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## From the Dean

I am pleased to be writing to you as the 15th dean of NKU Chase College of Law. Although I have been at Chase for just a few months, I already recognize the strength of our people and their commitment to excellence. Our students, alumni, staff, faculty, and administration are integral to our continued success, and the more I learn about our rich and storied history, the more enthusiastic I am about our future. And I am particularly mindful of the very special trust Chase has placed in me to nurture and guide our outstanding students.



In the preface to *The Lawyers' School, A Centennial History of Salmon P. Chase College of Law*, published in 1995, former Chase dean David Short wrote, "May we continue to live up to the goals, vision and commitment of our predecessors as we seek to define Chase's role for the future." These words are as true today as they were back then. I am very proud of our school, and honored to lead Chase as we write our next chapter. As President Mearns has remarked about NKU, I am certain that here at Chase, our best days are ahead.

In the pages of this magazine you will find examples of the many great things going on at Chase and the many great people who make them happen. I know we will continue to excel as we prepare the next generation of practice-ready lawyers. Thank you for being part of our ongoing success.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey A. Standen**  
Dean and Professor of Law

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## NKU Chase Welcomes Dean Jeffrey A. Standen

**D**ean Jeffrey A. Standen officially joined Chase on July 1, 2013. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, and he looks forward to continuing Chase's tradition of excellence in legal education. "I am honored to serve as the new dean of Chase," said Standen. "Our goal of providing a top-quality legal education will impact everything I do and guide all of my decisions."

Those who follow the legal industry know that these are trying times for law students and graduates. The job market is changing rapidly, and members of the legal community must constantly strive to re-invent themselves like never before. But Standen is optimistic. "What we offer at Chase is very favorable. Our tradition of offering a skills-based curriculum and state-of-the-art programs and initiatives at an affordable price will continue to serve us well.

"Many law schools are just now realizing the importance of preparing practice-ready lawyers, but Chase has long been in the business of doing just that. Some might think that this just means adding a few clinics or supplementing an experiential education program. This is only part of the equation. It also means that all of our classes and courses are infused with the practical realities of law practice. Our professors will continue to bring innovative teaching techniques and real-world experience to the classroom."

Standen recognizes the reality of

today's legal environment, and he believes the challenge for the next phase of legal education is creating the kind of training the changing marketplace requires. "Law graduates will always be valuable. But so many other occupations are also impacted by legal considerations. It's not just important to have licensed lawyers advising clients. Decision-makers in a variety of areas such as human resources, fund-raising, and executive leadership will also benefit from legal training. Law schools are the repositories of this educational product, and we need to be working constantly to figure out how to best deliver these educational opportunities to the people who need them."

Standen has been impressed with the accomplishments of many Chase alumni. "Chase has a long tradition of producing exceptional lawyers and others who make great contributions to their communities. As I meet more and more of our graduates, I am extremely impressed with their high level of achievement. I enjoy hearing their stories about Chase and their views of how we should move forward. And moving forward takes the efforts of many people: staff, faculty, administration, students, alumni, and friends." Standen is confident Chase will meet the challenges of the future with the help of these groups and the greater community.





Dean Standen is a graduate of Georgetown University, where he earned his A.B., *cum laude*, in political philosophy, and studied abroad at the London School of Economics. He is also a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a member of the Virginia Law Review and an articles editor of the Virginia Tax Review. After graduation from law school, Dean Standen served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Robert F. Chapman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Before beginning his academic career, he practiced as an associate for four years with the litigation group of the Hunton & Williams law firm, and he then served for one year

as the Deputy General Counsel of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Standen comes to Chase from Willamette University College of Law, where he taught and published scholarly articles and books in the fields of sports law, gaming law, and criminal and civil remedies. At Willamette, Standen was also the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Research, and he held the Van Winkle Melton professorship in law. He has taught as a visiting professor and served as scholar-in-residence at the University of San Diego and University of Virginia, respectively.

Not only is Standen enthusiastic about his new position as dean of Chase, he is also eager to continue

teaching. “I taught at Willamette for over twenty years, and even when I became associate dean, I was still a mainstay in the classroom,” said Standen. “I taught a variety of subjects to a large number of students, and I am very proud of that. Teaching gives me the opportunity to engage and educate students. And it keeps me sharp as well. In all my years of teaching, every class I’ve had the privilege to teach has been a good one. I look forward to teaching our students at Chase as well.”

The Chase community is pleased to welcome Dean Standen to his new home, and we are optimistic that under his leadership, Chase will continue to flourish. ■

# W. Bruce Lunsford '74 Contributes \$1 Million to Create the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology

**W** Bruce Lunsford '74 contributed \$1 million to Chase College of Law to establish and support the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology. Lunsford is chairman and CEO of Lunsford Capital, LLC, a private investment company headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky.

The W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology will be an honors immersion program operated by the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute. The focus of the program will be to develop "Renaissance lawyers" for the Information Age. The Lunsford Academy will provide students with the technological, financial, and professional skill sets essential to the modern practice of law. Through the program's technology-driven, skills-based curriculum, students will acquire the fundamental skills that will make them more productive for their clients, more attractive to employers, and better prepared to practice law upon graduation.

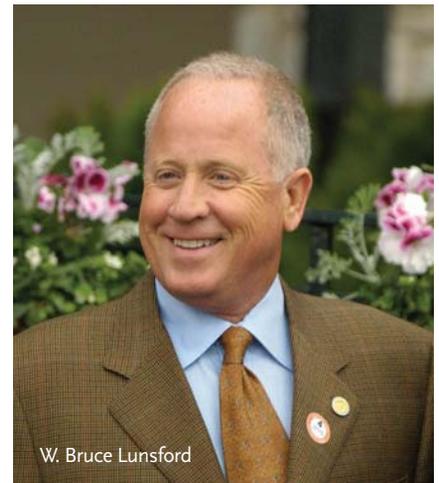
Professor Jon Garon, director of the Institute, said the development of the Lunsford Academy is the next step in the evolution of legal education. "In addition to a solid foundation in legal doctrine, theory, and practice, law students need business education, information technology and intellectual property

knowledge, and law practice management experience," he said. "These skills will enable students to compete in today's highly networked, efficient, and global business community. The generous donation by Bruce Lunsford enables Chase to meet this challenge and redefine the scope of legal education."

In recognition of Lunsford's gift, the academy will be named the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology. The gift is the College of Law's largest ever non-estate gift.

"We are extremely honored and pleased that Bruce has made this significant investment in the Institute," said Dennis R. Honabach, dean of the College of Law at the time of the gift. "The Lunsford Academy will provide our law students with invaluable opportunities to become uniquely prepared for the modern practice of law."

The Institute provides critical interdisciplinary research regarding law, regulation, and industry practice applied across complex information systems, emerging technology, and all areas of law. While not limited to any legal field, the Institute emphasizes intellectual property law, privacy, business and securities law, international law, and evidentiary rules because the creation, acquisition, aggregation, security,



manipulation, and exploitation of data have extensive legal and societal consequences in these fields.

## Lunsford credits Chase for preparing him for his career in law and business

"Whenever I make an investment—whether in business, government, or charities – I want to do something that I agree with," said Lunsford. "I think it's important for students to know that a law degree can provide you with access to many opportunities, not just practicing law. And this is unusual for me, because while I've had other opportunities to invest in important projects, I've never had anything named after me.

"Chase was a great experience for me. I spent two years in Cincinnati when the school was in the YMCA," said Lunsford. "If you attended Chase in those days, you really wanted a legal education. We either had no heat, or too much heat in the winter because of the old boiler system, and we had no air conditioning in the summer. Plus, you had to park on the street and walk through alleys to get there. It was pretty wild. Then we moved to the location on the hill (in Park Hills, Kentucky), and that's where I finished law school.



“Most of the students at that time held full-time jobs,” said Lunsford. “There were police officers, judges’ assistants, paralegals, and many others. I was a CPA working for an accounting firm. I really had my work cut out for me.

“I was a hard worker growing up, and I probably got my entrepreneurial instincts being a farm boy,” said Lunsford. “I raised tobacco and I worked for the county. I think I knew every tobacco farmer in Kenton County at some point.

“I never had a problem working hard, and law school got me on a routine of getting very little sleep,” said Lunsford. “I’d get up in the morning, play tennis or work out, be at the office at 8:30, go to law school

at night, and then stay up and watch Johnny Carson and organize my notes. I can remember it as if it were yesterday. One thing I learned was that the busier I got, the more I got done. I would just figure out how to work everything in.

“As a result, I honed my work ethic,” said Lunsford. “Nothing since has been as hard. Chase really groomed me. And most people who know me would say the same. I give Chase the credit because if I hadn’t taken on that extra work, I probably would have never developed that work ethic.

“I learned a lot of interesting and practical things at Chase, and three of my favorite law school stories are about professors,” said Lunsford. “We had a

lot of practical guys teaching us.”

Professor Edward Goggin taught Lunsford’s Uniform Commercial Code course, which Lunsford took during tax season. “Ed and I kept up a relationship later, but it started out a little bit rocky,” said Lunsford. “Of course, tax season for me was unbelievably hard because I was working 60-70 hours a week. I didn’t have time to study, so I read the cases in class. At one point he caught me and asked me a question, but I did not know the case because I had not gotten that far yet. And after class I said, ‘I’ve got a lot going on, this is a rough semester for me, and I’m trying my best. It won’t happen again; I promise you.’ As a result, I didn’t let it happen again, and I



learned the Uniform Commercial Code. Little did I know the impact the Uniform Commercial Code would have on my career when I became an entrepreneur; it became very important.”

Lunsford’s tax professor was a tax lawyer, and Lunsford was a tax accountant. “He was dealing more with theory, and I was dealing more with pencil and paper and tax returns,” said Lunsford. “There was a change in law at that time, and during class, he interpreted the law. I had just completed a tax return which dealt with this issue, and I thought he was wrong. I reluctantly said that I did not agree with his interpretation, and he was stunned that a law student would question his interpretation. He said, ‘No, I’m pretty sure I’m right,’ but he got this

whimsical look on his face and said, ‘Let me look at that again.’ At the next class he said, ‘You know, I read that over again and I think you are correct.’ I never forgot that because I learned that if you think you are right, you have to say it, no matter who you work for. That was pretty important to me, and on top of that, I got the book award in tax.”

Professor Maurice Wolf taught Lunsford’s Corporate Law class. “He had one of the most successful practices in Chicago, he had been counsel for Sears, and I thought he was incredible,” said Lunsford. “He taught us all the practical stuff.” For example, “he told us a story about his clients who made bath cleaner. The client had no money, so Professor Wolf decided that he would take an ownership interest in their company.

They wound up selling it to a big company. Likewise, I asked people to take stock in the early days of our company, and it turned out pretty well for them.

“In all three cases, I developed good relationships with my professors,” said Lunsford. “That was a great experience for me.”

Chase opened up a world of opportunities for Lunsford. “I would have been very happy to practice with Keating Muething & Klekamp all my life, because I thought I had hit the lottery,” said Lunsford. “And then one thing led to another. I got a lucky break when Governor John Y. Brown asked me to serve as Secretary of Commerce in his administration. I then went into business with a couple of the other cabinet secretaries,” he said.



“I got lucky breaks along the way, and you have to get lucky,” said Lunsford. “I took some risks, but if I hadn’t had the law degree, none of it would have been possible. I would not have had any of those chances, and I would not have gotten to do the things in life that I have thoroughly enjoyed, including the horse business and the movie business. Even politics, for me, was a labor of love. I would have liked to have won, but I made it a contest and it was a great experience. My law degree gave me all that; I couldn’t have done it without it.

“I believe in the kind of opportunity that Chase students are going to get from the new program,” said Lunsford. “It will give these students an edge, and the early edge is important. I had an early edge

when I graduated because lawyers at Keating had gotten to know me at Alexander Grant. A couple of the lawyers were impressed with me, and that’s how I got the job.

“If you graduate from law school and you have a technology background and business sense, you have a broader understanding of what your law degree can help you do,” said Lunsford. “It can help you become general counsel of a business. It can help you run your own law practice. It can help you network on Facebook or Twitter, or whatever it takes to build clientele.

“I look at Chase as an entrepreneurial opportunity,” said Lunsford. “I’m coming from a healthcare background, where we built a small company that became a big company. We could compete with the big guys

because we were nimble. With its innovative programs, Chase will develop students who are nimble as well, and they will be able to do more when they graduate. They are going to have an edge.” ■

# Dean Dennis Honabach Steps Aside After Seven Years as Dean and Joins Chase Faculty

**O**n June 30, Dean Dennis R. Honabach stepped aside as dean of NKU Chase College of Law after seven years of service. He will join the Chase faculty following a sabbatical leave. During Honabach's tenure as dean, Chase established several programs and initiatives aimed at promoting the mission of the school: to educate individuals who make immediate contributions to the legal profession and to their communities.

## Centers for Excellence

In Dean Honabach's second year at Chase, the faculty approved the creation of two centers for excellence – the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Transactional Law Practice Center. These centers were designed to provide Chase students with a variety of innovative skills by partnering students, faculty, practicing lawyers, judges, and business leaders.

“The idea that once dominated legal education was that law schools would teach you how to think like a lawyer, and once you graduated, the law firms would teach you how to practice,” said Honabach. “The price pressures in today's legal economy, however, have made it much more difficult for law firms to invest in the training previously provided for young lawyers. Similarly, small practice groups and sole practitioners are also less likely to have the time to train new

lawyers. And so, law students must acquire a particularized set of skills before they leave law school. It is the mission of the Chase centers to help our students develop those skills.”

## NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute

Under Dean Honabach's leadership, Chase established the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute in 2011 and succeeded in persuading Professor Jon Garon, a leader in the field of law and technology, to join the Chase faculty and serve as director of the Institute. Through the law school's partnership with NKU's College of Informatics, the first of its kind in the nation, the Institute provides critical interdisciplinary research regarding law, regulation, and industry practice applied across complex information systems, emerging technology, and all areas of law.

