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Opening Statement



Dear Friends,

In the spring, law students' minds turn to many things—not all of them related to the final examinations ahead. We know that Cincinnati can be temptingly gorgeous on a warm April day. So it was just several weeks ago, which as luck would have it was Opening Day of the baseball season. The parade, the game, the weather, the spirit—it was all around unbeatable.

The return of baseball called to mind one of our College's famous graduates, Miller Huggins. He took his degree with the Class of 1902, passed the Ohio bar, and went on to a solid career as a second baseman for his hometown Reds and the St. Louis Cardinals. But it was Huggins' impressive tenure as manager of the New York Yankees that secured him a place in baseball's Hall of Fame. "The Mighty Mite" as he sometimes was called (he stood 5' 6"), Huggins managed the Bronx Bombers when Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig were in their heyday, leading the team to six American League pennants and three World Series titles. A turning point came in August 1925. Huggins suspended an out-of-shape Ruth for his late-night revelry and fined him \$5,000—a sizable sum at the time, and a test of strength given Ruth's stature. An angry Ruth ultimately relented and

stepped up his game. The Yankees went on to make history.

Even if I were not a devout baseball fan, Miller Huggins would stand out for me. He's a reminder that we train students to succeed not only in law offices and courtrooms, but in dugouts and showrooms and boardrooms and communities too. In life's diverse callings.

My visits with College of Law graduates around the country underscore the point. Along with the practicing lawyers and judges who have spread far and wide from Cincinnati, your ranks include men and women who have made their marks in other careers of almost every imaginable variety. There is more than one veteran of the National Football League, for instance—and one who has gone on to win multiple Emmy awards for his work as a television sports analyst. There are front-office executives of major sports franchises. Diplomats and leaders of NGOs in the vanguard of human rights work around the world. An entertainment talent agent in Los Angeles. A contestant on the reality-TV show Survivor (alas, ultimately voted off the island). A general. A former litigator now practicing as a Jungian psychologist. A retired lawyer who found his second career as a Las Vegas bookmaker. A clergyman. A professional poker

player. Manufacturers and distributors. Automobile dealers and newspaper publishers. Philanthropists and venture capitalists. Authors. Musicians. Foundation directors and real estate developers. Professors and deans and politicians and public servants. Leaders of some of America's best-known companies. And many more.

While their experiences and accomplishments are outside the practice of law, these alumni are quick to acknowledge the positive impact the College of Law has had on their lives and careers. They point to the rigor of their education. The discipline. The expectation of thoroughness, of excellence, that it instilled. The work ethic and the professional ethic. The priceless importance of integrity. The inquisitiveness and capacity to listen. The training and the confidence to be both fair and firm. And if we could ask Miller Huggins, I feel sure he'd concur.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis D. Bilionis".

Louis D. Bilionis
Dean and Nippert Professor of Law

Criminal Thuggery Masquerading as Legitimate Sport

By Carey Hoffman, Public Interest Officer, University of Cincinnati

In the 2005 playoff game when Pittsburgh Steeler defensive tackle Kimo von Oelhoffen viciously tackled Cincinnati Bengal quarterback Carson Palmer by bending his leg left against the knee joint, tearing ligaments in



Palmer's left knee, Professor Christo Lassiter wasn't sure if what he had just witnessed was merely a brutal injury or a criminal act. His analysis of one of the most infamous injuries in Cincinnati (OH) sports history eventually led Lassiter far from home—Oxford, England to be exact. That is where he was invited last March to present his article entitled, "Lex

Sportiva: Thoughts Towards a Criminal Law of Competitive Contact Sport" at the Oxford Round Table on Criminal Law.

Lassiter, himself a former Division III college football player and currently a black belt taekwondo competitor with multiple national USA Taekwondo and AAU championship titles to his credit, was not looking at Palmer's injury merely as a fan furious over the fatal blow to the Bengals' playoff run. Professor Lassiter studied replays and still photographs leading to the injury. He questioned whether von Oelhoffen purposely intended to take Palmer out of the game or executed a technique to stop the pass—but knowing that his technique would remove Palmer from the game. Later, in reflecting on the rules and practices in place at the level of professional football, Lassiter wondered to what extent did the same rules and practices play out in college, high school, or recreational play?

"Here's the problem," says Lassiter. "The rules of competitive contact sports are set at the highest levels of the game for the best performers. So when we think, 'Gee, should we worry about Carson Palmer getting injured?' we might very well say, 'Look, the guy gets paid millions to compensate him for risk of injury, which occurs in a legitimate sporting enterprise. Why should society concern itself to restrict the level of violence in a competitive contact sport such as football? That is a job for the NFL, referees and coaches.'

