allowed us to celebrate the public interest and *pro bono* work performed by our *pro bono* partners, our students, and our faculty," said Molly Tami, associate dean for student services and director of Chase's *Pro Bono* Service Program.

The Honorable Timothy S. Black '83, United States District Judge, spoke on the importance of *pro bono* and public service by members of the legal profession, a topic those in attendance feel strongly about.

"In an era where lawyers may be perceived in a negative light, the dedication of Chase to engaging students in volunteer work – *pro bono* work being a cornerstone tenet of the legal profession – evinces a positive influence for these future attorneys," said Kelly S. Wiley '03, who attended the event to represent the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services where she is assistant counsel. "Not only does the *Pro Bono* Fair expose students to potential public service opportunities, but they can also glean real-work experience while benefiting nonprofit organizations through the *Pro Bono* Service Program."

More than 20 local organizations were represented at the fair, which was attended by nearly 200 Chase students, faculty, *pro bono* partners, attorneys, judges, and bar representatives.

"I was very impressed with the fair and the enthusiasm of the students," said Mike Walters,

who was at the event representing Pro Seniors, Inc., where he is the legal hotline managing attorney. "There is a tremendous amount of talent in our law schools, and it makes perfect sense to match that talent pool with nonprofit agencies that can benefit the public with the help of law students."

In addition to networking and Judge Black's speech, Chase students Jesse Call, Michael Carey, Melissa Dallas, Melanie Goff, Sara Kelley, and Annette Redmon were recognized for outstanding *pro bono* service.

"The students were genuinely interested in using their education in the public interest," Walters said. "It was inspiring to meet them, and their optimism was infectious. It almost made me miss law school."

Organizations in attendance at the fair were: Appalachian Research and Defense Fund; Bad Girl Ventures; CASA for Clermont Kids; CASA of Kenton County, Inc.; Chase Street Law Program/AOC Juvenile Services; Chase Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program; Children's Law Center; Citizen Foster Care Review Board; Hamilton County Public Defender; Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy; Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services; Kentucky Protection and Advocacy; Legal Aid of the Bluegrass; Legal Aid of the Bluegrass/Chase Law Advocate Program; Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati; Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati/Volunteer Lawyers Project-Wills Clinic; Northern Kentucky Mental Health Court; Ohio State Legal Services Association; Ohio Justice and Policy Center; Pro Seniors, Inc.; Teen Court-Campbell County Courts; and Welcome House of Northern Kentucky.

1. Judge Black talks with Chase students at the *Pro Bono* Fair. 2. Chase students Sara Kelly, Jesse Call, Melanie Goff, Melissa Dallas, and Annette Redmon with Judge Black and Dean Tami after receiving recognition for outstanding *pro bono* service. 3. Judge Michelle M. Keller '90 with Chase students at the event. 4. Chase students and faculty meet with *pro bono* partners from local organizations. 5. Students learn about regional *pro bono* opportunities. 6. Chase students talk with representatives from local organizations. 7. Judge Black speaks about the importance of *pro bono* work and public service. 8. Professor Barbara McFarland with Chase students. 9. Judge Black talks with students.

Faculty Public Service

Professor **RICHARD BALES** is a volunteer lawyer with the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers Association; is a member of the American Bar Association Law Student Division Competitions Committee and the Negotiations Subcommittee; is an advisory council member for the American Arbitration Association; serves as treasurer for the Labor Law Group; serves as vice chair of the Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Section on Employment and Labor Law for the Kentucky Bar Association; and is a member of the board of the NKU ADR Center.



Professor **ROGER BILLINGS** serves on the board of directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association in Springfield, Ill., and serves on the board of trustees of Wabash College. He also speaks on the topic "Lincoln the Lawyer" at organizations such as the Filson Club of Louisville and the Rotary Club of Cincinnati.



Professor **NANCY FIRAK** is a member of the board of directors for Legal Aid of the Bluegrass.



Dean **DENNIS HONABACH** is the chair of the Association of American Law Schools' Part-Time Division Programs Section and co-chair of the ABA Business Law Section's Business Law Education. He serves on the Kentucky Bar Association Committee on Diversity and the Ohio State Bar Association Taskforce on Legal Education. He was recently appointed by Kentucky Chief Justice John Minton to serve on the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission.



Professor **KENNETH KATKIN** consults *pro bono* with the Council of State Governments in Lexington, Ky., concerning U.S. constitutional law issues raised by recent proposals for state governments to declare bankruptcy.



Associate Dean **JENNIFER ANGLIM KREDER** is chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools' Law and Anthropology Section for 2011. She also supervised a student who was drafting policies and contracts for the Cincinnati Museum of Art in 2009; served as co-counsel and supervised students drafting a motion and amicus brief in a Holocaust-era art case in the Second Circuit in 2010; participated in Department of State meetings hosted by special envoy for Holocaust issues and co-submitted Statement of Concerns about Disposition of Nazi-Looted Art in the United States in 2009; and cofounded and serves as co-chair of the American Society of International Law Cultural Heritage and the Arts Interest Group, including serving as an editor of its *Cultural Heritage & Arts Review* and supervising students who were drafting articles for the publication.



Professor **BETH LOCKER** was elected to the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools' Children and the Law Section.



Professor **MICHAEL J. Z. MANNHEIMER** has been co-chair of the American Bar Association's Kentucky Death Penalty Assessment Team since July 2009.



Professor **BARBARA MCFARLAND** serves on the curriculum committee and board of directors for Summer Work Experience in Law. She developed the writing curriculum for the program, taught several sessions last summer, and is developing the second year of the writing curriculum. She serves as chair of the program committee of the American Association of Law Schools' Academic Support Section. Through her church, she serves meals in Madisonville, hosts and feeds homeless families, and provides photography services to



those who could not otherwise afford them. Professor **LJUBOMIR NACEV**: Please see Faculty Spotlight on page 17.

Professor **SHERRY L. PORTER** served on the St. Mary Academy board of directors 2009-10 and was elected to the 2011 Northern Kentucky Bar Association board of directors.



Associate Dean **LAWRENCE ROSENTHAL** spoke on federal and state antidiscrimination and anti-retaliation laws at the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights' 2010 conference.



Professor **LOWELL SCHECHTER** is a member of the board for the Children's Law Center in Covington, Ky.



Professor **PHILLIP SPARKES** was chair of the technology section of the International Municipal Lawyers Association 2009-10. He has also presented frequently at conferences such as those of the Kentucky League of Cities, the Institute for Nonprofit Capacity, the Governor's Local Issues Conference, and the Northern Kentucky Forum. He was a witness for the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration in September 2009.



Professor **MARK STAVSKY** was a member of the Kentucky Bar Association criminal justice roundtable composed of judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and law professors. He is a board member for the Ohio Justice and Policy Center; is a member of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy Commission; and was a reviewer for the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award, Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools, in February 2011.



Professor **HENRY L. (STEVE) STEPHENS, JR.**, serves as president of the board of trustees for The Hillside Trust, a nonprofit



association advocating responsible use and development of Greater Cincinnati's hillsides; serves as a member of the board of advisors for Covington Latin School; and serves as a member of the Evidence Rules Advisory Commission, having been appointed by Justice Wil Schroeder. He is also a member of the pupillage committee of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court. He frequently provides CLE lectures to various

organizations on mediation and ethics in mediation.

Associate Dean **MOLLY T. TAMI** is a member of the board of trustees for Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation in Cincinnati.



Associate Dean **MICHAEL WHITEMAN** is a member of the board for the Children's Law



Center in Covington, Ky., and is a big brother with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Jewish Family Services of Cincinnati.

Professor **CARYL YZENBAARD** was reappointed for a five-year term as chair of the real property drafting committee for the multistate bar examination of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Ljubomir Nacev

In October 2010, the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, presented Professor **LJUBOMIR NACEV** with a certificate of appreciation in recognition and appreciation for 24 years of outstanding contribution to public service through the Chase VITA project. This tax filing season is Nacev's 24th year organizing and managing the project, which is part of a national program overseen by the IRS to assist low-income taxpayers with filing their federal and state tax returns. During the 2010 filing season, the Chase VITA project, with the involvement of 20 Chase volunteers, assisted nearly 2,000 tax payers in filing for \$3.5 million in federal refunds.



Nacev also contributes to projects of the ABA Tax Section Committee on Low Income Taxpayers; is involved in *pro bono* tax litigation; trains volunteers in the Northern Kentucky VITA project; and participates in Northern Kentucky – IRS Community Partnership outreach efforts. He also takes part in a regional United Way effort to deliver quality tax assistance, social service benefits, and financial literacy assistance to the low-income community.

