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Chase is Where Opportunity Becomes Reality

As I reflect on our celebrations of Chase’s 125th year, each event has reminded me of what this school has meant to so many people. At the numerous alumni events I have attended, I have heard the same story over and over again: “Chase gave me an opportunity to pursue my dream of becoming a lawyer.”

Chase’s beginnings as an evening school provided many working men and women an opportunity to attend law school while balancing full-time jobs and families. First-generation students found a home at Chase when no one else would give them a chance. Chase, The Lawyer’s School, is the school of opportunity.

Chase provided opportunity to two young women, Florence Hornback and Loraine Cain, when it opened its doors to them in 1918, a time when few women were being admitted to law school. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first women to be admitted to Chase. This milestone will not go unnoticed. The law school will begin planning for a grand celebration to occur in 2020-21 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of their graduation and successful passing of the bar exam.

This issue of the Chase alumni magazine celebrates the theme of opportunity. Our alumni, through their generous support, continue the tradition of making opportunities available to the next generation of Chase lawyers. Our alumni’s generosity in supporting scholarships helps many students afford the cost of tuition. As the cost of law school goes up, Chase is committed to maintaining our tradition of providing opportunities for students to pursue their dreams of becoming a lawyer. Providing scholarship support to Chase helps us keep this dream alive for so many students.

Michael Whiteman
INTERIM DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW
Ann Schoen leads Chase Board of Visitors

Chase alumna Ann Schoen, a member of Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati and a Chase adjunct professor, is chair of the Chase Board of Visitors for a two-year term. The board, composed primarily of Chase alumni, is an advisory panel for the dean on matters involving education and practice.

“The Board of Visitors is made up an impressive group of professionals who value Chase and its mission enough to offer their time and wisdom to the school,” says Mrs. Schoen ’94. “I have had an excellent role model in outgoing chair Tim Timmel, and will endeavor to live up to the high standards he set as chair. I am honored to be able to work with such dedicated and talented individuals.”

At Frost Brown Todd, Mrs. Schoen is chair of the intellectual property department and concentrates her practice in the areas of patent, trademark, trade secret, and copyright litigation and patent prosecution. Mrs. Schoen and her husband, Jerry Schoen, in 2017 endowed the Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III Endowed Scholarship at Chase, in memory of Mr. Robinson, who was a Frost Brown Todd member, a supporter of Chase, and a past president of the American Bar Association and the Kentucky Bar Association.

Federal Appellate Clinic Added to Offerings

Chase College of Law has added a fifth clinic to its opportunities for students to have practical experiences working with judges, lawyers, and clients. The newly created Sixth Circuit Clinic allows students to work on cases pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, based in Cincinnati.

“The Sixth Circuit Clinic is an incredible new experiential learning opportunity for Chase students,” Associate Dean for Experiential Learning Amy Halbrook says. “Students learn appellate advocacy by representing real clients in real cases in the Sixth Circuit under the supervision of experienced appellate practitioners. Some students will have the opportunity to argue their cases in the Sixth Circuit.” Overall, the clinic will help students develop skills for identifying issues, doing legal research, and drafting and preparing for oral arguments.

The Sixth Circuit Clinic adds federal appellate practice to experiences available to students in other clinics that involve counseling, legal drafting, case investigation, litigation, or oral argument. Students gain experience with children’s legal issues in the Children’s Law Center Clinic, transactional skills in the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic, investigative techniques with the Kentucky Innocence Project, and trial and appellate skills in the Constitutional Litigation Clinic.

New Associate Deans Focus on Students

Chase has created two associate dean positions to provide additional high-level direction for programs that prepare students for practice. Professor Amy Halbrook is Associate Dean for Experiential Learning and Professor Jennifer Kinsley is Associate Dean for Professional Development. Professor Halbrook is also director of the Children’s Law Center Clinic, Professor Kinsley is also director of field placement programs, and both continue to teach.

“Chase offers extraordinary simulated and live-client experiential learning opportunities for our students,” Professor Halbrook says. “Our commitment to experiential learning is consistent with our mission and our long history of helping students to become practice-ready lawyers.”

Experiential learning helps students develop practical skills in areas such as legal research and analysis, interviewing and counseling, negotiation, and trial practice.

Professor Kinsley’s role as an associate dean is to help students transition from law school to law practice. “I assist students in bridging the gap between the educational world and the daily work of lawyers, through programs geared toward networking, mentoring, and professional identity formation,” she says. As Field Placement Program Director, she supervises students’ externships with lawyers, judges, and other law-related positions. She also oversees implementation of curriculum revisions to prepare students for bar examinations.
Alumni Council has New Leaders

John Garvey ’91 has been appointed as president of the Chase Alumni Council, the governing body of the Chase Alumni Association, and Judge Karen Thomas ’85 has been appointed as vice-president.

Mr. Garvey is a co-founder of Garvey, Shearer, Nordstrom, with offices in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, and Sharonville, Ohio. He has been a member of the Alumni Council since 2010, and in 2014 received the Alumni Association’s Exceptional Service Award. Judge Thomas is a Kentucky District Court judge in Campbell County (Newport).

She was appointed in 1996, and most recently re-elected without opposition in 2018. She is an adjunct professor at Chase, teaching trial advocacy.

Chrissy Dunn Dutton ’05, who was Alumni Council president the previous association year, is immediate past president.

Chase is Part of Judicial Investiture

Judge Amul Thapar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, who is Chase jurist-in-residence, administered the oath of office for Judge John Nalbandian as the newest member of the court, during an investiture ceremony in late August in Greaves Hall, on the Northern Kentucky University campus. Judge Nalbandian previously was a partner in the Cincinnati firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister. Standing with Judge Nalbandian, second from left, during a reception following the investiture, are, from left, Judge Thapar, Brian Morris ’15, who is Judge Nalbandian’s law clerk, and Interim Dean Michael Whiteman. The Cincinnati-based Sixth Circuit hears appeals arising in Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Tennessee. Judge Nalbandian holds a seat that has been filled since 1991 by a jurist from Kentucky.

Chase Adds Assistant Professor to Faculty

Sheldon Lyke, who holds both Juris Doctor and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, has joined the Chase faculty as an assistant professor of law to teach Property and Wills & Trusts. He previously was an assistant professor at Whittier Law School, in Costa Mesa., Calif., south of Los Angeles, where he taught courses on property and wills and trusts, and chaired the curriculum committee for two years.

Professor Lyke earned a J.D. at Northwestern University School of Law, where he later was a visiting assistant professor, and a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Chicago, where he was a lecturer. He has combined his research interests as a lawyer and as a sociologist in studying the role of law and legal institutions in stratification of marginalized people.


In 2011, he was the first Dorr Legg Law and Policy Fellow appointed by the Williams Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law. He had been on the Whittier faculty since 2013.
Big-Name Connections Helped Chase Grow

Not only was Chase College of Law destined at its founding 125 years ago to make a name for itself, so too were some of the part-time professors who comprised the early faculty. Among them were future presidents of Kroger Co., Western & Southern Life Insurance Co., and Texaco; a future mayor of Cincinnati and later an Ohio Supreme Court justice; members of what would become venerable Cincinnati law firms; and a future appellate judge who would also serve as a Chase dean.

When Robert Ochiltree founded the college in 1893 as The Night Law School, at the downtown Cincinnati YMCA building, he was both dean and faculty. As enrollment grew the following twenty-three years he was dean, until 1916, so too did the part-time faculty of professors and lecturers. Among them, identified by positions they would achieve in their careers, were:

### Ohio Supreme Court Justices
- **Coleman Avery** (taught 1911 to 1916), appointed 1920; lost the general election that year.
- **Stanley Matthews** (taught 1901 to 1911 and 1933 to an unspecified year), dean from 1936 to 1952.

### Corporate Executives
- **Harry T. Klein** (taught 1914 to 1916 and later unspecified years until 1922), a Night Law School graduate who was a U.S. Army colonel during World War I and later Texaco oil company general counsel, vice president, president, and chairman of the board.
- **Albert H. Morrill** (1902 to 1916), Kroger Co. general counsel and later president, during 1930 to 1942.
- **Charles Williams** (1897 to 1906), Western & Southern Life Insurance Co. president.

### Lawyers
- **Frank F. Dinsmore** (taught 1898 to 1902), founding member in 1912 of what would become Dinsmore, Shohl, Sawyer & Dinsmore; now Dinsmore & Shohl.
- **Carl M. Jacobs Jr.** (1912 to 1916), of Frost & Jacobs; now Frost Brown Todd.

### Cincinnati City Solicitors
- **Frank M. Coppock** (taught 1902 to 1912).
- **Charles A. Groom** (1905 to 1916).
- **Walter M. Schoenle** (1911 to 1916).

Hamilton County Commons Pleas Court Judges
- **Thomas H. Darby** (taught 1895 to 1922).
- **William A. Geoghegan** (1905 to 1916), a Night Law School graduate.
- **Frederick L. Hoffman** (1896, 1902 to 1947), a Night Law School graduate.
- **Moses F. Wilson** (1898 to 1906).
- **Dan Thew Wright** (1896 to 1903).

Ohio Court of Appeals Judge
- **Stanley Matthews** (taught 1901 to 1911 and 1933 to an unspecified year), dean from 1936 to 1952.

James Garfield Stewart (1910 to 1916, 1919 to 1930), a justice from 1947 until his death in 1959; previously, Cincinnati mayor, 1938 to 1947.

United States District Court Judge
- **Howard C. Hollister** (taught 1896 to 11), presided at Cincinnati from 1910 until his death in 1919; previously, a Hamilton County Common Pleas Court judge, 1893 to 1903.
The Chase Alumni Luncheon Honors Alumni Who Epitomize the College’s Ideals

From a Gilded Age beginning in 1893 to a technology-driven present, Chase College of Law has applauded alumni as leaders in law, business, and government. Now, during the college’s 125th anniversary year, the Chase Alumni Association has recognized four of those alumni with its yearly achievement awards.

The association in early October honored Joe Thomas ’88 with the Lifetime Achievement Award, Tracey Puthoff ’95 with the Professional Achievement Award, Bernice Walker ’93 with the Distinguished Service Award, and JB Lind ’08 with the Outstanding Alumnus of the Past Decade Award, during the Chase Alumni Luncheon at the Marriott at RiverCenter, in Covington, Kentucky. The four join 102 previous recipients of the awards.

