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# Chase proves that working for 'common good' need not be uncommon

Chase College of Law is known as the Lawyer's School. We prepare future leaders, counselors, and advocates for a society that may be far different from when our students entered Chase, just a few years before.

We now live in a politically divisive time. Opposing viewpoints are often demonized. The "other side" is wrong, or evil, or up to no good. Chase alumni, however, in their roles as leaders, counselors, and advocates, rise above this, and work with others to do what is best for their communities or clients.

Let me share three short vignettes to illustrate how Chase alumni have been prepared to rise above the fray and to excel in their roles:

First, in the 2018 congressional elections, alumnus Joe Cunningham, a 2014 graduate, ran successfully for the House of Representatives from Charleston, South Carolina. Joe knew he would be a better leader if he could reach across political divides and build consensus around what he thought was right for his community. Perhaps the finest example of this was when, in talking about his opponent, Joe said, in effect, "This is not a choice between good or evil. My opponent and I both want to help our community, we only differ in the best way to do it." From his term as Student Bar Association president at Chase, I know that Joe took with him this spirit of being a leader, counselor, and advocate that enabled him to rise above the fray.

Second, last year, a student came to my office and said, "Dean Whiteman, I am starting a pro-life student group at the law school, but I cannot find a faculty adviser." At the next faculty meeting, I asked if anyone would volunteer to be the group's adviser, and immediately two faculty members volunteered. I know one of them leans more conservative and the other more liberal; however, they knew, and they demonstrate for our students, that as a leader, counselor, and advocate, we sometimes help those with whom we may not wholly agree.

And finally, last summer, I was invited to a professor's home to attend a grill-out a group of students had bid on together and won in a charity auction. When I entered the room, I was somewhat taken aback. Before me was a group of students I knew to hold very different beliefs. There were members of the Federalist Society and of the American Constitution Society. There was a student who was working for a prosecutor, and one who was working for a public defender. There was an openly gay student and his partner. I said to the group, "You all bid on this together?" and they looked at me and simply said, "Of course, we are all friends!"

These vignettes demonstrate why Chase is a special place. While here, students learn what it is to be a lawyer. They learn to view matters from all sides, and to work together for their communities and clients, even when they hold opposing views.

I am proud of our students and alumni for their abilities to rise above the fray. As alumni, I believe your experiences while students had something to do with this, and allow you to be incredible leaders, counselors, and advocates.

### Michael Whiteman

INTERIM DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW



## Student Success Leadership Changes

### ACADEMICS

**Barbara McFarland**, who has been director of Chase College of Law Student Success Initiatives since she joined the faculty in 2006, retired at the end of the past academic year and has been succeeded by assistant director **Krista Burton**. Both the director and assistant director are non-tenure-track assistant professors of law, and focus on preparing students for the challenges of law school and bar examinations.

"My primary goal for academic support at Chase has always been to provide students with the tools needed to succeed in law school, on the bar exam, and in the practice of law," Professor McFarland says. "While law was not the right discipline for every entering student, we have helped many succeed, despite obstacles and hardships along the way. I always tell students that they get the credit for any achievements they make; all I do is provide guidance and information. The students have to do the work."

Professor McFarland joined the Chase faculty after more than twenty years as a Legal Research and Writing Professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she had also taught Civil Procedure and a senior seminar in legal drafting.

Professor Burton, who was graduated from Chase in 2016, this past semester taught a course to introduce students to effective study techniques for a bar examination. Prior to joining the faculty, she had been a clerk for Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michelle Keller '90 and had practiced in the area of domestic relations.

"As the director of Student Success, it is my goal to intensify and enhance Chase students' law school careers and bar exam preparation," she says. "Professor Jennifer Kinsley and I will be teaching a new Legal Methods course next year, in conjunction with Civil Procedure, in order to expose students to bar exam study during their first and second years of law school."



### COMPETITIONS

## Mock Trial Teams have Real Success

Chase College of Law trial teams won an opening competition and, in a sports metaphor, played deep into the season in another competition this past academic year.

A team of students **Sheree Weichold**, **Zach Epperson**, **Christy Hiance**, and **Stephanie Brockman** won the 2018 Kentucky Mock Trial Competition among the three Kentucky law schools in early November at the Campbell County Courthouse, in Newport, Kentucky. Previous Chase teams consistently competed into semi-final and final rounds of the annual competition.

In early March, a team of Mr. Epperson, Ms. Hiance, Ms. Weichold, and Brittany Ellis won every judging ballot and had the highest score in preliminary rounds of the American Association of Justice Regional Trial Competition. The team missed advancing from the subsequent semi-final round to the final by just three points. Another team of students Greg Bashford, Jessica Shotwell, Matthew Smallwood, and Rachel Wilhite also competed.

Professor Jack Harrison, faculty coordinator, assessed the teams this way: "The correct usage of the Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Evidence by our teams throughout the competition should make us all proud."

Coaches for the teams were Tim Spille '05, Carrie Masters Starts '08, Peter Tripp '12, Ian Mitchell '13, Mark Gerano '14, Nick Hunt '17, Jesse Taylor '17, and David Bolek.



The trial team of Sheree Weichold, from left, Zach Epperson, Christy Hiance, and Stephanie Brockman won the 2018 Kentucky Mock Trial Competition.



## Lunsford Academy Donor Meets with Scholars

W. Bruce Lunsford, a 1974 Chase graduate who endowed the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology for multidiscipline instruction at Chase, met with students in the program in early April to hear about their experiences in

the academy. Above, he is in the center of academy scholars at a dinner at the Metropolitan Club, in Covington, Kentucky, and Interim Dean Michael Whiteman is at the left. Mr. Lunsford has been a Kentucky secretary of commerce and is now a venture capitalist in Louisville, Kentucky

## EDUCATION

### Master of Legal Studies Adds Online Track

Chase College of Law is expanding ways in which students earn a Master of Legal Studies degree by adding online courses to the four-year-old program. Beginning in the 2019-20 academic year, students will have three options for obtaining a degree: in-person, entirely online, or a combination of in-person and online.

The MLS is designed for individuals who want to learn to identify and to understand legal issues but do not want to practice law. Students in the classroom track select from Juris Doctor courses that will most benefit their interests or career needs, while students in the online track will have courses that combine elements of fundamental legal concepts and technology-related matters. Among those offerings will be courses such as Digital Crimes and Torts, Digital Privacy and Security, and Digital Commerce and the Law.

Online courses will be developed around assigned readings, lectures, and possibly videos. Students in the standard-length, twelve-week courses will have weekly quizzes and a final examination or research paper. Chase this past May awarded seven MLS degrees.

## ALUMNI

### Alumni Association Offers Group Admission to U.S. Supreme Court Bar

The Chase Alumni Association will again sponsor a group admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, November 18 at the Supreme Court, in Washington, D.C.

Alumni admitted to practice in the United States for at least three years immediately prior to the ceremony and in good standing may obtain application materials through Chase. Up to twenty-five qualified applicants will be accepted in the order received prior to the August 1 application deadline. Admission information and applications will be available online at [chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/supremecourt.html](http://chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/supremecourt.html).

The previous biennial group admission was in 2017, when sixteen alumni and an adjunct professor were sworn in before Chief Justice John Roberts and associate justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Anthony Kennedy, and Clarence Thomas. A reception at the Supreme Court Building followed the swearing-in.



Alumni at the 2017 group admission

# Alumni Lay Down the Law in Northern Kentucky

Chase graduates make up the majority of commonwealth's attorneys for the metro region

Identify any felony defendant in the Northern Kentucky counties of metropolitan Cincinnati, and there is a four-in-six chance he or she will be prosecuted by a Chase graduate. The odds are simple: Four of the six commonwealth's attorneys in counties that comprise the southern arc of the metropolitan area are Chase alumni – Louis Kelly in Boone and Gallatin counties, Rob Sanders in Kenton County, Michelle Snodgrass in Campbell County, and J. Kelly Clarke in Bracken County.

“It’s not surprising to me that many of our alums go on to become commonwealth’s attorneys,” says Professor Michael Mannheimer, who teaches criminal law and criminal procedure. “Chase provides our students with a firm grounding in the critical thinking skills necessary to practice law, excellent experiential training to put those skills to good use, and many opportunities to develop their capacity for leadership.”

Individually, the four alumni say this is how Chase-related experiences helped send them into careers as commonwealth’s attorneys:



**Louis Kelly '07** was a Boone County assistant county attorney and later a partner in a Northern Kentucky law firm before he was elected this past November as commonwealth's attorney in the two-county judicial circuit on the western side of the metropolitan area:

"One of the biggest influences in my decision to seek public office was the example I received from the many Chase alumni who have mentored me, both in law school and throughout my career. I have had the privilege of working for and with several Chase alums who work in public service or are elected officials. They serve as wonderful examples for the type of ethical and professional behavior to which I hope to aspire."



**J. Kelly Clarke '94** has been commonwealth's attorney for the three-county judicial circuit that includes Bracken County, the eastern edge of statistical Northern Kentucky, since he was first elected in 2006 – and re-elected most recently this past November:

"When I began my studies at Chase, I wasn't sure if my career would ultimately lead me to public service, but I had a feeling that I would be a public servant. My grandfather was a former Mason County (Maysville, Kentucky) Attorney and state representative for the Seventieth District. My father and his three brothers also served the public on many local boards. Being in a family of 'country lawyers' and living in a small town, it was impressed upon me at a young age that serving the public and giving back to the community was an important component of any legal career, so I suppose I entered Chase with that mindset. The full-time faculty, and especially the adjunct professors, reinforced that mindset."



**Michelle Snodgrass '98** has been a prosecutor since 2001, first as an assistant commonwealth's attorney for the Campbell County judicial circuit, and then as commonwealth's attorney since 2009, winning re-election this past November:

"During my last year at Chase, I had an externship with the Children's Law Center. This experience was instrumental in my career choice. Although my parents had always stressed the importance of public service, it was my time at the Children's Law Center that showed me the impact a true advocate could have on the life of a child. These attorneys were often the only people standing up and fighting for these children. This experience made me realize that I wanted to be the voice for victims who could not speak for themselves, and fight for them in the courtroom."



