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Launching a New Courtroom

Chase cuts the ribbon to the new
Chase College Foundation Courtroom

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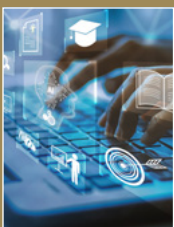
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Chase has Good Things Happening

WITH STUDENTS, FACILITIES AND RECOGNITION, THE COLLEGE IS ASCENDING TO NEW LEVELS



Greetings Chase Community,

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings and best wishes from Chase. Lately, I've developed a bit of a mantra I find myself sharing with audiences large and small: "Chase is a law school on the move." Our movement is happening on several fronts. As featured in this issue of our Chase magazine, we have moved into beautifully renovated new space on the first floor of Nunn Hall. After four years of planning and construction, in November 2025 we held a ribbon-cutting to inaugu-

rate the Chase College Foundation Courtroom and surrounding student center. These areas have already become the most utilized spaces in Nunn Hall, with rave reviews from our students, faculty, staff and community members who have studied, taught and learned in this inviting space.

Chase is also on the move in the elevation of our program of legal education. Over the past five years, we have soared 30 places in national rankings of U.S. law schools. This jump is largely attributable to the outcomes that matter most to our students and alumni – strong bar passage and employment results. We continue to see an increase in our applicant pool in terms of size, quality and geodiversity. This year we received the highest number of applications from the most credentialed group of candidates in recent memory. Our applicants hail from 39 states, a sign our school is having a national impact. The steady rise of our legacy is owing to the tremendous work and dedication of the entire Chase community.

Amid these exciting developments, we are preparing for our move to the new site in Covington. Since the Kentucky legislature appropriated \$125 million in 2024 for a building to house Chase and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine Northern Kentucky campus, dozens of stakeholders have been holding regular meetings to plan for the creation of this unique professional school hub. Groundbreaking occurred June 11, and we look forward to following the progress as the structure takes shape.

The motto "move fast and break things" is oft-quoted in the technology space to signal support for rapid innovation, experimentation and speed over caution. While this approach may (or may not) make sense for those building entirely new systems and applications, in my view it isn't necessarily the right approach to law. As a discipline, law draws on history, tradition, caution and careful reflection. Sustained law reform and progress emerges from this approach. At Chase, we are moving with intentionality and strategy to make incremental enhancements to our law school. Honoring our storied past and building our bright future remains our North Star.

Sending gratitude for your continuing support and confidence in Chase.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith".

Judith Daar

AMBASSADOR PATRICIA L. HERBOLD DEAN
AND PROFESSOR OF LAW

Briefs

Wolf Lecture Probes a Question of the Past

Eighty years after the end of World War II, the third annual lecture of the David and Nancy Wolf Program in Ethics and Professional Identity at Chase explored the lingering question of why some Nazi Holocaust abettors evaded justice.

Holocaust scholar and University of Toronto Professor Rebecca Wittmann offered her explanation in “Too Little, Too Late: Nazi Trials in Postwar Germany,” and in a follow-up conversation with Wolf Chair Professor Jack Harrison. Her explanation this past September 25 at the Cincinnati

Museum Center: Systemic obstacles in the German legal system allowed Nazi perpetrators to evade justice. From out of it, the lesson for today, Professor Harrison says, “is one that law students, lawyers and judges must constantly think about and reflect upon. What happens when the justice system fails at a critical moment in history to be a place where justice is found?”

Professor Wittmann is the author *Beyond Justice: The Auschwitz Trial and Nazism and Terrorism: The Madjanek and Stammheim Trials in 1975 West Germany*.



Chase College of Law Professor Jack Harrison and Holocaust scholar Rebecca Wittmann, center, at the public lecture of the David and Nancy Wolf Program in Ethics and Professional Identity.

Chase Hosts Multi-State Mock Trial Contest



A Sixth Circuit Challenge mock trial in the Campbell County, Kentucky, Courthouse.

Chase College of Law this past November organized and hosted the Sixth Circuit Challenge, a mock trial competition among student teams from law schools within the four states that comprise the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The competition over the weekend of November 7-9 included opening statements, witness examinations and closing arguments, beginning at the Campbell County Courthouse in Newport, Kentucky, and concluding in the Chase College Foundation Courtroom in Nunn Hall.

Competing from Kentucky, in addition to Chase, were teams from the University of Kentucky David Rosenberg College of Law and the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law; from Tennessee, the University of Tennessee Winston College of Law; and from Ohio, the University of Cincinnati Donald P. Klekamp College of Law.

Students Dress the Part

For some Chase College of Law students, the goal after graduation is not only to pass a bar exam, but to be just like Professor Anthony Chavez. In the fun spirit of this past Halloween, some dressed as the popular Professor Chavez (he's fifth from left in the photo). To compound the possibility of mistaken identity, they are holding their class tent name cards that all read, Chavez. To complete the look, the student to his right is cradling two small toy cats, in tribute to his two cats.



Students Learn How To Get Around

It may seem basic, but one of the most important things a new lawyer needs to know is how to find the courthouse. That is why Professor Jennifer Brinkman, who is director of the Chase Children's Law Center Clinic in which students represent children in legal matters, sends new clinic students on a "scavenger hunt" to find not only the courthouse, but also other locations they might need to visit in their clinic work.

"I send the students out to locate various places in our community – everything from the clerk of court's office to judges' chambers to the Public Defender's office, Legal Aid, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and other organizations. To prove that they found the locations, they are required to take photos of themselves in front of the locations," Professor Brinkman says.



Children's Law Center Clinic students on their "scavenger hunt" to find locations important to their clinic work, including having located Watertower Square in Newport, Kentucky, with some social service agencies.



Some first-year students display their Chase Professionalism Day pins following a ceremony this past August.

New Students Join in a Tradition

First-year students at Chase College of Law literally pin reminders to themselves of what they are committing to, now and in the future.

As a traditional part of the traditional Professionalism Day at Chase, students this past August 14, 2025, received small pins for shirts, blouses or lapels to remind them of their commitments to uphold professional standards throughout their student and professional careers.

At the ceremony, Judge Erin Sizemore of Campbell County (Kentucky) District Court spoke about the profession and administered the Chase Professionalism Oath to uphold professional standards and the Chase Honor Code.

Medical-Legal Symposium is Shared Venture

Chase College of Law and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine this past February 21 fused two worlds into one: They co-sponsored the Medicolegal Symposium in the Chase College Foundation Courtroom in Nunn Hall.

Designed for lawyers, doctors and law and medical students, the symposium explored shared issues in litigation, trial preparation and risk management. Along with speakers, it featured a segment of a medical malpractice mock trial and an orally annotated pre-trial deposition.

Summer is Time to Gain Experience

No matter the "Porgy and Bess" opera lyrics – "Summertime, and the livin' is easy" – summertime can be a busy time for Chase College of Law students.

Among them this summer were three who participated in the Equal Justice Works Rural Summer Legal Corps and another with a highly competitive national fellowship working in the West Virginia Attorney General's Office.

In the Summer Legal Corps

Kaylee Walker worked with the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland on civil matters, particularly those related to housing and re-entry to society. "My legal research and writing coursework in particular have helped prepare me to assist with research, drafting and client outreach," she says.

Gracie Terry was with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati in outlying rural areas of the 16-county metro area, working on record-sealing and expungement. "Chase has prepared me well by supporting the passion that led me to law school – protecting the rights of those who cannot adequately protect themselves."

Kassidy Koogler was with the Appalachian Legal Research and Defense Fund, doing legal research, drafting documents and conducting client interviews. "This experience will allow me to further my legal knowledge, legal writing and client communication. Also, I hope to build a better understanding of client support in rural communities."

In West Virginia

Zeinab Elkhansa was one of about 30 law students nationally awarded the Janet D. Steiger Fellowship of the American Bar Association to work in consumer protection departments of state attorneys general and other agencies. "Chase encourages students to engage in public service and practical legal experiences. I have also been fortunate to have professors and mentors who have helped guide me as I navigate my path in the legal profession," she says.

New Alumni Role

A new academic year for students also brings new leadership for the Chase Alumni Council, which orchestrates events for more than 5,000 alumni. For 2026-27, Stephanie Scott will succeed J.B. Lind as chair. Ms. Scott is assistant general counsel of Cincinnati Public Schools. Mr. Lind is a partner in the Cincinnati firm of Vorys, Seymour and Pease.



Stephanie Scott



J.B. Lind

A New Courtroom Opens New Opportunities and a New Face for Chase

The Chase College Foundation Courtroom in Nunn Hall is a sleekly modern facility for mock trials, advocacy classes and actual hearings

The wall panels are a rich oak tone. The elevated dais spans 20 feet. In front of it is a moveable podium. Facing both are sleek tables and chairs. Then seven rows of seats.

This is the new Chase College Foundation Courtroom of Salmon P. Chase College of Law, opened November 20, 2025.

Named for the legacy foundation that has directed donations to the college since it was formed in 1954, the space is a contemporary iteration of past, present and future courtrooms in which students can practice for their futures and lawyers can appear before judges in the present.

The judicial bench can accommodate a single trial judge (actual or mock), a three-judge appellate panel or a seven-member session of the Supreme Court of Kentucky. A witness stand is at the front, and the facing jury box accommodates 12. Wall-mounted video screens link to monitors before judges and to laptops at counsel tables. Unseen from the courtroom are the adjacent judicial chambers and a jury deliberation room.

The courtroom on the first floor of Nunn Hall is the culmination of four years of planning, fundraising and construction. It is the centerpiece of a completely reimagined first floor, once used for (but, in a digital age, no longer needed) library shelving and miscellaneous spaces. Now, adjacent to the courtroom is the Chase Student Center, with nine glass-wall-fronted study rooms, multiple carrels and booths for study, board-room-length tables and a common area for relaxing or gathering.

Donations from more than 125 alumni and friends of the college supplied funding for construction, furnishings and appointments. The Chase College Foundation, which has been independent of the college since its formation and the ensuing merger of Chase and Northern Kentucky University in 1972, provided the major naming gift of \$500,000. Other gifts for designated appointments ranged from \$1,000 to \$250,000 each. ▶

The Chase College Foundation Courtroom has been used for advocacy classes and mock trials, and has a judicial bench to accommodate hearings of the seven-member Supreme Court of Kentucky.





The gallery of the Chase College Foundation Courtroom has seating for 100 individuals.

The courtroom – already used for a session of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, a Chase-sponsored regional competition of mock trial teams and practices for Chase trial teams and advocacy classes – replaces an outdated courtroom and smaller hearing room on the fourth floor of Nunn Hall.

“The old Chase courtroom stood for decades without renovation. While our students were valiant in their efforts to make the best possible use of the space, the lack of technology for sound projection, display of evidence, and effective interaction with the bench and jury were significant challenges,” says Dean Judith Daar, who with Associate Dean David MacKnight led the fundraising campaign and coordinated construction with NKU.

“In the early 2020s, we launched a plan to renovate the old courtroom up to modern standards. A year after our fundraising and design efforts were underway, we received the happy news that asset preservation funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky would be available to repair the first floor of Nunn Hall. We availed this opportunity to pivot the courtroom project from the fourth floor down into this new space. Now, the entire first floor is a fresh, beautiful and highly functional space for our community.”

While the courtroom is “all Chase,” it also reflects “a little bit of thinking from here, and a little bit from there.”

“We worked with an outstanding group of professionals to envision, design and build the courtroom and student space,” Dean Daar says. “In addition, the Chase team visited numerous courtrooms in other law schools and government buildings. Our architects and the NKU design team helped us create a courtroom that can serve a seven-member bench of judges, with gallery seating for 100 guests. The adjacent judge’s chambers and jury deliberation room provide spaces for their dedicated functions, as well as small-group student learning space.”

While some aspects of the courtroom are readily visible – “The color palette, wood tones, and furnishings were selected to create an elegant, sophisticated

and welcoming environment for all who enter,” Dean Daar says – others are in the digital expanse of a cyberage.

“When we visited working courtrooms across the region, we asked the presiding judges about the technology they utilized,” she says. “We learned that sound projection and evidence display were among the most important features of any technology package. We also gave attention to sight lines for the jury, judges, attorneys and gallery audience. We designed the Chase courtroom so that all arguments, presentations, videos and other communications could be heard and viewed by anyone in the room. The technology consultants who assisted with our project worked to embed microphones throughout the ceiling, while positioning video screens to maximize their visibility.”

With there being much new about which to be excited, there remains the well-used-but-not-forgotten fourth-floor courtroom.

“Right now, the old courtroom is being used by our trial and appellate competition teams for practices,” Dean Daar says. “We are fortunate to have many teams competing this year, and the new courtroom could not accommodate all the usage needed. We will continue to use the old courtroom for practices and other teaching purposes until we decide to reconfigure the space for other needs.”

With a name that recognizes a history and a usage solidly in the present, the Chase College Foundation Courtroom is just now beginning its future.



Participating in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting for the Chase College Foundation Courtroom are, from left, alumni James Frooman, Amy Hale Chandler, Supreme Court of Kentucky Deputy Chief Justice Robert Conley and Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Michelle Keller, Dean Judith Daar, Northern Kentucky University President Cady Short-Thompson, and, with the NKU Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Mary Paula Schuh, Elizabeth Birkenhauer and Kathryn Theobald.

A Celebration Four Years in the Making

A ribbon-cutting and reception
for alumni and donors officially
opens the doors to the Chase
College Foundation Courtroom

For a new courtroom, the Chase College Foundation Courtroom in Nunn Hall already has a lot of history.

First is its name. The state-of-the-art courtroom at Salmon P. Chase College of Law is named for the Chase College Foundation, a more than 70-year-old foundation created in 1954 when Chase was an independent, private college, and which has continued to support the college financially since its merger with Northern Kentucky University in 1972 – including through major underwriting of the courtroom. ▶



“A space like this is absolutely invaluable to students. They can refine their skills long before the stakes are high. And the students can begin to see themselves as true and real advocates.”

– Amy Hale Chandler, standing in front of the Amy Hale Chandler Judges Bench

And then there are the events in the courtroom since a ceremonial ribbon-cutting November 20, 2025, that opened the doors: a session of the Kentucky Court of Appeals to hear oral arguments, the Chase-sponsored Sixth Circuit Challenge for law school trial teams from Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee, opening statement and closing argument competitions among Chase students, a medical-legal symposium sponsored by Chase and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, and a legislative-related student-organized symposium. And then, too, is the usage for student trial team practices and college-related student informational sessions.

All of that has occurred – and more will occur – in a courtroom that embodies the collective spirit of Chase in donations by the Chase College Foundation and alumni and friends to construct, furnish and equip the space.

Speaking at the ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by benefactors and alumni, Dean Judith Daar said, “I want to give thanks to our naming gift that came from the Chase College Foundation. They believed in us early on, and they gave us a gift that allowed us to name the courtroom in their honor. Over the past four years, we’ve been so buoyed by 125-plus supporters of this project, from alumni and from supporters all around the region.”

For alumni who spoke at the ceremony – Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Michelle Keller and Deputy Chief Justice Robert Conley, Warren County Attorney Amy Hale Chandler and James Frooman, who represented the Chase College Foundation – the courtroom stood in contrast to their student years and as a beacon for the future:

Justice Keller: “This courtroom looks a lot different than the one I did my first oral argument in [as a student], but I feel just as excited today as I did



Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Michelle Keller speaking during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Deputy Chief Justice Robert Conley, who also spoke, is seated at the counsel table at the middle left.



With Dean Judith Daar in the Chase College Foundation Courtroom following the ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, foundation board members and Chase alumni James Frooman, Ronald Major, Anthony Frohlich and David Spaulding.

then. ... I've always felt like Chase was my legal home. Now, I hope, Dean Daar, you won't mind if Chase will also be an alternate home for the Kentucky Supreme Court."

Deputy Chief Justice Conley: "When I walked in here, I was, 'Wow, what planet am I on?' It doesn't look anything like the school I graduated from in 1984. ... This courtroom is first-class. It's going to be invaluable to the students, in teaching them trial-practice for a changing profession. The technology is just mind-blowing."