On the following pages, discover what each of the honorees has accomplished and see some of the approximately 230 alumni and friends of Chase at the luncheon, part of the quasquicentennial year celebration of the founding of Chase, in October 1893.
His professional accomplishments: As a lawyer who holds undergraduate and doctoral degrees in pharmacy, Joe Thomas has a national reputation for defense work in class action and mass tort litigation involving drugs and medical devices. He is also a sought-after adviser on risk management in the pharmaceutical sector. Through his practice based in Cincinnati, he has tried scientifically complex lawsuits throughout the nation. He has been national defense counsel in mass tort claims involving such medications or treatments as fentanyl patches for pain management, hormone replacement therapy in women, testosterone therapy in men, oral contraceptives, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

In the decade following his graduation from Chase, in 1988, he began formulating a defense theory that generic drug makers should be immune from failure-to-warn lawsuits in state courts on the basis of federal preemption. The Supreme Court of the United States recognized the defense in 2011, in PLIVA Inc. v. Mensing, in which Mr. Thomas represented PLIVA.

At Ulmer & Berne, he chairs the Life Sciences and the Pharmaceutical departments, and is co-chair of the Litigation Department. As a lawyer and a pharmacist, he has a dual distinction of having published articles and delivered presentations in both fields. Prior to entering practice, he taught clinical pharmacy and pharmacology at the university level, and, while a Chase student, was chief of the inpatient pharmacy at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center.

What Chase means to him: “It would be reasonable to assume that it is not possible to attend law school when newly married, having children, and working full-time in a very demanding environment. However, at Chase, I quickly recognized that it could not be impossible because many very talented professionals were doing exactly that. More importantly, we learned to rely on one another and to work cooperatively to lessen the burden on each one of us.”

Her professional achievements: Tracey Puthoff came to the practice of law through a corporate background as an engineer with GE Aviation and McDonnell Douglas. Her experience in multi-billion-dollar corporations has allowed her to utilize her understanding of technology in providing advice in her transactional practice of mergers and acquisitions, and financing. She has also represented publicly traded or privately held companies in the manufacturing, service, health care, telecommunications, and technology sectors in matters such as management buyouts, equity restructuring, debt financing, asset-based lending, and divestitures.

She twice represented Chiquita Brands International, in 2013 and 2015, in a combined $350 million in refinancing. Other representative transactions in which she has been involved — totaling more than $300 million in value — include representation of a high-tech manufacturer in its sale to a private equity fund, a telecommunications company in an acquisition, and a buyer in the acquisition of a metal distribution company.

At Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, in Cincinnati, she is a member of the executive committee and chair of the technology industry team. In Greater Cincinnati, she is a board member of the Cincinnati May Festival, the Hamilton County Board of Health, and the Hearing Speech and Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati. She is also active in the Association for Corporate Growth, the Cincinnati Bar Association, and Leadership Cincinnati.

What Chase means to her: “In 1990, I was working as a GE engineer and considering law school. Being a good, risk-averse engineer, I had to hedge my bets in case law school turned out to be a bad idea. Chase’s part-time program was the only option available to me to continue working, so I am grateful both to the school and the faculty for offering night school.”
Her service: Bernice Walker demonstrates a style of leadership in community service that shares power, considers the needs of others, and helps people develop to their potentials. She has been a “servant leader” as president of the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati, vice-president of the National Bar Association, and chairperson of the Indiana Energy Association Supplier Diversity and Development Committee. In addition to being president of the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati, from 1999 to 2001, she has been recording secretary, vice-president, and chair of various committees. With the National Bar Association, she chairs the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Her career: Ms. Walker practiced following graduation with the firm that became Manley Burke, and also was assistant solicitor of Lincoln Heights, in suburban Cincinnati. In 2000, she became director of the Hamilton County Office of Small Business Development, and remained in that position until early 2013. During that time, she was involved in developing small-business participation in major projects in Cincinnati, including Great American Ball Park, The Banks development of commercial and residential facilities at the riverfront, and central riverfront parking and infrastructure improvements. She has managed supplier diversity efforts for Duke Energy in the Midwest since 2013. She is chair of the Hamilton County Economic Inclusion Advisory Council. In addition to professional service, she is a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Women’s Missionary Society at Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Cincinnati.

As a student at Chase, she was active in the Black American Law Students Association, Student Bar Association, and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

His professional path: JB Lind has been involved in education – either as a student or a teacher – for decades. He taught high school in Greater Cincinnati for six years after he was graduated from college, earned a master’s degree while teaching, then was a student in the Chase evening program while a law clerk, and now is a partner in the firm where he had clerked and is an adjunct professor at Chase.

Mr. Lind practices in the litigation group of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, in Cincinnati, where he is involved in a variety of matters, including commercial and business litigation and trust and estate litigation. He also practices in the area of information privacy and data security. With that professional experience, he co-teaches courses at Chase in intellectual property and information privacy, and has been a panelist at the annual Cybersecurity Symposium that Chase co-sponsors.

His best memory at Chase: “Without a doubt, my most lasting memory of NKU Chase was the Friday night classes in Room 426. Not a single person really wanted to be there at that time of week, including the professors. But it spoke volumes as to the level of dedication and sacrifice of everyone in that room. The commitment we learned by showing up on those Friday nights directly translates into why NKU Chase-trained lawyers put their clients’ needs first.”
Luncheon Memories

Scenes from the 2018 Chase Alumni Luncheon at the Marriott at RiverCenter.

Rick Rothfuss ’77, Julie Jones, Northern Kentucky Bar Association executive director, and Lee Scheben ’91, Northern Kentucky University regent

Professor Bob Bratton ’64, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michelle Keller ’90, and Larry Deener ’79

Judge Karen Thomas ’85 and Vince Thomas ’87

David Swift ’66, Catherine Glover, Cincinnati Bar Association Executive Director, and Stephen Richney ’03

Eric Richardson, Ed McTigue ’78, and Kent Britt

Professor Steve Stephens, Dan Stratton ’78, and Bill Copeland ’78

Stephanie Maguire ’05, Interim Dean Michael Whiteman, and Sarah Henry ’08

Mary Lepper ’99 and Monica Ibarra-Burke ’04

Judge John West ’71 and Professor Roger Billings
A long–time home of Chase is the same, but it’s not

The exterior of the Central YMCA building in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati is pretty much what Chase alumni who studied there between 1919 and 1972 would remember. But a $17-million interior renovation the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati completed in 2016 would leave most of them guessing as to exactly where in it they studied.

Alumni who attended Chase when the college occupied part of the YMCA building at Central Parkway and Elm Street gathered there in late October for a reunion with the building and each other, part of the Chase 125th Anniversary observance. The renovation to the 101-year-old building created three floors of fitness spaces, offices and facilities for the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, and, on upper floors, senior-living apartments managed by Episcopal Retirement Services.

It was while Chase was at the location that:

- The first two female students attended classes, following admission in 1918.
- The college in 1943 became Salmon P. Chase College of Law, after fifty years as the YMCA Night Law School.
- Chase in 1959 received American Bar Association approval.
- The final alumni connected to the building entered in 1971, as the Class of 1975, for one year, until Chase moved to Park Hills, Kentucky, following a merger with Northern Kentucky University.

Among the thousands of alumni in the 125-year history of Chase, this is where memories that span more than fifty years began.
In the 125-year history of Chase College of Law, the nine years the college occupied Hankins Hall, on a Park Hills, Kentucky, hilltop, is a relatively small slice. But those years between the moves from the college’s then-iconic location at the Cincinnati Central YMCA building to its occupancy of Nunn Hall, on the Northern Kentucky University main campus, are a major chapter in the history of Chase.

It was there, in August 1972, that the previously independent Chase College of Law held its first classes as Chase College of Law of Northern Kentucky State College, now Northern Kentucky University. It was also there that:

- The Northern Kentucky Law Review was established, in 1973.
- Professor Kamilla Mazanec became the first female full-time faculty member and Jack Sherman became the first African American full-time faculty member, both in 1974.
- Full-time day division classes were added to the long-established evening program, in 1975.
- The first clinical programs were begun, in 1978.

And it was there that 1,525 men and women studied law before Chase moved to Nunn Hall, in January 1982.

Some of those Hankins Hall-era students – now lawyers, judges, or business people during the past forty-five years – returned in late September to the first Northern Kentucky location of Chase for a reunion with former classmates, professors, and memories, part of the Chase 125th Anniversary observance. Hankins Hall was demolished in 2011 and the adjacent parking lot removed (the site is now a grassy meadow), but the history that occurred there moved Chase into a new era of legal education.
A Century of Achievement

In the 100 years since Chase admitted its first female students in 1918, the enrollment of women has increased to being the majority in 2018-19. Beginning this past November, Chase has started preparing to recognize its first alumnae – Loraine Cain and Florence Hornback, in the Class of 1921 – at the centennial of their graduation and bar passage, during the 2020-21 academic year. The snapshot of then-and-now:

The first Chase alumnae

Like most Chase students during the eighty-one years the college was entirely a night law school, Loraine Cain and Florence Hornback held jobs during the day and studied at night. Both were stenographers and, according to the 1921 yearbook, ranked high academically. Miss Cain was class secretary throughout her enrollment, and Miss Hornback was involved in class activities. Following graduation, Miss Cain was the elected city solicitor of St. Bernard, Ohio, from 1922 to 1926, and a member of the Ohio Republican Party Central Committee during the early 1950s. She was married to Cincinnati Municipal Court Judge Clarence Denning, and died in 1955. Miss Hornback practiced in Cincinnati, was attorney and general supervisor of Catholic Charities and Social services, earned advanced academic degrees, and taught in Cincinnati at the University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, Edgecliff College (subsequently merged with Xavier), and at the University of Dayton, and at Aquinas College, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She died in 1976.

