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## Balancing Law and Life

To meet the demands of practice, lawyers need to take care of themselves, and Chase is preparing students through a focus on wellness and wellbeing



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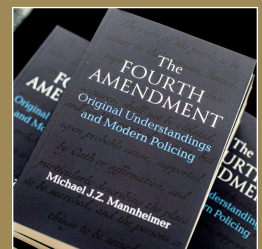
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# Chase is Building Toward the Future

**BOTH WITH NEW FACILITIES AND ATTENTION TO STUDENTS' WELLNESS AND WELLBEING NOW AND IN CAREERS, THE COLLEGE IS PREPARING THE NEXT CHAPTERS**



## Greetings Chase Community,

This past year has brought exciting developments, milestones and unique opportunities to our law school. In April 2024, the Kentucky legislature appropriated \$125 million to construct a new building in Covington that will serve as the future home of Chase and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine Northern Kentucky Campus, now housed at NKU. Teams from Chase are already partnering with local

officials and design professionals to plan our new space that will welcome and educate the next generation of Chase legal professionals. In other building news, we are nearing completion of a new student center and state-of-the-art courtroom in Nunn Hall. Stay tuned for an invitation to a ribbon cutting for this exciting project later this year.

This issue of our Chase magazine highlights the important role wellness plays in the legal profession. The Global Wellness Institute defines wellness as “an active process of being aware and making choices that lead toward an outcome of optimal holistic health and wellbeing.” Reputationally, the practice of law is positioned as one of the most high-stress occupations in the modern era. Administering the rule of law involves meeting strict deadlines, mastering enormous amounts of information, and navigating structural conflicts between and among parties. We often serve as a flash point when our clients experience their most difficult life challenges, and inevitably absorb the trauma endured by those in our legal care.

In 2017, the American Bar Association released a report documenting disproportionate rates of chronic stress, depression and substance use among lawyers and law students as compared to other professionals and student cohorts. While

our profession has since taken significant steps to address and improve occupational wellness, there is more work to be done. Law firms, government offices, business and industry legal employers have established employee care programs aimed at acknowledging the vital impact of mental and physical wellbeing in the workplace, while working to provide tools for professional and self-directed healing.

At Chase, attention to faculty, staff and student wellness has been a priority for many years. In addition to a law school wellness space stocked with yoga mats, meditation chairs and myriad written materials, each year we sponsor Wellness Week – a series of interactive and self-directed activities aimed at de-stressing and focusing on mental and physical health. Making wellness an express priority at Chase sets the stage for integrating self-care throughout our community's daily lives and career pathways. As we care for ourselves, we can better care for each other.

I hope this finds you well and thriving in your life. Thank you for staying in touch and continuing to instill Chase pride in all of us.

With warmest regards,

**Judith Daar**

AMBASSADOR PATRICIA L. HERBOLD DEAN  
AND PROFESSOR OF LAW

## Briefs

# Professionalism Day Carries on a Tradition

Not only is Professionalism Day a first step into the traditions of Salmon P. Chase College of Law for first-year students, it also spotlights alumni achievements.

For this past Professionalism Day in late August, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Robert Conley, a 1984 graduate, spoke to students about their journey ahead and administered their professionalism oath. Along with promising to uphold professional standards and the Chase Honor Code, students received a symbolic small pin as a reminder of their commitment.

In addition to remarks by Justice Conley, students heard about Chase and Northern Kentucky University in comments by Chase Dean Judith Daar and NKU President Cady Short-Thompson. And, as part of the tradition, they had opportunities during a reception to meet one another and to talk with alumni about their Chase experiences and practices.



Kentucky Supreme Court Justice and Chase alumnus Robert Conley administers the Chase professionalism oath to first-year students in August 2024.

## Wolf Program Connects Past, Present

Two authors, speaking on two separate dates, had one thing in common this past year: Both were speaking under auspices of the David and Nancy Wolf Program in Ethics and Professional Identity at Chase College of Law.

This past September 19, Constitutional Law scholar and University of California, Berkeley School of Law Dean Erwin Chemerinsky was the speaker in a public program co-sponsored with the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center at the Cincinnati Museum Center. His book, *No Democracy Lasts Forever: How the Constitution Threatens the United States*, provided his assessment of how well-intentioned compromises when the Constitution was adopted, such as a populationally imbalanced Senate, could now threaten democracy in a society that has changed significantly during the almost 250 years of its existence.

On April 11, 2024, Walter Stahr spoke to students about his book, *Salmon P. Chase: Lincoln's Vital Rival*, and his premise that while Chase rivaled Abraham Lincoln for the 1860 Republican presidential nomination, it was the groundwork Chase had laid the previous two decades as an anti-slavery lawyer in Cincinnati that allowed for the creation of the Republican Party and the election of Lincoln.

The lesson for students from the Stahr presentation, says Wolf Chair Professor Jack Harrison, is that "Through discussion of Chase's life as a lawyer, students can be introduced to the type of ethical choices he had to make in order to develop his own identity as a lawyer."



Above, David Wolf, Erwin Chemerinsky, Nancy Wolf; below, Professor Jack Harrison, Walter Stahr.



## Chase Marks 50th Anniversary of Day Classes

Fifty years ago, Chase College of Law figuratively turned night into day. Fall semester of the 1975 academic year launched the college's first full-time day classes since it was founded in 1893 as a part-time evening program. The expansion of night into day followed by three years, in 1972, the merger of Chase, as an independent law school, with what is now Northern Kentucky University.

For alumnus Art Rabourn, his first day in the first day class began a 50-year journey in practice, now located in the Scripps Center at Third and Walnut streets in Cincinnati:

"As for being a member of the first day class, I was impressed with the fact that Chase had chosen to include a day division and very happy to be admitted into the day class. I knew that Chase enjoyed an excellent reputation as a night school. I felt that Chase would soon enjoy the same reputation with the addition of a day division."

Fifty years later, the sun never sets on Chase classrooms, day or night.



# Center for Law and Entrepreneurship Jumpstarts Students' Connections

For students who participate in the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship at Chase College of Law, the voice of experience speaks to them regularly in programs with entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. Programs this past year combined introductions to what they might anticipate in law practices or as entrepreneurs themselves, and introductions to some of the entrepreneurs with whom they could be associating.

In one program, they heard from Pete Blackshaw, chief executive of the Cincinnati startup Brandrank.ai, a venture in the new

field of using Artificial Intelligence for companies to monitor and adapt marketing strategies to what Generative AI Answer Engines are saying about them in online searches.

In another, they connected with entrepreneurs through StartUp Cincy Week to network with investors and innovators in sharing ideas and experiences that might one day be useful in their future practices. To stretch the boundaries of their connections, they also traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to learn about entrepreneurial networks there.

Jack Wyant, Center for Law and Entrepreneurship director, speaks to students at a program at the Strietmann Center in Cincinnati, designed to introduce them to a startup using Artificial Intelligence.



# Hard Classes Can Have a Soft, Fun Side

All anyone who wants to see how law school classes can be both substantive and fun needs to do is look in on some classes at Chase College of Law.

Substance in the Constitutional Law class of Professor Jennifer Kinsley is in understanding, for example, the 1942 Supreme Court of the United States decision in *Wickard v. Filburn* that strengthened regulatory powers under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution or the 1970 case of *Pike v. Bruce Church Inc.* that declared unconstitutional state laws that negatively affect interstate commerce. Fun was dressing up this past Halloween night to represent those and other cases, and explain them to the class. Professor Kinsley, herself, dressed that night as the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (and noted with a bit of self-deprecating humor, "so the students got an upgrade in their professor").



Professor Jennifer Kinsley, dressed as the late Supreme Court of the United States Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and students costumed Halloween night to represent various Supreme Court cases.

In the Legal Writing class Professor Marcia Ziegler teaches, legal citations took on a challenge – designed to reinforce the sometime challenging Bluebook style for citations – in her annual Citation Wars. The battle was for teams of three and four students to answer citation questions and race to win points for each answer.

When the competition this past November ended, to the victor went some stickers, Post-it® notes and, most satisfyingly, bragging rights.

# In-Court is Part of Being In Class

Sometimes for Chase College of Law students, a classroom can look a lot like a courtroom – because that is where they are applying skills and knowledge they developed in classrooms. Among students who this past year argued successfully in courtrooms, with limited licenses and a lawyer's supervision, were:

**Abby Ward**, who on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, convinced a county judge to reverse the order of a limited-jurisdiction court that would have barred introduction of evidence police obtained in a traffic stop. "I did a mock oral argument with Professor Danielle Lewis, which was incredibly helpful. Also, my county supervisors and I drafted a brief prior to the oral argument. Writing the brief gave me a strong foundation of knowledge surrounding the case law on the issue."

**Davis Guthier** and **Jacob Taylor**, who worked through the Chase Children's Law Center Clinic in a child custody trial in Boone County (Kentucky) Family Court. "We had to perform multiple interviews and had multiple meetings as new information streamed in," Mr. Guthier says. "Professor Jennifer Brinkman, who is director of the clinic and our supervising lawyer, was extremely helpful and always was involved in our debates/conversations. Classes such as Family Law, Mediation, Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating, Children and the Law, Women and the Law, and the clinic helped me understand what it means to be a best-interest attorney."

**Jackie Kovsky** and **Miranda Dampier**, working through the Children's Law Center Clinic, convinced a Northern Kentucky prosecutor to give a 12-year-old girl a second chance in a diversion program instead of prosecuting her as a felon. "While we do not condone the behavior, it is inappropriate to classify relatively benign adolescent conduct as a felony. Additionally, there were concerns whether our client was properly read her Miranda rights, as no evidence to that effect was found during the discovery process. Through discovery and motion practice, we successfully advocated for the prosecutor to offer diversion, allowing our client to avoid adjudication by completing a designated program. Our preparation was significantly enhanced by our participation in the Children's Law Center Clinic under Professor Brinkman. Additionally, our legal writing classes equipped us with the skills necessary to draft various motions effectively."

# Life's Lessons for Lawyers

By emphasizing wellness and wellbeing, Chase is preparing students to follow the best-practices some alumni know about from their law practices



**T**abitha Hochscheid has noticed a change in what lawyers are willing to talk about. “Since I helped start the Cincinnati Bar Association Health and Wellbeing Committee in 2012, I’ve noticed an increased willingness to talk openly about those types of challenges and to seek meaningful solutions,” says Ms. Hochscheid, a 1994 graduate of Salmon P. Chase College of Law who practices in Cincinnati as Hochscheid Law.

Not only are lawyers and professional associations talking more about personal wellness and wellbeing as integral to practicing law, so, too, is Salmon P. Chase College of Law talking about it and engaging students in it, beginning their first year of classes.

“It is essential for both law students and lawyers to recognize that their personal wellbeing is not just a luxury, but a vital responsibility,” says Ashley Siemer, Chase director of enrollment management and student affairs who has launched many of the wellness and wellbeing initiatives at the college. “Maintaining mental, emotional and physical health is key to fostering resilience in the face of challenges.”

While challenges have always been part of practicing law, there is general acknowledgement within the profession that demands of providing expert advice, meeting deadlines, and dealing with clients, colleagues, adversaries and courts are now more complex and wearing. Add to that an aspect of many lawyers’ inherent personalities, and paying attention to wellness and wellbeing – and introducing attention to it in law school – is now part of the culture.

“We all realize that working as an attorney is inherently stressful, especially if you’re in litigation,” says Nathan Lennon, a 2013 graduate who is a litigator with Reminger in Northern Kentucky and a member of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Lawyers Living Well Wellness Committee. “One of my Chase professors, Barbara McFarland, explained that this stress is compounded by the tendency of lawyers to have a guardian-type personality; that is, a personality inclined to care for and protect other people. While that’s a great personality type when it comes to taking care of clients, the issue develops when we forget who is ‘guarding the guardian.’ We tend to assume that because we always have a handle on other people’s problems, it must mean that we don’t need help with our own.”

The challenge, Ms. Hochscheid says, is to understand what is required personally for the wellness and wellbeing necessary to maintain resilience and

longevity in practice. “We are professional fixers. We take on the problems of our clients and work to resolve them. Without deliberate attention to self-care, we risk becoming emotional sponges – absorbing the stress and anxiety of those we serve – and, in doing so, we compromise our objectivity.”

For law school students, stressors that can affect wellness and wellbeing – even to the point of not making it into practice – can begin in having to confront previously unfamiliar legal concepts, juggling courses that each require extensive reading, analysis and writing, preparing for make-or-break exams – and in some instances carrying financial burdens.

“During my talk to 1Ls on wellbeing, we cover the essential and interconnected dimensions of wellbeing: financial, emotional, social, spiritual and physical,” Ms. Siemer says. “I emphasize how each of these areas contributes to a law student’s overall health and resilience.”

“By practicing self-care, managing stress, and seeking support when needed, individuals can ensure they are not only effective legal professionals, but also healthy, balanced individuals. Building resilience through proactive wellbeing practices enables lawyers and law students to sustain their careers, navigate the inherent challenges of the profession, and ultimately continue to serve their clients and communities with excellence,” she says.

As a reminder for students of what is at stake, professors Marcia Ziegler and Michelle Browning Coughlin, both of whom have been engaged in wellness and wellbeing initiatives professionally, this past academic year invited students into a discussion of those types of issues as part of the informal Chase Conversations series on legal and professional issues.

“I hope that students know that it is important to safeguard their mental health while in law school. It is a stressful time, like no other, and taking active steps to protect their mental health is more important than many realize,” Professor Ziegler says of the conversation. “It’s crucial that they learn to protect themselves now, while they have free resources and support, so they are better prepared to protect themselves in the future.”

Wellness and wellbeing, though, are more than a subject for discussion.

In keeping with what Ms. Hochscheid has observed as a pattern among lawyers for adopting mindfulness and meditation as part of wellbeing practices, Ms. Siemer has offered students the service of a massage therapist, sponsored shared meals and organized an annual Wellness Week to raise awareness of beneficial practices.



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**Ashley Siemer**, Chase director of enrollment management and student affairs



## Cover Story



“A massage serves as a powerful tool for slowing down, allowing individuals to connect with their bodies and release built-up emotional stress,” she says. “By focusing on the physical sensations of touch, it encourages mindfulness and presence, providing a much-needed break from the mental noise of daily life.”

“Sharing a meal or snacks with a group can significantly contribute to building community and enhancing wellbeing by fostering connection and a sense of belonging. When people gather to eat, it provides an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation, strengthen social bonds and share experiences in a relaxed, informal setting. The act of breaking bread together helps reduce stress and promotes feelings of warmth and support. These interactions can enhance emotional and social wellbeing, improve mental health, and create a supportive, inclusive environment that nurtures positive relationships.”

Wellness Week follows strategies offered by the American Bar Association and wellness groups. “However, we have found that for law students, it

can often be challenging to carve out time to attend scheduled wellness events due to the demanding nature of their academic and personal responsibilities, which is why we created self-directed activities as part of Wellness Week. These activities give students the flexibility to try different techniques – whether it’s meditation, exercise, journaling or mindfulness – at times that work best for them.”

Wellness and wellbeing conversations and programs introduced at Chase the past few years have become as much a part of preparing for demands of practice as mastering fundamental legal principals.

“Newer lawyers are entering the profession with an expectation of work-life balance, and I see that as a positive force for change,” Ms. Hochscheid says.

The change from law school to practice was noticeable for Rachel Blumberg, a 2024 graduate who is now an associate in the Covington, Kentucky, office of the Cincinnati firm of Strauss Troy, and a member of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Lawyers Living Well Wellness Committee.

“As a recent graduate, I was surprised by how big of a difference law school was from practice. Attention to wellness and wellbeing is so important because entering into the practice of law is a lifelong endeavor, and is not for a short time period. Taking care of yourself mentally is most important because work fulfillment goes hand-in-hand with mental health,” she says.

For Chase students, the preparation for practicing law involves not only the Rule in Shelley’s Case on real property, but also the rule to remember to take care of themselves in order to be effective lawyers.

## Wellness and Wellbeing Advice

From Chase alumni involved in bar association wellness committees:



**Tabitha Hochscheid:**

“Understand the importance of downtime and identify the things that help you manage stress. That might be

exercise, hobbies, meditation, or simply taking mini-vacations. Critically, set boundaries. That might mean no client calls after hours or choosing not to communicate via text. Boundaries are not barriers to good service, they’re tools that protect your capacity to serve.”



**Nathan Lennon:**

“You have to take care of yourself first, because if you’re not well, physically or mentally, there’s no way you can take care

of your client with your best effort. As just one example, I make it a priority to use all my vacation days in a given year. Being a litigator, it’s pretty easy for me to be flexible with work to accommodate that, and I’ve always found that after I return from vacation, I’m mentally clearer and more productive than I was before.”



**Rachel Blumberg:**

“Stay involved in the legal community, because even though staying involved takes away from billing, it allows for a mix-up in

your day and keeps your activity levels higher. Plus, staying involved helps self-fulfillment in the practice of law. It’s okay to not be okay. Recognize it and make a change by starting with things that make you happy outside of the workplace.”

# One-to-One Advice Adds Up to Big Career Number

**INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION IN THE OFFICE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT HELPS THE CLASS OF 2023 EXCEED THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT RATE**

Even in an era of online job boards and recruiting, there is something to be said for person-to-person contact. And in the case of the Office of Career Development at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, there is a lot to be said about it.

Start by considering the numbers:

Based on graduate employment data the American Bar Association requires from all approved law schools, the Chase Class of 2023 exceeded the national employment rate that year by 5 percentage points: 90 percent of 107 Chase graduates were in positions the ABA classifies as “JD-required” or “JD-advantage,” compared to a national rate of 85 percent in the 10-months-after-graduation period the ABA allows for determining an employment rate for a class. (While national comparative data for 2024 graduates was being compiled for later release, the Chase Class of 2024 had achieved a 90-percent employment rate.)