Ms. Chandler: "Driving in, I felt like when I first came to Chase, all of the excitement surrounding me. ... I remembered my trial advocacy class. I remember [the courtroom] did not look like this. In fact, I remember moving chairs around to fit everything in, and all of those things. But I'll tell you what, I learned how to present the case, which has helped me so much in my career. ... A space like this is absolutely invaluable to students. They can refine their skills long before the stakes are high. And the students can begin to see themselves as true and real advocates."

Mr. Frooman: "It's a privilege to stand here today as we celebrate this opening of this remarkable courtroom, a space that will shape the next generation of Chase lawyers, and carry forth a legacy more than a century in the making. On behalf of the Chase College Foundation, I want to express how deeply honored we are to help make this courtroom possible."

But while the ceremonial focus was on the courtroom, adjacent repurposed and refurbished space on the first floor of Nunn Hall did not go unnoticed. The Chase Student Center has nine glass-wall-fronted study rooms, multiple carrels, booths and boardroom-length tables for study, and a common area for relaxing and socializing.

The first-floor space became available for new uses with the transformation of the Chase Law Library – like those of most law schools – from a space-intensive repository of bound volumes to a slimmed-down hub for digital information and printed books.

From the opening ribbon-cutting ceremony and on, new chapters are definitely being added to the 133-year history of Chase and to its future.



A plaque outside the Chase College Foundation Courtroom recognizes donors to the project. The list of donors follows on page 13.

Donors' Gifts Enrich the New Courtroom

Features such as the judges bench, bailiff box, podium and witness stand represent the engagement of alumni and others in shaping a contemporary facility

The features that make the Chase College Foundation Courtroom a courtroom are all reminders of designated financial gifts from alumni and friends of the college. Beginning with the naming gift of the Chase College Foundation at the entrance, there are gifts that provided for such elements as the judges bench, judges chambers, jury deliberation room, bailiff box, podium, witness stand and judges chairs. On both sides of the bar are gifts that provided such features as counsel tables and chairs, jury chairs, gallery chairs, flags, ceremonial Bible and gavel.

Every gift provided an essential feature that elevates the courtroom to what students – and judges and lawyers utilizing it for hearings – could anticipate in a contemporary courtroom anywhere in the nation. What follows are reflections of some donors on their gifts as part of the ongoing legacy of Chase College of Law and its new, state-of-the-art courtroom.



CHASE COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Represented by
William M. Cussen,
president,
Class of 1969

Courtroom Naming Gift

The Chase College Foundation was created in 1954 to distribute donations to the college when it was a private, independent law school in Cincinnati. Since the merger of Chase with Northern Kentucky University in 1972, the foundation, which is independent of the college, has continued to fund student scholarships and projects through its legacy and other holdings.

“Over the years, the deans of the law school have presented a number of requests to members of the foundation to support various functions of the law school. The foundation has funded a number of scholarships. Some of these have been through direct support and others have included matching contributions to various endowed scholarship funds.

“The foundation has also contributed funds toward the Chase Finish Line Fund, which is for the purpose of defraying costs for students preparing for a bar exam. Another area of contribution is the Chase All Rise program, which is for the purpose of assisting students who have demonstrated financial needs.

“The \$500,000 gift toward the courtroom project is the largest gift to-date. Over the

years, the foundation has contributed several million dollars to the law school.”

Chase College Foundation board members are William M. Cussen, John J. Cruze, Sandra M. Eismann-Harpen, Paige L. Ellerman, Judge Anthony W. Frohlich, James C. Frooman, R. Lanahan Goodman, Walter E. Haggerty, Paul E. Jones, Ronald D. Major, Joseph W. Shea III and David M. Spaulding.



AMY HALE CHANDLER,
Class of 1996

Warren County,
Kentucky,
County Attorney

Judges Bench

Ms. Chandler has been Warren County Attorney since 2004, beginning with her appointment and continuing through multiple elections. She previously served as Warren County Family Court prosecutor and Warren County District Court lead prosecutor.

“Our family’s decision to donate to the courtroom project was – to us – an easy decision. It is our hope that this modern, functional courtroom will allow students to practice and learn to form real arguments, allow them to get in front of a jury, allow them to refine their skills long before the stakes are high. It is my highest hope that students will begin to see themselves as the true advocates that they are becoming.

“[My husband] David and I also believe

the courtroom will reflect Chase’s commitment to excellence, innovation and experiential education, enhancing its reputation as a place that prepares students exceptionally well for professional success. Most important, we hope it becomes a space where students discover their potential and feel inspired, much like I did during my time as a Chase student.”



MICHAEL C. DOYLE
(Class of 1969) and
DOROTHY Z. DOYLE

Founding partner,
Stone & Doyle law
firm; chair, Econolite

Judges Chambers and Jury Deliberation Room

Mr. Doyle earned multiple bar admissions as he moved with the accounting firm of Alexander Grant, now Grant Thornton. Having been a partner in the accounting firm, he subsequently founded the law firm of Stone & Doyle, in Pasadena, California. With a business partner, he acquired Econolite, a company involved in traffic control products.

“As I think about my experience at Chase, I am forever grateful to Dean Nicholas Revelos [1967-1970] and the school for encouraging me, and for the quality education. Those four years were some of the most enjoyable in my life.

“Three weeks after I graduated, I had moved to Atlanta, and I took the Georgia

bar exam. No time for a review course. I was told by an associate, 'In the Georgia Bar, don't just give them the answer, tell them first there was Adam and Eve and work your way up from there.' I passed the Georgia bar exam.

"Two weeks after taking the Georgia exam, I returned to Ohio to take the Ohio exam, also without time for a review course. And I passed that exam. Two years later, I moved to Wisconsin, and successfully passed the Wisconsin bar exam. And three years after that, I moved to California and passed the California bar exam, all while pursuing my career as a partner in a national CPA firm. Four years after that, I started practicing law in California. Lots happened in a short period of time. It all goes back to Chase."



TRACEY A. PUTHOFF,
Class of 1995

Partner, Taft

Bailiff Box

Ms. Puthoff concentrates her practice in mergers and acquisitions, including matters involving private equity, lending and finance, corporate governance and intellectual property.

"Donating to the courtroom project was a way in which I could support the law school and assist with recruiting students. I hope the new courtroom makes the law school more attractive to potential students and also brings in judges and matters that students can observe. Reflecting on when I was a student, I think that if we had had a courtroom that attracted judges to use for actual cases, I would have very much liked to have watched them.

"I also think the courtroom will provide an excellent environment for students to develop and hone their advocacy skills through trial team, moot court and competitions hosted by Chase. It should give students the opportunity to become familiar with and comfortable in the types of courtrooms many of them will encounter when they become lawyers. Even though I am not a litigator, I think there is tremendous value in students having access to a professional space like this to learn and to be exposed to how trials and motion practice are handled."



MICHAEL F. LYON,
Class of 1975

Partner,
Lindhorst &
Dreidame

Courtroom Podium

Mr. Lyon focuses his practice in medical malpractice defense of wrongful death, personal injury and product liability. He is a past president of the Ohio chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

"Fifty years ago, I graduated from a law school that provided me the keys to open the door into the world of the legal profession. The heart and soul of the law school then, as now, was manifested by faculty that not only were intellectually gifted individuals, but also practicing attorneys who were the consummate professionals exhibiting respect and love of the rule of law and a deep and profound dignity in a world of advocacy.

"The gift of the podium, for me, is a symbol and metaphor for my life as a trial lawyer, as it is the structure, physically, philosophically and intellectually, from which I address the court, cross-examine witnesses and make my arguments to the jury. When I was offered the opportunity to pick a physical structure in the courtroom, the podium was the only logical choice for me.

"In my professional opinion, it is the responsibility of trial lawyers like myself who have had a lifelong love affair with trial by jury to pass this passion on to the next generations of trial lawyers and, hopefully, this courtroom will be an important and sustaining tool to help inspire, motivate and train generations of trial lawyers going forward."



TIMOTHY EBLE
(Class of 1981) and
ELIZABETH EBLE

Retired solo
practitioner

Judge's Chair

Mr. Eble practiced in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, focused in personal injury and class action.

"Chase is a fine school, and the courtroom will help it to continue to be a fine school. The courtroom will make a good

spot for mock trial or appellate argument practice, and will help with recruiting when prospective students check out the facilities. The courtroom will be really beneficial when it is occasionally used for actual trials. That will allow students good opportunities to observe actual proceedings.

"I worked during the day and went to Chase at night. If I had any free time, which was very rare, I occasionally went to the courthouse and sat in on parts of trials. I probably learned more about courtroom arguments and experiences in the classroom from Professor Bernard Gilday Jr., who was one of the most remarkable and memorable teachers I had at Chase. And I would put Professor Bob Bratton up in that same category. Bernard Gilday was a very well-known Cincinnati criminal defense lawyer. He would have classes where a good part of the class would consist of cross-examinations or putting evidence together.

"At Chase, I was taught by professors and lawyers who believed in what they were doing. They had the highest regard for levels of professionalism, ethics and camaraderie, the way the legal profession should work. If it wasn't for Chase, I would never have been able to be where I am now – comfortably retired and feeling good about what I did for so many years."



In Memory of
W. ROGER FRY,
Class of 1966

By family, friends
and colleagues

Judge's Chair

Mr. Fry, who died in 2017, practiced his entire career of more than 50 years in the Cincinnati firm of Rendigs, Fry, Keily & Dennis.

Mr. Fry focused his practice in commercial and general litigation. Among his clients were architects and engineers, manufacturers, and companies involved in hazardous waste sites and class actions.

In 2012, the Ohio Association of Trial Attorneys recognized him with its Excellence in Advocacy Award, and in 2016 the Cincinnati Bar Association presented him its John P. Kiely Professionalism Award. He was a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and an Advocate of the American Board of Trial Ad-

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vocates. He served for more than 40 years on the Chase College Foundation board of trustees.

In the community, he was a board member of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and an elected member of the Indian Hill (Ohio) Village Council.



JOHN J. GARVEY III
(Class of 1991) and
MICHELE E. GARVEY

Managing shareholder,
Garvey Shearer
Nordstrom

Judge's Chair

Mr. Garvey practices in the area of civil litigation, representing businesses, individuals and insurers. He is a past president of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association and a past president of the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys.

"As each year goes by, I become increasingly grateful for the education and opportunities I received from attending Chase. As a result, I have an ongoing desire to support the Chase College of Law.

"While I have been perfectly content to serve the profession and clients as a litigator and advocate, I would be lying if I did not concede that from time to time I have wondered what it would have been like to have served as a judge, which I think of as a very difficult and honorable way to serve the public and the profession. This gift designation was a small way to recognize their service.

"Because the facility is so state-of-the-art, I think it will prove to be a perfect training ground to prepare students for their future court appearances in trial and appellate courts throughout the country, as this facility is as awe-inspiring and impressive as any state and federal court in the real world."



**LAWRENCE,
BEIRNE & LEWIS**
Represented by
Jennifer Lawrence,
Class of 1996

Judge's Chair

Lawrence, Beirne & Lewis, with offices in Covington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, focuses in catastrophic personal injury

matters. Seven of its lawyers are Chase alumni – Ms. Lawrence, Patrick Beirne, Logan English, Anne Gilday, Michael Gilday, Kara Harp and Nathan Sparks.

"The decision for our firm to donate to the courtroom project was an important one. Patrick Beirne and I graduated from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1996. The innovation available with the Chase courtroom today far exceeds that which was available in 1996. Our decision to donate for the judge's chair came from our desire to honor and uphold the integrity of the judiciary. Our firm is routinely in courtrooms in Ohio and Kentucky, and we believe that trial lawyers with the appropriate skills start with hands-on learning from within a courtroom setting.

"During our first semester of law school, an automobile collision case was being tried by my father, Richard Lawrence, Class of 1971, and Robert Sanders in the courtroom at Chase. The case had a huge impact on being able to see the inner workings of a civil case in the courtroom. It is our hope that the new courtroom will help to enhance the learning experience of Chase students, and simulate what it is like to be in a courtroom setting."



**PRISCILLA S.
O'DONNELL,**
Class of 1977

Retired judge
and solo
practitioner

Judge's Chair

Judge O'Donnell began her career as a public defender in Clermont County, Ohio, and subsequently was elected to two terms as judge of Clermont County Court.

"I was only too happy to contribute to this project, in as much as my experience as a Chase student led to my success in a 30-year career as an attorney. I lived in Clermont County during my years at Chase and set up a practice in Batavia, the county seat, when I graduated.

"I was elected to serve as a Clermont County Court judge for two terms. During that time the county grew in population to a size where a Municipal Court system was required, and the County Court was abolished. I spent the remaining years of my 30-year practice in the same office on Main Street where I began."



MATHEW J. SMITH,
Class of 1983

President,
Insurance Law
Services

Judge's Chair

Mr. Smith founded the insurance-defense law firm Smith, Rolfe & Skavdahl. He left his practice in 2017 to lead the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud, focused on legislation and amicus curiae briefs.

"I attended Chase as a night student. Having to work my way through law school, Chase provided the opportunity to pursue my dream of becoming a lawyer. Giving to this project, and the law school generally, allows me the opportunity to both say, 'thank you,' and also to help Chase continue its mission for other students who need the unique opportunities Chase offers.

"I never desired to be a judge, but spent more than three decades litigating in courtrooms across our nation. Litigators are advocates for our clients. The judge who sits in that chair is key to upholding the integrity and impartiality of our legal system. There is no higher nor greater role in our legal system.

"While at Chase, I enjoyed the honor of serving as chief justice of the Moot Court Board. To have had a courtroom of this caliber would have been tremendous, but only a dream. Today, that dream is a shining reality. For those of us from generations of Chase alumni, this is our way to show our commitment and confidence in the generations of lawyers to come. Like Chase itself, this new courtroom sends a message to everyone: This institution is building on its incredible history and stands at the forefront of excellence."



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A Space for Students

The Chase Student Center fills out the renovation of the first floor of Nunn Hall

In addition to the Chase College Foundation Courtroom on the first floor of Nunn Hall, newly renovated adjacent space is now the Chase Student Center, with open and enclosed spaces for studying and an expansive area for casual gatherings.

“The new student center provides much needed study space, including nine glass-fronted rooms,” Dean Judith Daar explains. “Each room is equipped with tables, chairs and a whiteboard for individu-

al-student and group study. The space also includes a large lounge area for students to gather, as well as two large reading tables and smaller dining-style tables and benches.”

The reaction: “I am thrilled every day when I walk into the space to see students using all of these spaces,” Dean Daar says. “Student feedback on the new space is extremely positive, and we are delighted to see such an enthusiastic response.”

The Chase Student Center includes, clockwise from top left, enclosed study rooms and open tables, booth seating and an expansive common area in front of the Chase College Foundation Courtroom.



Former Dean Dennis Honabach Retires

DURING SEVEN YEARS AS DEAN, HE OVERSAW CREATIONS OF NEW PROGRAMS BEFORE TURNING TO FULL-TIME TEACHING

Even though professor and former dean Dennis Honabach retired from Salmon P. Chase College of Law after this past academic year, his impact on the college is permanently enrolled for years to come.

Dean Honabach, who served from 2006 to 2013, when he decided to focus full-time on teaching, oversaw the creation of clinics, centers and programs that remain central to the identity of the college.

“Dennis led Chase through a period of significant growth and advancement, adding high value to our law school’s legacy,” Dean Judith Daar says. “He initiated programs and strategies that continue as signature elements of our program of legal education. I am grateful to Dennis for his many valuable and enduring contributions to Chase.” Among them:

Centers: Two years into his tenure, Chase created the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, which focuses on courtroom skills, and the Transactional Law Practice Center, now the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship, which connects operational and legal needs of startups. Both programs arose to better prepare students for the growing expectations of law firms that new lawyers would not only know the law, they would know how to apply it.