Reflections on the past and present

In a prelude to the commemoration of the first female students and graduates of Chase, the college in early November sponsored a panel discussion among three alumna – from left, Karen Meyers ’78, Glenda Harrison ’82, and Mary Healy ’78 – on their experiences as students and lawyers, and what they see as the future for women in the practice of law. The program included a showing of the documentary “RBG,” about the career of Supreme Court of the United States Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

New Numbers

Of the 424 students attending Chase during 2018-19:

- 52.6% are women (223 of total enrollment)
- 47.4% are men (201 of total)

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number of Student Bar Association officers during the current academic year, all of whom are women
Alumnus Tory Finley was the type of student Chase College of Law wants to enroll; now he is one of the graduates who prove how valuable a Chase education is.

As a prospective student, his LSAT score and grades put him in a sought-after enrollment category; after graduation this past May, he joined the profession as an associate at Dinsmore & Shohl, a century-old Cincinnati firm.

His journey to and through Chase is both a story of personal accomplishments and of the alumni who support Chase scholarship funds – through the Annual Fund or endowments – and who make a Chase education possible for scores of students each year.

Like the sports mindset that winning begets more winning, law schools that attract good students tend to attract more good students, and good students who become successful graduates help attract more good students to continue the cycle. In an analytics-driven world, the winning-begets-winning data for law schools is available in annual reports the American Bar Association requires each approved school to post online, showing aggregate LSAT scores and undergraduate grade point averages of entering classes, and employment rates for graduated classes.

Those numbers are among the numbers that help explain why alumni support of student scholarships at Chase is essential to maintaining a reputation, honed over decades, as The Lawyer’s School. Other important numbers include the larger number of law schools seeking to enroll the same students, the smaller number of dollars available through public funding to help qualified students overcome financial challenges to becoming lawyers, and the multiplier number that one alumnus’s or alumna’s support has over time.

With the experiences of Mr. Finley and three current students as guides, here are six reasons – backed up by alumni who have supported scholarships through the Annual Fund or endowments – for alumni to contribute to student scholarships at Chase:
ENDOWING OR CONTRIBUTING TO A SCHOLARSHIP EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN THE ROLE OF CHASE IN LEGAL EDUCATION AND PRIDE IN ONE’S OWN CHASE EDUCATION.

Mr. Finley first thought he had to follow his older brother to a large, national law school to become successful. A conversation between the two changed that. “He explained how he had co-workers who went to Harvard, Yale, Duke … but he also had co-workers who were just as successful and had gone to smaller schools. With a law degree from Chase College of Law, there are no limits to the heights you can reach, and the things you can achieve.”

An alumna’s perspective: For Gwen Nalls, who was graduated in 1999 and serves on the Chase Board of Visitors, an advisory panel to the dean, supporting student scholarships continues the sense of accomplishment she felt as a new graduate.

Her rationale: “Obtaining my law degree and passing the bar exam are major pillars in my career success. Preparing for the bar exam is preparing for a career – the whole reason for Chase. Donating to a Chase scholarship or the Annual Fund is a worthy investment. It feels natural to ‘pay it forward,’ as others did for me.”

ATTRACTION STUDENTS WITH THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INCREASES THE POTENTIAL FOR OVERALL BAR PASSAGE AND CAREER SUCCESS.

“But for the significant scholarship, I would not have had the opportunity to attend Chase College of Law,” Mr. Finley says. “After I was admitted to Chase and accepted the scholarship, success didn’t come without hard work. It was important for me to focus and do well in all of my classes, from day one, and to do things outside of the classroom to improve my skills and resume. I tried out for and made the trial team. Things came full circle when my last competition was in my home state of Texas. The team was very successful at that competition, as we advanced all the way to the championship rounds. Also while I was enrolled at Chase, I was named a Dinsmore & Shohl and Procter & Gamble Scholar, and a national Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Scholar.”

An alumna’s perspective: To Julie Schoepf, a 2005 graduate who in 2014 received the Chase Alumni Association Outstanding Alumna of the Past Decade Award and who is a partner in Dinsmore & Shohl, scholarship support is an opportunity to help maintain a Chase tradition of success.

Her rationale: “Chase is, and has always been, a unique and innovative school that plays to its strengths. From its humble beginnings, to its current status as a school that builds lawyers who are leaders, Chase continues to be well-positioned to face changes and challenges in the legal market. But, as budgets continue to shrink, and prospective students have more options in legal education, it is now more important than ever to attract the kind of students who will succeed in the Chase tradition. Alumni support of scholarship programs and the Annual Fund is critical to the next generation of Chase lawyers.”

ENDOWING OR CONTRIBUTING TO A SCHOLARSHIP HELPS CHASE NAVIGATE A FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHEN MANY ALUMNI WERE STUDENTS, NOW MARKED BY LESS PUBLIC FUNDING, AND HIGHER STUDENT-LOAN DEBT.

“As a non-traditional law school applicant who had already completed a master’s degree,” Mr. Finley says, “I was apprehensive to take on more debt. Although I was ecstatic with acceptances from law schools, many of the programs did not offer a significant scholarship, if any scholarship at all.”

An alumna’s perspective: Mary Talbott, a 1995 graduate who is vice-president, assistant general counsel, and assistant corporate secretary of General Cable, in Northern Kentucky, understands the current economic reality for many students and what a scholarship meant to her, as a student.

Her rationale: “As undergraduate education costs have continued to increase exponentially over the past decade, it is often an economic decision that determines if students will pursue a law degree rather than one of following a dream or passion for the law. In order to lessen the financial burden for law students, scholarships have become increasingly important as an incentive to afford students the ability to attend law school. I have chosen to contribute to Chase over the years to pay it forward, as I was the beneficiary of a scholarship that allowed me to pursue my law degree without the added burden and stress that comes from financial debt. Candidly, if I hadn’t received that scholarship, I very likely would not have been able to afford law school, solely because of the financial burden. For those of us who have benefitted from the generosity of those who came before us, I truly believe we owe it to those who follow to give them the same opportunities to become attorneys.”

Support for Chase
An alumnus’s perspective:
Daniel Stratton, who with his brother, David Stratton, returned to Pikeville, Kentucky, to practice together in the Stratton Law Firm after both were graduated in 1978, sees an opportunity for supporting a legacy of Chase lawyers.

His explanation: “My mother, Lois Stratton, my sister, Terry Stratton, my brother, David Stratton, and I set up the Henry D. Stratton Family Endowed Scholarship for students from Pike County, Kentucky, or the University of Pikeville to honor the memory of her husband and our father.

“Many of the potential applicants to Chase from Pike County may not have the resources to fund law school, and this scholarship helps them reduce the debt they would otherwise incur. This helps to allow them the financial flexibility to return to the region and pursue a small-town practice or public service. Dad (a lawyer) helped several people through law school and wanted to see people develop their potential. This scholarship allows us to continue that legacy, and we are grateful Chase granted us the opportunity to do so.”

ENHANCING A LAWYER’S INFLUENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

To say that Nicholas Bauer and William Doering are of two different generations is an understatement, yet the two are inextricably linked at Chase. Mr. Bauer, who was graduated from Chase in 1929, when it was the YMCA Night Law School, became a successful Cincinnati lawyer, and in 1986 established the Nicholas Bauer Endowed Scholarship. Mr. Doering, who will be graduated from Chase in May, is the current recipient of the scholarship. “My scholarship offering at Chase was the most influential reason for choosing law school at Northern Kentucky University,” he says. In addition to the financial reward, he also considers it to be an indication that the college cares about him and his future.

Judge Richard Niehaus’ explanation: “My father was a self-made man, a very humble guy. He was very excited about having that memorial to him while he was still alive. He thought it would be around for a long time, and I said, ‘You’re right; it’s your favorite school, you ought to have a scholarship there.’” The scholarship allowed Judge Maurice Niehaus, who in 2006 received the Chase Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award, to be connected to Chase and its students when it was created; it continues in perpetuity to connect students each year to the legacy of an alumnus who had been a state legislator and a judge.
Mary Elyse Deters, a second-year evening division student who this academic year received the John G. Carlisle Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is part of a family tradition at Chase, who shares a concern with many contemporary students: “When I entered Chase in the fall of 2016, I became the fourth member of my family to do so. But the cost of a law degree was truly frightening, and, occasionally, I second-guessed my choice of study. Because of the financial aid I received, I have been able to keep my student loan balance to a minimum. I am so grateful to the donors who have helped me, and I hope to someday give back in a similar way.”

An alumnus’s perspective: John Garvey, who was graduated in 1991 and is founding partner of Garvey Shearer Nordstrom in Greater Cincinnati and Chase Alumni Council president, sees scholarship support as part of a cycle for generations of alumni.

His rationale: “Whether you were or were not a direct recipient of a student scholarship at Chase (I was not), many students in your class most certainly were. Many donors helped shape the very class and law school experiences we had – and how immeasurably did the presence of our entire class help form us into the excellent lawyers and Chase graduates we are today?

“Scholarships, and those who support them, are literally the gift that keeps on giving, where the end product – a well-rounded, service-oriented professional, and highly respected graduate of Chase College of Law – continuously gives back to her community, gives back to his profession, and serves clients for decades to come. It is hard to imagine a better way to preserve and foster the good in society for both the short- and long-term than by giving some of our treasure to those who will be keeping the watch for our own children and grandchildren for generations to come.”

SCHOLARSHIPS THAT HELP

These scholarships, listed alphabetically by surname or organization name, have been created by Chase alumni or friends of the college, primarily through sustaining endowments, and can receive additional donations from donors who wish to support the purpose of a particular scholarship:

Nicholas Bauer Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1986 by Nicholas Bauer ’29, retired partner in Bauer, Morelli & Heyd, Cincinnati. Criterion: academic achievement.

J. David and Nancy A. Bender Endowed Scholarship
Create in 2018 by J. David Bender ’79, a Fort Thomas, Kentucky, lawyer, and Nancy A. Bender. Criteria: academic achievement, financial need, Northern Kentucky University undergraduate degree.

John G. Carlisle Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1977 by the Kentucky Bar Association in memory of John G. Carlisle, a Kenton County native and lawyer who served as U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and in other federal and state offices in the late 19th century. Criterion: academic achievement.

Chase College Foundation Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2018 by the Chase College Foundation to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Chase College of Law. Criteria: academic achievement, evening student, employed student.

Chase College Foundation W. Roger Fry Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2018 by the Chase College Foundation in memory of W. Roger Fry ’66, partner in Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, Cincinnati, and a foundation board member for more than forty years. Criteria: academic achievement, evening student.