"Well, one problem is that the same rules apply to college, high school, middle school, and lower school sports with only minor modification. Yes, the games are shorter and there are other limitations because of athletic

ability, but the same culture, which permits purposeful or knowing injury under the guise of legitimate play at the professional level, permeates the sport at every level. Figuring that people who play the game on Saturday expect to leave the field substantially intact, it isn't reasonable to suppose that all players assume the risk or consent to injuries that might leave them paralyzed for life or even require rehabilitation for a whole year. Even players who receive \$1 million/year contracts should not have to expect the kind of harm that only results from serious crime." Delving into the issue from that perspective started Lassiter's scholarly interests churning.

Criminal prosecutions for on-field play are extremely rare and almost have to be egregious to the extreme to earn such consideration. "Currently, despite the increase in size and strength of today's athletes," says Lassiter, "there is a historic reticence to impose a criminal sanction for criminal misconduct occurring on the field of play."

But when certain football tactics are viewed in the abstract, Lassiter believes that there is a role for criminal law to play. "The fundamental point is that there should not be absolute immunity for any on-field misconduct solely because it occurs in a game. If ever the question were debated, I think there would be widespread agreement that no such absolute immunity should exist. In every setting, there is a line that may be crossed."

Lassiter believes the line between legitimate sport and criminal law is crossed when the injury causing act is "criminal thuggery." This is not a term that Lassiter uses lightly or without being well informed. "One of the most important facets of success in competitive contact sports such as football is the necessity to break an opponent's will to win," he says. "Hard physical contact may break the will to win for a moment, a season, or a career. At what point does deliberate grievous bodily injury transcend sports to become criminal? Should criminal law impose limits to defeating an opponent in competitive play? It would seem undeniable that the promotion of legitimate vigorous competitive contact sport is a worthy goal that should brook no interference from criminal law. It is equally certain, however, that criminal objectives purposefully or knowingly carried substantially to fruition should be punishable. This is criminal thuggery masquerading as legitimate sport."

In his own competitive experience, Lassiter has learned that what makes the best performers truly excel is a fine element of control over their skill. "A professional football player, a highly skilled athlete, surely has made thousands of tackles in his lifetime. That understanding coupled with the observation that von Oelhoffen was not knocked into Palmer and did not come barreling in out of control, but instead appears to be intent upon bending the knee against the joint suggest two obvious questions," said Lassiter. "First, did von Oelhoffen purposely intend to render Palmer incapable of playing? Second, even if his purpose was merely to sack Palmer, did he know that applying 300 pounds of pressure against the knee would seriously injure him? If these questions have any validity, then the repercussions go beyond the game. Society should be concerned not only for million dollar athletes, but for athletes at every level of play.

"I think the first thing that non-athletes have to understand is that not all injuries on the playing field occur accidentally. Non-athletes may be so impressed with the reckless abandon at which competitive contact sports are played that we may fail to appreciate the distinction between bad sportsmanship and criminal misconduct, which is criminal thuggery masquerading as legitimate sport," says Lassiter. "A football example where athletic zeal was arguably criminally excessive occurred on October 1, 2006 in a National Football League game. Early in the third quarter, just after a five yard touchdown run by Dallas' Julius Jones in the Cowboys 45-14 victory, Tennessee Titan defensive lineman Albert Haynesworth kicked off the helmet of Dallas offensive lineman Andre Gurode. He then stomped and scraped his cleats across Gurode's face and forehead. Gurode required 30 stitches and missed the next two games. It is certainly possible, and I think very likely, that many injuries occur as an explicit, intentional misconduct."

While at Oxford, Lassiter contrasted English and

American interpretations of how law applies to sports. "The English Rule allows that regardless as to whether the injury causing act occurred on the field of play or elsewhere, the injury-causing challenge may be judged criminal if the requisite mens rea is present; however, play within the rules supports a rebuttable presumption of fair play that the actor did not injure with malice or intentionally or knowingly engaging in activity likely to result in death or injury. Thus under the English rule no rule or practice of the game can make that lawful which is already unlawful. So you can not consent to having your knee blown out, or consent to engaging in an activity where you'll be paralyzed for life, because the law says you can not commit grievous bodily injury or cause death upon another," says Lassiter.

The American law appears to be more wide open. "The American rule is that if the rules and the practices of the game are reasonable, are consented to by all, and are not likely to cause serious injury or end life, then whatever happens is just part of the game," says Lassiter. "Of course one problem is that there are rules of the game and there are practices of the game which are ever evolving." So it becomes a stretch to say that players knowingly consent to the risks of the game. There may very well

be a role for criminal law to play especially as the threat of criminal sanction is the fastest way to inculcate increased concern for safety.