Clinics: To enable students to develop and apply emerging legal skills before they entered practice, Chase created the Children’s Law Center Clinic and the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic. The children’s clinic collaborates with the Children’s Law Center, a nonprofit law firm in Covington, Kentucky, to allow students to represent children and teenagers in such matters as access to education, family dissolution and status offenses. The small business and nonprofit clinic enables students to hone skills in business and organizational strategies and drafting of documents.



Professor and former dean
Dennis Honabach on the Northern
Kentucky University campus.

Law + Informatics Institute: Created in 2011, the institute partnered with the Northern Kentucky University College of Informatics to focus on law and regulations in what then was an emerging field of data technology. The focus now involves primarily data security and privacy.

The W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology: With about a year remaining in his tenure as dean, Chase took its boldest step into the future of law practices – and preparing students for it – with the creation of the honors program, funded with an initial and continued donations by 1974 graduate W. Bruce Lunsford. At a time when law, business and technology were in the proverbial “separate silos,” the academy was designed to prepare students to think creatively about them as complementing skills.

As a professor, Dean Honabach taught primarily business-related courses. Among his courses were Agency, Partnership and Limited Liability Corporations; Contracts; Corporations; and Torts.

To honor his 20 years of service to Chase, the college will offer a special recognition of him at the annual Chase Alumni Luncheon, October 2.

Reflections

Professor and former dean Dennis Honabach on:

Teaching: “After 50 years of teaching, I taught my final law school class last spring. Appropriately, it was Business Organizations.

“When I first interviewed 50 years ago for a faculty position and was asked how would I describe a ‘great classroom session,’ without hesitation, I responded that it would be one in which I learned something from my interaction with my students. The reward for teaching is working with a group of well-prepared students and learning how they feel about the material.

“Our students comprise a group of talented individuals with widely varying backgrounds, beliefs and experiences. I enjoyed hearing their views about the policies and practicalities of the materials we discussed. I will miss working with students.”

Being a dean: “During that 50-year period, I became involved in law school administrative matters. That adventure led to serving as the dean of three different law schools over a 15-year period – Western State College of Law, Washburn Law School, and finally here at Chase. During those years, law schools were compelled to address major issues.

“The increasing emphasis on legal skills training resulted in law schools greatly expanding their emphasis on providing students with skills training beyond ‘thinking like a lawyer.’ An explosion in the expansion of clinical education followed.

“The rapid growth of the internet had a substantial impact on the legal profession and legal education. It has made legal research much easier, has facilitated the development of distance learning and dramatically restructured the ways in which law firms deliver services. Hence, there is now an emphasis on teaching legal skills, as opposed to teaching rules and memorizing case holdings.”

His future: “I plan to issue revisions of my *Directors and Officers Liability Handbook* and my *Proxy Handbook*. I also hope to complete my article on the future of legal education. (No doubt, I have much to learn about AI if I am going to succeed in that effort.) And, I plan to work on my golf game. The good news is that I shot a 73 the other day; the better news is that I am now up to eight holes!”

Climbing the Ladder to Success

A FOCUSED PROGRAM TAKES STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE AND HELPS THEM ASCEND TO WHERE EACH WANTS TO BE

Kelly Meurer spends a lot of time talking with students at Salmon P. Chase College of Law. It's her job.

Ms. Meurer is director of Academic Success and Bar Preparation at Chase, a program with counterparts at law schools throughout the nation to offer students guidance and resources for reaching full potentials.

That means she talks with students, individually or in small groups, about such matters as how to effectively organize study time, how to polish various types of law school-required skills, how to approach different types of semester examinations and, of course, how to prepare substantively and mentally for a bar exam.

Now in her second year as director, after having been interim director for 10 months prior to her full-time appointment in May 2025, she offers some thoughts, in a conversational format, on law school, students' challenges and achieving success:

What, generally, are some of the primary challenges for academic success that law students face?

"Law school is hard, contrary to what Elle Woods, the fictional character in the 2001 film 'Legally Blonde,' would lead you to believe. And law students have to adjust to that challenge very quickly to stay ahead of the game. A lot of students initially struggle with the reading load, but once they master that, they also have to be sure they can apply the rule of law to a new set of facts. I think this is so challenging throughout law school because it really is a higher level of learning taxonomy – they are tasked with moving past passive understanding and into creative delivery of expertise on a really quick timeline."

And for bar preparation?

"The same can be said for bar preparation, in that it is an entirely different level of mastery and effort than is asked of them

in other areas. The bar exam has a reputation for difficulty for a reason. Our team impresses upon the students early and often how important it is to practice active application of the law and not rely on passive listening."

What help do you give students who need it to gain or remain in academic good standing, and what do you do for students who are doing well and want to excel?

"We really meet people where they are with regard to their legal education needs. One person may have an excellent case-briefing practice but cannot seem to get the black letter law captured very well in their outlines. Another may just need to completely overhaul their own expectations – maybe this is the first time they've had to study for a test! (I find this happens a lot, actually.) Maybe someone has never faced a true academic challenge until law school. They have to learn how to set up a self-reflective study practice that can enable them to capture more points on exams. They have to learn how to review their own work and improve it autonomously."

Is there a particular success you have had with a student that really made a difference for the student's prospects in school or after graduation?

"I was working with one student who was really blindsided by the first exam period. After she and I totally overhauled her expectations and changed how she organized outlining material, it was like a lightbulb went off when I showed her how she really needed to take notes to review. Modern students seem to not take as extensive notes as I did, back in the day. I think the prevalence of relying on posted slides has made for a less enthusiastic note-taking approach, and that is hurting learning quite a bit.



Kelly Meurer is director of Academic Success and Bar Preparation at Chase.

"I also helped someone go from an F to an A-minus in business organizations, but the professor, student and I all worked together as a team. I never really like to take credit for my role, as the student has to be the one to take ownership, do the work and show up on exam day."

On the bar preparation part of your title, what did you do with students this past summer, both individually and in a group, to get them ready for bar exams.

"One of my favorite roles is teaching the Foundations Review course, which is essentially a how-to-prepare-for-a-bar-prep-course. It does not replace a formal bar prep course, but provides guidance on how to approach bar preparation.

"We also had a great simulated bar exam session. Five practice exams were held, and we moved to an instant scoring model so that our bar examinees did not have to wait on scoring. Our grads really showed up and committed to bar success; I am so happy to be a part of that."

The Advocacy Center has New Leadership, Just Like Before

THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPING STUDENTS' TRIAL SKILLS BUILDS ON THE COURTROOM EXPERIENCE OF FACULTY AND ALUMNI



Professor Danielle Lewis has succeeded Professor Jack Harrison as director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, coincidentally with the opening of a new courtroom (shown as a background composite photo) at Chase.

While leadership of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy at Salmon P. Chase College of Law has changed, one aspect of the center that organizes and develops student competition teams is the same as always: alumni involvement with it.

After 13 years as director, from 2012 to 2025, Professor Jack Harrison ended his oversight of the center to focus on his role as David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity, and on teaching and research. For new leadership, Professor Danielle Lewis moved from assistant director to director.

For both the past and present, center leadership has always been able to count on alumni to help in coaching student competitors.

"Chase alumni were always generous with their time in supporting the program," Professor Harrison says. "For the past seven to 10 years in the mock trial program we have been very fortunate to have a great group of coaches, many of whom are former student competitors. These coaches come back year after year because they are committed to our

program."

For Professor Lewis, that alumni connection extends to her own student days.

"When I was a Chase student, from 2007 to 2010, many if not all of my own trial team coaches were Chase alumni. They not only taught me invaluable analytical and trial skills, but many continued to serve as trusted mentors years into my legal career. They also inspired me to want to coach trial advocacy and moot court competition teams, which helped me stay connected to Chase and the advocacy program as a young practitioner.

"Now, many of our current alumni coaches are my former competition teammates or former students. It has been really meaningful to see the ways they invest in our current students and the impact they make on the students' professional development. Truly, the involvement and commitment of our Chase alumni is one of the most special components of the advocacy program."

During the time Professor Harrison was director, Chase trial teams achieved a string of top-tier finishes in competitions

with teams from other law schools. Among the most recent were regional semifinalist in the 2025 National Trial Competition and a Round of 16 finalist in the 2025 South Texas Mock Trial Challenge. Teams multiple times won the Kentucky Mock Trial Competition among Kentucky law schools.

On its own, Chase this past November organized the Sixth Circuit Challenge, a mock-trial competition for law schools in states that comprise the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

And while those types of competitions give Chase wide exposure, the center also offers students opportunities to test their courtroom skills with one another inside Nunn Hall.

"Each fall, the center organizes a 1L Opening Statement Competition just for (as the name suggests) our first-year students" Professor Lewis says. "This is the first of many opportunities Chase students get to be 'on their feet' and to practice 'acting like a lawyer.'"

"Each spring, we host a similar Closing Argument Competition, open to students at all levels. Both competitions are fun, relatively low-stakes ways for students to get out of the classroom and work on their analytical and advocacy skills with their classmates and friends. They are also great ways for students to see if they might like to try out for, and compete on, our National Trial Advocacy or Moot Court competition teams."

Prior to their academic roles, professors Harrison and Lewis had both practiced in courtrooms, Professor Harrison with several Cincinnati law firms and Professor Lewis with a Louisville, Kentucky, firm.

For students involved in center-organized competitions, either with other law schools or within Chase, they can always count on the first-hand experiences of faculty and alumni to have them prepared for the next round of arguments.

Chase is a Parent Friendly Place

FLEXIBILITY AND BEING ABLE TO OCCASIONALLY TAKE A CHILD ALONG TO CLASS MAKE LAW SCHOOL FEASIBLE

Sheree Weichold had a student role model at Salmon P. Chase College of Law even before she knew she wanted to be a Chase student: her mother.

Ms. Weichold, a 2019 Chase graduate and an associate in the Cincinnati firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, was a pre-teen when her mother, Debbie Davis, was a Chase student, and sometimes accompanied her to classes, or waited during a class in the student lounge, doing her own homework.

“During her time at Chase, my mom was involved in the Kentucky Innocence Project and worked with other students to exonerate an individual who was wrongly convicted. She did all of this while working full-time, being a parent, and taking care of my ailing grandparents.

“As a child, I saw firsthand the amount of work and dedication law school required. I also witnessed the camaraderie among her fellow students, now members of the bar. My experience as a casual observer of her education inspired me to become a lawyer and motivated me to attend Chase,” recalls Ms. Weichold, who attended Chase while working full-time herself and, with her husband, Eric, parenting two young children.

If that sounds overwhelming, not only was Ms. Weichold able to shoulder the triple persona of parent-employee-student, others (primarily women) have as well. And while the achievement is singularly a personal accomplishment, the fact that Chase can provide a parent-friendly environment makes it possible even to consider attempting it.

“I took my daughter to a couple classes when child care fell through. The professors would rather you do that than miss a lecture,” Mary Clarke McKinley, a 2021 graduate, recalls. “My daughter had her iPad and headphones if she got bored, and I always brought her coloring book along. My point: It’s completely doable; ‘Chase’ that dream!”

And while some professors welcome having the occasional child in class, the college overall reaches out to parents as students.

“We tell prospective students that it is possible to balance law school and par-



Sheree Weichold with her husband, Eric, and their children, Carter, 13, who was 2 years old when Ms. Weichold entered Chase, and Lydia, 8, who was born when she was a student, pose on the steps to the Supreme Court of the United States when Ms. Weichold was admitted to the Supreme Court Bar with other Chase alumni in March 2026.

enting,” says Brad Tate, director of admissions. “We let them know that, at Chase, we know that our students are more than students. They are partners, professionals, caregivers, leaders and role models. And many are parents, who balance coursework, careers and family responsibilities with extraordinary resilience.

“We also know that pursuing a law degree as a parent is not just possible, it’s powerful. It reshapes families, strengthens communities and brings invaluable perspective to the legal field. Success in law school doesn’t require putting a family on hold, rather it requires support, flexibility, and a community that believes in a

person’s potential.”

While the flexibility principally in the part-time evening division of Chase is no glide path through parenting and studying, it offers enough to make pursuing a law degree as a parent seem feasible. “Our part-time program offers evening classes, flexibility, and a close-knit, supportive environment where faculty and classmates particularly recognize the demands of family life. Parents in the program benefit from mentorship, practical learning opportunities and a culture that values balance without compromising academic excellence,” Mr. Tate says.

For Stephanie Scott all of that occurred as a full-time day student with three daughters – and the resulting benefit was more than her current position as assistant general counsel of Cincinnati Public Schools.

“The Chase environment was very supportive during my time there. I was also fortunate to work for the law school, which allowed me to balance my job and coursework during my daughters’ school hours. This gave me the flexibility to participate in their evening school activities, while also managing the demands of my law school schedule,” she says.

“As I progressed through law school, my girls became even more motivated in their educational pursuits, accomplishing high achievements of their own. In the end, my law school journey became a powerful way I modeled success for my daughters.”

For many students who are parents, success includes more than being able to achieve a degree. Consider Ms. Weichold:

“I made the trial team and I became a vice president of the Student Bar Association. My success throughout my law school career was a direct reflection of my support system, which included several Chase alumni. In my experience, aside from providing instruction to make students ‘practice ready,’ the people at Chase – students, faculty and alumni – set Chase apart.”

To borrow from a pop song of several decades ago that still gets playtime, “We are family, I got all my sisters with me” ... studying and parenting at Chase.

Chase Looks to a Future with AI

A TASK FORCE HAS STUDIED HOW IT CAN BE USED AND IS BEING USED IN LEGAL EDUCATION AND IN PRACTICE

For an old proverb, it is remarkably current: Don't wait for the future to come to you, go out and seize it. And that is what Salmon P. Chase College of Law is doing with artificial intelligence and the use of it in legal education and the practice of law.

The college in Spring 2025 created an eight-member Chase College of Law AI Task Force to analyze how artificial intelligence is being referred to in classes, is being used in them and how it can be used.



Eric Young

"The task force surveyed full-time faculty, adjunct faculty and students on their use of and opinions regarding AI, generally, in law school and in the practice of law," says Eric Young, associate dean

for law library services and information technology and task force chair.

The results pointed to courses that include use of AI or discussions of the use of it. "The task force also cataloged and reviewed AI-related courses at other law schools, and used that information to inform AI offerings at Chase," Dean Young says. "We anticipate that additional AI-focused courses will be added to Chase offerings over the next two or three academic years."

While AI is still something of a fuzzy (or threatening) concept in the general population, law school students and lawyers are utilizing it heavily, Dean Young says. "This recognition is essential because one goal of the task force is to ensure that Chase faculty members are familiar with law-related AI tools and are comfortable incorporating them into their

classroom instruction, when appropriate. The legal profession is using AI and legal education must provide law students with the knowledge and experience to use it efficiently, effectively and ethically."

For some professors, that is happening now.

"I integrated AI into my Basic Legal Studies class this year," says Professor Marcia Ziegler. "I first sat down with our LexisNexis rep, Kennedy Lawrence, a Chase grad, who walked me through what using LexisNexis AI would be like for my students to write a persuasive brief. She created a motion for summary judgment on our problem set, using AI through LexisNexis, and showed my students how to find and analyze research they would need to draft their own briefs."

"The best part was that we reviewed her AI motion to see where it was insufficient, inarticulate or not detailed enough. We were able to do the same for the basic research. AI can be helpful, but it was clear that it has significant limitations. Students learned how to critically review the cases they found, and how to improve upon what the program could do."

From that exercise, Professor Ziegler gained two observations: "When I reviewed the students' submissions, I could see where this helped them with the ministerial portions of the motion: The captions, titles and citations this spring were much improved from what they had done fall semester. It was also clear, however, that the program had little bearing on the analysis of the arguments they made. The tools we used didn't, and likely couldn't, replace the synthesis and application my students are working hard to learn. What it did,

though, was allow them to focus more on the higher-level skills lawyers need, and less on the more rote ones, which is exactly what AI is good at doing."

