Members of our legal profession frequently serve as leaders in every aspect of our community life. Lawyers are drawn to leadership roles for many of the same reasons that they are drawn to the legal profession itself—a strong sense of service. Beyond the strong sense of service, however, fundamental skills developed in law school and refined in the practice of law—analytical skills, communication skills, and organizational skills—serve to make lawyers uniquely suited for leadership.

During five years as Dean at Chase, I have observed that our students and graduates have distinguished themselves in key leadership roles throughout our profession in a truly noteworthy manner. Let me share a few examples.

During this period, our students have taken the lead in establishing or re-establishing several student organizations within the law school committed to service. Student leadership in starting these organizations is quite noteworthy in itself. In addition, our student leaders have received significant external recognition for their valuable leadership efforts. Our Chase Student Bar Association (SBA) was twice selected by the American Bar Association as the Student Bar Association of the Year for the 12-state Midwest Region, and our SBA president was selected as SBA President of the Year. Last year our Black Law Students Association was selected by the National Black Law Students Association as the most improved chapter in the Southeast Region. In addition, three Chase students have been selected to serve as Lieutenant Governor for the 6th Circuit of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

During this same period, two of the last four presidents of the Kentucky Bar Association have been Chase graduates. During this year alone, Chase graduates are serving as president and president-elect of the Kentucky Bar Association, president of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, and presidents of several county and regional bar associations. A Chase graduate is serving as secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, one of the largest state agencies. In addition, a number of Chase alumni were recently honored for their leadership role within our profession during the June Chase Alumni Awards Banquet. Additional information regarding these alumni leaders is included within this issue of Chase.

The enormous presence of Chase students and graduates within our profession’s leadership ranks is strong testament to our success in two very important areas. The first is success in recruiting to Chase not only people who possess the talent to succeed in law school and to excel in the practice of law, but also the right people for our profession in the sense of people with a commitment to service. The second is success in nurturing the sense of service and leadership during law school.

During this period of dramatically increasing applications for law school, and the resulting increased competition to get into law school, the Chase College of Law continues to review thoroughly every law school application for evidence of a person’s commitment to those values that our law school and our profession consider most important, including a commitment to service. Our law school’s success in head-to-head student competition with other law schools in moot court and trial advocacy; our strong success on the bar exam, including achieving the highest pass rate on the February and July 2004 Kentucky bar examinations; our strong success in placing our graduates with the most selective legal employers in our region, and achieving the second highest placement rate among law schools throughout our three-state region; and our unmatched success producing successful leaders within our profession together represent powerful evidence that our student selection process and our educational program are among the very strongest within our region.

All members of the Chase College of Law community should take great pride in the leadership successes of our law school, our students, and our alumni.
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Path to Leadership
LAJUANA S. WILCHER RECALLS THE DAY SHE LEFT WASHINGTON, D.C.

“I loaded up my 1980 Fiat Spider, my clothes, my cat and headed to D.C. for some adventure. “The plan was to stay for only a year,” she said.

After 21 years and a successful career as an environmental lawyer, the Bowling Green native wanted a life away from the cramped streets and whirlwind verve of the nation’s capital. Last year, Wilcher left the District and returned to western Kentucky to practice law and live on a 108-acre farm that she bought in May 2003.

Her quieter, simpler life was interrupted by a call from Governor Ernie Fletcher who asked her to lead the state’s Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. Inspired by her love of the state and the people of Kentucky, Wilcher said yes and embarked on her latest adventure.

The woman who once worked as a park ranger at Mammoth Cave National Park while she attended Western Kentucky University was now, as Secretary Wilcher, the state’s highest-ranking environmental official.

Wilcher leads a cabinet that is a consolidation of three cabinets that existed before Governor Ernie Fletcher took office. As she said in her address to the Chase class of 2004, she supervises most of the regulatory agencies in the state, including forestry, gas exploration, mining, insurance, horse racing, workplace safety, construction, and boxing.

“As secretary, I am responsible for ensuring that Kentucky has clean water and air, that banks are managed properly, that insurance fraud is investigated, that people aren’t exposed to dangerous fireworks and that people are paid a living wage and work in a safe place,” said Wilcher.

Wilcher also presides over mud wrestling.

“So, I am now the queen of Kentucky mud wrestling,” she said.

Wilcher may tease, but she does not take her task of overseeing many dissimilar agencies lightly.

“This job is about leadership,” she noted. Wilcher’s strategy in her role as secretary is about finding balance.

“I look at what is good for the people of the Commonwealth, consistent with the law and then back my decisions with science and facts,” she said.

She learned how to evaluate issues and make informed choices while at Chase. An important lesson came from Arthur Goldberg, the former chief justice of the United States. In a constitutional law class that he taught for one semester, Goldberg asked Wilcher and her classmates to argue cases that, at the time, were before the Supreme Court. The experience taught Wilcher how to dissect all sides of an issue.

Wilcher’s involvement in Chase’s National Moot Court team taught her that first impressions of issues and situations are not always right and may not lead to the best possible action. The Moot Court also gave Wilcher public speaking experience. After leaving Chase, she was confident that she could, in front of a group, give clear answers to tough questions while keeping her focus on her message.

Wilcher said that the skills she developed at Chase were helpful in her professional career. But when she arrived in Washington, D.C., she stepped into an environment in which people cared where an aspiring lawyer’s diploma came from.

“It mattered whether you went to Harvard, or Yale, or the University of Virginia, or Chase,” said Wilcher.