Lassiter recognizes this is a slippery slope, but thinks it's a point at least worthy of extended discussion. "There are a lot of problems with criminalizing competitive sports," he says, "especially in a society that is known for being overly litigious. All you need is a couple of convictions here and there, and the message will be received loud and clear that players should play hard, but at the end of the day, they should be able to walk off the field."



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"Dick & Lois Rosenthal's most recent contribution... will significantly enhance our ability to make a difference."

-Dean Louis D. Bilionis

Innocence Project Receives Another \$1 Million from Rosenthals

The College of Law announces that the Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project has received an additional \$1 million from local benefactors Lois and Richard Rosenthal. This funding will be used to provide greater services to Ohio's wrongly convicted felons.

"We are extremely grateful for this generous contribution from the Rosenthals," said University of Cincinnati College of Law Dean Louis Bilionis. "With every success of the Ohio Innocence Project, its case load grows exponentially as more and more people become aware of its important work. Dick and Lois

Rosenthal's most recent contribution strengthens the project's endowment and will significantly enhance our ability to make a difference and bring justice to the wrongly convicted."

In 2004 the Rosenthals created a \$1 million endowment for the Center, opening the door for the young organization to provide greater services for inmates. "This additional gift is very significant," said Mark Godsey, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the OIP/RIJ. "Our docket and demand has outgrown our infrastructure. We need more employees, supervisors, and lawyers to work alongside us as our caseload increases."

UC Law Student Awarded Skadden Fellowship and Pledges to Help the Underserved

Third-year law student Robert Wall was awarded the prestigious 2006 Skadden Fellowship, the second fellowship for the law school in three years, to provide community-based legal services to former offenders.



Robert Wall

He's always had a penchant for working with those in need, whether volunteering to speak to middle school students dealing with the pressures of media stereotypes or working to assist young men and women in need of a second chance.

Now Robert Wall, a third-year law student, has the opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of former offenders as a winner

of the 2007 Skadden Fellowship, one of the most prestigious public interest fellowship programs in the country. This feat also makes UC the only Ohio law school to have two students receive this fellowship.

As a Fellow, Wall will work at the Ohio Justice and Policy Center (OJPC), a non-partisan, nonprofit public interest law office based in Cincinnati, OH, that works statewide for progressive reform of Ohio's justice system. Building upon the success of the OJPC's Second Chance Community Legal Clinic, Wall's project will provide community-based legal services to young men and women who have been involved in the criminal justice system. "My goal is to start a legal clinic," said Wall. "I want to work with community centers

and youth organizations to identify young people who may need legal services. I want to help those who need a second chance—people who made a mistake which can hurt their future—turn their lives around."

In addition to this program, Wall will work with the OJPC's Race and Justice Project, which works to eradicate racism within the criminal justice and public education systems. Wall says he was disturbed upon learning that in some local public schools only 25% of the ninth-graders graduate. "This is a tragedy," he said. "Everyone deserves an education and a chance to graduate." Through the Race and Justice Project he will work on education issues affecting African-American boys. He hopes his Skadden Fellowship becomes the key to making a difference.

The Skadden Fellowship Foundation, described as "a legal Peace Corps" by The Los Angeles

The Rosenthal Institute for Justice was founded in the aftermath of racial strife and civil unrest in Cincinnati, Ohio in April 2001. An umbrella organization, the RIJ is comprised of three components: RIJ Research Projects and Reports, the RIJ Speakers Series, and the Ohio Innocence Project, where Fellows investigate the cases of Ohio inmates wrongly convicted of serious crimes and who have continued to maintain their innocence. Sometimes thought of as “freedom fighters,” RIJ Fellows work as a small criminal defense and private investigation firm on behalf of prisoners.

Several persons have been released due to the work of the RIJ/OIP. Released persons include Clarence Elkins, sentenced to life in prison for a double rape and murder he didn’t commit. He was exonerated and released in 2005 after serving seven years. Chris Bennett, convicted of being the driver in a fatal car crash, was released in 2006 after serving four years of a nine-year sentence.



Times, was established in 1988 by the New York-based law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. The goal was to assist graduating law students who wished to provide legal services to the poor, the elderly, the homeless and the disabled, as well as those deprived of their civil or human rights. Each year the Foundation awards 25 fellowships to graduating law students and outgoing judicial clerks who seek to work full-time with public interest organizations.