**Rob Sanders '98** was vice mayor of Covington, Kentucky, before he was first elected commonwealth's attorney for the Kenton County judicial circuit in 2006, and re-elected most recently this past November:

"I didn't just want to be a lawyer, I wanted to be a prosecutor, so I came home [after college] for law school because I knew Chase would give me the best chance of landing the job I'd always wanted. At the time, the only externship available was doing criminal defense through the Children's Law Center, and I jumped at the opportunity. My first case was defending a six-year-old accused of stealing a kitten, and I won! These days, Chase students with limited licenses can take felony cases to trial with an externship as a prosecutor or public defender."

**For the record:** Ten of the fifty-seven commonwealth's attorneys in Kentucky are Chase alumni.

# AGE IS NO BARRIER

How alumni built on their Chase experiences to become judges in their thirties

**B**o Leach lived the nightmare that haunts every student: arriving for a final examination just as laptops are about to be closed and bluebooks collected. More than sixteen years later, with the past nine as a Kentucky District Court judge, he remembers his panicked realization and a professor's accommodating response as among his experiences at Chase College of Law that shaped him for the bench while in his early thirties.

While few states have minimum age requirements for judges, and a majority have

mandatory retirement ages of 70 or older, younger-than-forty-years-old is a threshold that tends to mark an early-achiever, whether in law, corporate leadership, or top-tier sports management. For Chase alumni elected or appointed as judges while in their thirties, the foundations for their rapid rises after graduation and their perspectives on the bench typically are practical experiences in Chase clinics, academic challenges that built confidence, insights from particular professors ... and, in one instance, wisdom from a mistaken calendar entry.

With final examinations on two different Wednesdays at two different times, Judge Leach, who was first elected when he was 31 years old, in 2009, had planned to do some last-minute studying in the classroom before what he had thought was a 1 p.m. exam.

“I showed up at 11:50 a.m. and looked in the window to see if there was anyone in the classroom from the 9 a.m. final. To my surprise, the classroom was full. To my horror, it was all my classmates from my Con Law class. I had transposed the times of my two Wednesday finals. With 10 minutes to go, I was in full panic mode. This was the stuff of nightmares.”

But it was the response of Professor Lowell Schechter that shaped how now Judge Leach would conduct himself as District Court judge for Estill, Lee, and Owsley counties in eastern Kentucky, after just six years in practice. “He said he would let me take the test in his office, but dock me a letter grade. He did not have to do that. No one could have questioned him had he used his authority to give me only the remaining ten minutes of class to complete the three-hour final. But he didn’t. He used his discretion to listen to me and come to a fair resolution. His action made me a more patient judge. I will often take time to listen to litigants when I would be well within my authority to cut them off or dismiss their case ... all because I remember the time Professor Schechter was patient with me.”

For alumni like Judge Leach who became judges before their fortieth birthdays, there are numerous instances of how Chase prepared them to develop skills and reputations in practice that would lead to judicial service and to preside in courtrooms with experience beyond their chronological years.

## Judge Brandi Rogers

*Crittenden, Union and Webster counties (Kentucky) Circuit Court, Family*



ELECTED 2014 AT 33 YEARS OLD  
CHASE CLASS OF 2006

“The aspects of my Chase experience that made it possible for me to progress to becoming a judge in a short period of time had to do with the program’s dedication to not just teach us the law, but also to build our character, personality, and work ethic for when we would become lawyers. All of these traits helped me to see that having a law degree was about becoming part of a profession, and that my duty to this profession was to be honorable, respectful, and dedicated to the law. Equipping me with these traits gave me courage to step forward when the opportunity arose to run for office.

“Chase taught me how to use my knowledge and training in real-life ways through programs like the clinics, the Kentucky Innocence Project, and networking with the local bar. I was also able to intern during summers and work during the school year at a law firm. The ability to be hands-on, not just theoretical or hypothetical, gave me comfort on Day One in the courtroom, and taught me to appreciate the legal system from each side. As a judge, I draw on those experiences to remind me that litigants are, most times,

experiencing their worst days, and deserve our respect, patience, and dedication to the law.”

## Magistrate Judge Matthew Stinnett

*United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington*



APPOINTED 2018 AT 38 YEARS OLD  
CHASE CLASS OF 2006

“My experience at Chase informed my practice of law and, eventually, my role as a federal magistrate judge. Namely, the comradery of my classmates, the professionalism of the professors, and the disciplined approach by all to the practice of law impacted my approach to the law.

“Without question, however, the biggest impact on my practice and my role as judge was my work on the *Northern Kentucky Law Review*. Our job as lawyers is one of persuasion, often through some written means. Even as a judge, albeit for a different audience, our job remains one of persuasion through writing. My time as an editor and editor-in-chief for the *Northern Kentucky Law Review* taught me the value of writing carefully and succinctly in order to persuade the reader that conclusions are trustworthy and accurate.”

## Judge Bo (William) Leach

*Estill, Lee, and Owsley Counties  
(Kentucky) District Court*



APPOINTED 2009 AT 31 YEARS OLD,  
ELECTED 2014, RE-ELECTED 2018  
CHASE CLASS OF 2003

“There are many ways that Chase jumpstarted my legal career and put me on the fast-track to becoming a judge at a young age. In the simplest terms, the firm I got my start with moved in political circles, and I got my foot in the door with political supporters I would need to be elected. I got that job in part because I was a Chase grad. The firm had hired Chase grads in the past, and was so satisfied with their job performance that Chase was a large reason I was hired over the other applicants.

“On a more philosophical level, Chase was an extremely competitive law school. I competed on a daily basis *with* my classmates, but I never competed *against* them. That’s a difference of great distinction. Each of us wanted to be ranked first in the class, but I never felt we wanted it at the expense of our fellow students. There was always a sense of respect and fairness in our competition. So, when I graduated, I practiced law that way. I firmly believe that learning how to carry myself in the classroom translated well to the courtroom. This, in turn,

not only allowed me to quickly ascend to the bench, but, more importantly, stay there.”

## Judge Dawn Gentry

*Kenton County (Kentucky)  
Circuit Court, Family*



APPOINTED 2016 AT 35 YEARS OLD,  
ELECTED 2018  
CHASE CLASS OF 2006

“Life is a journey of setting goals to achieve your dreams. Becoming the Family Court judge of Kenton County was a dream becoming a reality. Chase provided the many invaluable life lessons that helped me accomplish my journey of becoming a judge. The legal education I received from Chase was the foundation. I became a domestic attorney to help families in distress. The friendships I made at Chase have been invaluable.

“The excellent legal education I received at Chase prepared me to make efficient, fair legal decisions. Chase provided me numerous leadership and practical opportunities to make balanced conclusions with confidence for the citizens I serve.”

## Judge Jamie Jameson

*Calloway and Marshall Counties  
(Kentucky) Circuit Court*



ELECTED 2015 AT 39 YEARS OLD  
CHASE CLASS OF 2007

“At Chase, I participated in an externship with the Covington office of the Department of Public Advocacy for over a year, and was a part of the Kentucky Innocence Project. As part of my Department of Public Advocacy externship, I began representing clients, with a limited-practice license, in Kentucky’s third-largest county before I had graduated. Within one courthouse, I was able to practice, as a law student, in front of five different circuit court judges and three district court judges, and among hundreds of lawyers. Seeing the job in action gave me insight into practice and made opportunities available to me I am not sure would have been available if I had not chosen Chase.

“Many things from my time at Chase still have an impact on me. I maintain a relationship with several of my professors, and regularly reach out to them for advice. Above all, the skill that I believe every lawyer should have is the ability to communicate effectively to any audience, in writing and orally. During my tenure at Chase, professors such as Michael Whiteman and many others made sure all students were taught how to do this.”

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## Judge E. Gerald Parker

Montgomery County (Ohio)  
Court of Common Pleas



ELECTED 2018 AT 36 YEARS OLD  
CHASE CLASS OF 2007

“Chase builds amazing litigators by teaching practical applications of the law, but the importance of networking and cultivating relationships also was impressed upon me during my time at Chase. Litigating cases early in my career, both as an assistant prosecutor and in private practice, enabled me not only to meet attorneys, but also garner respect as a trial attorney. If you earn the respect of your colleagues as a person first, then as a litigator, you are more likely to be respected as a trial court judge, regardless of your age.”

## Judge Brian Crick

McLean and Muhlenberg Counties  
(Kentucky) District Court



ELECTED 2010 AT 32 YEARS OLD,  
RE-ELECTED 2014 AND 2018  
CHASE CLASS OF 2004

“After graduating from Chase, I worked as a public defender for a few years. I finally decided to hang out my own shingle in Muhlenberg County [in western Kentucky]. Within a week, I had become great friends with the former district judge, who was also a Chase grad. The county attorney was a Chase grad, and was very helpful to me. Shortly after opening my practice, the circuit judge retired, the district judge moved up, and opened the seat. I took a shot, as a young and relatively unknown lawyer, to run for the office. With a lot of hard work from a lot of good people and a lot of prayer and blessings from God, I was able to come out ahead in the election.

“The entire Chase experience made it possible for me to have the knowledge and confidence to be a judge. The law is a constant learning process, and my time at Chase laid the foundation for my judicial career.”

## Judge Joseph Johns

Lawrenceburg (Indiana)  
City Court



APPOINTED 2016 AT 30 YEARS OLD  
CHASE CLASS OF 2010

“My career as a law student at Chase was a truly transformative experience. As a 1L student and a quadriplegic wheelchair-user, I was [initially] overwhelmed by the rigors of the program. Law school is intimidating and competitive. I compare it to a kind of boot camp: They break you down and then build you back up. Through that experience, Chase developed in me a passion for the law, confidence in myself as a young lawyer, a drive to succeed, and a realized-need to be challenged. These learned qualities have served me well in my private practice and are, in part, how I became appointed to a judicial position.

“Chase is a demanding program, and there is value to that. Commonalities in the legal profession are long hours, a large work load, and stress. The demands of law school prepared me for the demands of private practice, and now the demands of the bench.”