The often oppressive political and social atmosphere of Washington, D.C. could have intimidated Wilcher, but after six months of hard work inside the Beltway she said that going to Chase didn’t matter to the people who mattered to her.
Wilcher’s experience also taught her that the best lawyers are not always pedigreed. The best lawyers are prepared, she said.

Within the same six months, Wilcher received a job as a special assistant to the general counsel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“(It) was the greatest job an aspiring environmental lawyer could ever hope to have, a job where you can get involved in everything and be responsible for nothing,” she remembered.

Wilcher was later nominated by President George H. W. Bush to be an assistant administrator for water at the EPA. In this role, Wilcher’s skills proved most valuable.

“I learned that issues of broad public policy were almost always shades of gray. I learned that complex problems rarely have simple solutions,” said Wilcher.

These are lessons that Wilcher brings to her job as secretary. She has learned that government is a delicate mix of policy, people and politics. And, paraphrasing Abraham Lincoln, she feels that government should do for people what they cannot do for themselves.

“The role of government is to help the people and economy of the state in a reasonable, fair and balanced way that does not become unduly burdensome,” said Wilcher.

Being a lawyer has given Wilcher opportunities that she might not have had otherwise. While at the EPA, she was responsible for the agency’s wetlands program, managed its negotiations in the $1.1 billion Exxon Valdez oil spill settlement and led U.S. delegations to international water conferences and events.

After a successful career with the federal government, Wilcher was a partner in the Washington, D.C. offices of the firms of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP and Winston and Strawn.

But despite her world travel, her experiences in Washington, D.C. and her professional relationships with potential leaders, Kentucky was calling her back.

“Twenty-one years ago I left Kentucky to do a type of work in Washington, D.C. that I could not do here, but this was always home”, said Wilcher.

Her straw park ranger hat hangs in a prominent place in her Frankfort office to remind her of where she came from, where her career has taken her and how walking in the woods is sometimes the best way to find an anchor in a tumultuous world.

At some point, Wilcher will go back to her farm full-time and leave her work in Frankfort knowing that she played a role in shaping Kentucky’s history and its environmental future. Perhaps she will stay and raise her new favorite animals -- spotted mules and spotted donkeys. But perhaps, just perhaps she will get another call, one that will lead her to her next big adventure.
CHASE ALUMNI SWORN IN BEFORE U.S. SUPREME COURT

It was a cool brisk morning in April that the 25 alumni and their families marched from The Hotel George to the Supreme Court of the United States. As we approached the Supreme Court building, an alumnus stopped briefly to admire the brilliance of the American flag flying high against the clear blue sky, finally knowing the significance of this first annual trip. The weekend’s events, both organized and not, were all planned around this day. The day that 25 Chase alumni, along with their sponsors Dean St. Amand and Sara Sidebottom, NKU’s Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel and a 1978 Chase graduate, would appear before the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States asking for admittance.

On April 4, 2004, Chase alumni began gathering in the foyer of The Hotel George in Washington, D.C. Alumni from the classes of 1974 to 1999 joined together to become the first group from Chase to make this trip to the Supreme Court. Their first group event would be a dinner reception hosted by Chase alumnus and Washington, D.C. resident, J. Bernard “Bernie” Robinson ’78. Although Bernie was not a member of the group to be sworn in, he welcomed the opportunity to host his fellow alumni in his home nestled in the historic area of Washington, D.C. Shuttles took us from our hotel to Bernie’s, where, as our group’s class years spread across several decades, graduates began introducing themselves to each other, swapping stories of their own personal experiences at Chase. Having had the opportunity to meet one another, the group was then welcomed by the Dean who also introduced our distinguished guests for the evening: Bill Suter, Supreme Court of the United States clerk. Bill and his wife, Jeannie, joined us along with James Morhard, staff director of the United States Senate and a member of the Appropriations Committee on Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, and Bill Sanders, Director of Workforce Innovations, United States Department of Labor. The Dean then presented Bernie with a gift as a token of our appreciation of his willingness to open his home to his fellow alumni. Bernie, Bill and Jeannie then joined the group for dinner back at the hotel.

It was on the ride back to The Hotel George when I realized the meaningful bond that is shared by Chase alumni. The shuttle I was riding was shared by classmates and friends Bernie and Sara and one of their former professors, Professor Caryl Yzenbaard. Both Bernie and Sara had been students of Professor Yzenbaard her first year at Chase. Bernie stood at the front of the bus sharing stories of their antics, memories, and dear fondness for Professor Yzenbaard. Others on our bus then began sharing their own experiences with Professor Yzenbaard, reminding all of us that it is not just a degree they all share, but it is a life-long experience and journey through the Law School that unites them.

Having reached the hotel, we all de-boarded and made our way downstairs to dinner, ready for us with much appreciation of The Hotel George. Graduates were given mementoes of the trip, an engraved picture frame, and were honored to have Bill share with us some of his experiences with the Supreme Court. He shared stories, answered questions, and gave us a preview of the morning to follow. He told us of the Justices we may have the opportunity to meet and he reminded the group that they were not only tied by the law school they attended, they were also members of a family, the legal community, without which this country would not continue to thrive. They were members of a special group that was vital to this nation’s sustaining of greatness. The Dean then closed the evening telling the graduates that the next day they would become members of another special group, those who would be admitted to practice before the Supreme Court, the highest
court of this country; something that is an honor, a privilege and a challenge.

The next morning our group gathered in the lobby to walk together over to the Supreme Court building. While we were on schedule, we walked briskly to fight off the chill of an unseasonably cold April morning. Despite the beautiful blooming cherry blossoms lining the streets of D.C., winter had obviously not yet released the city. The graduates shivered and huddled together outside of the Supreme Court as the warmth of their bodies began seeping into the marble of the building’s steps below them.