His other professional activities include participation in the ABA tax section fall 2010 meeting on innocent spouse discussions as a result of his involvement as counsel of record in *Hall v. Commissioner*, 135 T.C. No. 19 (Sept. 22, 2010). *Hall*, a fully reviewed tax court opinion involving the statute of limitations period for innocent spouse relief claims, held in favor of the taxpayer while holding the IRS regulations imposing a two-year filing rule invalid. The case is now on appeal to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, as the IRS is seeking a circuit conflict in order to bring the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Other *pro bono* litigation Professor Nacev has been involved with, with the assistance of Chase students, includes: *Linkugel v. Commissioner, Tax Court Summary Opinion 2009-180*, dealing with the burden of proof in cancellation of indebtedness income deficiency when the lender issues a faulty Form 1099-C; *Lewis v. Commissioner, Tax Court, Bench Opinion (May 24, 2010)*, dealing with an innocent spouse issue involving an intervenor; *Haney v. Commissioner, Tax Court, Stipulated Decision (May 24, 2010)*, dealing with proof of child residency for child tax credit purposes; and *Clark v. Commissioner, Tax Court, Stipulated Decision (May 24, 2010)*, an innocent spouse case.

Nacev served as editor of chapter 14 of the ABA's *Effectively Representing your Client before the IRS* and has participated in regulation projects with the ABA tax section.

He received a Bachelor of Arts from The Johns Hopkins University, a Juris Doctor from the John Marshall Law School, and a Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

He teaches Tax-Basic Tax Concepts, Advanced Income tax concepts, Tax-Business Organizations and Planning, Tax Litigation, and a tax policy seminar. He also supervises the Chase-IRS chief counsel externship, mentors students in the Tax Moot Court Competition, and serves as *pro bono* legal advisor to the NKU Chase Tax Clinic.

Chase Student Advances to ACG Cincinnati Cup Finals



Andrea Laden, a second-year Chase student in the J.D./M.B.A. program, advanced to the Association for Corporate Growth Cincinnati Cup finals after winning the first round of competition against other Northern Kentucky University M.B.A. students. The final round included teams from Miami University, University of Cincinnati, and Xavier University.

The ACG's Cincinnati chapter hosts this case study competition that is designed to give M.B.A. students insight into mergers and acquisitions, investment banking, corporate financial advisory, and private equity. Laden, along with her NKU teammates, was asked to evaluate a fictional offer to acquire a target company and to present recommendations to the target company's board of directors.

Chase National Trial Team Wins Regional Championship



Chase's National Trial Team won the regional National Trial Competition held Feb. 17-19 at the University of Louisville School of Law. The competition is sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

The team of Danielle Reesor and Lawrence Hilton was undefeated in five rounds, finishing in first place. The team of Ronald Bowling and Lauren Jansen advanced to the semifinals. Sean Pharr served as legal analyst.

Chase's winning team competed in the National Trial Competition championships April 6-10 in Houston, Texas, and finished fourth against the top 25 teams in the nation.

The team was coached by Professor Kathleen Johnson. Special thanks go to local practitioners and alumni who worked with Johnson to prepare the team: William Gustavson '78, Judge Steven Jaeger '78, Ron Johnson, Michael Lyon '75, Tifanie McMillan, Robert Sanders, Richard Smith-Monahan, and Meagan Lorenzen Tate '10.

Chase Students Compete in Annual Grosse Moot Court Competition



The W. Jack Grosse Moot Court Competition was held Jan. 22 in the NKU Student Union ballroom. Four second-year Chase students presented oral arguments for a fictitious case in front of Kentucky and Ohio judges who critiqued and scored the students. Joe Stewart-Pirone took first place in the competition, and Colby Cowherd placed second. Joanna Berding and Ashley Morgan tied for third place.

Morgan tied for third place.

The case involved two issues. First, the students addressed whether the plaintiff, an employee of a real estate development company, was protected from retaliation when she complained to the human resources department about one discriminatory remark she overheard in the workplace. Second, the students addressed whether the transfer the employee experienced as a result of her complaint to the human resources department constituted an actionable "adverse employment action."

Stewart-Pirone and Cowherd represented the employee, and Berding and Morgan represented the real estate development company.

The competition was judged by Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Michelle M. Keller '90, Ohio Court of Appeals Judge William L. Mallory, Jr., '86, and United States District Court Magistrate Judge J. Gregory Wehrman.

Chase Team Finishes as National Arbitration Competition Runner-up



Chase College of Law's Arbitration Team finished in second place at the American Bar Association's National Arbitration Competition held Jan. 21-22 in Chicago, Ill. The team earned the right to compete in the national competition by winning a regional competition in November.

MyLinda Sims, Alyse Bender, Jessica Biddle, and Jonathan Davis defeated

teams from Stetson University College of Law, Chapman University School of Law, and Fordham University School of Law. In the final round, the Chase team lost a split decision to Georgia State University College of Law. The team was coached by Professor Richard Bales, director of Chase's Center for Excellence in Advocacy, with assistance from Professor Ljubomir Nacev, David Bender '79, Rebecca Cull '08, and Marielle Peck '10.

Law Review Hosts Spring Symposium



The Northern Kentucky Law Review hosted its spring symposium Feb. 19 in the Student Union ballroom on NKU's campus. The symposium was titled "Third Party Litigation Finance in the United States."

For the first time, clients and attorneys in the United States are turning to litigation financing companies. The symposium explored how such financing functions and its ethical

implications. Speakers also explored the effects such financing may have on the amount and cost of litigation and dispute resolution techniques.

The symposium speakers were Nathan Crystal, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Charleston School of Law; Dennis R. Honabach, Dean and Professor of Law, NKU Chase College of Law; Jennifer Anglim Kreder, Professor of Law, NKU Chase College of Law; Michael Legg, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law at University of New South Wales; Paul H. Rubin, Ph.D., Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Economics, Emory University Department of Economics; Adam Scales, Associate Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law; Anthony Sebok, Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Yeshiva University; Selwyn Seidel, Chairman, Fulbrook Management, LLC; and Dr. Maya Steinitz, Associate-in-Law, Columbia Law School.

Chase professor Jennifer Anglim Kreder moderated the symposium. Elizabeth Sprowl was the spring symposium editor, and Kate Bumgarner is the 2010-11 Northern Kentucky Law Review editor-in-chief.

Chase Student Wins Case with Ohio Justice and Policy Center



Third-year Chase student Rania Attum recently assisted in a case with the Ohio Justice and Policy Center. Attum participated in the trial through Chase's Constitutional Litigation Clinic led by OJPC executive director and Chase professor David Singleton. She and OJPC staff attorney Rob Wall won the case, which involved a client facing deportation.

Chase's Constitutional Litigation Clinic allows third- and fourth-year students to handle OJPC cases in federal and state court under Singleton's supervision and guidance. The OJPC is a non-partisan, nonprofit, public-interest law office based in Cincinnati whose purpose is to reform Ohio's justice system.

Student photo gallery



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1. The Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic student interns gain a perspective of transactional practice by dealing with real clients and issues through their work with the clinic. 2. Second-year Chase students Brandis Bradley and Andrea Laden advance to the semifinals of the American Bar Association's Midwestern regional of the Client Counseling Competition held in London, Ontario, Canada. 3. Second-year Chase student Colby Cowherd competes in the Grosse Moot Court Competition. 4. Students and faculty attend the 2010 Judge Judy West luncheon.

5. Northern Kentucky Law Review editors attend the Law Review Spring Symposium. 6. Chase students meet with alumni and other local practitioners during a speed networking event co-hosted by the career development office and the Cincinnati Bar Association. 7. Chase students prepare for class in the new open study area in the law library. 8. Chase students compete in the Toastmasters International Speech Contest held in Nunn Hall and hosted by the NKU and Chase Toastmasters chapter. 9. The 2011 Chase student ambassadors serve as liaisons for the law school and assist the Office of Admissions in the recruitment of prospective students.

Chase Alumni Association Welcomes All Alumni into Membership

Dear Chase Alumni,

I am pleased to announce that all Chase alumni are now automatically members of the Chase Alumni Association. Chase has almost 5,000 living alumni in 47 states, Washington, D.C., and three foreign countries.

We invite all of our alumni to reconnect with fellow classmates and the law school through the Chase Alumni Association. Chase alumni may stay connected in a variety of ways, such as by reading Chase's print and online publications, attending alumni networking events, volunteering with student programs, nominating a colleague for an alumni award, submitting a class note for the *NKU Chase Lawyer* magazine or alumni e-newsletter, or by simply keeping our alumni records up to date. We have included some further highlights on these pages of the many ways that our alumni stay connected and engaged with each other and the college of law.

While our annual membership dues have been eliminated, we encourage our alumni to continue to financially support the association's programs for alumni and students by making charitable donations to the college of law designated for alumni association activities.

