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Enrollment Spans Globe; Women Dominate 1L Class

Two internationally trained lawyers are among the 451 students who were enrolled this fall semester in degree programs at Chase College of Law. Sunday Falowo, a lawyer from Nigeria, and Ahmed Al-Jumaili, a lawyer from Iraq, are the first students pursuing an LL.M. in United States Law, an advanced degree for lawyers with a first law degree from outside the United States. Chase enrollment this academic year is composed of:

- 439 Juris Doctor students,
- with 303 of them in the day division and 136 in the evening division.
- 147 1L students in both divisions.
- 2 LL.M. students.
- 10 Master of Legal Studies students.

The Master of Legal Studies degree, which can be completed in one year full-time or two or three years part-time, was introduced in 2015 for individuals in careers or endeavors in which legal knowledge is helpful but a Juris Doctor is not necessary. The first of three students who enrolled in 2015 was graduated this past spring.

In the Juris Doctor program, 1L enrollment includes seventeen students with graduate degrees (including two with Ph.D.s) and nine with military experience. 1L students represent fifty-eight undergraduate institutions and forty majors. A majority of them, fifty-five percent, are women, and nine percent have diversity backgrounds.

Students Use Their Training in Appellate Court Arguments

Along with clinic experience for their résumés, two Chase 3L students have appellate court appearances to list.

Sabre Price argued this past summer before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in the case of a prisoner who claimed a lack of medical care he thought he needed violated his constitutional rights. Isaac Claywell was waiting to learn if the state appellate court would agree with his argument that classifying an out-of-state offender as a sexual predator without the notice and hearing afforded offenders convicted in Ohio was an unconstitutional denial of due process and right to travel.

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The experience for him was an opportunity to learn from different perspectives. "I placed myself in the opposing counsel’s and judge’s shoes so I could ask myself, ‘What will their argument be? What questions could I be asked here?’"

First-year students Gideon Bhatnew, left, and Dwayne Wilson were among nine students at a welcoming reception sponsored by the Chase Alumni Association.

Founder of Football Analytics Firm Tells Students How to Succeed

As legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi said, “Football is like life. It requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and respect for authority.” To that, Neil Hornsby, founder of Pro Football Focus, might add “analytics,” and a starting point for law students to understand what it takes to build a career.

Mr. Hornsby, who turned his interest in football into a statistical analysis business with clients that include thirty NFL teams and twenty-four NCAA teams, talked with Chase students in late September about his experiences that could one day guide some of them in a sports law practice or in opening a law office.

Students, he said, can grow into their futures. As he showed in taking Pro Football Focus from a hobby to track NFL players’ performances to a company with 350 employees, a successful career builds on opportunities for a person to develop skills to the best of his or her ability. Merely being “good enough” is not enough, he said.

Chase Launches Redesigned Website

The Chase College of Law website has a new look.

The college launched the site this past summer as part of a Northern Kentucky University-wide redesign of websites to sharpen their visibility and usability. Overall, the site utilizes bolder photography, top-of-page dropdown menus, and navigation within a content area to move from page to page. The redesign also makes the site easier to view on smartphones and tablets. Explore it at nku.edu/chase.

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The number of accounts affected by a computer data breach once was counted in millions: 56 million at Home Depot, 79 million at Anthem. Then came Yahoo: 3 billion accounts affected.

The number of names, birth dates, passwords, financial card numbers, and security answers now for sale on the dark web is, in one word, staggering.

It is among the digital issues with legal and security consequences the Northern Kentucky University Cybersecurity Symposium, presented this past October by Chase College of Law and the College of Informatics, confronted for the tenth time since the first symposium in 2008, when a “mere” 8 million records were stolen in a hack of credit card processor DPI. Forty-one speakers – including four Chase alumni – this year explored ongoing issues in cybersecurity and privacy, ranging from unauthorized downloads from a corporate laptop to massive global hacks. Here are the four Chase alumni and some key points from each:

Dennis Kennedy ’95
Partner, Dressman Benzinger LaVelle, Crestview Hills, Kentucky, on cybersecurity regulations and standards for responding to a data breach:
• Identity theft happens, so have policies and procedures to spot it and that spell out how to deal with it.
• Update procedures regularly as new ways to steal information arise.
• Federal law requires financial institutions to have safeguards to ensure confidentiality and security of records, protect against anticipated security threats, and protect against unauthorized access to information or use of it.

J.B. Lind ’08
Partner, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, Cincinnati, on strategies for preserving evidence and attorney-client privilege after a breach:
• Begin to preserve evidence as soon as a breach is discovered.
• Document for a possible insurance claim what happened and the harm.
• Maintain attorney-client privilege during an investigation into what happened.
• Do not copy or forward to anyone outside the attorney-client relationship any email to counsel or for the purpose of obtaining legal advice.

Scott Van Nice ’08
Procter & Gamble Information Security, on investigating unauthorized internal computer access to data or use of it:
• An investigation usually requires connecting bits of digital evidence, such as internet browsing history, installed or uninstalled software, or naming or placement of files in a particular location.
• Evidence that can help identify who made unauthorized access to data or use of it includes the name or identifying number for a computer, a user profile on a computer, use of connected external devices, the last user of a computer, recent documents viewed, installed or uninstalled software, and an unusual pattern in naming or numbering files.

LaJuana Wilcher ’80
Partner, English Lucas Priest & Owsley, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and former senior regulatory official at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and former secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, on understanding whether personal privacy and national security conflict:
• A fundamental question is whether the nation is sacrificing privacy rights in favor of security.
• Making that assessment involves identifying types of privacy protected by federal law and deciding whether those rights have been affected by the terrorist plane hijackings and attacks of September 11, 2001.
• It is important to evaluate where surveillance, privacy, and national security collide, and to address efforts to preserve privacy and security.
The year was 1893. Cincinnati dedicated a new City Hall, and The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra was formed.

And on October 17, Salmon P. Chase College of Law held its first class, in the tower room of the Cincinnati YMCA.

The first class at Seventh and Walnut streets had seventeen students. By 1895 enrollment was more than 100.

Tuition was a $5 YMCA membership. Later it was $40, to pay salaries and operating costs.

Classes met Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights, and were patterned on courses at the law school the founding dean, Robert Ochiltree, had attended.

The instructors were judges, city solicitors, a future mayor, and practicing lawyers.

Passing a bar examination was a requirement for graduation, and the success rate was a matter of local news and school pride.

Among the early alumni were an Ohio Supreme Court justice, eight Hamilton County Common Pleas Court judges, eleven Kentucky judges and commonwealth attorneys, a United States District Court judge, two U.S. District Attorneys, two U.S. Representatives, and fifty other judges, prosecutors, and public officials.

It is a 125-year legacy each generation carries forward.
Enduring Memories
The ascent of Chase through time is a story for alumni to tell

While the 125-year history of Chase College of Law is a continuum of one academic year to the next, it is also a history defined by eras. Like historically identifiable architectural periods, the Chase eras are marked by buildings. Among current alumni, those eras span more than three-fourths of the college’s history, from the fifty-three years in the Central YMCA building in Cincinnati, to the nine years in Hankins Hall on a Park Hills, Kentucky, hilltop, following the merger with Northern Kentucky University, to what has now been thirty-five years in Nunn Hall on the NKU campus in Highland Heights.