Wall’s journey to becoming an attorney was a circuitous one. A native of Cincinnati, he graduated from St. Xavier High School and went on to the Ohio State University for his undergraduate degree. “I decided to become a lawyer late, actually right before I applied!” he said. By that time he had developed an interest in civil rights work and enjoyed volunteering for organizations with an education

focus. While at OSU, he volunteered for the Peer Power Program, going into classrooms in middle and high schools to lead discussions on media images and stereotypes. This experience led him to want to do something practical and “hands-on.”

He decided to become a lawyer and focus on public interest work. He then discovered that UC’s Urban Morgan Institute was one of the best in the country. “After looking into UC’s program, I realized that I could leave school and go directly into this field. UC is a good school and Cincinnati is home.”

Wall is grateful for the support he received from his family and his professors at UC. “My parents are very excited about this opportunity for me,” he said. “They’ve always been very supportive.”

“My professors at UC have been great, too,” he continued. “Professors Verna Williams, Suja Thomas, and Emily Houh, and Public Service

Coordinator Sean Rhiney were very helpful and encouraging through this process.”

This is the second Skadden Fellowship awarded to a UC Law student in the last three years. Previous recipient, Sean Arthurs, ’05, developed an outreach and education program for Butler and Hamilton County Latino communities to identify priority legal needs and increase the community’s awareness of the services available through Legal Aid.

After graduating from UC Law in May 2007 and taking the bar in the summer, Wall intends to start the fellowship in the fall. “I hope to continue to work in this (Cincinnati) area and to do public interest work after the fellowship is completed. This is the work I really want to do.”

Droege Gift Will Pay Dividends for Generations of UC Law Students

By: Lauren Scharf and Sherry English

A delayed air force stint, a social fraternity, and a happenstance meeting with a hotel mogul led J. Robert Droege, '49 to a successful career. Bob used his law degree to put his stamp on the business community and at the same time was able to give back and make a difference. He has been very generous to the UC College of Law by creating a trust that is providing significant dividends to the college now and for years to come.

How it All Began

Bob Droege was born and raised in Ft. Thomas, KY. He graduated from Highlands High School at the onset of World War II. Wanting to serve his country, he enlisted in the United States Army Aviation Cadet program. Upon learning that he

would not be called to active service for some time, he decided to continue his education enrolling in the University of Cincinnati in 1942. As a freshman at UC, Bob joined the Sigma Chi fraternity and developed friendships that he continues even today. This

would prove to be one of the most significant associations he would ever make.

For his sophomore year, Bob decided to move further away from home and transferred to Miami University at Oxford. Soon after the school year started, he was finally called to active duty in the Air Force. Bob reported to a WWII Reception Center in Ft. Thomas then on to San

Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. He completed their Cadet Pilot Training program but was almost immediately released since the war was over. This allowed him to return to Miami University and complete his undergraduate work and then enter the UC College of Law.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," said Bob. "A family friend who had attended Columbia Law School in New York recommended that I go to law school." Before making this decision, he consulted with the Dean of Students at UC, Joe Holiday, who had been his UC Sigma Chi chapter advisor. Bob chose to attend law school at UC instead of Columbia.

He completed law school in six straight quarters and passed the bar exam in August 1950 with the fourth highest score of that session.

Making A Career

After law school Bob married Bev Scott, whom he had met at Miami University. His first job was in the legal department at The Kroger Company in Cincinnati. After two years in Cincinnati, his boss—also a Sigma Chi member—asked him to sit in on a meeting where they would be selecting candidates for two key real estate branch positions—one in Dayton (OH) and one in Roanoke (VA). After the meeting his boss commented that management was so impressed with him during the meeting, they wanted to offer him the Roanoke position.

Taking the position was life changing. Bob and Bev moved, with their young son, to Roanoke. His job was to develop Kroger's presence locally as well as into North Carolina.



During his final year with Kroger, he and the Roanoke team received the President's Cup Award for the greatest expansion of any Kroger branch at the time.

A chance meeting with J.W. Marriott led to an unexpected career change. Mr. Marriott was scouting property in Roanoke for his Hot Shoppes restaurant chain and asked Bob, who at the time was still at Kroger, to do him a favor and show him around to various Roanoke properties. Impressed with Bob, Mr. Marriott offered him the position of Assistant Director of Real Estate for the Marriott Corporation—expanding Marriott's national presence. Bob left Kroger in 1956 and went to work for Marriott—a career which he enjoyed for 30 years, retiring as Corporate Vice President of Real Estate and Development.

One of Bob's proudest expansions is the Marriott near the Los Angeles airport. While scouting locations, he spotted a location four blocks from the LA airport which he envisioned for a Marriott Hotel. The property was owned by the Parker Aircraft Company. He walked in and told the receptionist that he wanted to purchase the property and she referred him to the President of the company.