For Chase students planning to practice law or to pursue a career in which holding a Juris Doctor is considered to be an advantage but not a requirement – such as regulatory compliance or intellectual property licensing – the person-to-person contact to get there starts with another number and an alphabetical letter: 1L. That is when Career Development Director Lisa Moore and Assistant Director Kathy Kelly begin meeting with students to guide them onto a pathway for employment that can extend through the next four or five years. Yes, four or five years:

“Services don’t end at graduation,” Ms. Moore says. “I stay in contact with graduates for the year following graduation, identifying possible opportunities to share with them, brainstorming paths to explore, reviewing application materials and helping them continue to build their legal network.”

In the beginning, though, and during the three or four years at Chase, there are meetings on when and how to apply for

student positions during law school that will provide foundational legal experience, individual reviews of resumes and cover letters, networking events with law firms, government agencies, corporations, military branches and nonprofits, mock job interviews, on-campus interview programs with potential employers, and, of course, access to an online database of available positions.

For students, all of that leads to one place: entry to careers that may span the next 40 years.

“The Office of Career Development was instrumental in helping me find my feet in the legal field,” says Paul Slater, now a lawyer in the Hamilton County (Cincinnati) Public Defender Office. “I came from a family with no law background and had never worked in the field, so I had no roadmap of how to find a job. Lisa Moore and the others in the office gave me that roadmap.

“My 1L year, I expressed to Lisa that I wanted to work in the public’s interest and that I wanted to give back to my community. I also wanted to keep my options open to see if a clerkship was the right fit for me. Based on this, Lisa helped me apply for an internship at Ohio Justice & Policy Center, as well as an internship with [Chase alumna] Magistrate Judge Candace Smith of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. By working both jobs, I was able to see that my future was as an advocate, not as a clerk. It was so useful to learn this my 1L summer so that I could focus on the jobs that I knew I wanted.”

Additional internships arranged through the Office of Career Development followed, and a connection through a Chase professor led to an interview with the public defender’s office. “All of these experiences led me to where I am now, the Hamilton County Public Defender Office. If I were doing it alone, I would not have known where to start,” Mr. Slater says.



Chase graduating classes of 2023 and 2024 – which include Kayla Love, now an assistant prosecutor in Clinton County, Ohio – have been able to celebrate some of the best-in-the-nation rates of employment among law school graduates.

The start for Brandi Liebling after graduation was as an associate in the Cincinnati firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, focused in health care law. She has since moved to corporate counsel at Teladoc Health, a telemedicine and virtual health care company.

“I worked closely with Lisa to secure an incredible in-house opportunity at GE Aerospace my first summer, and again the following summer when I was applying for summer associate roles at large law firms. I later accepted a full-time, post-graduation associate role at the firm I summered with in 2020, so my post-grad job search took place as a 2L and 3L,” she says.

“As a first-generation college and law school graduate, I was very unfamiliar with the process of applying to and getting an offer from larger firms. Lisa was a wealth of knowledge on the subject and helped me secure my dream job right out of law school.”

From the experiences of individual students, it all adds up to high employment rates for graduating classes.



# A New Phase of (Clinic) Life

**THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER CLINIC IS GROWING OLDER WITH THE TRANSITION FROM ITS FOUNDING DIRECTOR TO ONLY ITS SECOND**

Like a parent who nurtured a child into teenage and toward independence of college or career, Professor and Associate Dean Amy Halbrook has nurtured the Children's Law Center Clinic she founded at Salmon P. Chase College of Law from infant to early-teenager, and a new phase of growth with a new director.

After 13 years as the only director of the clinic, in which students represent children and teenagers in matters such as family and education issues, Professor Halbrook decided she wanted to focus on her roles as professor and associate dean for experiential learning. Guiding the clinic now into its mid-teen years is Professor and Clinic Director Jennifer Brinkman, who early in her career was a fellow of the Children's Law Center, the Covington, Kentucky, not-for-profit law firm with which the clinic collaborates.

With their combined views of the past and the future, professors Halbrook and Brinkman offer their perspectives, in conversation style, on the growth years of the Children's Law Center Clinic:

**For Professor Halbrook: Looking back, as the founding and first director of the Children's Law Center Clinic, what were the challenges in creating and launching a new clinic?**

"There are always challenges with a startup, but we had a really great partner in the Children's Law Center [formed by Chase graduate Kim Brooks Tandy in 1989]. They were already doing amazing direct-service and policy work. Probably the biggest challenge was to get the judges and attorneys we work with to understand that clinic students weren't clerks. Clinic students can do anything an attorney can do, as long as they are supervised."

**And, Professor Brinkman, in the next phase, how do you see yourself, as the second director of the clinic, building on the foundation of the clinic?**



Professor Jennifer Brinkman, left, and Professor and Associate Dean Amy Halbrook at the Children's Law Center Clinic office in Covington, Kentucky.

"I am truly standing on the shoulders of a giant. I had the privilege of watching, from the outside, the clinic as it grew into the incredible program that it is today. I plan to incorporate my own trial advocacy and appellate writing skills, into my teaching to continue producing high-quality, client-focused student-lawyers."

**Professor Halbrook, thinking of those 13 years of the clinic through a hypothetical student, how would you describe the arc of work in which students were involved?**

"We take students as they come. Some students have trial skills, and some don't. Some know a lot about child and family law, and some don't. We teach the substantive law and lawyering skills. We focus on professional responsibility, judgment and identity development. We help the students adopt best practices and reflect on what makes a good lawyer. Through the years, we have represented clients in highly complex cases. We have written amicus briefs on pressing issues related to children and teens. We have done community education projects on Street Law [a juvenile diversion program],

grandparent visitation, expungement, adolescent development and restorative justice. It is incredible what students learn to do in a semester or a year."

**Professor Brinkman, in what ways do you see your previous work as a Children's Law Center fellow and in subsequent practice shaping or influencing your perspective and approach as director of the clinic?**

"I have always had a deep appreciation for the work that the Children's Law Center does, and I am excited to have the incredible opportunity to engage in that work again. Because I spent much of the formative part of my early career as a public defender, I come to the clinic with significant experience both trying cases and directly representing clients who would not otherwise have representation. I encourage my students to view our clients and their families not only in light of the legal problems that brought them to us, but, instead, in the context of their entire lives. It is only with this perspective that we can truly advocate for our clients in a holistic, client-centered way."



Students at the Children's Law Center Clinic office.

**Professor Halbrook, throughout your time as clinic director, what are some accomplishments of the clinic and students that stand out?**

"Many students say that the clinic was their best experience in law school. They come in being insecure and graduate confident and competent. They build strong relationships with clients. Their writing improves. Their oral advocacy improves. They know how to step up in court. They have a better understanding of the rules of evidence, civil procedure and criminal procedure. Many of our graduates go into family law or juvenile defense. I love seeing them in practice."

**Professor Brinkman, what are you most looking forward to in the clinic, and as a new faculty member?**

"I am excited to help shape the next generation of attorneys to be compassionate, passionate, ethical and competent representatives of their clients."

**Professor Halbrook, also looking ahead, after 13 years of identification with the clinic, what are you looking forward to in your continuing roles at Chase and in the community?**

"I am still the associate dean for experiential learning. I love teaching other teachers how to incorporate practical and reflective exercises into their teaching. I am also the adviser for the Child and Family Law Certificate program. I am continuing to teach Family Law and Family Mediation, plus Torts. I am teaching in several trial skills programs, most often the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence programs. I am still teaching in the Northern Kentucky University mediation program. I am now doing some restorative justice conferencing and community work in Cincinnati, which I am excited about—trying to keep kids out of juvenile court. I am looking forward to having more time to write."

## About Clinic Director Brinkman

With a Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina, Jennifer Brinkman began her legal career as a fellow of the Children's Law Center in Covington, Kentucky.

She subsequently was an assistant public defender with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy in Covington for seven years and later a judicial law clerk for Supreme Court of Kentucky Associate Justice Michelle M. Keller for five years. Prior to becoming director of the Children's Law Center Clinic and an assistant professor of law, she was an adjunct professor at Chase during spring semester and summer session of 2024.

In law school, she was an intern in programs that involved children or teenagers. At the Alaska Public Defender Agency, she was involved in juvenile defense and mental health matters, and at the Council for Children's Rights in Charlotte, North Carolina, she also was involved in mental health matters.



# Symposium Reunites Principals in Historic Decision

**'OBERGEFELL V. HODGES - 10 YEARS LATER' EXPLORED WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT RULED FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY - AND WHAT STILL COULD**

Their names – James Obergefell and Richard Hodges – are forever linked in the Supreme Court of the United States decision known by the routine style of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. 644 (2015), but which was the tectonic shift in the nation's definition of marriage that 10 years later underlies potential other rumblings in the law.

James Obergefell, the Cincinnati plaintiff, and Richard Hodges, then the director of the Ohio Department of Health, along with other principals in the historic case, were participants in the *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, "*Obergefell v. Hodges - 10 Years Later*." And while the symposium reunited the past, both by the March 20 presentation and a dinner Chase sponsored the night before for *Obergefell* principals and symposium panelists, it also looked ahead to future ramifications.

"The reunion aspect of the symposium transcended just Jim Obergefell, Rick Hodges and Al Gerhardstein [Mr. Obergefell's Cincinnati lawyer and lead counsel before the Supreme Court in four cases consolidated from the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals]. Present at the dinner and the symposium were a number of the original Sixth Circuit plaintiffs and counsel, which, for many, was the first time they had seen one another since 2015," says Professor Jack Harrison, who was faculty adviser for the student-organized symposium and a symposium panelist.

Mr. Obergefell became the name plaintiff in the case that began in 2013 before Judge Timothy Black (a Chase alumnus) in United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio after the state of Ohio refused to record his out-of-state marriage to John Arthur on Mr. Arthur's death certificate. Mr. Hodges became the titular defendant as director of the Ohio Department of Health. (After leaving the department in 2017, he has been an outspoken supporter of LGBTQ+ rights and a friend of Mr. Obergefell.)

In the opening panel of the symposium, Mr. Obergefell and Mr. Hodges were joined by Mr. Gerhardstein, Professor



Professor Jack Harrison speaks at the symposium. Seated, from left, Richard Hodges, Al Gerhardstein, James Obergefell and Regina Hillman.

Harrison, University of Memphis Humphreys School of Law Professor Regina Hillman, and in recorded comments, Judge Black, who 12 years earlier had ruled that Ohio's refusal to acknowledge the marriage of Mr. Arthur was discriminatory, and ruled for Mr. Obergefell.

"While the retelling of the story of the marriage litigation, particularly through Jim Obergefell and Al Gerhardstein, was certainly moving," Professor Harrison says, "I think perhaps the most important message from our panel was the example of how the law can be used by passionate advocates as a tool for positive social change. It was an important message for our students to hear at this particular moment in history."

The decision not only changed the legal definition of marriage, it set the stage for consideration – or possible reconsideration – of other issues. Other panels explored the impacts on reproductive and family rights; the intersection of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, involving freedom of ex-



Plaintiff counsel Al Gerhardstein speaks during a dinner Chase hosted for *Obergefell v. Hodges* principals and symposium presenters.

pression and the application of the right to the states; and the future of civil rights.

"Deeply connected to the marriage topic are topics related to family formation and protections for non-traditional families," Professor Harrison says. "Thus, it was important to have discussions related to reproduction, surrogacy, adoption and other means by which families are created. Also, because some language in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* abortion opinions called into question the legal foundation on which the *Obergefell* decision rests, namely sub-



# A Law Review Symposium Plays the Flip Side

stantive due process, it was critical to discuss that in looking at the future of the *Obergefell* decision. Additionally, because many of the tangential challenges to providing services to same sex couples were rooted in religious objections, it also seemed important to explore those topics a bit and to discuss the relationship between religious objections and public accommodation laws.”

Pursuing some of those themes, Chase Dean and Professor Judith Daar, who is a nationally recognized authority on legal issues of assisted reproductive technologies, spoke on the panel “Building Families – Reproductive Health and Family Rights,” and Professor Jennifer Kinsley, who has focused much of her legal writing and previous pro bono representation on First Amendment issues, was part of the panel “Free Speech and Equal Protection – Where the First and Fourteen Amendments Meet.”



Professor Jennifer Kinsley and James Obergefell at the symposium dinner.

In addition to Chase professors, professors from 10 other law schools and individuals involved in matters linked to the *Obergefell* decision spoke on panels in the Northern Kentucky University Votruba Student Union.

## ‘RESTORATIVE JUSTICE’ FOCUSED ON PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

It is an old song — released in 1966, to be exact — but it still gets air time and could be a symbolic soundtrack for the recent *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium on the concept of restorative justice.

*I've looked at life from both sides now  
From win and lose and still somehow  
It's life's illusions I recall  
I really don't know life at all*

Just as the soft voice of singer Joni Mitchell echoed the contrasts of life in “Both Sides Now,” the symposium in March 2024, “Restorative Justice: Examining Community, Criminal and Environmental Themes,” set out to understand an approach to law that that goes beyond a single side of punishment to a side that still holds wrongdoers accountable but also seeks to understand solutions to prevent recurrences and to restore the broken relationships in society or among individuals that led to the problems.

“Restorative justice is a system of principles and practices that can be used instead of traditional retributive justice,” says Salmon P. Chase College of Law Professor Amy Halbrook, who introduced the concept at the symposium. “Restorative justice focuses on violations of law as violations of people and relationships. It seeks to examine the reasons for and impact of violations to determine what can be done to repair the harm, and holds the person who committed the harm accountable.”

Joining Professor Halbrook in symposium presentations and panels on the Northern Kentucky University campus were professors from five other law schools, 10 individuals involved in restorative justice programs and from Chase, Dean Judith Daar, professors Alex Kreit and Michael Mannheimer, and law review student editors Sydney Auteri, Ian Manahan, Matthew Carlin and Nathan Thacker.



Amy Halbrook



Sydney Auteri

Among symposium topics with both legal and restorative sides: community health, criminal and juvenile court reforms, and the environment.

Distilled from points of Professor Halbrook’s introductory slide presentation, restorative justice overall is a concept that:

- Aims to improve behavior of individuals, strengthen communities, restore or strengthen relationships, repair harms and reduce crime.
- Is not a single model, but a focus on “Five Rs” of Respect, Responsibility, Relationship, Repair and Reintegration.
- Analyzes the impact of crime to determine how to repair the harm and to hold the wrongdoer accountable and to acknowledge responsibility.
- Involves people impacted by a crime in the solution.

For student editors involved in the symposium, the concept of restorative justice was a new side of law to explore.

“The *Northern Kentucky Law Review* editorial team selected restorative justice as the symposium topic because of its innovative approach to the criminal justice system,” says Ms. Auteri, law review editor-in-chief during the 2023-24 academic year.

When the symposium was over, though, it was not over. The following day, Chase and its David and Nancy Wolf Program in Ethics and Professional Identity united with four other groups for a “think tank” for scholars, court and agency leaders, and front-line workers to discuss how to bring more restorative practices to Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

# Preparing for a Digital Age

Old School and New School are meeting up in courses at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, and the classes are a lot like they were then only different for what they are now. Huh?

The courses – about a dozen electives – are mash-ups of traditional legal principles or skills and the digital utilization of them for an era in which a robbery is more likely to occur in an online hack than on a lonely street and a business record probably is stored in the cloud rather than a drawer.

While the digitally focused courses typically do not require topically related prerequisites, per se, they clearly build on traditional, fundamental concepts. The course Digital Privacy and Security, for example, would not make a lot of sense without knowing what a right to privacy is.

From among some of the course offerings, the professors who teach some of them – professors Chris Muzzo, Erin Corken and Michelle Browning Coughlin – explain how Old School and New School have become one in courses titled in both familiar and tech terms.



**Digital Crimes and Torts**, taught by Professor Muzzo

"This is the age of the invisible criminal and tortfeasor, harming individuals, businesses and

governments under a cloak of anonymity and through the boundless reach of the internet. Many crimes and torts were rare or nonexistent until this century – like cyberattacks, cyberbullying, cyberterrorism and cybertheft. This course examines 'New Age' crimes and torts and the legal challenges in imposing criminal and civil liability upon those who commit them."

• **What distinguishes it from traditional criminal law and torts courses:** "The focus is not on the traditional elements of crimes or torts, but on the effect technology has on the law. We look at how

new technologies have created a need for the legal system to rethink traditional notions of harm, remedy, jurisdiction and the like."

• **Why it is important for future law practices:** "Everything is becoming more intertwined with the internet and digital devices. Anyone entering practice needs to recognize the issues technology presents, so that they can identify them when they arise."

**Digital Commerce and the Law**, by Professor Muzzo

"As commerce shifts to the internet, the law has been forced to adapt to the realities of e-commerce. Consumers and businesses buy and sell through virtual storefronts, using digital contracts, paying with digital currency, and, in some cases, resolving disputes online. Meanwhile, blockchain technology has offered new ways to document and to pay for e-commerce through smart contracts and cryptocurrencies."

• **What distinguishes it from traditional UCC and contracts courses:** "The focus is on digital commerce. We do not study the basics of contract law or UCC, but instead focus on the new issues created by our increasingly interconnected world."

• **Why it is important for future law practices:** "Digital commerce is now the norm. If a lawyer enters practice with no idea about things like blockchain, smart contracts or data mining, that lawyer is behind the curve."

**Law for Digital Entrepreneurs**, by Professor Muzzo

"While successful startups may require help with complex legal drafting and transactions – to obtain financing, issue shares, go public or sell the company – lawyers who represent them require general knowledge of many areas of the law. The course considers some of the expertise that a lawyer must acquire to counsel startups, explore ways that attorneys can better understand these unique clients and develop a practice to serve them, and introduces entrepre-

**RECENTLY INTRODUCED COURSES ARE HELPING APPLY TRADITIONAL CONCEPTS IN A NEW WORLD ORDER**

neurs, or those who may want to become entrepreneurs, to legal issues common to creating and running a startup."

• **What distinguishes it from traditional business-related courses and work in the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic:** "The clinic is an experiential course. This course is a survey of many of the important areas of law that affect new businesses. We cover a lot of areas of law and examine how they are relevant to startups, but we don't go deep into any one of them."