Chase College Foundation William J. Morrissey Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2001 by the Chase College Foundation in memory of retired Hamilton County (Ohio) Common Pleas Judge William J. Morrissey ’49. Criterion: academic achievement.

Chase College of Law General Scholarship Fund
Created in 1982 by Chase College of Law and funded by general-scholarship-designated gifts to the Chase Annual Fund. Criterion: academic achievement.

Chase Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1995 by an anonymous donor. Criterion: academic achievement.

CompEd Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1993 by CompEd, a Kentucky nonprofit that conducts workers’ compensation seminars for practitioners and funds scholarships at Kentucky’s three law schools. Criterion: financial need.

STUDENT IMPACT

Haley Damron, 2L
Brianne E. Hammond Endowed Scholarship recipient
“I am incredibly honored to be the recipient of a scholarship that is funded by alumni. My experience at Chase has been life-altering. Thanks to the generosity of the donor, I was able to approach this new situation head-on, without a financial burden. I am so excited for what my future has in store. I owe my success to those kind enough to give back to others. I hope to continue in their footsteps by contributing to a scholarship myself one day.”
Deb and Whit Crane Endowed Scholarship

C. Maxwell Dieffenbach Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2005 by Samuel E. Davies, a Barbourville, Kentucky, lawyer, and Linda G. Davies, parents of Samuel G. Davies ‘03. Criterion: strong record of service to others.

Hubert A. Day Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2005 through a bequest from Margaret S. Day in memory of her husband, Hubert A. Day, a retired manager for the S.S. Kresge Co., in Newport, Kentucky, predecessor to the Kmart Corp. Criterions: academic achievement, financial need.

C. Maxwell Dieffenbach Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1991 by Chase alumni and friends in honor of Professor C. Maxwell Dieffenbach. Criterions: academic achievement, financial need, part-time student.

Judge Anthony W. Frohlich Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2017 by Boone and Gallatin counties (Kentucky) Senior Circuit Judge Anthony W. Frohlich ‘80. Criterions: academic achievement, financial need, Northern Kentucky University undergraduate degree.

Professor Edward P. Goggin Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2015 in memory of Professor Edward P. Goggin by his widow, Eugenie L. Goggin, and son, Keith F. Goggin. Criterions: academic achievement.

William H. Greaves Endowed Scholarship in Law

Brienne E. Hammond Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1999 by Glenn M. Hammond ’95, a Pikeville, Kentucky, lawyer in honor of his daughter, Brienne E. Hammond. Criterions: academic achievement, financial need, preference for graduate of Betsy Layne High School, Floyd County, Kentucky, or resident of Pike or Floyd counties, Kentucky.

William H. and Kathryn F. Hawkins Endowed Scholarship

Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2016 by Ohio Court of Appeals Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon ’75 and Robert G. Hendon. Criterions: advancement in academic standing after the first year.

William E. Hesch Endowed Scholarship

Dennis R. Honabach Endowed Scholarship in Transactional Law
Created in 2013 by Chase alumni and friends in honor of Dean Dennis R. Honabach. Criterions: full-time 3L or part-time 4L student interested in transactional law.

Raymond P. Hutchens Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1984 by Chase alumni and friends in memory of Dean Raymond P. Hutchens ’48. Criterions: academic achievement, Ohio resident.

Ernest Karam Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1991 by Hamilton County (Ohio) Domestic Relations Chief Magistrate Ernest Karam ’47. Criterions: academic achievement, financial need.

Kenneth H. and Michelle R. Kinder Endowed Scholarship in Transactional Law
Created in 2013 by Kenneth H. Kinder II ’00, shareholder in Strauss Troy, Cincinnati, and Michelle R. Kinder. Criterions: full-time 3L or part-time 4L student interested in transactional law.

Debra A. LaMorte Endowed Scholarship
Created in 1999 by Debra A. LaMorte ’79, special adviser to the president of New York University. Criterions: academic achievement, financial need.

Linda M. Lampe Memorial Endowed Scholarship

The Landrum & Shouse Endowed Scholarship in Law

Richard D. Lawrence Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2000 by Richard D. Lawrence ’71, founder of The Lawrence Firm, Covington, Kentucky. Criterions: academic achievement.

Maislin Family Scholarship

Mason County Endowed Law Scholarship
Created in 2012 by an anonymous donor. Criterions: academic achievement, preference for resident of Mason, Fleming, or Bracken counties, Kentucky, part-time student.

Heman H. McGuire Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2004 by H. McGuire “Mac” Riley ’86, president of technology firm BAHR Associates, Falls Church, Virginia, and Michele-Anne Riley. Criterions: academic achievement, financial need, Kentucky resident, preference for Eastern Kentucky resident.

Stephen and Todd McMurtry Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2018 by Todd V. McMurtry ‘87, member at Hemmer DeFrank Wessels, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, and also named in honor of his father, Stephen T. McMurtry, a Covington, Kentucky, lawyer. Criterions: Centre College graduate.

Camille J. Meyers Endowed Scholarship
Created in 2018 by an anonymous donor in memory of Camille J. Meyers, a widowed single mother whose two children were graduated from Chase. Criterions: academic achievement, part-time evening student.

A. David Nichols Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Judge Maurice A. Niehaus Endowed Scholarship

Created in 2005 by family and friends to commemorate the 90th birthday of Hamilton County (Ohio) Municipal Judge Maurice A. Niehaus ‘41. Criterion: academic achievement.

Governor Louie B. Nunn Endowed Scholarship

Created in 2006 by family and friends in memory of Louie B. Nunn, Kentucky governor when Northern Kentucky University was established and when a merger agreement was entered into with Chase College of Law. Criterion: academic achievement.

Judge Ronald A. Panioto Endowed Scholarship

Created in 2011 by family and friends to commemorate the retirement of Hamilton County (Ohio) Common Pleas Domestic Relations Judge Ronald A. Panioto ‘67, now counsel at Droder & Miller, Cincinnati. Criterion: academic achievement.

James R. Poston Sr. and Ryan Carter Poston Endowed Scholarship


Tracey A. Puthoff Endowed Scholarship

Created in 2017 by Tracey A. Puthoff ’95, partner in Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, Cincinnati. Criteria: academic achievement, part-time student, preference for female student.

Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III Endowed Scholarship


Richard M. and Catherine J. Rothfuss Endowed Scholarship


Sanders School of Trial Practice Endowed Scholarship

Created in 2017 by Robert E. Sanders, founder of The Sanders Law Firm, Covington, Kentucky, and Shirley L. Sanders, nurse-paralegal with the firm. For nearly 50 years, Mr. Sanders’ many law clerks, from Chase and other schools, learned trial skills through his “Sanders School of Trial Practice.” Criteria: academic achievement, interest in trial practice, preference for Eastern Kentucky University graduate.

Blanche Wiley Shafer Memorial Scholarship


Justice Wil Schroder Endowed Scholarship

Originally created in 2013 by family and friends, this scholarship was permanently endowed in 2018 by Susan M. Schroder in memory of her husband, retired Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Wil Schroder. Criterion: academic achievement.

Gregory and Cynthia Sizemore Endowed Scholarship in Transactional Law


Gerry and Peggy St. Amand Endowed Scholarship

Created in 2018 by Chase alumni and friends in honor of Gerry St. Amand, former Chase dean and professor of law, Northern Kentucky University vice-president for advancement, and NKU interim president, and Peggy St. Amand, a strong Chase supporter and leadership partner. Criterion: academic achievement.

W. Frank Steely Endowed Scholarship

Created in 1999 by family in honor of Dr. W. Frank Steely, first president of Northern Kentucky University. Criterion: academic achievement.

Henry D. Stratton Family Endowed Scholarship

Created in 2012 in memory of Pikeville, Kentucky, lawyer Henry D. Stratton by his widow, Lois Jean Stratton, daughter, Terry Stratton; and sons, Daniel Stratton ’78 and David Stratton ’78. Criterion: Pike County, Kentucky, resident or University of Pikeville graduate.

Professor Noel Sullivan Endowed Scholarship


Joseph P. and Sheila J. Thomas Endowed Scholarship


Timothy L. and Janice M. Timmel Endowed Scholarship in Trial Practice


John Thomson Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Created in 1987 by family in memory of Assistant Dean John Thomson. Criteria: academic achievement, preference for 1L student, student interested in a JD/MBA joint degree.

Ethel Tingley Endowed Scholarship

Created in 1978 by Ethel Tingley ’31, a Cincinnati lawyer who bequeathed her entire estate to Chase College of Law. Criteria: financial need, female student, 1L student.

Judge Frederick M. Warren Sr. Endowed Scholarship

Created in 2006 through a bequest from Frederick M. Warren Jr. in memory of his father, Campbell County (Kentucky) Circuit Judge Frederick M. Warren Sr., who supported establishment of Northern Kentucky University and a merger with Chase College of Law. Frederick M. Warren Jr. was a member of the NKU Foundation board. Criteria: academic achievement, Northern Kentucky resident.

Judge Judy M. West Endowed Scholarship

Created in 1991 by family and friends in memory of Judge Judy M. West ’77, first woman to serve on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Criteria: academic achievement, Kentucky resident, 1L student, community involvement, ethical principles.

A. Christian Worrell Memorial Scholarship

Created in 2013 by the Graydon firm, Cincinnati, in memory of partner A. Christian Worrell ’85. Criteria: academic achievement, interest in environmental law.
Support for Chase

Joe Thomas ’88
Endows Scholarship as Pathway for Success

Joe Thomas was on a career path when he enrolled at Chase College of Law that would have suggested one direction: pharmacy. He was chief of the inpatient pharmacy at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, and, with a doctorate in pharmacy, he taught clinical pharmacy and pharmacology at the university level.

But he wanted to broaden his path; he wanted to become a lawyer. “Chase provided me with an opportunity that was not available to me anywhere else – the opportunity to attend law school when I had a young family and a full-time job,” he says of his Chase evening division experience.

His widened path has taken him to partnership in the firm of Ulmer & Berne, in Cincinnati, development of a pharmaceuticals defense theory that has been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States, and national recognition as a leader in complex litigation involving drugs and medical devices.

To help others follow his path to becoming a lawyer by attending Chase, Joe Thomas, who was graduated in 1988, and his wife, Sheila, have established the Joseph P. and Sheila J. Thomas Endowed Scholarship. “We hope that this endowed scholarship will help the college attract talented students and will provide talented students with an opportunity to become talented lawyers,” he says.