Undaunted, he went upstairs to the President's office to pursue his task. While in the office he noticed photos of B-17 bombers from WWII on the walls and remembered his own days of flying a B-29. Having this mutual connection, Bob and the President of Parker Aircraft struck up a heartwarming conversation trading flying experiences as the company



president was a B-17 pilot. Bob mentioned that Marriott wanted to build a hotel in that area and asked what it would take to buy their factory. It turned out the president was looking to move to the Newport Beach, CA area.

A deal was then struck. The Marriott Corporation purchased land and built a new aircraft plant for Parker in Newport Beach, then the companies swapped properties. Marriott then demolished the plant near the LA airport and built a hotel with 350 rooms. The hotel soon was expanded to 500 rooms, 750 rooms, and finally 800 rooms. Years later, after initially putting \$15 million into the project, Marriott sold it for \$75 million. The last Bob heard, the property was sold again for \$275 million. Bob's determination and perseverance, as well as his law school education, served him well in this deal and many others throughout his career.

Bob credits his law school education for much of his knowledge and negotiating skills. For this he and his wife have been very generous to the UC College of Law. Their original gift in 1993 of a \$1.2 million irrevocable trust has grown to over \$6 million and continues to grow—thanks significantly to their continued contributions of dividends. The trust has grown substantially for three reasons: its

own successful growth; their son Greg's management of the

trust; and Greg's, who could take the dividends himself, decision to generously donate the dividends back to the gift principal.

Though initially considering making an outright gift to their son, the Droege were advised that by placing the funds in a trust for an organization that is dear to them, they would serve a number of purposes. The Droege gift is structured so that the College benefits from the trust and the Droege's son and granddaughter receive lifetime benefits, if they so elect to take them, at the end of each tax year. If not, they go to the principal to vest to the Droege Law Center.

Their gift created the Droege Center at the College which UC Law students use daily. It is a lasting legacy to Bob and Bev's commitment to his alma mater and we are extremely grateful for their continued support.

Editor's Note: Mr. and Mrs. Droege have been Founder's Level donors (\$10,000 and above) for the past 14 consecutive years. In the Summer 2006 issue of the Counselor, the Droege's were not listed in our Honor Roll. We regret the omission and apologize for this error.



Making the Case for the Joint Degree in Law and Women's Studies

By: Sherry Y. English

"This program calls into question what it means to 'think like a lawyer,'" said Kristin Kalsem Brandser, Professor of Law and Co-Director, Women's Studies Joint Degree Program at the College of Law. "More than just spotting legal issues, students learn to take into account context, develop an expanded view of what's relevant, and decide how the law needs to be changed to improve lives."

The Women's Studies Joint Degree Program, one of five joint degree programs at the College of Law, offers students a juris doctorate

and a master's degree in women's studies from the University. The first program of its kind in the nation, it was founded in 1995 to "bridge the gap between theory

and social justice," said Professor Emily Houh, Professor of Law. "It enlarges the way students think about and articulate ideas. They learn to talk across disciplines; in fact, our program is one of the few that forces students to be interdisciplinary."

Championing A Program

The idea to develop a joint degree program linking law and women's issues was first brought to the College

by Barbara Watts, Associate Dean for Curriculum and Student Affairs, many years ago. With no examples to refer to, Deans Harper and Martineau turned down the request. In 1994, two students—Laura Wells Wilson, '95, and Emily Briscoe, '95—approached Watts with a proposal to develop a joint degree program. Now, it wasn't just an "out of the box" idea of administration; the proposal was requested and supported by students. This further strengthened the initiative to develop the program.

Watts began meeting with Robin Sheets, then Director of Women Studies, to talk about the possibilities. (The program is now directed by Anne Sisson Runyan and was recently elevated to Department status.) UC's Women's Studies Program enjoyed a national reputation as a quality program. Linking the two programs would add "muscle" to both areas. Sheets negotiated the politics and red tape at the University, working hard to solidify program offerings. In 1996 Laura Foster, '00, and Stacey Tucker, '00, became the first students to enroll in the joint-degree program. Since that year, the program averages two to three participants every year.

From the outset, faculty supported the program. With this support and the backing of former College of Law professor Donna Nagy, the joint-degree program grew from a few class offerings to a full-fledge program.

In 2001 two full-time faculty members were hired to build the program—one with strong practical experience and the other with a strong academic background. "When I considered coming here, I saw this as an opportunity to build a cadre of feminist lawyers," said Professor

Verna Williams, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Program. "This was the only school with such a program and we would be breaking new ground." Professor Williams possessed a strong background in women's issues, having worked at the Department of Justice and the National Women's Law Center. "My experiences in Washington helped prepare me for this," she said. "I dealt with many broad-based issues, developed and implemented public education programs, and focused on coalition building in advocacy efforts at the federal government and on Capitol Hill. I worked with committed people and had plenty of opportunity to think about how the law ought to operate in women's lives."