Sincerely,

Edward J. McTigue '78
President
Chase Alumni Association



Ed McTigue '78, Chase Alumni Association president.



Update your alumni record with the enclosed envelope or at chaselaw.nku.edu.

Receptions Across America



▲ The association hosted a Chase alumni reception in Washington, D.C., in March.

Annual Chase Alumni Luncheon and Awards



▲ The Chase alumni luncheon and awards celebration in October 2010 was attended by more than 300 alumni and friends. The alumni CLE program was held before and after the luncheon.

U.S. Supreme Court Alumni Admissions Ceremony



▲ The Chase Alumni Association sponsors an alumni group admission ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court every other year.

Receptions at Bar Conventions



▲ The alumni association hosts receptions at the Kentucky and Ohio bar conventions annually.

Welcome Gifts for First-Year Students



▲ Each fall, the Chase Alumni Association's board of governors gives Chase logo T-shirts to the entering first-year students.

Local Alumni Gatherings



▲ Rick Rothfuss '77 and Joe Shea '75 chat at NKU's alumni celebration in January. Both are past recipients of the Outstanding Chase Alumnus Award.

Chase Graduation Reception



▲ The association sponsors an annual reception for graduates and their families.

Lunches for Chase Students Taking the Bar Exam



▲ The Chase Alumni Association provides breakfast and lunch to Chase students taking the Kentucky and Ohio bar exams.

Steven J. Chabot '78 and Jonathan P. Wright '06 Receive NKU Alumni Association Awards

STEVEN J. CHABOT



▲ NKU Alumni Association president Lee Rose, Dean Dennis Honabach, Congressman Steve Chabot, and NKU President James Votruba at the NKU Alumni Awards Banquet.



Congressman **STEVEN J. CHABOT** '78 received the NKU Alumni Association's Outstanding Chase Alumnus Award, and Jonathan P. Wright '06 received the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award at the university's annual alumni awards banquet held Jan. 28.



Congressman Chabot served as U.S. Representative for Ohio's First Congressional District for 14 years, having been first elected in 1994. After running successfully in 2010 to reclaim his seat, he was sworn in as congressman again Jan. 5.

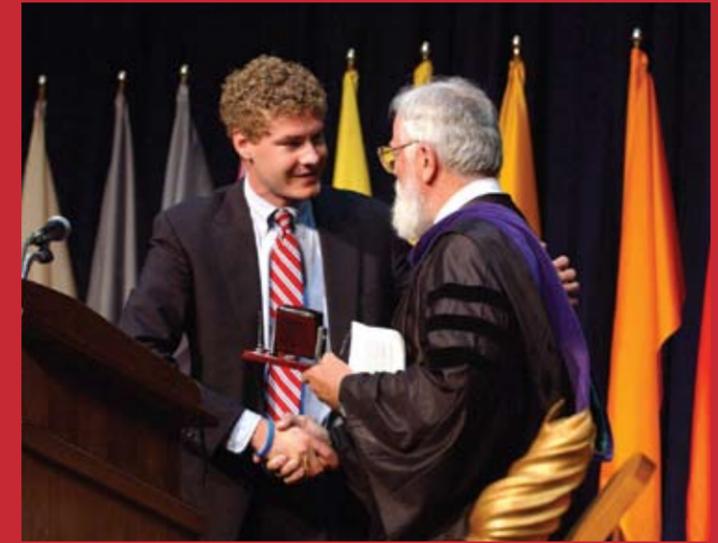
Chabot serves on the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Small Business, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs where he serves as chair of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia. He is one of Congress' leading advocates for fiscal responsibility. Nonpartisan taxpayer advocacy

groups such as Citizens Against Government Waste, the Concord Coalition, and the National Taxpayers Union consistently rated Chabot as one of the most pro-taxpayer members of Congress.

Congressman Chabot also served as a house manager during the Senate impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton. Chabot received praise for his even-handed and thoughtful approach to the trial. The congressman also helped lead efforts to block taxation of the Internet, pass product liability reform measures, and toughen antidrug laws. He is an outspoken defender of individual privacy rights and the rights of the unborn.

Prior to his first election to Congress, Chabot served on Cincinnati City Council and the Hamilton County Commission for four years on each body. A graduate of LaSalle High School, he earned his degree from the College of William and Mary and then returned to Cincinnati to teach at St. Joseph's School in the West

JONATHAN P. WRIGHT



▲ Wright, pictured at Chase's 2006 commencement ceremony, served as the Student Bar Association president while in law school.

End while studying at NKU Chase College of Law in the evening. Chabot has been active in the community, having taught a political science class at the University of Cincinnati and chairing the Boy Scouts of Cincinnati.

In addition to attending the NKU Alumni Association's celebration to receive his award, Congressman Chabot visited Chase Jan. 31 for a special lunch presentation for students and faculty. He shared stories and experiences from his time in Congress and answered questions regarding topics such as healthcare, conflicts in the Middle East, and opportunities for law students in Washington, D.C.

JONATHAN P. WRIGHT was named by Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke as a legislative assistant with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Legislative Affairs.



He previously served as the Obama campaign's Florida deputy political director during the 2008 general election and was the campaign's Kentucky political director during the primaries.

Wright also worked for various elected officials, candidates, and campaigns in California, Kentucky, and Virginia and served as Governor Bill Richardson's deputy field director in Iowa and Nevada during the caucuses in those states.

While at Chase, Wright served as the president of the Student Bar Association.

A Kentucky native, Wright was unable to accept his award in person because he was in India advancing the Secretary of Commerce's then-upcoming high-tech trade mission.

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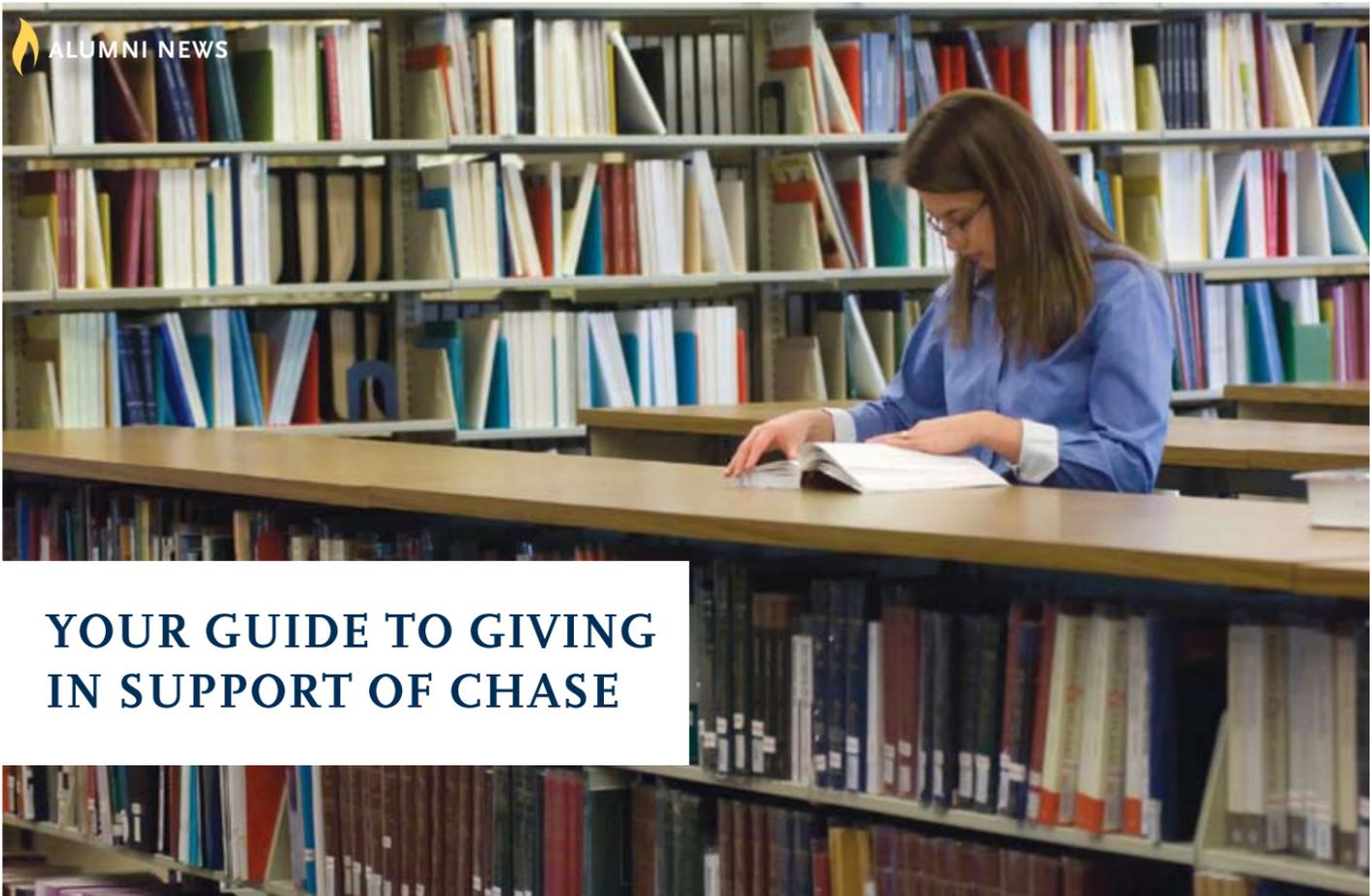
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1. Chase alumni, faculty, and staff gather at the NKU Alumni Awards banquet to honor award recipients Congressman Steven Chabot '78 and Jonathan Wright '06. 2. Susan Lipnickey '91 attends the NKU Alumni Awards banquet with her husband, Jim. 3. Debra Crane '96 and her husband, Whit, attend the NKU alumni awards banquet. 4. Chief Judge Jeffrey Taylor, Judge Michelle Keller '90, and Special Judge Joseph Lambert of the Kentucky Court of Appeals hear oral arguments in the Chase moot courtroom. 5. Kelly Farrish '78 talks with former governor Jeb Bush at the NKU Alumni Lecture featuring Bush and former governor Howard Dean.