Last May, Honabach announced that 1974 Chase graduate W. Bruce Lunsford had made a commitment to make a \$1 million gift to the College of Law to create and fund the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology. The focus of the program will be to develop “Renaissance lawyers” for the Information Age by providing students with the technological, financial, and professional skill sets essential to the modern practice of law.

“The ability to prepare students for how to deal with change is a very important part of what legal education



Dennis Honabach

is going to become,” said Honabach. “The law and informatics program, joint degrees, and certificate programs that we've been developing have already begun to set us apart from other law schools. It's an exciting development for us to be on the front of that wave in the practice of law.”

## Practitioners and Jurists in Residence

During Honabach's tenure, both centers for excellence hosted practitioner-in-residence programs and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted a jurist-in-residence program. These programs brought accomplished lawyers, judges, and business leaders to campus to share their experiences and insights about the day-to-day realities of law and business. “Having judges and lawyers interact with our students in different settings has been a very big part of our program. Students have the opportunity to make contacts and build lasting relationships.”

## Business Boot Camp

In August 2009, the Transactional Law Practice Center hosted its first annual Business Boot Camp, an

intense, week-long program designed to teach law students to view transactions through the eyes of their business clients. At the end of the week, the students made presentations to a group of community business experts. “We bring in experts from the banking, accounting, and human relations industries,” said Honabach. The key is to get students to see that law is one of the many issues that the client is facing and that they, the lawyers, are part of a team helping the client make decisions.”

## Clinics and Externships

Under Honabach’s leadership, Chase established two new legal clinics, the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic, which was the first clinic of its type in the area, and the Children’s Law Clinic, created in partnership with the Children’s Law Center, Inc. Through these clinics and Chase’s three other clinical programs, law students gain valuable, first-hand experience working under the supervision of experienced, tenure-track professors to provide legal services free of charge to clients



who would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services. Chase also expanded its externship program and approved the creation of a semester-in-practice program.

“Our clinical and externship programs give our students multiple opportunities in different settings to begin experiencing the practice of law, and to get the advice and mentoring that they need,” said Honabach. “It gives them an opportunity to test their skill sets, get some feedback on how to develop their skills, and understand what they need to work on in the classroom.

“It’s also extraordinarily valuable for the students to work with clients,” said Honabach. “That’s what this is all about. Most graduates will become lawyers, and we are a service industry. If you’re a lawyer, you need to be able to work with your clients and understand your clients’ problems.”

## Pro Bono Legal Services

Through Chase’s *Pro Bono* Legal Services Program, established in 2008, students perform *pro bono* legal work assisting lawyers with their *pro bono* cases. Students select from approved placement organizations, participate in law school-based *pro bono* projects, or design their own *pro bono* projects.

“I think this program helps instill in students a commitment to service,” said Honabach. “They’re able to experience the satisfaction that comes from doing something that’s rewarding and fulfilling. I think if we set that tone early, we have a much better chance of preserving that extraordinary aspect of the legal profession which is our willingness to reach out and provide a needed service. That’s what separates us from other professions and occupations.”

## Alumni and Friends

“When I first got here, I wrote a short piece for the bar journal in which I made what I think was a simple point – for law schools to be successful, they must develop an effective partnership with law students, law faculty, and practicing lawyers,” said Honabach. “Our alumni and friends are crucial partners in our educational program. They provide an awareness of what’s going on in practice and an awareness of what one can do with a law degree outside of the practice of law. They are invaluable role models. And they enrich our program in so many ways, including coaching competition teams, serving as judges in practice rounds, mentoring students, answering questions, sharing insights from the front lines, and helping in many other ways. They all contribute to the Chase experience.”

## Concluding thoughts

“During my time here, we have had a tremendous team of administrators, faculty members, and students committed to making Chase a better law school. We have moved the law school forward and taken steps that have prepared us for the future. And when I talk about our achievements, I do mean “our.” I’ve been very, very lucky to be part of a great team. Nothing we accomplished could have been possible without the efforts of everyone on the team. I know that my successor, Dean Jeffrey Standen, is going to find himself in the same position with his team going forward.”

We at Chase extend our thanks to Dennis for his hard work and dedication during his seven years as dean. ■

# Northern Kentucky University President Geoffrey S. Mearns has Unique Perspective on Legal Education and the Legal Profession

**N**orthern Kentucky University President Geoffrey S. Mearns, a former law school dean, professor of law, federal prosecutor, and practicing attorney, has a unique perspective on legal education, the legal profession, and the importance of NKU Chase College of Law to the university.

Prior to being named NKU's fifth president in August 2012, Mearns was provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Cleveland State University, and before that, he

spent four and a half years as dean and professor of law at CSU's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. During his tenure as Cleveland-Marshall's dean, he was actively engaged in fundraising for the law school, helping to enhance its scholarship pool and overseeing an \$8.8 million renovation of the law school building. Under his leadership, alumni and private giving increased substantially, and the quality and diversity of the law school's class improved. Mearns also oversaw continual improvement in



Geoffrey S. Mearns

the school's bar passage rates.

Mearns was a practicing lawyer for more than 15 years, including serving as a federal prosecutor in the United States Department of Justice. Two of his most noteworthy cases included the 1993 conviction of organized crime mobster Thomas "Tommy" Gambino and the 1998 conviction of Terry Nichols, Timothy McVeigh's accomplice in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Mearns also previously practiced with the law firms of BakerHostetler and Thompson Hine LLP.

Mearns earned a bachelor's degree in English from Yale University in 1981 and a juris doctor from the University of Virginia in 1987. In 1983, prior to attending law school, Mearns qualified for the 1984 Olympic trials with a marathon time of 2 hours 17 minutes, but a subsequent stress fracture in his heel ended his Olympic dreams. After graduating from law school, he clerked for the Honorable Boyce F. Martin, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Louisville.



## Chase was a trailblazer

Mearns considers a law school to be a great asset for a comprehensive university like NKU, and he feels that the reputation of the law school is a driver of the university's reputation. Mearns noted that often when he talks to people in the community, they speak fondly of Chase and its rich history. "Chase was a trailblazer," said Mearns. "It was designed to be different and to provide educational opportunities for students who didn't necessarily have opportunities at other law schools. That history will help us face the challenges ahead. The law schools that will thrive moving forward are the ones who have the courage and capacity to think and act a bit differently than law schools have in the past." Mearns believes that law schools that cling to or retreat to the status quo will be most threatened by a dynamic and changing world. "Conversely," he noted, "a law school with a history like Chase, which traces its origins to being bold and creative, will thrive during challenging times."

## Optimistic about the future of legal education

Mearns remains optimistic about the future prospects for law graduates. "I've been a lawyer; I'm proud to be a lawyer," said Mearns. "I grew up in a family of lawyers with a father who was a law professor for 40 years, so for better or worse, it's been ingrained in me that pursuing a legal education can provide great





opportunity. I wouldn't be here today as the president of Northern Kentucky University without the legal training I received both in school and as a practicing lawyer."

Mearns also believes that a legal education will continue to be a significant benefit to students, regardless of what they choose to do when they graduate. "I think what may have to change for law graduates is their expectations about how readily available jobs will be when they graduate. For many of us, when we were graduating 20 or 30 years ago, we just assumed that if we went to a good law school and did well, there would be jobs readily available for us. That is changing."

Mearns recognizes how important it is for students to develop a network of relationships. "Networking has to begin on the day they arrive on campus for

orientation. Everyone they meet – fellow students, faculty, staff, alumni – everyone is a resource for building relationships and a professional network. Students and graduates who are proactive and understand the value of networking will thrive in the future."

### **Building on the past for a stronger future**

Mearns looks forward to building on Chase's rich history of engagement with alumni and friends. "My call to our alumni is to continue to do the kinds of things that you have done for the law school," said Mearns. "I know the law school has a long and proud tradition of alumni being engaged in the law school through a variety of ways – providing financial support through their generosity, serving as adjunct faculty, serving as

mentors, providing externship opportunities – and I would urge the alumni to continue to support us in that way.

"But I would also ask our alumni to do something more," said Mearns. "As we face the future, which as we all know is going to be challenging for our profession and for legal education, we need to see ourselves as true partners, not just as speakers or donors. We need for our alumni to join us as members of the team who are truly invested in every respect in the future of the law school. With that team orientation, where students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the university administration all work together committed to a common vision, I'm very confident that Chase will continue to be an outstanding law school in the future. Given the extraordinary challenges that we face, we need to face them together." ■

## Susan J. Court '80

### Named Outstanding Chase Alumna by NKU Alumni Association

**S**usan J. Court '80 was the recipient of the NKU Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award for Chase College of Law. The award was presented on March 21 during the association's annual awards presentation. During her visit to campus, Court also delivered a special presentation entitled "Practicing Law within the Federal Government" to Chase students and faculty, served as the guest lecturer in Professor Steve Stephens' Administrative Law class, and met with students interested in career opportunities in Washington, D.C.

Court joined the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 1982, after clerking for the Honorable Robert O. Lukowsky, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice, upon graduation from Chase. At FERC, she served as Associate General Counsel for Gas and Oil (1987-1992), Deputy Solicitor (1993-2000), Associate General Counsel for General and Administrative Law and Designated Agency Ethics Official (2001-03), and Chief of Staff (2004). In 2006, Court became the first Director of Enforcement and established and organized FERC's investigation and enforcement capabilities, initiating prosecutions that resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in penalties for violations of Federal energy laws, in particular laws prohibiting the manipulation of energy markets.

Court also worked at the Irish Commission for Energy Regulation in 2005, and was active in the International Gas Union, participating in three IGU world gas conferences (2006, 2009, and 2012). In March 2012, the IGU published Court's paper comparing FERC with the European Union's Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators.

After leaving FERC in 2009, Court worked as a partner at Hogan Lovells LLP, in Washington, D.C. She is currently principal of SJC Energy Consultants, LLC, and also serves as a Hearing Officer for ReliabilityFirst Corporation, an organization that oversees electric utilities' compliance with federal

standards designed to ensure the reliability of the nation's bulk-electric system. She is a frequent speaker on federal energy issues.

In addition to her Chase J.D., Court holds a B.A. in History *summa cum laude* from Thomas More College and an M.A. in European History from the University of Cincinnati. Court lives with her husband, Kenneth J. Beirne, in Arlington, Virginia, and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. ■



Susan J. Court



Court talks with Chase students after her special presentation at the law school.



President Geoffrey Mearns and Dean Dennis Honabach pose with Court at the awards ceremony.



Court and her husband, Kenneth Beirne (center), talk with Professors Caryl Yzenbaard and Roger Billings at the reception.

## The Honorable Michelle M. Keller '90

### Chase College of Law's first Justice on the Supreme Court of Kentucky

**O**n April 3, 2013, the Honorable Michelle M. Keller '90 was appointed by Governor Steven L. Beshear to serve as Justice on the Supreme Court of Kentucky. Justice Keller is the first NKU Chase College of Law graduate to serve on the Court. She was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Justice Wil Schroder, who retired in January 2013.

Justice Keller's formal Investiture was held on May 14, 2013, in the Kentucky Supreme Court's courtroom in the Capitol in Frankfort, Kentucky. With all of the other Justices sitting in open session, Chief Justice John Minton presided and administered the formal oath of office to Justice Keller. The courtroom was filled to capacity and additional guests were seated in a special section outside of the courtroom.

Following the oath of office, Justice Keller began her remarks by thanking Governor Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear. "Thank you so much for the opportunity of a lifetime," said Justice Keller. "And thank you for your leadership in leading this Commonwealth through a very difficult

economic period. We are coming out the better for it, and I know every citizen shares the gratitude that I feel for your leadership."

Justice Keller thanked the Chief Justice and all of the other Justices for their supportive remarks in recognition of her service on the Court. She also thanked Susan Clary, the Clerk of the Supreme Court, for her much appreciated advice and assistance through the transition.

Justice Keller recognized and thanked all of the people who traveled to Frankfort to take part in her investiture, including former Justices and Chief Justices, appellate judges, trial judges, court clerks, a variety of elected officials, her staff, members of the Bar, other professional colleagues, university and law school leaders and classmates, members of the clergy, friends, and family. There were representatives in attendance from each of the 21 counties in the Kentucky Supreme Court's Sixth District. Kenton County Sheriff Charles Korzenborn's honor guard presented the colors.

Justice Keller thanked Northern Kentucky University President Geoffrey Mearns, former Chase College of Law Dean Dennis Honabach, and the members of the Chase faculty and staff in attendance. "I thank them personally for giving me the opportunity that I wouldn't otherwise have had," said Justice Keller. "I was a night student at Chase and without that I wouldn't be sitting on this bench today."

Earlier in the proceedings, it was noted that this is the first time that three women are serving as Justices on the seven-member Supreme Court. Justice Keller noted another first. "There is one more *first* that I should mention," said Justice Keller. "And it is that I am proudly the first Chase alum to sit on the Kentucky Supreme Court." To her law school classmates in the courtroom, she recalled that "we spent every weekend studying together for four long years. I remember that so fondly because that's



Justice Michelle M. Keller

how we all learned how to do what we all still love to do today."

Justice Keller thanked two of her former law partners, Mark Arnzen and Kate Molloy '80, who delivered remarks during the ceremony. "When you graduate from law school, you're taught how to think like a lawyer," said Justice Keller. But you're taught how to be a lawyer "at the hands of mentors like Mark Arnzen and Kate Molloy and the trial judges and circuit court clerks that are here in this courtroom today, and all the other former colleagues and bosses that I've had the opportunity to work for and with, and the members of the Bar that are here today."

"You all know who you are, the ones that taught me what I needed to learn many years ago," she said. "I am completely overwhelmed by the response. I can't even tell you how much it means to me to see the people that really brought me up, in addition to my family, that taught me what I really needed to know to tackle this awesome responsibility."