The melding of his Chase education, training as a pharmacist, and experience as a litigator led him to the ultimate opportunity to advance the defense theory he had begun framing in the 1990s, that generic drug makers should be immune from state failure-to-warn lawsuits on the basis of federal preemption. The Supreme Court adopted it in PLIVA Inc. v. Mensing, in 2011.

In the years ahead, the Joseph P. and Sheila J. Thomas Endowed Scholarship will be awarded annually to help talented students take a path to becoming a lawyer that begins at Chase.

Bill Hesch ’80
Endows Scholarship for Estate Planning

Bill Hesch can do the numbers – he is both a lawyer and a certified public accountant – and knows what they add up to: a need for Chase alumni to help the college provide scholarships for talented students.

Mr. Hesch, who manages separate law and accounting practices in Cincinnati, has established the William E. Hesch Endowed Scholarship to help Chase expand its outreach to students who can become successful lawyers.

“Only by Chase alumni giving back to Chase can the law school continue to attract the best students and develop our future attorneys and leaders in our community,” he says. For him, it is a sense of personal responsibility and an assessment of financial reality. “Chase alumni’s financial contributions are more important than ever, due to decreased funding by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, due to its budget problems. Alumni need to help Chase, which gave them so much: their legal education upon which they have built legal and/or professional careers.”

Mr. Hesch, who was graduated from Chase in 1980, has built his career on his training and experiences as a lawyer and as an accountant. On the law side, he manages William E. Hesch Law Firm, which includes three other professionals and practices in the areas of estate planning and probate, elder law, Medicaid planning, and business law. On the accounting side, he manages William E. Hesch CPAs, also with three professionals, which provides tax services, retirement planning, and business consulting to privately held companies and individuals.

The William E. Hesch Endowed Scholarship he established will extend a focus of his law practice to future generations of lawyers by providing financial support to students studying estate planning.

“If Chase alumni contribute what they can afford to give, together we can provide additional scholarships to attract the best and the brightest students to Chase. I’m hoping my gift will encourage other alumni to donate what they can for scholarships,” Mr. Hesch says.

By his math, that means the numbers will continue to add up for Chase students.
Before he was Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Wil Schroder, he was Chase College of Law Professor Wil Schroder. During the years between classroom and high courtroom, he was a lawyer in private practice, a public defender, a city attorney, a trial judge, and an appellate judge.

Justice Schroder, who served on the Supreme Court of Kentucky from 2006 until his retirement in early 2013 because of health, left a legal legacy that continues with the Justice Wil Schroder Endowed Scholarship at Chase, endowed this year by a sustaining gift from Susan Schroder, in memory of her late husband.

“Wil loved being an attorney, judge, justice, and a teacher at NKU Chase College of Law,” Mrs. Schroder says. “I would like to thank all of our friends, colleagues, and family members who have contributed to his scholarship fund since its inception after his passing in October 2013. I am glad that I could provide the additional sum to make his scholarship now a fully endowed scholarship, in perpetuity.”

Justice Schroder grew up in Northern Kentucky, earned a Juris Doctor at the University of Kentucky and an L.L.M. at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. With those degrees to his name, he returned to Northern Kentucky to teach at Chase, from 1972 to 1975. For the next eight years, he practiced in Covington, with his brother, Robert Schroder. It was during that time he also served as a Kenton County public defender, a hearing officer for the Kentucky Personnel Board, and Newport city attorney.

He left private practice in 1983 and began almost thirty years of judicial service, first as a Kenton County District Court judge, until 1991, as a Kentucky Court of Appeals judge, from 1991 to 2006, and as a justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, from 2006 until his retirement. “He brought a sharp intellect and meticulous approach to his work on the Supreme Court,” Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr. said at the time. “The Supreme Court will not be the same without him.”

“Future contributions are encouraged to this fund to further honor Justice Schroder’s legacy and to help support this formative scholarship,” Mrs. Schroder says.

David Bender crosses bridges to practice law, and now he has built one for future students to attend Chase College of Law.

Mr. Bender, who practices on both sides of the Ohio River, in the Tristate of Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana, and his wife, Nancy Bender, have created the J. David and Nancy A. Bender Endowed Scholarship through a sustaining gift. While his practice crosses state lines, his institutional loyalty is in one place: Northern Kentucky University and Chase College of Law.

Mr. Bender earned his undergraduate degree at NKU in 1976 and his law degree at Chase, in 1979. He has been a president of the Northern Kentucky University Foundation and the NKU Alumni Association, and he has received the Exceptional Service Award of the Chase Alumni Association and the Distinguished Service Award of the NKU Alumni Association.

“Nancy and I strongly believe that it is important to continue to give annually to Chase to help support the future students to study the law and use their law degrees to become good, civic-minded citizens,” Mr. Bender says. “I am so appreciative of Chase for providing me the basis for my successful legal career so that we are able to make this gift. Our daughter, C. Alyse Bender Hoffer, is also a double grad of NKU and Chase, and she also contributes to Chase and NKU on an annual basis. Nancy and I hope that our endowed scholarship will further enable Chase to provide financial support to potential students in order to attract the brightest and best community-minded students to our beloved law school.”

Mr. Bender’s career since he was a Chase student spans almost four decades, serving as a partner in several firms and now as a sole practitioner in The Law Office of J. David Bender, in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. His areas of practice include family law, probate and estate planning, personal injury, insurance defense, criminal defense, construction law, and corporate law.
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Sometimes a classroom isn’t a classroom. Sometimes it’s a courtroom at The Hague, the Netherlands. Or a township outside Cape Town, South Africa. Or a field office in Bangkok, Thailand. Sometimes it is a public defender office in Cincinnati or Covington, Kentucky.

Wherever it is, it is a classroom because of the Chase Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program. The program provides small stipends for selected students to accept unpaid public interest positions in which they apply casebook theory to experiences such as, this past summer, a war crimes trial, traveling legal clinics, human trafficking prosecutions, and confronting limited resources in a public defender office.

For five of the ten students who received grants this past summer, this is how Chase prepared them for global and local experiences outside a classroom:

**The Hague, the Netherlands**

**Erick Crew, 4L,** participated in the war crimes trial of a former Serbian intelligence officer as part of an internship with Global Rights Compliance, a non-governmental organization that focuses on international humanitarian law.

**The Chase factor:** “I would not have been there if it were not for Professor Ursula Doyle. I’ve taken both of the international law classes she offers and served as a research assistant for a forthcoming law review article. The Global Rights Compliance interviewers tested my understanding of international humanitarian law and my legal research abilities, and I was successful because of what I’ve learned from Professor Doyle.”

**What he did:** He worked with a British lawyer to learn how to cross-examine prosecution witnesses and participated in a mock trial judged by international jurists. The result was a confidence boosting revelation for the future: “I can do this work, at a high-level, and very well,” he says.

**Cape Town, South Africa**

**Jacob Crothers, 4L,** went to the southern tip of Africa, on an internship with Projects Abroad Human Rights Office, to provide legal assistance to people who otherwise would have none.

**His Chase factor:** “My experience while at Chase has been one involving many personal and educational obstacles, with none being too great to overcome. Upon graduating from Chase, I hope eventually to start my own nonprofit organization, primarily focused on providing pro bono legal services to poverty-stricken areas in the United States and abroad.”

**What he experienced:** “The most satisfying thing I was able to experience was the operation of several weekly legal clinics in townships surrounding Cape Town. Most of our clients were financially unable to travel to our office on a consistent basis. Being able to maintain a regular line of communication with them to provide valuable legal services, despite their financial hardships, was a humbling and gratifying experience.”
Bangkok, Thailand

Tanner Duncan, 3L, traveled to South Asia with the U.S.-based nonprofit International Justice Mission to provide legal research on forced-labor cases.

How Chase prepared him: Two professors were key. International law courses Professor Ursula Doyle teaches expanded his interest in international work, and the legal writing course Professor Donald Kazee teaches, he says, prepared him for any memo he will ever need to write.

What he did: “I was able to see the direct benefit of the Bangkok field office’s efforts for victims of human trafficking, including issuing of arrest warrants, government action taken through our advocacy for victims, victim compensation becoming available, and victims being treated with the human dignity they had previously been denied. I brainstormed with the rest of the legal team on cases that were in their infancy, including theories of cases, additional information needed to bring successful prosecutions, possible charges to bring from multiple areas of law, and critiques of current law to provide for better legal remedies in the future.”

Cincinnati

Christy Hiance, 2L, interviewed clients and helped in an expungement clinic in the Hamilton County Public Defender Office.

How Chase influenced her: Her experience at Chase has shaped her decision to pursue indigent defense work as a lawyer and has given her an alumni network of public defenders to help her get there.

What she learned: “I gained an understanding that criminal defense work boils down to uncovering and presenting the client’s humanity. The work of fact-gathering outside of what the other side has presented will be beneficial to my student externship with the Kentucky Innocence Project.”

Covington

Lauren Gallaway, 3L, worked with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

How Chase prepared her: “Chase has taught me that sometimes the little things can make all the difference, which is why it is important to pay attention to details. Chase has also taught me to consider other individuals and their viewpoints, so that all plausible issues and outcomes can be analyzed before coming to any conclusions.”

Her takeaways: “I got a better understanding of the law and the legal process. This was something I would have been unable to do without being placed into the field.” Working in a public defender office also introduced her to the time and budget constraints that often accompany the work. “I now know the amount of hard work I will need to make a difference in the future.”
Cybersecurity Threats Never Stop

ALUMNI SPEAKERS AT AN ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM CHASE CO-SPONSORS CONFRONT THE GROWING RISKS

For most technology users, the rate of change is so dizzyingly fast it is almost impossible to adapt to it. But for hackers and scammers, the trajectory is merely an opportunity.

For Chase College of Law, the race for stronger and higher legal and digital firewalls made the eleventh annual Cybersecurity Symposium this past October a real-life homepage for lawyers to learn how to protect their data or to advise clients on keeping personal or business data safe, and what to do if it is compromised.