6. Gary Cohen '78, Mac Riley '86, Ann Schoen '94, and Greg Sizemore '92 attend the dean's board of advisors spring meeting. 7. Candice DeClark-Peace '82 discusses entity selection with Chase students. 8. Eliot Bastian '99 meets with a Chase student at the career development office's speed networking event. 9. Sylvius Von Sauken '98 and Peter Wayne '06 lead a presentation about subrogation at the college of law. 10. Judge Tony '80 and Candy Frohlich and Kathy and Judge J.R. Schrand '97 attend a holiday party hosted by the college of law.



YOUR GUIDE TO GIVING IN SUPPORT OF CHASE

The Charitable Bequest: Simple and Safe

You may feel a strong desire to support some aspect of NKU Chase College of Law that you especially value while not feeling comfortable making an outright gift or pledge commitment. Deferred gift vehicles such as bequests in wills or revocable living trusts, charitable gift annuities, charitable lead trusts or remainder trusts, life insurance, deferred compensation plans, retained life estates, and other future gift commitments offer appealing alternatives. Thoughtfully crafted gift plans offer benefits to the donor as well as to the college of law.

The Value of Letting Us Know

Many donors include specific instructions or designations with their deferred gifts. In too many unfortunate cases the recipient charity is unable to honor these instructions and must even decline gifts, due to logistical, financial, even legal circumstances. The best time for the charity to learn of any deferred gift plan, especially if it is designated for some specific purpose, is while the donor is still available to discuss these important details. This can be done directly with the recipient charity or anonymously, through an intermediary such as the donor's attorney. Regardless, if you have considered including Chase in your estate plans, please let us know your plans so we can do our best to honor them.

The Benefit of Written Gift Instructions

Having a signed document on file with the Northern Kentucky University Foundation detailing the donor's instructions and the university's acceptance of those instructions gives the donor the flexibility of modifying the gift's purpose in the future without the necessity and expense of rewriting the donor's will. Most donors find this provision attractive. Please let us know if you wish to designate your gift, and we will work with you to record your instructions.

Recognition for Deferred Gifts

The NKU Chase Legacy Society was recently established in recognition of deferred gifts such as will bequests, revocable living trust bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, testamentary charitable lead trusts, life insurance, deferred compensation plans, retained life estates, and other future gift commitments. It is important to Chase and NKU that your gift be stewarded as you intend. To do this, we need to know how you wish your gift to be used to ensure that your planned intentions are consistent with our mission and are acceptable under pertinent policies. We also would like the opportunity to thank you.

Questions?

To discuss your interest in providing for the future of Chase, please contact R. Daniel Shephard, CFRE, director of development, at (859) 572-7578 or shephardr1@nku.edu.

PROFILES IN GIVING



United States District Court Provides Grant for Summer Public Interest Fellowships

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of

Kentucky has bestowed upon Chase College of Law a \$10,000 grant that will support summer public interest fellowships for Chase students interested in public service law.

The court non-appropriated fund committee made the grant from its Bench and Bar Fund. Unlike law firms and various agencies that offer summer externships and clerkships, public service and nonprofit organizations that seek legal assistance cannot typically afford to pay law students.

"This gift will provide Chase students with funding for unpaid public interest law positions," said Molly Tami, associate dean for student services. "These opportunities allow students to gain valuable legal experience while contributing needed legal services to the community."



Billie S. Brandon '78 Announces Future Gift to Chase

Billie (Say) Brandon '78 has announced her inclusion of NKU Chase College of Law in her estate plan. She recently completed documentation adding Chase as a partial beneficiary of two deferred compensation plans. Once this generous gift is received, it will be used to establish the Billie (Say) Brandon Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"One of my biggest breaks was Chase College of Law and its merger with NKU," Brandon said. "It's out of gratitude for my good fortune, coupled with a desire to be sure that others with big dreams of a better life might have the same opportunity, that I made the decision to share what's left when I'm gone."

As a result of her gift to Chase, Brandon will be included in the NKU Chase Legacy Society. The society was established in recognition of deferred, testamentary gifts such as will bequests, revocable living trust bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, life insurance, deferred compensation plans, retained life estates, and other future gift commitments.



Scholarship Fund Established in Honor of Judge Ronald A. Panioto '67

A Chase College of Law scholarship fund has been established in honor of Judge Ronald A. Panioto '67 of the

Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division. The scholarship was announced during a retirement party for the judge held at the Cincinnati Museum Center Dec. 17. Judge Panioto's friends and colleagues made contributions to the endowed scholarship in his honor. The judge retired Jan. 4 after more than 35 years of service.

A ceremonial check for \$20,000 was presented to Chase dean Dennis Honabach, with more contributions being made during and after the celebration. Judge Panioto and the dean will determine the use of the newly established scholarship fund.

Judge Panioto has served with Hamilton County for 39 years. From 1982 to 2006, he was administrative judge of the Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations. He has presided over thousands of trials and jury trials in both criminal and civil cases. Prior to 1982 he served with the Hamilton County Municipal Court (1975-82), Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office (1968-75), U.S. House of Representatives (1967-68), and Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas (1958-67).

THE FOUNDING PARTNERS CAMPAIGN FOR CHASE'S CENTERS FOR EXCELLENCE

Chase College of Law's Centers for Excellence endorse and enhance Chase's longstanding commitment to preparing practice-ready lawyers by allowing students to apply the theory of law learned in the classroom to real-life experiences. The leadership and programs offered by each center require special start-up funding. In order to secure the necessary funding, Chase College of Law is excited to announce the Founding Partners for Chase's Centers for Excellence.

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY



HENRY D. ACCIANI '79 is the managing partner of O'Connor, Acciani & Levy Co. LPA, a firm specializing in personal injury, mass torts, disability, and general civil litigation. His practice includes cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the U.S. District Courts in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana and state courts in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. He was named an Ohio Super Lawyer in 2010 and 2011 and was named by the American Trial Lawyers Association as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer in Ohio for the past four years.

"The Center for Excellence in Advocacy provides a very critical service to students preparing for a practice in litigation. It is a privilege to support the center and have an opportunity to give something back to the institution that gave me the opportunity to practice in my chosen profession. The practice of law is one of the highest callings to which a person can aspire, and litigation is the foundation of the civil justice system."



CHASE COLLEGE FOUNDATION: William M. Cussen '69, president of the Chase College Foundation, is a partner in the firm of McCaslin, Imbus, and McCaslin. He specializes in civil litigation representing plaintiffs, defendants, individuals, and corporations. He practices in both Ohio and Kentucky and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a past president of the Chase Alumni Association and served on the dean's board of advisors.

"Over the years the Chase College Foundation has donated well over \$1 million to Chase in support of the school's many fine programs. The foundation felt that the center would promote and provide practical trial skills to the students to help better prepare them to participate in the litigation process. Chase has always been known for its alumni who distinguish themselves in the advocacy field of law, and the Chase College Foundation is pleased to support the center to continue such tradition and recognition."

FOUNDING PARTNERS CAMPAIGN



JOHN DAVID COLE, SR., has practiced in Bowling Green, Ky., since 1964. He has extensive experience in the defense of medical negligence, product liability, business, construction, and toxic tort claims in Kentucky. Previously, he has served as chair of the board of regents of Western Kentucky University, the chancellor for the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, and chair of the Sixth Circuit Life Members. Presently, he is a member of the Kentucky Board of Bar Admissions.