But while a building provides physical identity, what occurs inside it is what defines a college. Spread throughout the Chase modern eras, here is how some alumni remember how they defined Chase as students and how Chase would define them as lawyers.

The Central YMCA Era, 1919-1972

THE DEANS:

THE BUILDING:
Former United States President and Cincinnatian William Howard Taft had the cornerstone during a ceremony in 1917. First full-time professors hired, 1952.

THE MEMORIES:
Bob Goringe ’62
“Stan Harper taught torts (which he sometimes called ‘trots’ because that is what came out on his typewriter), and Fred Mebo taught contracts. The two were, without a doubt, the best teachers I have encountered. The Cameo Lounge (a real dive) was at the corner of Twelfth and Elm streets, where we had a beer after class, and decked out in his tweed jacket, adorned with the lapel ribbon of the French Croix de Guerre, he looked the most suave and sophisticated man I’ve ever met, decked out in his tweed jacket, adorned with the lapel ribbon of the French Croix de Guerre. And then there was Milton Bloom, an adjunct professor of trial practice, who told us the story of trying a case in federal court in Mississippi and being rebuffed when he cited a Supreme Court decision, by a judge who said: ‘Oh, no, Mr. Bloom, that’s a decision by that Roosevelt court, we don’t follow that down here.’ (Proving the adage that a good lawyer knows the law, a great lawyer knows the judge.)”

Bill Cusen ’69
“Chase was the only way I was able to attend law school, as I was recently married and working full-time. There were only a few full-time professors, and the rest were adjunct faculty who were practicing lawyers. They brought an insight to the classroom that included not only the information in the textbooks, but also the day-to-day reality of the practice of law. Who better to learn civil procedure from than C.R. Berinre or criminal law than Bernard Gilday? The full-time faculty was great, also. Jack Grosse was probably the best teacher I can remember. He could hold your attention while lecturing on the most boring of subjects. The first year at Chase seemed to take forever, but the next three shot by. I attribute that to the quality of the faculty and their ability to keep you focused.”

Bea Larsen ’69
“In the 1960s, our criminal law professor was Bernard Gilday, then Cincinnati’s most prominent criminal defense lawyer. Despite the late hour, we often remained in our seats as Bernie was grilled about his latest cross-examination in a high-profile case that had been covered by TV news and the print press. We pressed him for every detail of how he artfully brought forth crucial testimony from a witness. One evening, Bernie’s response drew the class to a close: ‘Never try to emulate the style of another lawyer. Success will lie in the sincerity of just being yourself.’ He spoke these words while looking directly at me, the only woman in the class.”

Northern Kentucky Law Chase, in 1972-1981

THE DEANS:

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THE MEMORIES:
Priscilla O’Donnell ’77
“One night a tornado razored down the Ohio River. We could see it vividly through the huge glass windows. I am sure many people were taking cover, but not us! We were a very determined bunch, as evidenced by the fact that many of our classmates carpooled from Dayton, Ohio, three days a week. I drove from New Richmond, Ohio, every Tuesday and Thursday night, and Saturday morning for four years, in the days before the bridge at Coney Island. But it was worth it. I practiced for thirty years, starting as a public defender, then being elected twice to Clermont County Court, and having a flourish ing private practice on Main Street in Batavia. Succeeding at law school and in practice meant everything to me, both personally and as a model for my three daughters.”

Hankins Hall
John Lucas ’79

“Attending Chase gave me an opportunity to enter the legal profession that resulted in a thirty-seven-year career as a corporate attorney. This career provided me with an opportunity to meet people and go places one could only dream of the day I started law school. What made Chase so memorable was that my classmates were a special group of people who realized we all were on the path to get through the rigors of law school, in a desire to move our careers and life goals forward. Attending Chase gave us that opportunity. I am thankful every day that Chase made that possible.”

Kate Molloy ’80

“Some of the most interesting people I have met were while attending Chase on its small campus in Park Hills. Our class of about eighty-five persons included recent college graduates, military veterans, working mothers, and recent retirees, all looking for a challenging second career. There were even some professional athletes attending at that time. My class was the third day-division class admitted to the school, yet we were able to take advantage of the night classes and the excellent adjunct faculty at that time, which has always been one of the hallmarks of Chase. Some of my closest friends at Chase have become premier attorneys, government officials, judges, and professors all over the United States. We shared a lot as classmates, but we grew immensely as individuals.”

Alan Stout ’81

“Professor Bob Goering’s bankruptcy class really left an impression on me. So much so that when I started practicing law I knew I wanted to specialize in bankruptcy. I became a Chapter 7 panel trustee and also represented debtors and creditors in all chapters of bankruptcy. In 2011, I was appointed U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. A couple of years ago I went back to Chase and spoke to the bankruptcy class, and Bob Goering was still there, telling us corny jokes he told thirty-five years ago. The fundamentals of evidence I learned in Professor Steve Stephens’ evidence class served me well as a trial attorney, and still today on the bench.”

Sheena Baylon ’10

“I went to law school to pursue a career as a public defender, and I couldn’t wait to get into the courtroom. While at Chase, I took advantage of every practice-based course available, and I participated in multiple externships. As a result, I felt as prepared as I could possibly have been for the courtroom after passing the Kentucky bar exam. So, for just over seven years, I have diligently and happily defended constitutional rights, fought for the indigent accused, and given a voice to the voiceless as an assistant public advocate with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.”

Alyse Hoffer ’11

“As a member of the National Arbitration Team, I learned important skills that contributed to our team’s successes as back-to-back regional champions and runners-up in national competition. I learned the importance of working as a team and the role of each member. I learned the importance of prioritizing my time between class work and preparation and travel for competition. These skills continue to assist me daily in my career as a transactional attorney.”

A Gala Beginning

A big anniversary deserves a big beginning, and that is how Chase College of Law started its 125th anniversary year. More than 260 alumni and friends of Chase gathered October 7 for the college’s 125th Anniversary Gala, in the atrium of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, in downtown Cincinnati. It was an evening of remembrances, reunions, dinner, speeches, music, and dancing. Here, in photos, are the memories of a gala event.
The Chase Quasquicentennial
A Gala Beginning

For Chase College of Law alumni, the 125th Anniversary Gala was an opportunity to recall how their student pasts shaped their professional futures. Four alumni of recent eras – Richard Lawrence ’71, represented by his daughter, Jennifer Lawrence ’96, Judge John West ’71, W. Bruce Lunsford ’74, and Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michelle Keller ’90 – remembered their years at Chase.

**RICHARD LAWRENCE**, who was unable to attend, worked as an insurance claims supervisor when he was a student and Chase was located in the Central YMCA building in Cincinnati. He went on to become founding partner of The Lawrence Firm, and later received the Chase Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Jennifer Lawrence, his daughter, delivered his remarks.

**JUDGE JOHN WEST** was a purchasing agent for a major manufacturer when he attended Chase in the Central YMCA building. He served on the Hamilton County Municipal Court from 1996 to 2001 and the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas from 2001 until he retired in 2016. He is a past recipient of the Chase Alumni Association Exceptional Service Award.

**W. BRUCE LUNSFORD** worked as a certified public accountant when he was a student when Chase was located in the Central YMCA building and after it moved to Hankins Hall in Park Hills, Kentucky. He is chairman and chief executive of Lunsford Capital, a private investment company in Louisville, Kentucky. In 2013, he established the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology at Chase.