"There are other attorneys in this courtroom that I've practiced with, that I've practiced against, that I've shared space with, that we've shared good times and bad together," said Justice Keller. "I've learned from them every single day. And we, as Justices, continue to learn from the fine members of the bar who come here and educate us every day that Court is in session. Thank you for your service to one of the noblest professions."

Justice Keller thanked her law clerks, Kevin King '88 and Marci Schroder '08.



Justice Keller and her father, Richard Meier

“They have been with me through my tenure on the Court of Appeals, and through the transition to this Court,” said Justice Keller. “They are not only two of the brightest people I’ve ever had the privilege to work with, but simply the finest examples of public servants.”

Justice Keller wished her father, Richard Meier, a happy 79th birthday, albeit one day in advance. “I’m sorry we couldn’t do this tomorrow,” she said. “One other thing you need to know about my father, he still works full-time in case you’re worried at all about my work ethic,” she said.

Justice Keller thanked her husband, Jim, and daughters Brenna and Olivia. “The hardest thing about being an elected official, whether it be in the executive branch, the legislative branch, or the judiciary, is the amount of your time and the commitment that is required every day,” said Justice Keller. “It is a seven-day a week job, and those of us that share that privilege know what kind of burden and sacrifice it asks of our families every single day. Thank you so much for providing ‘Team Keller’ so that we could do this together. I could not do this without my family.”

Justice Keller also praised her predecessor, retired Justice Wil Schroder. “He’s been my friend and my mentor,” said Justice Keller. “A couple years ago we were asked by the Department of Libraries and Archives to choose one of our favorite or most influential books,” she said. “Justice Schroder and I have many similarities and many differences, but, unbeknownst to the two of us, we separately chose the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which I think maybe says a lot about who we both are.”

“I’ve always felt that if I could be half the lawyer Atticus Finch was, I would have completed my life’s mission,” said Justice Keller. “And I feel that way about assuming Justice Schroder’s place on this Court. He has left a tremendous legacy here. They are huge shoes to fill. He is one of the best men I’ve ever had the privilege to know, and I will work



every day to honor his legacy, to honor this Court, and to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.”

“When Justice Schroder took this job, he called me,” said Justice Keller. “He was so excited about moving his office to the Capitol, and we had a brief cell phone conversation. He said, ‘I cannot believe this building. I cannot believe how awe-inspiring it is; I feel like a kid in a candy shop. I will never, ever get over that feeling.’ And we shared that moment together and that’s how I’ve felt from the moment that I arrived.”

“Every one of these Justices has welcomed me with open arms,” said Justice Keller. “I could not work with

better people. They care so much about our judicial system. We have different philosophies, different backgrounds, but the one thing that is completely the common thread in this Court is its dedication to the rule of law and providing access to justice and fairness to all Kentuckians.”

“Because of the appointment from Governor Beshear, I am able to join this phenomenal group of people,” said Justice Keller. “And I am so blessed, so privileged, and so humbled to do so. It took a village to get me to this point. I’ve said that before, and I think a lot of the village is here today. I’ll never forget this day as long as I live.” ■

## Judge Karen Thomas '85

### Chase Students Study Comparative Law in London

Last December, Judge Karen A. Thomas, '85, adjunct professor at Chase and NKU's Haile/US Bank College of Business, took 21 Chase students and 10 undergraduate students to London, England to participate in an independent study course in Comparative Law. The course included two weeks in London and provided the kind of educational experiences that only a city like London can offer.

Judge Thomas and NKU Professor Teresa Elliott began traveling to London with undergraduate and graduate students approximately six years ago. After a successful first year, Thomas and Elliott wanted Chase students to have the opportunity to participate as well. "I studied abroad when I was in law school," said Thomas. "I knew Chase students would benefit from this experience, but Chase did not offer a course at the time." With the support and assistance of Associate Dean Lawrence Rosenthal and Professor Henry "Steve" Stephens, Thomas organized the first independent study course for Chase students in 2009.

Prior to the "field trip" portion of the

program, each student selected a pre-approved research paper topic involving issues of comparative law, began his or her research, and met with the supervising professors. Research topics included comparisons of a variety of aspects of the American and English legal systems, including trial and appellate courts, criminal law, rules of evidence, rights of the press, juvenile law, welfare law, alcoholic beverage law, and admiralty law. While in London, students continued their research using a variety of methods including interviewing primary sources.

Several students on the most recent trip visited a municipal court where they had the opportunity to speak with the prosecuting attorney and watch a jury trial. They also attended court at the Old Bailey, toured the Royal Courts of Justice, and participated in a walking tour of London, which included all four Inns of Court. "You cannot function as a barrister unless you're trained by an Inn of Court. And we were lucky enough to visit the Inner Temple Inn of Court, due in large part to Chase's association with the American Inns of Court," said Judge



Judge Karen Thomas

Thomas. The group was given a tour of this famous Inn, as well as a primer on the legal education system in the United Kingdom.

The students also toured Scotland Yard and participated in a three-hour presentation by one of the local law enforcement offices. Later in the trip, a solicitor and a barrister took time to meet with the students, answer questions about the English legal system, and discuss the fundamental differences in the educational approach and the actual practice of law in the UK.

It was not all work and no play, however. Students were able to explore London and surrounding areas and attractions including the Tower of



Westminster Abbey

Tower Bridge



London, Tower Bridge, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, the British Library, Bath, Dover, Greenwich, and Stonehenge. "We took a 'Jack the Ripper' walking tour through the night fog, which included a discussion of the police investigation and forensic evidence," said Thomas. Another highlight was attending a West End play, appropriately called *The Magistrate*.

Of course, home was never too far away, and the group found a place to watch the Cincinnati Bengals play the Houston Texans in the NFL playoffs. "The managers of the establishment were so kind. They found the game for us, and we watched it on a 100-inch television screen. We cheered our hearts out in a room full of very confused soccer-loving Brits," said Thomas.

The students returned home after two rewarding weeks, not only with a better understanding of the differences in legal systems, but also a broader view of life, as evidenced by the students' final written reports. ■



Stonehenge



Scotland Yard

## H. McGuire “Mac” Riley ’86

### Serves as Distinguished Practitioner in Residence

**N**KU Chase College of Law hosted H. McGuire “Mac” Riley ’86 as the law school’s Distinguished Practitioner in Residence March 4-6, 2013. Riley is involved in a variety of business and service-oriented interests in and out of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. He spent three days at Chase speaking with law students, faculty, and alumni about his experiences in law, business, government, public service, and philanthropy.

The 2013 Distinguished Practitioner in Residence Program was sponsored by the law school’s Center for Excellence in Advocacy and Transactional Law Practice Center. The purpose of this annual program is to provide an opportunity for accomplished practitioners to share their insights about the realities of law and business with the law school community. As Practitioner-in-Residence, Riley participated in regularly scheduled classes, special lectures, and small group workshops.

“It was a wonderful experience for me,” Riley said. “I’m particularly impressed with the high quality of Chase’s student body. Students were engaged, more than willing to think out of the box,

Riley discusses how changes are made to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure



**H. MCGUIRE “MAC” RILEY** is president of Bahr Associates, Inc., a provider of information technology services to the U.S. intelligence community. He is also principal of H. M. Riley Associates, LLC; CEO of United Building Services, Inc.; and managing partner of several real estate holding companies throughout the United States. He is also a member of KyForward.

Riley was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army by President George H. W. Bush. He also previously served as Special Counsel at the Department of the

Air Force. Prior to that, Riley practiced law and specialized in commercial litigation with the Washington, D.C. offices of Howrey & Simon.

Among his volunteer activities, Riley serves as vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Sister Cities Foundation; a member of the board of directors of the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship; treasurer and past president of The Kentucky Society of Washington; and a board member of Friends of Camp Cardinal in Carter County, Kentucky. He continues to be very

Riley and Morhard talk about career opportunities in Washington, D.C.

and they asked some very thoughtful questions. They're obviously keen to make the most of Chase's educational opportunities and apply them in meaningful ways to their careers. To demonstrate that level of maturity at this point is really impressive to me. There's no question in my mind that these students are getting the kind of education that will give them a leg up in the marketplace.

"My goal was to present 'real life' business transaction and advocacy scenarios that students would analyze with me, then encourage them to use their existing skill sets, so many of which are taught and learned at Chase, to arrive at appropriate conclusions and better yet, solutions," he said. "They didn't hesitate to participate. But more than that, their analysis was very impressive and they advocated for their positions in a really intelligent, well-grounded way. This certainly bodes well for their futures."

Riley was joined at Chase by Washington colleague James W. Morhard, who served as a Special Guest Lecturer during the Distinguished Practitioner in Residence Program. "Jim is a renowned national authority on the legislative process, and has been engaged in a number of significant business ventures in his long and varied career," Riley said. "He has also lectured at institutions around



the country, sharing his expertise on matters ranging from the legislative process to terrorism. Jim is a close friend, and we often get together to discuss a variety of issues, any number of which I figure would be of interest to the students.

"I truly believe that Chase's centers provide students with unique opportunities to distinguish themselves," Riley said. "Often, we become trapped in the process of getting through something, and we fail to recognize how important it is to actually delve into it, to ferret through what we're learning, and to think and learn about how we're going to apply it in the future. These are great programs, and the students should take full advantage of them to supplement their traditional education. In the marketplace today, experiences that distinguish you quite often make all the difference.

"Another thing that I often speak about with students is the imperative to

make your own decisions to the degree that you are able to keep control of them," he said. "You should not necessarily put those decisions in the hands of others. There are plenty of folks in life who will say that you can't do something, that will give you the answer 'no.' Find the answer 'yes,' and there are many ways to do that. When you're looking at career opportunities, look carefully at non-traditional approaches, be creative about it, and be persistent. Push your limits and never give up on pursuing your dreams."

Riley speaks highly of the Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence Program. "This certainly was one of those worthwhile times in my life that I will cherish," Riley said. "I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it. Chase is such a special place, with such extraordinarily capable faculty, administrators, and students. I'm just very proud of what the school is accomplishing." ■

active at Chase. He serves on the Dean's Cabinet, is a founding partner and member of the board of advisors of the Transactional Law Practice Center and, in memory of his grandfather, established the Heman H. McGuire Endowed Scholarship for Chase students from Eastern Kentucky.

Riley is married to the former Michele-Anne Ebe, and the proud father of three children, Mary-Catherine, Thomas, and Anne-Marie (deceased). He resides with his family in Arlington, Virginia.



**JAMES W. MORHARD** is principal of the law firm of Morhard and Associates, LLC, a government affairs consulting firm. He has a long and varied background in government service, ranging from working as an analyst for the Secretary of the Navy and the Navy Comptroller in the Pentagon to serving as the Chief of Staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He is an adjunct professor at the Naval Post Graduate School, a member of the board of Saint Francis University, and a member of the advisory board for the U.S. Institute of Peace.

# NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute

## Recent Highlights

### Northern Kentucky Law Review — Law + Informatics Symposium on Labor and Employment Issues

The NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute and the Northern Kentucky Law Review co-hosted the annual Law + Informatics Symposium on February 15, 2013 in Griffin Hall, home of the NKU College of Informatics. The symposium gathered academics, lawyers, and industry leaders from South Africa, Australia, and the United States to focus on issues in labor and employment related to informatics. Topics included social media in the employment context, candidate screening practices, employee privacy, data security and appropriate policies, National Labor Relations Board actions, and proposed legislation to protect employee account access. The program included a day-long seminar and a networking reception. To accommodate the global audience, program materials from the conference are available through the NKU website and YouTube.

The symposium included academic presentations and highly interactive panel discussions. Topics ranged from international public policy on the tension between employee privacy rights and employers' risk of data breach, to practice pointers on

drafting employment and social media policies. "As to the takeaways from this symposium, the speakers were in agreement that social media policies need to be specific and narrowly crafted. When it comes to prohibitions, employment policies need to be very narrow and very detailed to make sure that they don't interfere with the employment rights that the individuals have at work," noted Chase Professor Jon M. Garon.

In a nod to the next generation of attorneys attending the event, speakers also discussed the need for bringing a technology focus into the various practice groups within law firms. "Practicing attorneys are very skilled in the traditional kinds of lawyer tasks: they know how to cross-examine witnesses; they know how to generate business; and they know how to draft documents. But what they don't have time to do is to keep abreast of recent events and recent technologies," said David Larson, professor of law, Hamline University School of Law. He added, "Practitioners don't really know what the issues are in social media, except for the ones that have been highly publicized. To the degree you can master some of this technology, I think you can bring value to a firm in the sense that you will have some understanding that the partners don't have."

The Law + Informatics Institute continues to support the introduction of technological awareness across the legal practice spectrum through its symposium, events, and publications. The Northern Kentucky Law Review issue featuring the symposium articles is available free of charge at the Chase website: <http://bit.ly/1gEvyRo>

For more information on the symposium, and next spring's Law + Informatics Symposium visit <http://bit.ly/18c5Y0W>



### Speakers

**Richard Bales**  
NKU Chase College of Law

**François Quintin Cilliers**  
University of the Free State

**Christine Suzanne Davik**  
University of Maine School of Law

**Tawanda J. Edwards**  
Macy's Inc.

**Jon M. Garon**  
NKU Chase College of Law

**Saby Ghoshray**  
WorldCompliance Company and  
Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies

**Paul Harpur**  
TC Beirne School of Law, University  
of Queensland

**William A. Herbert**  
New York State Public Employment  
Relations Board

**David Allen Larson**  
Hamline University School of Law

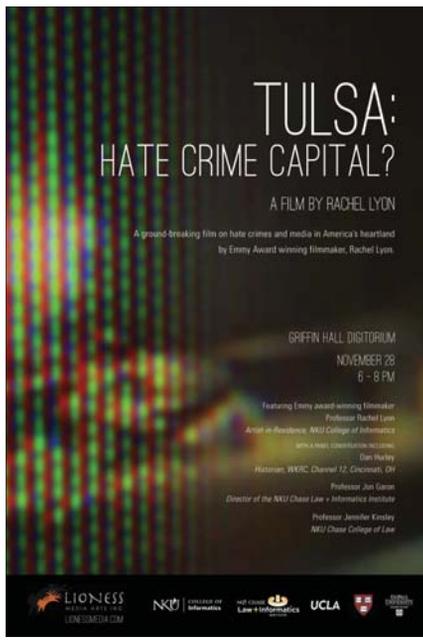
**Michelle A. Poore**  
Judge Advocate General's Corps

**Barbara Wagner**  
NKU Chase College of Law

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**"Hate Crimes, Social Media and Justice"**

On November 28, 2012, the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute and the NKU College of Informatics hosted *Hate Crimes, Social Media and Justice*. A panel of attorneys, law professors, and journalists explored the impact of hate crimes on society, the role of traditional and social media in shaping that impact, and the effectiveness of criminal laws and proceedings for the perpetrators, victims, and the broader community. The panel also addressed how media bias and sensationalism affect justice and criminal prosecution. Filmmaker Rachel Lyon, artist in residence at the NKU College of Informatics, discussed these issues with the panel and presented a preview to her documentary, *Tulsa: Hate Crime Capital*.