For Professor Jennifer Kinsley, AI is personal. She recently earned an AI Educator Certification from the Northern Kentucky University Center for Excellence in Teaching and Innovation. That means she has had training in using the three major generative AI platforms – ChatGPT, Gemini and Copilot – for educational purposes.

"I primarily use AI to supplement, rather than replace, traditional legal education," she says. "One way of bringing AI into the classroom is to use targeted AI search prompts after students identify areas of confusion. For example, after reviewing a recent midterm exam, one student realized she was struggling with matching legal concepts to the hypothetical fact patterns on an exam. So, we discussed using AI to create issue-spotting examples for her to study, based on legal principles from the class outline."

While using an AI-assisted search for information may appear to be similar to the now ubiquitous online Google search, it can carry with it a need for evaluation that goes beyond the question of, "is this a credible website?"

"Lawyers of the future need to know how to effectively prompt AI, and critique its work product, and discern when more human involvement is needed," Professor Kinsley says. "Students need to know not only how to use AI, but they need to know when to use AI. For me, my teaching is needing to adjust to help students develop judgment and skill in all of these areas."

And in the future? It's AI.

A Law Review Symposium Explores a 250-Year Impact on American Law

ORGANIZED BY LAW REVIEW EDITORS, 'FOUNDING IDEALS IN CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE' COINCIDED WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The names John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson are undoubtedly most familiar when talking about the Declaration of Independence. But the names of Salmon P. Chase College of Law students Garrett Flynn, Sidonie Mangeot and Natalie Miller are among those to remember when talking about the *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium that acknowledged the 250th anniversary of the document.



Garrett Flynn



Sidonie Mangeot



Natalie Miller

Mr. Flynn was symposium editor, Ms. Mangeot, law review executive editor, and Ms. Miller a student-note author for the symposium April 3 that explored the impact of the Declaration on American law and constitutional interpretation.

With a title of “Founding Ideals in Constitutional Practice: The Declaration of Independence’s 250-Year Legal Journey,” the symposium centered on panels of professors and scholars, judges and justices, and legislators. From out of those discussions: How the Declaration shaped American common law, its ideals and the incorporation of them into the United States Constitution, judicial perspectives on what has transpired, and impacts on legislation.

“Law Review Editor-in-Chief Jacob Williams and I settled on the title after reflecting on what we wanted this sym-



The Northern Kentucky Law Review symposium featured panels of scholars, judiciary and politicians.

posium to convey,” Mr. Flynn says. “Instead of a simple celebration of the Declaration, the terms used in the symposium’s title reflect the intention behind selecting the topic: ‘Founding Ideals’ references the symposium’s focus on America’s foundational documents, ‘Constitutional Practice’ showcases the Declaration’s impact on the Constitution, and ‘Legal Journey’ introduces the idea of differing schools of interpretation surrounding the Declaration, the Constitution and law in general.”

Coordinating a symposium with the proverbial “lots of moving pieces” – arranging for panelists, assigning time slots, framing discussions, checking off on logistics, among them – is the type of work frequently taken for granted when it goes well. To be sure it did was one responsibility for Ms. Mangeot.

“I assisted with day-of operations, including assigning law review students to roles and helping ensure everything ran smoothly. I helped develop panel questions, and handled additional administrative tasks, as needed. The symposium is always a great opportunity for legal professionals, professors and students – especially those on law review,” she says.

For Ms. Miller, beyond the topic of the day, the symposium was an opportunity to stand before an audience as one of three students in the “Scholarship Showcase –

The Next Generation of Constitutional Scholarship” to talk about her forthcoming law review note, *Warring Priorities: Ohio’s Changing Gun Laws Cannot be Reconciled with the Mandatory Bind-Over Process*.

“My note has two major focuses that I try to draw together. First, I analyze the history of the Second Amendment, with a focus on the [periods of life] ages at which the right to keep and bear arms was recognized. This background is crucial for the main point, which is a plea to reconsider mandatory bind-over processes for children who commit crimes while in possession of a firearm. This process takes away judicial discretion and forces children into adult criminal courts and adult prisons. My note challenges the idea that possession of a firearm should be enough to strip juvenile courts of jurisdiction and force children into adult criminal proceedings.”

In addition to Chase students, the symposium featured Chase Dean Judith Daar, Professors John Bickers, Kenneth Katkin, Donald Kazee, Jennifer Kinsley, Alex Kreit and Michael Mannheimer in various roles. Alumni panelists were Supreme Court of Kentucky Justices Robert Conley and Michelle Keller, Kentucky Representatives Stephanie Dietz and T.J. Roberts and former United States Representative Joe Cunningham.

REFLECTIONS OF DISTINCTION



Alumni award recipients, from left, are Matthew J. Smith, Glenda J. Harrison, Lawrence D. Hilton and Susanne Mowery Cetrulo, with Chase Dean Judith Daar, Northern Kentucky University President Cady Short-Thompson and Alumni Council President J.B. Lind.

While their professional backgrounds vary – an appellate judge, an access-to-justice leader, a litigator and a defender against insurance fraud – the four recipients of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Distinguished Alumni Awards for 2025 share one trait: Each reflects the spirit of Chase graduates in professional, community or college service.

Chase presented the awards October 3 during the annual Chase Alumni Luncheon at the Hilton Netherland Plaza hotel in downtown Cincinnati to:

SUSANNE M. CETRULO, Class of 1984, Kentucky Court of Appeals judge, Distinguished Alumna Award

GLENDA J. HARRISON, Class of 1982, Kentucky Access to Justice Commission executive director, Distinguished Alumna Award

LAWRENCE D. HILTON, Class of 2011, Fisher Phillips attorney, Distinguished Alumnus Award

MATTHEW J. SMITH, Class of 1983, Global Insurance Fraud Summit executive director; Insurance Law Services founder and president, Distinguished Alumnus Award

The four join more than 124 alumni the college has recognized with previous annual awards, beginning in 1986 and ranging in graduation years from 1934 through 2017.

CHASE ALUMNI AWARDS



SUSANNE MOWERY CETRULO

Class of 1984

Judge, Kentucky Court of Appeals

Distinguished Alumna Award

Judge Cetrulo has had a deep professional connection to Chase throughout her career: All of the lawyers in the Northern Kentucky firm she co-founded while in practice are Chase alumni and numerous law clerks she has hired or helped place are Chase graduates.

Judge Cetrulo began her career as a staff attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals. She entered private practice in the Cincinnati firm of Kohnen, Patton & Hunt and later joined the Northern Kentucky firm of Ware, Bryson, West & Kummer. In 2000, she and her husband, Robert Cetrulo, also a Chase graduate, formed their own firm and later joined with Chase classmate Larry Hicks to form Cetrulo, Mowery & Hicks. In practice, she focused in civil litigation and child adoptions. By the numbers, she tried more than 50 jury trials and finalized more than 350 adoptions. She is also a certified mediator. Judge Cetrulo was appointed in 2021 by Gov. Andy Beshear to fill a vacancy on the court, and was elected in 2022 to a term that ends in 2031.

At Chase: She is a member of the Board of Visitors, a panel of lawyers that assists the dean in aligning educational offerings with practice needs. Professionally, she has hired several law clerks from Chase and helped to place others.

Beyond Chase: She has taught appellate advocacy and mediation skills, authored articles and presented regularly for the Kentucky Bar Association and Ohio State Bar Association. She has been involved with the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Women Lawyers Section MATCH program, which provides mentors to new lawyers, and with the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court, part of a national program affiliated with the college.

From her comments at the luncheon: “Whether you’re a seasoned or a retired attorney, or professor, or a new lawyer, or a law student, I would just encourage you with a lesson that I learned from my parents: Don’t ever stop learning. ... We are a very proud Chase Law family, and we’re very grateful for all the excellent attorneys Chase puts out in the world.”



GLENDA J. HARRISON

Class of 1982

Executive Director, Kentucky Access to Justice Commission

Distinguished Alumna Award

Ms. Harrison has been involved in providing access to legal services from the grassroots level to the commonwealth-wide. She began a career with Legal Aid of the Bluegrass in 1975 as a social worker before enrolling in the Chase evening division. Following graduation, she was a staff attorney until 2007, and later director of advocacy, until she retired in 2017 and became executive director of the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission, which the Supreme Court of Kentucky had created to expand individuals’ access to the courts. While a staff attorney, she was a co-chair of the Kentucky State Planning Committee on Legal Aid, an effort of the Legal Services Corporation to strengthen delivery of federally funded legal services.

At Chase: She has been a guest lecturer and works with students who are pro bono volunteers at the Kenton County (Covington) Legal Help Center, one of three in the commonwealth created by the Access to Justice Commission to assist unrepresented individuals in civil matters. She also helps mentor students in pursuing public service opportunities.

Beyond Chase: As Access to Justice Commission executive director, she has been involved in creating Legal Help Centers in Fayette (Lexington), Jefferson (Louisville) and Kenton counties, and has worked with the Faith and Justice Partnership with the Kentucky Council of Churches to help faith leaders identify legal needs within their congregations. The commission has also partnered with residential addiction treatment programs to help individuals resolve civil legal matters during recovery, and has created Kentucky Free Legal Answers, an online legal clinic in which eligible users post civil legal questions that can be answered pro bono by Kentucky lawyers.

From her comments at the luncheon: “After a few years as a social worker [at Legal Aid of the Bluegrass] I decided to go to law school, and four years later I graduated from Chase. ... The professors I had at Chase really gave me the perspective on how our system of justice fits into our democracy. They really conveyed the understanding of the impact that law can have on the greater society.”



LAWRENCE D. HILTON

Class of 2011

*Attorney, Fisher Phillips,
Charlotte, N.C.*

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Mr. Hilton earned honors in moot court and trial team competitions as a student at Chase and built on those skills as a federal prosecutor and a civil litigator.

Prior to joining Fisher Phillips, where his focus is litigation and workplace investigations, Mr. Hilton, was an assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Indiana. His caseload included prosecution of multinational drug organizations, complex fraud, death penalty cases, human trafficking, serial robberies and child sex trafficking. He also conducted more than 60 jury trials and appeals, to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, based in Chicago.

At Chase: As an adjunct professor, he has taught Voir Dire Strategies.

Beyond Chase: He has taught courses in prosecution ethics at Indiana University McKinney Law School and, for undergraduates, at Indiana University, Bloomington, White Collar Crime and Criminal Justice Ethics. He helps coach a student mock trial team at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., where he had earned an undergraduate degree. Among law-related organizations, he has

been involved with the Northern Kentucky Young Lawyers Association, Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati and the National Black Prosecutors Association. His non-law-related activities include serving on boards of The Damien Center, an HIV/AIDS service organization in Indianapolis, and The District Theatre, a small performing arts venue in Indianapolis.

From his comments at the luncheon: “I came to Chase because I wanted to try cases, and I wanted to argue. ... Now I get to travel around the country and I try cases in multiple jurisdictions, and it truly is an honor for me to do what I love. There are two people who were my professors at Chase ... and both of those individuals pushed me harder than I thought I could be pushed, and they saw the potential in me when I did not see that potential in myself.”



MATTHEW J. SMITH

Class of 1983

*Executive Director, Global
Insurance Fraud Summit;
President, Insurance Law
Services*

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Mr. Smith began his career with a small law office, expanded larger, and eventually even larger.

In the beginning, he was a sole practitioner in Florida, focused in insurance defense. Then he founded an insurance defense firm in Columbus, Ohio, that later moved to Cincinnati and became Smith, Rolfes & Skavdahl, with nine offices. It is now Rolfes Henry Co. During his practice, Mr. Smith represented insurers in approximately 43 states and saw more than 100 cases through jury trials. In 2017, he left his practice to move to a national level, in Washington, D.C., leading the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud to influence federal and state legislation on insurance fraud issues and to provide amicus curiae briefs.

At Chase: He is an adjunct professor, teaching Insurance Law. During his time with Smith, Rolfes & Skavdahl, the firm employed more than 100 Chase students.

Beyond Chase: He is president of Insurance Law Services, which provides expert witness testimony in insurance fraud, bad faith and coverage matters, and executive director of the

Global Insurance Fraud Summit, an international forum for anti-fraud leaders to share information and strategies for combatting insurance fraud. He is a past president of the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, founding chair of the Insurance Committee of the International Association of Arson Investigators, and a member of the Defense Research Institute, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance and other insurance law-related organizations. He was a consumer representative to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for many years.

From his comments at the luncheon: “Chase allowed me the ability to work during the day and to study to become a lawyer at night. ... It also afforded me not only a great education, but friendships and memories that I cherish to this day. ... Chase has been there to support us [as students], and now it is our turn to support Chase, whether it is through our time, our talent or the ability to give financially.”

CHASE ALUMNI AWARDS

Moments in Time: Scenes from the Luncheon



Alumni Susan Cross Lipnickey and John Garvey.



Alumna Joan Gates, Professor Emeritus Roger Billings, alumnus David Bender, NKU Provost Diana McGill and Dean Judith Daar.



Students Cole Mericle, Andrew Mihic, Reagan Dumke, Deanna Allen, Dean Judith Daar, Antonio Bilardi, Cam Jones and Ken Nguyen.



Alumnus Wil Schroder and Associate Dean Lawrence Rosenthal.



Alumni Trey McDermott, Rachel Stephens, Will Beauchamp and Kati Sullivan.



Alumni Mike Enzweiler and Trey Barrowman, Professor John Bickers, and students Jacob Fritz and Jordan Halpin.



Standing at the Supreme Court of the United States Building are participants in the Chase-organized swearing-in program, from left, Susan Cross Lipnickey, Bill Crouse, Sheree Weichold, Amy Halbrook, Paul Flaig, Devon Calitri, Dean Judith Daar, Stephanie Scott, Tasha Schaffner, John Brown, Bill Hesch and Jacqueline Mayer Grant.

In the Supreme Court of the United States

CHASE ALUMNI ARE ADMITTED TO THE NATION'S HIGHEST-LEVEL BAR IN A CEREMONY ARRANGED BY THE COLLEGE

Their graduation years range from 1980 to 2019, but for a group of alumni of Salmon P. Chase College of Law there is one year in common: 2026, the year they were admitted March 20 to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in a group admission ceremony arranged by the college.

The new Chase alumni members of the Supreme Court Bar are:

John Brown, *Class of 1981, senior underwriting counsel, Old Republic National Title Insurance Co., Tampa.*

Devon Calitri, *Class of 2005, domestic violence prosecutor, Daviess County, Kentucky.*

Bill Crouse, *Class of 2018, Gribbell Law Firm, Cincinnati.*

Paul Flaig, *Class of 1981, philanthropist and retired lawyer and sales executive.*

Bill Hesch, *Class of 1980, Hesch Law Firm, Cincinnati.*

Susan Cross Lipnickey, *Class of 1991, senior associate athletics director for compliance and student-athlete resources, Xavier University, Cincinnati.*

Sheree Weichold, *Class of 2019, associate, Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati.*

With justices on the bench, **Stephanie Scott**, *Class of 2017* and incoming chair of the Chase Alumni Council, made the motion for admission. In addition to alumni, Chase Professor **Amy Halbrook** was admitted with the group, along with guests from the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court, **Jacqueline Mayer Grant** and **Tasha Schaffner**.

Now, with Supreme Court of the United States certificates of admission, all dated 2026, to hang with their variously dated diplomas and state supreme court certificates, these alumni reflect on their day in the highest court in the land: ►



The pre-swearing-in breakfast of alumni in the Supreme Court building, surrounded by portraits of the first eight chief justices, including Salmon P. Chase.