• **Why it is important for future law practices:** "More than 50 percent of private-practice lawyers are in practices of two or fewer lawyers. Small businesses and new businesses are a key client demographic for those practices, so knowing what to look for when representing them is crucial."

**Emerging Technology and the Law**, by Professor Muzzo

"Over two semesters, students are introduced to emerging technologies – Artificial Intelligence, autonomous vehicles, biometrics, blockchain, cryptocurrency, drones, the Internet of Things of connected devices and products, machine learning, quantum computing, robotics, 3D printing, and virtual and augmented reality – and their impact on contract, criminal, property, tort and other core areas of the law."

• **How it enhances understanding and application of traditional concepts in such courses as contracts, criminal law, property, torts and other core areas:** "The focus is solidly on the technology and how it has affected, and continues to affect, the law. For example, torts class covers defamation, but we look at how defamation in the age of social media is different from traditional notions of defamation, and how laws like Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996 affect the analysis."

• **Why it is important for future law practices:** "The pace of technology is not slowing down, and new lawyers are sure to face new issues and challenges. By looking at how new technology has



already affected the law we can better understand it when new issues arise.”

#### **Legal Boundaries in the Digital Age,** by Professor Muzzo

“Technology extends the reach of individuals, organizations and governments beyond borders, posing one of the greatest legal challenges in the Digital Age. A single action on the internet can have consequences far beyond where the actor resides, raising questions about what laws and what governing bodies will protect victims and punish those that harm them through technology. This course examines the obstacles to enacting and enforcing laws to govern cyberspace, when developing technologies create challenges to the lawful authority of governments to regulate technology.”

- **Why it is important for future law practices:** “The world is getting more and more interconnected. Understanding the ways that our notions of jurisdiction have adapted, and need to continue to adapt, to this shift will be important for new lawyers as they begin and continue to practice.”

#### **Digital Privacy and Security,** by Professor Muzzo

“The proliferation of ‘big data’ raises privacy and security issues, as sensitive information of individuals, organizations and governments is collected and stored online, where it can be hacked or misused. This course explores the developing, complex web of laws, national and international, that govern data privacy and cybersecurity. It examines

the limitations of the existing legal framework and considers the policy implications of greater regulation of data collection over the internet.”

- **What distinguishes it from traditional identification and application of privacy rights:** “The focus is on the digital aspects of privacy and security. We talk about data usage, cellphone tracking and government electronic surveillance, among other things, and examine how these new fronts impact the analysis of privacy rights.”

- **Why it is important for future law practices:** “Every major corporation and law firm has an online presence and a digital privacy department. Privacy and security in the digital world cut across all industries and aspects of our lives. A lawyer who understands these issues is going to be at an advantage.”



#### **E-Discovery,** by Professor Corken

“This course examines the electronic discovery process, primarily following the nine stages of the Electronic Discovery Reference Model. It includes analysis of e-discovery case law, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure related to e-discovery, types of e-discovery, such as litigation, government investigations and internal audits, and the ethical issues related to e-discovery. It teaches e-discovery skills related to e-discovery technology, including review platforms.”

- **What distinguishes it from traditional discovery and procedure courses:**

“This course allows students to study not only traditional discovery and procedure case law, but also to learn about legal technology through skills assignments. Mock case situations require students to analyze simulated events and then use the substantive and procedural law they are learning to determine how to complete the skills assignments, such as preserving data in place, collecting data via application programming interface technology, and reviewing, labeling and redacting data for production in response to requests for production.”

- **Why it is important for future law practices:**

“It is very likely that in the future that any conceivable case will involve some type of technology, considering that technology is already everywhere, from our cellphones to smart technology we wear on our wrists, to Internet of Things devices connected in our homes. The proliferation of information generated by these types of devices is all potentially discoverable, and this course teaches future attorneys how to manage the complex and dynamic modern discovery process.”



#### **Artificial Intelligence, Technology and Social Justice,** by Professor Browning Coughlin

“This course gives upper-level students a chance to see the interplay and connections of their other courses, including contract law, litigation and trial practice, technology law, privacy, constitutional issues, access to justice, and professional responsibility, as well as the ability to think creatively about how to solve access to justice issues and societal issues that clients and communities face.”

- **Why it is important for future law practices:**

“This course helps students explore the impact of technology and Artificial Intelligence on the practice of law, while critically evaluating the potential for technology and AI to be used in ways that create harm to society or in ways that can positively impact social problems.”



# Building into the Future

THROUGH HER SECOND YEAR AS DIRECTOR OF THE W. BRUCE LUNSFORD ACADEMY FOR LAW, BUSINESS + TECHNOLOGY, PROFESSOR MICHELLE BROWNING COUGHLIN HAS INTRODUCED STUDENTS TO A WORLD BEYOND CHASE



For Professor Michelle Browning Coughlin, the future begins in the now.

With the completion of her second year as director of the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, she is able to reflect on four semesters of planning and teaching as she considers what is next.

## What have you learned about the academy and how does it affect your thinking about the future?

"The Lunsford Academy students come to us from a wonderful variety of backgrounds and with interests in numerous areas of law practice, and with varied professional goals. With this in mind, my plan for the coming years is to continue to develop really unique opportunities for our students that are tailored specifically to their educational and professional goals."

## Looking back, what have students most wanted to learn about or experience, and how do you plan to continue or expand on meeting those interests?

"I think one of the outstanding opportunities that students in the Lunsford Academy have had is to attend the American Bar Association TechShow on law-related technology. Helping students to feel really plugged into the profession – not just locally, but nationally and even internationally – is an experience about which our students have been very enthusiastic. With this in mind, we are looking to expand opportunities for students to attend other legal conferences and meetings, focused on intellectual property, privacy, business, entrepreneurship and more."



As is his tradition, alumnus W. Bruce Lunsford, center, meets each year with students in the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology to hear about their experiences. The spring 2025 gathering at Hotel Covington included, second from left, Academy Director Michelle Browning Coughlin and, to Mr. Lunsford's left, his wife, Eleanor Lunsford and Dean Judith Daar.

## Anything new or modified for the academy this 2024-25 academic year, following your first year, 2023-24?

"Yes, this year we launched Lunsford Seminar, a year-long seminar that 1Ls begin in spring semester and which carries over into fall semester of their 2L year. This seminar is full of activities and class sessions focused on helping students expand their understanding of the intersections of technology, business and law, as well as developing a better understanding of what it means to be a lawyer and some of the 'soft skills' needed in the profession."

## You mentioned the experience students had attending the ABA TechShow. When you joined the faculty two years ago, you brought not only your practice experience, but also connections to the profession through involvement with the ABA. How have students benefited from that involvement?

"My involvement with the ABA began as an associate in a large law firm, and

I was able to see the opportunities the ABA offered to give back to the profession and to others. Ultimately, I was appointed to the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, where I served as a commissioner for three one-year terms, and continue to serve as a liaison. I also serve as a leader of the Women in Intellectual Property Action Group of the Section of Intellectual Property Law. Many people I've met through the ABA I consider to be dear friends, and people I can reach out to as guest lecturers or as potential mentors for my students. During the past year, I spoke at Harvard Law School on a study I co-chaired while a commissioner on the Commission on Women in the Profession. During my most recent trip to Harvard, I connected with the director of the Harvard Access to Justice Lab, who then was a guest lecturer in a seminar I taught spring semester on using technology to address access to justice issues."

# ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION



Award recipients, from left, Justice Robert Conley, Mary Talbott, David Wolf and Stephanie Scott with Northern Kentucky University President Cady Short-Thompson, Dean Judith Daar and Alumni Council Chair J.B. Lind.

In what has become a traditional setting, Salmon P. Chase College of Law continued the tradition of recognizing outstanding alumni with awards that recognize their distinct accomplishments.

As recognition of achievements that reflect the spirit of Chase graduates in professional, community and college service, the college this past October 4 presented awards during its annual alumni luncheon at the Hilton Netherland Plaza hotel Hall of Mirrors in downtown Cincinnati to:

**SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY JUSTICE ROBERT CONLEY**, Class of 1984,  
Distinguished Alumnus Award

**STEPHANIE SCOTT**, Class of 2017, assistant general counsel of Cincinnati Public Schools,  
Distinguished Alumna Award

**MARY TALBOTT**, Class of 1995, chief legal officer of altafiber, Distinguished  
Alumna Award

**DAVID WOLF**, Class of 1965, founding partner of Community Management Corp.  
and philanthropist, Distinguished Alumnus Award

The four join more than 120 alumni the college has recognized with previous annual awards, in class years ranging from 1934 to 2017.



# CHASE ALUMNI AWARDS



## ROBERT CONLEY

Class of 1984

*Justice of the Supreme  
Court of Kentucky*

### Distinguished Alumnus Award

Justice Conley can accurately say that he has been forged in the hills and valleys of eastern Kentucky: Throughout college and his first year at Chase, he worked summers at a steel mill in Ashland, Kentucky.

After graduation, he returned to the region to practice and begin a path in the judiciary that would take him to the commonwealth's highest court. Justice Conley was elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in November 2020, from the Seventh Supreme Court District of 32 eastern counties. For 26 years before that he had been a trial court judge in Greenup and Lewis counties. Justice Conley was appointed to a District Court vacancy in 1994 and was subsequently elected to three consecutive terms. In 2006, he won his first election to the Circuit Court, where he served until his election to the Supreme Court.

As a Circuit Court judge, he presided over the consolidated Drug Court for Greenup and Lewis counties, which the National Drug Court Institute recognized in 2010 as a "mentor court" to help train drug court personnel across the eastern United States. Prior to his judicial service, Justice Conley

practiced in the firm of McKenzie, Woolery & Emrick, in Ashland, was corporate attorney for Addington Mining/Addington Environmental and was an attorney for the Greenup County Board of Education.

**At Chase:** Justice Conley was the speaker at the Professionalism Day ceremony for first-year students this past August and administered the professionalism oath by which they pledged to uphold professional standards and to adhere to the Chase Honor Code. He participates regularly in alumni activities.

**From his comments at the awards luncheon:** "I'd like to dedicate my award to my parents, Woodrow and Mary Conley, who were born in eastern Kentucky in 1916 and 1921, two wonderful people and wonderful examples of the Greatest Generation. ... They were kind, genuine and fun to be with. They were also hard working, dedicated, fearless individuals. ... Being a Chase graduate has changed the course of my life, by giving me opportunities I could have only dreamed of; the law school and good parenting helped turn those dreams into reality."



## STEPHANIE SCOTT

Class of 2017

*Assistant General  
Counsel of Cincinnati  
Public Schools*

### Distinguished Alumna Award

Ms. Scott is engaged personally and professionally on both sides of the Ohio River, in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. She grew up in Cincinnati and works there as assistant general counsel of Cincinnati Public Schools; she lives in Northern Kentucky and is significantly involved in the community there.

Ms. Scott is assistant general counsel of one of the three largest school districts in Ohio, based on enrollment. Prior to her career move to the public sector, she was an associate in the Cincinnati law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl. Prior to practicing law, she worked in the nonprofit sector.

Her involvement in the legal community includes being a member of Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati and serving as the banquet committee chair to raise funds for minority law student scholarships, and being program chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association Women Lawyers Section and a member of the Diversity Committee. In 2021, she received the Cincinnati Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Professional Award and in 2018, the Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio Rising Star Award.

In Northern Kentucky, she is chair of the Campbell County YMCA Advisory Board, administrative pastor of fellowship of Church of God in Covington, and has served on the steering committee for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Regional Leadership Program.

**At Chase:** Ms. Scott is a member of the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel to help align educational programming and practice needs, and the Chase Alumni Council. She represents Chase to prospective and newly admitted students on behalf of the Office of Admissions, provides employment advice to current students, and has spoken at student events.

**From her comments at the awards luncheon:** "I'm so grateful to Chase for this recognition. I'm a little bit overwhelmed. ... Chase holds a special place in my heart for the foundation and support it provided me. These words could not be sufficient to express my gratitude. I could share countless memories and remarks of individuals of the Chase community who have had a profound impact on my journey from the time I was a law student and I graduated."



### MARY TALBOTT

Class of 1995

*Chief Legal Officer  
of altafiber (previously  
Cincinnati Bell)*

## Distinguished Alumna Award

Mary Talbott is embedded in the corporate legal network of metro Cincinnati.

She is chief legal officer and a member of senior management of altafiber, the Cincinnati-based telephone, internet and television provider previously known as Cincinnati Bell. She previously held executive positions in Greater Cincinnati Fortune 500 companies Scripps Networks, Macy's and General Cable, and was involved in media operations, retail and manufacturing.

As altafiber chief legal officer, she is responsible for legal, regulatory and governmental matters, and as part of senior management she is involved in developing and implementing strategic objectives. She has also worked in private equity organizations, and prior to her corporate legal career practiced as a litigator for five years.

In the community and in the telecommunications sector, she is a board member of the Cincinnati Ballet, Camp Joy and United States Telecom Association.

Her previous board memberships include Ion Center (formerly Women's Crisis Center) and Reset Ministries. She has been a parent representative on the Fort

Thomas (Kentucky) Independent Schools Site Based Council and a volunteer judge in the Northern Kentucky Teen Court program. She is a lifetime member of the FBI Cincinnati Citizens Academy Alumni Association.

**At Chase:** Ms. Talbott has been a member of the Board of Visitors since September 2020, has been a student mentor, spoken at multiple student events, and participated in 2015 in a Chase-sponsored group admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

**From her comments at the awards luncheon:** "Most of us look back on our careers and our lives and can see the people who invested in us, and I, in particular, recognize that I am not here because of anything I accomplished on my own. I have been given incredible opportunities along the way, and that is because people invested in me. Chase admitted me. Chase gave me a scholarship. For a small-town kid in Kentucky, having that as an opportunity to go to law school and not have a mountain of debt made all the difference in the world, and put me on a path that has changed my life."



### DAVID WOLF

Class of 1965

*Founding partner of  
Community Management  
Corp. and philanthropist*

## Distinguished Alumnus Award

David Wolf had a decision to make when he graduated from Chase: practice law or continue in his real estate career. He passed the Ohio bar examination, became a lawyer - and pursued what is now a nearly 60-year career in real estate development and ownership of apartment communities, office buildings, shopping centers and other low-rise buildings in Greater Cincinnati.

Throughout his business career, with his wife Nancy, he has supported an array of educational, artistic, medical and religious endeavors. In 2022, Mr. and Mrs. Wolf endowed the David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity at Chase to provide students with opportunities for involvement in matters of ethics, professionalism, social justice, public service, and in understanding diversity, inclusivity and personal well-being.

The Wolfs' philanthropic impact is broadly evident in Cincinnati, as benefactors of the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center at the Cincinnati Museum Center, the Nancy and David Wolf Gallery of the Cincinnati Art Museum, which displays artworks they donated, and programs in Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati Children's

Hospital Medical Center, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and the Jewish Community Center.

**At Chase:** Mr. Wolf and his wife endowed the David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity. The program has already had an impact at Chase, enabling faculty and staff to join a national conference on ethics in law, and hosting two outstanding lectureships, featuring prominent figures in the legal profession, and a presentation by a nationally published author. "My experience at Chase gives me confidence our gift will help educate and inspire generations of attorneys to embrace the highest ethical standards in their professional endeavors," Mr. Wolf said of the donation and program.

**From his comments at the awards luncheon:** "I am truly humbled by this award. I'm probably the only person in this room who never practiced law. I graduated from Chase in 1965, and I was doing a little building, and my partner, who is here, graduated from Chase as well, one year before me. We both had tough decisions to make; we decided to stick with our business ... and not become lawyers. The most important thing I got out of Chase was it taught me how to think."



# CHASE ALUMNI AWARDS

## Memories of a Distinguished Alumni Luncheon



Alumni Tim Eble, Paul Allen and Bob Cetrulo



Alumni John Lucas, David Bender, Alyse Bender Hoffer and Grace Kuntz



Students Katherine Shearer, Devin Rogers and Sophia Boothby



Alumnus Jeff Raines



Alumni Cindy Glass and Kara Harp with Professor Kenneth Katkin



Alumni Susan Lipnickey, J.B. Lind, Dennis Kennedy, Justice Michelle M. Keller and Mike Enzweiler



# The Chase Network

Whether gathering for a class reunion in Cincinnati, a dinner in New York City, a reception in Covington or a meeting in Lexington, Salmon P. Chase College of Law alumni are in touch with one another.

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Class of 2014 reunion



Alumni dinner in New York City



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Class of 1994 reunion tour of Nunn Hall



Alumni reception during Kentucky Bar Association convention in Covington



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Board of Visitors meeting at Keeneland, in Lexington





# Standing Up for Justice

IN A CEREMONY BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, CHASE ALUMNI ROSE AS A GROUP TO BE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN A COURTROOM THAT SYMBOLIZES THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO THE RULE OF LAW



For 23 Salmon P. Chase College of Law alumni, the familiar \_\_ U.S. \_\_ (2024) would suggest more than a citation; it would underscore when they were admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

The alumni were admitted March 15, 2024, as part of the group admission program the court offers to individual law schools. With nine justices on the bench and the motion for admission by Dean Judith Daar, these alumni (identified by affiliations at the time of admission), along with some of their reflections, are now members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States:

**Cheryl Borland**, *Griesing Mazzeo Law, Cincinnati.*

**Robert Cetrulo**, *Cetrulo Law, Edgewood, Kentucky.*

"I was extremely impressed with the details arranged by our Chase family: An evening reception, a morning breakfast at the Supreme Court and a private audience

with the chief justice, who was remarkably familiar with the legacy of Salmon P. Chase. The trip was capped off with a gathering on the rooftop of the Hay-Adams Hotel, overlooking the White House."

**Kenneth Collier**, *Collier Intellectual Property Consulting, St. Paul, Minnesota.*

**Scott Collins**, *Elder Law Practice of Scott E. Collins, Richmond, Kentucky.*

**Heather Crabbe**, *Crabbe Legal Counsel, Covington, Kentucky.*

"Taking the oath in the nation's highest court was a moment of great reverence for me. It reflected a journey shaped by the footsteps of those who came long before I walked up the historic Supreme Court steps. My parents, born during segregation, and those who came before them, paved the way for me to not only stand before the highest court in the land, but to be able to advocate within its cham-

bers. Being admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States is not just another bar admission; it symbolizes a profound achievement and a commitment to uphold justice at the highest level."