She was joined by Professor Brandser, whose background in academics and scholarship interests complement the program. Prior to joining the law school, Professor Brandser taught at the College of Law and in the Department of English at the University of Iowa. Her scholarship focused on feminist jurisprudence and women's legal history. She also previously practiced law in Chicago. "When UC decided to create a premier program, I knew I wanted to be here," she said. "Co-directing a program such as this allows me to bring together my scholarly, teaching and advocacy interests in a way that is professionally and personally very rewarding."

In addition to Williams and Brandser, Professor Emily Houh has been key to the success of the program. A former staff attorney with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Houh was "excited about participating," she said. "My research and scholarship interests overlap with



women's studies; my enjoyment of teaching adds even more. I couldn't do any better than work at a school with a dedicated program." Other professors work closely with the program, including those who are Women's Studies Affiliate Faculty Members: Betsy Malloy, Bradford Mank, Suja Thomas, and Ingrid Wuerth.

Creating A Program

The joint degree program involves three core areas: intensive coursework, research projects, and externships. Designed to be completed in four years, participants enroll in both the Women's Studies Program at the University and the law school, taking courses from both graduate areas. Coursework includes gender and the law, women's human rights, sexual orientation and the law, feminist jurisprudence, and law, literature and feminism.

In addition to completing a research project, students put theory into practice by spending 10 weeks working at national public interest organizations that focus on issues of gender and the law. They work on advocacy and policy development projects which better the lives of women. Students have completed externships at the National Partnership for Women and Families, the National Women's Law Center in Washington, D.C., the Women's Law Project in Pittsburgh, and Equality Now in New York City.

Uniqueness of Our Program

Unique to the College of Law's program is the experience students receive. "A lot of the students who come here want to make a change in the world," said Brandser. "They are critical thinkers—people interested in

issues of race, gender, and class and how that impacts the application and interpretation of the law.

"Our program empowers students to think about the law and the world in a different way," she continued. "It enlarges the way we think about issues and the way they are articulated."

"My training has helped me to broaden my perspective and theoretical insights within the classroom," said Houh. "With the perspective developed through an emphasis on women's studies, classroom discussion is richer and deeper—even in contracts!"

"The joint degree program teaches students to be creative thinkers," said Williams. "How do you make the most compelling argument that gets at the point? How many angles are there to a position? It all has bearing on how you approach cases and 'massage' the law to get the best result for clients."

What are they doing now?

The first wave of graduates are active in all areas of law. They work at law firms, in public interest, for Legal Aid, and in their own practices. One graduate, whose work involves legal work for small, closely-held corporations and estate planning, is able to apply her education in assisting women with financial planning; another graduate works with immigrant victims of crime and domestic violence.

Since its inception 12 years ago, the Women's Studies Joint Degree Program at the law school has expanded its sphere of influence, hosting its inaugural symposium "Women's Work Is Never Done: Women, Work, and Activism" in

2004. The next year, with support from the Ford Foundation, the program hosted a national conference, "Women Coming Together: Claiming the Law for Social Change," which brought together advocates, lawyers, and laypeople to examine strategies to improve women's health and well-being, broadly defined. "The conference was part of Ford's ongoing effort to revitalize the women's movement," said Williams. Current program projects include articulating and exploring an agenda for social justice feminism and hosting a symposium on this topic. The program is also co-sponsoring the Freedom Center Journal symposium in fall 2007. The symposium will explore the uses of history to combat subordination.

The program was also instrumental in the development of the law school's Domestic Violence/Domestic Relations Clinic, headed by Professor Margaret Drew, Professor of Clinical Law and Director of the Clinic. Through the DV/DR Clinic, students represent petitioners seeking relief under civil protections order statutes. Working in conjunction with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, they represent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

From a fledgling program to a national leader, the Women's Studies Joint Degree Program at the College of Law continues to forge new ground. The issues that directly impact women's lives also impact their families and future generations. "These are issues all can relate to," said Williams. "Making a change is challenging and hard work. But it is worth it."

The Professional: "Atticus Finch Meets Ally McBeal"

We are introducing a new column for Counselor, focusing on professional development. Authored by Dean Mina Jones Jefferson, "The Professional" will highlight common issues and challenges with solutions designed just for you. If you have a question or column suggestion, please email the Editor at counselor@law.uc.edu.