# It's Not Just 'Health Law,' It's 'Everything Law'

## ALUMNI FIND THEIR CHASE EXPERIENCES PROVIDE A MULTI-PATH COURSE FOR PRACTICE IN A RAPIDLY EXPANDING FIELD

Well before Northern Kentucky University this past year opened the Health Innovation Center academic building and launched the Institute for Health Innovation, and certainly before the university this year becomes a satellite campus of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Chase College of Law alumnus Louis Wille became deputy general counsel of the Bristol-Myers Squibb pharmaceuticals firm, alumna Kimberley Naber became associate general counsel of the Kentucky Hospital Association, and scores of other alumni developed practices in the wide-ranging field of health law.

While health care involves defined specialty areas – such as primary care, surgery, community health, and pharmaceuticals – health law encompasses just about everything lawyers do – government compliance, insurance claims, privacy protection, food and drug regulation, patent protection, and employment law among them.

That range of practice areas within a practice area has allowed Chase alumni through the years to easily develop practices in a rapidly expanding sector of the economy, in which Northern Kentucky University has been

expanding its own presence. The College of Health Professions now offers eight degree programs, the College of Informatics has two health-related concentrations, the Institute for Health Innovation encompasses programs for overall improved human health, and the College of Medicine partnership follows the same curriculum as the University of Kentucky Lexington campus.

For some alumni, here is how Chase laid a foundation for careers in an expanding field of practice, and where that training has taken them:



**Michelle Altobella '96, chief privacy officer, Indiana University Health, and vice president and general counsel, Indiana University Health**

**East Central Region**

“I practice in a heavily regulated industry where the laws are continuously changing and evolving. I am grateful for my time at Chase College of Law, as I was provided a strong legal foundation to expand upon while entering more specialized areas of the law. As I reflect, I benefited from both traditional academic and practicing attorneys as my professors, providing a good blend of academia and practical learning, which equipped me with the overall skills necessary for the day-to-day practice of law.

“As the chief privacy officer, I oversee the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or HIPAA, privacy program across the State of Indiana for approximately 35,000 team members across all IU Health-affiliated entities. I also serve as the vice president and general counsel for the IU Health East Central Region, serving a twelve-county area, providing general legal services in health law, corporate governance, contract law, employment law, and business transactions.”



**Louis Wille '89, retired deputy general counsel Bristol-Myers Squibb**

“Health law can be complex and highly specialized to the

type of health law that is being practiced. My education at Chase gave me a broad and practical understanding of legal concepts that provided a strong base on which to build the specialized legal expertise required for my practice.

“At Bristol-Myers Squibb, from 2004 to 2011, I was deputy general counsel for

intellectual property. My group of about sixty to seventy patent/trademark lawyers, agents, and staff handled drafting and prosecution of all of the company’s patents, management of worldwide patent litigation, and intellectual property aspects of mergers, acquisitions and licensing. Prior to that, I was vice president and head of global patent litigation for Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals.”



**Kimberley Naber '99, associate general counsel Kentucky Hospital Association**

“Chase College of Law was the springboard to

launch into any legal career of my choice. The courses at Chase, both requirements and electives, ensured that I learned from many different professors on numerous topics. The varied coursework and professors provided me with the foundation for both my previous medical malpractice defense work and current health law career.

“I have been associate general counsel for the Kentucky Hospital Association for over nine years. As part of my duties, I manage general liability and professional liability claims, review and suggest changes to pending legislation on health care law issues, draft policies and procedures for the association, and work with the information technology department on privacy issues, as the privacy officer for the association.”



**John Isidor '84, retired chief executive officer of Human Subject Protection Consulting and previously a co-founder of**

**Schulman Associates Institutional Review Board, both involved in protecting rights of people who volunteer as subjects in medical research**

“Having a background with a law degree from Chase College of Law and as a practicing attorney in Ohio was a huge advantage to me in the field of human subject protection. I dealt regularly with legal and regulatory issues in my work as CEO and general counsel for Schulman IRB. My legal training prepared me to properly approach and analyze these complex issues. My law degree also gave me instant credibility in dealing with internal and external clients and federal regulators.

“My role as CEO and general counsel of Schulman IRB was multifaceted. I was tasked with providing organizational leadership, marketing, business development, HR, and legal and regulatory analysis. My legal and regulatory responsibilities included both oversight of the way our institutional review board operated and ongoing interactions with external clients and the Food and Drug Administration.”



**Lisa Taylor '00, vice president and chief compliance officer UC Health**

“Chase and my overall law school education prepared me for health care

compliance, as health care law, regulation, and case law are ever changing and vast. It is not unusual on any given day that I need to review current information and read case law to know how to advise our organization on appropriate steps to take or on decision-making to keep us within the law and operating with the highest ethics.

“I am the chief compliance officer at UC Health, responsible for general compliance and business ethics, billing compliance, and privacy compliance. My department, Compliance and Business Ethics, puts the overall structure of a compliance program in place and manages the program for those three areas [of ethics, billing, and privacy].”

# For Alumni, Support for Chase is a Two-Way Street

GIVING BACK TO THE COLLEGE TAKES MANY FORMS, WITH MENTORING, DONATING, AND COACHING AMONG THEM

Law school is the proverbial two-way street of mutual benefits: Students take away what they learn to practice law and as alumni give back to the school from the expertise and assets they develop.

Among Chase College of Law alumni, that return path includes providing networking and career advice to students, practical insights at student programs, financial support, externship guidance, and coaching student competition teams.

“When alumni engage with students in a variety of ways – whether by speaking at the law school, supervising student externs, assisting with trial team, or providing friendly career advice – the world literally becomes the students’ classroom,” says Professor Jennifer Kinsley, who is associate dean for professional development. “Students learn that they are not only acquiring legal knowledge, but are preparing to enter a profession and to be an active part of the broader legal community. Our alumni lead the way in setting the example of what it means to be engaged and connected.”

For alumni who give back in a variety of ways, involvement is its own two-way street. Students benefit from the interaction and alumni benefit from maintaining connections to the college. Specifically, alumni say the two-way benefits are there by providing:

## Career Assistance



**Leigha Phelps-McMullen,** general counsel and business development leader with Carlisle & Bray Enterprises, a river shipping services provider, who has assisted in Career Development Office programs

“There is a very heavy focus in law school on academic performance (as there should be), but success in the workplace is incredibly dependent on many other factors, as well. Students may not grasp that, and alumni can help prepare them for the expectations that exist outside of law school.

“This allows me the incredible opportunity to encourage aspiring attorneys to boldly pursue whatever it is they believe is their purpose. It also means that I get the chance to remind these brilliant humans that their purpose in life – believe it or not – is *not* to be an attorney.

The accomplishment of their life’s purpose is dependent, though, on whatever they learn, take with them, and apply after their time at Chase is finished.”



**Sharif Abdrabbo,** attorney adviser in the Office of Chief Counsel at the Federal Emergency

Management Agency who helps the Chase Career Development Office identify career opportunities and has coached students for interviews

“Interaction with alumni allows students to start building their professional networks and to connect with prospective mentors. Alumni have valuable insight and experience that law students can use to their benefit.

“It’s an opportunity for me to contribute to my law school and help students who may be interested in pursuing a career in federal service.”

## Practical Insights



**Faith Whittaker**, partner in the Cincinnati firm of Dinsmore & Shohl who provides mentoring and networking

assistance to the student organization Legal Association of Women and helps in other programs

“Getting to know Chase alumni provides an instant network of people with a common connection of attending Chase. I have gained many mentors from my network of Chase alumni and been able to pay it forward by providing mentoring to newer attorneys and law students.

“Deciding to attend Chase was one of the best decisions I have made. It is very special to me to be able to visit the school again and maintain contact with professors and other alumni. This also helps maintain a network of professionals with common interests and goals.”

## Financial Support



**J.L. Brydie**, associate in the Huntington, West Virginia, office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough who donated to a Chase scholarship fund

following graduation in May 2018

“I was able to experience the direct impact of scholarship support. The scholarship I received allowed me to immerse myself into law school more than I thought I could have because people before me were passionate about supporting students.

“I had a wonderful student experience, and I know part of that was because I had the support of donors before me. It’s incredibly meaningful to me to be able to afford that experience to another student, paying it forward as a way of saying ‘thank you,’ to not only Chase, but also to the donors and alumni who believed in

me. This is the best way I could make an impact and show my gratitude.”



**Kenneth Peller**, who practices in Cincinnati as Kenneth E. Peller Attorney-at-Law and who has been a longtime donor to the Chase Annual Fund

“I give because I remember the college gave me an opportunity. That opportunity has allowed me to have a career of which I am proud, a career that has led to a sense of fulfillment and contribution to the community.”

## Externship Guidance



**Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Michelle Keller**, who provides externship opportunities for students and who regularly participates in

student programs at Chase

“The comprehensive externship opportunities that exist at Chase round out the complete legal academic experience. They help bring the theoretical, and often seemingly obtuse, substantive and procedural doctrines of the law into sharper focus. I hope that students who have the opportunity to work in my chambers become better writers, better thinkers, and, most of all, come away with an appreciation for the intricacies of judicial decision-making. I also strive to impart to them the importance of the judiciary’s role in our democracy and in the lives of everyday Kentuckians.

“For me, as an alumna, the opportunity to interact with students keeps my approach fresh and in-tune to the challenges and issues facing law students and young lawyers. I hope to be available to mentor, both formally and informally, as needed. I always learn something in the process, and many times I have benefited from their insights and approaches to various issues.”

## Competition Team Coaching



**Ryan Wheeler**, associate in the Cincinnati firm of Thompson Hine who coached the Chase client counseling team that competed in the

2018 finals of the American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition

“Because I am a Chase alumnus and former competitor on the ABA client counseling team, the team I coached had the benefit of relating to me, as students and competitors, and could leverage me as a sounding board for life after law school graduation. I keep in contact with, and would serve as a professional reference, for each of the students on my competition teams, which is a benefit for students in a competitive legal market.”

“I enjoyed my time as a student at Chase and was grateful for the helpful faculty and staff, many of whom were major influences on my success at Chase. To have the chance to positively impact Chase students during their education and beyond means a lot to me, personally, and I appreciate the opportunity to give back.”

## More Support for Chase in this Issue



In Nunn Hall Alumni participate in presentations and panel discussions, Pages 18, 28 and 29

Financial Alumni endow new scholarships, Pages 14 and 15

## Gerry and Peggy St. Amand Make a Leadership Gift

Dean Emeritus Gerry St. Amand appreciates the importance of Chase College of Law in legal education, and college alumni and friends appreciate his importance to Chase.