Having cleared security, giving up cameras, coats and purses for inspection, we were taken into the East Conference Room, a room chosen for us because of its painting of former Justice Salmon P. Chase adorning the wall. Graduates were then taken into the Courtroom, along with their sponsors, the Dean and Sara. Family and friends were then taken separately, through another security screening, into the Courtroom, where we were seated among other guests waiting to see their friends and family members admitted.

The silence of the room was broken as the Dean stood before the Justices asking that our graduates be admitted to practice before the High Court. As their names were called one by one our graduates stood proudly before the Court, nervous, anxious, and in awe of the fact that they were standing before such a highly esteemed group representing such a highly respected court. The graduates began to realize the exact nature of the trip: they were standing in the room where decisions that not only affected a small group but affected the entire nation as a whole were passed down and made by the honored people before them.

Having been admitted, we were all taken back to our room for a short reception and photo opportunity. We were then joined again by our friend Bill Suter who brought with him his special guest Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, Justice since his appointment in 1988. Justice Kennedy welcomed the group to the Supreme Court and Washington and then shared stories of Justice Chase. The group gathered around Justice Kennedy, feeling honored and privileged to be hearing those stories from him. He then stayed for photos and thanked the group for making the trip before leaving to return to his office. With the room a-buzz over the guest with whom we were honored, the large wooden doors to the room again parted leaving just enough space for the petite Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Justice since her appointment in 1993. A complete surprise, Justice Ginsburg meekly entered the room asking if she could join us for breakfast before returning to her office. She then told the group about her work with Random House to publish the memoirs of Malvina Harlan, wife of a former Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan. Despite her small, fragile appearance, it was clear that her persistence and strength with just one company were just samples of the qualities that brought her to her position.

She stayed for a moment for photos and then quietly left as quietly as she entered, leaving a room filled with excitement behind her.

Sitting before the Supreme Court, meeting two of its Justices, and having the opportunity to be photographed with them completed an incredible experience and weekend. It was a special weekend for all and one we will never forget. A special “thank you” is in order to our Washington, D.C. alumni: Bernie Robinson, Janet Oliver, Mac Riley and Maria Longi for their hard work in organizing the reception in Bernie’s home, The Hotel George for their wonderful hospitality, and to the Admissions Office at the Supreme Court for their help and guidance in organizing our group’s admission.

Alumni interested in joining the next group to be sworn-in before the Supreme Court should contact the Chase Advancement Office at (859) 572-6467 or bakerj5@nku.edu
A CHANCE TO REUNITE AND REMINISCe...

They came from near and far to “come together again” and attend Chase’s reunion weekend in early June that saw record attendance at the first all-day CLE program for the law school, a golf outing at Fox Run with 15 foursomes, and an awards banquet held at Coconut Grove on Saturday evening. All in all, 165 alumni participated with Satya Asija (Pal) ’74 from Connecticut and Ray Scroggins ’54 from Atlanta logging the most miles to get here.

Nancy Perry ’73 (NKU), Chase’s director of advancement, and Meredith Ludwig ’04 (NKU), development and alumni coordinator, planned the weekend along with seven members of the alumni board, including Paul Allen ’92, Bernie McKay ’94, Paige Ellerman ’99, Ralph Ginocchio ’77, Massimino Ionna ’99, Steve Schuh ’78, and Rene Heinrich ’00.

Seven Chase alumni were honored at the awards celebration.

WILLIAM W. ROBERTS

William W. Roberts ’99 was the recipient of the Recent Outstanding Alumnus Award. A founding partner of Johnson & Roberts, PLLC, he became managing partner of what is now Roberts & Associates, PLLC, a personal injury and civil litigation firm. Roberts has received numerous certificates recognizing his pro bono work from agencies such as the Kentucky Bar Association, Senator Walter Blevins, and Representative Rocky Adkins. He was promoted to Kentucky Admiral by Governor Paul E. Patton for his work for the Rowan County Veterans Foundation, Inc. In 2000 his firm, Roberts & Quesinberry, PLLC, was awarded the Firm of the Year award by the Northeast Legal Services Pro Bono Project for the firm’s donation of pro bono work and commitment to low-income families in need in Morehead and surrounding areas.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Kentucky Bar Association, and the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys, of which he is a past Board of Governor’s member. He also holds membership in the Rowan County Bar Association and the Morehead Lions Club, and is a member and past president of the Morehead Shrine Club.

ERNEST KARAM

A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Ernest Karam ’47, the most senior member of Chase’s alumni family. A youthful and vital 95-year-old, Karam is neither retired nor retiring.

This World War II veteran, who served as a naval line officer, spent 41 years working for Scripps-Howard. Upon his retirement from that company, where he spent the last 16 years as circulation director, he embarked on a new career. He has worked for the past 27 years with the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Division of Domestic Relations as chief magistrate.

Karam has established a foundation at Chase from which a Black’s Deluxe Law Dictionary is awarded yearly to a number of first-year students to motivate academic excellence, and he also makes annual financial contributions in addition to funding the book awards.
Karam contributes to similar foundations at other area universities and is a supporter of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, the Fine Arts Fund, Indian Hill-Madeira Fire Company, United Appeal, and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Earlier this year, Karam was honored as a recipient of a 2003 Distinguished Service Award by the NKU Alumni Association at its annual awards banquet in January in recognition of his support of Chase College of Law.