**Success Strategies for the Professional Artist in the Digital Age**

On November 6, 2013, the Institute hosted three panels of lawyers to help lawyers and their creative artist clients understand the modern business practices for digital exploitation of their work. With distribution dominated by social media and digital exploitation, creative artists are required to navigate self-promotion, online contracting, sophisticated financing, and a host of challenges that pull the artist away from the creative process and into the rapidly changing world of digital commerce. This event was sponsored by the ABA Cyberspace Committee and the Copyright Alliance.

**Teach(er) Creativity: Intellectual Property for Faculty**

On August 12, 2013, the Institute began the academic year with a co-sponsored panel for NKU's *Meet, Greet and Grab a Seat* entitled *Teach(er) Creativity: Intellectual Property for Faculty* presented in conjunction with the Steely Library.

**7th Annual NKU Security Symposium**

The 2013 NKU Security Symposium was hosted by the NKU Center for Applied Informatics on October 18, 2013. This event focused on information security challenges, best practices, and professional education. Beginning in 2012, the Institute joined the symposium with a track on *Legal Issues in Privacy and Security*. This track enabled security professionals and legal professionals to come together regarding the legal and regulatory framework for the implementation of software security.



**Upcoming Events**

**2014 Northern Kentucky Law Review, Law + Informatics Symposium on Cyber Defense Strategies and Responsibilities for Industry**

On February 28, 2014, the Institute will again partner with the Northern Kentucky Law Review for the annual Law + Informatics Symposium. The 2014 symposium will emphasize the role of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and industries providing critical infrastructure. Panels will explore responses by industry identified as part of the critical national infrastructure; public companies with SEC reporting obligations; and companies identified as subject to imminent threat under the Cybersecurity Executive Order and Policy Directive. <http://bit.ly/1505V8G>

# Center for Excellence in Advocacy

## Recent Highlights



Last October, Justice **Bill Cunningham**, of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, delivered a presentation entitled “Being an Effective Advocate Before the Supreme Court” to Chase students and faculty. Justice Cunningham was introduced by his son, then-SBA President, Joe Cunningham.



In September 2012, **Benjamin Mizer** discussed the work of the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice, particularly in advising the President, the Attorney General, and other senior Executive Branch officials on matters of constitutional law and national security.



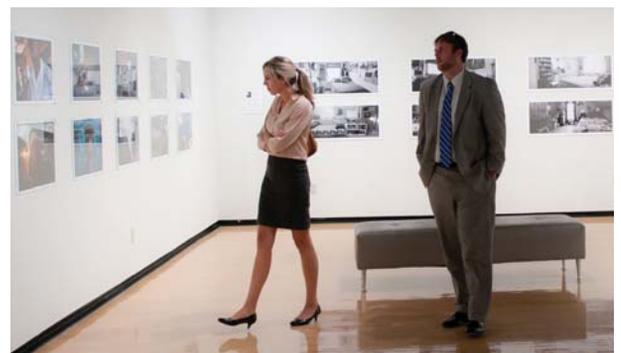
In February, the Chase team of **Brad Address** and **Michael Alao** won the Best Brief award at the Albert R. Mugal National Tax Moot Court Competition in Buffalo, New York.

Last October, Judges **David Bunning** and **Amul Thapar**, of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, heard oral arguments on motions in four cases in the Chase courtroom, giving Chase students an invaluable opportunity to observe federal court proceedings.



**Judge Amul Thapar**, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, served his second term as the Center for Excellence in Advocacy’s 2012-2013 Distinguished Jurist in Residence and will serve a third term during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Last October, photographer Richard Ross shared selected images from his photography survey of over 1,000 juveniles and administrators at over 100 detention facilities in 30 states in the U.S.



In January, Cardozo School of Law Professor **Barry Scheck** delivered a presentation to Chase students and faculty about his work with the Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. **Martin Pinales '68** facilitated Professor Scheck's visit.



Chase students **Nate Lennon** and **Ashley Brucato** won the prestigious 2013 Scribes award for "best student-written brief," which they wrote for the 2013 Wagner Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition. The brief-writing award committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest for this honor; therefore, Nate and Ashley's brief represents the "best of the best" nationwide.

In April, **Robert Cary**, partner with the Washington D.C.-based firm of Williams & Connolly, delivered a presentation to Chase students, faculty, and practitioners about his representation of the late U.S. Senator Ted Stevens.



In March, Judge **Timothy Black '83**, Judge **Candace Smith '92**, and Judge **Julie Ward '92** shared their courtroom experiences with Chase students and local practitioners at a program entitled "How to Drive Your Judge Nuts."



In March, Professor **David Singleton** and a panel of presenters led a preview of the award-winning film *Gideon's Army* and a discussion on the status of public defender offices and their ability to effectively represent their clients.



In March, the Chase team of **Erica Blankenship** and **Sara Martin** won the National Championship, and the Chase team of **Scott McDorman** and **Kathleen Shields** was named National Runner-up, at the National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare & Adoption Law in Columbus, Ohio.



# Transactional Law Practice Center

## Students Excel at Business Boot Camp

Fourteen NKU Chase College of Law students survived a week of boot camp - Business Boot Camp that is. Business Boot Camp is an intense, five-day program that helps law students and recently admitted attorneys learn important business skills necessary for the practice of law. Most areas of law require lawyers to have a working knowledge of business basics. While some law students might assume business skills are applicable only to transactional work, litigators need to know how to follow the money and understand why business deals go awry. In fact, NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute Director, Jon Garon, commented, "64% of attorneys have a corporate practice and an additional 10% work as inside counsel, so nearly three-quarters of all practicing graduates are part of a corporate practice."

The core instructor of this year's Business Boot Camp, which was held the week of August 12, was Brad Bays, MBA program director at Miami University's Farmer School of Business. His prior experience includes over 20 years at Procter & Gamble as a finance analyst and supply chain and purchasing executive. He also has experience translating these concepts for lawyers. Mr. Bays taught his portion of the course over five, three-hour workshops, which included problem sets the students completed in teams.

Students were also taught by local experts how to read financial statements, understand business valuations, interpret financial information, and determine financing availability and terms. Instructors also discussed insurance concerns, human resource matters, and many other issues related to business acquisitions. Culminating the week of instruction was an MBA-style business case competition before a panel of judges including lawyers and business partners. This year, the winning team consisted of Logan Forsythe, 2L; Andy Riegel, 2L; Ryan Risner, 3L; Doug Schwegman, 3L, and Alison Vieth, 2L.

Barbara Wagner, assistant professor of law and former associate general counsel for Chiquita Brands International, organized the program, which was initially designed to address the concern shared by clients and employers that new lawyers do not understand the business aspects of legal transactions. She noted, "While one week cannot provide the students with all the tools they need, this program opened their eyes and reinforced the importance of understanding business issues. I was very impressed that students signed up for this program, which offers no course credit, and they put in a lot of hours." Lindsey Jaeger, director of centers and institutes administration, added, "We are certainly appreciative of the generosity of our alumni and advisors. We also appreciate the contribution of time made by the volunteers who served as Business Boot Camp faculty and competition judges."

Chase faculty and other local attorneys and business representatives who volunteered their time to the program were Chris Gulinello, professor of law, NKU Chase College of Law; Jeni Fitzpatrick, director, customer outreach, Workday; Bridget Hoffman, partner, Taft Stettinius & Hollister; Jeff Heinichen '78, CompleteMASTERY; Kenneth H. Kinder II '00, partner, Cors & Bassett, LLC; Ed Loyd, director of corporate communications and corporate social responsibility, Chiquita Brands; Eric Miller, commercial lending division manager, Stock Yards Bank & Trust Co.; Ann Schoen '94, chair of the intellectual property department, Frost Brown Todd LLC; Mike Sims of AdvancePierre Foods; and Barbara Wagner, assistant professor of law, NKU Chase College of Law.

"The group work really helped to demonstrate the business concepts learned throughout the week while we struggled together to read financial statements and understand business valuations," said Brian Morris, a second-year student with a bachelor's degree in English writing.

Logan Forsythe, a second-year student and member of the winning team shared, "The competition was a great way to pull everything together and to demonstrate our newly acquired skills and knowledge."

*Business Boot Camp is the premier annual program of NKU Chase's Transactional Law Practice Center. Drawing on the resources and talents of a unique partnership of practicing lawyers, faculty members, and business partners, the Transactional Law Practice Center provides law students and the Greater Cincinnati legal community with leadership, substantive education, practical skills training, and best practices in the focus area of transactional law. For more information, visit <http://chaselaw.nku.edu/centers/transactional.html>.*

## Business Boot Camp Photo Gallery



# Transactional Law Practice Center

## Recent Highlights

### Business Boot Camp

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Several practitioners led discussions with students on the ethics of a transactional practice

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Several practitioner led presentations on representing nonprofits and entrepreneurs

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### Webinars on JOBS Act

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### Webinars and live panel on M&A Practice

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Panel presentation on “What is a Transactional Lawyer?”

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Networking skills series presented by O.I. Partners

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Get Engaged at NKU Breakfast Series: Intellectual Property - Strategizing to Create Value for Your Organization

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Negotiation Skills Building Series, including exercises from the Harvard Negotiation Project

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Two Chase teams competed in the ABA Negotiation Competition

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In the New England regional meet of the 2013 Transactional LawMeet®, Chase placed second on the company side of a stock purchase

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### Transactional Law Practice Group Negotiation Competition

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Student trip to Washington, D.C. for the spring meeting of the ABA Business Law Section



Students participate in the Harvard Negotiation Project

## Faculty News



### JOHN BICKERS

Presenter, *The Supreme Court: Year in Review, General Counsel Conference, TRICARE Military Health System*

General Management Agency, Washington, D.C. (March 2013).

Presenter, *Forever Free: The Constitutionality of the Emancipation Proclamation, Six @ Six Lecture Series, Cincinnati Mercantile Library, Cincinnati, OH* (September 2012).

Panelist, *Anti-Terrorism Law and Policy, PBS: Kentucky Tonight, on-air broadcast* (June 3, 2013).

Panelist, *The Constitutionality of the Smoke-Free Kentucky Act, Kentucky House Judiciary Committee, Frankfort, KY* (March 2013).



### ROGER BILLINGS

Presenter, *Abraham Lincoln: Ordinary or Extraordinary Lawyer?, Conference on Illinois*

*History, Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, IL* (October 2012).



### SHARLENE BOLTZ

Interviewed by WCPO Channel 9, "It's a New Day" (November 4, 2012).



### CAROL BREDEMEYER

Chair, American Association of Law Libraries' Law Student Research Competencies Task Force.

*Tidying up the Internet: Take Down of Unauthorized Content under Copyright, Trademark and Defamation Law*, 41 CAPITAL U. L. REV. (forthcoming 2013).

*The Heart of the Deal: Intellectual Property Aspects in the Law and Business of Entertainment*, 17 J. INT. PROP. RIGHTS 443 (2012).

*Beyond the First Amendment: Shaping the Contours of Commercial Speech in Video Games, Virtual Worlds, and Social Media*, UTAH L. REV. 607 (2012). Judged "best law review articles published within the last year in the fields of entertainment, publishing and the arts," selected for inclusion in *Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts Handbook* (2013 ed.).

Presenter, *Transmedia 2.0 – Rethinking Global Media Distribution on the Small and Large Screen*, 2013 Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable, Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA (March 2013).

Presenter, *Social Media in the Workplace – from Intellectual Property Rights to Constitutional Rights*, FBA Annual Intellectual Property Law Symposium, Florida Bar Association, West Palm Beach, FL (March 2013).

Presenter, *Navigating through the Cloud – Legal and Regulatory Management for Software as a Service*, NKU Security Symposium, Northern Kentucky University, Erlanger, KY (October 2012).

Panelist, *Termination of Copyright Grants*, ABA Young Leadership Division Entertainment & Sports Industry Committee, Webinar (March 2013).

Panelist, *Implication for the Future: a Roundtable*, 2013 Northern Kentucky Law Review - Law + Informatics Symposium on Labor and Employment Issues, NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY (February 2013).

Panelist, *Hate Crimes, Social Media and Justice*, NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute, NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY (November 2012).



### CAROL FURNISH

Co-Presenter, *Finding Reliable Research Tools That Won't Bust Your Budget!*, Northern Kentucky Bar

*Association Annual CLE Day, Erlanger, KY* (April 2013).

Co-Presenter, *On Your Own But Not Alone: Efficient & Cost-Effective Research Using the Tools in Your Backyard*, CBA Legal Research Series, Cincinnati Bar Association Legal Research & Information Resources Committee, Cincinnati, OH (November 2012).



### JON GARON

"Localism as a Production Imperative: An Alternative Framework for Promoting Intangible Cultural

Heritage," chapter in Sean A. Pager and Adam Candeub, *Transnational Culture in the Internet Age*, Elgar Law (2012).