Following his retirement this past year from Northern Kentucky University – after a nineteen-year tenure that began as Chase dean and professor of law, continued as a university vice president, a return to the Chase faculty, and concluded as university interim president – Chase alumni and friends established the Gerry and Peggy St. Amand Endowed Scholarship to recognize their work and support for Chase. Dean St. Amand and Mrs. St. Amand recently made a leadership gift to the scholarship fund, to which other donors may also contribute.

For them, the St. Amand Scholarship provides an opportunity for supporting the Chase tradition of access to legal education.

“Since I made the decision to retire early from the military in 1999 to accept the offer to serve as the Chase College of Law dean, I have been drawn to and dedicated to the law school’s mission of providing broad access to a

high-quality legal education focused on preparing our students for the skilled and ethical practice of law,” Dean St. Amand says.

“The part-time program is an important component of that mission that not only provides greater access to legal education, but also serves to strengthen the legal profession by attracting people to the profession who already have established life and professional skills beyond the law. The law school’s historic focus on developing the strongest practitioner skills embedded in a rigorous intellectual environment is a further characteristic that has distinguished Chase for years.

“The law school’s capacity to continue serving this important mission depends heavily on private support to help the law school deliver the highest quality education while also keeping the cost of legal education as low as possible to expand access to the profession.

“In addition to helping keep the cost of legal education as low as possible, expanding available scholarship support for students serves both to help the law school compete for the very best talent, and also to help ensure that the

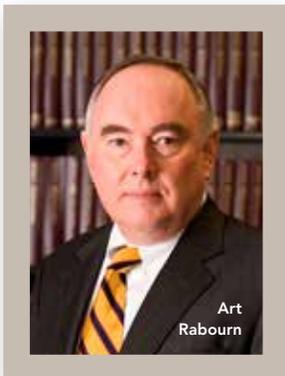
very best students (in terms of intellectual capacity and character), regardless of financial ability, are able to pursue a legal education and enter the profession of law, not merely those talented students who can afford to pay their own way. Providing private support for scholarships advances all these critical interests.”

It is an overall perspective in which creators of the Gerry and Peggy St. Amand Endowed Scholarship would certainly concur.



Gerry and Peggy St. Amand, photographed at the Chase 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

## Art Rabourn Recognizes Hard Work in Scholarship



If there is one thing Art Rabourn knows about Chase College of Law graduates, it is that they are hard workers. And that is the type of student he hopes can benefit from a scholarship he has created at Chase.

“A person who graduates is going to have an excellent education at Chase,” says Mr. Rabourn, who was graduated in 1978. “Then the question is, will he or she put it to good use?”

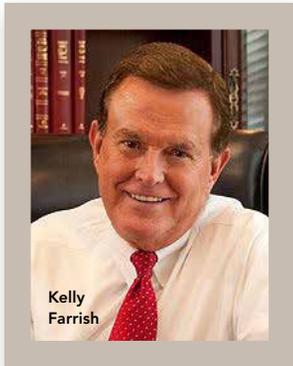
Mr. Rabourn put his Chase education to use as a litigator in Cincinnati, first in a firm for more than thirty-four

years, and now in solo practice. “I received a tremendous education at Chase. It required hard work and dedication,” he says.

He wants future students to have the same experience. “A person who exhibits real interest in his or her classes and who puts out extra effort, that is the person I would like to support, knowing the high cost of education,” he says. The D. Arthur Rabourn Endowed Scholarship will help make it easier for hard-working Chase students to become hard-working Chase lawyers.

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## Kelly Farrish Remembers Parents in Scholarship Name



Kelly Farrish has deep roots in Breathitt County, Kentucky – even though he has never lived there.

Mr. Farrish, who graduated from Chase

College of Law in 1978, has established the Kelly, Sr., and Lottie Farrish of Breathitt County, Kentucky, Endowed Scholarship in honor of his parents, and to encourage values they lived by in awarding this scholarship based on merit and need, with a preference for students of Appalachian descent.

Mr. Farrish grew up in Middletown, Ohio, where his parents had moved

after World War II. But it was through the dignity of hard work and family responsibility they learned in Breathitt County, and summer trips he made there as a child, that he found his connection to eastern Kentucky.

“My uncle would meet us at the mouth of the ‘holler’ with a horse-drawn sled and drag us up the creek bank to the cabin,” Mr. Farrish recalls.

In Middletown, his father worked all week, and then on Friday and Saturday nights he would drive a taxi all night. “My dad was hell-bent that I would be the first one in the family tree to attend college, but I was \$2,600 short for my freshman year. One day he threw a bank book on the kitchen table and said, ‘You’re going to college.’ To keep the house payments under \$50 a month, he extended the mortgage for ten years.”

After that freshman year, Mr. Farrish, like his father, entered the military, and volunteered for two years in Vietnam.

Upon returning from the service, Mr. Farrish worked at Cincinnati Bell and attended the University of Cincinnati year-round for three years, graduating cum laude. After graduation, he stayed at Cincinnati Bell and enrolled at Chase in the fall of 1974. He has subsequently practiced in The Farrish Law Firm, and in 2005 purchased and began renovation of a building in downtown Cincinnati to expand on his tradition of practicing in shared office space to now sharing with ninety lawyers. His commitment and work ethic are the result of the example set by his mother and father.

The values of his parents have been the foundation of his drive and professional success. “I don’t remember them getting recognition for anything they did in their entire lives,” he says. “Now, however, there is the Kelly, Sr., and Lottie Farrish of Breathitt County, Kentucky, Endowed Scholarship at Chase College of Law, and I know they are looking down and smiling.”

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## Todd McMurtry Honors Father with Scholarship

Todd McMurtry thinks of Chase College of Law as a family, and he wants more students to have opportunities to be part of it.

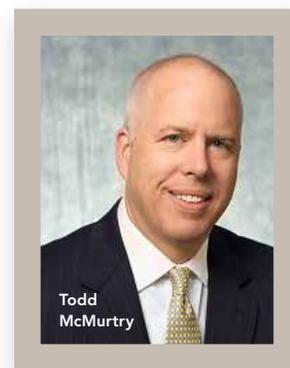
Mr. McMurtry, who was graduated in 1987, has endowed the Stephen and Todd McMurtry Endowed Scholarship to support students’ educations and to recognize the importance of his father, longtime Covington, Kentucky, lawyer Stephen McMurtry, to the Chase family.

“I have always been grateful to Chase for an education that has allowed me to pursue a profession I love,” Mr. McMurtry says. “My father served for many years as an adjunct professor at Chase. My family has had a great relationship with Chase, and we want to give back to an institution that has given so much to us.”

What Chase gave him was a foundation for a law practice that reaches from Northern Kentucky to a national stage and for leadership roles in Kentucky legal circles. At Chase, he is a member of the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel for the dean.

In practice, he is a member in Hemmer DeFrank Wessels, in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, with a focus on complex business-related litigation. He has also managed litigation nationwide for a national nonprofit organization and has successfully defended a national bank against fraud and civil conspiracy allegations.

His national visibility increased this year with his representation of a Northern Kentucky high school student at the center of news and commentary following video that showed him and classmates interacting with unrelated protesters in Washington, D.C. He has discussed the case – in which he has



filed defamation actions against media outlets – on national cable television programs and syndicated radio programs. He anticipates that it will be the focus of his practice for several years.

Mr. McMurtry has long been visible in Kentucky bar activities. He is a governor of the Kentucky Bar Association, a board member of Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers, and previously was a president of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association.

# How a Legal Issue Turned Students Into Philanthropists



Professor and Children's Law Center Clinic Director Amy Halbrook, left, and Clinic Supervisor Susie Bookser, right, meet with clinic students at the clinic office in Covington, Kentucky.

The Chase Children's Law Center Clinic is all about developing practice skills – interviewing and counseling, case planning, and trial work among them. It is also about connecting the training for becoming a lawyer to addressing current community problems.

That dual focus allowed clinic students this past spring semester to dovetail their clinic work with a Northern Kentucky University program that literally helps students become invested in solving community problems by allowing them to select recipients for an independent foundation's grant money.

At the Children's Law Center Clinic, this is the path from student to philanthropist:

**The starting point:** Students this past autumn became interested in what happens to children who are United States citizens when their non-citizen parents are detained or deported. Their initial research led them to discover procedures parents could follow to develop safety plans for children in anticipation of possible family separations.

**The classroom objective:** Students and clinic supervisors – Professor and Director Amy Halbrook and Supervisor Susie Bookser – decided the students' interest could become what they call a "policy project," in this case creating a handbook for parents to ensure they have plans for their children in the event of a family separation. "A group policy project like this one encourages students to learn the law in context, propose legal and non-legal solutions to complex

problems, work collaboratively, and to interact with experts in the field," Professor Halbrook says.

**The students' strategy:** Along with traditional legal research, students interviewed judges, lawyers, professors, community organizers, social workers, and other service providers. They visited community services that provide for basic legal, health, financial, and other needs of children, and learned about local and national programs for families in immigration matters.

**Their project:** The handbook they developed explains legal rights of undocumented parents, children's rights, how to find a lawyer, how to arrange for child care, and how to navigate the court system, along with providing appropriate forms. It will be translated into Spanish.

**The path to philanthropy:** The overlap between legal issues and human issues took the project to the doorstep of the Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project, housed in the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement at Northern Kentucky University, which helps incorporate service learning and philanthropy into established courses by allowing students to research community needs and use a foundation's money to award grants of \$1,000 to \$2,000 to nonprofit organizations.

**The foundation support:** The Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project, initially funded by The Manuel D. & Rhoda Mayerson Foundation and now involving eleven major donors and dozens of others, was created to enhance students'

awareness of social problems and nonprofit organizations. It was also designed to develop students' sense of social responsibility and civic engagement, and to help enhance their understanding of the academic content of the course in which project work is incorporated.