With five alumni among the more than forty speakers on law or technology topics at the symposium co-sponsored with the Northern Kentucky University College of Informatics, these are five takeaways for what lawyers should know:

Risks are Everywhere
As devices become more interconnected – ask Siri or Alexa what just a smartphone can monitor and control – legal costs and liabilities related to what is known as the Internet of Things can be significant and unpredictable.

Doug Gastright ‘13, associate, Frost Brown Todd, Cincinnati: “Issue-spotting and identifying potential risks is an important aspect of doing business. While an attorney is often needed to identify and mitigate risks, the client can also provide valuable insights.”

Michael Nitardy ‘05, member, Frost Brown Todd: “Product developers must be cautious not to unintentionally incur additional risk for their organizations by blindly jumping on the Internet of Things bandwagon.”

A Data Breach is Likely
It is important to think about the possibility before a breach occurs, and to manage the risk. If there is a breach, analyze the subsequent investigation of it to understand how it was or could have been conducted.

Scott Van Nice ‘08, eDiscovery manager, Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati: “More and more companies are investing into information technology infrastructures (to become bigger, better, faster, cheaper) in response to customer demands that come with even more cybersecurity threats, with the potential to cause significant damage. It is inevitable that most people will be confronted with a cyberattack at some point.”

Threats are Changing
Cybersecurity threats take numerous forms – hacking, malware, phishing, and ransomware among them – and statutory and litigation responses are evolving with each intrusion.

JB Lind ‘08, partner, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, Cincinnati: “Information consumes a large part of any size business in today’s economy. It is not a matter of ‘if,’ but ‘when,’ that information will be compromised by an unauthorized third party. The results can be devastating.”

Lessons can be Learned
Data breaches often involve big-name companies – Facebook, Under Armour, and Panera among them in 2018 – and big numbers of accounts. How companies responded can provide guidance for others.

Dennis Kennedy ‘95, partner, Dressman Benzinger Lavelle, Crestview Hills, Kentucky: “Even though some breaches may not be preventable, the proper response to a breach can significantly reduce the impact caused by that breach.”

Keynote speaker at the symposium on the NKU campus was Jane Holl Lute, a former deputy secretary of Homeland Security, who explored privacy as a global issue. She is now president and chief executive of SICPA North America, a privately held company that produces security imprints for currencies and documents, and is a former chief executive of the nonprofit Center for Internet Security.
In a connected world, the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology at Chase is helping students connect their practice-linked skills with professional involvement, plugging the academy into a national audience for lawyers.

Students in the academy, endowed by alumnus W. Bruce Lunsford to provide training for integrating law, business, and technology in practices, this year worked on an academy-sponsored program in conjunction with the American Bar Association TECHSHOW and also initiated an ABA resolution on online disability access that was adopted by the ABA House of Delegates.

The background: The academy this past winter sponsored Legal XX, a companion to the ABA TECHSHOW in Chicago, to help women increase their involvement with legal technology and technology clients (hence, the title’s reference to female double-x chromosomes). Separately, the ABA House of Delegates, meeting at the ABA Annual Meeting this past summer in Chicago, adopted a resolution on website accessibility that students in an academy course had initiated through the ABA Commission on Disability Rights.

Academy Director Robert Furnier explains:

How the Lunsford Academy and students benefitted from involvement in the Legal XX program and the ABA resolution on website accessibility

“In addition to its curriculum, the academy offers its scholars real-world opportunities to explore firsthand how technology has changed the legal profession.

“At Legal XX, students learned about using an analytical process known as design-thinking to solve legal problems and networked with women in the technology field or who were interested in representing technology companies. With the ABA’s Access Success, a series of events focused on creating opportunities through technology for attorneys with disabilities, students learned how integral technology can be to opening the legal profession to everyone.”

What students did at Legal XX and will do in an expanded version in 2019

“The students helped host Legal XX, handling registration, setting up the program, and answering participants’ questions. Once the program began, they participated in the event like other attendees. In 2019, students will play a similar role, but will have the opportunity to be involved in a larger program. Legal XX has been expanded to include a luncheon to honor the ABA Women in Legal Technology.”

How the accessibility resolution developed from an academy course

“The students in the Law, Business & Entrepreneurship class formed a social-enterprise tech startup to tackle web accessibility, particularly in the legal profession. As part of that project, the team decided to create a Yelp-type ratings website to encourage law firms and legal tech companies to become accessible online by complying with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0, from the World Wide Web Consortium. As an outgrowth of this effort, the class proposed an ABA resolution, to be adopted by the House of Delegates, at the association’s 2018 Annual Meeting. The House of Delegates adopted the resolution in August. Plans are underway to rely upon the resolution to launch a web campaign, as part of the Lunsford Academy, to promote web accessibility.”
Alumna Karen Meyers Shares Her Career Journey, as Distinguished Guest Professor

Just as a suggestion from a Chase professor started alumna Karen Meyers on her career path, her observations to some current students might one day have a similar effect on them.

Ms. Meyers, who was graduated in 1978, returned to Chase this past September as Distinguished Guest Professor. From a career perspective that began as a lawyer with Ohio Casualty Group and continues as a member of the Cincinnati firm of Little, Meyers & Associates, she taught a Remedies class and shared insights with small groups of students.

Her career path, as she tells the story, began when Professor Roger Billings suggested she seek a position with Ohio Casualty following graduation that would utilize her training as a lawyer and her business skills from her job while she was an evening division student. The suggestion would lead to her writing the company’s internal white paper on structured settlements with periodic payments and to becoming a corporate officer.

In her practice at Little, Meyers, she focuses on settlement strategies for individuals and class members in personal injury, wrongful death, and mass-tort actions, and in providing financial planning assistance to plaintiffs. Outside her practice, she co-developed the national certification program for structured settlement consultants, which she presents annually through the executive education program of the University of Notre Dame and the National Structured Settlement Trade Association.

It was that expertise – and how Chase led to her development it – she shared with students.

“I thought meeting with Ms. Meyers was an amazing experience,” says third-year student Jordan McSayles. “The fact that she highlighted how her professors helped guide her in her career path reinforced my decision to come to Chase.”

It was, after all, Ms. Meyers’ experiences as a student at Chase that laid the foundation for her to return as a Distinguished Guest Professor. “Chase did so much for me. I would not be doing what I am doing, and enjoying my career and my practice, and my involvement with other lawyers, with clients, with claimants, and with courts, had I not gone to Chase,” she says.

For first-year student Brian Rhame, who also talked with Ms. Meyers in a small group, the conversation was an insight into what lies beyond the classroom. “I like the chance to hear about experiences of Chase alumni because it injects reality into what otherwise might be just the study of legal theory. Ms. Meyers was especially interesting, because her work makes a significant difference in the lives of people.”

That was a large part of the message she wanted to convey. “I hoped the students would take away an understanding that law is so diverse, and that there are so many different things you can do with it. In my work as a settlement master, I am able to combine poverty and the law, trusts, damages, remedies. You don’t have to have a very narrow application of one type of law. You can do a combination, which is extremely rewarding,” she says.

In addition to visiting as a Distinguished Guest Professor, Ms. Meyers maintains her connection with the college as a member of the board of visitors, a panel composed primarily of alumni that advises the dean on practice- and education-related matters. In 2015, she received the Professional Achievement Award of the Chase Alumni Association.
1980

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1978

Burr J. Travis returned to Busald Funk Zevely, Florence, Kentucky, where he had been a partner for thirty-four years, as of counsel. He left the firm in 2015 to be an Assistant Kentucky Commonwealth’s Attorney in Kenton County.

1979

David Kash retired after twenty-one years in private practice and seventeen years as an assistant prosecutor in Butler County, Ohio.

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1986

Clement Luken Jr. was named senior partner in Wood Herron & Evans, Cincinnati. His focus is litigation, chemical technology, and trademark law. He is also spokesperson for the firm.

1986

Mark A. Ogle joined Graydon Head & Ritchey, Cincinnati, in the Northern Kentucky office, following practice as the Mark A. Ogle Family Law Practice, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. His focus is collaborative law, divorce, and child custody. He will be president of the Kentucky chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers during 2019.

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Thomas Glassman, shareholder in Bonezzi Switzer Polito & Hupp, Cincinnati, was named a 2018 Super Lawyer in Ohio and Kentucky. His focus is general liability, with emphasis in liability insurance.

1995

Michael P. Cussen, partner in McCaslin, Imbus & McCaslin, Cincinnati, was elected to membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Cincinnati chapter. He practices in state and federal courts in Ohio and Kentucky.
1996

Paul T. Lawless, shareholder in Bell Orr Ayers & Moore, Bowling Green, Kentucky, was named secretary/treasurer of Kentucky Defense Counsel for 2017-18. His practice focus is general civil litigation, insurance defense, personal injury, commercial and business litigation, creditor’s rights/collections, and criminal defense.

Jennifer L. Lawrence, partner in The Lawrence Firm, Covington, Kentucky, was a speaker at the American Association for Justice Joint Medical Negligence and Birth Trauma Seminar, in Ireland. She concentrates in plaintiff-representation in medical negligence, defective medical products, and drug actions.

Denise M. Motta joined Gordon & Rees as of counsel, in the Louisville, Kentucky, office of the San Francisco-based firm. She concentrates in construction disputes, product liability defense, employment matters, and complex litigation.

1997

Samantha Steelman joined Reminger Co., in the Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, office. She concentrates in workers’ compensation and domestic relations.

1999

Jamie Meisenhelder was promoted to senior corporate counsel at CTI Clinical Trial and Consulting Services, Covington, Kentucky.

Adam F. Seibel, a lawyer with Jacobs, Kleinman, Seibel & McNally, Cincinnati, was appointed by the Supreme Court of Ohio to a five-year term on the Ohio Board of Bar Examiners. He has graded Ohio bar examinations for twelve years. His practice focus is civil litigation and criminal defense.

2003

Darren K. Mexic, partner in Debra L. Broz, Attorneys-at-Law, Bowling Green, Kentucky, was elected vice-president of the Bowling Green-Warren County (Kentucky) Bar Association. He recently received the Pro Bono Award of the Lawyers Care Volunteer Attorney Program of Warren County. He leads the firm’s litigation and bankruptcy sections.

Meghan Geiger Beringer was promoted to executive director of emerging technologies strategy at FirstEnergy, Akron, Ohio.