**JUSTICE MICHELLE KELLER** was a registered nurse, working in a hospital intensive care unit, when she attended Chase in Nunn Hall. She practiced law for seventeen years, served on the Kentucky Court of Appeals from 2006 to 2013, and has been a justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court since 2013. She is a past recipient of the Chase Alumni Association Exceptional Service Award.

Peggy St. Amand and William Jones, Chase dean, 1980-1985

Our Opening Statement

Scenes from the Gala
Leon Boothe, Northern Kentucky University president emeritus, Karen Boothe, and Eric Gentry, NKU vice president for advancement

Nathan Lennon '13, Carrie Masters Stotts '10, Meredith Spille '05, and Tim Spille '05

Kristi Nelson '95, Chase Professor Emerita Caryl Yzenbaard, and Colleen Lewis '89

Todd Spaulding '06, Ed McTigue '78, Bill Hawkins '78, and Gerry St. Amant, NKU interim president and former Chase dean

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Duane Weems, Stephanie Scott Weems '17, Mirian West, and Judge John West '71

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Timothy Timmel '76, center, and Michael Lyon '75

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The Chase Story, in One Graphic

URBAN AND SUBURBAN CLASSROOMS
Cincinnati YMCA, Smolich and Mobley streets, 1864–1919
Central YMCA, Central Parkway and Dix Street, 1919–1972
Hankins Hall, Northern Kentucky State College, Fort Rite, 1972–1981
Hankins Hall, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, 1980–present

Central YMCA building classroom

STAGES OF LIFE
Founded 1851

SAME COLLEGE, NEW NAME
Renamed Calhoun’s Chase College of Law in 1891 during first anniversary of founding as The Night School (later YMCA Night Law School), in honor of the Cincinnati lawyer and anti-Civil War activist who drafted the United States Constitution, over 1820.1822

1921 Chase graduates

MORE OPPORTUNITIES
Instruction expanded to four years from three, with Ohio adopting four years as standard for all part-time law school programs, 1919

1950s Chase students

1962 trial team

Closing the Deal (and Beginning it, too)

Tom Munninghoff returns to Chase as Distinguished Guest Professor for a Seminar on Small-Business Acquisitions

Tom Munninghoff Chase Graduate: 1976
He was a member of the first graduation class to begin first-year studies in Humphrey Hall, in 1972, after Chase had merged with Northern Kentucky University.

Owner and co-founder of Munninghoff, Lange & Co. ME advises clients of this Covington, Kentucky, certified public accounting firm in matters such as negotiating business financing, buyouts, and reorganizations, and in developing financial plans. He co-founded it in 1983.

Investor in a Cincinnati firm that administers employee benefits.

The Seminar: Small to Mid-market Entrances and Exits - Roadmap of a Deal:
Mr. Munninghoff and two other presenters – Elizabeth Reeder, his daughter who is of counsel at Strassger, Troy, and Baker Fund CEO Joe Sundheim JL – offered case studies of two acquisitions, valued at $15 million to $10 million, to show students the process, from start to finish.

First, identify an opportunity.
This often develops when an owner is unable to grow a business. It could involve an underperforming company or, perhaps, one with an uncertain future because there is no succession plan.

Value the deal.
This could be as simple as identifying a price, on which a willing seller and buyer agree, or it could be based on an offer from another party, or a value set by a valuation service.

Decide how the buyer will pay.
Cash is a possibility, but a deal may depend on vehicles such as seller financing, various types of debt, bank financing – or a combination of vehicles.

Determine the structure of the deal.
This could be an acquisition of assets, in which a buyer acquires assets such as equipment and inventory, and possibly some of all liabilities, or as a stock purchase, which involves control of a company through its stock.

Do the due diligence.
This is especially important in a stock deal, but it is also important when buying only assets, to know exactly what they are.

Consider related issues.
These can include employment matters, such as a non-compete agreement, indemnification agreement, and rights to intellectual property.

Do the paperwork.
Know what is in legal documents. In an asset purchase, for example, this might involve identifying exactly what is and is not being sold. What lawyers call “papering the deal.” Can also involve documentation of such elements as payment terms, representations and warranties, identification of real estate, and contingencies.
Five Faculty Members Elevated to Tenured Professors

They are teachers, scholars, and lawyers. Now, five Chase College of Law faculty members are tenured professors, the pinnacle of an academic career. Professors Eric Alden, Amy Halbrook, Jack Harrison, Jennifer Kinsley, and David Singleton became tenured professors of law by action of the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents. It is an achievement that recognizes the effectiveness of their teaching, quality of their legal research, and their contributions to the legal profession, university, or community.

As a group, they represent a combined thirty-four years of full-time teaching at Chase, twenty-one law review articles, and significant involvement in pro bono legal work. Individually, each is a unique presence on the faculty. They are teachers, scholars, and lawyers. Now, five Chase College of Law faculty members are tenured professors of law by action of the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents. It is an achievement that recognizes the effectiveness of their teaching, quality of their legal research, and their contributions to the legal profession, university, or community.

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Semester in Practice is just that, a semester for students to leave the traditional classroom to work with lawyers and judges in the practice of law. It is an opportunity to develop practical skills, make early assessments of career plans, and apply casebook doctrines in situations that count. Some of the skills students develop—such as interviewing clients and preparing motions—are obvious for lawyers. Others are more nuanced.

“As part of an online seminar, students focus on the so-called soft skills that legal employers report are the single-most critical factor for success as young lawyers,” says Professor Jennifer Kinsley, director of experiential learning who supervises Semester in Practice. “For example, students participate in an active listening assignment in which they rate their
day-to-day basis. I had a leg up on other new associates because I had practical experience. What you learn in law school is vital, but the real-life, everyday experience is invaluable.”

Whitley Hill
Bailey graduated 2016

Her semester: In the law firm of W Jeffrey Scott, a Chase alumnus, in Grayson, Kentucky, where she handled general-practice matters. “I worked in defense of an $87 million bankruptcy adversary claim against former corporate officers. I participated in a criminal jury trial, and proposed questions to my supervisor that were asked of witnesses. I attended domestic relations hearings and prepared a variety of pleadings.

Now: Associate with the law firm of W Jeffrey Scott.

Her Semester in Practice benefit as a student: “I was able to customize my learning experience to develop skills related to my future. Reading and understanding cases from a book or lecture is put into practice when a client is depending on you, and you are required to analyze the issues and communicate options in a way a client is able to understand. No classroom experience can prepare a student for the serious, life-altering application of law; a student has to be face-to-face with a client in an office or courtroom.”

How it helped launch her career: “The experience I had in the courtroom and interacting with attorneys and judges made me more comfortable when beginning to practice on my own. I began my career as an attorney by attending court, on my own, approximately sixteen hours after I was sworn in before the Kentucky Supreme Court. The familiarity and confidence I experienced at my first lone court appearance can be attributed only to the experiences afforded through the Semester in Practice program.”

Michael Bromell
Class of 2018

His semester: In the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps Trial Defense Service, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. “I analyzed criminal investigation reports, helped prepare for court martial proceedings, sat in on witness interviews, wrote motions and memoranda, and researched legal issues within the Uniform Code of Military Justice.”

Now: 3L, Student Bar Association president.

His Semester in Practice benefit as a student: “Semester in Practice gave me the opportunity to immerse myself in the JAG Corps. For someone who has always wanted to be a JAG officer, the experience was invaluable.”