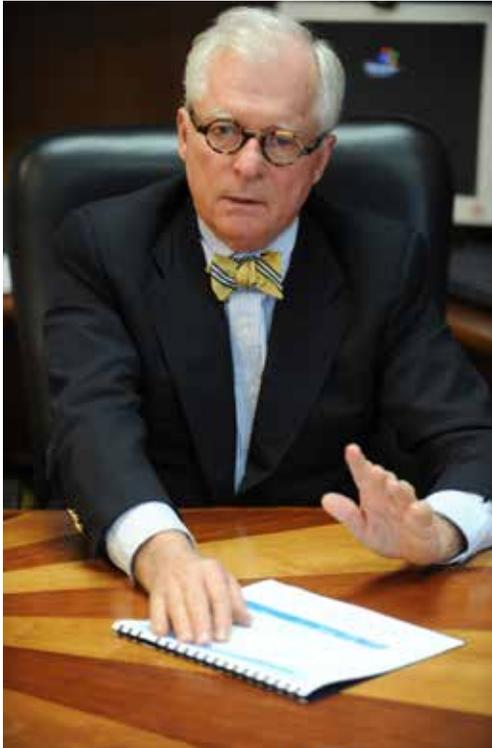
**The end result:** "As they conducted their research, students developed familiarity with agencies that serve this population [of children]," Professor Halbrook says. "At the mid-point in the semester, the group discussed the organizations they had visited, their missions, and the services they provide. The group agreed they would send requests for proposals to four agencies. We received grant proposals from three of the four agencies." The students later awarded grants of \$1,000 each to the Children's Law Center and Pass It On.

**The lessons learned:** "I learned how substantial the need is within our community and among our professional community, too, for greater legal education and training in immigration law and its intersection with criminal law and family law," says clinic student Erin Melcher Beam.

"It is both humbling and upsetting to know the impact our project will have in educating families about their rights, preparedness, and protecting their children. This especially hits home because we have a number of fellow students at NKU whose families and friends may personally benefit from our work."

# An Established Practice Center is New Again

THE TRANSACTIONAL LAW PRACTICE CENTER IS RE-EMERGING AS THE CENTER FOR LAW AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Jack Wyant

After ten years of programming in drafting business-related documents and conducting negotiations, the Transactional Law Practice Center at Chase is transitioning into the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship, in what new center director Jack Wyant calls a natural evolution for the economic times.

"It makes sense as entrepreneurship becomes more a part of our culture. It is logical to be under the entrepreneurship umbrella since all of entrepreneurship

involves transactions," says Mr. Wyant, a Chase alumnus who is founder and managing director of Blue Chip Venture Company, a venture capital and private equity firm in Cincinnati.

The reimagining of the center also fits nicely with the growth of entrepreneurial ventures in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. "The Greater Cincinnati region is unique in how robust the entrepreneurship ecosystem is and how rapidly it developed, starting thirty years ago. There are about fifty entities that put money to work in small companies or provide services within the entrepreneurship ecosystem," Mr. Wyant says.

He founded Blue Chip Venture Company in 1990, eventually investing in and helping to build more than 150 companies. While a student in the Chase evening division, he worked first in brand management at Procter & Gamble and then in marketing at Kings Island

amusement park. He subsequently went on to become chief executive of two venture-backed start-up companies, Home Entertainment Network and Nutrition Technology Corporation.

The center, as it is being organized, will help prepare students for either traditional law practice with business and entrepreneurial clients or non-traditional uses of their law school training.

"Post-graduation, there can be alternative pathways. A student has a better non-law-practice path because of entrepreneurship or links to entrepreneurs, or if a person wants to focus as a lawyer on an entrepreneurial practice, he or she knows the language," Mr. Wyant says.

The center will provide opportunities for students to collaborate with entrepreneurial firms and people involved in them. "Students being able to meet people and to see what they do is meaningful and educational in itself," Mr. Wyant says. The center will also help students understand the different perspectives of players in an entrepreneurial venture, such as lawyers, bankers, investors, and entrepreneurs themselves.

To prepare students for both for-profit and nonprofit entrepreneurial ventures, the center will emphasize communicative writing, creation and writing of business plans, organization of documents, understanding terminology, and learning what entrepreneurs do. The plan is to accomplish that with events, programs, panel discussions, and guest lecturers, and for students to be able to dovetail center experiences with business and law office externships.

The refocused center is part of an array of student opportunities at Chase that include the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, and five practice-oriented clinics.

# Alumnus Henry Acciani Brings Law into Focus as Distinguished Guest Professor

Henry Acciani has a dual view of Chase College of Law: From the perspective of a student (which he was in the late 1970s) and of a professor (when he served as Distinguished Guest Professor in mid-February).

Mr. Acciani, who was graduated in 1979 when Chase was located in Park Hills, Kentucky, returned to Chase, on the Northern Kentucky University campus, to share with students his experience as a trial attorney. His view from the front of the classroom this time: teaching a Torts class in Nunn Hall, answering questions from students who lingered after class, and a roundtable discussion with students (albeit in a conference room with tables arranged in a square).

His grade for the day: "I found the guest professor experience to be energizing and rewarding. It was uplifting to see today's Chase law students engaged and interested in how tort law developed and the important role it plays in today's society. The future of law is in good hands."

Mr. Acciani, a founder of the Law Offices of O'Connor, Acciani and Levy in Cincinnati, concentrates in personal injury, debt reorganization and bankruptcy, Social Security, and estates and probate matters. He has been a Top

100 Attorney of The National Trial Lawyers and a Super Lawyer of *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine. At Chase, he is a member of the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel to the dean.

From a day in February, these photographs are what Chase students saw in a classroom and in discussions with Henry Acciani, Distinguished Guest Professor.



TEACHING A TORTS CLASS



ANSWERING QUESTIONS AFTER CLASS



TALKING WITH STUDENTS



POSING WITH STUDENTS

# A Chase Education Pays Off before Graduation

STUDENT SEBASTIAN TORRES IS TAKING A LAWYER-LIKE APPROACH TO HIS PURSUIT OF POLICY ISSUES

Through two years at Chase College of Law, Sebastian Torres has applied what he has learned to shape higher education and to influence legislation in Kentucky.

He has done it as the student representative on the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, a fifteen-member body that coordinates improvements to postsecondary education, and, independently, as a prominent advocate for student free-speech. Chase has given him an advantage:

**On the council:** “The [Chase] experience is helpful in asking the right questions, arguing the right points. It makes me better at organizing issues, questioning procedures. My student [organizations] memberships have helped in the social aspects of interacting and building relationships.”

**In aiding the drafting of free-speech legislation and testifying for its passage:** “I worked with FIRE [Philadelphia-based Foundation for Individual Rights in Education] lawyers and the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission [on form] in the drafting of HB 254. My main role was to be an advocate as a Kentucky student for the bill, to meet with legislators, and to find sponsors. The research and writing skills I have developed at Chase helped me in the drafting of the bill. I have insights into citing precedent, because of Constitutional Law. Learning more of the history of the First Amendment – and I’ve always been interested in history – led to a fervor to get this through.”

What got through the Kentucky General Assembly this past winter in HB 254 – after two unsuccessful

attempts – and signed into law was a requirement that public postsecondary institutions have policies to protect student and faculty speech and a prohibition on unreasonable outdoor restrictions on that speech.

What Mr. Torres finds unreasonable – absent legitimate factors of location and time-of-day – are so-called free-speech zones some colleges and universities create to cordon-off student advocacy to specific locations.

“I am opposed to free-speech zones when they are so confined to be .01 percent of a college campus,” he says. “It is an unreasonable restriction on speaking freely. Of course, there can be reasonable restrictions for time and place, but I would argue that any outdoor area should be a place open for a traditional public forum. NKU has a place that meets that standard. Most zones are ridiculous, in the sense of the Aristotelian university.”

Testifying to the House of Representatives Education Committee in late February, he told legislators, “Policies establishing these quarantine zones have been used by campus administrators across the country to prevent students from distributing copies of the U.S. Constitution, information about promoting a vegan diet, information about promoting gun rights, and



2L Sebastian Torres testifies in late February before the Kentucky House of Representatives Committee on Education, in favor of student free-speech legislation, and, in late March, standing at left, attends a White House ceremony for signing of an executive order on campus free speech.

information about protesting the National Security Agency.”

Five days before Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin signed HB 254 into law, in late March, Mr. Torres was at the White House, with other student free-speech advocates, for the signing of an executive order designed to reinforce campus free-speech rights nationwide.

With one year remaining at Chase, he is considering his future. It may be in private practice, it may be as a prosecutor, or it may be in political involvement, applying skills he wanted from law school, in the first place, to create a nonprofit political action and public-interest law firm.

# Chase Commands a National Forum

Chase College of Law and the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology returned this year to the national summit of legal technology.

After a year ago staging a companion program to the American Bar Association TECHSHOW, in Chicago, the college and the academy this past February sponsored the Women of Legal Tech Summit at the show. The summit linked Chase with the ABA Legal Technology Resource Center's recognition of its Women of Legal Tech for 2019, provided a forum for women to tell their stories to encourage more women to enter the field, and put Chase, the Lunsford Academy, and six students in front of national leaders in legal technology.

## How Chase is Scrolling to the Top in Legal Technology

Through sponsorship of the Women of Legal Tech Summit at the American Bar Association TECHSHOW, Chase gained:

### ► ASSOCIATION WITH LEADERS

ABA leaders (president-elect Judy Perry Martinez was a program speaker), legal technology company founders, and tech firm lawyers associated Chase and the Lunsford Academy with orchestrating a national program, academy director Robert Furnier says.

### ► OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Six Chase students who are Lunsford Scholars participated in the program as greeters and attendees. That provided personal opportunities for networking with lawyers at a



The Chase contingent in Chicago.

national level and a potential-student recruitment opportunity for Chase in providing experiences outside a classroom. "The whole point was to get our students out there to meet people who founded legal technology companies, who are high-level ABA representatives, and who are widely recognized in legal technology," Mr. Furnier says.

### ► INSIGHT ON THE FUTURE

The ABA TECHSHOW is an opportunity to see what is available in legal technology and what is emerging. "Our students got to explore the legal technology expo to see all the products out there and to see what is coming on the market," Mr. Furnier says. The carryover benefit when they returned to Chase was expanded awareness of what they are likely to encounter in practice and an expectation for how to prepare for it.