2005

Emily Janoski-Haehlen was elected to the executive board of the American Association of Law Libraries. She is Director of the University of Akron School of Law law library, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Institutional Excellence, and an associate professor. She was Associate Director of Law Library Services at Chase from April 2011 to July 2012.

L. Scott Miller, a lawyer with Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, Lexington, Kentucky, is a member of Leadership Kentucky Class of 2018. His practice focus is defense of police officers and consulting on police department policies.

2006

Matthew A. Stinnett was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, in Lexington. He was a member in Dickinson Wright, concentrating in complex business and commercial litigation in the Lexington office of the Detroit-based firm. Kentucky Super Lawyers had recognized him during 2013 through 2017 as a Rising Star.

2009

Daniel A. Hunt has become a partner in Ziegler & Schneider, Crescent Springs, Kentucky. He concentrates in business, corporate, and general litigation.

2007

Elisabeth Koral, principal at Harness Dickey & Pierce, St. Louis, was named an Up & Coming Lawyer by Missouri Lawyers Weekly. Her practice focus is patent applications in the oil and gas, chemical, and pharmaceutical sectors.

Scott Van Nice, Procter & Gamble Co. eDiscovery manager, Cincinnati, was an event chair for Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled for the 2018 Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival, in Cincinnati.
concentrates in plaintiff-representation in personal injury and medical malpractice matters. She is a Super Lawyers Rising Star in medical malpractice and personal injury litigation for 2019, the third consecutive year she has received the recognition.

2010

Brett Renzenbrink was elected partner in Buechner Haffer Meyers & Koening, Cincinnati. He previously was managing partner for Columbus, Ohio-based Luper Neidenthal & Logan.

Emily C. Moore joined Mattingly Ford, Louisville, Kentucky. Her focus is estate planning, elder care, wills and trusts, and business formation and compliance. She is also an attorney for Youth for Christ, an inter-denominational, nonprofit youth organization.

2011

Emily M. Cochran joined Graydon Head & Ritchey, Cincinnati, in the Northern Kentucky office. She concentrates in collaborative law, divorce, and child custody. She previously practiced with the Mark A. Ogle Family Law Practice, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, and was a staff attorney with the Children’s Law Center, Covington, Kentucky.

Matt Swafford joined Tachau Meek, Louisville, Kentucky. He concentrates in general commercial litigation, insurance litigation, and prosecuting and defending employment disputes. He has been a clerk for Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Will T. Scott and a staff attorney for Jefferson County Circuit Judge Barry Willett.

2012

Deana Taylor, vice president of human resources for Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation, popularly known as 3CDC, was appointed to the board of directors of Life Learning Center, a program in Covington, Kentucky, for at-risk individuals.

Jessica R. Stigall joined Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, Lexington, Kentucky, as an associate in the employment law and education law practice groups.

2013


Jason Chastang joined Hemmer DeFrank Wessels, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, as an associate. His focus is complex commercial litigation.

2014

John F. Bennett joined Foreman Watson Holtry, Owensboro, Kentucky, as a general practitioner. His focus is criminal defense and civil litigation, including family law and personal injury.

Owen P. Kelm joined the Clermont County (Ohio) Public Defender Office as a part-time public defender. He continues in private practice.

2015

Emily S. Prem joined Fowler Bell, Lexington, Kentucky, as an associate. Her practice includes litigation, estate planning, elder law, and family law.

2017

Jamie L. Collins joined Fowler Bell, Lexington, Kentucky, as an associate. His focus is workers’ compensation.

Olivia Holbrook joined VanAntwerp Attorneys, Ashland, Kentucky, as an associate. Her practice includes litigation, estate planning, energy and environmental law, labor and employment, and family law.

2018

Tory L. Finley joined Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati, as an associate. His focus is commercial litigation.

Rebecca Sheehan joined Dressman Benziger LaVelle, Crestview Hills, Kentucky, as an associate. She practices primarily in the areas of health care and employment and labor.

R. David Weber joined Cors & Bassett, Cincinnati, as an associate. His focus is transactional matters in business and real estate.

Peter Ackerman joined CTI Clinical Trial and Consulting Services, Covington, Kentucky, as corporate counsel.

Emily S. Prem, associate with Ulmer & Berne, in the Cincinnati office, was named a 2018 YWCA of Greater Cincinnati Rising Star, a recognition of leadership and career potential. Her practice focus is pharmaceutical, medical device, and mass tort litigation, and eDiscovery matters.
1946
John H. Klette Jr.
July 10, 2018
Mr. Klette practiced in the Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, firm of Klette, Klette & Mauntel. He had been a governor of the Kentucky Bar Association and a secretary of the Kentucky Bar Title Insurance Company.

1964
Hugh James Convery
January 21, 2018
Mr. Convery was head of the Department of Public Advocacy in Morehead, Kentucky, for twenty-seven years, following private practice and serving in Madisonville, Kentucky, as county attorney, city attorney, and city judge.

1965
Robert J. Imbus
October 8, 2018
Mr. Imbus was a litigator with the Cincinnati firm of McCaslin, Imbus & McCaslin.

1973
Joseph T. Condit
June 21, 2018
Mr. Condit held positions with the city of Covington, Kentucky, for nearly 30 years, including city solicitor, finance director, and city manager. He had been a judge of Kentucky District Court in Kenton County.

1978
Bernard C. Fox Jr.
March 5, 2018
Mr. Fox joined the Office of the Ohio Attorney General in 1979, and later practiced in Fox & Clear before he formed Fox & Fox with his father, in 1986.

1979
Frankie S. “Ginger” Hager
February 25, 2018
Mrs. Hager was city attorney of Owensboro, Kentucky, for eight years, following private practice.

1983
Beth Menke Redwine
June 18, 2018
Mrs. Redwine worked twenty-eight years with GE Aviation, where she handled contract negotiations internationally with aircraft companies.

1989
N. Theresa T. Hoagland
October 6, 2017
Ms. Hoagland had been a lawyer with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

1998
James Peyton Kirby
August 12, 2018
Mr. Kirby was employed by the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection.

PLAN NOW TO BE PART OF THE NEXT GROUP OF CHASE ALUMNI ADMITTED TO THE BAR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

The group admission ceremony will be November 18 in Washington, D.C. Watch for details from Chase.

Admission applicants must be licensed to practice law in the United States and in good standing for at least the past three years.

Qualified applications are accepted in the order received.
Alumni Win Elections

More than 80 Chase alumni won elections Nov. 6 to federal, state, or countywide offices in Kentucky. This list of elected alumni was compiled from names of alumni on primary ballots published in the Spring/Summer issue of CHASE, election results for selected countywide offices in Kentucky, and information supplied by alumni. Alumni elected to other offices may provide information on their elections for the next issue of CHASE.

U.S. House
Steve Chabot ’78, Cincinnati
Joe Cunningham ’14, Charleston, South Carolina
Kentucky legislature
Chris Harris ’96, House District 93 (Eastern Kentucky)
C. Ed Massey ’92, House District 66 (Northern Kentucky)
Diane St. Onge ’01, House District 63 (Northern Kentucky)
Wil Schroder ’08, Senate District 24 (Northern Kentucky)
Robin Webb ’86, Senate District 18 (Eastern Kentucky)

Kentucky Commonwealth’s Attorney
Parker Boggs ’87, Circuit 26 (Harlan)
Ronnie Bowling ’12, Circuit 34 (McCreary, Whitley)
J. Kelly Clarke ’94, Circuit 19 (Bracken, Fleming, Mason)
John Gardner ’04, Circuit 43 (Barren, Metcalfe)
Gary H. Gregory ’81, Circuit 41 (Clay, Jackson, Leslie)
Louis Kelly ’07, Circuit 54 (Boone, Gallatin)
Melvin Leonhart ’00, Circuit 20 (Lincoln, Pulaski, Rockcastle)
Rob Sanders ’98, Circuit 16 (Kenton)
Michelle Snodgrass-Deimling ’98, Circuit 17 (Campbell)
Jackie Steele ’01, Circuit 27 (Knox, Laurel)

Judicial
Kentucky Court of Appeals
Larry E. Thompson ’87, District 7 (Eastern Kentucky)

Kentucky Circuit Court
Daniel Zalla ’74, Circuit 17 (Campbell)

Kentucky Circuit Court, Family
Dawn Gentry ’06, Circuit 16 (Kenton)

Kentucky District Court
Don Blair ’75, District 21 (Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Rowan)
John Chafin ’81, District 24 (Johnson, Lawrence, Martin)
Elizabeth Chandler ’96, District 15 (Carroll, Grant, Owen)
Brian Crick ’94, District 45 (McLean, Muhlenberg)
Deborah Hawkins Crooks ’85, District 52 (Graves)
Kenneth L. Easterling ’88, District 16 (Kenton)
Thomas M. Funk ’81, District 15 (Carroll, Grant, Owen)
Kenneth Goff II ’88, District 46 (Breckinridge, Grayson, Meade)
Douglas J. Grothus ’87, District 16 (Kenton)
W. “Skip” Hammons ’91, District 27 (Knox, Laurel)
Charles W. “Chuck” Hardin ’96, District 25 (Clark, Madison)
James M. Lawson ’82, District 40 (Clinton, Russell, Wayne)
William “Bo” Leach ’03, District 23 (Estill, Lee, Owsley)
Bill Oliver ’88, District 13 (Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln)
Sam C. Potter ’84, District 8 (Warren)

Dennis B. Prater ’00, District 36 (Knott, Magoffin)
William “Willie” Roberts ’84, District 21 (Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Rowan)
Ann Rurtle ’84, District 16 (Kenton)
Karen A. Thomas ’85, District 17 (Campbell)
Marcia Thomas ’93, District 54 (Boone, Gallatin)
H. Rupert Wilhoit III ’91, District 37 (Carter, Elliott, Morgan)
Robert F. Wright ’95, District 35 (Pike)
Robert “Bobby” Yoakum ’99, District 44 (Bell)

Ohio Court of Appeals
Robert C. Winkler ’87, Hamilton

Ohio Court of Common Pleas
Richard P. Ferenc ’77, Clermont
J. Gregory Howard ’87, Butler
Donald E. Oda II ’95, Warren
E. Gerald Parker ’07, Montgomery