On the occasion of his 90th birthday, Cincinnati Mayor Roxanne Qualls proclaimed April 2, 1999 as “Ernest Karam Day” in recognition of his then 25 years of service in the Hamilton County Court System, his many years of work at The Cincinnati Post, and his financial support for educational and civic causes.

He was named honorary chair of the Chase College of Law Alumni Association Annual Golf Outing in June 2003 and is a member of the Dean’s Circle at Chase and the NKU President’s Society.

His son, Greg, is a 1982 graduate of Chase.

Dan Meyer ’67, president of Columbia Realty Group, also was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. He came to law school with the intention of practicing law when he graduated, but his boss at his day job had other ideas. Charlie Fletcher, C.C. Fletcher Mortgage Company, offered Meyer an equitable interest in the company if he would stay instead of leaving to practice law. A long-term career in mortgage banking and real estate followed, with some legal work on the side, but Meyer readily adds that “I could not have accomplished all that I have without Chase’s night program.”

“Chase gave me opportunities and exposure that I never would have had,” he acknowledges, including contacts in the business and legal world and the legal knowledge that rounded out his business experience.

“I’ve benefited so much as a result of that education,” Meyer says, and Chase has likewise benefited from the generosity of a half-million dollar pledge he made as honorary chair of Shaping Dreams: The Campaign for Chase College of Law.

The Honorable Jack Sherman ’69 also was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. He is United States magistrate judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, a position to which he was appointed in 1989.

After graduating from Chase, he served as an assistant attorney general for the state of Ohio from 1970 to 1971. For the next two years, he served as director of the Model Cities Law Office, a public defender office. A former Chase faculty member, he taught constitutional and criminal law from 1974 until 1981. At that point, he was appointed to the Hamilton County Municipal Court. In 1983, he was elected to that court and in 1987 was appointed to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, where he served for two years.

Judge Sherman is a member of the American Bar Association and the National Bar Association, a past president of the Cincinnati Bar Association, and a member of the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati. He is also a past president of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the Murray and Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation and is a current member of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Board of Trustees.
One of three Chase Gold Medallion Awards was given to William H. Hawkins II ’78. Hawkins is senior vice-president, general counsel, and corporate secretary for Convergys Corporation, where he is responsible for the overall legal affairs of the company, including protection and enforcement of the company’s rights, compliance with the law on a company-wide basis, and corporate governance matters.

Prior to his current position, Hawkins was a partner in the litigation department at Frost & Jacobs law firm. He handled product liability, health care, and employment matters and also served as chair of the executive committee.

A member of the Ohio, Kentucky, and Cincinnati bar associations, the American Society of Corporate Secretaries, and the American Corporate Counsel Association, he is admitted to practice before all courts in Ohio and Kentucky, the United States Supreme Court, United States district courts, the Southern District of Ohio, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

His civic activities include being a board member of Downtown Cincinnati, Inc., chair of the East Area Service Development Board for Mercy Health System, and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

R. Fred Capps ’82 was recognized posthumously with a Chase Gold Medallion Award for the heroic way in which he lost his life defending his home and family from an intruder who was to be prosecuted that morning in the Cumberland Circuit Court. Despite his severe injuries, Capps was able to return fire fatally wounding the intruder.

The Honorable Ed Whitfield of the Kentucky House of Representatives said Fred was an “honest and hard-working prosecutor who brought honor to America’s criminal justice system.”

As a prosecutor for Adair, Casey, Cumberland and Monroe counties, Capps was devoted to the justice system and finding justice for innocent victims. In July of 2000, he was awarded the Governor’s Outstanding Kentuckian Award. He also was a volunteer and coach for the Burkesville Little League.

His wife, Cathie, also a member of Chase’s class of 1982, accepted the award. The Capps have two children, John and Lydia.
Gary D. Cohen ’78 also received a Chase Gold Medallion. Cohen is executive vice president, general counsel and secretary for Finish Line, Inc., where he is responsible for all real estate, legal and employee matter for its more than 515 stores across the country. He manages legal/lease administration, corporate governance and compliance, and human resource and payroll departments.

Before joining Finish Line, Inc., he was a senior partner in the Indianapolis law firm of Cohen and Morelock, where his practice concentrated in the areas of commercial collection, corporate law, mediation, and real estate law. He maintains his “of counsel” status with the firm Brand Davis Elsea & Morelock.

Cohen is a member of the International Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and treasurer of the Indiana Chapter of ACC. He is also a member of the National Retail Tenants Association, the International Council of Shopping Centers, the American Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association and is the secretary of the Finish Line Youth Foundation board of directors. He serves on the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Indianapolis, the Indiana Repertory Theatre, and the Indianapolis 500 Festival.
CHASE WELCOMES NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

JENNIFER ANGLIM KREDER

Professor Kreder is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center and comes to Chase after having taught at Stetson University College of Law, including in its study abroad program in Estonia. From 1999-2002, Professor Kreder was a litigation associate with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP in New York, concentrating on Holocaust era inter-governmental negotiation and litigation issues, art disputes and white collar criminal investigations. Professor Kreder was also awarded a Milbank Pro Bono award for her work on behalf of Catholic nuns and others tortured and murdered during the Salvadoran civil war. Previously, Professor Kreder clerked for The Honorable Barefoot Sanders, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. She received her Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in political science from the University of Florida and studied at Karl Marx University of Leipzig, Germany, as well as in Austria, Mexico and Costa Rica. She has published in the Harvard International Law Journal, Virginia Environmental Law Journal, Law and Policy in International Business and through the European Community Studies Association. Her next article concerning seizure of artwork is to appear in the Vanderbilt Transnational Law Journal after she speaks at a conference at Vanderbilt concerning international art and cultural property issues in February 2005.