**You can learn more about the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology at [www.lunsfordacademy.org](http://www.lunsfordacademy.org)**

# Our Newest Chase Alumni

More than 130 Chase students graduated to Chase alumni during a commencement ceremony in early May at Northern Kentucky University – 123 with Juris Doctor degrees, two with LL.M. in United States Law degrees, and seven with Master of Legal Studies degrees. On these pages are some of the sights and thoughts from a day of transition, from students to alumni.



FROM LEFT,  
Julie Bennett,  
Dalton Belcher,  
Gregory Bashford,  
Tameisha Barner,  
Austin Apsley,  
Sarah Albers

## COMMENCEMENT INSIGHTS

### Michael Whiteman

*Interim dean and professor of law, on career preparation:*

"I am so proud of you for what you have accomplished, and I know that what you have learned and experienced while at Chase positions you to rise above the fray and allows you to be incredible leaders, counselors, and advocates. Lawyers, one and all."

## INSIGHTS

### Ashish Vaidya

Northern Kentucky University  
president, on career  
responsibility:

"Dean Whiteman reminded us that lawyers are leaders, counselors, and advocates. So, as you head out into the world to fill those roles and accomplish new and exciting things, I ask that you please never forget the family and friends who helped you become the talented men and women you are today. ... Honor their gifts to you by sharing your talents and your good fortune with others. Pay forward their good will to the people who need you."

### Tarah Rémy

Student Bar Association  
president, on graduating:

"The myths of law school are true - it *is* hard, and it *is* stressful. But I would do it all over again because of all of you. I have made friends ... who have become like family to me. I thank God every day for them, because, I promise you, I would not have made it to this stage without them."



Joseph Lowe



Katie Coffman, Terry Carter, Alex Cardosi, Myla Cardona-Jones



Brittany Wright, Megan Dean, Jennifer Epling



Tarah Rémy



Jessica Shotwell, Alyssa Thompson, Kirsten Pohlman



Chris Kirchgassner, Zach Straub,  
Eric Schwarber, Damian Sanford,  
James Rummage

Commencement speaker Ann Schoen '94, Chase Board of Visitors chair.



INSIGHTS

**Ann Schoen '94**

*Commencement speaker, Chase Board of Visitors chair and member in Frost Brown Todd, Cincinnati, on persevering:*

"You are graduating from law school today, so you know the importance of hard work and attention to detail. Regardless of how you use your law degree in the future, the need for hard work and attention to detail will continue and, if anything, increase. Don't ever assume that you can't do something that you'd like to do. Be creative and flexible, but figure out how to get the job done."

**Erik Crew**

*Recipient of the Salmon P. Chase Award to a graduating student for advocacy in the spirit of Salmon P. Chase, on motivation:*

"Thank you, all, for reaffirming in me the belief that drives me: that all of us ... from the prison cell to these seats, and from this state and country to around the globe, we are interconnected, all of us touched and affected by each other's actions."



Kevin Jeffrey, Christiana Hopkins, Luiz Godines, Lauren Hurley, Robert Gearding, Zach Epperson



Lindsay Weeks and Professors Ursula Doyle and John Bickers



Graduating student Erik Crew receives from Interim Dean Michael Whiteman the Salmon P. Chase Award, for advocacy in the spirit of Salmon P. Chase while a 19<sup>th</sup> century Cincinnati lawyer.

# Class Action

1971

**Richard D. Lawrence**, founding partner of The Lawrence Firm, Covington, Kentucky, received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Ohio Association for Justice for his advocacy for clients and passion for the law. At Chase, he is a member of the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel for the dean, and in 2008 received the Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes an alumnus or alumna who exhibits the ideals of Chase in professional accomplishment and community service.



1987

**Frank Warnock** was appointed Bellevue, Kentucky, city administrator. He was assistant city manager of Covington, Kentucky. He received the 2018 City/County Administrator of the Year Award of the Northern Kentucky City/County Management Association for dedication to providing good public service.

1993



**Tom Breidenstein**, counsel in the Covington, Kentucky, office of Stites & Harbison, was elected to a four-year term as an at-large citizen member of the board of trustees of the Ohio chapter of the American Planning Association. His practice focus is commercial real estate, zoning and land use, and civil litigation.

1979

**Judge James G. Adams Jr.** assumed senior judge status following his retirement after twenty-five years as a Christian County (Kentucky) District Court judge, including twelve years as vice chief regional district judge of the Purchase Region, in western Kentucky.



**Stephen Gillen**, partner in Wood Herron & Evans, Cincinnati, was elected to a three-year term on the firm's executive committee. His focus is publishing and entertainment transactions and disputes, internet issues, advertising law, computer law, copyrights, and related matters.

1980



**Margo L. Grubbs**, founding partner of Grubbs Rickert Landry, Covington, Kentucky, is a Super Lawyer of *Kentucky Super Lawyers* magazine. She has held leadership positions in the Kentucky Bar Association as a member of the Board of Governors, Diversity Committee, IOLTA chair, and Bar Center Trustees chair.



**Robert Hoffer** was named managing partner of Dressman Benzinger LaVelle, Crestview Hills, Kentucky, where his focus is employment law. He received the 2018 Kenton County (Kentucky) Fiscal Court Pioneer Award for community leadership and personal integrity. He has been a Super Lawyer of *Kentucky Super Lawyers* magazine the past six years.

1983



**Jeffrey C. Mando**, partner in Adams, Stepler, Woltermann & Dusing, Covington, Kentucky, received the 2018 Defense Lawyer of the Year Award of Kentucky Defense Counsel.

1986

**David Fessler**, senior partner in Fessler, Schneider & Grimme, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, was appointed Bellevue, Kentucky, city attorney. His practice focus is civil litigation, personal injury, and probate.

1988



**Sister Rose Ann Fleming** was recognized by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber as a Great Living Cincinnati. She is special assistant to Xavier University President the Rev. Michael Graham and is the university's NCAA faculty athletics representative.

**Daniel Tobergte** joined Graydon, Head & Ritchey, Cincinnati, to lead its new economic development services team. He was chief executive of Northern Kentucky Tri-ED, an economic development agency.

1989



**Michael Lordi** was named chief executive of Elliott Group, a Jeannette, Pennsylvania, maker of turbines and pumps for the petroleum industry. He had been chief operating officer.

1994

**Craig C. Dilger**, partner in Stoll Keenon Ogden, Louisville, Kentucky, was elected to a twelfth consecutive one-year term as chair of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. He chairs the firm's sports law and criminal law practices, and focuses in commercial litigation, education law, sports law, and complex white-collar criminal defense.

1995



**Mary E. Talbott** was appointed senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of Tennant Company, Minneapolis, a maker of industrial cleaning equipment. She previously was vice president, assistant general counsel, and assistant corporate secretary of General Cable Corporation, Highland Heights, Kentucky.

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## 1996

**Paul T. Lawless** was named managing partner of Bell, Orr, Ayers & Moore, Bowling Green, Kentucky. His focus is insurance defense and personal injury litigation. He is secretary-treasurer of Kentucky Defense Counsel.

## 1999

**Donald Mallory** joined Wood + Lamping, Cincinnati, as a partner. His focus is insolvency, debtors' and creditors' rights, with a focus on credit union representation, bankruptcy reorganizations, out-of-court workouts, financial and organizational corporate restructuring, complex litigation, and general business.

## 2000



**Tad Thomas** is treasurer of the American Association for Justice and a member of the association's

board of governors and executive committee. He previously was parliamentarian.

He is founder of Thomas Law Offices, Louisville, Kentucky, where his focus is plaintiff representation in product liability, medical malpractice, accounting and auditing malpractice, mass tort, serious personal injury, and motor vehicle injury.

## 2003



**Nathan Blaske** became a partner in Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati. His focus is banking and financial services litigation.



**Jason F. Darnall** was elected Marshall County (Kentucky) Attorney this past November.

## 2005

**L. Scott Miller** became a member in Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, Lexington, Kentucky. His focus is defense of police officers and consulting on police department policies.

## 2006



**Lewis Diaz**, partner in Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati, was elected chair of the Eastern

Kentucky University Board of Regents. His practice focus is transactions for affordable single-family and multifamily housing. He is also a board member of the Northern Kentucky Area Development District and of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission.



**Sarah Clay Leyschock**, partner in Taft Stettinius & Hollister, Cincinnati, is a 2019 Rising Star

of *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine. Her practice focus is employer representation in state and federal employment law matters.



**David Spaulding**, vice president and general manager of Turner Construction, is

spotlighted in *Cincinnati Magazine* as one of the area's 300 most powerful business leaders. He joined Turner in 2008 as legal counsel and in 2016 assumed leadership of Cincinnati operations, which include the previous construction of Great American Tower at Queen City Square and the planned FC Cincinnati stadium.

## 2007



**Haley (DeVanna) Stamm** joined Lawrence & Associates, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, as an

associate. Her focus is Kentucky workers' compensation claims.

## 2008

**James W. Kelly II** became a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, Cincinnati. His focus is business and commercial litigation, with experience in transportation law.



**Carrie Masters Starts**, attorney in the Cincinnati office of Reminger, co-chairs the firm's Retail,

Hospitality, and Entertainment Facilities Practice Group. Her focus is retail and hospitality liability, general liability, medical and non-medical professional liability, insurance coverage, and employment law. She is a 2019 Rising Star of *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine.

## 2009



**Lindsay Lawrence**, attorney at The Lawrence Firm, Covington, Kentucky, received the

Tomorrow's Leaders Award of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She also received a Community Service Award of the Young Lawyers Section of the Cincinnati Bar Association. Her focus is plaintiff's representation in medical malpractice claims.



**Danielle Lorenz** became a shareholder in Reminger. Her focus in the Cincinnati office is workers'

compensation, commercial real estate, general business law, and creditors' rights. She is a 2019 Rising Star of *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine. She is a member of the board of trustees of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation.

## 2000

**LaJuana Wilcher** was nominated to serve on the board of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, a federally chartered secondary market for agricultural and rural housing loans. She has been a secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet and a senior regulatory official for water programs in the United States Environmental Protection Agency. She is a partner in English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, Bowling Green, Kentucky, where she concentrates in environmental matters.