**Kalisa Davis**, *Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Lexington, Kentucky.*

**Tammy Enskin**, *Ephraim McDowell Health, Danville, Kentucky.*

**Elizabeth Favret**, *Favret Law, Cincinnati.*

**John Garvey III**, *Garvey Shearer Nordstrom, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.*

"The gravity of how much of our nation's history had taken place in this courtroom (since 1935) slowly descended during the absolute quiet while we waited for the clock to strike 10 a.m., at which point the whirring of little gears broke the calm and out walked all nine justices. I





realize that this admission is probably the last time I will ever appear before the U.S. Supreme Court, but I applied for admission to keep alive that, at least now, should that case come along ... well, I am admitted and could appear to argue it. That is different from my regular practice, in which I have appeared and argued before the highest state court, and could likely do so again. This is very much an experience of a lifetime.”

**Christina Guggenberger,**  
*Christina Frith Guggenberger Esq.,  
Montgomery, Ohio.*

**Penny Hendy,** *Hendy Johnson Vaughn  
Emery, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.*

“As an officer of the court I wanted to extend my admissions to include our highest court. I assumed it would be boring, but I was very wrong. The celebration began even before we entered the courtroom, with a reception, then listening to Chief Justice John Roberts speak to our group before entering the courtroom. The justices were much closer physically to us and attorneys before the court than I anticipated. Watching Dean Daar present us for admission was a moving experience. The event was a highlight of my career, and I recommend it to all Chase alumni.”

**Ruth Jackson,** *Jackson Family Law,  
Crestview Hills, Kentucky.*

“The moment I stepped into the courtroom I felt a profound sense of silent respect for the courtroom’s power. I was standing in a timeless space. I was physically present in a courtroom that has issued pivotal judgments shaping our country’s jurisprudence for over 200 years. After practicing law myself for over 30 years, this admission does not feel like just another professional milestone. It is a profound honor to have been admitted as a professional milestone dedicated to

the practice of law. Although I will likely never argue a case before the Supreme Court, the privilege of joining the bar is still meaningful to me.”

**Sara Kelley,** *Miami University,  
Oxford, Ohio.*

**Helen Kyrios,** *Cincinnati Insurance  
Co., Fairfield, Ohio.*

**Jeannine Lambert,** *Salmon P. Chase  
College of Law, Highland Heights,  
Kentucky.*

**Jeana Lawson,** *Social Security  
Administration, Cincinnati.*

**Sara May,** *Jones and Jones,  
Pikeville, Kentucky.*

**Christine Mayhew,** *Bonenfant &  
Mayhew, Newport, Kentucky.*

**Michael Morgan,** *Morgan Smith  
Porter, Covington, Kentucky.*

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(California) Office of the Primary  
Public Defender.*

**Lisa Schreihart,** *Whiteford, Taylor &  
Preston, Washington, D.C.*

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Associates, Cincinnati.*

Along with the group admission, the two-day gathering in Washington, D.C., included a reception at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel that included Washington, D.C.-area alumni and a luncheon at the Hay-Adams Hotel following the admission.

The next group admission for Chase alumni is planned for March 20, 2026. By Supreme Court rules, lawyers who have been admitted to practice in a jurisdiction for at least three years prior to admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, and have been in good standing during the period, will be eligible to participate. Chase will provide information to potentially eligible alumni to be able to participate in time to meet the filing deadline for admission in 2026.



In a walkway at the  
Supreme Court Building



# Giving Help Where it is Needed

**CHASE ALUMNA AND KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT JUSTICE MICHELLE M. KELLER IS OVERSEEING THE COURT'S COMMISSION PROVIDING SELF-HELP FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS**

Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Michelle M. Keller and Northern Kentucky lawyer Aaron Osborne have at least two interests in common: Both are Chase College of Law graduates and both are deeply committed to the legal help centers opened by the Access to Justice Commission of the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Justice Keller chairs the commission that has opened three centers to assist self-represented civil litigants throughout Kentucky, located in Fayette (Lexington), Jefferson (Louisville) and Kenton (Covington) counties. Mr. Osborne, an associate in the firm of O'Hara, Taylor, Sloan, Cassidy, Beck, volunteers at the Kenton County center.

"When interviewed after the opening of our first Legal Help Center in Fayette County in 2022, I stated that the concept of these centers would be a 'game changer' for access to justice in the commonwealth," Justice Keller recalls. "Since that time, we have opened additional help centers in Louisville and Covington. All told, the combined efforts of these legal help centers have assisted nearly 5,000 individual Kentuckians, to date.

"Quite frankly, they have exceeded my expectations. Not only have we provided access to our courts for 5,000 Kentuckians, but we have assisted our judges and clerks, who have often been overwhelmed with the processing of legal matters for so many unrepresented litigants. This has been a successful partnership with our local attorneys, judges, clerks, law schools and Kentucky's four civil legal services organizations."

Among those lawyers and law students providing legal assistance are Mr. Osborne and Chase students, who volunteer through the college's pro bono service program.

"Each visit to the help center is different, and each patron's needs are different," Mr. Osborne says. "You might assist with a straightforward divorce petition one moment and then help someone navigate a complex pro se case the next. Regardless of the issues the patrons face, we're always able to provide clarity, direction and real help to someone who needs it."



At the Legal Help Center in Kenton County with Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Michelle M. Keller, center, and Glenda Harrison, executive director of the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission, right, are Chase students Charles Bilott, left, and Chloe Lorenzen, and, right, alumnus Aaron Osborne.

The experience has been similar for student Logan Voges, who will graduate in 2027: "On the very first day I had to help a few people file for divorce, which involved filling out forms. Each person who comes to the courthouse seeking legal assistance brings a unique experience. I have worked with people who needed help finishing their probate forms, helped on name changes, even child custody agreements."

The Chase involvement is apparent to Justice Keller. "As a proud Chase alumna, I want everyone to know that our law students have stepped up to volunteer at the legal help centers in unprecedented numbers. The response from our Chase students has been outstanding, but most importantly, I can confidently say that the experience has been incredibly valuable to these students. They are learning critical skills, such as effective client interviewing, pleading drafting and problem solving."

Student Jennifer Holt, who will graduate in 2026, would agree. "Many things I've learned at Chase have applied to this ex-

perience. Some of the most helpful courses were Professional Responsibility, Interview Counseling, Negotiation, and, of course, Writing and Research. Being able to apply writing skills to actual motions to help clients was very impactful."

Along with being able to have direct assistance from a lawyer or law student, the centers also offer guided interviews that allow self-represented litigants to answer a series of questions and create ready-to-file pleadings, says Glenda Harrison, executive director of the Access to Justice Commission and a Chase alumna.

"The most common issues on which patrons at the centers seek assistance are family law, including dissolution of marriage, child custody and child support, expungements, small claims court cases, probate of small estates and, currently, name changes to address Real ID issues. The centers do not provide information on state or federal criminal law matters," she says.

Overall, what they do is provide a lot of help to people with help they need.

## HOW TO HELP

To learn how to volunteer at a Legal Help Center, email Glenda Harrison, Kentucky Access to Justice Commission executive director, at [glenda.harrison@kyaccesstojusticecommission.org](mailto:glenda.harrison@kyaccesstojusticecommission.org) for details or to request a SignUpGenius link for a specific center.

# Alumnus John Dunn Adds Another Star

**ALONG WITH PRACTICING LAW AND BEING ACTIVE AT CHASE, HE IS NOW A BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE ARMY RESERVE**

The stars have aligned for alumnus John Dunn.

Two days before the summer solstice, on June 18, 2024, the United States Senate confirmed him as a brigadier general in the Army Reserve, the first star in the pantheon of generals that ascends through two-star major general, three-star lieutenant general to four-star general.

It is a personal ascent that began in 2001, as a battalion logistics officer in a reserve engineer battalion headquartered in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, while a student at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, and continued through ranks such as battalion commander of a cavalry squadron in Madisonville, Kentucky, battalion commander of a military police battalion in Terre Haute, Indiana, brigade commander of a military police brigade in Nashville, Tennessee, and, immediately prior to his confirmation as a brigadier general, chief of staff of the military police command at Fort Meade, Maryland.

And all of that has been while attending Chase and graduating in 2003, practicing law with the Reminger firm in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, continuing to serve on the Chase Board of Visitors, having been vice chair and then chair of the Chase Alumni Council, serving as a Chase adjunct professor and a coach of the mock trial team, and, in 2013, receiving the Chase Outstanding Alumnus of the Past Decade Award.

Now, as a brigadier general, he is deputy commander for operations to the commanding general of the 200th Military Police Command at Fort Meade.

"The 200th Military Police Command is poised to conduct operations around the globe," he says. "As the deputy commanding general for the command, [my focus] is on the Pacific Theater of Operations, and providing military police support to the theater. These operations include support to the maneuver force commanders for mobility and security support, as well as the planning and [car-



rying out] of enemy prisoner of war operations in the theater, guided by the Geneva Convention."

Among his various assignments and postings with the Army Reserve, he was deployed from March 2019 to May 2020 as foreign military sales manager with the United States Military Assistance Group in Saudi Arabia.

As foreign military sales case manager, he assisted the Department of State and the U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia in administering security assistance to the interior ministry. That included training and cooperating with Saudi security forces in counterterrorism and infrastructure protection.

While helping to provide security in Saudi Arabia or planning for POWs in the Pacific region of operations are definitely long ways from practicing law in Fort Mitchell and Cincinnati as co-chair of the Reminger Trucking and Commercial Transportation Law Practice Group, there are cross-overs.

"The analytical and logic skills associated with the practice of law apply equally to leading a large organization in the Army Reserve," he says. "From my early days in the military, the discipline and initiative required to accomplish whatever mission your unit is tasked with also applies to the practice of law. Both careers demand dedication to the profession and to adapt as the circumstances develop and transform," Brig. Gen. Dunn says.

To combine his attention in law and military takes the proverbial team. "The

support of my family, along with the partners and support staff at Reminger, has allowed me to foster both a practice of law while continuing to serve our nation in the Army Reserve. Both endeavors are demanding in the realm of time, as well as mental capacity. A strong network of support and cooperation affords the opportunity to maintain both."

## Postings Where Brigadier General John Dunn has served

**200th Military Police Command**, Fort Meade, Maryland, brigadier general, deputy commanding general – operations, June 2024-present.

**200th Military Police Command**, Fort Meade, chief of staff, August 2022-June 2024.

**290th Military Police Brigade**, Nashville, Tennessee, brigade commander, June 2020- August 2022.

**United States Military Assistance Group**, foreign military sales manager, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, March 2019-May 2020.

**76th Operational Response Command**, emergency preparedness liaison officer, Frankfort, Kentucky, July 2018-February 2019.

**National Defense University**, National War College, Washington, D.C., July 2017-June 2018.

**76th Operational Response Command**, emergency preparedness liaison officer, Frankfort, November 2016-June 2017.

**159th Military Police Battalion**, Terre Haute, Indiana, battalion, commander, October 2014-October 2016.

**3rd Brigade of the 95th Division**, Lexington, Kentucky, brigade operations officer, September 2013-September 2014.

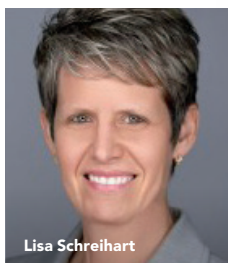
**2-398th Cavalry Squadron**, Madisonville, Kentucky, battalion commander, September 2012-September 2013.

**478th Engineer Battalion**, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, battalion logistics officer, September 2001-January 2005.



# How to Turn a Career into a Practice

**ALUMNI WITH PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS PRIOR TO CHASE DEMONSTRATE THE PATHWAYS FOR TRANSITIONING SPECIFIC SKILLSETS INTO LAW PRACTICES**



Lisa Schreihart

By the time Lisa Schreihart enrolled at Salmon P. Chase College of Law she was already halfway to her future career as a registered patent attorney in Washington, D.C.

For Ms. Schreihart, who had been an engineer with an aviation firm before enrolling at Chase, and for others, having a professional career before or while attending Chase can be more than a building block in a law practice, it can be a foundation.

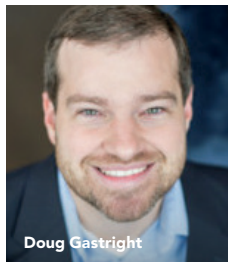
While the substantive and practical training every law student acquires is unique to the profession, the prior professional training and experiences some bring with them can bolster and blend easily into related, specialized practice areas.

For Chris Brubaker, a 2020 graduate, it was banking and regulatory experience that preceded his practice as a senior associate with Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati that focuses in commercial services, finance, real estate and financial institutions.



Chris Brubaker

For Doug Gastright, a 2013 graduate, software development led to intellectual property and patent practices with Cincinnati firms and now senior corporate counsel for intellectual property and licensing with Ansys, a simulation software developer.



Doug Gastright

For Tracey Puthoff, a 1995 graduate, designing aircraft engine parts and airplane parts as an engineer led first to drafting patent applications in a corporate law department, then to advising on intellectual property and patent matters in a practice now focused in mergers and acquisitions as a partner in the Cincinnati firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister.



Tracey Puthoff

And for Ms. Schreihart, a 2016 graduate, an electrical engineering degree and work as an engineer on aircraft communications projects were foundational to becoming a registered patent attorney, now with AEON Law.

“Hiring managers and directors like to see candidates who have exposure in areas that align with their practice group interests,” says Alex Schoultheis, a 2012 graduate who is chief legal recruiting and development officer with Calfee, Halter & Griswold in Cincinnati. “For example, a new grad who previously worked as an analyst in financial services

or in lending at a bank has immediate transferable skills in transactional practice. These types of candidates also have a network they can call on when trying to get in front of partners and hiring directors. Leveraging those networks is critical.”

## Deciding on Change

For alumni who made career transitions, the obvious first step was the decision that studying at Chase could link one career to another.


“I took an opportunity at Fifth Third Bank to move into a regulatory and compliance role that gave me a great look into how a lender approaches, analyzes and acts when faced with various legal and business issues, and I knew I could apply those lessons in practice,” Mr. Brubaker says.

For Mr. Gastright, there was a long view, and an unanticipated overlap: “By the time I would complete my law degree I would have nearly 10 years’ experience in software development, and being able to translate that into my future legal practice was a priority when deciding to change careers. I was focused initially on patent law, but later began to focus on technology transactions, in addition to patent law, and found that my software background was extremely valuable in both contexts.”

For Ms. Puthoff, there was an anticipated traditional pathway and a later transition. “When I started law school as an engineer, the immediate assumption by most was that I would become a patent lawyer, because that is a very typical path for engineers. Initially, I thought that would be the case. But I then realized that prosecuting (drafting) patent applications was not a good career path for me. I did become a patent lawyer, at Taft’s request, and I advise on IP matters, including patents, but I do no patent prosecution. Having previously worked for a large corporation provided insights that helped me when representing entities and owners in my M&A practice.”

For Ms. Schreihart to become a registered patent attorney to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office required two specialized academic degrees and two bar exams. “The requirements to sit for the USPTO bar exam include an





undergraduate degree in engineering or hard science. Such a background allows a patent attorney to understand and work with the technologies patent applicants bring to us to patent, and in getting there, to communicate effectively with patent examiners,” she says.

### Ramping Up at Chase

No matter what type of practice a student hopes to have, there are certain courses every student has to take (even future patent attorneys take Criminal Law). But for some students with specific plans to transfer experiences from a previous career to a related area of practice, there are personal roadmaps to follow.

“I intentionally pursued courses that were business law focused,” Mr. Brubaker recalls. “Professor Eric Alden’s business organizations course formed the baseline of my corporate law background, and I still look back at some of the practical information from his courses. I also took a number of courses within the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology, and took part in the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic, with professors Bob Furnier and Chris Muzzo, both of whom were fantastic practical resources.”

Intellectual property and technology-related courses were clearly a priority for Mr. Gastright. “I also took a course focused on drafting and negotiating licenses and other intellectual property agreements. While I didn’t know it at the time, this would be critical for my career, as it gave me a foundation and interest in IP and technology agreements, and so I was well-positioned to make technology transactions a major part of my practice when the opportunity arose within my firm.”

### Bringing it Together in Practice

“My prior career experience helped to give me a better understanding of client needs, expectations and operations,” Mr. Brubaker says. “While my practice today is not primarily banking regulations, that background experience has helped me to understand and navigate client internal policies and procedures to provide effective and efficient counsel.”

In addition to his degree from Chase, one thing stands out for Mr. Gastright: “My experience as a software developer is probably the most important asset I brought into my early legal career. I was frequently able to make valuable contributions as an experienced developer and technologist. My past experience has remained extremely valuable. My clients have largely been software developers or software professionals, and being able to speak to and counsel them on their terms, and using their language, has led to really great client outcomes.”

Whether as an engineer or a lawyer, there is one skill that is a constant for Ms. Puthoff: “Engineers are trained to think very logically to problem-solve. They are also typically very detail-oriented. I use those skills every day in practicing law. I am also great at math, which comes up more in the practice of law than most people think it would.”

While a prior career and law school may seem like the past, they were merely the beginning for Ms. Schreihart. “In school, you learn how to learn. You should *never* stop learning after you graduate. The more you learn, the more you learn how it’s all interrelated. Life is one big system. Engineering, business and law are just subsystems of the big system. Putting them all together is natural, and will naturally make you better and more effective in your work and life.”



# As a Student Journey Ends, a Lawyer's Begins

Whether it is three years in day classes or four in evening, law school is a journey, and for 125 graduates in the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Class of 2024 the journey spanned a changing landscape of technology and demographics that is ushering in new vistas of practice. What they experienced throughout the journey they also recalled through memories and remarks at the college's 129th commencement ceremony, May 3, 2024, on the Northern Kentucky University campus (at which the college also conferred 13 Master of Legal Studies degrees). In photos and excerpts, this is how journeys to Juris Doctor degrees concluded in a commencement ceremony before journeys into varied careers begin.