John Brown

“My first impression being escorted into the court was of the dim lighting and solemn nature of the court entrance. Next was the enormous height of the courtroom as opposed to the width and length of the room. Magnificent massive columns surround the room and even block the view of side gallery seating. The Chase alums were seated center left and in the first two rows, some 10 to 15 feet from the bench. At 10 a.m., the sectioned red drapes behind the bench opened in three places, allowing the justices to take their respective seats on the bench. The chief justice casually leaned into his microphone and introduced Justice Kagan to announce the decision of the court in *Oliver v City of Brandon, Mississippi*. Without comment, Justice Kagan launched into her summary of the case. Once complete, the chief justice announced the next order

of business was to hear motions to admit candidates for the bar. Chase movant Stephanie Scott, without hesitation or show of nervousness, carefully read her motion and announced the Chase lawyer candidates. Once each of us was announced the chief justice granted the motion to admit and directed the clerk to administer the oath.”

Devon Calitri

“Being admitted to the United States Supreme Court was an incredible honor. Sitting in the courtroom, there was a real sense of anticipation and respect for the responsibility that comes with this work. My education at Salmon P. Chase College of Law made that moment possible, and it was a reminder that our work carries real responsibility: upholding the Constitution and the system we all play a role in protecting.”

Bill Crouse

“Many years ago, I visited the United States Supreme Court, but that earlier trip never gave me a true sense of how intimate the courtroom actually is. On this trip, organized by Chase College of Law, I was fortunate enough to sit in the front row during the ceremony, which afforded an up-close view of the bar area where attorneys address the court. Witnessing how closely counsel must stand to the justices was striking, and it underscored just how intimidating arguing a case before the Supreme Court must feel for those attorneys. I’m deeply grateful to Chase for making this opportunity possible, and especially to the staff who organized the trip, whose efforts made the entire experience seamless, from start to finish.”



Dean Judith Daar welcomes members of the Chase-organized trip to Washington, D.C., at a reception at the Hay-Adams hotel the evening before the Supreme Court of the United States swearing-in ceremony.

Paul Flaig

“Being admitted to the Supreme Court Bar feels less like a credential and more like a capstone. While I didn’t practice law in the traditional sense, I did spend a lifetime working alongside it in my business career – navigating everything from contracts and labor law to intellectual property and tax – which often gave me an edge against my competitors. Being admitted to five state bars by examination was an exercise in discipline, curiosity and sometimes necessity. Admission to the Supreme Court Bar, however, carries a different weight. It’s not about proving what I know, it’s about acknowledging that the rule of law wasn’t adjacent to my work, it was woven into it.”

Bill Hesch

“I was overwhelmed at the moment with gratitude to Chase College of Law and for my education. What an honor to personally appear before eight of the nine justices to be admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Being admitted to the Supreme Court Bar deepens my appreciation for my Chase education. Further, it has strengthened my commitment to serving each client that walks through my door as my only client and giving them my best.”

Susan Cross Lipnickey

“As I was sitting in the courtroom, in the first row, it was almost surreal; at the United States Supreme Court! I was thinking about how important the symbolism of this courtroom is and about the cases that were heard here. It was, quite frankly, overwhelming and emotional. As we exited the courtroom, the reality of actually being sworn in began to take shape and an appreciation for, and recognition of, the privilege we were presented with by both the court and Chase. It has been difficult to stop talking about this experience, which, with each passing day, becomes an even more significant life event. Being sworn into the highest court in the land is really difficult to actually describe, and there are no words to adequately capture all of the emotions. It may be a cliché, but it is almost a case of, ‘you have to be there to know.’”

Sheree Weichold

“As I sat in the courtroom, waiting for the session to begin, my first thoughts went to my surroundings: the large marble columns, ornate sculpted marble panels and decorative ceiling. As we rose to our feet and the justices entered, the real gravity of the event sank in, and I began to think of the incredible privilege of being in a room many Americans

seldom see, of hearing an opinion from the bench many seldom hear, and having my family, my support system throughout my schooling and career, present to experience it all together. As Justice Kagan read the opinion, I couldn’t help but be transported back to the classrooms at Chase, where I learned many cases handed down by this very court. The oath was administered, I was admitted, and afterward I couldn’t help thinking about what an incredible opportunity and honor it is to be admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court.”

Stephanie Scott

Movant for admission

“It was an honor to serve as the movant for the Chase College of Law alumni group admission ceremony to the Supreme Court. The weight of the occasion was not lost on me. Standing before the justices in the highest court in the land was truly an amazing moment. Walking the same halls as legal titans such as Justice Thurgood Marshall and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg moved and inspired me. It was especially meaningful that my daughter, who works on the Hill and aspires to become an attorney, shared this moment with me. I am truly thankful to Chase for this unique and significant opportunity.”



Todd McMurtry
at a Kentucky Bar
Association event.

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Todd McMurtry Has Taken Chase Along as Kentucky Bar Association President

TRAVELING THE COMMONWEALTH, HE HAS SEEN THE BEST OF THE PROFESSION IN PRACTICE

Among Salmon P. Chase College of Law alumni, Todd McMurtry probably has had the largest audiences of any in which to promote the college: the Kentucky Bar Association and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. McMurtry, who graduated in 1987, was president of the Kentucky Bar Association Board of Governors for the 2025-2026 association year, and that gave him plenty of opportunities traveling the commonwealth to talk with people about Chase.

"I was always prepared to tout Chase's many accomplishments," he says. "I would tell how Chase grads play a vital role in the Greater Cincinnati legal community. My core message was that Northern Kentucky is a great place to live, with a fine legal community made possible by our excellent law school.

"When I was in school, many law students came from different parts of the commonwealth. Many of them stayed because they loved living here.

Without Chase, we would not have the educational foundation that makes Northern Kentucky a great place to practice law."

Mr. McMurtry, who completed his term as president and this summer became immediate past president, had been active in the Northern Kentucky Bar Association, including having served as president, when a chance encounter led to his pathway into Kentucky Bar Association leadership.

"Serendipitously, as I was nearing the end of my term as past-president of the NKBA, I bumped into a friend at the Kentucky Law Update in Covington. This was 10 years ago. He said I should look into running for the Board of Governors of the Kentucky Bar Association. I called the KBA and learned that, in fact, a seat was coming open in District 6 in Northern Kentucky. I signed up to run and won an uncontested election. This started what has been one of the best experiences of my life."

Following his experiences in Northern Kentucky Bar Association leadership, he recognized that they had been so gratifying that he wanted to replicate them on a wider scale.

"I decided early on that I would 'hope' to put myself in a position to become the KBA president. That meant showing up every meeting prepared and willing to pitch in. Over the years, I have taken a leadership position on a number of issues in the areas of lawyer discipline and the Rules of Professional Conduct. It was extremely gratifying to help lead efforts that protected Kentucky lawyers from politicized ethical rules and disadvantageous disciplinary procedures."

With a rise through association leadership that had begun with a hope now winding down, he can look back and reflect on his term as president – in which Chase has had a contributing peripheral part.

"This year focused on the artificial intelligence revolution, which I see as transformative. Lawyers who think they can avoid or delay adoption of AI tools are likely making a big mistake.

"To address this urgent need, I focused the association's educational efforts on AI. Our Kentucky Law Updates, *Bench & Bar* magazine, and annual convention were designed to prepare Kentucky lawyers for the coming AI revolution. Fortunately, through Dean Judith Daar's leadership, Chase has taken a leading role in this effort. In particular, Chase Associate Dean and Professor Eric Young was the CLE program chair for our annual convention. He helped us craft an AI track designed to help practitioners quickly learn the basics of how to use AI effectively and ethically.

"As a Chase alumnus, I am very proud that my alma mater has taken on this leadership role in Kentucky. As well, this demonstrates the skills Chase professors are bringing to the current crop of law students. I am convinced that AI will transform the profession. The tools are overwhelmingly powerful. Those of us who learn how to use them in an ethical manner will win the economic competition in the legal profession."

While artificial intelligence has sweeping implications for the profession, it also offered one benefit for Mr. McMurtry early in his tenure: "I consider myself lucky that the AI issue exploded just as I became the president. It made my decision about what to focus on easy. I know we were doing the right thing for this moment," he says.

That was all in the midst of external political pressure to sideline the bar association from its role in administration of the profession and to move that oversight mostly to the Supreme Court of Kentucky. Ultimately, it failed in the legislature.

"Practically, this would have resulted in a few Supreme Court staffers deciding what is best for Kentucky lawyers. When the legislature tried to shut down the KBA, my life was consumed by that issue and everything else was set aside or delayed a bit. The bill introduced in the House of Representatives would have gutted our operations, eliminating many benefits Kentucky lawyers enjoy, such as free CLE, a free legal research platform, and much more.

"The motivation came from views about the First Amendment right of freedom of association, that membership in the KBA amounted to compelled association. This viewpoint has been repeatedly rejected by state and federal courts. I was honored to appear on behalf of the KBA at a legislative hearing to argue our side of the question."

While legislative hearings and board of governors meetings in Frankfort are central parts of being bar association president, there are also meetings and events throughout the commonwealth. And for Mr. McMurtry, those frequently involved reminders of Chase.

"The number one benefit of serving on the board of governors is getting to know lawyers from across the commonwealth. This benefit is doubled when travelling to attend KBA events and CLE programs as the president. I have been from Paducah to Pikeville and from Covington to Bowling Green.

"In each location, I met lawyers who reinforced my faith in the basic goodness of our profession, and in those fortunate to be a part of it. In a world dominated by negative headlines, seeing so many smart, ethical and optimistic people practicing law bolstered my belief in the quality of our profession. I also ran into quite a few Chase graduates, many of whom are leaders in their local legal community. Chase has produced so many great lawyers. We should all be proud."

For Mr. McMurtry, a year as bar association president proved to be an opportunity to showcase that Chase pride.



Todd McMurtry at a Kentucky Bar Association event.

Robert Core Has Put His Chase Degree to the Test with an Elite FBI Team

BUT HIS FIRST BIG TEST WAS IN AN UNLIKELY SETTING TO BEGIN HIS PATH FOR LAW SCHOOL

Robert Core certainly is not alone among Chase alumni who took the Law School Admission Test during the Vietnam War era, but he may be the only one to have taken it between combat missions in Vietnam.

Mr. Core, who graduated in 1978, was a United States Marine Corps aerial observer who had been flying combat missions in 1972 and in between took the LSAT – without being able to study for it. What followed was graduation from Salmon P. Chase College of Law, a 28-year career in the Federal Bureau of Investigation – including as a founding member of the elite Hostage Rescue Team, a counterterrorism unit for high-risk operations, and latter assignments that took down a mayor of Washington, D.C., and members of the U.S. House of Representatives – and now a career as a solo practitioner, the past few years focused in Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations defense.

“Clearly, none of this would have occurred without Chase and my law degree. Much of my career while at Chase, and certainly afterward, is memorable,” he notes in humble understatement. But back to the beginning, and his story:

In the midst of war, a chance encounter that would shape everything.

“I had law school in the back of my mind in case I didn’t want to stay in the Marine Corps. When I checked in to 1st ANGLICO upon arrival in Vietnam, I noticed that there was an educational office across the street. This was in the Military Assistance Command - Vietnam Annex in Tan Son Nhut. I found out when they were administering the LSAT and made note of that for later. Within a day or two I was assigned to Can Tho, in the Mekong Delta, to fly out of Binh Thuy with the Vietnamese Air Force as an aerial observer.



Robert Core and his wife, Tracie Capone, at a Marine Corps Ball in 2019.

“My mission was to locate enemy activity and call in naval gunfire on any found targets. There was a single naval gunfire support ship in the Gulf of Thailand, and I would control its fire. We would land in jungle airstrips composed of Marsden matting [a temporary steel planking runway] and refuel from bladders of fuel on the ground. After two or three weeks of that, I was sent to Da Nang to fly in U.S. Air Force OV-10A aircraft.”

Among flights on both sides of the demilitarized zone between then North Vietnam and South Vietnam, a few hours for a possible future.

“We covered the very large area south of the DMZ that had been taken by the North Vietnamese Army during the Easter Offensive of 1972. In the Mekong Delta, I saw guerrillas and sampans, etc. Up north, we went after large, organized infantry

units, tank platoons, heavy artillery, and heavy anti-aircraft artillery. It was a classic target-rich environment.

"Somewhere, in the middle of all of this, I flew from Da Nang to Saigon [the capital of then South Vietnam, now Ho Chi Minh City] to take the LSAT in late 1972. I never studied for it; I just took it cold. Later at Chase, Professor Eugene W. Youngs, a really great guy, told me my college grades were not the best (a tactful understatement), but I got in due to a 'juicy' LSAT score."

Then, there was night law school and daytime jobs.

"A couple of months after returning from Vietnam, I moved to Northern Kentucky to attend Chase. I knew absolutely no one and banged on many doors looking for a day job. I had a wife and one child born while I was overseas. I had sales jobs at Royal Typewriter and A.B. Dick, a maker of copiers and office supplies. I learned that it was best for me to continue my legal education and not become a salesman. I was definitely not cut out for it.

"Along the way, I learned of a job opening in the Commonwealth's Attorney's office in Kenton County. I applied, and stayed there for over four years. I began with a victim witness exploratory project of the National District Attorney's Association, morphed into detective work, and began preparing warrants for local police officers. As time and education progressed, I was allowed to prosecute misdemeanors and felony bind-overs in Covington Police Court. I think I did some such work in Kenton County Court as well. It was a great job in many ways, especially for an aspiring lawyer."

Then came the FBI, and encounters with terrorists and cases of national notoriety. Among them were the arrest of a mayor of Washington, D.C., involving drug charges, and what became known as the House Banking Scandal, in which over 300 members of the U.S. House of Representatives – most of whom had not broken any laws – had been allowed to overdraw their checking accounts in the House bank that served as a clearinghouse for transactions; 14 people were convicted criminally.

"I was accepted for the FBI to begin April 2, 1979, so I resigned from the Commonwealth's Attorney's office, effective the

Friday before. After the 16-week training academy, I was sent to the Minneapolis office where I worked reactive (violent) crimes, crimes on Indian reservations, bank robberies, fugitives, bank burglaries, etc., for about two years. In year three, I began working some while-collar crime, and really enjoyed it: Much more challenging schemes, smarter defendants, better lawyers to oppose, etc.

"In the summer of 1982, the FBI held tryouts for the Hostage Rescue Team. I was convinced that I had failed, only to find out that I had made the team. Three other guys from that office tried out that summer, and all came back convinced they had made the team. None did.

"Most of our operations at that time involved taking down domestic terrorist organizations. Many were Klan-like, mixing right-wing religious and racial prejudice with violence. One group was just the opposite, coming from the left, but these groups were all exactly alike but for one thing: the titles of the books they read. Just off Cyprus, we captured and rendered to America a terrorist who had directed the hijacking and burning of a commercial jet. We did some hostage rescues and highly dangerous fugitive chases. Some bad guys paid the ultimate price.

"I left the team in 1989. After that, I worked strictly white-collar crime. My first big case involved the mayor of Washington, D.C., a crack addict. I was the third case agent to be assigned to it, as the case was six months old when I joined it. So, others were well down the road on it. It ended in a hotel room with us filming Marion Barry smoking crack. He went to jail for a while and then reentered D.C. politics.

"In 1992 I started with a special counsel investigating abuses at the Bank of the House of Representatives. A number of members of Congress and staffers were



'Most of our operations involved taking down domestic terrorist organizations. We did some hostage rescues and highly dangerous fugitive chases.'

– Robert Core on his service on the FBI Hostage Rescue Team in the 1980s

convicted, along with a lobbyist and the sergeant at arms. Two Kentucky congressmen went to prison. For the last several years of my career, I worked corporate fraud cases related to the 'dot.com' meltdown. It was exhausting and frustrating, but it perfectly positioned me for my next career in the private practice of law."

And that career has continued since 2007.

"My first client was a wealthy manufacturer who had suffered embezzlement in the \$120-million range. One of the subjects let a contract on his life when discovery of the embezzlement seemed imminent, and he fought his way out of an ambush. Three prior law firms could not figure out the scheme and got nowhere. Believe it or not, old friends from the Marine Corps led him to me just as I was retiring from the FBI. This was a career-maker. Indictments and convictions followed. Having this client led to others, some criminal defense in federal court, some compliance work with medical device companies, and the last few years have been consumed with civil RICO defense. It was a very interesting run, and still is."