## 2012

**Arthur Southard** received the Volunteer Lawyer of the Year Award from the Cincinnati Bar Association. He has accepted sixteen case referrals in Hamilton and Butler counties the past five years. His focus in the Southard Law Firm, Cincinnati, is bankruptcy, criminal law/DUI, domestic relations, and personal injury.



## 2010



**Christine Gilliam**, attorney with Reminger, is a 2019 Rising Star of *Kentucky Super Lawyers*

magazine. Her focus in the Louisville, Kentucky, office is professional liability, general casualty, nursing home and medical malpractice defense, premises liability, retail and hospitality defense, and employment practices liability.



**Danielle Lewis**, attorney with Reminger, is a 2019 Rising Star of *Kentucky Super Lawyers*

magazine. Her focus in the Louisville, Kentucky, office is employment, medical malpractice, nursing home litigation, and professional liability.



**Nick Pieczonka** became a partner in Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, Cincinnati. His focus is

litigation, real estate and construction, product liability, and personal injury. He is a 2019 Rising Star of *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine.



**J. Kelly Ratliff** joined Reminger in the Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, office. His focus is civil litigation, with

concentration on representing blasting, construction, mining, and transportation companies. He is certified by the International Society of Explosives Engineers.

## 2011



**Masten Childers III**, attorney with Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, Lexington,

Kentucky, and Washington, D.C., is a 2019 Rising Star of *Kentucky Super Lawyers* magazine a third consecutive year. His focus is plaintiff civil litigation and business litigation.

**Michelle Eviston**, assistant Campbell County (Kentucky) Attorney, was recognized as the 2018 John R. Fender Child Support Attorney of the Year by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.



**C. Alyse Bender Hoffer** became a member in Frost Brown Todd, where she focuses in commercial real

estate transactions in the Cincinnati office.



**Michael Mahon**, attorney with Reminger, is a 2019 Rising Star of *Ohio Super Lawyers*

magazine. His focus in the Cincinnati office is long-term care, employment, general casualty, and appellate advocacy.

## 2012



**Evan Priestle**, associate with Taft Stettinius & Hollister, Cincinnati, is a 2019 Rising Star of *Ohio Super*

*Lawyers* magazine. His focus is labor and employment law.

## 2013

**Brittany Born**, attorney at the Arnold Law Firm, Cincinnati, received a Community Service Award of the Young Lawyers Section of the Cincinnati Bar Association.



**Ian Mitchell** became a shareholder in Reminger. His focus in the Cincinnati office is general

liability, directors' and officers' liability, employment, and commercial and professional liability.

**Kathleen Shields** joined The Law Office of M. Erin Wilkins, Newport, Kentucky. Her focus is family law. She was previously staff attorney for a Kentucky Family Court judge.

## 2014



**Tamara Scull** will join the Chase College of Law adjunct faculty to teach trial advocacy. She is an

assistant public advocate in the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, concentrating in complex felony trials.



**Tiffany Smith**, attorney with the Ohio Justice & Policy Center, Cincinnati, won clemency for a

client convicted of murdering an abusive former boyfriend. She leads the Women's Project Incarcerated Survivors of Domestic Violence and assists with the Chase Constitutional Litigation Clinic.

## 2017



**Taylor Farley III** and **John S. Hopper** opened The Law Offices of Farley and Hopper, Edgewood, Kentucky. The general-practice firm focuses on divorce, custody, criminal defense, personal injury, DUI, and probate.

## 2018



**J.L. Brydie**, associate with Nelson Mullins, in the Huntington, West Virginia, office, was

selected for the firm's Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's Pathfinder Program. His practice focus is civil litigation, insurance coverage, commercial litigation, tax foreclosure litigation, and consumer financial services.

**Haley K. (Koontz) Kincer** joined Ruberg Law, Crestview Hills, Kentucky. Her focus is education law, estate planning, probate, and criminal defense.



**Elizabeth Mahon** joined Lindhorst & Dredame, Cincinnati, as an associate. Her focus is general

civil litigation.

# Alumnus Tom Munninghoff Receives NKU Alumni Award



Tom Munninghoff credits Chase College of Law with his ability to help clients prosper; the Northern Kentucky University Alumni Association credits him with helping the university prosper.

Mr. Munninghoff, who was graduated from Chase in 1976, this past February received the NKU Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus Award for his work in promoting the university and enhancing its public image. Just as his professional practice has expanded through the years, so has his involvement with NKU.

He formed Munninghoff, Lange & Company with business partner Douglas Lange in 1983, and has helped guide the Covington, Kentucky-based accounting, tax, and business-services firm to a staff of about sixty members. “We’re passionate about our clients. We want to see them prosper. We want to help them prosper. What I learned at Chase really has helped with that,” he says.

His involvement with NKU burgeoned at the time the men’s basketball program moved into the top-tier Division I of NCAA athletics, about seven years ago. “I wanted to see what I could do to help out. You see all the great kids who have come through the program. Nobody pitched us at all. We just went up and got season tickets. They were a little surprised when we said we wanted fifty season tickets,” he says.

He is now a member of the Go Norse Fund Athletics Advisory Board, and serves on the NKU Campaign Leadership Committee ... and, yes, attends basketball games. At Chase, he speaks frequently in classes and at student programs. In October 2017, he was Distinguished Guest Professor for a small-business acquisition seminar, in which he used his merger-and-acquisition experiences to guide students through the process.

Professionally, he is a member of state bar associations in Kentucky, Ohio, and Florida and a member of certified public accountant bodies in Kentucky and nationally.

**1964**  
**Delmer Ray Smith**  
*August 30, 2016*

Mr. Smith was a radio operator in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

**1964**  
**William A. Cline**  
*September 18, 2018*

Mr. Cline had been a member of the Morristown, New Jersey, town council and the planning board, and a member of the New Jersey tourism board.

**1965**  
**Richard E. Meyer**  
*January 27, 2018*

Mr. Meyer had maintained a solo practice.

**1967**  
**James C. Felix**  
*March 28, 2017*

Mr. Felix was a law clerk in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio immediately following graduation, in 1967, and that same year began a 27-year career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation that concluded with his retirement in 1994.

**1971**  
**James B. Barbeau**  
*August 30, 2018*

**1972**  
**John B. Chewing**  
*January 24, 2018*

**1978**  
**Shawn Charles McCormick**  
*October 15, 2018*

Mr. McCormick maintained a solo practice.

**1980**  
**James Edward Hibbard Jr.**  
*November 1, 2018*

Mr. Hibbard practiced in London, Kentucky, for thirty-eight years, and argued several cases in the United States Court of Appeals.

**1983**  
**Elizabeth Ann Horwitz**  
*November 13, 2018*

Ms. Horwitz practiced first in Chicago, then with the Cincinnati firm of Cors & Bassett for twenty-two years, and concluded her career with the Cincinnati firm of Wood + Lamping.

# Where Alumni Are

## In the U.S. House



Alumni Joe Cunningham '14 (above photo) and Steve Chabot '78 (right photo) were sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States, January 3. Meeting with Mr. Cunningham on Capitol Hill, from left, were Associate Dean David MacKnight, alumnus Tim Eble, '81, a lawyer in South



Carolina, and Interim Dean Michael Whiteman, and separately with Mr. Chabot. Both alumni, coincidentally, represent a First Congressional District – Mr. Cunningham in the Charleston, South Carolina, area, and Mr. Chabot in Greater Cincinnati. Mr. Cunningham is in a first term and Mr. Chabot is in his twelfth.

## On a panel about women lawyers



Alumna Bernice Walker '93, from left, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michelle Keller '90, and Sarah Henry '08 discussed issues facing women in the legal profession during a program sponsored by the student organization Legal Association of Women, in early April.



## Speaking to a class

Brigham McCown '97, a former senior-level administrator in the United States Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, spoke in late March to an administrative law class. He is now chairman and chief executive of Nouveau, a Washington, D.C.,-based consulting group to various industries.



## Talking about a law firm

Jeff Rosenstiel '96, center, visited with students in mid-February to discuss the Cincinnati firm of Graydon, Head & Ritchey. With him are students Hishem Alsaman, left, and Logan English.

## Speaking at CLEs

Six alumni spoke at Chase-sponsored continuing legal education programs:

William Hesch '80, spoke on will drafting and probate practice, Amy Pennekamp '06, on trust drafting, and Kurt Friedmann '13, on probate practice at a program on estate planning basics.

Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Joy Kramer '96, and Kenton County (Kentucky) Chief Circuit Court Judge Patricia Summe '79 spoke on judges' views on professionalism and Helen Bukulmez '09, of counsel at Spencer Law Group, spoke on online advertising ethics at the "Professionalism: A View from the Bench" program.



## Sharing litigation experience

Acena Beck '07, left, executive director of the Children's Law Center, Covington, Kentucky, and Jennifer Scholl Overmann '07, attorney in the firm of Dietz & Overmann, Edgewood, Kentucky, talked with students in late March on a panel discussion about their experiences as litigators.

## Discussing criminal justice reform



John Tilley '96, secretary of the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, discussed criminal justice reform measures in Kentucky with students in late January in a program sponsored by Chase chapters of the Federalist Society, American Constitution Society, and Criminal Law Student Association.

## Networking with students



Alumna joined with Chase professors in mid-January for a networking event with the student organization Legal Association of Women prior to a Northern Kentucky University women's basketball game.



## Providing career guidance

Four alumni talked with students in a panel discussion about ways they are using law degrees other than to practice. From left: Aaron Sutherland '13, Social Security Administration attorney adviser, Tangela Edwards '12, Synchrony Financial assistant vice president-fraud policy, Lexie Dressman '11, Huntington Bank equipment finance sales coordinator/assistant vice president, and Alex Mattingly '07, Northern Kentucky Water District manager of legal, compliance, and regulatory affairs.

# Faculty News



**John Bickers**  
*Professor of Law*

**PRESENTATION**

“From Foe to Friend: The Law of War and Slavery” at “Common Cause: Synthesizing the Work of Human Rights and Civil Rights Scholars and Practitioners,” Chase College of Law, April 2019.



**Sharlene Boltz**  
*Professor of Law*

**PRESENTATION**

“A Tsunami Cometh: Collaborative Responses for the Next Wave of Human Trafficking as a Consequence of Family Separation at the Border” at “Common Cause: Synthesizing the Work of Human Rights and Civil Rights Scholars and Practitioners,” Chase College of Law, April 2019.