*Digital Hollywood 2.0: Reimagining Film, Music, Television and Publishing Distribution as a Global Artist Collaborative*, 21 MICH. ST. INT'L L. REV. (forthcoming 2013).

*Legal Education in Disruption: The Headwinds and Tailwinds of Technology*, 45 CONN. L. REV. (forthcoming 2013). Article has become part of the record for the ABA Task Force on the Future of Legal Education.

## Faculty News

Panelist, *Rethinking the "Model" Law School – Disdain and Solutions for the Current Framework*, Connecticut Law Review Annual Symposium, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT (November 2012).

Panelist, *Digital Hollywood 2.0*, Conference on IP for Creative Upstarts, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI (co-sponsored by NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute) (November 2012).



**RICHARD GRAVES**

Drafted ABA Law Student Division Negotiation Competition 2013 Fact Pattern. This was the first year that the competition organizers received no requests for clarification.



**AMY HALBROOK**

*Juvenile Pariahs*, 65 HASTINGS L.J. (forthcoming 2013).

*Northern Kentucky's Initiative to Improve Outcomes*

*for Juvenile Status Offenders*, BENCH & BAR (Kentucky Bar Association) (September 2012) (with J. Crabtree).

Presenter, *Preparing for Trial: Theory & Investigation*, Indiana Juvenile Public Defender Conference, Indiana Public Defender Council, Indianapolis, IN (October 2012).

Panel Moderator, *One Size Doesn't Fit All: Every Child's Right to a Tailored Defense*, Ohio Juvenile Defender Summit, Children's Law Center, Columbus, OH (April 2013).

Welcome and Introduction, *Juvenile-In-Justice: A Survey of Documentary Photography*, Center for Excellence in Advocacy and

*NKU Chase Children's Law Center Clinic*, NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY (October 2012).



**JACK HARRISON**

*Management of Electronic Data in Litigation*, LEX LOCI (Northern Kentucky Bar Association)

(December 2012).

Selected for inclusion, *The Best Lawyers in America 20th ed.*, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants.

Selected as a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Labor & Employment by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell™.



**DENNIS HONABACH**

*D&O Liability Handbook*, WEST GROUP (2012) (with Mark Sargent).

*Proxy Rules*

*Handbook*, WEST GROUP (2012) (with Mark Sargent).

Panelist, *Preparing the Transactional Lawyer: From Doctrine to Practice*, Emory Law Conference on Transactional Education, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA (November 2012).



**JENNIFER JOLLY-RYAN**

*Repairing Damaged Goods: Federal and State Legislation Prohibiting Employers from Making Current*

*Employment a Job Requirement*, RUT-

TERS RACE & L. REV. (forthcoming 2013).



**JENNIFER KINSLEY**

*Sexual Privacy in the Internet Age: How Substantive Due Process Protects Online Obscenity*, VAND.

J. ENT. & TECH. (forthcoming 2013).

*When Vanishing Photos Become Vanishing Evidence: Legal Questions Raised by the Snapchat Smartphone App*, LEX LOCI (Northern Kentucky Bar Association) (June 2013).

Presenter, *The Prosecution of Aaron Swartz: Freedom of the Online Press in America*, Turkish Ministry of Justice, Ankara, Turkey (March 2013).

Presenter, *The Occupy Wall Street Movement and its Impact on American Constitutional Law*, Ankara University Faculty of Law, Ankara, Turkey (March 2013).

Presenter, *The American First Amendment and its Protection of Anti-Government Journalists*, Legislative Commission on Constitutional Reform, Istanbul, Turkey and Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey (March 2013).

Presenter, *New Developments in Sex Offender Registration Laws*, First Amendment Lawyers Association Winter Meeting, New Orleans, LA (February 2013).

Presenter, *The 2012 Terms of the United States and Ohio Supreme Courts*, Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH (January 2013).

Panelist, *Hate Crimes, Social Media and Justice*, NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute, NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY (November 2012).

Named, Rising Star in Kentucky 2013-14, SuperLawyers.

Selected for inclusion, The Best Lawyers in America 20th ed., First Amendment Law.

Appointed, AALS Externship Subcommittee on Remote Externships.

Joined, Advisory Board of Contemporary Dance Theater. The Theatre is Cincinnati's oldest and only arts organization dedicated to the preservation and presentation of modern dance.

Joined, Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless Board.



**JENNIFER  
KREDER**

*Lessons for Religious Liberty Litigation from Kentucky*, WASH. & LEE J. CIVIL RTS. & SOC.

JUST. (forthcoming 2013).

*Restitution in the Information Age*, CASE W. RES. J.L. TECH ARTS (forthcoming 2013).

*Anticipating Prosecution of the Gardner Heist*, 17 CANADIAN CRIM. L. REV. 47 (2013) (with Joseph Huber).

*Fighting Corruption of the Historical Record: Nazi-looted Art Litigation*, 61 KAN. L. REV. 75 (2012).

Presenter, *Art Repatriation in the Information Age*, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, *Journal of Law, Technology & the Internet Symposium on Art Repatriation*, Cleveland, OH (March 2013).

Presenter, *Art Repatriation in the Information Age*, Association of American Law Schools Art Law Section Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (January 2013).

Chair-Elect, Association of American Law Schools Art Law Section 2013-2014.



**MICHAEL  
MANNHEIMER**

*Cruel and Unusual Federal Punishments*, 98 IOWA L. REV. 69 (2012).



**JENNIFER MART-  
RICE**

*Five Useful Online Resources for Solo Practitioners*, LEX LOCI (Northern Kentucky Bar Association)

(December 2012).

*Networking Gone Wild: Starting off AALL and Your Career on the Right Foot*, ORALL NEWSLETTER (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries) (December 2012).

*Just Your Typical CONELL Day: "So I see that you own a greenhouse and floral shop..."*, ALL-SIS NEWSLETTER (Academic Law Libraries-Special Interest Section) (Fall 2012).

*Google Plus: A Hidden Treasure?*, CBA REPORT (Cincinnati Bar Association) (August 2012).



**BARBARA  
MCFARLAND**

*What's it to You? An essay suggesting the use of MPT-style writing exercises in the hiring process*, LEX LOCI

(Northern Kentucky Bar Association) (August 2012).

Panel Moderator, *Assessing Our Students, Our Successes, and Ourselves*, AALS Academic Support Section Annual Program, Association of American Law Schools (January 2013).

*Elected Treasurer of the Section, Associa-*

*tion of American Law Schools Academic Support Section.*



**LAWRENCE  
ROSENTHAL**

*A Lack of "Motivation," or Sound Legal Reasoning? Why Most Courts Are Not Applying Either Price*

*Waterhouse's or the 1991 Civil Rights Act's Motivating Factor Analysis to Title VII Retaliation Claims in a Post-Gross World (But Should)*, 64 ALABAMA L. REV. (2013).



**DAVID SINGLE-  
TON**

*"Representing Sex Offenders," chapter in Monroe Freedman and Abbe Smith, How Can You Represent*

*Those People?*, Palgrave MacMillan (2013). Other notable scholars who contributed chapters are Alan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School, Paul Butler of Georgetown University Law Center, Michael Tigar of American University WCL, and Barbara Babcock of Stanford Law School.

*Kids, Cops and Sex Offenders: Pushing the Limits of the Interest Convergence Thesis*, HOW. L. J. (forthcoming 2013).

Panelist, *75th anniversary of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, OH (August 27, 2013).

Interviewed by *Cincinnati Enquirer*, "Did You Say You Wished African-Americans 'Weren't There?'" (August 24, 2013) (<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130824/COL01/308240096/Did-you-say-you-wished-African-Americans-weren-t-there>).

Awarded, Merlin G. Pope, Jr. Diversity Leadership Award, Cincinnati Human

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Relations Commission Annual Luncheon (May 2013). The award was created in 2003 to recognize individuals in the Greater Cincinnati Area who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and leadership to diversity and inclusion within their organization and/or the community.

Featured, Law Day Speaker for Dayton Bar Association (May 2013).

Featured, *Cincinnati Magazine's* "Big Ideas" (November 2012).



**PHILLIP SPARKES**

*If I Were in the Mood*, 77 BENCH & BAR 27 (Kentucky Bar Association) (March 2013).

Attorney Speech and Attorney Discipline, LEX LOCI (Northern Kentucky Bar Association) (February 2013).

Drafted Opinion Letter to City of Covington, published by The River City News, "The City Hall E-Mails: Part Four," (June 21, 2013), (<http://rcnky.com/articles/2013/06/21/city-hall-emails-part-four>).

Drafted CALI lesson, "Freedom of Information Act," Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, (February 8, 2013), (<http://www.cali.org/lesson/10231>).

Presenter, *Current Trends in Social Enterprise Organizations*, Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY (March 2013).

Interviewed by Fox19 News, "Local Impact of Supreme Court Rulings on DOMA, Prop. 8," (June 26, 2013) (<http://kpho.membercenter.worldnow.com/story/22698370/impact-of-doma-proposition-8-rulings-in-the-tri-state>).

Interviewed by WVXU, "Could the Cincinnati Zoo Get Funding from Other Counties?" (June 24, 2013) (<http://wvxu.org/post/could-cincinnati-zoo-get-funding-other-counties>).

Interviewed by Fox19: Investigates, "Kentucky Sheriffs Not Certified" (February 11, 2013) (<http://wxix.membercenter.worldnow.com/story/21076485/fox19-investigates-ky-sheriffs-not-certified>).

Interviewed by Cincinnati Enquirer, "NKU Center Gives Startups a Boost" (January 17, 2013) (<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130116/BIZ/301160102/Pichler-NKU-center-gives-startups-boost>).



**JEFFREY STANDEN**

*The Disappearance of the African-American Baseball Player*, Lewis & Clark Law Review (2013).

*Foot Faults in Crunch Time: Temporal Variance in Sports Officiating and Antitrust Law*, Pepperdine Law Review (2013).

*Assumption of Risk in NFL Concussion Litigation: The Offhand Empiricism of the Courtroom*, Florida International Law Review (2013).

*Pennsylvania's NCAA Suit Makes No Sense*, CNN Opinion, CNN.com (January 8, 2013) (<http://www.cnn.com/2013/01/08/opinion/standen-penn-ncaa/index.html>).

Presenter, *Where Does a Bet Take Place?: Intractable Choice of Law Problems in Gaming Law*, Texas Review of Entertainment and Sports Law Symposium, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX (September 2012).  
Panelist, *NCAA, Legal Exemptions and Liabilities*, Pepperdine Law Review Symposium, Pepperdine

University School of Law, Malibu, CA (April 2013).

Panelist, *Gambling and Corruption in Sports*, Virginia Sports & Entertainment Law Journal and Virginia Sports Law Society Symposium, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA (March 2013).

Panelist, *The Impact of Concussion Lawsuits on the Future of Football*, University of Mississippi Sports Law Review Symposium, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, MS (November 2012).



**HENRY "STEVE" STEPHENS**

Presenter, *Federal Rules of Evidence: Significant Recent Developments*, Eastern District of Kentucky

*Federal Bench and Bar Conference*, Federal Bar Association, Lexington, KY (May 2013).

Leading panel of Kentucky mediators writing a column entitled "The Mediator's Perspective" for each of the six issues of the Kentucky Justice Association's publication entitled "The Advocate."

Selected for inclusion, *The Best Lawyers in America* 20th ed., Arbitration and Mediation.

Named to Best Lawyers of America for the eighth year in a row.

Inducted into Kentucky's inaugural chapter of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Full Commissioner, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.



**JOHN VALAURI**

*Baffled by Inactivity: the Individual Mandate and the Commerce Power*, 10 GEO. J.L & PUB. POL'Y 51 (2012).

Presenter, *Originalism and the Necessary and Proper Clause*, Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL (November 2012).



**BARBARA WAGNER**

*Pending Changes in Federal Securities Laws Will Permit Small Businesses to Raise Funds Online*, LEX LOCI

(Northern Kentucky Bar Association) (August 2013).

Panelist, *Alumni Relations*, Stockholm School of Economics, Riga, Latvia (July 2013).

Panel Moderator, *Retaining Talent in the Region and Graduate Employability*, Building Student and Alumni Networks Workshop, European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania (in exile from Belarus) (July 2013).

Panel Moderator, *Regional Alumni Associations*, Building Student and Alumni Networks Workshop, European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania (in exile from Belarus) (July 2013).

Panel Moderator, *Shared Interest Groups*, Stockholm School of Economics, Riga, Latvia (July 2013).

Panel Moderator, *Volunteer Leadership*, US Embassy program with NGO Representatives, Riga, Latvia (July 2013).

Panelist, *Beyond the Four Corners of the Rules: Professionalism and the Business Lawyer*, ABA Business Law Section

Spring Meeting, American Bar Association, Washington, DC (April 2013).

Panelist, *Labor and Employment: Implications for the Future*, 2013 Northern Kentucky Law Review - Law + Informatics Symposium on Labor and Employment Issues, NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY (February 2013).

Interviewed by *Cincinnati Enquirer*, "NKU Center Gives Startups a Boost" (January 17, 2013) (<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130116/BIZ/301160102/Pichler-NKU-center-gives-startups-boost>).

Chair-Elect, Board of Dining for Women (March 2013), a nonprofit organization headquartered in Greenville, SC, whose mission is to empower women and girls living in extreme poverty by funding programs that foster good health, education, and economic self-sufficiency and to cultivate educational giving circles that inspire individuals to make a positive difference through the power of collective giving.

Member of delegation, YaleGALE (Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange) in a 10-day exchange with alumni relations staff and volunteers of universities in Lithuania and Latvia (July 2013).

Frequent presenter to community groups, including SCORE, Bad Girl Ventures and Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement, about the Chase Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic and matters of interest to small businesses.