MICHAEL J.Z. MANNHEIMER

Mike Mannheimer received his J.D. in 1994 from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar all three years and served as writing and research editor of the Columbia Law Review. After a brief stint as a staff attorney with the Criminal Appeals Bureau of the Legal Aid Society in New York City, he clerked for The Honorable Sidney H. Stein of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and then for The Honorable Robert E. Cowen of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

From 1997 to 1999, he worked as a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City, where he spent much of his time representing a medical device manufacturer in several putative class actions raising product liability claims. He also practiced general commercial litigation and arbitration encompassing such diverse areas as antitrust, breach of contract, business torts, employment discrimination, ERISA, false advertising, and civil RICO. He also assisted the late Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. with his testimony before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee with regard to the proposed Articles of Impeachment against then-President Clinton in 1998, on the issue of whether the commission of perjury in all instances constitutes a “high crime and misdemeanor” within the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.

For the past five years, Professor Mannheimer served as Appellate Counsel and then Senior Appellate Counsel at the Center for Appellate Litigation in New York City, where he represented indigent criminal defendants on appeal from their convictions and in related collateral proceedings. He has briefed and/or argued over 40 appeals in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, the New York Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He has represented clients at every level of the state and federal judiciaries, from handling sentencing proceedings, motions, and hearings in the New York trial courts to filing a petition for a writ of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Mannheimer has published articles on coerced confessions, and the Establishment and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment. His current research interests include the Self-Incrimination Clause, racial discrimination during jury selection, and the federal death penalty. His primary teaching areas will be criminal law and criminal procedure.

CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW WELCOMES 2004 ENTERING CLASS

Chase welcomed 228 members of the 2004 entering class this August. One-hundred and eight of the students are in the full-time program and 120 are in the part-time program. The average LSAT score for the entering class was 153 and the average undergraduate GPA was 3.21. The average age of the entering class is 27, with the average age of the full-time students being 24, and the average age of part-time students being 30.

Ninety members of the class are women and 138 are men. Fifteen of the entering students are minorities. One-hundred thirty-one of the students are Kentucky residents. Seventy-nine students are Ohio residents. Students also hail from Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia.

Political science is the most common undergraduate major represented among the members of the entering class, with finance and psychology second and third, respectively. Eighty undergraduate institutions are represented by members of the class, while 32 members of the class hold advanced degrees.
BAR NONE
Chase Graduates Rank Number One on February and July 2004 Kentucky Bar Exams

Salmon P. Chase College of Law graduates had the highest pass rate among all Kentucky law schools on both the February and July 2004 Kentucky bar exams. Chase graduates had the highest pass rate for first-time takers and the highest overall pass rate on both exams.

On the July exam, Chase first-time takers had an 85 percent pass rate, compared to an 83 percent pass rate for the University of Kentucky and a 75 percent pass rate for the University of Louisville. The overall pass rate for Chase graduates was 85 percent, compared to a state-wide average of 74 percent.

On the February 2004 exam, Chase first-time takers had a 95 percent pass rate, compared with 90 percent for the University of Kentucky and 83 percent for the University of Louisville. The overall pass rate for Chase graduates was 87 percent, compared to a state average of 73 percent.

“Our enormous success on the February and July 2004 Kentucky bar exams is consistent with many other indicators that validate the extremely high quality of Chase students and the Chase educational program,” said Chase Dean Gerard St. Amand. “This achievement represents a multi-year trend of consistent and increasing success on the Kentucky bar exam.”

“Our bar success mirrors our success in regional and national competitions with other law schools, the strong employment success of our graduates with the most selective legal employers, and the strong leadership presence of Chase graduates throughout the legal and business communities in Kentucky and in 45 states, the District of Columbia and a few foreign countries,” Dean St. Amand noted. “We are extremely proud of our students, our graduates, and our law school.”

There were approximately 20 teams in this competition. The law schools included University of Kentucky, Ohio State University, Akron, Capital, Dayton, Thomas Cooley, Ohio Northern, Michigan State, West Virginia and Chase. Coached by adjunct Jay Vaughn, a former member of the National Trial Team and attorney with Busald, Funk, & Zevely, this was Chase’s first appearance at an NTC tournament.

After preliminary rounds, the field is cut down to the Top 8 teams - Chase had a team in the Top 8. The team was informed how rare it was for a first-time entry school to finish in the Top 8. Chase then lost to eventual tournament winner and national champion, Akron. The Chase students who participated were Melody Bennett, Chrissy Dunn, Amy Pugh, Stephanie White and Nick Zingarelli. The team of Melody Bennett, Amy Pugh and Stephanie White finished in the Top 8.

The feedback the teams received was extremely encouraging and the compliments reflected the hard work this team put in the entire semester. Of the Top 8 teams, Akron had two teams, University of Kentucky had two teams and Capital had one team - all three of these schools have been NTC Regional Champions. Ohio State, another former regional champion, failed to qualify in the Top 8. Vaughn noted, “Chase’s success at this competition, when considering the national caliber of teams participating, shows the quality and skill of Chase’s trial team members. I was proud to be the coach of these fine law students and future trial lawyers. Chase’s Trial Team and its members will continue to excel and be assets to this legal community with the commitment and support of Chase Law School, Dean St. Amand, Kathleen Hughes and all the local attorneys who donate their time to help each trial student better.”