"Practice skills can be integrated into substantive courses. Teaching advocacy includes legal writing, which for today's graduates is a much-needed talent. The center will afford Chase graduates a competitive edge as they enter the professional world. This is true whether they practice in the private or public sector."



JUDGE ANTHONY W. FROHLICH '80 is the chief circuit judge for the 54th Judicial Circuit, Boone and Gallatin counties. Prior to becoming the circuit judge in 2004, he was in private practice, served as Boone County master commissioner, domestic relations commissioner, assistant commonwealth's attorney, city attorney for the city of Walton, and Boone and Gallatin child support attorney. He is president of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court and past president of the Chase Alumni Association.



RICHARD D. LAWRENCE '71, principal with The Lawrence Firm, PSC, has been litigating cases in Southern Ohio, in Northern Kentucky, and across the nation for almost 40 years. Courtroom accomplishments include the winning of an acquittal of a first-degree murder case at the age of 30 and record verdicts for the injured including three verdicts that set state records. He also served as the inaugural Distinguished Practitioner in Residence for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy in 2009.

"It is important to me to go back to Chase because it's nice to connect with one's history. I graduated in 1971, and the college of law has always been dear to my heart because it afforded me the opportunity to go to law school when I otherwise would not have been able to go. I think it's a great thing what Chase is doing preparing people to be trial lawyers."



MICHAEL F. LYON '75 is a senior partner in the law firm of Lindhorst & Dredame Co., LPA. He specializes in defense of physicians and medical malpractice cases. As a result of his trial experience, he is the first Ohio lawyer to be elected to the rank of diplomat of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Lyon is the past president of the Ohio Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and is a fellow in the International Society of Barristers.

"I have tried over 200 jury trials in more than 20 cities in Ohio and Northern Kentucky for 36 years and, for me, it has been a dream come true to be able to try cases to verdict in Ohio and Kentucky. I would never have been able to experience this fantastic career if it had not been for Chase College of Law affording me the opportunity of an outstanding legal education. I feel my support of the center is a manifestation of my deep, sincere, and profound thanks for what Chase has done for me."



MARK A. MODLIN is president of Modlin & Jones Mediation & Trial Consulting, and he has assisted attorneys in more than 5,000 cases throughout the country in both federal and state courts. He has been active in the American Society of Trial Consultants, where he served on the board of directors. He has also been an adjunct professor at Chase since 1998.

"I contributed to the Center for Excellence in Advocacy to help continue the improvement of the following areas: objective interpretation of the case, strategy development, witness and client preparation, *voire dire* structure, examination and follow-up, and post-decision interviews as well as the development of mediation skills."



D. ARTHUR RABOURN '78 started with the law firm of Waite, Schneider, Bayless and Chesley in Cincinnati in 1977 after his second year at Chase and has remained with the firm. His practice is primarily in negligence, products liability, and mass tort cases.

"I made my gift to Chase because I felt that I should recognize through a gift what Chase means to those who seek a legal education. In my opinion, Chase historically has provided, and continues to provide, one of the best legal education programs that can be found in any school. I wanted to do my part to see that Chase is able to continue providing its program to those who seek a quality legal education."

TRANSACTIONAL LAW PRACTICE CENTER



GARY D. COHEN '78 is chief administrative officer and secretary of The Finish Line, Inc., in Indianapolis. His responsibilities include management and supervision of the corporation's initiatives in strategy and development as well as the legal/lease administration and corporate governance and

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compliance. Prior to joining The Finish Line, Cohen was the senior partner in the Indianapolis law firm of Cohen and Morelock. He still maintains an of counsel status with the firm Brand & Morelock. Cohen also served as the Distinguished Practitioner in Residence in March 2010.

"I am so excited to be involved with the center since I believe it is on the cutting edge of what law schools should be delivering to both students and potential future employers. The skill set to fully understand how the law intersects with business in a practical sense will allow Chase graduates to be more competitive in the market place so they can be a 'value added' immediately in their new potential positions."



DEBRA K. CRANE '96 is the former senior vice president, general counsel, and secretary for Ohio Casualty Corp. She formed the company's first legal department, bringing outsourced services in-house and improving management and control of contracts, litigation, and other legal affairs. She is president-elect of the Chase Alumni Association.

"I was so excited to hear of this initiative to offer a program to allow Chase students to get practical hands-on experience while still in school. I wanted to be part of better equipping our new lawyers to be productive Day One of their careers. This provides a win-win for both our new lawyers and their employers."



CANDICE DECLARK-PEACE '82 is a shareholder in the Dayton and Middletown offices of Clark Schaefer Hackett. An attorney as well as a CPA, she is responsible for tax compliance work, estate and financial tax planning, and litigation support, including business valuation and lost wages or profits.

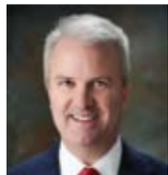
"I found law school to be a tremendous experience for learning the law. Unfortunately, in the 1980s there was no class that helped the student take that knowledge and apply it in an efficient manner. I did not have the luxury of an internship or externship due to personal financial issues. Accordingly, my introduction to applying the principles learned came in practice. Wanting to be the best advocate for the client

but having no practical experience presented a challenge. I look at the Transactional Law Practice Center as an excellent training ground to help the student in applying the law in a 'safe' environment with a professor who mentors and acts as a sounding board."



MATTHEW L. GARRETSON '98 is the founding partner of Garretson Resolution Group, Inc. With principal offices located in Cincinnati, Charlotte, Syracuse, and Chattanooga, GRG's history of innovation and focus on complex settlement issues led to its appointment as Allocation Neutral in the World Trade Center settlement, paying out approximately \$712.5 million to more than 10,000 plaintiffs alleging injuries from the rescue, recovery, and debris-removal operations at the World Trade Center site after 9/11.

"Keeping grades up and passing the bar are important, but textbooks can only take you so far. In today's competitive market, a strong business sense is essential to a young attorney. The real-world skills that law students gain through the work of the Transactional Law Practice Center are invaluable and will give them not only an edge when applying to a firm but also a foundation on which to build a career."



WINSTON R. GRIFFIN '98 is vice chairman and corporate counsel of Laurel Grocery Co. in London, Ky. He is a third-generation owner of the company. After graduating from Chase he clerked for Hon. Eugene Siler of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and then attended Vanderbilt University, earning an M.B.A. dual concentration in marketing and operations.

"I knew before entering law school that I did not want to practice law. However, I knew a law degree would be invaluable in the business world. I have always supported Chase, but when I heard that it was developing the center, I was eager to help. Students need to understand that any additional education they receive will differentiate them in the employment arena. And, for the non-practicing graduate, the center is a tremendous asset."

"The real-world skills that law students gain through the work of the Transactional Law Practice Center are invaluable and will give them not only an edge when applying to a firm but also a foundation on which to build a career."

MATTHEW L. GARRETSON '98



ALAN J. HARTMAN '78 is partner-in-charge of Dressman Benzinger LaVelle's Cincinnati office and heads its technology law practice group. He provides a broad range of legal services to technology companies and other businesses, focusing his practice on computer, Internet, and information technology law.

"Having maintained a transactional law practice for over 30 years, I appreciate the value the Transactional Law Practice Center offers law students in developing practice skills in transactional law. Students graduating with these skills will be particularly attractive to law firms and legal departments. I strongly support the mission of the center, and, as a Chase graduate, am proud that my alma mater had the vision to create the center."



JAKKI L. HAUSSLER '88 serves as chair and chief executive officer of Opus Capital Management. She is an attorney and CPA (inactive) with more than 30 years' experience. Prior to cofounding Opus Capital, Haussler was managing director, Capvest Venture Fund, LP; partner, Adena Ventures Fund, LP; managing director of an investment banking firm; manager, Blue Chip Venture Co.; and mergers and acquisitions/financial analyst, Cincinnati Bell, Inc.

"The center will dramatically impact law students' careers by providing opportunities to gain valuable and practical hands-on experience as well as enhance their professional development. The center will serve to distinguish Chase from many other law schools, and I am thrilled to serve as a Founding Partner donor. I only wish it had been in existence during my law school experience!"



DEAN DENNIS R. HONABACH has served as dean and professor of law at Chase since 2006. He previously served as dean and professor at Washburn University School of Law. Under his leadership, Chase has established the Centers for Excellence and the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic. He is the

co-chair of the ABA business law section's legal education committee and chair of the American Association of Law School's section on part-time legal education. Honabach is also a member of the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission, and he serves on the advisory board of the American Association of Law School's deans section. He teaches business organizations, contracts, and torts.