**MICHAEL WHITEMAN**

*Book Burning in the Twenty-first Century: ABA Standard 606 and the Future of Academic Law Libraries as*

*the Smoke Clears*, LAW LIBR. J. (peer reviewed) (forthcoming December 2013).

Presenter, *Using Audience Response Systems to Engage and Teach Research Classes*, 2012 ORALL Annual Meeting, Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries, Valparaiso, IN (October 2012).

Member of ABA inspection team for University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law's sabbatical inspection.



**CARYL YZENBAARD**

*The Law of Trusts and Trustees*, §§ 471-510 WEST 2009 (rev. 3rd ed. Supp. 2013) (with George Bogert).

Chair, Real Property Drafting Committee for the Multi State Bar Examination of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

## Class of 2013 Commencement Ceremony

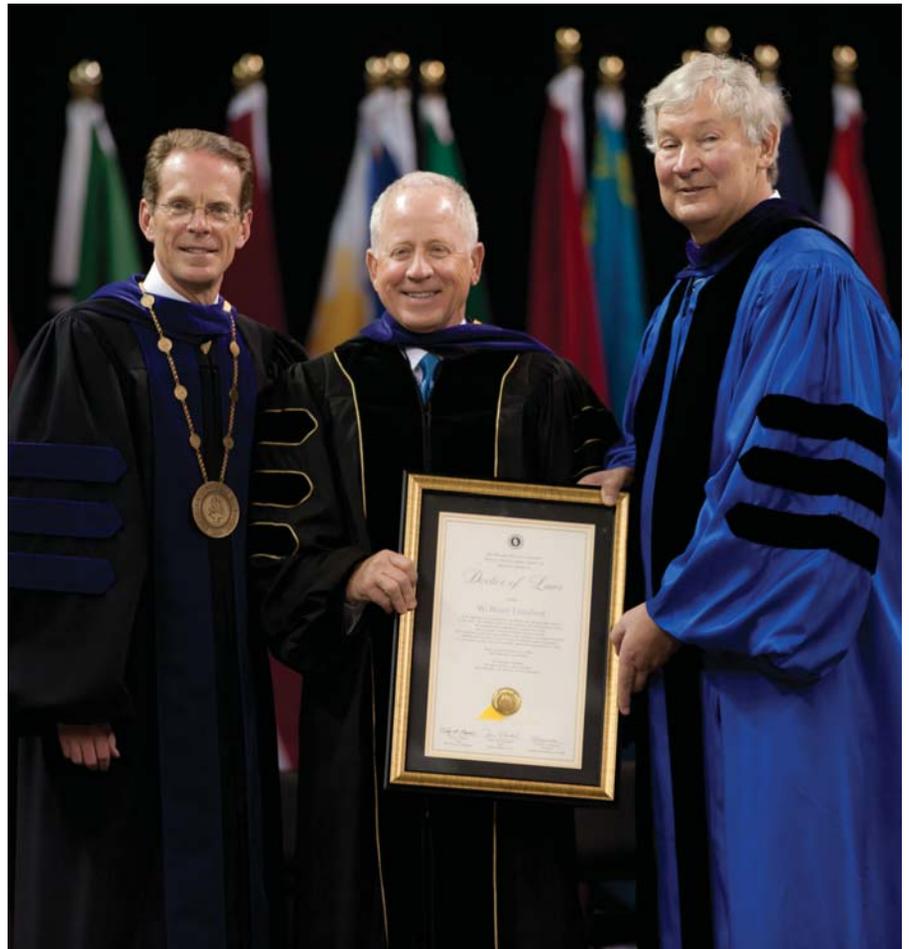
**T**he NKU Chase College of Law 2013 Commencement Ceremony was held on Saturday evening, May 11 at The Bank of Kentucky Center on the university's main campus. Northern Kentucky University President Geoffrey S. Mearns and Dean Dennis R. Honabach conferred 163 Juris Doctor degrees.

President Mearns and Dean Honabach bestowed an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon W. Bruce Lunsford '74, Chair and CEO of Lunsford Capital, LLC. Mr. Lunsford delivered the commencement address.

Justice Michelle M. Keller '90, the first Chase graduate to serve on the Supreme Court of Kentucky, delivered greetings from the Court.

Prior to the ceremony, the Chase Alumni Association hosted a reception for the graduates and their guests. Following the reception, an ensemble of bagpipers and drummers led the commencement procession into The Bank of Kentucky Center.

Chase visiting professor Larry O. Putt, recipient of the College of Law's 2013 Robert O. Lukowsky Outstanding Professor Award, had the honor of serving as the Grand Marshal for the commencement ceremony.





## Chase Alumni Association Gatherings



Alumni reception at the Western Hills Country Club



Alumni luncheon at Kentucky Dam Village State Park



Alumni reception at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville



Alumni reception during the Kentucky Bar Convention at the Galt House in Louisville



Alumni luncheon at Brickyard Café in Bowling Green



Alumni reception at the Downtown Marriott in Louisville



Reception for recent alumni at Molly Malone's Tavern in Covington



Alumni reception during the Ohio Bar Convention at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel



Alumni reception at Ryan's Tavern in Hamilton



Alumni reception at the Hyde Park Country Club



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## Dean's Circle Theater Party features *Legally Blonde, the Musical*

Chase alumni and friends gathered on March 2, 2013 for the Dean's Circle Theatre Party. Members of the Dean's Circle and Chase's leadership boards attended a reception on campus followed by the NKU Theatre Department's performance of *Legally Blonde, the Musical* in the NKU Corbett Theatre. Last year, the group attended the Theatre Department's performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Donors of \$1,000 or more annually enjoy periodic Dean's Circle recognition events. Other past activities include an evening at Elk Creek Winery and a special welcome reception for new NKU president Geoffrey Mearns.



## PROFILES IN GIVING



**LARRY C. DEENER '79** made a \$10,000 contribution to NKU Chase to establish the Landrum & Shouse Endowed Scholarship. His choice to put the firm's name on the scholarship, among other things, serves to encourage Chase alumni with other law firms to do the same. Deener is a partner with the firm and works in its Lexington, Kentucky office. His practice is devoted to litigation.



The **DENNIS R. HONABACH SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN TRANSACTIONAL LAW** was established through contributions by a number of Chase alumni, faculty, and friends in recognition of Dean Honabach's vision in establishing the Centers for Excellence and the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute, and his particular passion for transactional law. The fund will provide scholarship support for Chase students who express an interest in, and commitment to, the study of transactional law and who actively participate in the Transactional Law Practice Center.

**TIMOTHY E. EBLE '81** gave \$25,000 to NKU Chase after recent campus visits. Although he placed no restrictions on his contribution, he was motivated to help support the renovation and expansion of the student lounge area in Nunn Hall. Eble's practice, which is based in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, includes mass torts, product liability, complex and class action litigation.



**THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY** renewed its annual gift to support the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky Bench and Bar Fund Scholarship. This year's \$20,000 gift will provide scholarship support for one or more economically disadvantaged Chase law students from Kentucky.



**W. BRUCE LUNSFORD '74** made a gift of \$1 million to NKU Chase to establish and support the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology. The Lunsford Academy will be an honors immersion program, operated by the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute, that will provide Chase students with the technological, financial, and professional skill sets essential to the modern practice of law. Through a technology-driven, skills-based curriculum, students will acquire the fundamental skills that will make them more productive for their clients, more attractive to employers, and better prepared to practice law upon graduation. Lunsford is chairman and CEO of Lunsford Capital, LLC, a private investment company headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. *(Read more about this gift in the feature article on page 6.)*

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**AN ANONYMOUS DONOR** pledged \$50,000 over four years to establish a Mason County Law Scholarship Fund to provide support for a deserving Chase law student from Mason County, Kentucky. The gift encourages prospective students from the donor's community to apply to NKU Chase College of Law.

Brothers **DANIEL P. STRATTON '78** and **DAVID C. STRATTON '78** and their mother, **LOIS JEAN STRATTON**, made a \$25,000 gift to NKU Chase College of Law to establish the Henry D. Stratton



Family Endowed Scholarship in Law. This scholarship will be designated for Chase students from Pike County, Kentucky, or graduates of the University of Pikeville. Mr. Dan Stratton's practice focuses on estates, estate planning, trusts, small business needs, employment law, and general litigation. Mr. David Stratton's practice focuses on insurance defense, product liability, employment law, and matters of litigation. They are partners in the firm of Stratton, Hogg & Maddox in Pikeville, Kentucky.



**RICHARD M. ROTHFUSS '77** and his wife, **CATHERINE J. ROTHFUSS**, contributed \$10,000 in support of the Transactional Law Practice Center. The Center provides Chase students who are interested in transactional law with the crucial experiential component of their legal education. Mr. Rothfuss, who is the President of the law firm of Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss LPA, is a Founding Partner of the Center and a member of the center's board of advisors.

### Alumni Support Student Philanthropy at Chase



On March 1, 2013 the Chase Development Office hosted its second annual Student Philanthropy Day, a Monte Carlo event which was a huge success. Over 60 student donors participated, raising more than \$5,400 for various student initiatives at NKU Chase. Many thanks to those members of the Chase Alumni Association Board of Governors whose gifts supported the event.

Kelly Farrish '78 deals cards.



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— David Crawford '93

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Mary S. Cassidy  
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 Steven M. Crawford  
 Winston R. Griffin  
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 Stephen L. Richey

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 Kerry G. Clark  
 James P. Dady  
 Stacey A. Fedasz  
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 Thomas E. Frooman  
 M. Denise Kuprionis  
 Bernard L. McKay  
 Wesley V. Milliken  
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 Anthony D. Sabatelli  
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 Lynn A. Lape  
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**CLASS OF 1998**

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 Lori B. Rodgers  
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 Lisa D. Hughes  
 Kenneth H. Kinder II  
 David K. Mattheis  
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 Matthew E. Mills  
 Theresa M. Mohan  
 Janalee Shaw  
 Gabrielle A. Summe  
 Tad Thomas

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*NKU Chase not only provided a stellar legal education, it also equipped us to actually practice law. I support NKU Chase because of the great memories, remarkable professors and to help prepare future generations of NKU Chase lawyers.*

— Kerri Bruckner '01

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**CLASS OF 2001**

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 Thomas E. Fielder  
 Jennifer M. Gatherwright  
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 Brian R. Jansen  
 Heather K. Jansen  
 Michael J. Keeney

**CLASS OF 2002**

Nancy H. Igel  
 Margaret M. Maggio  
 Steven L. Sacks  
 Aaron J. Silletto

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*My Chase education has given me the tools I needed to practice law at the highest level, and I want to help prepare future generations of NKU Chase lawyers to develop the skills they will need to excel in their chosen career paths.*

— Aaron Silletto '02

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**CLASS OF 2003**

Matthew L. Benson  
 Nathan H. Blaske  
 James A. Browning  
 John M. Dunn  
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**CLASS OF 2004**

Richard A. Brueggemann  
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 Nicholas P. Brayton  
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 Parker L. Clifton  
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 Justin L. Lawrence  
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 Meredith Spille  
 Timothy B. Spille  
 Nicholas A. Zingarelli

**CLASS OF 2006**

Heather E. DePremio  
 Katherine A. Knaak  
 Chris B. Markus  
 Stephanie Ogg  
 Mary M. Sherman  
 David M. Spaulding  
 Jonathan P. Wright

**CLASS OF 2007**

Nicholas C. Birkenhauer  
 Robert C. Foy  
 Robert C. Hassman, Jr.  
 Kip C. Mathis  
 Timothy A. Mattingly

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*The faculty, staff and even my own peers were steadfast in supporting me as I worked my full time job while attending classes at night . . . Most importantly, I pledge my support annually because I want to help prepare future generations of quality Chase lawyers.*

— Michael E. Jones '08

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**CLASS OF 2008**

Sarah E. Henry  
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 Jill S. Jones  
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 Timmy J. Tope

**CLASS OF 2009**

Sara M. Caudill  
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**CLASS OF 2010**

Emily S. Criscillis  
 Emily N. Litzinger  
 Ryan K. Rice  
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**CLASS OF 2011**

Nathaniel J. Arnett  
 Melanie A. Biggers  
 Andrew M. Powell  
 Carson A. Rothfuss  
 Tonya S. VanBenschoten

**CLASS OF 2012**

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 Robert A. Hardin  
 Erika L. Lehman  
 John M. Milligan  
 Joseph D. Stewart-Pirone  
 Deana M. Taylor

## Class notes

### CLASS OF 1968



**Martin S. Pinales** has formed Pinales Stachler Young Burrell & Crouse in Cincinnati with Chase alumna Shawn Young '77, Tom Stachler, Peter

Burrell, and Candace Crouse. Mr. Pinales represents individuals and companies accused of, or being investigated for, crimes in state and federal courts and across the country. He has more than 40 years of extensive trial, appellate, grand jury, sentencing guideline, and white collar criminal defense experience and knowledge.

### CLASS OF 1969



**William M. Cussen** was presented with the "2012 Distinguished Contributions to the Profession Award" by the Ohio Association of Civil

Trial Attorneys at its annual meeting in Dayton. He is a member of The American Board of Trial Advocates and was installed as the President of the Cincinnati Chapter in November. A partner in the firm of McCaslin Imbus & McCaslin in Cincinnati, his practice is concentrated primarily in the field of civil litigation specializing in personal injury, negligence, insurance law, consumer law, and product liability.

### CLASS OF 1977



**Katherine Smith Brewin** was promoted to managing director at U.S. Trust Bank of America Wealth Management in Chicago. She serves as the

regional fiduciary officer for the central region, providing fiduciary advice and approvals for all trust and estate settlement officers in U.S. Trust offices in Minnesota, Illinois, and Michigan. She

recently completed 22 years with U.S. Trust and its predecessor, LaSalle Bank.