How it could help launch his career: “Semester in Practice helped prepare me for life after graduation, because it gave me increased confidence to pursue my dream. Without having the experience to work for JAG I might not have decided to pursue that career path. However, after seeing it up close, I am more confident than ever that being a JAG officer is what I want to do in the future. What was so memorable about my summer at Fort Leavenworth was the camaraderie among the soldiers. Even though we worked to defend soldiers, we maintained a great relationship with the staff judge advocate’s office, which was in charge of preferring charges.”

A SEMESTER-LONG TRAINING PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS FOR FUTURES WITH REAL LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

A classroom can look a lot like a courtroom for Salmon P. Chase College of Law students who participate in the Semester in Practice program. Or it can look like a law office. Or a corporate legal department. Or a government agency. Or just about any place lawyers work.

For two alumni and a student who traded classrooms for courtrooms and offices, this is what a Semester in Practice experience was like:

Mark Bernstein
graduated 2015

His semester: In the Internal Revenue Service Office of the Chief Counsel, in Atlanta, where he negotiated or conceded settlements in cases in which taxpayers contested tax assessments. “I was able to interact with individual taxpayers via telephone conference and in-office meetings to discuss their assessed liabilities. Over half of the cases involved taxpayers who, by the letter of the law, did not owe any tax. It was very fulfilling to be able to get to the ‘right answer’ and help these people.”

Now: Senior associate in international tax in the Atlanta office of accounting firm KPMG.

His Semester in Practice benefit as a student: “I think it made me far more confident in my analysis of case law and classroom discussion. Having been solely responsible, to a certain extent, for sixteen cases, reading a case for class and discussing it was a breeze. I think it also allowed me to take a 10,000-foot view of what was being taught. I focused more on the ideas that were being discussed rather than the individual facts of each case. After all, no two cases have the exact same facts.”

How it helped launch his career: “Tax is a highly technical area of law. Getting that experience during the Semester in Practice really helped me focus on what mattered and how I needed to go about getting things done on a
The Salmon P. Chase Connection

A small collection of historical items links Chase College of Law to the lawyer and jurist whose name it bears, but stories behind two pieces require a search for forgotten history.

The leather-topped rosewood and walnut desk in the Ohio governor’s office in Columbus is the same one Salmon P. Chase used when he was governor, in the late 1850s. A restored suite in the United States Treasury Building in Washington, D.C., appears as it did when Chase occupied it as Secretary of the Treasury, in the early 1860s.

At Salmon P. Chase College of Law, the physical connection to the Cincinnati lawyer and Chief Justice of the United States for whom the college is named is a law office sign that is at least 168 years old, a writing chair, a small desk, a straight-back arm chair, and several signed letters and documents.

How the writing chair and desk that each bears a brass plate identifying it as having been used by Chase came into the collection is a mystery that could date to the adoption of the Chase name for the college, in 1943. The sign from Chase’s law office was donated in 1964, the straight-back arm chair was donated in 2011, and letters and documents were purchased or received during several decades. Even without museum-level provenance to connect each item to Salmon P. Chase, each is at least from periods within the span of Chase’s career, making his ownership or use of them possible. Based on printed accounts, tradition, and assessments of the furniture by Brian Hackett, director of the masters-degree public history program at Northern Kentucky University, here is the evidence for the Salmon P. Chase collection.

Chase began his solo Cincinnati law practice in 1830, on the first floor of a brick building at the northeast corner of Third and Main streets. The site is now a four-story sandstone building that was completed in 1862. Flamem Ball became Chase’s law-partner in 1838. In 1849, when the Ohio General Assembly chose Chase as a United States Senator, the firm was renamed Chase, Ball & Hoadly. Ball served as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio during the Civil War, and George Hoadly served as Ohio governor, from 1884 to 1886. A subsequent owner of the building at the site of Chase’s office gave the sign to Chase College of Law in 1964, according to a newspaper story about the donation.

Chase used when he was governor, in the early 1860s.

Writing chair
Circa mid-1850s to early 1860s
The chair, with a paddle-shaped wood surface as the right arm for writing, is custom-made casual furniture, rather than office furniture, history program director Hackett says. Both the seat and back have been re-upholstered, and the wood has been refinished, he says. Hackett dates the chair to the mid-1850s to early 1860s, a period in which Chase was senator, governor, and treasury secretary.

Desk
Circa 1850s or 1860s
The desk appears to be a type used in a legislative chamber or by a clerk, not by a governor or cabinet secretary, Hackett says. But that does not rule out a connection to Chase. It could have had a place in a house, or, as Hackett speculates, possibly in the Ohio capitol. Was it used by Chase, as the plaque on it states? “The chances are good, because it dates right,” Hackett says. His basis for dating it: Thin, hand-cut dovetails – the joints that hold the drawers together – are a style used before the Civil War. “Around the Civil War, dovetails got fatter – are a style used before the Civil War. Another indication of its age is the wood having been machine-planed in a manufacturing operation, yet with much handwork. The desk has been refinished and parts of it replaced. The cutout leg panel on the left side that evokes the appearance of swans or, as Hackett speculates, possibly in the Ohio capitol. Was it used by Chase, as the plaque on it states? “The chances are good, because it dates right,” Hackett says. His basis for dating it: Thin, hand-cut dovetails – the joints that hold the drawers together – are a style used before the Civil War. “Around the Civil War, dovetails got fatter and slimmer,” Hackett says. Another indication of its age is the wood having been machine-planed in a manufacturing operation, yet with much handwork. The desk has been refinished and parts of it replaced. The cutout leg panel on the left side that evokes the appearance of swans or ducks, and the narrow skirt above the leg space are different wood than the rest of the desk, Hackett says.

Letters and documents
Circa late 1850s and early 1860s
The letters and documents include a dated, handwritten letter as Ohio governor, a dated, handwritten letter as treasury secretary, and a dated, printed document sent to customs collectors as treasury secretary. Each bears Chase’s signature as “S.P. Chase,” recognizable by its rushed appearance.

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History Recalled
Do you know how Chase College of Law acquired a writing chair or desk identified with Salmon P. Chase? If you do, email Associate Dean Michael Whitman at whitman@nku.edu.

1830
Chase begins Cincinnati law practice
1856-1860
Governor of Ohio
1861-1864
United States Treasury Secretary
1864-1873
Chief Justice of the United States, dies 1873

1840
Elected to Cincinnati City Council
1849-1855
United States Senator from Ohio
1850-1860
Secretary of the Treasury

1870s
The straight-back arm chair was given to the college by David Collins of Detroit, whose great-great-grandfather acquired it from an estate auction in 1905, following the death of Chase’s daughter, Katherine “Kate” Chase, in 1879, in Washington, D.C. The chair back appears to be similar to, but not identical to, one in which Chase was seated when he was treasury secretary for a studio portrait by Civil War photographer Matthew Brady. Hackett dates the chair at the college to the 1870s or 1880s, based on the style of its legs. “It has trumpetier legs associated with the Renaissance Revival, when legs got bigger and bulkier,” he says.
Opportunities

Scholarship to Deb Crane '96

Nine Chase College of Law alumni, a supporter of the college, and the Chase College Foundation have recently made notable gifts to the college to provide student scholarships or to enhance facilities. Each of these gifts represents both an individual and a shared commitment to sustaining Chase into the future.