By Dean Mina Jones Jefferson, Assistant Dean and Director of the Center for Professional Development

Welcome to the world of professional development, a place where one-size does not fit all. Yet in each installment, I will attempt to discuss a topic that appeals to a broad audience—those who are 72, those who graduated from college in '72, and those who were born in '72! Some would define professional development as an individual's commitment to ensuring that skills and the ability to do one's job are always relevant and current. Others might describe professional development as those opportunities offered to develop knowledge, skills, approaches and dispositions to improve an individual's organizational effectiveness. Simply put, professional development encompasses the training we undertake to retain our jobs and be promoted to new ones!

Even though my audience is broad, I suspect that one common denominator would be that, in some way, shape or form, all of us will experience the challenges and opportunities that will accompany four generations of individuals working under the same roof. The first crop of Millennials will graduate from law school in May 2007 and will begin working at law firms, government agencies, and public interest organizations alike. They were members of the high school class of 2000 and worked as summer associates and law clerks the summer 2006. The Millennials will be joining the Traditionals, the Boomers, and the GenXers who made peace with

the sacrifices associated with working in incentive laden environments. While pundits differ slightly as to the ages encompassed by these categories, generally speaking the "Traditionals" were born before 1945; the "Boomers" were born 1945-1960; "Generation Xers" were born 1961-1981; and the "Millennials" were born in 1982 and thereafter.

Chances are that if you have a hiring role within your organization, your committee has already discussed the vast difference between the work ethic of this year's summer crop and how you handled feedback as a summer clerk! If not, ask any attorney who hires entry-level talent and he or she will tell you that the times, they are a changing. Is all the fuss much ado about nothing? You be the judge.

The Writing is on the Wall

Millennials have grown up with technology and use it constantly; not just for work, like many of us, but to maintain relationships. This is the group whose multitasking lifestyle relies on iPods, instant messaging (IM), cell phones, blogs, and social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook. Although their ease with technology is a plus it can also work to their detriment when the occasion requires person-to-person interaction. They freely put things in writing that you and I would not want to see the light of day. Even employers have found that social networking sites can provide the smoking gun often undetected by a traditional background check.

Team-oriented

Millennials are typically team-oriented. They work well in

groups, preferring this to individual endeavors. Mentoring will be important not only to impart organizational mores, but also to foster their professional independence. These folks want immediate (but positive!) feedback daily, not annually. After all, their parents have told them they can do anything! Millennials are unlikely to respond well to negative feedback; yet, if they think they know a better way, they'll tell you, regardless of your title.

Community-Oriented

Millenials are civic minded and engage in community service, a quality that will bode well for the profession. Given their community spirit, employers should create avenues that support volunteerism and pro bono work which has been reinforced by law schools. For instance, the law school supports student volunteer efforts through its transcript recognition program and, within the last two to three years, students have increased the number of organizations that benefit from their efforts. Similarly, in 2005 the number of our graduates that pursued public interest work climbed to almost 2.5 times the national average.

Lots of Structure

They have been heavily scheduled since their toddler years, attending Mommy and Me classes, soccer camps, art camps, etc., and therefore have grown up with time pressures previously reserved for adults. Their parents have been heavily involved in their development, readily challenging teachers about grades and coaches about playing time.

While their parents acknowledge the importance of rules and procedures, their child is the exception! With good reason, these parents have earned the title "helicopter parents." They have been spotted on college campuses and, anecdotally, a few have even accompanied their progeny to job interviews!

Unparalleled Diversity

They are the most racially and ethnically diverse generation which may challenge the way the legal profession defines and addresses diversity. Their definition of diversity is not primarily dependent upon race and ethnicity, but includes gender, ability, and socioeconomic status as well. Statistics suggest that **1 out of 5 Millennials has at least one immigrant parent.** The Class of 2007 will enter the profession at a time when 21% of those entering the profession are nonwhites, **yet less than 4% of the partners in large firms fall into this category.¹**

What's in it for You?

Why should you care about their preferences? Two words: organizational effectiveness. This thumbnail sketch describes the attitudes and beliefs that Millennials will bring into the workplace. An organization's ability to effectively service its clients tomorrow will depend on how well it trains and develops the Millennials today. Young lawyers were once willing to sacrifice the next 10 years of their lives for the chance to make partner. But increasingly, law school grads want work-life balance, flexible schedules, and philanthropic work. Millennials aren't interested in the financial success that drove the boomers or

the independence that has marked the gen-Xers, but in careers that are personalized. This characteristic bodes well for organizations that have internal professional development directors that help entry level attorneys develop career and professional plans.

Look at the bright side. If you figure them out you will also be better equipped to deal with your grandkids, tomorrow's CFO, or this summer's crop of clerks.

¹ Class of 2005 National Summary Report, National Association for Law Placement (NALP).