Commencement, 2024



## Michelle M. Keller ►

*Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice and alumna, representing the court*

"Salmon P. Chase College of Law is a special place. It provides the opportunity for legal education to non-traditional and traditional students alike, and for many, the unique opportunities at Chase often provide the only path that one may have to a law degree. I was one of those non-traditional students. My education at Chase provided me not only the tools to be a competent lawyer and judge, but a career that enabled me to experience many firsts."



## ◄ Dean Judith Daar

*Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean and Professor of Law*

"I'd like to venture a prediction, that this class will occupy a pivotal and memorable place in the legal profession in three distinct areas: who, what and where the law practice is headed."

"In reverse order, first the 'where,' where law is practiced. Where law is practiced has changed dramatically since you attended your first class at Chase. ... Nearly 90 percent of legal work to some degree is through a remote opportunity, and 30 percent of all lawyers report working exclusively in a remote environment. ... Your adaptation to this evolving environment began at Chase, and I'm confident that you will excel at blending efficiency with interpersonal outreach befitting a counselor-at-law."

"Moving to the 'what.' What law is is changing as technology attaches to more of the services that we deliver to our clients. This class sits at a pivotal point in the Artificial Intelligence revolution. Large language models, like ChatGPT, were essentially born during your time at Chase, forever changing the accumulation, distillation and distribution of information that's our stock-in-trade."

"Finally, 'who.' Who is the face of the legal profession, and, again, this class represents a changing moment. When you began at Chase, about 50 percent of your class was female; based on our applicant pool, we expect 60 percent of the entering class in the fall [of 2024] to be female, and indications from demographic data suggest the feminization of the legal profession will continue."



▼ **Maiya Lane** received the Salmon P. Chase Award of Chase College of Law for 2024 as the graduating student whose law-related volunteer work best represented the spirit of advocacy Salmon P. Chase displayed as a lawyer before his political and judicial careers. She advocated for individuals and communities, including summers in the Capital Appeals Project in New Orleans and the Ohio Justice & Policy Center in Cincinnati, and during the academic year with the Chase Children's Law Center Clinic and the Kentucky Innocence Project.





# New Chase Alumni

## ► Sydney Auteri

*Full-time student valedictorian*

"It's impossible not to reflect on the incredible journey that has brought us to this moment. We embarked on this path with a passion for the law and a determination to make a difference in the world, and now, after years of hard work, sacrifice and dedication, we find ourselves at the culmination of that journey as we celebrate our achievements."



## ◀ Christopher Grayson

*Part-time student valedictorian*

"When we showed up in 2020, everything was online ... and there I was, showing up to contracts class, staring at a Zoom screen, and I had no idea what was going on. The people who survived that, the part-timers who are sitting here, are incredibly strong. ... Part-time law school is not easy to begin with, even without Covid. ... All of us were working full-time careers, and most of us were raising kids."



## ► Cady Short-Thompson

*Northern Kentucky University President*

"During my first year as president I have often heard glowing feedback about Chase and its graduates. Everywhere I go, folks rave about Chase and its impact, and that is no surprise because of the exciting and inspiring opportunities that Chase provides for deserving students to become practice-ready lawyers through innovative programs in law, business and technology."



## ▲ Dee Thompson

*Commencement speaker  
Alumna and counsel to the inspector general,  
United States Department of Labor*

"I had no thought of going to law school, so after I graduated from NKU I went to work for a large accounting firm. [But] in August 1983, I entered the Chase evening program. To my amazement, I quickly realized that I love the law. I had finally found my passion. ... [Following clerkships in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the U.S. Court of Claims] I accepted my dream job as a government contracts attorney with the Defense Logistics Agency [in the Department of Defense]. ... As you journey forward, you will create a tapestry of seemingly random and unrelated events. With time and perspective, you will come to realize that each choice marked the pathway of your personal destiny."



## ◀ Dennis Honabach

was selected by the graduating class as its Professor of the Year. Students praised him for his teaching and his encouragement to understand the law and to expand their thinking about it. "Professor Honabach always challenges us to go beyond what's comfortable by setting high standards and forcing us to think in a way we didn't think possible," one student wrote. Professor Honabach joined the Chase faculty in 2006 as dean, and after seven years elected to follow a common course in higher education to leave the position to teach full-time.

## GIFTS OF DISTINCTION

SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES ON THESE PAGES THE GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND STUDENTS THROUGH THEIR GIFTS TO DESIGNATED PROGRAMS OR SCHOLARSHIPS, OR AS LIFETIME GIFTS, OR TO THE ANNUAL FUND. EACH IS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ENHANCING THE FUTURE OF CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW.

### Madison Cuffy Supports the All Rise Fund

Dr. Madison Cuffy is a transplant surgeon, chief of the transplantation division at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center ... and a second-year student in the Chase College of Law evening division who hopes that a degree from Chase someday could enhance a possible career in hospital administration.

In the meantime, his focus is on operating rooms and classrooms. From them, he recognizes the importance of shared experiences and opportunities for individual and group success. To enhance those possibilities for others at Chase, Dr. Cuffy created an endowment to support the Chase All Rise program that supports classroom success and development of professional skills in lawyering for students from underrepresented communities in the legal profession.

"As a physician, I understand the importance of mentorship and leadership," Dr. Cuffy says. "As a medical student, these were important for me to succeed in



Dr. Madison Cuffy

medical school. Now in law school, I hope that my gift can help students who receive the support to accomplish their dreams and goals."

Dr. Cuffy began his medical training at the State University of New York-Upstate Medical University, continued with a post-doctoral research fellowship at Yale University, a general surgery fellowship at Yale University-New Haven Hospital and a

multi-organ transplant surgery fellowship at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Irving Medical Center. Separately, he earned a Masters of Business Administration at Cornell University.

As a UC College of Medicine clinical associate professor, his research interests involve such surgical fields as kidneys, liver and the biliary system, which includes bile ducts and the pancreas.

For him, being a student at Chase is both a progression and an honor.

"As a physician pursuing a legal education, I find my unique background enriches my perspective on the vital intersection between health and law. This intersection is growing increasingly critical in today's complex society, where legal and health care systems deeply impact each other," he says.

"Also, I have been honored to be accepted to Chase, which has been instrumental in helping me accomplish my goals. As a kid growing up in Brooklyn, I could only dream of becoming a transplant surgeon, nevertheless obtaining a degree in business and in law. Being enrolled at Chase, that dream is a reality."



## Ellen Essig Supports Funds to Help Students

Ellen Essig has focused much of her practice on helping clients achieve dreams. As a founding partner of The Family Law & Fertility Law Group, she has focused on legal aspects of family building through assisted reproductive technology, such as in vitro fertilization, surrogacy and gamete donation for more than 35 years.

Now, as a 1986 graduate of Salmon P. Chase College of Law, she is supporting law school students' dreams of becoming lawyers through an endowment-level donation to the college's Finish Line Fund and Dean's Fund. The Finish Line Fund provides bar examination review courses and financial support for students who otherwise could be disadvantaged because they are unable to afford a commercial bar examination review course or cannot afford a loss of income by taking uncompensated time off from work to study. The Dean's Fund supports law students' needs

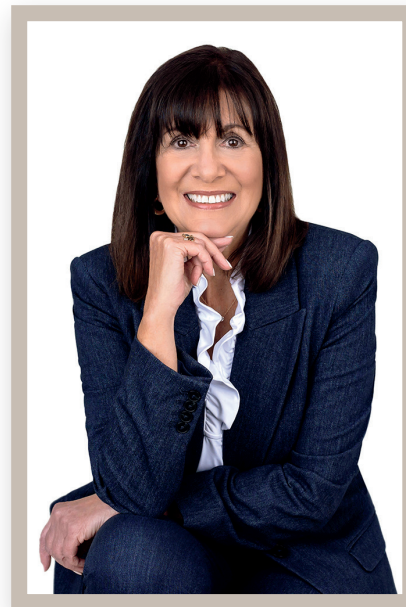
and opportunities that arise that will benefit from financial support.

"My hope for the students who benefit from my gift is that they will use their time at Chase to develop their passion for the law, cultivate a commitment to justice and go on to make a meaningful impact in the legal field. I trust that they will carry forward the values of hard work, integrity and service that Chase instills in its graduates," Ms. Essig says.

"I am proud to support the law school, and excited to see how its students will shape the future. By contributing financially, I hope to help provide opportunities for students who might otherwise face barriers in pursuing their legal education."

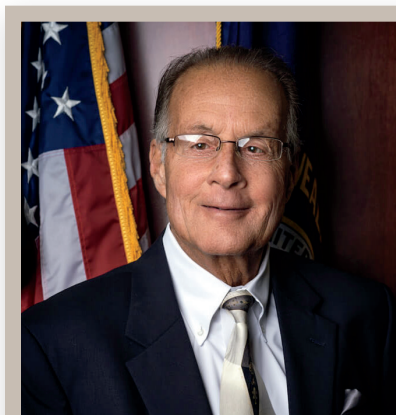
Ms. Essig stays connected with Chase both financially and through participation in alumni events and service on the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel for the dean on monitoring the connection between education and practice needs.

"I believe that supporting Chase is an investment in the future of the legal profession," she says. "A strong legal educa-



Ellen Essig

tion not only equips students with the knowledge and skills to succeed but also empowers them to become ethical advocates and leaders in their communities."



Burr J. Travis Jr.

## Burr J. Travis Jr. Endows Scholarship

When alumnus Burr J. Travis Jr. created the Bernard J. Gilday Jr./Burr J. Travis Jr. Endowed Scholarship at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, he had a reason his name follows that of the late Mr. Gilday, a legendary criminal defense lawyer in Cincinnati and both a part-time adjunct and full-time professor at Chase.

Mr. Gilday, who taught criminal law and criminal procedure, shaped the careers of hundreds of Chase graduates (whether they entered criminal law practices or not); among them was Mr. Travis (who did focus in criminal defense). "Bernie Gilday had a major affect on me [as a student]. In practice, he got all the tough cases. He took them all. He never had any fear. It was an opportunity to learn from the best. His name should go on, not mine," Mr. Travis says.

The connection that Mr. Travis developed with Mr. Gilday as a student in the mid-1970s continued after his graduation in 1977. In 1979, when Mr. Travis was seeking a position with the public defend-

er for Boone and Gallatin counties in Northern Kentucky, Mr. Gilday wrote a letter of recommendation for his former student to the chairman of the oversight board: "I have known Mr. Travis for approximately three years as both a student and a friend. He is, without doubt, one of the most competent, diligent, energetic, and enthusiastic young men I have ever encountered."

Not only did the letter have the intended effect of securing Mr. Travis a job, it has literally had a lasting effect for him: He has preserved the hand-typed letter, in a font common before widespread adoption of computer printers, in a black frame with a blue-gold mat.

After several years as a public defender, Mr. Travis joined what is now the Northern Kentucky firm of Busald Funk Zevely, where he focused in criminal defense and personal injury matters. He is still there, as of-counsel.

Just as Mr. Travis endowed the scholarship to honor one of his professors, his desire is that it be awarded to students following in his path through Chase: who work by day and go to class at night.

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## 1983



**Jeffrey Mando** was named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a partner in

Adams Law, Covington, Kentucky, where his focus is defense of local and state governments.

## 1990



**Mike Walters** received the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation 2024 Denis J. Murphy Award

for leadership and advocacy with Ohio legal aid organizations. He is Pro Seniors helpline managing attorney, Cincinnati, and president of the National Association of Senior Legal Helplines.

## 1991



**Barkley Sturgill Jr.** joined Steptoe & Johnson, Lexington, Kentucky, as a member in the

energy and natural resources department. His focus is energy transactional matters.

## 1996

**Kelly Holden** joined Stall Legal, Cincinnati, a provider of in-house legal counsel services. She has focused her previous private practice in employment law.

## 1999



**Monica Rice-Smith** joined AppalReD Legal Aid as a staff attorney in its Hazard,

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

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

## 1997



**Judge J. Christopher McNeill** was appointed deputy chief judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals by Chief Judge Larry Thompson, who graduated from Chase in 1987. As deputy chief judge, he will provide administrative oversight during any absence of the chief judge. Judge McNeill was first elected to the court, with commonwealth-wide jurisdiction, in 2020 to fill an unexpired term of the First Appellate District of 23 western counties and re-elected to a full eight-year term in 2022.

## 2000



**Stephanie Franckewitz** formed Blind Review, a digital platform designed to allow lawyers to search

for potential expert witness bias in medical malpractice cases. She has practiced in the area of medical malpractice defense.

## 2001



**Gregory Stout** joined the Columbus, Ohio, office of Plunkett Cooney as senior attorney in the

real estate litigation and title insurance practice group. He focuses in general litigation, title insurance litigation and banking and finance law.

## 2002



Kristie Goff was named directing attorney of AppalReD Legal Aid, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Her practice

background is consumer law, public benefits and housing.

## 2004



**Robert Dawson** joined Buechner Haffer Meyers & Koenig, Cincinnati, in the civil litigation group.

## 2005



**Carlos Bailey** was inducted into the Warren County (Kentucky) Public Schools Hall of

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**Ryan Hemmerle** was elected a shareholder in Strauss Troy, Cincinnati, where his focus is creditors' rights, commercial workouts and restructuring.



**Tim Spille** is included in the 2025 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of

construction law. He is a shareholder in Reminger, Cincinnati, and co-chair of the general liability/excess practice group.

**Nick Zingarelli** was named director and chief attorney of the Hamilton County (Ohio) Clerk of Courts Help Center.

## 1984



**Justice Robert Conley** of the Supreme Court of Kentucky was appointed deputy chief justice of the court by Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert. As deputy chief justice, he will act as chief justice if the chief justice recuses herself in a case or administrative matter. Justice Conley was elected to the court in 2020 from the Seventh Supreme Court District of 32 counties in eastern Kentucky.



## 2006



**Michael Laws** was sworn in as Commonwealth's Attorney for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of

Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton and Robertson counties in central Kentucky. He previously was first assistant for the circuit.

## 2010



**Michele McKinney** was elected a partner in Straw-Boone Doheny Banks & Mudd,

Louisville, Kentucky. Her focus is family law.



**Frank Tremper** was appointed to the Supreme Court of Kentucky Continuing Legal Education

Commission from the Sixth District of 13 northern Kentucky counties. He is a partner in Arnzen, Storm & Turner, Covington, Kentucky, where his focus is litigation and outside general counsel services.

## 2011



**Leah Dinkelacker** was appointed by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine to a vacancy on the Hamilton

County (Cincinnati) Court of Common Pleas. She had been a Hamilton County assistant prosecutor.

## 2007



**Faith Whittaker** served as president of the Cincinnati Bar Association. As president during the 2024-25 association year, she saw the association as a place for collegiality among practice areas, opportunities for lawyers to collaborate with judges on matters of interest, and for development of future professional leadership. In practice, she is assistant general counsel with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.



**Allison Zoeller** was elected a partner in U'Sellis Mayer & Associates, Louisville, Kentucky. Her

focus is workers' compensation defense.

## 2012



**Jessica Beauchamp** was named chair of the domestic relations department of Strauss Troy,

Cincinnati. She is a shareholder in the firm and a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.



**Danielle Blandford** was named 2024 Plaintiff Lawyer of the year by *Kentucky Trial Court Review*.

She is a trial attorney in the Louisville, Kentucky, office of Morgan & Morgan.



**Alexander Schoultheis** joined Calfee, Halter & Griswold, Cincinnati, as chief legal

recruiting and development officer. He previously was director of talent acquisition at Squire Patton Boggs, Cincinnati.

## 2013



**Nathan Becht** was named a partner in Frost Brown Todd, Cincinnati. He practices in the Louisville,

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**Andrew Ferguson** was elected a partner in Keating Muething & Klekamp, Cincinnati. His

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**Jordan Maynard** was appointed chair of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by Gov. Maura

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**Casey Michalovic** was named senior attorney in the AppalReD Legal Aid Prestons-

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## 2014



**Michael Alao** is serving as treasurer of the Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee, Florida. He is

director of internal audit of the Florida Justice Administrative Commission, which provides administrative services to Florida state attorney and public defender offices.



**Eric Mefford** joined Merk & Gile, Newport, Kentucky, where his focus is litigation. He previously

practiced in Hughes & Coleman, Louisville.



**Monteia Mundy** joined Fulton, Devlin & Powers in its Lexington, Kentucky, office through a

merger with her previous firm of Fogle Keller Walker. Her focus is workers' compensation defense.

## 2015



**Adrienne Buckler-Callihan** received the Ohio State Bar Association 2024 Community Service Award

for Attorneys 40 and Under, which recognizes volunteer work outside of a law practice.



**Justin Duncan** was elected a shareholder and partner in Harlin Parker, Bowling Green, Kentucky, where

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# Joe Meyer Receives NKU Distinguished Service Award

Joe Meyer has been a member of the Kentucky General Assembly – in both the House of Representatives and the Senate – from 1982 until 1996, Secretary of the Education & Workforce Development Cabinet from 2009 until 2013, Mayor of Covington, Kentucky, from 2016 through 2024, and now, as a 1979 graduate of Salmon P. Chase College of Law, a recipient of a 2025 Northern Kentucky Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

For Mr. Meyer, the award that recognizes alumni who have contributed time, talent and effort toward enhancing the quality of life at NKU or their community caps more than 45 years of public service. In 2024, he decided not to seek a third term as mayor after his term expired December 31.

During his two terms as mayor, he had major roles in planning for eventual replacement of the heavily travelled Interstate 75 Brent Spence Bridge between



Joe Meyer at the NKU award presentation

Covington and Cincinnati, launching an early childhood literacy initiative known as Read Ready Covington, introduction of free public Wi-Fi in Covington, modernization of city policies and ordinances, and planning for redevelopment of the 23-acre former Internal Revenue Service processing center site near the Covington riverfront.