Deb Crane '96

Endows Scholarship to Expand Opportunities

Deb Crane spent twenty years with Ohio Casualty Insurance Co. and four years at Chase College of Law. It was her four years as an evening student while working at Ohio Casualty that shaped her future and was her inspiration to establish an endowed scholarship at Chase.

Mrs. Crane, who was graduated in 1996, and her husband, Whit, have created the Deb and Whit Crane Endowed Scholarship to provide students with an opportunity for the type of Chase education she had.

Her journey toward becoming a lawyer began when she managed the tax department at Ohio Casualty. She would later become general counsel and corporate secretary. After Ohio Casualty was acquired by another insurer in 2007, she moved into an executive administrative position outside of insurance.

“I was blessed with the request from my company at the time to attend law school, at its expense, and to eventually set up its legal department. If not for Chase having a night program, I would not have been able to keep the job I really wanted [with Ohio Casualty] when I completed law school,” she says.

“My legal career has allowed me to help so many. I think every day of the tables at which I am invited to sit and the opportunities that I have to make a difference. I am so grateful to Chase, and want to help others like me, who without assistance a legal education may not be possible.”

Mrs. Crane has maintained her association with Chase, as a member of the Chase Alumni Council and as president of the Chase Alumni Association, in 2012. The scholarship she and her husband endowed will allow students to follow her path into law, with assistance from a Chase graduate who appreciates the assistance she once received.

Tim Eble '81

Provides Funding for Improvements

Tim Eble has had a presence in two Chase College of Law classroom buildings without ever studying in one of them.

Mr. Eble was a student when Chase occupied Hankins Hall, on a Park Hills, Kentucky, hilltop, and was graduated in 1981, seven months before the college moved to Nunn Hall, on the Northern Kentucky University campus, in Highland Heights. His previous gift to Chase created Eble Student Commons, an area of the third floor of Nunn Hall for students to congregate, relax, and study. His most recent gift will provide for enhancements to the commons.

Mr. Eble, who began his law career as a staff lawyer with the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati and who now practices in South Carolina, considers gifts from alumni to be an opportunity – even an obligation – to help maintain the college’s reputation.

Judge Anthony Frohlich

Endows Scholarship

Judge Anthony Frohlich has helped innumerable people during his public service career in Northern Kentucky, and now he is helping Chase College of Law students.

Judge Frohlich, who was graduated from Chase first in his class in 1980, has established the Judge Anthony W. Frohlich Endowed Scholarship for NKU graduates to attend Chase.

“Chase is a great school, and I want to help it to attract the best students. I know how expensive law school is, and that sometimes the best candidates do not get the opportunity to attend law school because of limited economic resources. I am just trying to help,” he says.

Judge Frohlich, who retired in 2013 as a judge of the Kentucky Circuit Court for Boone and Gallatin counties, has a long history of helping wherever the Chase name is involved. He has been president of the Chase Alumni Association, a board member of the Chase College of Law Center for Excellence in Advocacy, a board member of the Chase College Foundation, and a president of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court. In 2012, he received the Chase Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

His professional achievements include private law practice, service as a county master commissioner and a domestic relations commissioner, an assistant commonwealth attorney, a city attorney, a county child support attorney, and election to the Kentucky Bar Association. In 2011, he received the Outstanding Trial Judge Award of the Kentucky Justice Association, and in 2014, the Kentucky Distinguished Judge Award of the Kentucky Bar Association.

Public funding alone, he recognizes, is inadequate to maintain facilities, expand programs, retain high-quality faculty, and operate full-time day and part-time evening programs. Tuition cannot fill the gaps, he says. “That is why gifts from alumni are important. ‘To the extent Chase provided them the opportunity and financial rewards of practicing law, alumni have an ethical obligation to support the law school and continue to provide the same opportunity to others,’ he says.

“The prestige and reputation of a law school are dependent on funding. By supporting Chase, alumni are also helping themselves.”

Mr. Eble’s career has focused on personal injury cases and class actions, including participating in tobacco litigation that resulted in a national settlement. The Chase Alumni Association in 2013 recognized his accomplishments with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

He hopes his gifts to Chase will help potential students recognize that Nunn Hall is a place they want to be.
The Vietnam War brought Terry Monnie '74 to Chase College of Law, where four years as a student changed his life.

Mr. Monnie, who was graduated from Chase in 1974, served in Vietnam as a second lieutenant in an Army intelligence/interrogation unit during 1967-68, earning a bronze star for meritorious service. When he returned to the States, he was assigned to Southwestern Ohio, overseeing various Army Reserve units. That was when he enrolled in the Chase evening program.

Mr. Monnie and his wife, Vivien Monnie, have donated significant artworks to Chase, and most recently gave the college a multi-figure sculpture, entitled “Surrounded by the Ancestors,” that is located on the Northern Kentucky University campus.

“Contribution to Chase College of Law is my way of giving back to the institution that changed my life,” he says. “[My Vietnam] experience heightened my sense and desire to make a difference in what I considered to be a troubled world. Chase was the catalyst for being able to make a difference.”

Terry and Vivien Monnie

Tracey Puthoff has both far-reaching and personal reasons for giving to Chase College of Law. She wants lawyers to have wide ranges of thinking for solving problems, and she does not want anyone’s finances to be an obstacle to becoming a lawyer.

Mrs. Puthoff, who was graduated from Chase in 1995, has created the Tracey A. Puthoff Endowed Scholarship and has donated to planned enhancements in Nunn Hall to help Chase attract and support students who will become the types of lawyers who can enrich the profession.

“I hope that my endowed scholarship will enable Chase to attract individuals to the legal profession who might otherwise find an investment in law school daunting or out of reach. It is clearer to me all the time that maintaining a diversity of thought among lawyers is essential,” she says. Mrs. Puthoff maintains that perspective as a partner in the Cincinnati firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, where she is a member of the executive committee and chairs the firm’s technology industry team.

“My work is to help clients grow their businesses, capitalize on opportunities, and enhance the lives of their shareholders and employees, and I believe in that contribution to society. I also believe in the contributions lawyers make in the criminal justice system, in public interest work, and in other aspects of private practice. It is a great privilege to be part of this profession, and I want that opportunity to be available to students who will richly enhance the profession, regardless of their financial circumstances,” she says.

She gift to help underwrite planned improvements to an area of Nunn Hall that is utilized for academic and career guidance also reflects her desire to help students to become lawyers. “The law school’s physical space is critical to the overall experience and to attracting the best students,” she says.

She knows what a Chase education has meant to her, and she wants others to be able to experience it. And that’s from the heart.

Mac Riley ’86 Donates to Enhance Student Experiences

Mac Riley proves the sentiment that you can take a man out of Kentucky, but you can’t take Kentucky out of the man, and adds to it that you can take a Chase alumnus out of Kentucky, but the Chase connection remains strong.

Mr. Riley, who was graduated in 1986, lives and works in the Washington, D.C., area, where he is president of an information technology firm, has practiced law, has been Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army – and is a past president of the Kentucky Society of Washington, a century-old organization for Kentuckians in the Washington, D.C., area.