"Despite the images of lawyers one sees on television, most lawyers engage in far more transactional work than they do in trials. Therefore, it is incumbent on law schools – if they are to meet the challenge of preparing law students for practice – to provide students with opportunities to acquire basic transactional practice skills such as contract drafting and deal negotiation. I am proud to be one of the Founding Partners of the center because it provides our students that crucial training and much, much more. Moreover, I am proud that the center is rapidly becoming a model for other law schools seeking to meet the challenge of educating skilled transactional lawyers."



KENNETH H. KINDER II '00 is a partner with the law firm of Cors & Bassett LLC in Cincinnati, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of taxation, estate planning, probate, employee benefits, and business transactions. He is the head of the firm's probate committee and was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine. He is also a member of the Chase Alumni Association's board of governors.

"When I first learned about the Transactional Law Practice Center, I thought this was a great, cutting-edge program that would have a profound effect upon the preparedness of future Chase graduates. I have often heard from colleagues that many recent graduates lack the practical skills necessary to practice law. My involvement with the center has given me the opportunity to observe as students actually apply the concepts they have learned in law school to an actual business transaction they may be faced with in practice. It is this type of progressive thinking that will allow Chase and its students and alumni to continue to flourish."

"The center will dramatically impact law students' careers by providing opportunities to gain valuable and practical hands-on experience as well as enhance their professional development."

JAKKI L. HAUSSLER '88

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DUSTAN E. MCCOY '78 is chairman and chief executive officer of Brunswick Corp. He previously served as president of the Brunswick Boat Group. He joined the company in 1999 as vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary. In addition to Brunswick's board of directors, McCoy serves on the boards of directors for both Louisiana-Pacific Corp. and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. McCoy also served as the inaugural Distinguished Practitioner in Residence for the Transactional Law Practice Center in 2009.

"Each of us has had our careers and skills shaped by contact with experienced attorneys. Sharing experiences and learning gained from working every day in our profession is an unspoken obligation we have to those coming after us. Having the opportunity to do so in a structured environment with law students through the center is unique for the practitioner and important to the growth of the students."



H. MCGUIRE RILEY '86 is managing partner of H.M. Riley Associates, LLC, of Falls Church, Va. He is also president of BHR Associations, Inc., of Fairfax, Va., and is president and CEO of United Building Services, with offices in Maryland, Virginia, and Kentucky.

"For too long law schools have focused all their time and energies on the conceptual, failing to educate graduates who bring with them skill sets that apply to real-life business environments. The current marketplace demands more. The Transactional Law Practice Center meets the challenge by offering highly relevant programs and resources that will certainly give Chase graduates a significant edge over their peers."



RICHARD M. ROTHFUSS '77 is president of the law firm of Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss. The firm focuses its practice in the areas of real estate, creditors' rights, and commercial litigation. He is a member of the Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, Ohio, Kentucky, and Florida bar associations.

"While attending Chase I also worked as a law clerk. The ability to study the law and see it in practice daily was an ideal learning experience. By the time I was admitted to practice, I felt that I had a head start, was immediately comfortable, and felt well prepared for my profession. When I heard about the center, I was quick to support it because this model most resembles the education and preparation that I received and believe to be the most effective model."



BRADLEY N. RUWE '96 is a partner with the firm of Peck, Shaffer & Williams LLP in Cincinnati. His practice focuses on assisting governmental entities (such as counties, cities, and schools) as well as healthcare and other public-benefit organizations to finance projects in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

"The Transactional Law Practice Center provides students with a unique opportunity to go beyond a classroom setting and experience the challenges of a transactional lawyer. It is a privilege to be part of a program that encourages initiative and resourcefulness as a means of better preparing Chase students for legal and other professional careers. I am confident that the experiences gained through the center will distinguish Chase students and graduates in the legal field as well as among other professionals."



ANN G. SCHOEN '94 is a partner at Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati. She is practice group leader of the firm's intellectual property group and is a registered patent attorney. Her practice also includes licensing and counseling on intellectual property matters and intellectual property portfolio management.

"We are always looking for talented attorneys who have practical skills and who can provide value to our clients. The center provides experience that can develop those practical skills and is an innovative response to the needs of the legal profession and clients for lawyers who are prepared for the practice and business of law."

THE FOUNDING PARTNERS CAMPAIGN ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2011.



To become a Founding Partner, contact **R. DANIEL SHEPHARD**, CFRE, director of development, at (859) 572-7578 or shephardr1@nku.edu.

Alumni in the Judiciary Update

In the "Alumni in the Judiciary" article published in the fall 2010 issue of the *NKU Chase Lawyer* magazine, we inadvertently did not include the following individuals who are Chase alumni and are now serving in or retired from the judiciary. We extend our sincere apologies and are pleased to recognize these alumni in this issue.

MICHAEL E. JONES '08
Staff Judge Advocate, United States Navy, Armed Forces Pacific

SAM MAISLIN '72
Judge (Ret.), Amherst Town Court, Amherst, N.Y.

CAROL N. McILWAIN '76
Hearing Officer (Ret.), Industrial Commission of Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio

KERRY SIGLER MORGAN '96
Adm. Law Judge, Social Security Administration, Franklin, Tenn.

TERRY RISNER '85
Judge, Mt. Carmel Municipal Court, Mt. Carmel, Tenn.

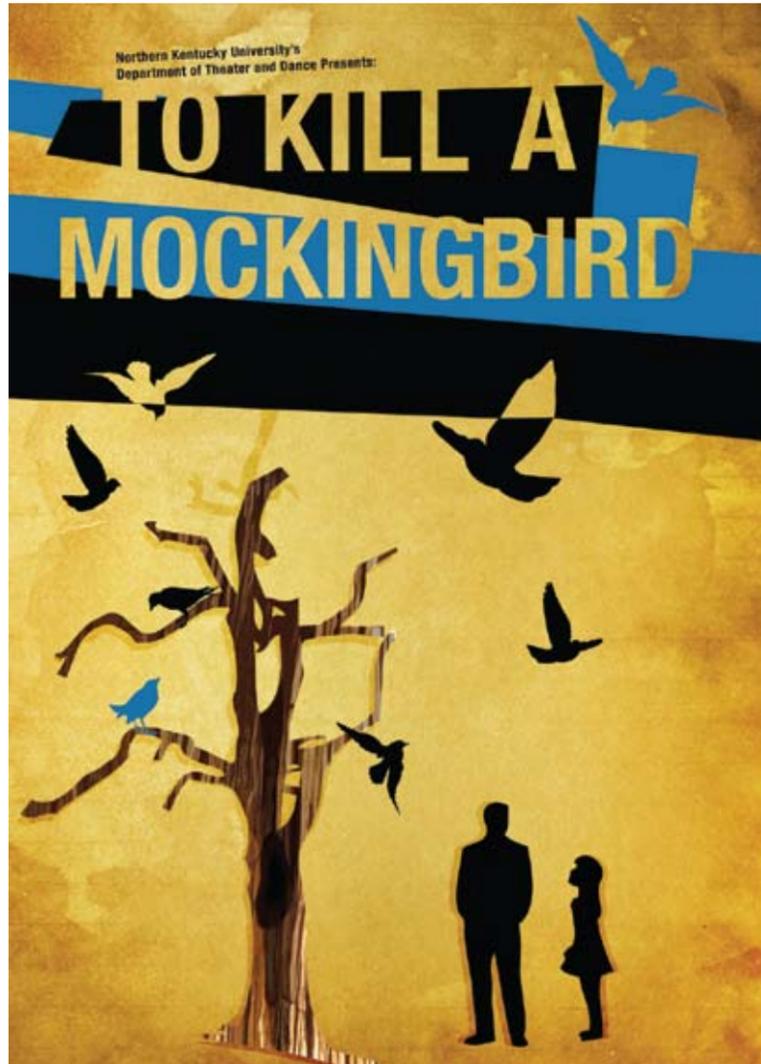
ROBERT E. TAYLOR '75
Judge (Ret.), Hamilton Co. Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati, Ohio

Dean's Circle Theatre Party

Chase College of Law welcomed Dean's Circle donors and members of Chase's various leadership boards to a reception and night of theatre Dec. 4 to thank them for their gifts and service to the college of law. Guests enjoyed food and socializing at NKU's Student Union before heading to Corbett Theatre for the NKU production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.



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"The coincidence of NKU offering its production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* was fortuitous," Dean Dennis Honabach said. "The legal setting of the play made the evening even more special, and we hope to find more opportunities to tie our donor recognition program to our profession."

The next thank-you event for the Dean's Circle is slated for late spring or early summer. A wine party is the anticipated theme, and locations are being scouted.

To learn more about becoming a Dean's Circle donor, contact R. Daniel Shephard, CFRE, director of development, at shephardr1@nku.edu or (859) 572-7578.