The National Trial Team began its fifth year of competition with the intra-school team selection competition on September 11, 2004.
Adam Todd, assistant professor of legal writing and director of Academic Support at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar award to lecture in the field of comparative law and American legal methods at Palacky University in the town of Olomouc in the Czech Republic during the 2004-2005 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Professor Todd will draw on his expertise in comparative law and legal writing to teach Czech students about the American legal system and focus his teaching and research on comparing the discursive conventions found in the civil law and common law legal systems. Palacky University, where he will be teaching, was established in 1573 and is the second oldest university in the Czech Republic.

Professor Todd is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 140 countries for the 2004-2005 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program’s purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

The Fulbright Program, America’s flagship international educational exchange activity, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Over its 57 years of existence, thousands of U.S. faculty and professionals have studied, taught or done research abroad, and thousands of their counterparts from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the U.S. They are among more than 250,000 American and foreign university students, K-12 teachers, and university faculty and professionals who have participated in one of the several Fulbright exchange programs.

Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields. Among thousands of prominent Fulbright Scholar alumni are Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize-winning economist; Alan Lesher, CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Rita Dove, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet; and Craig Barrett, CEO of Intel Corporation.


The team competed in Chicago and advanced to the semi-final round.

The moot court problem was an extremely difficult one, combining both complex trade dress and patent issues. Michael and Tim’s hard work is even more evident, and the team’s performance is even more remarkable, in light of the fact that neither Michael nor Tim had taken an intellectual property class prior to the competition.

Laura Ward and Emily Janoski competed in the Dominick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition at Albany Law School in Albany, NY. The pair scored fifth out of 28 teams, and their brief came in seventh overall. Laura and Emily made it to the quarterfinal round where they were defeated by Brooklyn Law School. On the way to the quarterfinal round the team defeated various schools including Seton Hall University School of Law, Ave Maria School of Law, Brigham Young University- J. Reuben Clark Law School, Loyola University School of Law -Chicago, John Marshall Law School, St. John’s University School of Law, Villanova University School of Law, and Widener University School of Law. The team was coached by 2004 Chase graduate, Melissa Lang.
CHASE WOMEN’S GROUP REGAINS STEAM AS STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The Women’s Law Caucus (WLC) is growing fast and hopes to pick up even more momentum. The group was founded “to protect and advance the progress of women in law, at work, in school and in virtually every aspect of their lives.” The WLC seeks to build opportunities for women in the legal profession by networking with members of the legal community and by promoting the advancement of women. The WLC also seeks to inform the law school community about social and legal issues of concern to women.

The organization plans to sponsor numerous smaller events in order to bring the student body together. I “CAN” Pass (canned food drive) is administered by the WLC. Students bring non-perishable food items in return for getting a “pass” from the rigors of the Socratic method that day. For one week each November, for the price of one food item, the student may pass her or his turn when called upon during class. Food items are then collected and distributed to a local charity.

The Second Annual Spring Symposium, held in March, consists of diverse women attorneys sharing their experiences as women practicing law, their reflections on changes that have occurred over the last two decades, and their hope for the future. This event was regarded a great success by students, faculty, and the legal community, and plans call for making it even bigger and better in 2005.

WLC is in search of information on the first woman to have graduated from Chase so that the Second Annual Spring Symposium can be named in her honor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE WLC WEBSITE AT: HTTP://WWW.NKU.EDU/~CHASE/WLC/ OR CONTACT WLC PRESIDENT BRANDI D. HAGAN AT: HAGANB@NKU.EDU.
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KBA TOP POSTS BELONG TO CHASE GRADS

R. Kent Westberry ’80 was sworn in as president of the Kentucky Bar Association (KBA) for 2004-05. David B. Sloan ’76 of O’Hara, Ruberg, Taylor, Sloan & Sergent, is currently serving as president-elect.

Born in Marion, Kentucky, Westberry has been active with the KBA, serving as president-elect for 2003-04 and he has been a member of its Board of Governors from 1992-2000. He follows in the footsteps of his late father, B.M Westberry, who served as KBA president from 1978-79, and was also a member of the Chase Law School Board of Visitors.

A graduate of St. Andrews – Sewanee School High School, he received his A.B. in government from Centre College in 1977, and earned his J.D. from Chase in 1980.

Westberry is an attorney with the firm of Landrum & Shouse, LLP, practicing in the areas of white collar criminal defense, business litigations, professional malpractice litigation (insurance defense), and trial practice.

He was Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Kentucky, from 1981-87, and prior to that was in practice with his father’s firm, Westberry and Roberts in Marion.

Married to Leslie, he and his wife are the parents of two children, Andrew Kent, 14, and Katherine Elizabeth, 13.

An adjunct professor of law at the University of Louisville (Brandeis) College of Law, Westberry said he “recently had the privilege of addressing the first-year law class at Chase Law School. Chase is a wonderful school which continues to prepare its students for the actual practice of law.”

CHASE ALUMNUS SUCCcedes ANOTHER AS CBA PRESIDENT

John W. McNally, Jr. ’74 took over the reins as the 112th president of the Cincinnati Bar Association (CBA) from fellow Chase alumnus Robert J. Gehring ’80.

A Price Hill native, McNally graduated from Elder High School and earned his B.S. from the University of Cincinnati. A member of the Cincinnati Police Department for 13 years, he began attending Chase’s night program when it was still located in the YMCA building downtown. At that time he was the liaison between the police department and the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office.

He served as an assistant county prosecutor before joining the law firm of Jacobs Kleinman Martin & Seibel (which became Jacobs Kleinman Seibel and McNally in 1978). He has been involved in general practice there for 30 years, including domestic relations, DUI, and personal injury work.