**UNIVERSITY**

Award, Excellence in Outreach and Engagement, Northern Kentucky University Academic Affairs Awards, April 2019.

**COMMUNITY**

Elected, FBI Cincinnati Citizen’s Academy board of directors.



**Ursula Doyle**  
*Professor of Law*

**PRESENTATION**

“Petitioning the United Nations: The National Negro Congress, the NAACP and the Civil Rights Congress” at “Common Cause: Synthesizing the Work of Human Rights and Civil Rights Scholars and Practitioners,” Chase College of Law, April 2019.



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

**PUBLICATION**

Excerpt from “Custody: Kids, Counsel and the Constitution,” 12 DUKE J. CONST. L. AND PUB. POL’Y 179 (2016), to be published in *Family Law: Cases and Materials*, Foundation Press (7th ed. 2019).

**PRESENTATION**

Visiting faculty, American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence East Coast Trial Skills Institute, Washington, D.C., March 2019.

**UNIVERSITY**

Award, Excellence in Teaching and Instruction, Northern Kentucky University Academic Affairs Awards, April 2019.



**Jack Harrison**  
*Professor of Law*

**PUBLICATION**

“Because of Sex,” LOY. L.A. L. REV., forthcoming.

**PRESENTATIONS**

“LGBTQ Rights Halfway Through Trump’s (First?) Term: Advancement, Retrenchment, Potential,” American Association of Law Schools annual meeting, January 2019, and Cincinnati Bar Association continuing legal education, March 2019.

**PROFESSIONAL**

Elected, chair-elect, American Association of Law Schools Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues, January 2019.

Included, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2019 edition, in areas of Mass Tort Litigation–Defendants and Product Liability Litigation–Defendants.

Cited, “Registration, Fairness, and General Jurisdiction,” 95 NEB. L. REV. 477, 510 (2016), by Court of Appeals of New Mexico, *Rodriguez v. Ford Motor Co.*, A-1-CA-36402, December 2018.



**Jennifer Jolly-Ryan**  
*Professor of Legal Writing*

**PUBLICATION**

“Are Your Topic Sentences Doing Their Job?” Kentucky Bar Association *Bench and Bar*, March/April 2019

**PRESENTATION**

“Concise Law Writing,” Lawyers’ Club of Cincinnati, February 2019.



**Jennifer Kinsley**  
*Associate Dean and Professor of Law*

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Secondary Legislation,” U. OF CIN. L. REV., forthcoming.

“Private Free Speech,” U. OF LOUISVILLE L. REV., forthcoming.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Panelist, “Race and Class in the U.S.: The Legal Academy’s and Profession’s Role in Pacification and Social Change,” American Association of Law Schools annual meeting, January 2019.

“2018 Supreme Court Year in Review,” Lawyers’ Club of Cincinnati, January 2019.

“Resist Hate Speech with Free Speech,” Chase College of Law Federalist Society student chapter, February 2019.

Leader, Northern Kentucky University Diversity and Inclusion Dialogue on First Amendment, March 2019.

**MEDIA**

Quoted, NBC News and The Appeal website on her pro bono work seeking clemency for a woman convicted of murder while a minor in human trafficking.

**PROFESSIONAL**

Leader, Ohio Legal Externships Alliance retreat, February 2019.

Member, *ad hoc* bail reform committee to revise Cincinnati pretrial bail policies, which utilized a law review article she coauthored, "Rethinking Bail Reform," 52 U. OF RICH. L. REV. 795 (2018).



**Jennifer Kreder**  
*Professor of Law*

**PRESENTATION**

"Holocaust-Era Art Litigation in the United States," Pauley Speaker Series on Global Affairs of the University of Central Florida, Orlando, March 2019.



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

**PRESENTATION**

"Affirmative Action as an International Human Rights Conversation" at "Common Cause: Synthesizing the Work

of Human Rights and Civil Rights Scholars and Practitioners," Chase College of Law, April 2019.



**Michael Mannheimer**  
*Professor of Law*

**PUBLICATION**

"Vagueness as Impossibility," TEXAS L. REV., forthcoming.

**PROFESSIONAL**

Joined amicus curiae brief, *Hupp v. Cook*, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, arguing claimed justification of preventing destruction of video evidence failed showing of circumstances to justify warrantless entry.

Cited, "Cruel and Unusual Federal Punishments," 98 IOWA L. REV. 69 (2012), *United States v. Aquart*, 12-5086 (2d Cir. 2018).

**PRESENTATIONS**

"Vagueness as Impossibility," Willamette University College of Law, February 2019, and University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, March 2019.

"Unusual Punishment: The Federal Death Penalty in Non-Death-Penalty States," University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law Federalist Society student chapter, March 2019.



**Barbara McFarland**  
*Assistant Professor of Law*

**UNIVERSITY**

Award, Michael C.C. Adams and Susan S. Adams Outstanding Non-Tenure Track Faculty Member, Northern Kentucky University Academic Affairs Awards, April 2019.



**Lawrence Rosenthal**  
*Associate Dean and Professor of Legal Writing*

**PUBLICATION**

"Most-Qualified-Applicant Hiring Policies or Automatic Reassignment for Employees with Disabilities? Still A Conundrum Almost Thirty Years After the Americans with Disabilities Act's Enactment," 70 BAYLOR L. REV. 715 (2018).



**David Singleton**  
*Professor of Law*

**PRESENTATION**

Closing conversation with keynote speaker at "Common Cause: Synthesizing the Work

of Human Rights and Civil Rights Scholars and Practitioners," Chase College of Law, April 2019.



**Steve Stephens**  
*Professor of Law*

**PRESENTATION**

Presenter and facilitator, "Theory and Techniques of the Advocate and Mediator," Chase College of Law and Northern Kentucky University Alternative Dispute Resolution Center.



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

**PROFESSIONAL**

Appointed, editorial board, "Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing," a biannual electronic journal.

# A World of Laws

## AN ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM LOOKS AT UNITED STATES CIVIL RIGHTS LAW AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Rather than view United States civil rights law as an island in a sea of international human rights law, a *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium assembled twenty speakers – eight of them Chase professors or students – to scan the horizon for the nexus of the two.

The symposium in mid-April surveyed origins of civil rights and human rights laws, possible applicability of international human rights law theories in the United States, contemporary legal issues, and ways to redress longstanding problems. Among the Chase speakers, and their thoughts, on:

### ORIGINS

**Professor John Bickers** – “Some of the earliest theorists of international law held that the law of war supported and even encouraged slavery. Over time, though, activists and thinkers developed the argument that slavery violated the international law of war. By the time of the American Civil War, the laws governing armed conflict had become such an asset in the abolitionist crusade that the influential legal code developed by Francis Lieber provided a broad legal justification for the recently issued Emancipation Proclamation.”

### ORIGINS

**Student Erik Crew**, who has had multiple internships with civil rights and international law organizations – “The international legal system, post-1648, enacted laws that sanctioned the taking of indigenous land, the taking of African peoples, and the extraction of resources and the accumulation of capital using black slavery. By looking to communities of people who escaped slavery to create a freedom and normality outside of the developing international legal order, there are normative priorities that can be operational at international law and that can produce legal frameworks for freedom.”

### APPLICABILITY

**Professor Ursula Doyle** – “From 1945 to 1965, the United Nations did not use the tools available to it to address, if not redress, Jim Crow laws and practices. Given the UN’s rapt attention to the circumstances in South Africa, South West Africa, and Angola, the organization’s failure to do more to address Jim Crow in the United States was by design an abdication of its responsibilities under the charter and a detriment to African Americans and society broadly.”

### ISSUES

**Student Kati Massey**, *Northern Kentucky Law Review* associate editor – “There has been stark back-and-forth whether victims of domestic abuse qualify for asylum



Among Chase participants in the *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium were professors Ursula Doyle and John Bickers, first and second from left, and student Erik Crew, far right.

protection in the United States. Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions largely removed protections for battered women. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia found his direction to deny most domestic violence claims to be inconsistent with [existing law]. If the goal of asylum is to provide refuge for those in need of protections due to their role in society or their government’s inability to provide protections, battered women should be among the top of the list.”

### ISSUES

**Professor Sharlene Boltz** – “Three issues are presented by practices [of separating migrant families] which impact the concerns of human trafficking. The first is the placement of these children in an already overcrowded and flawed foster care system. The second is the further accumulation of adverse childhood experiences which portend long-term issues relating to physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing. And third, the existing data which suggest that children placed in non-relative foster care situations are likely to experience further abuse, attempt to leave placements as runaways, and thereby be particularly vulnerable to traffickers who prey upon these children for forced labor and commercial sex.”

### REDRESS

**Student Stephanie Williams**, *Northern Kentucky Law Review* executive editor – “Felony disenfranchisement affects millions of Americans across the country, and has a disproportionate effect on communities of color. Nationwide, estimates place the rate of disenfranchised voters who have returned to their communities to be nearly seventy-seven percent. African Americans of voting age are four times more likely to lose their voting rights when compared to the voting-age population of all Americans.”

Also participating in the symposium were Professor Sheldon Lyke, on affirmative action as related to international human rights, and Professor David Singleton, in a closing colloquy with keynote speaker Laurel Fletcher, director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

# 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. This memorable experience is available to up to twenty-five Chase alumni. Go online to [chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/supremecourt.html](http://chaselaw.nku.edu/alumni/supremecourt.html) to learn how to be part of it. Applications must be submitted to Chase by August 1.

Qualified applications are accepted in the order received. Applicants must be licensed to practice law in the United States and in good standing for at least three years immediately prior to November 18, 2019.



Alumni with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg following the 2017 Chase group admission.

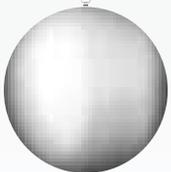
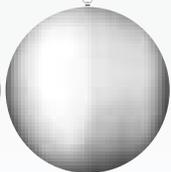
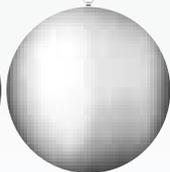
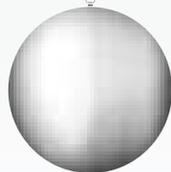
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