1. Gregory '92 and Cynthia Sizemore with Kelly and David Spaulding '06 2. William Hawkins '78 with Dean Dennis Honabach 3. Dan and Ginny Shephard with Donald '79 and Julie Hemmer 4. Jessica Roberts and Adam Stigall '09. 5. William Hawkins '78, Edward McTigue '78, and Alan Hartman '78 6. Molly and David Barth '78, Jennifer Clemons '01, and Professor Richard Bales

Class notes

CLASS OF 1966

HARVEY DUNN, senior counsel at Schottenstein Zox & Dunn in Columbus, Ohio, was named to the 2011 edition of Best Lawyers. He practices in the areas of tax and wealth management.

ALLAN H. GIFFORD, attorney at law, was admitted to his sixth state bar, Washington, in June. He is also a member of the Alaska, Hawaii, Indiana, Ohio, and Oregon state bars. His practice is in estate planning, trust, and probate.



DAVID WINCHESTER PECK, of counsel at Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, has been elected a trustee of the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys. His primary

practice focuses on private dispute resolution. He handles mediation and arbitration in the areas of employment law; professional liability; construction, engineering, and architectural liability; premises liability; product liability; and bodily and personal injury litigation.

CLASS OF 1968



Judge **RAYMOND E. LAPE, JR.**, was named the 2010 Distinguished Lawyer of the Year by the Northern Kentucky Bar Association. Since his retirement

from the Kenton County Circuit Court in 1995, Lape has served as senior retired judge taking special assignments and is active as a private mediator.

CLASS OF 1973



MICHAEL T. GMOSEr has been appointed as the Butler County prosecutor. He previously worked as a member at Holcomb, Hyde & Gmoser, LLC, practicing in

the areas of general civil and criminal practice, personal injury law, wrongful death law, medical malpractice litigation, and trials and appeals in all courts.

TIMOTHY L. NOLAN was sworn in as a Lawyers' Club of Cincinnati trustee Jan. 20.

CLASS OF 1974

ROBERT W. CETTEL of Proware/Sadler Financial Services was sworn in as a Lawyers' Club of Cincinnati trustee Jan. 20.

JOHN W. McNALLY, JR., of Jacobs, Kleinman, Seibel & McNally was recognized at the October meeting of the Cincinnati Bar Association board of trustees for his 12 years of service on the board, including his service as the outgoing ABA delegate.

CLASS OF 1977

FELIX C. WADE, partner at Schottenstein Zox & Dunn in Columbus, Ohio, was named to the 2011 edition of Best Lawyers. He practices labor and employment law.

CLASS OF 1978

Judge **STEVEN R. JAEGER** retired from the Kenton Circuit Court in September after more than 23 years of judicial service. He has joined The Jaeger Firm, PLLC, as a partner and provides mediation services to the Northern Kentucky and Southern Ohio legal communities.

CLASS OF 1980



ROBERT M. HOFFER, partner at Dressman Benzinger LaVelle's Crestview Hills office, was named president-elect for the Kentucky Defense Counsel. He

was also elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors and received the Outstanding Community Service Bonitatem Award from Covington Latin School, where he graduated in 1972.

LAJUANA S. WILCHER, former secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet and former assistant administrator for the Office of Water at EPA, facilitated the Clean Water America Alliance's third "National Dialogue, Managing One Water" in Los Angeles, Calif.

CLASS OF 1981

MARK E. PIEPMEIER, Hamilton County chief assistant prosecuting attorney, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Cincinnati Paralegal Association Feb. 23. He spoke about his duties as chief assistant prosecutor and his involvement with the Marcus Fiesel case and other high-profile cases.

LINDA H. SCHAFFER, of counsel at Keating, Muething & Klekamp, was elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors. Her practice is concentrated in the area of real estate law. She is a registered land attorney in Hamilton County, Ohio.

CLASS OF 1985

KAREN L. SHINKLE, attorney at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, was sworn in as a Lawyers' Club of Cincinnati trustee Jan. 20.

CLASS OF 1986

DAVID B. MALONE has joined Steptoe & Johnson's Lexington office as of counsel. He focuses his practice on public finance, acting as bond counsel, underwriter counsel, and borrower counsel in various types of tax-exempt and taxable finance transactions.



PHILIP J. SCHWORER, member at Frost Brown Todd, was named to the Best Lawyers 2011 edition for environmental law. His practice includes environmental litigation, environmental due diligence and negotiations associated with corporate acquisitions and divestitures, and compliance counseling. He is a certified professional environmental auditor.

CLASS OF 1987



Judge **ROBERT C. WINKLER** of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas was selected by the membership of the Southwest Ohio Trial Lawyers Association as the 2010 Trial Judge of the Year.

CLASS OF 1989



SHERRY L. PORTER, professor at NKU Chase College of Law, was elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors. She is the director of Chase's Transactional Law Practice Center and director of the college of law's Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic.

CLASS OF 1991



JOHN J. GARVEY III, partner and cofounder of the new Fort Mitchell firm Garvey Shearer, PSC, has been elected a trustee of the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys.

CLASS OF 1992



JULIE A. MCGEHEE has been appointed by The E.W. Scripps Company board of directors to the role of corporate secretary in addition to her already existing role as vice president of compensation and benefits. Her new responsibilities include coordinating all activities of the full board and its committees, facilitating interaction between directors and senior management, and managing the annual shareholders meeting.

CLASS OF 1993

RICHARD M. NIELSON, managing partner at Nielson & Sherry, PSC, was elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors.

CLASS OF 1994

STEPHANIE A. DIETZ, partner at O'Hara, Ruberg, Taylor, Sloan & Sergent, was elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors. Her practice areas are divorce and dissolution, adoption, paternity and child support, and custody.

EDWARD S. MONOHAN V of Monohan & Blankenship was elected as the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 president-elect. His areas of practice are personal injury, workers' compensation, Social Security, corporate law, bankruptcy, and collection.

JOHN MARK WILLIAMS, partner at Delev & Williams, LLC, and chief of the insurance defense department, was honored at St. Aloysius Orphanage's November Star of Excellence Gala for his commitment as a foster parent. He focuses his practice in civil and insurance litigation and trial work.

CLASS OF 1995

BRADLEY C. ARNETT has joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as a partner in its Cincinnati office. His practice in the business and finance group focuses on public finance, acting as bond counsel, underwriters' counsel, and borrowers' counsel in various types of tax-exempt financing transactions.

CLASS OF 1996

MELANIE S. BAILEY of Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine PC was inducted into the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers. CALL is an experience-based program that promotes and encourages leadership, professionalism, and service among practicing lawyers in Greater Cincinnati.



DEBRA K. CRANE has been appointed director of Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Montgomery, Ohio, the largest cemetery owned by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. She is the former senior vice president and general counsel for Ohio Casualty Corporation.

TAMMY MEADE ENSSLIN has opened Meade Ensslin Law Office in Lexington, Ky. She practices in the areas of civil litigation, insurance defense, and employment and labor law. Before opening her own practice, she was a partner at Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney PLLC.

Class notes

JILL P. MEYER, member-in-charge at Frost Brown Todd's Cincinnati office, was inducted into Working in Neighborhoods' Hall of Fame and received the group's Cincinnati Champion Award for her commitment to improving the Cincinnati community. She also was elected to the board of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber.

Judge **KERRY SIGLER MORGAN** was appointed to serve as a United States administrative law judge in August. She was assigned to the Social Security Administration.

JEFFREY S. ROSENSTIEL, member at Frost Brown Todd, was elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors. His practice is concentrated in the litigation of banking, commercial, and bankruptcy matters. He represents financial institutions and other creditors with commercial collections, foreclosures, receiverships, and assignments for the benefit of creditors.

CLASS OF 1997

CHRISTOPHER J. MULVANEY was named partner at Ulmer & Berne's Cincinnati office. He concentrates his practice in the areas of product liability, construction litigation, and general civil litigation.

CLASS OF 1998

LANCE E. MCCOMIS has joined the law firm of VanAntwerp, Monge, Jones, Edwards & McCann, LLP, in Ashland. His primary areas of practice are trusts, estate planning, real estate, and corporate law.

BRIAN R. REDDEN has joined Buechner Haffer Meyers & Koenig Co., LPA, and practices in the areas of employment and labor advising

and litigation, general civil litigation, and sports law. He is a member of the CALL Class XIV and was a leading member of the establishment of Wills for Heroes.

CLASS OF 1999

WILLIAM R. ADKINS of William R. Adkins Attorney at Law, PSC, was elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors. His practice areas are criminal law, family law, personal injury, divorce, and DUI/DWI.