He and his wife, Sharron, live in Okeana on five acres with a barn, pond, and pool. They are the parents of four children – John, Kelli, Tim, and Candace – and the grandparents of 12.

McNally has served as a member of the CBA Board of Trustees since 1998; was one of the first presidents (now called chairs) of Young Lawyers Section; chair of the former Criminal Law Committee; past member of the Grievance Committee, Ethics Committee, Professionalism Committee and Judicial Rating Committee; past member of Bankruptcy Committee and Fee Arbitration Committee; current member of Municipal Court Committee and Administration and Finance Committee (formerly Budget Committee).

An avid football fan, McNally is a 17-year member of the Ohio Valley Officials Association.
Jeffrey Rosenstiel ’96 performs in the courtroom as a senior associate at Frost Brown Todd’s Cincinnati office, a job that has been keeping him busy since his admittance to practice in 1996. However, he finds himself at home performing on stage, as well. Rosenstiel recently took on the role of Stewpot in the St. Catherine Players production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, *South Pacific*. This was not his first dramatic undertaking. He has performed as Buckley Dunston in *Father of the Bride* and Slim in *Oklahoma*. Rosenstiel has participated in plays and musicals since high school and continued through college. He also has produced and directed with various theatre productions. He volunteered to direct Arthur Miller’s play, a play using the Salem witch trials to illustrate the concepts of “McCarthyism.” He also has donated his time to the St. Catherine CCD PTO and serves as a board member to the Girl Scout Council of Licking Valley, Inc. and the Ft. Thomas Planning Commission. He also coaches his son, Sam, in various sporting activities.

Rosenstiel has performed for the Kentucky State Police, as well, as part of a training program that allows cadets to participate in workshops with improvisational scenes relating to areas of domestic disputes and turmoil, allowing them the opportunity to experience what may occur if an officer fails to pick up on verbal and visual cues of a situation. He has played an angry father in an escalating dispute with his daughter’s boyfriend and a person who exhibited signs of depression and suicidal thoughts.

He and his wife, Carolyn, live with their sons, Sam, age 7, and Benjamin, age 4, in Ft. Thomas.
GOVERNOR FLETCHER APPOINTS TWO CHASE GRADS TO UNIVERSITY BOARDS

Two Chase College of Law alumni were recently appointed to positions on state university boards by Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher.

Denise H. McClelland ’83 was appointed to the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky University. McClelland, who lives in Lexington, is an attorney with Frost, Brown, Todd, LLC, focusing on commercial litigation. She is a member of the Chase College of Law Board of Visitors. She is president and chairwoman of the board of the Lexington Philharmonic Society, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Midway College.

While at Chase, she served as associate editor of the Northern Kentucky Law Review.

Alan C. Stout ’81 was appointed to the Board of Regents of Murray State University. He lives in Marion and is a bankruptcy trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky. Stout is the immediate past president of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, and is the chairman of the Western Kentucky Industrial Foundation. He is president-elect of the Murray State University Alumni Association.

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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

What an exciting year it has been for the Law School Alumni Association. Not only have we added two new programs, we have increased attendance at nearly every event sponsored by the alumni association. This year’s Welcome Reception for Incoming Students welcomed Chase’s largest first-year class yet. As we closed the fall season, two of Chase’s alumni groups held reunions. The December evening graduates from the Class of 1993 gathered together in November for fun at the Skyline Tavern and lunch the next afternoon with Dean St. Amand. The Class of 1993 then donated a gift of about $1000 to Chase’s scholarship fund. The classes of 1999, 2000, and 2001 also gathered this year for a holiday party. In April, Chase alumni gathered together to make a trip to Washington, D.C. to be sworn-in before the Supreme Court of the United States, a first trip for Chase alumni as a group. Alumni gathered again in May to extend our congratulations and welcome to the Class of 2004 with the Senior Reception held annually at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse in Cincinnati. This year we were joined by special guest, LaJuana Wilcher ’80, this year’s commencement speaker. Finishing up this year in June, Chase held its first annual Alumni Weekend, beginning with a full day CLE program, Alumni Golf Outing, and culminating with the Chase Alumni Awards Celebration, honoring some of Chase’s most distinguished alumni. It is our pleasure to be able to provide these outlets for alumni involvement. It would not be possible for us to hold such successful events without the participation and funding from the Chase Alumni Association and all of its members.

Jim Frooman ’90,
Board President

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Hello fellow graduates,

We would like to thank all of you who made this year’s Annual Fund such a success. With the help of this year’s Board of Governor’s, volunteer alumni and student callers, Chase was able to raise over $100,000. As was evident with the giving report in this issue, the participation from each class continues to grow at a significant rate, making it more and more difficult for our callers to reach each and every one of you. Each year, Chase alumni contact their fellow classmates and solicit gifts in support of much needed scholarship dollars, funding for technological advances vital to keeping Chase graduates among the top in the legal field, and efforts to attract and retain talented professors and staff. It is these gifts donated by so many of you that make it possible for Chase to continue to provide its top-notch education allowing for our students to rank top among Kentucky law schools. The fact that our students scored highest among Kentucky law schools for first-time takers in February 2004’s bar exams clearly shows that Chase’s dedication to providing the best legal education continues to produce qualified and successful graduates.

If you have not yet made your gift to this year’s annual fund, please consider doing so by signing on to Chase’s redesigned alumni website or by mailing in your gift to Chase’s Development Office at the address listed on the back cover of the magazine. Every gift makes an impact on the success of the school and only together can we build greatness through giving.