Ohio Area Court
Robert H. Lyons ’80, Butler Area I

Indiana Superior Court
Sally A. McLaughlin ’90, Dearborn

Missouri Circuit Court
Thomas Swindle ’81, southeast Missouri

Kentucky County
Judge Executive
Chris Pace ’05, Clark
John Will Stacy ’83, Morgan
County Attorney
Keith Bartley ’91, Floyd
Stephen L. Bates II ’07, Grant
Brian Bayes ’09, Carter
John D. Bertram ’90, Taylor
John Cunningham ’93, Graves
Donna Dant ’85, McClean
Jason P. Darnall ’03, Marshall
William Elkins ’99, Clark
Michael S. Endicott ’88, Johnson
Steve Franzen ’82, Campbell
Barry D. Gilley ’78, Metcalfe
Vicki R. Hayden ’89, Ballard
Monica Hill ’01, Fleming
Michael T. Hogan ’94, Lawrence
Gilbert E. Holland ’97, Knox
Justin S. Keown ’03, Ohio
Roy Massey IV ’10, Caldwell
Henley R. McIntosh ’88, Owosley
Brendon D. Miller ’96, Breathitt
Amy Hale Milliken ’95, Warren
Ryan K. Rice ’10, Muhlenberg
Stacey S. Sanning ’94, Pendleton
Joseph White ’03, Clay
Kyle W. Williamson ’09, Larue
John G. Wright ’86, Gallatin
County Clerk
Jim Luersen ’84, Campbell
Gabrielle Summe ’00, Kenton
Circuit Court Clerk
Wendy B. Graney ’04, Shelby
David Martin ’84, Boone
John C. Middleton ’94, Kenton
Alumni News in Photos

Alumni are Active at Chase

Playing in the annual golf outing …

Among alumni and guests who participated in the annual golf outing, in mid-June at Summit Hills Country Club in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, were:

(1) Judge Tony Frohlich ’80, David Spaulding ’05, David Bender ’79, and Doug Wilson ’79;

(2) Chris Rose ’19, thoroughbred horse racing Triple Crown winner Steve Cauthen, Rick Rothfuss ’77, and Kevin Molony;

(3) Bob Hojnoski, Ian Mitchell ’13, Joe Borchelt, and John Dunn ’03;

(4) Alex Cantrill ’18, Matt Kriege ’18, Jeannine Lambert ’11, and Datha Harrison.

Welcoming new students …

Alumni Council members who joined Interim Dean Michael Whiteman, center, in welcoming incoming students at a lunch in mid-August in Nunn Hall included, from left, John Garvey ’91, council president; Susan Lipnickey ’91; Deb Crane ’96; Janaya Trotter Bratton ’08; Judge Julie Reinhardt Ward ’95, speaker; and Kelly Farrish ’78. In addition, council members Judge J.R. Schrand ’97; Ed McTigue ’78; Judge Karen Thomas ’85, vice-president; and Judge Rick Brueggemann ’04, speaker, attended a welcome dinner for new evening students.
Beth Murray ’90, from left, Diana Link ’11, Randal Bloch, Mark Eppley, and Howard Tankersley ’93 participated in a panel discussion in early October to explain to students different types of family law practice.

Kelly Farrish ’78, founder of The Farrish Law Firm, who has practiced DUI defense for thirty-nine years, gave students in mid-April an overview of what they will need to know about DUI representation.

Holding a reunion …

Members of the Class of 1978 day division gathered in early October at the Embassy Suites, Lexington, Kentucky, for a reunion dinner, marking the fortieth anniversary of their graduation. Among them were, from left front, Dan Stratton, Jeff Raines, Royce Buck, Steve Little, David Stratton, Dennis McKiernan, and from left back, Interim Dean Michael Whiteman, Jim Brannen, Kim Vocke, Jim Fogle, and Van Phillips.

Preparing students …

Kelly Holden ’96, a partner in Dressman Benzinger LaVelle, Crestview Hills, Kentucky, who concentrates in employment and labor law, spoke with students in late September about kindness in the workplace, and how to prevent harassment and bullying.

Attending a reception …

Among alumni who attended a reception Chase sponsored at the Kentucky Bar Association convention in mid-June in Lexington, Kentucky, were, from left front, Margo Grubbs ’80, Sue Cassidy ’93, Gary Sergent ’79, and from left back, Todd McMurtry ’87, Jim Dady ’94, Bob Sanders, and Larry Deener ’79.

Discussing family law practice …

Conducting a defense seminar …
Commencement

Now They are Alumni

For 127 Juris Doctor students and three Master of Legal Studies students, the journey through Chase College of Law is complete. They became graduates, ready for new journeys in law or business, during commencement ceremonies on the Northern Kentucky University campus. These are some of the scenes and messages from their day to remember, May, 4, 2018.
What Speakers Said

Michael Whiteman, interim dean:
“You are about to join the thousands of Chase alumni who have graduated these past 125 years. Like them, remember your role: You protect the constitutional rights of a criminal defendant. You help your community seek justice as a prosecutor. You advise the local county board on how to acquire land to build a baseball field. You counsel businesses on how to grow and create jobs. You help a couple seeking divorce create a stable environment for their children. Everything you do helps your community.”

Gerry St. Amand, Northern Kentucky University interim president at commencement and Chase dean emeritus:
“What a personal, special privilege it is for me to be able to confer degrees upon so many students that I had the chance to meet at the beginning of their law school career, and a professional opportunity to teach you in your first semester, in Property I …

“As you transition from law school into the legal profession, it is important that you have become a different person than when you started law school. It is important that you have become a person who embraces the values of the profession, that you have become a person who appreciates the important role the legal system plays in our society, and that you have become a person who is committed to strengthening the legal profession in its ability to serve our society.”

Commencement speaker Judge Amul Thapar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit framed his address as guideposts for success after graduation, recounting an anecdote of a young person who learned from a guru that a desire for success had to be as strong as the desire to breathe, and said his speech would be brief:

“I promised it would be short, so I’m going to sum it up: Number one, want to succeed as much as you want to breathe; number two, make a difference in people’s lives. Demand and expect greatness from yourself, but know that achieving it means many failures.

“Invest in yourself and invest in others, because the payback is great. Remember, how you do anything is how you do everything. Be excellent at everything you do.

“And, finally, I hope you will remember this: Please, always remember, it is who we are, not what we do, that ultimately defines us.”
Faculty News

Carol Bredemeyer
Professor of Law Library Services

Presentation
“Research and Productivity” at The Lawyer’s Club of Cincinnati, August 2018.

Anthony Chavez
Professor of Law

Publication

Presentations

Robert Furnier
Director of the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology

Professional

Jennifer Jolly-Ryan
Professor of Legal Writing

Publication
“Tips for Concise Writing,” Kentucky Bar Association Bench and Bar, September/October 2018.

Jennifer Kinsley
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

Publication

Jennifer Kreder
Professor of Law

Presentation
Panelist, “Repatriation and Restorative Justice: From Native American Remains and Sacred Objects to Nazi Art Theft” at Kupferberg Holocaust Center, Bayside, New York, October 2018.

Court of the United States set forth in Roper v. Simmons for defendants younger than eighteen years old at the time of an offense. Participant, 2018-19 Women’s Institute for Leadership Development, a regional program on higher education administration. Presentation Lecturer and skills trainer, Hamilton County (Ohio) Public Defender’s program, “Call in the Experts!”

Dennis Honbach
Professor of Law

Publication

Jennifer Kinsley
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Presentation

Professional
Appointed by the Supreme Court of Ohio, May 2018, to represent a woman, who as a teenager was convicted as an adult in the robbery and murder of her trafficker and sentenced to 21 years to life in prison; later filed a petition for clemency with the Ohio Parole Board.

Media

Amy Halbrook
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

Professional
Filed amicus curiae brief in the Supreme Court of Kentucky on behalf of National Association for Public Defense and Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Breddhold, a review of a trial court ruling that would extend to a defendant in his late teens the same prohibition of the death penalty the Supreme

Ursula Doyle
Professor of Law

Presentations

Jennifer Jolly-Ryan
Professor of Legal Writing

Publication
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**Professional**
Filed amicus curiae brief in *Zuckerman v. The Metropolitan Museum of Art* in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in support of an estate connected to a World War II-era Jewish German businessman seeking recovery of a painting, July 2018.


**Cited**

**Presentation**
"Saving Constructions of Vague Penal Statutes" at CrimFest! 2018 at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York City, July 2018.

**Media**
Quoted, "Supreme Court Ruling Unlikely To Affect Manafort Case," Politico, May 2018.

**Professor of Law**
**Michael Mannheimer**

**Presentations**

**Media**

**Jane Underwood**
Assistant Professor of Law

**Library Services**
"Research and Productivity" at The Lawyer’s Club of Cincinnati, August 2018.

**Jeffrey Standen**
Professor of Law

**Publication**

**Media**

**David Singleton**
Professor of Law

**Media**
Participant, pre-election discussion on radio station WVXU, Cincinnati, on an Ohio ballot measure that, had it been approved, would have reduced penalties for drug possession, October 2018.

**Michael Whiteman**
Interim Dean and Professor of Law

**Presentation**
"Internet Citations in Appellate Court Opinions: Something’s Still Rotting in the Common-wealth," Kentucky Bar Association Bench and Bar, July/August 2018. (The title refers to so-called “link rot” of nonfunctioning webpage addresses in online documents, such as judicial opinions.)

**Professor of Law**
**Steve Stephens**

**Professional**
Recognized, 25th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* as a best lawyer in areas of arbitration and mediation.

**Assistant Professor of Law**
**Ljubomir Nacev**

**Presentation**
"The Chicken Little Commons: The Socially Constructed Crisis in Legal Education" at the Celebrating Commons Scholarship Conference at Georgetown University Law Center, October 2018.

**Professor of Law**
**Sheldon Lyke**

**Presentation**

**Professor of Law**
**Jane Underwood**

**Presentation**
"Tall Stacks, Tall Bench and Bar,"

**Assistant Professor of Law**
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**Assistant Professor of Law**
**Ljubomir Nacev**

**Presentation**
"The Future of the Federal Death Penalty in Non-Death-Penalty States," and "Eighth Amendment Federalism" at Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, August 2018.

**Professor of Law**
**Sheldon Lyke**

**Presentation**
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