Throughout his public service career, he regularly focused on his core issues

of emphasizing education and workforce development. His decision not to seek a third term came down to a number: “At the end of the next term, I would be 80. That’s eight-zero years old,” he said at the time of his announcement that he would retire as mayor, and the favorite position he has held.

During his time as mayor, Covington continued its trajectory of shedding an image as an overlooked sibling of Cincinnati, expanded its housing stock, revitalized neighborhoods, accelerated growth of an entertainment district, promoted education and technology, and established a reputation as an inviting home for newcomers.

While Mr. Meyer has left elected office in Covington, he has not left Covington. His plan is to stay engaged, and to allow an NKU award to speak for what he has already accomplished.



## Mike Enzweiler

was elected a partner in Dressman Benzinger Lavelle, Covington, Kentucky. His focus within the medical liability and the litigation and dispute resolution practice groups is medical negligence defense.



## Bradley Steffen

joined Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati, as an associate. His focus is litigation and white-collar criminal defense.

## 2017



## Amber Bryant

opened Bryant Law Office in New Albany, Indiana, where her focus is estate planning, business planning and elder law.



## Courtney Suhre

was elected a shareholder in Strauss Troy, Cincinnati, where her focus is family law, divorce and dissolutions, and custody.

## 2018

**Alexander Cantrill** joined in forming Rawdon & Cantrill Attorneys at Law, Georgetown, Kentucky. He previously was an assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney.



## William Crouse

joined Gribbell Law Firm, Cincinnati, as a partner, with focuses in intellectual property and maritime law.



## Rebecca Sheehan

joined J. Eshman Law, Sun Valley, Idaho, as an associate. Her focus is probate and estate planning. She had been an associate in the

Northern Kentucky firm of Dressman Benzinger Lavelle.

## 2020

**W. Tyler Lloyd** joined Stites & Harbison, Louisville, Kentucky, where his focus is construction-related matters.



## Landon Norman

joined Keuler, Kelly, Hutchins, Blankenship & Sigler, Paducah, Kentucky, as an associate. His focus is business-related, real estate, tax and estate matters.



## Sebastian Torres

joined the City of Covington as director of external affairs and senior counsel. Additionally, he has launched Torres Law to maintain his civil practice focused on business litigation, defamation disputes and personal injury claims.

## 2023



## Tara Bailey

joined Strauss Troy, Cincinnati, as an associate attorney in its business and corporate practice group. Her focus is corporate and general business law, business formation and mergers and acquisitions.



## Samantha Isaacs

joined Finney Law Firm, Cincinnati. Her focus is labor and employment law.

## 2024



## Sydney Auteri

joined Keating, Muething & Klekamp, Cincinnati, as an associate in the business representation and transactions group. Her focus is general corporate and business law matters, including mergers and acquisitions.



# IN MEMORIAM

1955

**Joseph C. Perin**

December 21, 2024

Mr. Perin, with his late wife Patricia, owned and operated Pat & Joe's Home Fashions Showroom, which they eventually renamed Perin Interiors, in Cincinnati.

1961

**Nelson R. Leist**

July 16, 2023

Mr. Leist practiced until he was 89 years old.

1962

**Robert A. Goering**

November 19, 2024

Mr. Goering was a founder, in 1964, of the Cincinnati firm of Wilke & Goering, which later became Goering & Goering, where he focused in debtor representation. At Chase, he taught bankruptcy-related courses as an adjunct professor from 1974 to 2019. Through 45 years of teaching, he shaped the foundational knowledge of uncounted numbers of graduates who went on to practice in bankruptcy matters or serve as a bankruptcy trustee or judge.

1963

**Robert H. Compton**

December 30, 2024

Mr. Compton began a private practice in Ironton, Ohio, and in 1971 joined what was then Ashland Oil and Refining Co., and is now Ashland Global, as a lawyer, eventually becoming division counsel and later vice president.

**Kenneth C. Segal**

August 30, 2024

Mr. Segal was a real estate developer in Cincinnati who concentrated much of his work

in the redevelopment of the Cincinnati neighborhoods of Mount Adams, East Walnut Hills and North Avondale.

1970

**Judge Richard A. Niehaus**

January 27, 2025

Judge Niehaus was elected to Hamilton County (Cincinnati) Municipal Court in the late 1970s and later to successive terms on the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. He retired in 2007 and served as a visiting judge until 2016.

1972

**Gerald R. Daly**

January 1, 2024

Mr. Daly was retired from practice in metro Cincinnati.

**Robert P. Gettys**

October 19, 2023

Mr. Gettys practiced in Northern Kentucky as a civil and criminal trial lawyer.

1973

**Judge Joseph R. Kiacz**

October 4, 2024

Judge Kiacz had been a judge of the Bryan (Ohio) Municipal Court, a city attorney and city council member in Bryan, in northwest Ohio.

1975

**Gary H. Snouffer**

July 7, 2024

Mr. Snouffer joined Union Central Life Insurance Co. in Cincinnati, now Ameritas, while a student and eventually led sales and marketing programs.

1977

**Jane D. Purdon**

August 26, 2024

Ms. Purdon practiced in the area of family law and taught

business law classes as an adjunct professor at Xavier University, Cincinnati.

1978

**Robert K. Vocke**

January 27, 2025

Mr. Vocke maintained a private practice in Covington, Kentucky, and served as legal adviser to nearby Bromley, Kentucky.

1980

**James C. Ladd**

February 8, 2025

1981

**Larry Whitaker**

March 28, 2024

Mr. Whitaker was a criminal defense lawyer in Somerset, Kentucky.

**Charles E. Christian**

April 6, 2024

Mr. Christian practiced primarily in Lexington, Kentucky.

1982

**Richard F. Lesser**

July 3, 2024

Mr. Lesser practiced in Cincinnati in bankruptcy, probate and real estate.

1984

**Louis F. Mathias Jr.**

June 16, 2024

Mr. Mathias was an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

1984

**Dee C. Sheriff-MacDonald**

September 19, 2024

Ms. Sheriff-MacDonald, who was a nurse when she attended Chase, focused her practice in medical malpractice defense.

1990

**Ross A. Murphy**

March 2, 2024

2015

**Adam M. Brown**

February 25, 2024

Mr. Brown had been with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

2017

**Ryan S. Wheeler**

March 5, 2025

Mr. Wheeler was a partner in the Cincinnati firm of Thompson Hine, where he focused in corporate transactions and securities, investment management, fund formation and venture capital. At Chase, he was associate editor of the *Northern Kentucky Law Review*.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Nancy Perry**

December 20, 2024

Ms. Perry (NKU '73) held numerous positions at Chase and NKU. For Chase, she was assistant dean and associate dean for advancement. For NKU, she was alumni director, development director and planned giving director. Chase Dean Emeritus and former NKU Interim President Gerry St. Amand remembers, "When I arrived at Chase, Nancy scheduled a tour of the state and region for NKU president Jim Votruba and me to meet with Chase alumni. It was evident that she knew our alumni, and they loved her. Nancy's caring support of students during their law school years had built valuable alumni affinity for Chase. She continued to strengthen that affinity in alumni roles at Chase and NKU."



**James Votruba**

*Northern Kentucky University president, 1997-2012*

Dr. Votruba, the fourth and longest-serving president of NKU, died March 19, 2025, at

his home in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. He was 79.

Dr. Votruba led NKU through a period of rapid and significant growth. During his presidency, student enrollment increased by 34 percent, the number of undergraduate and graduate programs increased and new or improved campus buildings were opened, among them

Griffin Hall and the Herrmann Science Center. Upon his retirement as president, the student union building was renamed as the James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union.

As president emeritus, he taught as a professor in the educational leadership doctoral program and was active in

education leadership, locally and nationally.

"Jim led with energy, vision and an uncanny ability to positively connect with all of his constituents," NKU President Cady Short-Thompson said of him. "As seemingly everyone's mentor, Jim was generous in every way."

# Associate Dean for Law Library is Back Home

**ERIC YOUNG HAD BEEN AT CHASE AS A STUDENT AND ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR, AND THEN AT LAW SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA AND SOUTH DAKOTA**

Anyone who thinks that the more things change the more they stay the same clearly is not thinking about the law library at Salmon P. Chase College of Law (or any law school law library, for that matter).

When Eric Young returned to Chase this past academic year as associate dean for law library services and information technology, and an assistant professor of law, a lot had changed since he was a student in the 1990s and then was law library assistant director for information technology in the early 2000s.

Since leaving the full-time faculty in 2004 and continuing as an adjunct professor of legal research until 2006, he has practiced law, taught online, been assistant dean for law library and technology services at Nova Southeastern University College of Law in metropolitan Miami, Florida, and most recently, from 2016 to 2024, assistant dean and law library director at the University of South Dakota School of Law.

Now that he is back at Chase, not only have the contents of the library changed, so has the facility itself, as the library, along with the rest of Nunn Hall, was closed for periods of largely infrastructure repair and upgrading.

In a conversation, these are some of the changes he sees and foresees:

**Given the changes at Chase and in library and law school technology since you were at Chase previously, how do you anticipate they will affect your approach to your role?**

"The most obvious change is the reduction of the print collection. When I first worked at Chase, the law library's print collection nearly filled two sides of Nunn Hall. Now, it easily fits on just one floor. A reduced print collection hasn't resulted in a loss of access to material. Indeed, with added electronic resources, the law library offers more material than ever. Another obvious change is that a much smaller staff runs the law library.

"Both of these changes are not unique to Chase. They have occurred, and continue to occur, at almost all law schools. I want to survey the faculty and students to find out what are the two services they want the law library to definitely offer. Knowing this will allow the law library staff to focus its limited resources and time on the things that are most desired."



**Looking back over your career, how have your various experiences combined to form a philosophy to overseeing a law library?**

"My focus as a law library director at previous schools has always been ensuring that faculty members are well-served. I want them to be aware of the resources and services their law library provides. Of course, I don't focus on the faculty to the detriment of students, but I have realized that when faculty members are pleased with the resources and services offered, they are in a great position to promote the law library to students. The thing that drives students to the law library is a faculty member who encourages or requires students to use it. I plan to continue this approach at Chase, and I expect that both faculty- and student-use of the law library will increase over the course of the next few academic years."

**As for your first year back, what were you looking forward to being able to accomplish in it?**

"I have had two primary goals: One, to ensure that the law library staff becomes a cohesive team, and, two, that the law library returns seamlessly to its renovated Nunn Hall space. If I accomplish those two goals this academic year, the law library will be ready to move forward full-steam in academic year 2025-26."

## Eric Young

### His degrees

Juris Doctor, Chase College of Law;  
Masters of Library and Information Science, Indiana University;  
Bachelor of Arts, Miami (Ohio) University.

### His books

*South Dakota Legal Research Guide*, with others, William S. Hein & Co. publisher;  
*Millennial Leadership in Libraries*, chapter, William S. Hein & Co.

### His bar admissions

Ohio, South Dakota, United States District Court of the Southern District of Ohio, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.



# Professor Michael Mannheimer Shines at Chase and Nationally

FROM RECOGNITION BY NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY TO PRESENTATIONS AT OTHER LAW SCHOOLS, HE IS DEMONSTRATING HIS BROAD CURIOSITY ABOUT THE LAW

Life can be full of choices, and among them can be how to refer to Salmon P. Chase College of Law Professor Michael Mannheimer. There is Professor of Law Mannheimer. There is Northern Kentucky University Regents Professor Mannheimer. And there is Author Mannheimer.

Any of the three – or all three – can be a good choice.

Professor Mannheimer, who joined the Chase faculty in 2004, was appointed in June 2024 a Northern Kentucky University Regents Professor by the university's board of regents, a recognition for full professors who, "at the apex of their careers, have an exceptional record of achievements in scholarship or creative activity that has brought acclaim to the university and is consistent with the university's core values."

For Professor Mannheimer, the recognition acknowledges being widely respected and popular among students in courses he teaches, such as Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence, being a prolific author of law review articles published throughout the nation, and, in late 2023, publishing through University of Michigan Press the book *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*. In *The Fourth Amendment*, he contends that modern approaches to policing would be fairer and at times less contentious if courts tracked the breadth of an original understanding of the Fourth Amendment prohibition of unreasonable searches and seizures and the application of that understanding to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment.

With a resume that includes 20 years in Chase classrooms, a university appointment and publication of a book and associated appearances, Professor Mannheimer reflects on all three, separately and together:

**Looking back over the past 20 years, how would you characterize the arc of your development as a professor, in terms of**



Professor Michael Mannheimer, author of *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*, left, has talked about his book in law school "book talk" presentations, including at Chase, with Professor John Bickers.

**style or approach, from teaching your first class in 2004 to where you are now?**

"Good question. Typically, the first time a professor teaches a class, they are only slightly ahead of their students, at best. Even though you've probably dealt in practice with some of the issues that come up in the course materials, these are survey classes that run the gamut, so there are a lot of things you never came across in practice. One way in which I've evolved as a teacher is that I don't try to cover quite so much in terms of breadth and I instead go deeper into the topics we do cover.

"Another difference is that I feel more comfortable admitting to students that I don't know everything. When you're a junior professor, you tend to think that to exude confidence and control over the classroom, you can't admit to the students that you don't know the answer to their question. Now, I realize the best thing to do is try to suss things out with the students, to say, "I don't know the answer to that but let's try to think about what the answer might be." Or, if it's a specific ques-

tion about black-letter law, to say, "Well, I don't know, but how would you go about finding out?" That way, you turn it into a teachable moment about how students can find the answers they need in practice, which is what being a lawyer mostly is."

**In terms of academic or intellectual curiosity, what were your interests in scholarship or related pursuits 20 years ago, and how did those progress or transform into what they are now?**

"Another great question! When I first started out, I had basically two interests: I wrote a lot about confessions and interrogations and the privilege against self-incrimination, on the one hand, and the original understandings of the Eighth Amendment [the prohibition of excessive bail or fine, and of cruel or unusual punishments] on the other. I had never really written about the Fourth Amendment but the first two-thirds of the Criminal Procedure course, which is my favorite course, is about searches and seizures, so I became fascinated with some of the issues that come up there.

“Meanwhile, my research on the Eighth Amendment led kind of naturally into looking at the original understandings of the Bill of Rights more generally. Then, I had a life-changing conversation with Tom Clancy – not *that* Tom Clancy! – one of the nation’s leading scholars on the Fourth Amendment, while taking him back to the airport after he gave a talk here. He suggested, in essence, that I pivot from the Self-Incrimination Clause to the Fourth Amendment. His reasoning was that there is basically nothing new under the sun when it comes to self-incrimination, but we constantly have to rethink our approach to the Fourth Amendment, and new issues are always coming up, on account of advances in technology.

“I took his words to heart and began researching the original understandings of the Fourth Amendment, and that research ended up being represented in the first part of my book. The most recent transition in my work was during my sabbatical during the 2020-21 academic term, when I did a very deep dive into the original understandings of the Fourteenth Amendment, because the really important question is how the Bill of Rights applies to the states, which becomes comprehensible only if you try to understand the Fourteenth Amendment. That research ended up figuring prominently in the second part of my book.

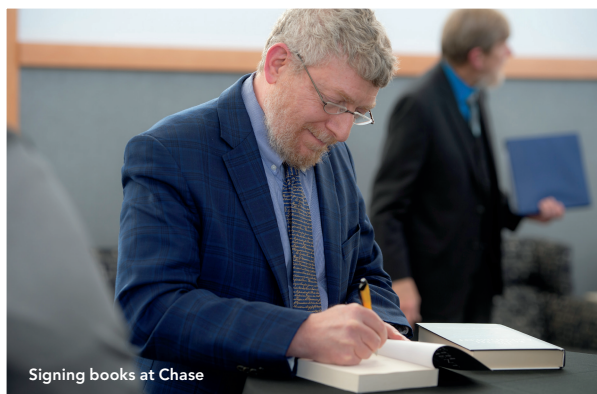
“But I still have other scholarly interests, just to keep things exciting. I recently wrote a piece about police deception during interrogations and another one about the void-for-vagueness doctrine. And I have a piece in the works on what I call the “impossibility defense” in criminal law.”

**Were there individuals or experiences – whenever or wherever – that shaped your understanding or expectation of what it means to be a professor?**

“On the teaching side, I try to emulate the great profs I had in law school [at Columbia] who always kept their own views of the law largely to themselves and instead tried to get their students to discover on their own what the law might be and what it could be. It’s a delicate balance between spoon-feeding your students, which is not

going to help them be good attorneys, and keeping them completely befuddled, which isn’t great either. I think that’s the balance all law professors try to strike.

“On the scholarship side, I always admired professors who resisted the temptation to write the same law review article multiple times and instead bounced from topic to topic, wherever their intellectual curiosity took them. I’m thinking of intellectual giants like Anthony Amsterdam at NYU and Joshua Dressler at Ohio State. I’m not comparing myself to them but I’d say my intellectual curiosity is strong and I get bored easily with the same old thing, so I like learning and writing about new topics.



“Let me talk about service, too, because I was in the last generation of law students to have direct contact with the guys – unfortunately, they were pretty much all guys – who, before they became law professors, helped solve the Great Depression, defeat the Nazis, and win *Brown v. Board of Education*, people like Charlie Black, Walter Gellhorn, Jack Greenberg, Milton Handler, Lou Henkin, Telford Taylor and Herb Wechsler. Though I didn’t get to have all of them as profs, they inspire me still today in their ability to move so seamlessly between teaching, private practice, public service, and back again.

“When I think about law professors and service to the profession, I also distinctly remember one morning in Criminal Law, when my prof, Vivian Berger, walked in wearing dark sunglasses. When she took them off, it was obvious that she had been either crying or awake all night, or both. ‘Please excuse the way I look,’ she said, ‘but one of my clients was executed early this morning.’ Then she began her lesson. That pretty much tells you what service to

the profession means for a law professor.”

**Being an author requires being able to talk about a book as well as being able to write it. Where have you been to talk to interested audiences about *The Fourth Amendment*?**

“I’ve given book talks at the University of Wisconsin Law School, the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York Law School, and the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, in addition to the event we had here at Chase.