Mr. Riley and his wife, Michele-Anne Riley, have made a gift to Chase they hope will enhance opportunities for students to study law in Northern Kentucky: “I know that every dollar contributed to Chase makes a meaningful impact, in big ways and small, touching the lives of folks Michele-Anne and I may never know, but about whom we care, deeply,” he says. “When we commit our treasure to Chase, we attract and keep the kind of exceptional, high-caliber, caring professors who gave me and my classmates the tools, and taught us the skillsets, to take on the world, and whose inspiration we’ve drawn on each and every day since that one when we graduated.”

His commitment to Chase has a touch of Kentucky at its heart. “At the most personal level for me, contributed dollars are evident in the increased opportunities offered to those from my [northeastern] part of the commonwealth and others like it, who otherwise couldn’t afford to pursue Chase’s gold-standard legal education, even at its bargain price. Now 125 years in, Chase continues to positively shape the lives of women and men in ways that it never imagined. It has mine. For that I am blessed and will be forever indebted.”
Support for Chase

Bob Sanders Contributes to Remodeling of Advising Offices

Bob Sanders says it very simply: “Although I did not attend there, I love Salmon P. Chase College of Law.”

What Mr. Sanders has done to show his love for Chase is to teach as an adjunct professor, coach national competition trial teams, serve on the advisory Board of Visitors, and, most recently, make a gift with his wife, Shirley Sanders, to help fund planned improvements to offices and support areas of Nunn Hall that are utilized for academic and career guidance.

Mr. Sanders practices as the Sanders Law Firm, in Covington, Kentucky. And that is where his commitment to Chase takes root as deeply as if he had attended Chase. “Over my forty-five years of practice, more than a hundred Chase students have served clerkships and internships in my office. Many of the partners and associates I practiced with were Chase graduates. In my opinion, Chase turns out great lawyers, fully prepared to practice the moment they pass the bar exam,” he says.

He also sees in Chase an opportunity to support access to law school and to maintain legacies. “I view Chase much as I do my undergraduate alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University. Both are opportunity gateways, where first-generation law and college school attendees get fine educations that prepare them for careers and lives that their parents and grandparents could never imagine. I am, of course, keenly aware of many families of lawyers who, generation after generation, graduate from Chase. Their generational loyalty is further testimony to the quality of legal education provided at Chase,” he says.

His loyalty to Chase sounds just like that of an alumnus: “Shirley and I hope that our gift will help maintain the high standards of academic excellence, professional competence, and commitment to high moral and ethical values that we have come to expect from Chase students and graduates.”

Ann Schoen ’94 Endows Scholarship that Honors Bar Leader Bill Robinson

Ann Schoen once was a chemical engineer with an interest in patent law. Now she is a lawyer who practices in the areas of patent and intellectual property law.

Mrs. Schoen knows that would not have been possible without an opportunity to attend Chase College of Law at night. In the early 1990s, she pursued the opportunity to combine her engineering background and interest in patent law by enrolling in the Chase evening program to become a lawyer.

Her education at Chase led to the Cincinnati firm of Frost Brown Todd, where she is a member of the firm and chairs the intellectual property practice group. It is an opportunity she wants others to have, and is why she and her husband, Jerry Schoen, established the Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III Endowed Scholarship, in memory of Mr. Robinson, who was a Frost Brown Todd member, a supporter of Chase, and a past-president of the American Bar Association and of the Kentucky Bar Association.

“Without Chase, and particularly its evening program, my life would have been very different. Law school would not have been a possibility for me,” Mrs. Schoen says. “I want to help to ensure that this great springboard is available for others in the future, just as it was for me.”

Her Chase education prepared her to work shortly after graduation with another Chase alumnus on a patent infringement case before the Supreme Court of the United States. She has remained involved with Chase and was recognized by the Chase Alumni Association with its Professional Achievement Award, in 2013.

Chase gave Mrs. Schoen an opportunity to turn an interest in an area of law into a career in law. She hopes her endowment of a scholarship gives others the same opportunity.

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The scholarship in memory of Mr. Fry, who died this past May, recognizes his work as a member of the Chase College Foundation, as a Chase alumnus, and as a lawyer.

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As with the industrial firms he advises, law schools rely on people and on success building on success to maintain reputations. “Many fine law students depend on financial aid for a legal education. The more scholarships we can offer to attract the best students, the more highly we regard our law school becomes,” Mr. Sizemore says. Scholarships, he explains, have immediate benefits in aiding individual students and in increasing the academic strength of a student body, and later return long-term benefits after students pass bar examinations and enter practice. “It’s a win-win-win. The student wins, the school gets good students, and the reputation of our law school grows, regionally and nationally,” he says.

Mr. Sizemore is likely to see some of those good students in the Leadership Skills for Practice-Ready Lawyers course he teaches to help students develop skills for leadership after law school. The Chase Alumni Association in 2011 recognized him for his professional leadership with its Professional Achievement Award.

Chase College Foundation Creates Two Scholarships

Greg Sizemore ’92 Endows Scholarship to Attract Top Students

Greg Sizemore does not have to look very far to see how the Gregory and Cynthia Sizemore Endowed Scholarship he established helps Chase College of Law students. All he has to do is walk through Nunn Hall corridors on his way to the class he teaches as an adjunct professor.

Mr. Sizemore, who was graduated from Chase in 1992 and is president of Sizemore & Company, a workplace consultancy for industrial firms, understands budgets and knows what happens when public funding for higher education—including law schools—declines. “With diminishing financial support from the state, the Chase leadership must double down on finding ways to conserve, while at the same time attracting the best students. This is where alumni have an opportunity to help Chase and promote its fine reputation in a tangible, financial way,” he says.

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2016-2017 Honor Roll of Giving
1966  
Stanton Vollman joined Anonoff, Risser & Hunt, in Cincinnati, where he concentrates on estate planning, probate, family businesses, and federal and state taxation. He is a board member and treasurer of Pro Seniors and an honorary board member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter of the Red Cross.

1967  
John C. Norwine received the Thermo Award of the Cincinnati Bar Association at its annual meeting. The award is the highest given for extraordinary service to the association, legal profession or community.

1968  
Gary J. Sergent is maintaining his practice as Gary J. Sergent, in Covington, Kentucky, while he is on call with his former partners who continue to practice as O’Hara, Taylor, Sloan & Cassidy. He concentrates on general and commercial litigation and criminal and professional negligence defense. He is a mentor with the Northern Kentucky Bar Association and a Kentucky Bar Association governor for the Sixth Supreme Court District.

1969  
Michael K. Rubery formed Rubery Law, in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, and concentrates on estate planning, probate, corporate, and elder law.

1970  
Matthew Smith is associate director of government affairs for the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud, in Washington, D.C., where he serves as general counsel and works in legislative and regulatory advocacy. He is a founder and former president of the Smith Rolfe law firm, in Cincinnati.

1971  
Mark Gelbert is chief scientific officer of The Nature’s Bounty Co., a health supplements maker based in Bohemia, New York, where he directs research, development, and innovation. He previously was a senior vice president with Pfizer Consumer Healthcare.

1972  
James P. Dady retired from Gerner & Kavan, in Newport, Kentucky, in 1985, and now practices part-time. He is editor of the Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar magazine and is chair of the KBA Communications and Publications Committee. He chairs the Planning and Zoning Commission of Bellevue, Kentucky, and volunteers in the city in a variety of unofficial capacities.

1973  
Tony Bucher and partners formed The Law Offices of Bonar, Bucher & Rankin, in Covington, Kentucky, as a general civil litigation practice focused on employment and business matters in Kentucky and Ohio, and on matters involving vaccine injuries before the United States Court of Federal Claims.