That began at Chase.

Two Journeys, One Destination

Whether they entered Salmon P. Chase College of Law as members of the Class of 2026 or the Class of 2025, all arrived at the same place: Commencement (albeit one year apart).

For the Class of 2026, the journey concluded May 8, 2026, and for the Class of 2025, May 9, 2025, both in Truist Arena on the Northern Kentucky University campus. And while the Class of 2025 was to have heard Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear as commencement speaker, the Class of 2026 actually did. Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman substituted for him in 2025 when his travel was disrupted. In 2026, he spoke and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws. These are highlights of each commencement.



◀ Deputy Chief Justice Robert Conley

Supreme Court of Kentucky and alumnus

"I want you to look to the next milestone. Of course, I'm talking about the Kentucky bar exam. ...You've already proven that you have what it takes to pass it. You've demonstrated that by being here today. Use the same skills, the same knowledge, that you've developed these last three years to reach the next milestone, as well."



◀ Ian McNabb

Full-time division valedictorian

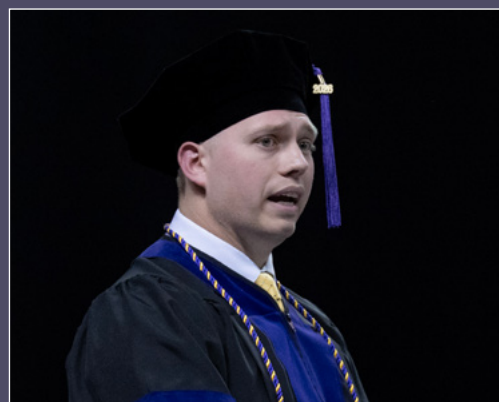
"We have all found people in this class who have carried us to the finish line, in one way or another. Cherish these people. Don't just keep in touch. Truly stay connected."



◀ Justice Michelle Keller

Supreme Court of Kentucky and alumna

"The short message I have for you tonight is that each of you will join the attorneys and judges who have the privilege to ensure the administration of, and the adherence to, the rule of law. Without the rule of law, we cannot have a thriving democracy. And without the rule of law, no American dream. I know that you're up to the task."



▲ Daniel Varney

Part-time division valedictorian

"Class of 2026, as we leave tonight, know this one thing, that you are prepared. You are prepared for bar study, for practice, and for whatever your career throws at you."

► Governor Andy Beshear

Commencement speaker
Commonwealth of Kentucky

“Our nation is splintered by deep divisions. Some seem driven solely by partisanship. And too often, our political and media environments award the loudest, least thoughtful voices. Against this challenging backdrop, the legal profession itself has become both a target and a battleground, shaping the way forward.

“Very soon, these legal questions, and these struggles are gonna be yours to work with. What role will you play in these chaotic times, for the law profession, and for our nation as a whole? So, what I want today’s graduates to know is this: Now, more than ever, America needs you. We need your knowledge, your skills, and above all your passion for the rule of law that lets us disagree with each other.”



◀ President Cady Short-Thompson

Northern Kentucky University

“At NKU, and most certainly here at Chase, we meet our students where they are, and we make your success our purpose. It is our hope that you will take this time that you had here at Chase, that you have found your purpose and your path and you will take your own special way into a fulfilling life of impact ahead of you.”



Notables: ShoMari Payne received the Salmon P. Chase Award as the graduating student who best represents Chase’s legacy for service to others. Professor Kenneth Katkin was the Class of 2026 Professor of the Year.



▲ Dean Judith Daar

Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean
and Professor of Law

As we celebrate our nation’s 250th anniversary this summer in July, we can all take pride in the fact that the road to democracy, the road to our civilized society was paved largely by lawyers. True, there is still work to be done undoubtedly, but you and we, as lawyers, are uniquely positioned to make the world a fairer, more just, and frankly, just a better place.”

► Justice Michelle Keller

Supreme Court of Kentucky and alumna

“Thirty-five years ago, I was seated where you are, incredibly relieved and happy to be graduating, and, quite frankly, anxious about the upcoming bar exam and the launch of a new career. However, each of you has what it takes to tackle both.”



▼ Lisa Mertz

Part-time division valedictorian

“After seeing the grace and strength in this graduating class, I know we’re going to change the world. Wherever you go, remember the underserved. Remember the people who weren’t invited into rooms like this. Use your voice to lift theirs.”



► Matthew Carlin

Full-time division valedictorian

“We gained much in terms of knowledge and critical-thinking skills from many wonderful professors here at Chase. And we’ve also gained even more through the people we’ve met and bonded with during this challenging experience.”





◀ Dean Judith Daar

Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean and Professor of Law

"You are prepared to stand up for those who are counting on your commitment, your experience, your zealous advocacy. I have a lot of faith in this class because you have already stood up in a way that distinguishes you from previous Chase graduating classes. This class has devoted over 4,000 hours to pro bono service throughout your time at Chase, which far exceeds the number that you're required to do for graduation."



▲ Lieutenant Governor Jacqueline Coleman

*Commencement Speaker
Commonwealth of Kentucky*

"One lesson that I hope everyone here has learned as you've worked toward this day is that no one achieves this level of success alone. So, to the parents and grandparents, the families and friends who have stood by these graduates, today is your day as well. ... I hope that you take the knowledge that you've gained here and go forward with a confidence in yourself."

Notables: James Lacey received the Salmon P. Chase Award as the graduating student who best represents Chase's legacy for service to others. Professor John Bickers was the Class of 2025 Professor of the Year.



▲ President Cady Short-Thompson

Northern Kentucky University

"NKU is a place where a supportive community comes together to create life-changing opportunities for all, all who have a dream, no matter where they might be in life. As I look out at this impressive group of new NKU Chase graduates, I am reminded of my mentor, the late Jim Votruba, the fourth president of Northern Kentucky University ... He would remind us that dreams matter and he always told us that dreams inspire and they motivate. I have no doubt that today dreams have come true for all of you."



1976



James H. Lambert retired January 31, 2026, as a judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He was first elected from the 25-county Third Appellate District in south-central Kentucky in 2006. He entered private practice in his family firm of Lambert & Lambert, in Mount Vernon, in 1976. He was elected to three terms as

Rockcastle County Attorney, beginning in 1981, returned to full-time private practice in 1994, and then served as trial commissioner for Rockcastle County District Court from 2002 to 2005. He has also been an administrative law judge for the Kentucky Department of Corrections. "Serving on the Court of Appeals for the past two decades has been the honor of my professional life," Judge Lambert wrote in his retirement letter.

1976

Larry Lawrence is trial commissioner of Gallatin County, in metro Cincinnati. He also has a civil practice, focused in maritime law and personal injury matters, in the county.

1978

David Lanphear retired as Family Court judge of the Kentucky Eighth Circuit of Edmonson and Warren counties in south-central Kentucky. He was first elected in 2014 and reelected unopposed in 2022.

1982

Paul Whalen was appointed to the Campbell County, Kentucky, Board of Elections.

1983



Robert Harrod was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame. His 50-year involvement in

human relations and civil rights work in Ohio includes 27 years as executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Cincinnati, later known as Bridges for a Just Community, founding president of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati and two terms on the Ohio Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

1986

Randy Blankenship is practicing in Ziegler & Schneider, Crescent Springs, Kentucky, focusing in business, employment, family and personal injury matters.

1987



Brian Chapman joined Plunkett Cooney as senior attorney in the Columbus, Ohio, office. His focus

is real estate law, general and title litigation, and banking and finance law.

1991



J. Donald Mottley retired from full-time practice with Cincinnati-based Taft Stettinius &

Hollister, continuing as of-counsel in Columbus, Ohio, with a focus in state and local tax matters. He was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1993 to 2000.

1995



Alan Blakley received the Presidential Award from National University Kyiv-Mohyla

Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine, in recognition of his work in the academy and promotion of academic cooperation. He began as a visiting professor of law in 2022, and through the academy produced an 11-week seminar on the United States judicial and legislative systems for members and staff of the Ukraine legislature.

1996

Denise Motta joined Wilson Elser as of-counsel in the Louisville, Kentucky, office, where she focuses in construction disputes, product liability defense and employment matters.

1997



Brigham McCown was appointed to the United States Department of Transportation

initial 12-member Advisory Board on Transportation and Infrastructure. He was a speaker in July 2025 at the Circle of Economists European summit in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Lawrence Brokamp was named by *Cincinnati Magazine* as a 2026 Top Lawyer in tax law.

Julie Caldwell-Hill was appointed by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis as a judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit. She had been an assistant state attorney for the circuit since 2012.

1998



Matthew Garretson completed the 2025 Iditarod Trail Invitational – a 1,000 mile race on foot,

bicycle or skis in winter conditions that follows the course of the iconic Iditarod Dog Sled Race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska – in just under 18 days, riding a fat-tire bicycle. He is the founder of Garretson, a settlement administrator.



Stefanie Durstock received the Northern Kentucky Volunteers Lawyers Pro

Bono Attorney of the Year Award for 2025. She maintains a solo practice in Northern Kentucky, focused in family law.

1999



Carey Steffen joined Keating Muething & Klekamp, Cincinnati, as of-counsel in the real estate

practice group. She previously practiced in Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt, Cincinnati. She is a past president of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association.

2000



Tad Thomas is president of the Kentucky chapter of the American Board of Trial Attorneys. He is

a past president of the American Association for Justice and of the Southern Trial Lawyers Association. He is managing partner of Louisville, Kentucky-based Thomas Law Offices, with offices in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and Columbia, Missouri.

Chuck Thiemann Jr. retired after a career as an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Hamilton County (Cincinnati) Prosecuting Attorney and as a Hamilton County Municipal Court magistrate.

2001



Gregory Stout was named a partner in Plunkett Cooney. He practices in the Columbus, Ohio, office in

the areas of general and title insurance litigation, and banking and finance.



CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

Members of the Class of 1975 gathered again, 50 years after graduation, for a reunion in August 2025 at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse on the Cincinnati riverfront, joined by guests and Dean Judith Daar and Associate Dean David MacKnight.

2011



Kyle Bumgarner was appointed United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, based in

Louisville. He previously practiced as a partner in Kerrick Bachert, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and was a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge David Bunning in the Eastern District of Kentucky.



Jeannine Lambert, received an Outstanding Volunteer for the Kenton County Legal Help

Center Award for 2025. The center provides guidance for individuals involved in pro se matters. She is executive director of centers and programming at Chase.

2013



Daniel Elbert was promoted to shareholder in Cohen, Chase, Hoffman & Schimmel, Miami. His focus

is tax and operations matters for individuals and closely held businesses.



Kathleen Shields received the Northern Kentucky Volunteers Lawyers Nick of

Time Award for 2025. She practices in Grubbs & Landry, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, with a focus in family law.



Michael Carr is business information security officer with the Kroger Co., Cincinnati. He previously was a privacy and information security consultant.

2006

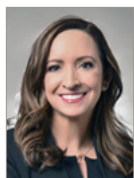
Brian Quattrocchi was appointed by Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear as judge of Daviess County District Court, in western Kentucky. He previously was a prosecutor in the Daviess County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

2007



Adam Russell received an Outstanding Volunteer for the Kenton County Legal Help Center

Award for 2025. The center provides guidance for individuals involved in pro se matters. He practices in Russell + Ireland, Covington, Kentucky, and focuses in personal injury and wrongful death matters.



Faith Whittaker is associate general counsel for labor and employment matters at

Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Medical Center. She previously was a partner and chair of the employment practice group of Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati. She was president of the Cincinnati Bar Association during the 2024-25 association year and is vice chair of the board of trustees of Cincinnati Ballet.

2008



Patrick Healy was named shareholder-in-charge of the Cincinnati office of Roetzel & Andress. He

focuses in complex civil litigation involving catastrophic injury and high-exposure claims and represents transportation companies, health care providers, insurers and manufacturers.

2009



Andrea Ewan was awarded the 2025 Indiana Land Title Community Service Award for her work

through The Community Project, which she co-founded in 2020 in southeastern Indiana to provide meals, hygiene essentials and support to individuals in need. She practices in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, in metro Cincinnati, as Ewan Law Office and owns Dearborn Title Insurance.



Sarah Foster was appointed director of education and training for the United States Court of

Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She is continuing in her role of deputy director of workplace relations for all courts within the circuit.



Lindsay Lawrence is president of the Ohio Association for Justice, which works to protect a right

to trial by jury. She was named by U.S. News & World Report as a best lawyer in the areas of medical malpractice and personal injury for plaintiffs. She practices in Rittgers Rittgers Nakajima, Cincinnati.

2010



Gregory Coulson was appointed by Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear as District Court judge of the

18th Judicial District of Harrison, Robertson, Nicholas and Pendleton counties in north-central Kentucky. He had practiced as The Coulson Firm, in Lexington, Kentucky, and had been a trial attorney in the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

Gary Holland Receives NKU Outstanding Alumnus Award

Gary Holland graduated from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1999 with a Juris Doctor degree ... and three restaurants.

Mr. Holland, who is president and chief executive of One Holland Group, a Northern Kentucky-based owner or operator of more than 75 restaurants in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, along with interests in real estate development, received a Northern Kentucky University Outstanding Alumnus Award from the NKU Alumni Association this past February for his support of the university through his success and accomplishments.

His journey into Chase and the restaurant industry began almost simultaneously.

"About four months before I got accepted to go to Chase, I started my first restaurant. I was 24 years old. My godfather came to me one day and said, 'Hey, I want you to help me open a Wendy's in Richwood [about 15 miles south of NKU],'" he recalled in a video by the alumni association. "I fell in love with the restaurant business. By the time I graduated from Chase, I had three restaurants and I was



Gary Holland in one of his restaurants.

going to law school at night, and I was the controller of a prominent law firm in Northern Kentucky. It was quite a journey."

That journey now includes some of the most recognizable names of restaurants in Northern Kentucky and the region. Among them: Skyline Chili, LaRosa's, Dunkin', Barleycorn's, Barleycorn's Brew-house, First Watch, Greyhound Tavern in Fort Mitchell and Merrick Inn in Lexington.

Mr. Holland, it could be said, truly advances the notion that good, ol' home cookin' is the best kind there is. He grew

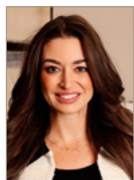
up in Northern Kentucky, earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Thomas More University in Northern Kentucky, graduated from Chase, and praises everything about the area and NKU.

"The things I learned and the people I met at Northern really just helped me advance even further and faster than I think I would have had I gone somewhere else that's not local," he said.

"I just see so many wonderful people going to NKU, and it's producing such amazing graduates, who really help the workforce make our community better. It's hard not to be a fan of NKU and root for them, and stay loyal. And that's what I've done."

Part of that loyalty is in his support of the athletics program. This past summer, his Barleycorn's Brewhouse, in Wilder, Ky., near NKU, began producing Norse Up, a low-alcohol beer, with 10 percent of sales revenue designated for the NKU Name, Image and Likeness program (or NIL) that supports student-athletes financially.

Aaron Sutherland was elected to the Newport, Kentucky, Board of Commissioners. He is a lawyer with the federal government and maintains a private practice focused in injury matters.



Sarah Cate Hyden was named a 2026 Forbes Top Women Wealth Advisers Best-in-State in

Kentucky. She was previously recognized by Forbes as a 2025 Best-in-State Wealth Advisers in Kentucky and a 2025 Top Next-Gen Wealth Advisers Best-In-State in Kentucky. She is a wealth manager with Edward Jones in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

2014



Courtney Swim Boynton was promoted to deputy commissioner and chief operating officer of the Tennessee Department of Revenue. She

oversees various financial- and vehicle-related departments, as well as human resources, legislation, research and tax policy divisions.

2017

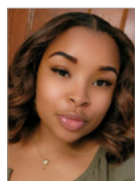


Saria Lattimore was elected in 2025 as a Springfield Township trustee, in suburban Cincinnati. She is

a staff attorney for Judge Jennifer Kinsley of the Ohio First District Court of Appeals.