“Of course, the event we had here stands out. The dean and the Faculty Development Committee did a really nice job setting that one up, and it was very fun to have a public conversation with Professor John Bickers about the book. Other than that, I feel that the students were most engaged at the Cincinnati and the Ohio State events, and they asked some very incisive questions. And some of the professors I know at those schools showed up, which was also very nice.”

**Along with representing yourself as an author, you are also indirectly representing Chase.**

**What does being on a “talk circuit” that includes professors from other institutions suggest about the faculty at Chase and the college?**

“I think it’s important that faculty at other institutions know about the work that faculty are doing at Chase. We tend to live in a bubble because most of our students are from Kentucky or southern Indiana and Ohio, and of course most of them stay close by to practice law. Nonetheless, it’s important to help give Chase a national as well as a regional reputation.

“First, for purely pragmatic reasons, faculty at other schools are the ones who are providing peer assessments of our school that can help us rise in the rankings. Second, and relatedly, for students who are going to look beyond the immediate geographic area to practice, it obviously helps that Chase have a more prominent national reputation. And even for students who stay in the area, when lawyers in other parts of the country are looking for local counsel here, it certainly helps if they know about Chase.”



# Words of Praise

A RECEPTION HONORS DEAN EMERITUS STEPHENS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM AN IMPACTFUL CAREER AT CHASE



Dean Emeritus Henry L. "Steve" Stephens Jr., left, talks with lawyer Michael Hawkins at the reception at the Metropolitan Club in Covington, Kentucky.

In another era, before streaming and even cable, a popular television program called "You Are There" re-enacted historical events from even earlier eras. For a contemporary take on it, "you are there" in a flashback at the reception honoring Chase Professor and Dean Emeritus Henry L. "Steve" Stephens Jr. on his retirement at the end of the 2023-24 academic year.

Transport yourself now to April 19, 2024, at the Metropolitan Club in Covington, Kentucky. The view from 19 floors above the Ohio River is to the Cincinnati skyline. Gathered in the club's open expanse are former students, professors, deans and lawyers who have known Dean Emeritus Stephens during his 45-year tenure with Chase.

Speaking first is **Dean Judith Daar:**

"Steve, you confronted some issues, some existential issues, that not every dean has to deal with. And I think it's fair to say, and as I've learned about your career path and talked to many in the room, you saved Chase. In 1985 ... the Kentucky Council on Public Higher Education decided that the commonwealth had one too many law schools, and there was a move afoot to remove one. I won't say that Chase was targeted, but certainly Chase was in the crosshairs.

"Steve was dean at the time, and he mounted a

campaign among our incredible alumni base to respond to that notion that Chase might not survive the effort. There were 10 hearings across the commonwealth to discuss eliminating one of the law schools, and Steve made sure that Chase alums were there. They were vocal, they were adamant, and they were effective. At the end of the day, thanks to Steve's efforts, we stand here today, the proud and incredibly successful law school that we are.

"In addition to his administrative leadership, a visionary skill in navigating Chase to the position that it is today, he's been a teacher in the classroom. And I can't tell you, planning for tonight, how many of your students have reached out to us to say these words: 'He changed my life.' I've heard this, not from one particular individual, but from many."

Speaking next, **Professor Ljubamir Nacev**, who joined the faculty in 1987, eight years after Dean Emeritus Stephens:

"Steve became dean in the mid '80s, initially associate dean, and later full-time dean. Steve, in that role, played a significant part in the establishment of the law school [as an institution] in the commonwealth, in the Northern Kentucky University community and in the local community. And so, well done, Steve."

From **Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Michelle Keller**, who was a student and graduated from Chase, in 1990, while Dean Emeritus Stephens was dean of the college:

"Dean Daar [has spoken] about the feminization of the legal profession, and I would say the decade of the '80s really led the way for that. Steve, I still remember to this day [a conversation with you] about how women are here to stay. What we found was a very receptive and responsive administration that worked to change some things moving forward.

"As I look back on my law school days, I have many fond memories, and while that was a time of challenge, it was also a time of change. I feel like we were change partners together, and so I will forever feel a kinship to you for that."

Speaking now, **Carrie Russell**, deputy general counsel and chief ethics officer of the **Global Labor and Employment Council**, who graduated in 2005:

"You always encouraged us to think outside of the box, to question the status quo and to seek justice and fairness in the law. One of the other

things that really stood out is that you taught us to practice law ethically. And you did it with so much energy and fun and wisdom.”

From **David Wallace, chairman and chief executive of Heritage Bank, and of counsel at Dunham Law in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, a 1986 graduate:**

“I attended Chase from 1983 to 1986 and had the privilege and pleasure of taking Professor Stephens’ evidence class, where, of course, we learned the rules of evidence. We also learned commonsense – West Kentucky commonsense, by the way – and a little humor along the way.”

From **Leon Boothe, third president of Northern Kentucky University, from 1983 through 1996.**

“When I went through the final interview [prior to being selected], I said, ‘Now, have you told me everything?’ They said, ‘You know everything.’ So I went back to Illinois, where I was living at the time, turned on, I think it was, NBC, and it says, ‘The Kentucky higher education council is probably going to eliminate a law school,’ and I thought to myself, ‘What have I gotten myself into?’ Who was going to represent the law school at the time?”

“We made the decision that Dean Stephens would handle a lot of the lobbying in Frankfort because he could answer questions that I couldn’t, but I would handle the higher ups in many ways. I had tremendous faith in him and his ability. The one thing that will always stick

with me is his outgoing personality, ability to have people listen to him, talk about all the policies of the law school.”

**And in acknowledgement from Dean Emeritus Stephens:**

“I am totally without words, believe it or not, to see all of you on a beautiful Friday afternoon. When I look back at my working life, the fact that I’m standing here is a miracle, given that I started out as a seven-year-old selling apples out of a wagon, and life evolves.

“I saw an ad for a professor at Chase on a bulletin board at the [Kentucky] Natural Resources Cabinet, where I was an environmental prosecutor. Given the time [until the application deadline], I figured the only chance I had was to take my resume and walk it in off the street, unannounced, and that’s what I did.

“Kamilla Mazanec, associate dean at the time, very kindly gave me 45 minutes, and I figured, well that was nice and that’s the end of that. And then in a couple of days I got a call and they said, ‘Would you like to come back and interview the faculty?’ I said sure. Three or four days later I got a job offer, and I realized that the greatest professional goal that I would ever have had been realized. I had taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville, and the thought that I could ever find a law teaching job, not to mention one falling into my lap, was just beyond the pale.

“Thank you, everyone, so much. I’m overwhelmed.”

## The Timeline of a Legacy

To recognize the legacy of Professor and Dean Emeritus Henry L. “Steve” Stephens Jr., the Chase College of Law faculty has funded in his name and his wife’s name the Henry L. “Steve” and Kathy K. Stevens Jr. Endowed Scholarship to be awarded to Chase students who demonstrate high academic promise. His legacy:

Began in 1979, when he joined the faculty after having been a prosecutor in the Kentucky Natural Resources Cabinet and an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

Includes serving as associate dean from 1981 to 1985, interim dean in 1985, permanent dean from 1986 through 1992, and returning to the faculty to teach full-time.

Teaching such courses as Evidence, Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Well-wishers gather in the Metropolitan Club at the Covington, Kentucky, riverfront April 19, 2024, for a reception to honor Professor and Dean Emeritus Henry L. “Steve” Stephens Jr. for his 45 years of service to Chase.





# Faculty Scholarship & Activities



**Eric Alden**  
Professor of Law

**BOOK PUBLICATION**  
*The Death of Promissory Estoppel: The Rebirth of Contract*, Cambridge University Press, 2024.



**John Bickers**  
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

**PRESENTATIONS**  
Discussant, Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, Chase student chapter, “34 Felonies: Why You Should be Concerned About the Prosecution of Donald Trump,” October 29, 2024.

Co-presenter, Kentucky Court of Appeals summer conference on cases before the Supreme Court of the United States its previous term, 2024.

**MEDIA**  
Interviewed, “Legal Scholars in Cincinnati React to Pardons Issued by President Trump, Former President Biden,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), January 21, 2025.

Interviewed, “Local Judge Faces Discipline, could be Removed from Bench for Helping Son

in Election,” WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), August 8, 2024.

**COLLEGE**  
Discussant with Professor Michael Mannheimer on Professor Mannheimer’s book, *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*, during a reading and book-signing by Professor Mannheimer, Northern Kentucky University, March 27, 2024.



**Tan Boston**  
Associate Professor of Law

**PUBLICATION**  
*Is NIL Woke?* \_ LOY. L.A. L. REV. \_ (2025).

**PRESENTATIONS**  
“Unstructured NIL Settlements,” forthcoming Fordham Law Review, Works-in-Progress, Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, San Francisco, January 8, 2025.

Moderator, “Intercollegiate Athletics: The Only Constant is Change,” Section of Law and Sports, Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, San Francisco, January 11, 2025.

“Reforming College Sports,” Fordham Law Review Symposium, Fordham University School of Law, New York City, November 1, 2024.

“NIL Hedge Funding,” Sport and Recreation Law Association annual meeting, Baltimore, February 23, 2024.

“2023 Year in Review: Top 5 Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) Developments,” Kentucky State Government Bar Association, January 29, 2024.

“Anti-NIL Legislation,” Lutie-Langston Midwest Writing Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, December 1, 2023.

**MEDIA**  
Panelist, “Viewership of Women’s Sports Is on the Rise,” Cincinnati Edition, WVXU, August 7, 2024.

Interviewed, “‘Everybody Thinks You Landed That Backflip’: Reds Fan Taken Down by Taser on GABP Field Appears in Court,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), June 12, 2024.

Podcast, “The NIL Glass Ceiling,” The Academic Minute, NPR, January 24, 2024.

**PROFESSIONAL**  
Sport and Recreation Law Association 2024 President’s Award for her work as chair of the association’s DEI Committee, annual meeting, Baltimore, February 22, 2024.

Began term as chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Sports Law, January 3, 2024.

**COLLEGE**  
Presentation, “Is NIL Woke?” faculty development conference, March 20, 2024.

**UNIVERSITY**  
Promoted to Associate Professor of Law, effective 2024-25 academic year.



**Jennifer Brinkman**  
Assistant Professor of Law

**PUBLICATION**  
Co-author, *Understanding Trauma and It’s Role in Zealous Advocacy: How Trauma-Informed Practice Makes You a Better Lawyer*, Northern Kentucky Bar Association *Lex Loci*, February 2025.

**PRESENTATIONS**  
“Fake It Until You Make It? Transitioning from the Practice of Law to Clinical Legal Education,” Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., February 7, 2025.

“GALs for Child Victims of Crimes: An Introduction to KRS 26A.140,” continuing legal education, Northern Kentucky Bar Association and Children’s Law Center, October 9, 2024.



**Michelle Browning Coughlin**  
Assistant Professor of Law

**PRESENTATIONS**  
“Legal Careers of Parents and Caregivers,” Harvard University, Harvard Law School,

Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 21, 2025.

Presenter and panelist, “Impacts of Parenthood and Child Caregiving on Legal Careers,” American Bar Association Midyear Meeting, Commission on Women in the Profession, Phoenix, February 1, 2025.

Chase Conversations, “Curating Your Practice: How to be a Lawyer and be Happy at the Same Time,” November 14, 2024.

Co-presenter, “Let’s Get Real: A Look at the Data,” Fordham University School of Law Academy for the Advancement of Women in Law, online October 25, 2024.

“Promoting Wellbeing in the Legal Profession: Important Messages for Parents and Caregivers,” Association of Corporate Counsel, Kentucky chapter, October 18, 2024.

Panelist, “Parenting While Lawyering: A Panel Discussion on the ABA Report ‘Legal Careers of Parents and Child Caregivers,’” Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession, October 1, 2024.

Speaker on matters affecting women and parents in practice of law, Legal Profession classes, Harvard Law School, October 1, 2024.

“Top Ten Low-Tech Tips for Negotiating High-Tech Agreements” and “The Changing IP Landscape,” Chase College of Law Business & Technology Law CLE Weekend, presented by the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology,

at Richwood on the River, Milton, Kentucky, May 18, 2024.

"Law in a Social Media World," American Bar Association continuing legal education webinar, May 30, 2024.

Panelist, "AI and Intellectual Property," Generative AI Summit: Transforming Businesses for the Future, by Ellevest, Cincinnati professional women's organization, February 1, 2024.

Panelist, "The Caregiver Penalty," Center for Women in Law Ginsburg Initiative, October 18, 2023.

## MEDIA

Quoted, "ABA Report Finds Some Still Find Bias Against Working Mothers: Attorneys Talk About Experiences as Parents," *The Indiana Lawyer*, December 6, 2023.

## PROFESSIONAL

Coordinator, led American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee in drafting and submitting comments to ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar on possible revisions to ABA Standard 206 on diversity in law schools.

Appointed, Association of American Law Schools Section of Property Law executive committee.

Appointed, American Bar Association Presidential Appointments Committee to select members for committees and other groups for the 2025-26 association year.

Keynote speaker, Toledo (Ohio) Women's Bar Association kickoff luncheon, September 18, 2024.

Appointed, co-chair, Women in Intellectual Property Law Action Group, American Bar Association Intellectual Property Section, 2024-25 association year beginning September 1, 2024.

Named to World Trademark Review 1000.

Co-chair, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession report *Legal Careers of Parents and Child Caregivers / Results and Best Practices from a National Study of the Legal Profession*, 2023.



**Anthony Chavez**  
Professor of Law

## MEDIA

Quoted, "They See the Streaks in the Skies: Kentucky Bill would Ban Theoretical 'Geoengineering,'" Kentucky Public Radio, February 5, 2025.

## UNIVERSITY

Discussed with 17 participants in the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program the role of renewable energy in economic development and how law school and undergraduate classes expand awareness, May 9, 2024.



**Judith Daar**  
Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean and Professor of Law

## PRESENTATIONS

"The Status of the Embryo," American Society for Reproductive Medicine webinar, April 30, 2024.

Panelist, on high priority ethical, legal and social issues related to genetics, presented by Center for ELSI Resources and Analysis funded by National Genome Research Institute of the National Institutes of Health, March 8, 2024.

American Bar Association Midyear Meeting, Women's Caucus of Commission on Women in the Profession, on feminization of the legal profession, including impact of women on legal education and practice, Louisville, Kentucky, February 4, 2024.

As expert adviser to the Framework for Advances in Reproductive Ethics & Regulation (FAIRER), Cleveland Clinic, November 13, 2023.

"Infertility Care and the Demise of *Roe v. Wade*," American Society for Reproductive Medicine annual meeting, Kenneth J. Ryan Ethics Symposium, New Orleans, October 15, 2023.

"Gestational Surrogacy Agreements: A View

from Medicine, Law and Psychiatry," American Bar Association Section of Family Law annual meeting, Louisville, October 12, 2023.

## MEDIA

Panelist, "Deleting Your Health or Fitness App Won't Keep Your Personal Information Private," Cincinnati Edition, WVXU-FM, August 21, 2024.

Panelist, "Federal Law Requires Birth Control to be Free, So Why are So Many Women Paying for It?" Cincinnati Edition, WVXU, August 1, 2024.

Interviewed, "Greater Cincinnati Legal Expert Explains U.S. Supreme Court's Mifepristone Ruling," WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), June 14, 2024.

Interviewed, *Congressional Quarterly* on matters related to in vitro fertilization, 2024.

Interviewed, Bloomberg News on domestic and international fertility egg donation, 2024.

Interviewed, "Is IVF Protected in Kentucky? Depends on Whom You Ask," *Kentucky Lantern*, an affiliate of the nonprofit States Newsroom, May 1, 2024.

Interviewed, "Will a New Kentucky Law Safeguard IVF in Wake of Alabama Ruling?" Louisville, Kentucky, Public Radio, April 15, 2024.

Quoted, "Alabama Bill to Protect I.V.F. Would Reopen Clinics but Curb Patient Rights," *The New York Times*, March 6, 2024.

Interviewed, implications of Alabama Supreme Court decision affecting In Vitro

Fertilization on frozen embryos, Cincinnati Edition, WVXU-FM, March 5, 2024.

Quoted, *Los Angeles Times* commentary by columnist Robin Abcarian on Alabama Supreme Court ruling on in vitro fertilization, March 3, 2024.

Quoted, on Alabama Supreme Court ruling on in vitro fertilization, The Keystone, Pennsylvania online newsletter, February 27, 2024.

Interviewed, "What the Alabama IVF Ruling Means for Parents Going Through IVF," NPR Weekend Edition Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Quoted, "Embryo Loss is Integral to IVF. Alabama's Ruling Equating Embryos with Children Jeopardizes its Practice," STAT News, online health and medicine publication, February 22, 2024.

Interviewed, on Supreme Court of Alabama IVF decision that under Alabama law embryos are children, WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), February 21, 2024.

## PROFESSIONAL

Appointed, Kentucky Bar Association Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, 2023.

## COLLEGE

Welcome, *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, "Restorative Justice: Examining Community, Criminal and Environmental Themes," March 22, 2024.



# Faculty Scholarship & Activities



**Sharlene Graham**  
*Professor of Law*

## PRESENTATION

Panel moderator, "SBA DEI Symposium: Chasing Diversity in the Law," Salmon P. Chase College of Law, January 28, 2025.



**Amy Halbrook**  
*Associate Dean and Professor of Law*

## PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, "Restorative Justice: Examining Community, Criminal and Environmental Themes," March 22, 2024.

Speaker, "Restorative Justice: Rebuilding Relationships and Communities," Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency 64th annual conference, 2024.

Panelist, "Child Protective Services in the United States and Tajikistan: Relevance, Laws, Agencies and Programs," a webinar of the World Affairs Council, 2024.

## EDUCATION

Taught two-part training program on interviewing for students in the University of Cincinnati College of Law Jones Center on Race, Gender and Social Justice, 2024.

## PROFESSIONAL

Facilitator, "Theory and Techniques for the Advocate and Mediator," Northern Kentucky University Alternative Dispute Resolution Center three-week, online program, 2024.