1974  
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1975  
Daniel Zalla was appointed a Campbell County Circuit Court judge by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. He was an appointed Kenton County Circuit Court judge for five months during 2006 and 2007. He has mentored children through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cincinnati for thirty-three years, and has served on boards of the Chase Alumni Association, Kentucky Bar Foundation, and Carmel Manor Nursing Home.

1976  
Douglas Casper, with his brother, Sanford Casper, and nephew, Steven Casper, formed Casper, Casper and Casper, with offices in Cincinnati, Dayton, Hamilton, and Middletown, Ohio. The firm concentrates on workers’ compensation, Social Security, and personal injury matters.

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Philip J. Scharer, a member of Frost Brown Todd, in Florence, Kentucky, was elected to the board of the Cincinnati Arts Association, which oversees programming and management of Music Hall and the Aronoff Center in Cincinnati. He is chair of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation Board of Trustee Development Committee, treasurer of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and a past president of the Cincinnati Bar Association. He concentrates on environmental matters and occupational safety and health.

1980  
Michael K. Rubery formed Rubery Law, in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, and concentrates on estate planning, probate, corporate, and elder law.

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John Jay Fossett was inducted into the Holmes High School Hall of Honor, which recognizes graduates and friends of Covington, Kentucky, public schools for achievements and contributions to society. He has practiced law for thirty years, and is a founding partner of Strategic Advisers, a public relations and government affairs agency. He was city solicitor and city manager of Covington from 2001 through 2009.

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James P. Dady retired from Gerner & Kavan, in Newport, Kentucky, in 1985, and now practices part-time. He is editor of the Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar magazine and is chair of the KBA Communications and Publications Committee. He chairs the Planning and Zoning Commission of Bellevue, Kentucky, and volunteers in the city in a variety of unofficial capacities.

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J. Michael Kauffman joined Barron Peck Bennis & Schlemmer, in Cincinnati, as a partner, and concentrates on family law. He previously owned Kauffman Family Law in Walnut Hills.

1993  
James Adam Browning is president of Gold Medal Products Co., a manufacturer of concessions equipment, in Cincinnati. He previously was executive vice president and general counsel.

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1995  
Derek R. Durbin joined Reminger Co., in the Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, office, where he concentrates on workers’ compensation, estate planning and probate, appellate advocacy, criminal defense, real estate, and government legal issues. He previously was an assistant county attorney for Campbell County, Kentucky.

1996  
Stanton Vollman joined Anonoff, Risser & Hunt, in Cincinnati, where he concentrates on estate planning, probate, family businesses, and federal and state taxation. He is a board member and treasurer of Pro Seniors and an honorary lifetime board member of the Cincinnati Area Chapter of the Red Cross.

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Stevie Miller, Jefferson County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas judge, was keynote speaker at the Ohio Valley Hospital/Triumph School of Nursing reunion. She received a nursing degree from Ohio Valley School of Nursing prior to attending Chase and worked as a nurse for seventeen years.

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2002  
Stephanie M. Day rejoined Johnson & Shales, in Cincinnati, where she represents clients in matters of personal injury, estate and trust litigation, and disability.

2003  
Michelle Miller, Jefferson County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas judge, was keynote speaker at the Ohio Valley Hospital/Triumph School of Nursing reunion. She received a nursing degree from Ohio Valley School of Nursing prior to attending Chase and worked as a nurse for seventeen years.

2004  
John Dunn is a lawyer at the Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, and Cincinnati offices of Reminger Co., a founding partner of Reminger Co., in Cincinnati, as a partner, and concentrates on probate and trust administration and asset protection planning. She is also law director of Chevot, Ohio.

2005  
Carlos Bailey of the Bailey Law Office, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, is a founding partner in Vina-Lus, which is developing a virtual simulation training tool to help individuals understand biases. He is a board member of Light of Chance, an arts and wellness social services program for youth.

2006  
Deborah M. Slaughter is an associate in the Zimmer Law Firm, in Cincinnati, where she concentrates on probate and trust administration and asset protection planning. She is also law director of Chevot, Ohio.

2007  
Amber Justice-Manning, a lawyer with F offices in Cincinnati, combated Ohio’s Women’s Bar Foundation Leadership Institute, Class of 2016-2017. She focuses on class action defense, breach of contract, exes and hour matters, and business torts.
2008
Rebecca (Faust) Cull is associate general counsel at Xavier University, in Cincinnati, Ohio, firm that concentrates on issues related to aging. She previously had a solo practice in which she concentrated on elder law matters.

2009
Megan Fields joined Baskett Fletcher & Herndon, in Cincinnati, Ohio as an associate. She previously had a solo practice after retiring from Procter & Gamble Co.

2007
Heather Crabbe, assistant dean of students at Chase College of Law, received the 2017 On the Rise Top Young Lawyers Award from the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. The award recognizes her work as assistant dean, as a Kentucky public defender prior to becoming an administrator, and as an entrepreneur in a virtual reality training program she is developing as a partner in Virtu-Us. At Chase, she organizes the Multicultural Law Academy to introduce high school students from diverse groups to careers in law, is a mentor to law school and undergraduate students, and has coached the Black Law Students Association mock trial team.

“Being part of Chase is an opportunity for me to help others fulfill their dreams of becoming lawyers,” she says.

2012
Zachary Hoskins has founded Zachary Hoskins, Attorney & Counselor at Law, in Louisville, Kentucky. He concentrates on criminal defense, juvenile law, and family law matters.

Peter Trupp, senior associate at Caskie & Associates, in West Chester, Ohio, became a non-equity partner in the firm. He concentrates on workers’ compensation and personal injury.

David R. Sutter is prosecuting attorney of Jefferson County, Indiana, as of January 1, 2018.

2014
Kyle T. Herren joined Herren & Associates, in Lexington, Kentucky, as an associate. He concentrates on personal injury, civil rights, and insurance litigation.

2015
Yanky Perelmuter and former classmate Ya’el Perelmuter have formed Hedges & Perelmuter, in Cincinnati, to practice immigration law. They previously prosecuted immigration law with the U.S. Government.

2014
Joe Cunningham is a candidate in the June 12 Democratic Party primary for the U.S. House of Representatives for the First District of South Carolina, which follows the state’s coastal line and includes portions of Beaufort and Charleston counties. He is an associate with Liles & Associates in Charleston, where he focuses on construction litigation. At Chase, he was Student Bar Association president and a trial team member. Nationally, he was Vice-Chair Student Bar Associations of the American Bar Association Student Division.

Joshua Hedges and former classmate Ya’el Perelmuter have formed Hedges & Perelmuter, in Cincinnati, to practice immigration law. He previously practiced in the government services group of Frost Brown Todd, in Cincinnati.

Ashley B. Sexton joined the Tasha Scott Saffarini Firm, in Florence, Kentucky, as an associate. She concentrates on family law and criminal defense. She previously practiced in Louisville, Kentucky, in the areas of personal injury, domestic relations, and criminal defense.

Jordan Morgan is assistant commonwealth attorney for the Fifty-Fourth Judicial Circuit of Boone and Gallatin counties, Kentucky, where he concentrates on white-collar crimes and financial crimes.

2016
Dylan Mahsmeier joined Lynch, Cole, Gilman & Goodman, in Louisville, Kentucky, as an associate. He concentrates on probate and trust administration, estate planning, and elder care.