**Shawn M. Young** has formed Pinales Stachler Young Burrell & Crouse in Cincinnati with Chase alumnus Martin Pinales '68, and Tom Stachler,

Peter Burrell, and Candace Crouse. Ms. Young represents small and mid-size companies in a wide array of business matters, including business formation, corporate compliance, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, liquor and other licensing, insurance, business financing, securities compliance, contract negotiations, commercial transactions, intellectual property, insurance, real estate, and employment matters. She has also expanded her practice to include appellate and commercial litigation.

### CLASS OF 1979



**Dennis A. Repenning** was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear to serve as a special justice on the Supreme Court of Kentucky. A special justice

is appointed when two or more of the seven justices recuse themselves from a case. His civil practice in Kentucky and Ohio focuses on tax matters and transactional law. He is tax counsel to the City of Covington and served as an assistant Kenton County Attorney from 1994 to 1998. He is a member of the NKU Board of Regents and serves as board secretary.

### CLASS OF 1980



**Stephen E. Gillen**, partner at Wood Herron & Evans LLP in Cincinnati, has published a chapter in the book, "The Book Publishers Toolkit: 10 Practical

Pointers for Independent and Self Publishers." His contribution addresses

the changes necessary to ensure a publisher's contract is keeping up with digital times. He has counseled clients in publishing and entertainment transactions and disputes, internet issues, advertising law, computer law, copyrights, technology transfer, trade secrets, and related matters.



**Robert M. Hoffer** was presented with the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's Distinguished Lawyer of the Year award at the

NKBA's holiday dinner dance. A partner with DBL Law in Crestview Hills, he heads the firm's employment law division, which represents employers of all sizes including some of the largest throughout Kentucky and the greater Cincinnati area. His employment law practice covers all issues impacting employers on a daily basis including compliance with state and federal employment laws.

### CLASS OF 1984



**Roger N. Braden** has opened the law firm of Braden and Associates, LLC in Florence. The firm also has offices in Edgewood and

Madisonville. The firm concentrates its practice in litigation involving personal injury, medical malpractice, defective products, employment and labor issues, and disability cases.



**T. Lawrence Hicks** has joined fellow Chase alumni Bob Cetrulo '84 and Susanne Cetrulo '84 to form the law firm of Cetrulo, Mowery & Hicks

in Edgewood. He was formerly a founding partner at Sutton Rankin Law, PLC, where his practice focused on business litigation, contract negotiation, and accident litigation.



**Senator Katie Kratz Stine** was re-elected president pro-tem of the Kentucky State Senate. She represents the 24th Senate District, which includes Campbell and Pendleton Counties. First elected to the Senate in 1999, she previously served two terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 1995 to 1999.

**CLASS OF 1985**



**Judge Karen A. Thomas** was named one of the 2013 Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky. Sponsored by Toyota, the awards celebrate women

who have demonstrated leadership in their home, profession, or community. Judge Thomas serves as Chief Judge for the Campbell County District Court and as Chief Regional District Judge for the Northern Region of Kentucky.



**Christine M. Vissman** was presented with the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award at the NKBA's holiday

dinner dance. She currently serves on the NKBA's Judiciary Committee and has served on the Events Committee for more than 20 years. She previously served as the NKBA president, secretary, and as a member of the Board of Directors.



**William G. Weisenfelder**, a partner with Rendigs, Fry, Keily & Dennis LLP in Cincinnati, was invited by the Advisory Board of the Litigation Counsel of

America, a trial lawyer honorary society, to serve as a fellow. Members of this prestigious organization represent fewer than one-half of one percent of the attorneys in the United States. His practice focuses on defending civil rights cases and personal injury actions.

**CLASS OF 1986**



**Philip J. Schworer** was recognized in the Environmental Law and Litigation-Environmental categories in the 2013 edition of *Best Lawyers*®.

He was also selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *ChambersUSA*®. A member of Frost Brown Todd LLC's environmental department in the firm's Florence office, he represents business and industry in all aspects of environmental, health and safety, and toxic tort issues.

**CLASS OF 1987**



**Ronald C. Christian** has been selected as a *Leading Lawyer* by *Cincy* magazine. He is a partner in the Tax, Probate and Estate Planning Departments of

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP in Cincinnati, and he chairs the firm's Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organization Practice Group. He is also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and is included as a 2012 Ohio Super Lawyer.



**Todd V. McMurtry** has joined Gerner & Kearns Co., L.P.A. in Cincinnati as a partner, managing the firm's litigation practice group. He practices in the

area of complex litigation, where he represents individuals and businesses in matters including business, banking, personal injury, land use, real estate, and construction disputes in Ohio and Kentucky courts.

**CLASS OF 1989**



**Sherry P. Porter** has joined Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP in Louisville as a member of the firm's employee benefits team.

She concentrates her practice in the areas of employee benefits, including Employee Stock Ownership Plans and executive compensation arrangements. She also has extensive experience in handling and negotiating benefits issues in corporate and transactional matters. She previously served as associate dean of students at NKU Chase and director of the NKU Chase Transactional Law Practice Center.

**CLASS OF 1990**



**Michelle M. Keller** was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear to serve as Justice on the Supreme Court of Kentucky. See full article on page 16.

**CLASS OF 1993**



**Thomas W. Breidenstein** has joined Stites & Harbison PLLC as counsel and member of its real estate service group in its Covington office. His practice focuses on general commercial real estate, zoning and land use issues, and general civil litigation.



**Thomas F. Glassman** was presented with the 2012 Distinguished Contributions to the Community Award by the Ohio Association of Civil

Trial Attorneys at its annual meeting in Dayton. He is a partner in the Cincinnati office of Smith, Rolfe & Skavdahl Co., LPA, and focuses his practice on insurance coverage, bad faith defense, and large-loss claims.



**Deborah A. Heater** has joined Columbus State Community College as Vice President of Human Resources. She will oversee more than 2,000 full- and part-time staff and faculty members. She is

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a performance management professional with experience reviewing organizational effectiveness and recommending systemic improvements. She has more than 22 years of experience in operational assessment for a large municipality, K-12, and higher education environments.



**Bernice L. Walker** has joined Duke Energy Corporation in Cincinnati as its supplier diversity specialist for the Midwest. Her responsibilities

include working with other members of the supplier diversity team to manage Duke Energy's supplier diversity program, designed to increase the participation of diverse businesses in Duke's supply chain. She previously spent 12 years managing the small business program for Hamilton County.

### CLASS OF 1994



**Craig C. Dilger** was re-elected to serve as the chairman of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. His record sixth consecutive term as

chairman marks the longest continuous period of service as chairman in the Registry's history. The Registry is charged with administering Kentucky's campaign finance laws. Mr. Dilger is a member of the Labor and Employment and Business Litigation Practice Groups at Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC in Louisville.

### CLASS OF 1995



**Judge Joseph W. Kirby** was appointed by Governor John R. Kasich to serve as a Judge on the Warren County Court of Common Pleas, Probate/Juvenile Division in

Ohio. He previously served as the Area II Judge for the Warren County Court, presiding over cases involving misdemeanor or criminal, traffic, and civil disputes.



**Amy B. Milliken** was recognized by Warren County Public Schools in Kentucky in their inaugural class of the Warren County Public

Schools Hall of Distinguished Alumni. She has served as the Warren County Attorney in Bowling Green, Kentucky since 2004. She has been active in her community, serving on the boards of directors at the Family Enrichment Center, Hope Harbor, Barren River Child Advocacy, and Court Appointed Special Advocates.

### CLASS OF 1996



**Kelli E. Brown** has joined Goldberg Simpson LLC as a partner, and will lead the Estate Planning Practice Group in the firm's Bowling Green office. She

represents clients in all aspects of estate planning, estate administration, probate, estate litigation, and elder law. She has published numerous articles on estate planning and probate and is a frequent speaker on all topics associated with estate planning.

**John A. Combs** has opened his law practice, Combs Law, PLLC, in Lexington. He will focus on bankruptcy, corporate and commercial law, real estate, creditor-debtor relations, collections, probate, and family law.



**Craig L. Farrish** has joined the law firm of Garvey Shearer, P.S.C. in Cincinnati as a litigation attorney. Prior to joining Garvey Shearer, he was a

regional senior staff attorney at American Family Insurance Company. He focuses his practice in the area of civil litigation.



**Representative John C. Tilley** of Hopkinsville was one of 10 members of the Kentucky General Assembly honored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

with its first annual Chamber MVP Award in recognition of his legislative efforts to support Kentucky's business community. He also received the Kentucky League of Cities' Big Hitter Award for his legislative efforts to address Kentucky's synthetic drug problem, prescription drug abuse, methamphetamine production, and problems with abandoned properties in foreclosure.

### CLASS OF 1999



**Eliot G. Bastian** has joined Caparella-Kraemer & Associates, LLC in West Chester, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of consumer-

business bankruptcy law, creditor-debtor law, receiverships, business-banking law, foreclosure law, landlord-tenant law, civil rights law, lemon law, worker's compensation, SSI/disability, personal injury, insurance law, and criminal defense.



**Dennis N. Cook** is now vice president, general counsel, and secretary at Nuclear Waste Partnership in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Cook joined the company

in 2008 as associate general counsel. He has over 30 years of environmental and project management experience, including 20 years in the U.S. Department of Energy Weapons Complex.



**Shane C. Sidebottom**, of Wolnitzek & Rowekamp, PSC, was one of 100 lawyers to be selected for The eBossWatch 2012 list of Top Employment Lawyers in the

United States. He focuses his practice on

general litigation with a concentration in public and private Employment Law, state whistleblower cases, education law, and U.S. immigration law.



**Carey K. Steffen**, partner at Ritter & Randolph, LLC in Cincinnati and managing attorney for Cambridge Land Title Agency, Inc., is now an OSBA-certified

specialist in residential real property law. Her practice focuses on residential and commercial real estate, title insurance claims defense, foreclosure, and litigation. She is also a licensed title insurance agent in the states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

**CLASS OF 2000**



**Andrew D. Atherton** has been appointed chair of the North Carolina Bar Association Elder Law Section. He is a

shareholder in the law firm of Patla, Straus, Robinson & Moore, P.A. in Asheville, North Carolina. He focuses his practice on elder law, special needs trusts, estate planning, and probate.



**Stephanie M. Day** joined the law firm of Santen & Hughes in Cincinnati as a civil litigation attorney. She has 12 years of experience in state and federal courts

handling personal injury cases for injured victims and their families, including motor vehicle and airplane crashes, workplace injuries, faulty products, and legal and medical malpractice.

**CLASS OF 2001**



**J. Robert Linneman**, a partner at Santen & Hughes in Cincinnati, is the recipient of a 2012 Super Lawyers Pro Bono Award for his work on behalf of protestors involved

in the Occupy Cincinnati movement. He

was also recently elected secretary to the board of directors of the Corporation for Findlay Market of Cincinnati. His practice focuses on business counseling, contracts, personal injury, wrongful death, civil rights, and general civil litigation.

**CLASS OF 2002**



**Mary P. Burns**, trust counsel at Johnson Trust Company, received a Forty Under 40 award. She serves as chair of the Board of Directors of the Women's

Crisis Center in Northern Kentucky, is president of the Cincinnati Estate Planning Council, and is on the Executive Committee of The Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center in Covington.

**CLASS OF 2003**

**Laura Gregory Cogswell** was appointed by Brown County Court of Common Pleas Judge Scott T. Gusweiler to serve as a magistrate of the Common Pleas Court. She has been engaged in the general practice of law, concentrating in Clermont and Brown Counties. Previously, she worked for the Ohio Public Defender's Office.

**CLASS OF 2004**



**John C. Kaspar** was appointed solicitor for the Village of Morrow, Ohio. He also practices with the law firm of Gray and Duning in Lebanon. His practice

areas include civil trial practice, criminal defense, estate planning, family law, juvenile law, and probate and estate settlement.

**CLASS OF 2005**



**Robert A. Herking** has opened The Herking Law Firm, LLC in Batavia. His practice focuses on criminal defense, family law, labor and employment,

business consulting and litigation, and estate planning. He is a certified public accountant and previously served as a felony prosecutor and police officer.



**Gregory L. Cecil** has been elected partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL in Cincinnati. As a member of the firm's real estate practice group, he helps

real estate developers, builders, financial institutions, retailers, investors, and corporate clients structure and close major transactions involving the acquisition, development, finance, and/or disposition of real estate.



**Patrick A. Hartman** was promoted to the rank of major in the United States Air Force. As a member of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps,

he is assigned as the regional medical law consultant at Wright-Patterson AFB and provides legal advice to the Wright-Patterson Medical Center and nine other regional Air Force medical treatment facilities.



**Ronald B. James** has been appointed magistrate in the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas for Butler County. As magistrate, he will

conduct civil bench and jury trials, as well as oversee hearings in several felony areas.



**Grace L. Kendrick** has joined Catholic Health Initiatives as director of new health care delivery in the company's national office in Erlanger. She

previously served as a transition specialist at The Christ Hospital Medical Specialists and as practice administrator/ chief operating officer/junior partner at Cincinnati Hematology-Oncology, Inc.

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**Jay H. Knight** has joined Bass, Berry & Sims PLC's Nashville office as an associate in the firm's corporate and securities practice. His practice

focuses primarily on securities, real estate capital markets, structured finance, and mergers and acquisitions. Prior to joining the firm, he served in several positions in the Division of Corporation Finance at the Securities and Exchange Commission.



**L. Scott Miller** was promoted to major with the Kentucky State Police. He is the commander of the Professional Support Troop within the Administrative

Division in Frankfort. A 14-year Kentucky State Police veteran, he has served at the Dry Ridge, Hazard, Henderson, London, and Pikeville posts. He has also served as commander in the legal department.

### CLASS OF 2006



**Lewis Diaz**, an attorney with Peck Schaffer & Williams LLP in Cincinnati, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Northern Kentucky

Community Action Commission for a three-year term. He concentrates his practice on affordable housing and traditional governmental finance projects. Previously, he served as chief counsel for the Kentucky Housing Corporation.