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1951
Ralph F. Mitchell ’51 was awarded this year’s John P. Kiely Professionalism Award by the Cincinnati Bar Association. This award recognizes a trial lawyer for possessing outstanding trial skills and demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism, civility and ethical standards in his or her day-to-day practice. Mitchell has been recognized for his dedication by being inducted as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and his becoming an advocate in the American Board of Trial Advocates.

1973
Pierre A. Kleff, Jr. ’73 has accepted a full-time faculty position at The University of Texas at Brownsville, in Brownsville, Texas, located two blocks from Matamoros, Mexico. Kleff will be the director of the paralegal studies program. He will be closing his law office in Killeen, Texas, and hopes to practice law part-time in Brownsville.

1978
James J. Carroll ’78, associate at Cors & Bassett LLC, has been appointed by Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken to the Lunken Airport Oversight Advisory Board, which advises City Council on Lunken Airport operations. He practices in the areas of real estate, general business and government affairs.

1981
Kevin Murphy ’81 announces his firm Kevin Murphy & Associates, P.S.C. has changed its name to Murphy, Nalley & Associates, P.S.C. Attorneys at Law. He and partner, David Nalley, have an office at 207 Grandview Drive, Suite 350, P.O. Box 17330, Covington, KY 41017.

1983
R. Jeffrey Schlosser ’83 has joined the firm Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP in their Cincinnati office. He is joining as a partner practicing in the fields of commercial transactions and corporate law. He concentrates in commercial lending, corporate finance, tax exempt and taxable bond financing, employment law and general business matters.

1986
Kevin Krogmeier ’86 earned an LLM degree in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, CA in May 2004. His thesis was entitled, “What Employees and Employers want and Need in a Dispute Resolution.” He currently serves as the vice president of human resources at Vulcan Corporation in LA.

1989
Anne M. Smith ’89 has joined the firm Weitman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. in their Cincinnati office. She previously managed her own practice, Smith Law Office, and was a prosecutor in the Livingston County Attorney’s Office.

1993
Beth Dreitler ’93 was named associate general counsel at Wendy’s International, Inc., Dublin, OH. She manages all legal aspects of Wendy’s worldwide real estate operations.

1994
Tonya S. Burns ’94 announces the move of her law office to Burlington Office Complex, 6170 First Financial Drive, Suite 303, Burlington, KY 41005. She practices with Irene L. Rachlinski and Joanne F. Grogan.

Stephen E. Wharton ’94 was promoted from staff assistant to the director, Tax Exempt Bonds in the Internal Revenue Service. Wharton has been with the IRS in Washington, DC for two years now.

1998
Elizabeth Combs Risner ’98 will be moving to Louisville, Kentucky, in July 2004. Currently she is practicing with the law firm Feeney & Murray (Nashville, TN) and has plans to continue with the firm once she moves to Louisville.

In February, Risner took the Kentucky Bar Examination and hopes to add it to her other successful bar results in North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio and Tennessee. Risner and her husband, Bryan, have two children, Kathryn, 3, and Jackson, 7 months.

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D. Brock Denton ’00, associate at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, was recently appointed a member of the board of directors of the Cincinnati Red Community Fund. This fund is designed to motivate increased charitable activity through the Cincinnati Reds, its corporate partners and the general public with the sole purpose of extending special care and incentives to those citizens and organizations less fortunate.
Lisa H. Thomas ’00 has joined the firm of Woodward Hobson & Fulton, L.L.P. as an associate. She practices in the areas of commercial litigation and employee benefits litigation. She and her husband, Tad Thomas ’00, reside in Louisville, KY.

2003

Emily A. Kirtly ’03 was appointed as an associate with the firm Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle, P.S.C. in the firm’s creditor practice, banking, bankruptcy and commercial litigation group in their Crestview Hills office. Previously an associate attorney with Coley & Associates in Cincinnati, she currently resides in Ft. Wright, KY.

Peter A. Schmid ’03 was appointed as an associate with the firm Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle, P.S.C. in the firm’s commercial litigation practice group in their Cincinnati office. Schmid was previously law clerk for The Hon. Dennis S. Helmick, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. He currently resides in Mt. Lookout, OH.

Melissa Suzanne Van Wert ’03 was appointed as an associate with the firm Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle, P.S.C. in the computer and information technology practice group in their Cincinnati office. Previously law clerk for The Honorable Jo Ann Wise, Fayette Circuit Court, Lexington, KY, she currently resides in Richmond, KY.

Chase graduates Donna M. Bloemer ’94, Carol A. Garner-Stark ’95, Joy E. Gazaway ’95, Jeffrey M. Hines ’98, Ann G. Robinson ’94, Bradley N. Ruwe ’96 Bernice L. Walker ’93 completed the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL), and were admitted as Fellows to the Academy. CALL is a five-month program co-sponsored by the Cincinnati Bar Association, and the University of Cincinnati College Of Law. Some program topics were “Leadership Through Service,” “The Economics of Law,” and “Ethics, justices, and Values.” The goal is to build a group of greater Cincinnati attorneys who will lead the legal community ethically, professionally, and with high regard for service to the city and region. Their class, CALL Class VIII, joined 175 other CALL fellows.

Mary Jane Thieman ’69, of Cincinnati, passed away May 23, 2004. She was admitted to practice in October of 1969. She worked in the City Solicitor’s Office in Cincinnati until her retirement about six years ago.

Floyd R. Whiteford ’58, of Cleves, OH, passed away June 11, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Helen Whiteford.

Frank Espohl ’51, of Cincinnati, passed away March 26, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Espohl ’54.


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