LeAnna Homandberg is a partner at Homandberg & Hollister, in Covington, Kentucky, as an associate. She concentrates on personal injury litigation, and domestic and criminal matters. She is a member of the board of the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board of Kentucky.

2014
Megan Walton, legal counsel and executive director for the Office of Business of the Kentucky Secretary of State, is a first lieutenant in the Kentucky Army National Guard Judge Advocate General Corps.

2017
William T. Lunceford joined the Sycamore Law Group, in Erlanger, Kentucky, as an associate. He previously had a solo practice after retiring from Procter & Gamble Co.

Lindsay Lawrence is a lawyer in The Lawrence Firm, in Covington, Kentucky, which he concentrates on complex business litigation, including primarily breach of fiduciary duty claims against trustees, executors, directors, officers, and key employees.

2017
Katherine E. Finnell joined Bluegrass Elderlaw, a Lexington, Kentucky, firm that concentrates on issues related to aging. She previously had a solo practice in which she concentrated on elder law matters.

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2017
Richard E. Rhoads August 28, 2016
Mr. Rhoads was a Cincinnati assistant prosecutor who later practiced in Florida and was senior attorney with the Florida Department of Insurance.

2017
Nicholas LaScales April 4, 2016
Mr. LaScales was a DUI trial (Ohio) trustee for twenty-four years.

2017
Christian (Chris) Stegeman March 11, 2017
Mr. Stegeman was an Ohio assistant attorney general.

1996
Timothy D. Price May 20, 2017
Mr. Price was an assistant county attorney in Russell County, Kentucky, a lawyer for Kentucky Employers’ Mutual Insurance in Lexington, and a public defender in Somerset, Kentucky, who later maintained a private practice.

2017
Ryan A. Whitaker December 4, 2017
Captian Whitaker served in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps.
Alumni News in Photos

Alumni Stay Connected with Chase

At the Chase Alumni Association annual golf outing...

Joining John Dunn ’03, left, immediate past president of the Chase Alumni Association and a lawyer with Reminger Co., at Summit Hills Country Club, Crestview Hills, Kentucky, in June were Reminger colleagues Jennifer Jabronski, Chris Jackson, Ian Mitchell ’13, Clarke Cotton, and Kash Bito ’02.

Playing in a foursome, from right, were alumni Bill Hawkins ’78, Dean Jeffrey Standen, retired jockey Steve Cauthen, who grew up in Northern Kentucky and in 1978 became the youngest jockey to win the Triple Crown, and student Cody VanMeter.

Playing as a foursome, from left, were Judge Anthony Franklin ’82, Douglas Wilson ’79, David Bender ’78, and David Spaulding ’06.

Members of the Class of 1977 gathered in late October for a fortieth reunion at a downtown Cincinnati restaurant. Among alumni and spouses at the event were Barry Caldwell ’77, left, Colleen Rutledge, and Rick Rutledge ’71.

Kelly Parrish ’78 with students.

At a class reunion...

Bill Hawkins ’78 with students.

At a KBA convention...

Welcoming first-year students...

Chase Alumni Association President Chrissy Dunn-Dutton ’05 spoke to 1L students to welcome them to Chase during a reception. The association held the event in the Student Commons in Nunn Hall.

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michelle Keller ’06 with students.

At a KBA convention...

Chase sponsored a reception in late June at the Kentucky Bar Association convention, in Owensboro, Kentucky. Among alumni who attended were Judge Jamie Jameson ’07 of the Kentucky Circuit Court for Calloway and Marshall counties, in southwest Kentucky, and Judge Brandi Rogers ’06 of the Kentucky Family Court for Crittenden, Union, and Webster counties, in western Kentucky.

Blistering 2007: New Perspectives in the New Age of Mining and Energy Development

BKA Section of Mining and Energy Development President, J. Michael Jones, introduces the panelists to the auditorium of the Kentucky Bar Association Convention.

Panelists: (Left to Right) Michael Devine, Bingham, Manuel, Libby, Bennett &開放; Sally Daniel, Cabinet for Energy, Utilities and Environment, Department of Natural Resources.

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Sharing artwork in Nunn Hall…

Alumni Katie Kuck ‘08, Brian C. Durham ‘18, and Jennifer Gatherwright ‘05, from left, spoke to students in late September on behalf of the Kentucky Bar Association about the NBA and its mentoring program for new lawyers.

Terry Monroe "I appreciate art, and he appreciates having an opportunity to share it with others. Mr. Monroe and his wife, Vivien Monroe, left, have loaned Chase more than fifty works of art to display in Eble Student Commons and other locations. They attended a reception in September in the commons to talk with students, faculty, and staff about the art.

Alumni Matthew Miller-Novak ‘13, left, and Sarah Volkman ‘12, right, participated with Professor Jennifer Kinsley, center, in early November in a discussion about the importance of professional networking and how to do it effectively. The Chase chapter of the Federal Bar Association sponsored the presentation.

Returning to Nunn Hall as speakers…

Carol Bredemeyer
Professor of Law Library Services

Awards
Outstanding Service Award of American Association of Law Libraries Academic Special Interest Section, July 2017.

Presentations

Anthony Chavez
Professor of Law

Presentations
"Using Renewable Portfolio Standards to Accelerate Development of Negative Emissions Technologies" at the international Climate Engineering Conference, Berlin, Germany, October 2017. The same topic and "The Interrelation between Human Rights and Geoengineering" were also visual poster presentations.

"Risk, Innovative Technology, and Climate Change (the Law of Climate Engineering)?" at Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute, Banff, Alberta, Canada, June 2017.

"The Interrelation between Human Rights and Geoengineering" at Politics and Governance of Negative Emissions Technology workshop, Utrecht University (the Netherlands) School of Law, June 2017.

Ursula Doyle
Associate Professor of Law

Presentations
"The United Nations, the 'Ngo's' and the Dream Deferred" at LawOut XXI, Orlando, Florida, September 2017. The Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop, University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio, June 2017; and the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, April 2017. Corporations on Trial conference, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, September 2017.

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Jack Harrison
Professor of Law

Publication

Presentations
To Bangladesh human rights activists visiting the United States through Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program, September 2017.
Academics Lawrence Rosenthal, rear, talking with Associate Dean for University campus. Among adjunct August on the Northern Kentucky RECOGNITION: Lawyers who
ADJUNCT PROFESSORS RECEIVE RECOGNITION: Lawyers who comprise the adjunct faculty at Chase College of Law were recognized for their service with a brunch in late August on the Northern Kentucky University campus. Among adjunct professors who attended were Shawn Roy, left, foreign aid, and Helen Babineau, and Peter C. E., right, talking with Associate Dean for Academics Lawrence Rosenthal.

Michael Mannheimer
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

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The Two Miranda, 43 N. Ky. L. Rev. 317 (2016), symposium.
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Jennifer Kinsley
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On development of United States law concerning restitution of art and antiquities stolen during the Holocaust and times of war at International Criminal Responsibility of War’s Funders and Profiteers Conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 2017.

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Presentations
“Maintaining the Integrity & Commercial Value of Sports While Protecting Athlete’s Rights” at Marquette University Law School, October 2017.

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Michael Whiteman
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

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Thinking Outside the Library Walls: Reaching Out to Our Partners (co-author), 22 AALL Spectrum 45 (September/October 2017).

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