**Brent E. Dye** has joined O'Bryan, Brown & Toner, PLLC as an associate in the Louisville office. His primary practice areas include workers' compensation

defense and workers' compensation subrogation. He looks forward to expanding his practice areas and transitioning into all types of civil litigation.



**Carol L. Risk** has opened The Risk Firm, PLLC in Covington. She practices primarily in the areas of family law, criminal defense, and general practice in

Kentucky and Ohio. She previously practiced with Busald Funk Zevely, P.S.C.

### CLASS OF 2007



**Jared L. Downs** has joined Boehl Stopher & Graves, LLP in Louisville. He devotes his practice to civil litigation defense and civil trial work. Prior to joining the firm, he

defended clients in a variety of complex litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout Kentucky. He is also a former assistant commonwealth's attorney and a current reserve judge advocate in the Kentucky Army National Guard.

### CLASS OF 2008



**Grant E. Manship** received a gold record for his work as general counsel at independent record labels Dead Oceans, Jagjaguwar, and Secretly Canadian in

Bloomington, Indiana. The Jagjaguwar label sold over 500,000 copies of the album *Bon Iver, Bon Iver*. When a record "goes gold," the people involved in the project receive custom inscribed gold records from the Recording Industry Association of America.



**Delmar D. Weldon III** has been selected to participate in the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College. Only 55 lawyers were selected nationwide

to attend the college, which is a three-week program held at Mr. Spence's ranch in Wyoming. Mr. Weldon is a partner at Zerbe Garner Miller & Blondell LLP in Lawrenceburg, Indiana and focuses his practice on trial work and litigation.

### CLASS OF 2009



**Zachary A. Corbin** joined the Brown County Prosecutor's Office as first assistant prosecuting attorney. He previously maintained a general

practice in Mt. Orab, with a focus on criminal and civil litigation.



**Christopher J. Hartley** has joined The Zoppoth Law Firm in Louisville as an associate. He concentrates his practice on business and commercial litigation

matters. Prior to joining the firm, he represented hospitals and doctors in medical malpractice actions and served as an assistant Jefferson County prosecutor.



**Diane M. Spitznagel** has been named an associate in Dinsmore & Shohl LLP's estate and trust practice group in the firm's Cincinnati office. She

focuses her practice on estate and trust administration. She previously served as an estate administration paralegal with Dinsmore for more than 10 years. She has also handled various estate administration and guardianship issues through Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor.



**Alan Spivak** has opened the Law Firm of Alan Spivak, LLC in Cincinnati. He handles all general practice matters with a focus on personal injury

and immigration law.



**Adam J. Stigall** has joined the Lexington law office of Stephen M. O'Brien III, PLLC, where he works primarily in civil litigation with an emphasis in

medical malpractice and nursing home

abuse and neglect. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as an associate with Brandon J. Storm, PLLC in London, Kentucky.

### CLASS OF 2010



**Christine A. Gilliam** has joined Reminger Co., LPA's Louisville office. She focuses her practice on professional liability, general casualty, nursing home and medical malpractice defense, premises liability, and retail and hospitality defense.



**Timothy M. Maloney** was named vice president of payor relations for UC Health, which includes University of Cincinnati Physicians, University Hospital, West Chester Hospital, Drake Center, and the Lindner Center of Hope. He is responsible for overseeing all negotiation efforts with commercial and governmental managed-care payors. Additionally, he was appointed chairman of the Ohio State Bar Association Health Care Law Committee.



**Brett M. Renzenbrink** has joined Strauss Troy Co., LPA as a litigation attorney in the firm's Cincinnati office. He focuses his practice in the areas of complex commercial and business litigation, real estate law, banking, and foreclosure.



**Christen M. Steimle** has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as an associate in the litigation department in the firm's Cincinnati office. Prior to joining the firm, she clerked for both Judge William O. Bertelsman and Magistrate Judge Candace J. Smith of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

### CLASS OF 2011



**Katherine B. Bumgarner** has joined the Kenton County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office as an assistant Commonwealth's attorney. She previously served as a prosecutor in Ripley County, Indiana.



**Daniel T. Carter** has joined the law firm of McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, PLLC in the firm's Greenup, Kentucky office.



**Masten Childers III** has joined Walker Law Office, PLLC & ADR Works as an associate and domestic mediator. His practice areas include personal injury, wrongful death, domestic mediation, and general civil practice.



**Alan S. Henderson** has joined Burnett & Thompson in Frisco, Texas as of counsel. The firm concentrates its practice in the areas of oil, gas, and mineral law and services energy company clients. Henderson's role at the firm focuses on title examination, review of oil and gas leases, drafting original drilling title opinions, and advising clients as to curative steps needed to perfect ownership of oil and gas, and secure leases for acquired properties.



**Jeannine Abukhater Lambert** has opened the Law Office of J. Abukhater Lambert. Her practice focuses primarily on immigration law, including family, employment, and tourism. She is a committee co-chair with the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's Young Lawyers and Women Lawyers sections.



**Lauren E. Marley** has joined Kerrick Stivers Coyle PLC as an associate in the firm's Bowling Green office. She represents both plaintiffs and defendants and concentrates her practice in general civil litigation, including personal injury and insurance defense.

### CLASS OF 2012



**Elizabeth A. Chaulk** has been appointed by the NKU International Education Center as director of the Office of International Students and Scholars. She started working in OISS six years ago as an international student recruiter and later became assistant director.



**Andrea Costa Laden** has joined Buechner Haffer Meyers & Koenig Co., LPA in Cincinnati as an associate. Her primary area of practice is civil litigation. She also works in other civil areas including business transactions, employment disputes, employee fraud, tax controversy, and personal injury. She has also helped privately-owned businesses and non-profit organizations with questions of legal structure, tax strategy, and trademark applications.



**Steve D. Doan** has joined Taliaferro, Carran & Keys, PLLC in Covington as an associate. His areas of practice include criminal law, family law, personal injury, wrongful death, and premise liability. He handles cases in both federal and state court and has extensive experience in defending 1983 claims.

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**Brittney F. Fritz** has joined The Law Practice of Dennison Keller, LLC as an associate. The firm specializes in elder law, including medicaid planning, probate, guardianships, wills, trusts, and estate planning, and focuses on life care planning.



**Jessica M. Grogan** has joined Smith, Rolfes & Skavdahl Co., LPA in Cincinnati as an associate. Her areas of practice include property and casualty defense, bad faith litigation, insurance coverage, and claim investigation.



**Mark R. Hervey, Jr.** has joined DBL Law in Crestview Hills as an associate. He practices primarily in the fields of administrative law and zoning.



**John M. Milligan** has joined Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri & Powers in Mason as an associate. His practice focuses on litigation primarily in insurance defense, labor & employment law, municipal and zoning liability, products liability, premises liability, personal injury, and intentional torts.



**Zachary K. Peterson** has joined Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing, PLLC in Covington as an associate. He will work in the firm's civil litigation practice group, focusing on civil litigation, insurance law, personal injury, construction law, and white collar criminal defense.



**Ryan M. Reardon** has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP's corporate department and mergers and acquisitions practice group as an associate in the firm's Cincinnati office. He focuses his practice on advising public and private companies and financial institutions regarding a wide variety of business matters, including corporate governance and regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions, business formation, and contract negotiation.



**Joseph Stewart-Pirone** has joined Frost Brown Todd LLC's tax, benefits and entrepreneurial services practice group as an associate in the firm's Cincinnati office. He represents and counsels clients who need assistance with general corporate and commercial matters, federal and state tax issues, entity selection and formation, contract drafting and negotiation, and business operations and terminations.



**Paul J. Wischer** has joined Ziegler & Schneider, P.S.C. in Crescent Springs as an associate. He works primarily in the firm's business & corporate and municipal & government practice groups, while also providing assistance to the litigation group.



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## In memoriam

**Thomas E. Bishop, '50**, of Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, CA, died on July 28, 2013 at the age of 95. He held several positions with the FBI, including special agent and assistant director, and spent 3½ years on foreign assignments during World War II. He was also a member of the Rules Committee of the Southern California Professional Golfers Association, and a charter member of the San Diego County Amateur Golf Tournament Committee.

**Edward A. Hogan '52**, of Cincinnati, died August 23, 2012 at the age of 88. He was a partner with the law firm of Cohen Todd Kite & Stanford in Cincinnati, where his practice focused on litigation. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII.

**William R. Schumacher '52**, of Cincinnati, died on April 20, 2012 at the age of 87. He practiced law in Cincinnati.

**Roy Davis '54**, of Willoughby, Ohio, died on March 12, 2012 at the age of 91. He was a patent attorney. He was an avid reader and an Indy car enthusiast. He enjoyed golfing, woodworking, gardening, raising prototype roses, traveling, and doing puzzles. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII.

**Harold E. Quann '54**, of Bethesda, Maryland, died on August 23, 2012 at the age of 87. He was a communications executive with AT&T. He was assigned to the White House, where he established contacts with telecommunications companies around the world. He traveled with President Ronald Reagan to Ireland, London, and to the 40th anniversary commemoration of the Allied landing on Normandy Beach. He was a Navy fighter pilot during WWII.

**William T. Wingo '54**, of Cincinnati, died on February 13, 2012 at the age of 84. He served in the U.S. Navy before embarking on a successful career in financial services. He was involved in many activities with his family, church, profession, and community.



**Edwin M. Cunningham '58**, of Cincinnati, died on September 25, 2012 at the age of 88. He joined the U.S. Marines in 1943 and retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves as a Lt. Colonel in 1972. He was a CPA for Arthur Young and Company and president of the E.A. Kinsey Company.

**Ernst A. Gottmann '60**, of Harlingen, Texas, died on March 15, 2013 at the age of 87. He was a professor at Texas State Technical College, teaching Business Law and Government. He was a member of the Rio Hondo Baptist Church and an Army veteran of WWII.

**John P. Sinnott '60**, of Valdosta, Georgia, died December 20, 2012 at the age of 81. He was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and retired as a Colonel in the Army Reserve. As Chief Patent and Trademark Counsel for American Standard, he successfully argued the landmark case *In re American Standard*. He later practiced of counsel with Langdale Vallotton in Valdosta. He co-authored the book *To Paris! 1914 Then and Now*. His publications also include: *World Patent Law and Practice*; *Product Fraud: Counterfeit Goods Suppression*; and *A Practical Guide to Document Authentication*. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

**Carroll C. McHargue '61**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on May 3, 2012 at the age of 83.

**Robert H. Bee '62**, of Lebanon, Ohio, died on May 14, 2013 at the age of 88. He was a WWII veteran. After his B-17 bomber was shot down over enemy territory, he spent months in German-held territory as a prisoner of war. He was an inventor, lawyer, and teacher. He taught as a GM training instructor, then in the Lebanon City Schools, and in retirement, at the Lebanon Correctional Institute.

**Jerome L. Schimpf '66**, of Cincinnati, died on May 22, 2012 at the age of 79. He spent his life serving the public as a sergeant with the Cincinnati Police Department, assistant city prosecutor, private practice attorney, and administrative assistant to Hamilton County Sheriff Simon Leis. He was also a member of American Legion Post 72.

**William P. Whalen Jr. '68**, of Fort Wright, Kentucky, died on October 3, 2012 at the age of 71. Until his death, he was a sole practitioner in Cincinnati. He is best known as the court-appointed attorney for Donald Harvey, the former Drake Hospital orderly convicted of 36 murders. Whalen wrote about the experience in a 2003 book, *Defending Donald Harvey*.

**Morley P. Thompson Sr. '69**, of Woodside, California, died March 7, 2013 at the age of 86. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a CPA. He joined the Baldwin Piano Company as a piano salesman, eventually becoming the CEO of Baldwin-United. He was later the president of Stearns Technical Textiles. At various times, he was on the boards of Cincinnati Bell, FMC Corporation, the Kroger Company, Anchor Hocking Corporation, and the Canadian International Power Company Limited.

**Harold B. Attix '71**, of Cincinnati, died on December 22, 2012 at the age of 76. He served in the military for 12 years and was a Vietnam War veteran. He practiced law in Cincinnati for 34 years. He enjoyed horses, classical guitar, and lute.

**James V. Magee, Jr. '74**, of Cincinnati, died on January 25, 2013 at the age of 66. He was a real estate attorney in Cincinnati. His professional achievements include serving as general counsel to Cambridge Savings and Loan and the Farm Credit Banks of America. He held numerous local, state, and national offices in Irish organizations, and his expertise led to an opportunity to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

**Robert A. Lavercombe '79** of Dayton, Ohio died on September 28, 2012 at the age of 62.

**Roger W. Miller '79**, of Greenville, Kentucky, died on April 4, 2012 at the age of 60. He served as Assistant County Attorney for Muhlenberg County for 18 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Central City, Kentucky.

**Donald L. Abshire, Jr. '85**, of Jeffersonville Indiana, died on September 15, 2011 at the age of 64. He served for six years in the West Virginia Army National Guard. He practiced corporate bankruptcy for over 25 years in Louisville, Kentucky.

**William H. Van Herpe '88**, of Villa Hills, Kentucky died on December 25, 2012 at the age of 78. After a 27-year career in the U.S. Army, he retired in 1983 with the rank of Colonel. He served two tours in Vietnam and later attended the Army War College. During his last military assignment in Germany, he was awarded the German Medal of Freedom, which was presented to him by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Following his military service, he graduated from Chase and practiced with Van Herpe & Howell.

**David M. Andrew '93**, of Crescent Springs, Kentucky died on September 13, 2012 at the age of 45. He was a partner with Reminger Co., LPA. and a member of St. Joseph Church.

**Ryan C. Poston '08**, of Cold Spring, Kentucky, died on October 12, 2012 at the age of 29. He was a loving son, caring grandson, and protective older brother. A native of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, he was a practicing attorney in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a great passion for justice for those with limited resources. He graduated from Chase, following in a strong family tradition of service to the law. He completed his undergraduate work with a triple major in political science, history, and geography at Indiana University.

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