MARY B. BURNS, trust counsel for Johnson Trust Company, was elected to serve as treasurer/secretary of the Cincinnati Estate Planning Council. She also was elected to serve as secretary for the Women's Crisis Center of Northern Kentucky.

CLASS OF 2002



PATRICK R. VEITH, associate with Finney, Stagnaro, Saba & Patterson Co., LPA, has expanded his practice at the firm to include the area of estate planning and probate. This is in addition to his other practice areas of business and commercial law.

CLASS OF 2003

MATTHEW B. DEMARCUS, associate at Wolnitzek & Rowekamp, was elected as the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 secretary. His practice areas are insurance litigation, civil litigation, school law, domestic relations, products liability, real estate, personal injury, and civil rights.

CATHERINE E. HOWARD of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP was inducted into the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers. CALL is

an experience-based program that promotes and encourages leadership, professionalism, and service among practicing lawyers in Greater Cincinnati.

CLASS OF 2006

RYAN BECK, associate at Busald Funk Zevely, PSC, was elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors. His practice areas are criminal law, divorce and family law, and general practice.

CHRISTOPHER J. DUTTON was named senior associate at Frost Brown Todd. He practices in the firm's litigation department and is a primary member of the firm's construction law group.

JAY T. MANIRE has joined the University of South Florida system as associate general counsel for healthcare, research, and commercialization. He is the former associate counsel for Northern Kentucky University.

CLASS OF 2007

MICHAEL B. BAKER of The Baker Firm was elected to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors.

J. AARON BYRD was named senior associate in Frost Brown Todd's personal and succession planning practice group. He concentrates his practice in estate planning, estate and trust administration, asset protection planning, charitable giving, and estate and trust litigation.

JODIE DREES GANOTE of the Law Office of Jodie Drees Ganote was sworn in as a Lawyers' Club of Cincinnati trustee Jan. 20. She was also sworn in as the Lawyers' Club secretary Feb. 17.

STEVEN D. JAEGER has opened The Jaeger Firm, PLLC, a full-service law firm in Erlanger,

Ky. He is the founding partner and managing member of the firm.

ACENA J. SMITH of Beck and Smith PLLC was elected as the young lawyers chair for the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's 2011 board of directors.

CLASS OF 2008

ANDREW B. BAUDENDISTEL of Votaw & Schwarz was appointed county attorney for Dearborn County, Ind. Aside from this new position, his practice focuses on defense work, and he is the defense attorney representative on the Dearborn Superior Court No. 1 Drug Court.

REBECCA L. CULL, associate in Kohnen & Patton LLP's litigation practice group, was selected as a YWCA Academy of Career Women of Achievement Rising Star.

LINDSEY MACKIE FIELD has joined the Lake County prosecutor's office, Bernard A. Carter prosecuting attorney, as a deputy prosecutor in the Greater Chicago area.

NICOLE WILLET-JONES has joined Napier Gault, PLC, as an associate. She concentrates her practice in the areas of medical negligence and insurance defense.

CLASS OF 2009

AMANDA AQUINO has joined the law firm of Murray & Murray in Sandusky, Ohio. She concentrates her practice in civil litigation.

DANIEL A. HUNT has joined Ziegler & Schneider PSC as an associate. His practice includes general corporate matter, insurance defense, litigation, and municipal law.

ROBERT LEWIS II has joined Beirne & Wirthlin as an associate. He will concentrate his

practice in personal injury, administrative appeals, and civil litigation.

CLASS OF 2010

ROBERT E. ALTMAN III has joined Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA, as an associate. He will be in the real estate default group in the firm's Cincinnati office.

D. KRISTOFFER BRANDENBURG has joined Strauss & Troy's Cincinnati office as an associate. He focuses his practice on commercial litigation and intellectual property.

KATRINA A. BRUCE has been appointed by the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative to the role of AmeriCorps Project REACH (Realizing Educational and Career Hopes) director. She will also manage 19 AmeriCorps members and will be responsible for grant writing and working with school representatives to resolve issues related to Project REACH.

JILL D. FEDDERS has joined Ritter & Randolph as an attorney focusing on elder law; estate and charitable planning; and probate, estate, and trust administration.

EMILY N. LITZINGER has joined Bahe Cook Cantley & Jones PLC. Her practice focuses on plaintiff employment litigation, medical malpractice, and personal injury.

BRIAN P. O'CONNOR has joined Santen & Hughes as an associate attorney. He focuses his practice in the areas of general business law and civil litigation.



DANIELLE J. RAVENCRAFT has joined Reminger Co., LPA, in the firm's Ft. Mitchell office. She focuses her practice in the areas of general tort liability, commercial premises liability, employment practices, and workers' compensation.

ANDREW J. VANDIVER has joined Adams, Stepler, Woltermann & Dusing's Covington office as an associate attorney in the commercial banking practice group.



To submit your class notes, please visit the Chase website at chaselaw.nku.edu.

Class notes

Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

Congratulations to the following Chase alumni who were named 2011 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Southern California

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- Henry D. Acciani '79
- Gregory L. Adams '77
- Steven R. Adams '90
- Phyllis G. Bossin '77
- Anthony D. Castelli '81
- R. Scott Crosswell III '74
- Joseph R. Dreitler '79
- John W. Eilers '67
- Ellen Essig '86
- Katrina Z. Farley '92
- Bernard C. Fox, Jr., '78
- Jan M. Frankel '78
- James C. Frooman '90
- W. Roger Fry '66
- John A. Garretson '77
- Michael F. Gehrig '74
- Robert J. Gehring '80
- Stephen E. Gillen '80
- Ralph P. Ginocchio '77
- Joanne Wissman Glass '94
- Eric W. Goering '92
- John A. Goldberg '73
- Richard J. Goldberg '75
- Edward R. Goldman '73
- Walter E. Haggerty, Jr., '78
- William H. Hawkins II '78
- Mary J. Healy '78
- Elizabeth A. Horwitz '83
- William H. Kaufman '71
- Harold G. Korbee '65
- Bea V. Larsen '69
- Richard D. Lawrence '71
- Michael F. Lyon '75

- Bernard L. McKay '94
- Henry E. Menninger, Jr., '77
- Donald C. Moore, Jr., '79
- James H. Moskowitz '94
- Raymond D. Neusch '78
- David W. Peck '66
- David Wade Peck '70
- Martin S. Pinales '68
- D. Arthur Rabourn '78
- Douglas W. Rennie '78
- Howard L. Richshafer '75
- Jeffrey M. Rollman '74
- James H. Scheper '68
- Michael R. Schmidt '81
- Philip J. Schworer '86
- Joseph W. Shea III '74
- William D. Snyder '76
- Alton L. Stephens '75
- Joseph P. Thomas '88
- Stanton H. Vollman '66
- Felix C. Wade '77
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- Douglas S. Weigle '76
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In memoriam

DEAN OVID C. LEWIS passed away Jan. 26, 2011, at the age of 78. He was former president of Nova Southeastern University, former dean of Nova Southeastern Law Center, former dean of NKU Chase College of Law, professor at Case Western Reserve, and a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He was an accomplished concert violist and a pioneer in the fields of artificial intelligence and distance learning.

MARJORIE A. YINGST '51 passed away Aug. 26, 2010, at the age of 90. She practiced law for Legal Aid in Cincinnati before moving to Florida with her family in 1957 where she volunteered for organizations such as UNICEF and worked as a substitute teacher. Yingst was also an active member of the United Nations Association of Tampa Bay, attending local and national meetings. She also studied Russian and made several trips to the country in the '70s and '80s.

KENNETH B. BAYLEN '73 passed away Jan. 14, 2011, at the age of 64. He was an assistant city prosecutor for the city of Cincinnati and a member of the Church of Matthew 25.

DOUGLAS E. MCLLWAIN '78 passed away May 18, 2010, at the age of 59 from injuries sustained in a traffic accident. He was an attorney and sole proprietor of the McIlwain Law Office in West Union, Ohio. He was also the Adams County public defender for 14 years. McIlwain was a member of the Ohio state and Adams County bar associations, national president of the American Society of Dowsers, and a Cub Scout den leader.

BYRON D. WOOD '96 passed away April 18, 2010, at the age of 40. A Campbellsville, Ky., attorney specializing in personal injury cases, Wood served in the

United States Army and received the Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Army lapel button. He graduated with honors from the 101st Division Air Assault School. Wood was a federal firearms licensee, and he earned his pilot's license certification in 2003. He was a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, American Bar Association, and numerous other legal associations.

JAMES B. BROWN '04 passed away Feb. 10, 2011, at the age of 62. He was a retired federal agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. After his retirement from the bureau, he was a prosecutor with the Kenton County Commonwealth's Attorney Office. Brown was a veteran of the Navy and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishing Association.

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