Kyla Beach Dahlquist is senior legal counsel with Alpha FMC, a global financial markets consultancy. She previously was lead attorney with Honeywell International.

2018



Kee'Vona Walker was appointed to the North College Hill Board of Education, in suburban Cincinnati. She is

also a member of the board of trustees of the Memorial Hall Society in Cincinnati. She is an assistant prosecutor with the Hamilton County (Cincinnati) Prosecuting Attorney.

2019



Sheree Weichold joined Dinsmore and Shohl, Cincinnati, as an associate. Her focus is labor and employment

matters. She previously was assistant city solicitor of Covington, Kentucky. At Chase, she is a coach for mock trial teams.

2020



Chris Brubaker was appointed to the board of directors for the Northern Kentucky Youth Hockey

Association. He is a senior associate with FBT Gibbons, Cincinnati, where his focus is

corporate, private equity and venture matters.

Jonathan Ball is enrolled in the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Northern Kentucky campus at Northern Kentucky University. He was an organizer of the Medicolegal Symposium on medical and legal issues cosponsored by Chase and the College of Medicine. He previously was a prosecutor in the Floyd County (Kentucky) Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.



W. Tyler Lloyd was selected to participate in the Louisville Bar Association Leadership Academy for

2026. He is a partner in Stites & Harbison, where his focus is construction-related matters.

Holly McCabe is a member of the board of directors and secretary of It Takes a Village, a Cincinnati nonprofit that seeks to steer youths from anti-social behavior and the criminal justice system.

2021



Brendan Sullivan joined the Department of Justice through the Attorney General's

Honors Program and serves as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Ohio. He previously was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Indiana and a judicial law clerk for Judge Gustavo Gelpi of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Erin Neal published and updated a children's book, *Wild Thing and The Bagel*, about her two dogs.

2022



Alaina Willis Spence joined White Peck Carrington, Mount Sterling, Kentucky, as an associate. Her

focus is family, education, personal injury and administrative law matters. She previously was legislative committee analyst with Kentucky Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort, Kentucky.

2024



Andrew Barger joined Stites & Harbison in the Covington, Kentucky, office. His focus is

business and construction litigation.

2026



Bailey Akin received the Northern Kentucky Volunteers Lawyers Law Student of the

Year Award for 2025.

1960

Paul R. Eichhold

March 25, 2026

Mr. Eichhold was recognized by the Ohio State Bar Association in 2025 for 65 years of membership.

1963

Marcus F. Clark

November 14, 2025

Judge Clark was first elected as a judge in Warren County, Ohio, in 1970 to County Court, later to Juvenile Court and to Probate Court, serving a total of 30 years.

1967

Jerome R. Bahlmann

June 11, 2025

Mr. Bahlmann was the first director of the Ohio Ethics Commission and subsequently senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio.

1968

Milo R. Beran

January 15, 2025

Mr. Beran practiced in Cincinnati.

1969

Bea Larsen

August 12, 2025

Ms. Larsen was the first woman to serve as president of the Cincinnati Bar Association, in 1986, and the only woman in the Chase Class of 1969. She was director of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati public defender division from 1974 to 1979. As bar association president, she introduced a mediation program as an alternative to litigation. In 1988, she founded the Center for Resolution of Disputes, where she was executive director and mediator.

1974

Kevin P. Jones

February 2, 2025

Mr. Jones focused his practice in business law and estate planning. He was a high school business manager while a student at Chase.

David W. Weaver

January 9, 2025

1975

James H. Biddle

August 28, 2025

Mr. Biddle practiced in Cincinnati in the area of real estate law and later was director of planned giving at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

1978

Richard D. Michels

September 22, 2025

Mr. Michels was Louisiana State Attorney in the Department of Paternity and Child Support.

Raymond Neusch

January 10, 2025

Mr. Neusch was a National Labor Relations Board trial attorney. He later practiced in the labor and employment group of Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati.

Charles T. Straub

February 5, 2026

1980

Charles D. Mays

June 20, 2025

Mr. Mays owned Worldwide Health Services in Cincinnati and later practiced in Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis.

1981

Michael R. Schmidt

March 21, 2025

Mr. Schmidt practiced in Cincinnati with Cohen Todd Kite and Stanford and was involved with Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati and Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor.

1982

Elvin J. Hacker

January 23, 2025

Mr. Hacker worked for the United States Postal Service in Texas.

1984

Dee

Sheriff-MacDonald

September 19, 2024

Ms. MacDonald was a founding partner of Martin, Bailey & MacDonald and later a partner in Freund, Freeze & Arnold. She was a hospital nurse while a student at Chase, and later focused her practice in medical malpractice defense.

1986

Kenneth K. Vaught

May 21, 2025

Mr. Vaught practiced in Northern Kentucky and was a member of the Boone County, Kentucky, Planning and Zoning Commission.

1993

Bernadine Topazio

July 17, 2024

Ms. Topazio was corporate counsel with Convergys and Ohio Casualty Group. She was a Chase adjunct professor who taught employment law.

1996

William E. Clore

January 8, 2026

Mr. Clore practiced in Northern Kentucky and was a staff attorney for the United Auto Workers-Ford Motor Co. Legal Services Plan.

2005

Jillian M. Scheyer

June 19, 2025

Ms. Scheyer was a lawyer in Northern Kentucky.

Robert A. Goering Leaves Estate Gift

For the late Robert A. Goering, Salmon P. Chase College of Law was always personal and part of his family.

Mr. Goering, who died November 19, 2024, graduated from Chase in 1962 and taught bankruptcy law at the college for 45 years; his late wife, Ruth Goering, graduated from Chase, as did their sons, Robert and Eric, and all three practiced with him at various times in the Cincinnati firm of Goering & Goering.

Mr. Goering's commitment to Chase has continued following his death through an unrestricted estate gift, which will be directed by the dean toward needs of the college and its students.

Beginning with his cofounding in 1964 of the firm that would become Goering & Goering, his practice in debtor representation was the foundation for his years teaching as an adjunct professor.

Throughout that period of 1974 to 2019, both where he taught – at two Chase lo-

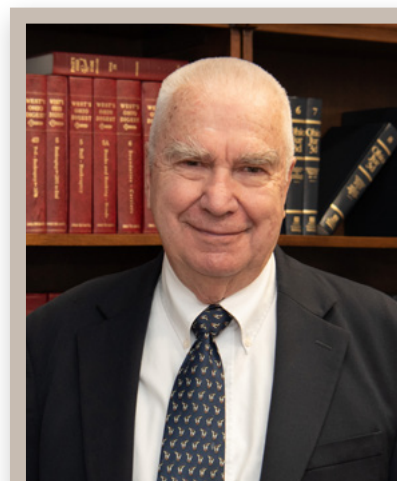
cations in Northern Kentucky – and what he taught evolved.

In reflecting on his time teaching bankruptcy law, he once said, "Like all statutory law, the changes made by Congress kept coming, and there were several notable revisions. At first, student loans were dischargeable in full, and then only after five years had passed, then seven years, and then only if the debtor can show undue hardship, which case law has made difficult to show."

But even as some of the subject matter changed, Mr. Goering remained constant in his satisfaction practicing law and teaching about it.

"Teaching is always a challenge and a pleasure," he had said. "As a practitioner, I tried to teach not only the material, but also how to be a lawyer, and the necessity of keeping good communications with other attorneys and the court. In bankruptcy, today's adversary is tomorrow's ally, so it is of utmost importance to keep controversies professional and not personal."

His stature in the classroom and within the profession was so profound that hun-



Robert A. Goering

dreds of students followed his career path into bankruptcy practices, as the ultimate praise for a teacher from a student: "Bob Goering inspired me to become a bankruptcy lawyer," said Judge Alan C. Stout, who retired in 2025 as chief judge of United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

Now, for students who never experienced Mr. Goering – Professor Goering – in class, his legacy with Chase will long impact their futures.

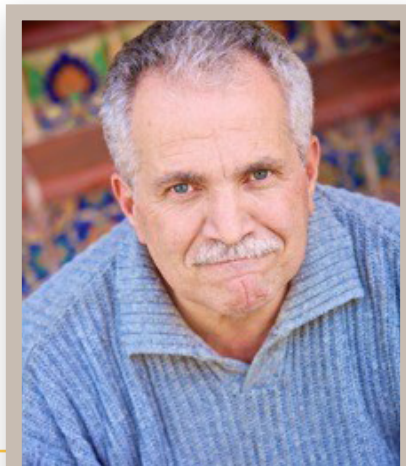
Gary Cohen Endows Scholarship

Gary Cohen followed his father's path from Indiana to night law school, and is now helping students at Salmon P. Chase College of Law join their journey.

Mr. Cohen, who graduated in 1978 and became general counsel of the Finish Line athletic-shoes stores and is now engaged in theatrical productions, has established the Hymen A. Cohen and Gary D. Cohen Endowed Scholarship.

The scholarship for evening division students gives a nod to those from their home state, with a desire that it be awarded to an Indiana resident. It also acknowledges Hymen Cohen's almost 20-year journey from business ownerships after graduation from Butler University to enrollment in Indiana University School of Law: Recipients must have been graduated from undergraduate college for at least five years before entering Chase as a first-year student. For Gary Cohen, his path from an undergraduate degree from Indiana University to Chase was an immediate, straight line.

Following graduation from Chase and a job as a deputy clerk of the Cincinnati-based United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Mr. Cohen returned to Indiana. He began developing a private practice while holding part-time roles with the state attorney general, a county prosecutor and a public defender. "It was sort of the same model Dad followed," Gary Cohen says of his father's career that included becoming a juvenile court referee and the son and father practicing together in the firm Gary Cohen had co-founded.



In the early 1980s, Gary Cohen co-founded Cohen & Morelock in Indianapolis. Among his clients: Indianapolis-based Finish Line. "I was doing outside work, some of it lease work." But he then went in-house, becoming general counsel, executive vice president and secretary.

As deeply rooted as Mr. Cohen has been in Indiana and in law, he has blossomed on the stage of theatrical production. From involvement in community theater and small television roles, he found his way into the network of stage production and financing. In 2004 he invested in his first Broadway show and about nine years later co-produced his first Broadway show, "Come from Away," a Tony Award-winning musical based on the diversion of in-flight aircraft to Gander, Newfoundland, following the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Other productions followed, including a Broadway revival of "Glengarry Glen Ross," centered on four desperate Chicago real estate agents, and "The Wiz," a musical retelling of "The Wizard of Oz." Still to come: "The Heart," an electronic musical headed to off-Broadway in 2026 and, hopefully, to Broadway in 2027.

Gary Cohen

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PUBLICATION

A Tale Told in Reverse: Military Retirees and the Benefit of Clergy, 106 MASS. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

PRESENTATION

Moderator, "Promises Deferred: The Declaration's Ideals and the Limits of Constitutional Translation," *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, Founding Ideals in Constitutional Practice: The Declaration of Independence's 250-Year Legal Journey, April 3, 2026.

MEDIA

Discussion, "What Rights Do Journalists Have When Reporting on a Protest?" WVXU-FM, Cincinnati, July 28, 2025.

Panelist, "Ohio House Members Join Push to Amend the U.S. Constitution," Cincinnati Edition, WVXU-FM, April 10, 2025.

COLLEGE

Selected, Class of 2025 Professor of the Year, May 2025.



Tan Boston
Associate Professor
of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Proportionate NIL Paradigms, 74 U. KAN. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

Is NIL Woke? 58 LOY. L.A. REV. 421 (2025)

Unstructured NIL Settlements, 93 FORDHAM L. REV. 1559 (2025).

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, "NIL and the Future of College Sports: Litigation, Legislation and Institutional Control," Loyola University New Orleans College of Law *Loyola Law Review* symposium, "The New Deal: Name Image and Likeness Compliance, Contracts and the Legal Battle for College Athletics," March 27, 2026.

Moderator and discussant, "Risk Mitigation Protocols to Prevent NIL-Linked Damage Awards," Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, New Orleans, January 7, 2026.

MEDIA

Interviewed, "Why College Athletic Departments are Getting into the NIL Beer Industry," WVXU-FM, Cincinnati, December 15, 2025.



Jennifer Brinkman
Assistant Professor
of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Keeping Kids Out of Court: Prosecutorial Discretion and the Trauma of Juvenile Court Referral, 78 U. ARK. LITTLE ROCK L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

Harmless in Name Only: Prosecutorial Misconduct and the Right to a Fair Trial, WASH. & LEE J. CIVIL RTS. & SOC. JUST. (2026).

PRESENTATIONS

"The Trauma-Aware Advocate: Mastering Trauma-Informed Techniques for Attorneys," Kentucky chapter American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers annual seminar, April 22, 2026.

Panelist, "Family Law from Every Angle," Family Law Certificate program organized by students Kavian McMillan and Adriana Cunningham, April 24, 2026.

Panelist, "Transforming Juvenile Justice Through Law, Policy & Practice," *University of Arkansas Little Rock Law Review* symposium, "Rethinking Juvenile Law Through Education and Trauma," March 6, 2026.

"Foundations for Family Law Evidence: Getting Your Evidence into the Record," Northern

Kentucky Bar Association Family Law Section Continuing Legal Education, with Professor Amy Halbrook, March 3, 2026.

"Leveraging Community Partnerships to Enhance the Student Experience," New England Clinical Conference: Inspiration, Ideation & Innovation, Boston University School of Law, November 21, 2025.

"The Trauma-Aware Advocate: Mastering Trauma-Informed Techniques for Attorneys," Kentucky Bar Association annual convention Continuing Legal Education, Lexington, Kentucky, June 5, 2025.



Anthony Chavez
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

"What's Happening with Climate Change?" Chase Conversations, October 20, 2025.

"CDU [Carbon Dioxide Utilization] as Waste Recycling," International Conference on Carbon Dioxide Utilization, Lisbon, Portugal, June 26, 2025.



Michelle Browning Coughlin
Assistant Professor
of Law

PUBLICATION

Beyond Billable Hours: The Unseen Labor of Women in Law, LAW 360 online, September 11, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

West Coast Sexuality, Gender & Law Conference, University of California, Irvine School of Law, March 2026.

"Parents and Caregivers in the Legal Profession," Harvard Law School, February 20, 2026.

Speaker, on personal challenges of parents and caregivers in practice of law, Legal Profession classes, Harvard Law School, September 26, 2025.

Work-in-Progress, Feminist Legal Scholars Roundtable, co-sponsored by the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and Albany Law School, at Pace University School of Law, New York City, June 16, 2025.

American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession report on parents in the legal profession, MothersEsquire 2025 Conference, May 8, 2025

Panelist, "Expecting the Unexpected: Developing an Effective AI Governance Program," American Bar Associa-

Faculty Scholarship & Activities

tion Intellectual Property Law Section annual meeting, Washington, D.C., April 30, 2025

"Parenting and Child Caregiving in the Legal Profession," Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court, April 23, 2025

PROFESSIONAL

Selected, American Bar Association Board of Governors, three-year term beginning in August, ABA Mid-Year Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, February 5-9, 2026.

Appointed, member of American Bar Association Center for Human Rights for 2025-26 association year, ABA Annual Meeting, August 6-12, 2025, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Appointed, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession advisory council for study of mental wellness for women in the law, 2025.



Judith Daar

Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean and Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

"NKU Chase College of Law: A Law School on the Move," Cincinnati Bar Association *CBA Report*, May/June 2026.

PRESENTATIONS

"Assisted Reproductive Technologies: The Miracles and Mishaps of

Modern Family Formation," annual Victor E. Schwartz Lecture in Torts, University of Cincinnati College of Law, October 31, 2025.

"Preimplantation Genetic Testing for Aneuploidy: Current Usage and Legal Issues," American Society for Reproductive Medicine annual meeting at the Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Graduate Program in San Antonio, Texas, October 26, 2025.