Trainer, Hamilton County (Ohio) Public Defender training on opening statements and closing arguments, 2024.

Faculty, five-day American Bar Association Custody Litigation Institute, 2024.

Lead trainer in 20-hour family mediation training for Warren County, Kentucky, prosecutors and other lawyers, through Northern Kentucky University Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2024.

Lead trainer, Theory and Techniques for the Advocate and Mediator, Northern Kentucky University Alternative Dispute Resolution Center 40-hour virtual training, 2023.

## COMMUNITY

Helped coordinate and convene Restorative Practices Think Tank as board chair of Community and Restorative Justice-Covington, March 23, 2024.

Helped coordinate session for parents and youth on navigating juvenile justice system, Community Happens Here, Cincinnati, March 14, 2024.



**Jack Harrison**  
*David and Nancy Wolf Chair Professor of Law*

## PUBLICATIONS

*Keep the Home Fires Burning: The Enduring Embers of Pennsylvania Fire*, Texas A&M Law Review, 12 TEX. A&M L. REV. 645 (2025).

*The Supreme Court has its First Code of Ethics. Is it Enough?*, Cincinnati Bar Association Report, January-February 2024.

*Is a Green Tie Enough? – Truth and Lies in The Courtroom*, 75 OKLA. L. REV. 687 (2023).

## PRESENTATIONS

Organizer and co-moderator, "Voices on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues," Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, San Francisco, January, 2025.

Conversation with University of California, Berkeley Law School Dean Erwin Chemerinsky on his book *No Democracy Lasts Forever: How the Constitution Threatens the United States*, David and Nancy Wolf Program in Ethics and Professional Identity lecture, Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center, Cincinnati Museum Center, September 19, 2024.

Panelist, "This is Where We Are," Morelli Colloquium: LGBTQ Plus the Law, University

of Cincinnati College of Law, April 12, 2024.

"Supreme Court Overview and Emerging Trends in LGBTQ+ Law," Cincinnati Bar Association continuing legal education, October 11, 2023.

## PROFESSIONAL

Organizer and participant, Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference; involved as co-chair of Aspiring Law Professors Committee in planning six different workshops and participated as panelist or reviewer, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 21-27, 2024.

Award, Cincinnati Bar Association Gerhardstein and Branch LGBTQ+ Legal Advocacy Award, October 11, 2023.

## UNIVERSITY

Presenter, Northern Kentucky University children's career day program, Lawyer for a Day, July 16, 2024.



**Dennis Honabach**  
*Professor of Law*

## COLLEGE

Selected, Class of 2024 Professor of the Year.



**Kenneth Katkin**  
*Professor of Law*

## PRESENTATIONS

Discussant, "Big Tech, Government and Free Speech," Chase student chapter Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, September 16, 2024.

"Electoral College: History and Current Controversies," University of Cincinnati Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, May 10, 2024.

## MEDIA

Interviewed, "Is it Legal for a NKY Mayor to Pick His Own Legislative Body?," WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), February 5, 2025.

Interviewed, "Ex-Councilman Sittenfeld Still has \$928K to Campaign if Convictions Overturned," WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), January 24, 2025.

Interviewed, "As TikTok Goes Dark, Cincinnati Businesses Relying on Platform Worry About Future," WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), January 19, 2025.

Interviewed, "Kentuckians React to Looming TikTok Ban," Spectrum News, January 17, 2025.

Interviewed, "Why You are Seeing Political Ads on TV that Contain Statements that are Not True," WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), October 15, 2024.

Interviewed, "Early Voting Begins Tuesday

in Ohio, Indiana as Concerns Grow Over Voter Roll Purge,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), October 8, 2024.

Interviewed, “Law Professor Speaks on Letcher County Sheriff’s Possible Fate if Sentenced to Death,” WDKY (Channel 56, Lexington, Kentucky), September 25, 2024.

Interviewed, “Ohio Limits Use of Ballot Drop Boxes Ahead of November Election,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), September 9, 2024.

Interviewed, “Driver Accused of being Under the Influence and Killing 3 on I-275 Withdraws Guilty Plea,” WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), August 28, 2024.

Quoted, “How Cincinnati Became a Sundance Film Festival Finalist City,” *Cincinnati Magazine*, July 30, 2024.

Interviewed, “NKY Man in Court for Using App to Allegedly Meet a Minor for Sex,” WXIX (Channel 19, Cincinnati), June 26, 2024.

Quoted, “P.G. Sittenfeld ’07 Has Reached a Verdict,” *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, June 20, 2024.

Interviewed, “Pro-Palestinian Protesters Arrested at Xavier University Won’t Face Indictment,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), May 13, 2024.

Panelist, “Advocates Say Kentucky’s Ban on Street Camping Criminalizes Homelessness,” All Things Considered, National Public Radio, April 29, 2024.

Quoted or interviewed on appeal of criminal

conviction of former Cincinnati City Council Member P.G. Sittenfeld, “Did Jury in P.G. Sittenfeld Case Get It Wrong? Ex-Councilman Hopes Appeals Court Frees Him from Prison,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati) May 9, 2024; “A Close Question: P.G. Sittenfeld Released from Prison as Court Considers His Appeal,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, May 15, and *USA Today*, May 16, 2024; “Former Cincinnati Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld Granted Release from Prison Pending Appeal,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), May 15, 2024; “P.G. Sittenfeld to be Released from Prison While His Appeal Is Pending,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), 2024.

Interviewed, “Greater Cincinnati Creator Could Lose Big Money Over Possible TikTok Ban,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), April 25, 2024.

Interviewed, on New York civil fraud trial of Donald J. Trump, WKRC-AM, Cincinnati, March 29, 2024.

Interviewed, “Kentucky Lawmakers Propose Change to how New U.S. Senators are Chosen,” WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), February 29, 2024.

Interviewed, proposed Kentucky legislation to allow Louisville to enacted higher taxes than other municipalities, WHAS-TV (Channel 11, Louisville), 2024.

Interviewed, “Gun Stolen from Sheriff McGuffey’s Vehicle in 2021 Was Used in Robbery, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office

Says,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), October 11, 2023.

Interviewed, “Federal Judge Sentences Former Council Member P.G. Sittenfeld to 16 Months,” WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), October 10, 2023.

Interviewed, “Ex-Cincinnati Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld Sentenced to 16 Months in Prison,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), October 9, 2023.

Quoted, “Campus Reflects on Controversial Demonstration, Free Speech,” *The Northerner*, October 6, 2023.”

Quoted, “Conflicting Rulings on Cincinnati Gun Laws Expected to be Reviewed by Ohio Supreme Court,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, October 4, 2023.

#### COLLEGE

Presentation, “What’s Happening at the Supreme Court this Term?” Chase Conversations, March 28 and April 4, 2024.

#### EDUCATION

Joined adjunct faculty of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Cincinnati, a nondegree program for older adults, to teach on the Electoral College, beginning May 10, 2024.

#### COMMUNITY

Lecturer, “Post-2024 Election Analysis,” University of Cincinnati Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, January 31, 2025.

Elected, board of trustees, Cincinnati community radio station WAIF-FM, 2024.

Reappointed to Community Board of Advisers of WMMT-FM, the Eastern

Kentucky community radio station of the Appalachian Arts Workshop, 2024.



**Jennifer Kinsley**  
Professor of Law

#### PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, discussion of Hamilton County obscenity trials, Lawyers Club of Cincinnati, January 16, 2025.

Panelist, Northern Kentucky University Black Alumni Council lunch-and-learn on voting rights and participation, October 23, 2024.

“Appellate Criminal Law Update,” Cincinnati Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, September 27, 2024.

“The Psychology of Censorship,” based on her similarly titled law review article in the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*, The Lawyers Club of Cincinnati, August 15, 2024.

Based on her article, *The Myth of Obsolete Obscenity*, 33 *CARDOZO ARTS & ENT. L.J.* 609 (2015), ComstockCon, Initiative for a Representative First Amendment, a conference for legal scholars, historians, journalists and artists to discuss the history and enforcement patterns of the Comstock Act, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 14, 2024.

Panelist, careers in public interest law, University of Cincinnati College of Law, March 7, 2024.

“The Psychology of Censorship,” The Gathering at Northern Hills Unitarian Universalist Community, March 3, 2024.

Moderator, panel of Brazilian and Romanian scholars on use of technology to improve access to justice, Sorbonne University Law School, Paris, France, November 7, 2023.

Panelist, United States, Hungarian and Australian scholars on social media regulation and free speech, Sorbonne University Law School, Paris, France, November 8, 2023.

#### PROFESSIONAL

Elected, Administrative and Presiding Judge, Ohio First District Court of Appeals for Hamilton County, by judges of the six-member court, 2024.

Featured speaker, investiture of Judge Samantha Silverstein, Hamilton County Municipal Court, March 1, 2024.

Judgment received in case litigated while a practicing lawyer prior to election as judge of Ohio Court of Appeals, federal court at Cincinnati, for client that Ohio telecommunications harassment statute is unconstitutional as applied to client’s communications to an elected official, 2024.

Rejoined advisory board of Hamilton County (Ohio) Help Center, which provides



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education, information and limited legal advice to self-represented litigants in civil proceedings in Hamilton County courts, having been a founding member of the board, 2024.

## MEDIA

Quoted, "A Bill to Undo the Comstock Act Is Finally Here. Why Isn't a Full Repeal?" *Rewire News Group*, June 25, 2024.



**Alex Kreit**

*Associate Professor of Law*

## PUBLICATIONS

Casebook, *Criminal Law in Focus*, Second Edition, Aspen Publishing, February 21, 2025.

*Federal Nonenforcement in the Face of State Drug Policy Reforms*, 21 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. 240 (2024).

## PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, "Tightrope: Teaching Criminal Law to First-Year Students in a Polarized Moment," Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, San Francisco, January 8, 2025.

Panelist, "Clearing the Path for Overdose Prevention Centers in the United States," Drug Policy Alliance webinar, December 12, 2024.

"Teaching Criminal Law in an Era of Mass Incarceration," Society of American Law Teachers 2024 Teaching Conference, Boston

University School of Law, September 21, 2024.

Panelist, "Cannabis Law and Scholarship, 2nd Edition," Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference, Fort. Lauderdale, Florida, July 27, 2024.

"Continuing Developments in Marijuana Law," National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys, Chicago, July 12, 2024.

"Marijuana Rescheduling and the Future of the Controlled Substances Act," American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics annual health law professors conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, June 6, 2024.

"Evidentiary Issues and Cannabis Law," *University of Tulsa Law Review* symposium, March 1, 2024.

Panelist, "Hot Topics in Opioids, Bankruptcy and Public Health," Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, January 3, 2024.

"The Controlled Substances Act: Reform or Abolish It?," Drug Policy Alliance Reform Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, October 21, 2023.

## MEDIA

Panelist, "With the Countdown to Recreational Marijuana Sales On, We Answer Your Questions," WYXU-FM (Cincinnati), July 15, 2024.

Cited as background source, "Reclassifying Marijuana Could Make the Drug Federally Legal with a Prescription," WVEX online

(Norfolk, Virginia), April 30, 2024.

Quoted, "Oregon's First-in-the-Nation Drug Decriminalization Law is Facing Pushback Amid the Fentanyl Crisis," *The Associated Press*, November 19, 2023.

## COLLEGE

Moderator, "Community Health and Restorative Practices," *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, "Restorative Justice: Examining Community, Criminal and Environmental Themes," March 22, 2024.

## PROFESSIONAL

Obtained reversal of denial of petition for resentencing as court-appointed counsel for appellant, *People v. Oduno*, California Court of Appeal Fourth Appellate District, October 24, 2024.

## UNIVERSITY

Promoted to Associate Professor of Law, effective 2024-25 academic year.



**Danielle Lewis**

*Director of Center for Excellence in Advocacy*

## PRESENTATIONS

"Legal Ethics and Artificial Intelligence," Bondurant/Bagboy Estate Planning Institute continuing legal education, Lexington, Kentucky, July 24, 2024.

"Ethical Implications of Using AI in the Practice

of Law," Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court continuing legal education, November 14, 2023.

Panelist, "How the Law Influences Pop Culture," University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, October 6, 2023.



**Michael Mannheimer**

*Northern Kentucky University Regents Professor of Law*

## PRESENTATIONS

"The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing," Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy University of Michigan Law School student chapter, Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 20, 2025.

"The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing," Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Michigan State University College of Law student chapter, East Lansing, Michigan, February 19, 2025.

Moderator, "Criminal Procedure Beyond the Casebook," Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, San Francisco, January 10, 2025.

Panelist, "New Perspectives on Fourth Amendment Suspicion," Association of American Law Schools

annual meeting, San Francisco, January 10, 2025.

Presentation, "An Originalist Defense of *Mapp*," Seven-Minute Paper Presentation Panel, Federalist Society annual faculty conference, San Francisco, January 9, 2025.

Book talks, *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*, Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York City, April 1, 2024; New York Law School, New York City, April 2, 2024; The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law, April 3, 2024.

Student group book talks, *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*, University of Cincinnati College of Law, sponsored by student chapters of American Constitution Society, Criminal Law Society and Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, February 19, 2024; Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy University of Wisconsin Law School student chapter, November 7, 2023.

## MEDIA

Quoted, "Geofencing Helps Police Investigate Crime. What is it Telling Them About You?" *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, January 12, 2025.

Quoted, Shoe Leather podcast episode of "After Amadou: The Fall Guy," on a man he had represented on appeal while practicing in New York City in a case involving a police

killing and subsequent alleged false arrest, May 8, 2024.

Interviewed, "What Could the Supreme Court Case on Homelessness Mean for Kentucky's New Street Camping Ban?" Cincinnati Edition, WVXU-FM, May 1, 2024.

Interviewed, "Can Homelessness be Criminalized?" discussing *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson* before the Supreme Court of the United States, in which he filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the city, Studio 2 (WHYY, Philadelphia National Public Radio), April 18, 2024.

#### COLLEGE

Readings from and signing of his book, *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*, and discussion with Professor John Bickers, presented by Chase College of Law on the Northern Kentucky University campus. March 27, 2024.

#### UNIVERSITY

Appointed, Regents Professor by Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents in recognition of his body of work at Chase, June 12, 2024.



**Kelly Meurer**  
Director Academic Support and Bar Preparation

#### PUBLICATION

*Courage in the Classroom: Embracing the New*, Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research newsletter, Fall/Winter 2024.

#### PRESENTATIONS

"Doula's Beware: Preparing for Common Legal Concerns," Doula of North America continuing education webinar, 2025.

On academic support and bar exam preparation to mitigate stereotype threat, Black Law Students Association Southeast Subregion (Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi) Academic Retreat, online October 5, 2024.

#### PROFESSIONAL

Delegate, Association of American Law Schools House of Representatives, annual meeting, San Francisco, January 11, 2025.



**Eric Young**  
Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Law

#### PRESENTATION

Panelist, "What's Next for Print Collections - ABA Interpretation 604-1," Mid-America Association of Law Libraries annual meeting at University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 8, 2024.



**Marcia Ziegler**  
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing

#### PUBLICATIONS

*Using an Informal Tone in Legal Writing: A Strategic Approach*, Kentucky Bar Association *Bench & Bar*, 2025.

*Kentucky Personal Injury*, Matthew Bender, 2024.

*A Lifetime of Advocating in Plain English*, Kentucky Bar Association *Bench & Bar*, September/October 2024.

*We Can and We Should: The Case for Original Research in Legal Academia*, Stetson Law Review Online Forum, April 26, 2024.

*Mental Health Response to 911 Calls: Defunding the Police, Now with All of the Danger and None of the Protection*, 27 U.D.C. L. REV. (2024).

Re-posted, *Mental Health Response to 911 Calls: Defunding the Police, Now with All of the Danger and None of the Protection*, originally in University of the District of Columbia Law Review, in newsletter of Alternative Mobile Services Association, 2024.

*Kentucky Personal Injury Law* (full length treatise), LexisNexis Publications, May, 2024.

*Persuasion in Everyday Legal Writing*, Kentucky Bar Association *Bench & Bar*, March/April, 2024.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chase Conversations, "Curating Your Practice: How to be a Lawyer and be Happy at the Same Time," November 14, 2024.

Co-presenter, "Law School Doesn't Have to Suck: Making the Profession a Better Place to Work through Fostering Professional Identity, Increasing Mental Health, and Interrupting Bias," Legal Writing Institute biennial conference, July 18, 2024.

Forthcoming article, *We Can and We Should: The Case for Original Research in Legal Academia*, at Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, December 2, 2023.

Hosted, "Meeting Their Needs: Global Accessibility in the Classroom," One Day Workshop of the Legal Writing Institute, virtual, December 8, 2023.

Panelist, "How Pop Culture Influences the Law," University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, October 6, 2023.

#### MEDIA

Interviewed, "NKY Man Arrested for Allegedly Planning Violent Plot to Kill Prosecutor and Judge," WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), December 2, 2024, recounting her experience in 2008 in having been shot at in an Indiana courtroom while a deputy prosecutor.

Interviewed, "Florence Woman Living in Her Car with 13 Cats Charged with Dozens of Code Violations," WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), August 15, 2024.

Interviewed on jury verdict in *People of the*

*State of New York v. Donald J. Trump*, WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), May 30, 2024.

#### PROFESSIONAL

Appointed, chair, Legal Writing Institute Committee on Academic Support and Bar Preparation, 2024.

Participant, Association of Legal Writing Directors brief circle, commenting on forthcoming article by two Cornell University professors on social justice in appellate advocacy, 2024.

#### UNIVERSITY

Recognized, Northern Kentucky University Published Authors program for publication of *Kentucky Personal Injury Law*, 2024.

Awarded, Open Educational Resources grant for undergraduate course, Northern Kentucky University, 2024.

Instructor, Northern Kentucky University Summer Work Experience in Law program for undergraduates considering law school, June 7, 2024.

#### EDUCATION

Teacher, Ivy Tech Community College (Indiana) Kids College, summer enrichment program for public school students, June 13-14, 2024.





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