"Relational Values in Family Law: Collaborations, Inequalities and the Interests of Marginalized Groups," North American Regional Conference of the International Society of Family Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law, June 16, 2025.

Panelist, "Family Formation," Northeastern University School of Law Center for Health Policy and Law, annual health law conference, Boston, April 18, 2025.

COLLEGE

Discussed legal education in the United States with 14 representatives of seven African nations – including lawyers, justice and court officials, and a law lecturer – who visited Chase through a U.S. Department of State program arranged by the World Affairs Council of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, September 19, 2025.

Welcome remarks, Chase Professionalism Day program, August 14, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL

Award, Kentucky Bar Association 2025

President's Special Service Award for outstanding service to the legal profession, KBA annual convention, Lexington, Kentucky, June 5-6, 2025

MEDIA

Panelist, "What if Your Legal Name Doesn't Match Your Birth Certificate When You Vote?" WVXU-FM, Cincinnati, May 13, 2025.



Amy Halbrook

Associate Dean and Professor of Law

PRESENTATION

"Foundations for Family Law Evidence: Getting Your Evidence into the Record," Northern Kentucky Bar Association Family Law Section Continuing Legal Education, with Professor Jennifer Brinkman, March 3, 2026.

PROFESSIONAL

Admitted, Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, March 20, 2026.

Lead trainer of eight trainers, American Bar Association Advanced Trial Skills Institute, 2025.

Lead trainer, American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence four-day trial skills program for new lawyers, 2025.

Lead trainer, two-day trial skills training,

Ohio Domestic Violence Network, Columbus, Ohio, 2025.



Jack Harrison

David and Nancy Wolf Chair Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

"Supreme Court Update: A Review of the 2024-2025 Term and a Look Ahead to 2025-2026," Cincinnati Bar Association webinar, October 8, 2025.

Discussant, with University of Toronto Professor Rebecca Wittmann as part of her lecture, "Too Little, Too Late: Nazi Trials in Postwar Germany," the 2025 public lecture of the David and Nancy Wolf Program in Ethics and Professional Identity, co-sponsored by the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center, Cincinnati Museum Center, September 25, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL

As co-chair of Aspiring Law Professors Committee of South-eastern Association of Law Schools assisted in planning and participated as panelist or reviewer six workshops for annual meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 27-August 2, 2025.

MEDIA

Quoted, "Judge Withdraws from Lawsuit Against Louisville after Bias Questioned," *Louisville*

(*Kentucky*) *Courier Journal*, February 16, 2026.



Kenneth Katkin

Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, "The Declaration in the Legislature, Founding Ideals and the Modern Lawmaker," *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, Founding Ideals in Constitutional Practice: The Declaration of Independence's 250-Year Legal Journey, April 3, 2026.

"The Trump Administration's Latest Constitutional Controversies," University of Cincinnati Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, October 15, 2025.

Moderator, "Criminalizing Politics: Campaign Donations and the First Amendment," Salmon P. Chase College of Law student program, April 14, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL

Pro Bono, as co-counsel with Chase alumnus J. Robert Linneman representing Cincinnati noncommercial community radio station WAIF, obtained recommendation of Hamilton County Municipal Court magistrate to grant station's motion for summary judgment in lawsuit by former program host barred from on-air participation, August 15, 2025.

MEDIA

Quoted, "Supreme Court Overturns P.G. Sittenfeld '07's Bribery Conviction," *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, April 6, 2026

Quoted, "'A Big Victory': Supreme Court Paves Way for Vacating PG Sittenfeld's Conviction," *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, April 6, 2026

Quoted, "Legal Expert Says Effort to Remove FCPS [Fayette County Public Schools] Board Chair Likely Unconstitutional," *Lexington (Kentucky) Herald-Leader*, March 12, 2026.

Interviewed, Sky News Australia, on Supreme Court of the United States tariff decision in *Learning Resources Inc. v. Trump*, February 22, 2026.

Quoted, "Trump's Global Tariff Plan 'Blowing Smoke' After Court Defeat: Legal Expert," *Mortgage Professional America*, February 20, 2026.

Interviewed, "A Discussion on Settlement Talks in Cincinnati's Ryan Hinton Case," WVXU-FM, Cincinnati, January 21, 2026.

Quoted, "Trump DOJ Reignites Fed Independence Fears with Powell Criminal Probe," *Mortgage Professional America*, January 12, 2026.

Interviewed, "Conflict of Interest Allegation Prompts Attorney to Seek Justice's Impeachment," *Spectrum News*, Lexington, Kentucky, November 17, 2025.

Quoted, "Supreme Court Sets January Date on Trump's Attempt to Fire Fed Governor Lisa Cook," *Mortgage Professional America*, November 12, 2025.

Interviewed, "Sittenfeld Got a Presidential Pardon. Why Didn't His Similarly Convicted Colleagues?" WVXU-FM, Cincinnati, November 12, 2025.

Interviewed, "Justice Department Seeks Dismissal of P.G. Sittenfeld's Corruption Case," WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), November 11, 2025.

Discussion, on United States Department of Justice motion to vacate conviction of former Cincinnati City Council Member P.G. Sittenfeld, WLW-AM, Cincinnati, November 11, 2025.

Quoted, "Justice Department Asks U.S. Supreme Court to Throw Out PG Sittenfeld's Conviction," *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, November 10, 2025.

Interviewed, "Supreme Court Considers Case That Could Revisit Same-Sex Marriage," WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), November 7, 2025.

Interviewed, "What Does a Government Shutdown Mean for the Greater Cincinnati Area?" WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), October 1, 2025.

Interviewed, "Behind Bars and Beyond Scrutiny: Ohio Jails Deny Migrant Detention Records," WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), July 30, 2025.

Interviewed, "Class Action Challenges Ohio Plan to Use Unclaimed Funds for Stadiums," WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), July 15, 2025.

Interviewed, "What's Next for P.G. Sittenfeld? \$926K in Campaign Funds and a Presidential Pardon," WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), May 29, 2025.

Interviewed, "Ohio Division of Cannabis Control Raises Questions About Cincinnati Marijuana Festival," WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), April 24, 2025.

Quoted, "Markets Breathe a Sigh of Relief as Trump Rules Out Dismissing Powell," *Mortgage Professional America*, April 23, 2025.



Donald Kazee
Professor of Legal Writing

PRESENTATION

Panelist, "Foundations of Liberty: The Declaration's Role in Shaping American Common Law," *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, Founding Ideals in Constitutional Practice: The Declaration of Independence's 250-Year Legal Journey, April 3, 2026.



Jennifer Kinsley
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

The Myth Revisited: Obscenity Law from 2015 to 2025, 17 HARV. J. SPORTS & ENT. L. 41 (2026).

Purchasing Privacy: Is There a Right to Mail Order Abortion Medications? The Gender Policy Report, online journal of the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

Keynote speaker, Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky John W. Peck Federal Bar Association PLEDGE emerging leaders celebration, April 30, 2026.

Panelist, "From the Bench: Judicial Perspectives on the Declaration and Constitutional Practice," *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, Founding Ideals in Constitutional Practice: The Declaration of Independence's 250-Year Legal Journey, April 3, 2026.

Speaker, introduction of hypothetical medical malpractice case, Chase College of Law-University of Kentucky College of Medicine Medico-legal Symposium, February 21, 2026.

Speaker, Northeastern University School of Law Criminal Law Association, Boston, October 29, 2025.

Lecturer, Advanced Appellate Practice class, University of Cincinnati College of Law, September 22, 2025.

Presented her article *The Psychology of Censorship*, 74 CASE W. RES. L. REV. 403 (2023), Northeast Lawyers Club, Cincinnati, August 1, 2025.

"The Myth Revisited: Obscenity Law Since 2015," work-in-progress, International Free Speech Forum, University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary, June 16, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL

Elected, by other judges of Ohio First District Court of Appeals to consecutive second term as administrative and presiding judge for 2026 calendar year.

Reelected, board of directors, John W. Peck Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky chapter Federal Bar Association; also chair of newsletter committee, 2025.



Alex Kreit
Associate Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

How Marijuana Rescheduling Could Transform the Controlled Substances Act, 61 WAKE FOREST L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

The Criminal Law Course in the Era of Mass Incarceration, 29 UDC L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

Faculty Scholarship & Activities

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, "Expert Meeting on Examining the Socioeconomic Effects of Legalization," United States Government Accountability Office online, April 15, 2026

"Marijuana Rescheduling, Psychedelics, and 'Accepted Medical Use' Under the Controlled Substances Act," Psychedelics Intersections 2026: Bridging Humanities, Religion & Law conference, Harvard Study of Psychedelics in Society and Culture, Harvard University, April 10, 2026.

Moderator, "Foundations of Liberty: The Declaration's Role in Shaping American Common Law," *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, Founding Ideals in Constitutional Practice: The Declaration of Independence's 250-Year Legal Journey, April 3, 2026.

Commenter and mentor, "Health Law and Healthcare Justice New Scholar's Workshop," Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 28, 2025.

Panelist, "Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop: Introduction to the Academy," and "New Directions in Cannabis Law and Pedagogy" Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 27, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL

Cited, *Making Sense of Facial and As-Applied Challenges*, 18 WM. & MARY BILL RTS J. 657 (2010) by Supreme Court of Wyoming, *State v. Johnson*, 2026 WY 1. 2026.

Participant, Mosaic Drug Policy Summit, of 40 thought-leaders in drug policy, Jackson, Mississippi, October 21-23, 2025.

MEDIA

Interviewed, "Moonshiners, True Crime & Shine: Moonshine, Marijuana and Murder," Discovery Channel, March 17, 2026.

Panelist, "Breaking Down Federal and State Hemp Laws," Cincinnati Edition, WVXU-FM, Cincinnati, December 4, 2025.



Danielle Lewis

Director of Center for Excellence in Advocacy

PRESENTATION

"Legal and Ethical Uses of Generative Artificial Intelligence," Kentucky Legislative Research Commission continuing legal education, June 16, 2025.



Michael Mannheimer

Northern Kentucky University Regents Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

The Impossibility Constraint in Criminal Law, 105 TEX. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

Unpacking Supremacy Clause Immunity, 76 AM. U. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

In Defense of Mapp – and the Good Faith Exception, 56 SETON HALL L. REV. 777 (2026)

PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, "From the Bench: Judicial Perspectives on the Declaration and Constitutional Practice," *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, Founding Ideals in Constitutional Practice: The Declaration of Independence's 250-Year Legal Journey, April 3, 2026.

"Unpacking Supremacy Clause Immunity" paper at 2025 Criminal Justice Academic Workshop of American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Academic Committee and Association of American Law Schools Section on Criminal Law, December 5, 2025.

"The Fourth Amendment, Originalism, and Modern Policing," Northern Kentucky University Scripps Howard Center for

Civic Engagement Six@Six series, Covington, Kentucky, November 19, 2025.

"Unpacking Supremacy Clause Immunity," CrimFest at University of Pennsylvania Carey School of Law, Philadelphia, July 15, 2025.

On his published book, *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*, Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies student chapters, University of Colorado Law School, April 2, 2025, University of Nevada-Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, March 31, 2025, University of Houston Law Center, March 27, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL

Elected, secretary, Association of American Law Schools Section on Criminal Procedure for 2026.

Amicus curiae, filed in *Michigan v. Keely*, in United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, involving a Michigan law enforcement officer charged by Michigan with murder and manslaughter while on a state-federal task force, who had the case removed to federal court, 2025.

Amicus curiae, filed in collaboration with University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Law Supreme Court Clinic, *Case v. Montana*, 607 U.S. ____ (2026), argued October 15, 2025; decided January 14, 2026.

MEDIA

Quoted, "In Minneapolis, a Pattern of Misconduct Toward Protesters," *The New York Times*, January 18, 2026.

Quoted, "Do ICE Agents Have Absolute Immunity? No, Experts Say, But it's Not Easy for a State to Prosecute," CNN, January 9, 2026.

Quoted, "A Federal Agent Shot a Pastor in the Face with a Chemical Weapon. What Can California Do About It?" involving Supremacy Clause immunity in a California matter, The Oaklandside online, October 29, 2025.

Quoted, "Experts: Felony Rioting Charges for Journalists Covering Protests are Rare, Troubling," *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, July 22, 2025.

Interviewed, "'We Do Have a Right to Stop Someone': Should Cincinnati Police Use Drones to Fight Crime?" WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), July 9, 2025.



Kelly Meurer

Director of Academic Support and Bar Preparation

PRESENTATION

"This Meeting Could Have Been a Module: Restructuring Remedial Skills Classes for Better Performance, Less Time and Less Stress," Association of Academic Support Educators conference, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, May 21, 2025.



Christopher Muzzo
Director of Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic

PRESENTATION

Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic partnership with Commonwealth of Kentucky, Association of American Law Schools Transactional Clinical Conference, Portland, Oregon, May 6, 2026.



Eric Young
Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Law

MEDIA

Quoted, "Everybody Calm Down; AI Won't Rule in Law," Cincinnati Bar Association *CBA Report*, September/October 2025.

PROFESSIONAL

Member, planning committee Kentucky Bar Association annual convention (June 11-12, 2026, Covington) and CLE subcommittee chair.

Appointed, editorial board of *Spectrum*, American Association of Law Libraries bimonthly magazine.

Awarded, Alan Hock Memorial Grant to attend 2026 American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting, July 18-21, 2026, Cleveland.



Marcia Ziegler
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing

PUBLICATIONS

The Plea Colloquy as Scientific Inquiry: Safeguarding Defendants Amid Objective Advancements, 50 HARV. J.L. & PUB. POLLY (forthcoming 2026).

Persuasive Punctuation: A Silent Advocate in Legal Writing, Kentucky Bar Association *Bench & Bar*, September/October 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, "Is There a Place for Me in the Legal Academy?" Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 27, 2025.

Overview of Salmon P. Chase College of Law Legal Writing Center for students, workshop of Suffolk University Law

School, Boston, April 25, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL

Pro bono, achieved change in guardianship of an elderly woman to her children who had challenged decisions of previous guardian, Roscommon County, Michigan, 2025.

COLLEGE

Directed, legal writing workshop for first-year students, through Chase Legal Writing Center, assisted by teaching assistant Zeinab Elkhansa, mid-January, 2026.

Matthew Slovin Joins Chase as a Professor

Even before he joins Salmon P. Chase College of Law as an assistant professor of law, Matthew Slovin has had firsthand experience with Chase – without having been part of the college.

Beginning as an associate in a Cincinnati law firm and most recently as City of Cincinnati senior assistant solicitor, he has seen how Chase alumni represent the college, in practice. "Practicing locally allowed me to recognize the prominence Chase has in the Cincinnati legal market and its track record of producing skilled attorneys," Professor Slovin says.

With his arrival at Chase when fall semester begins in August, he will add to his academic credentials of having published several law review articles since his graduation from Harvard Law School in 2019, teaching Contracts and Administrative Law.

"I was drawn to academia by the opportunity to think more deeply about the law while helping shape the next generation of lawyers," he says. "Practice was deeply rewarding, but I found myself increasingly interested in the broader questions



Matthew Slovin

underlying our work. The chance to play even a small role in preparing future lawyers for the responsibilities of the profession is a privilege."

What he has seen of Chase has made having a role in preparing future lawyers from inside

Nunn Hall attractive. "When I visited campus, I saw that Chase is confronting the big questions facing our profession, such as the role of AI in legal practice and education."

While Professor Slovin is eager to confront the future of law practice, elements from his past will help him do it. "Practice trained me to distill complex fact patterns and arguments into a legible roadmap. That is what I learned to recognize as effective advocacy, and I will remain an advocate – only now it will be for the success of my students. Whatever inspires my students, I hope to empower them to pursue it," he says.

Before entering practice after law school, Mr. Slovin was a law clerk for United States District Court Judge Lawrence E. Kahn of the Northern District of New York, with jurisdiction in a northeast expanse from the capital of Albany, west to Syracuse and north to the border with Canada. Prior to law school, he was a reporter with *The Tennessean* daily newspaper at Nashville.



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