Features

A Look at the Class of 2009



Enjoying Class!

With 174 years of legal tradition, the University of Cincinnati College of Law has provided an excellent community where countless students can study law. On Monday, August 14, 2006, the Class of 2009 entered the law school for the first time and joined that tradition. As they wind up their second semester, we thought it might be interesting to take a look at the class and what they bring to the College of Law.

This year's class of 113 students has maintained the academic excellence that has been the hallmark of the law school. With a median LSAT of 160 and median undergraduate GPA of a 3.6, they have proven themselves and their ability in the classroom. Beyond their academic achievements, the Class of 2009 is a diverse and accomplished group. They are ethnically diverse with over 20% of the students identifying themselves as belonging to a minority group. They also bring a wide array of life experiences to the classroom. Although the average age is 24, our students range in age from 21-39. Almost 20% have spent several years in the workforce before law school and were 27 or older

when they enrolled this fall.

Beyond work, these students have taken on many roles. The Class of 2009 are not only first year law students but also are mothers and fathers, armed forces veterans and recent graduates, victims of Hurricane Katrina, valedictorians and class presidents, teachers and engineers, scientists and political activists. Adding to the diversity are the various academic perspectives. The class represents 33 majors, ranging from accounting to Spanish and mechanical engineering to African American Studies. These students have not only learned about the world, they have traveled it as well. Several have spent time abroad and four international students are among the class. This year the law school is also hosting two students from New Zealand through our exchange program with the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. Domestically, students represent 57 different undergraduate colleges and universities including Harvard,

Vanderbilt, and the University of Notre Dame.

The educational philosophy of the College of Law reflects a belief that a quality legal education is enhanced by a heterogeneous student body and we believe we have achieved this for the Class of 2009. They are a unique group who have contributed just as much inside the classroom as outside. We are excited they have joined the tradition of UC Law and look forward to their contributions over the next three years.



Mr. Bearcat excites the crowd.

We invite you to walk down memory lane as you review these photos from Orientation Week. Enjoy!



Dean Bilionis, Dean Watts and Dr. Zimpher, UC President, congratulate a student.



Goodbye, District Court; Hello, Afghanistan

By Rochelle Olson, Writer, Star Tribune, February 12, 2007

After nearly 18 years with a job and a family he loves, Hennepin County District Judge Stephen Swanson is leaving it all—for now—to work in one of the world's most troubled countries. At 62, Swanson is stepping down from the bench to spend the next 18 months in Kabul, Afghanistan, helping develop a judicial system. "It's a really young democracy that is trying very hard to go forward and not backward to the times of warlords," he said.

Previous work abroad created a desire for this trip. In recent years, Swanson made three trips to Sarajevo, Bosnia, and trained judges. Living in the now peaceful, predominantly Muslim city deepened his appreciation of the world and the work.

"It was very affirming for me, given how much of the political rhetoric in this country was anti-Muslim," he said. He knew he wanted to work abroad again and figured he would land elsewhere in the former Yugoslavia. But a judge friend from Delaware pulled out of the Kabul trip at the last minute in December and Swanson jumped.

"This was very appealing as an opportunity to try to make a difference," he said. "It just fit perfectly."

Swanson, who expects to live in a guesthouse with others working on his project, will consult for Checchi and Co. Consulting, a U.S. government contractor. Swanson is quick to mention that other judges have made foreign forays. U.S. District Judge John

Tunheim went to Kosovo to assess the judicial system there as did other Ramsey, Hennepin, and Dakota county judges. Lawyer Cliff Wardlaw, of St. Paul, spent most of 2004 in Iraq trying to help rebuild that country's judicial system.

Public-interest law and mentoring aren't new to Swanson, either. Well-placed sources say that when Swanson was a Legal Aid lawyer, then-Gov. Rudy Perpich insisted that Swanson trim his long beard and pony-tailed hair before appointing him to the bench.

"He looked like a prophet from the Old Testament," said Judge Kevin Burke, who has worked down the hall from Swanson for years and brews his coffee daily.

Burke and others say Swanson always has been a true believer. Burke quipped that at one point Swanson believed that if you lived south of Lake Street in Minneapolis, you had given up hope on the inner city.

At a recent retirement party in downtown Minneapolis, the Atlas bar was filled with Swanson acolytes, including Minneapolis library director Kit Hadley, who worked for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency after starting her career under Swanson at Legal Aid. "He was my first mentor," she said. "As so many people are, I'm a total fan and a friend."

Aviva Breen, retired from the Commission on the Economic Status of Women, knew Swanson on the Legal Services Advocacy Project. "His work has always been about under-represented, disadvantaged or marginalized

people," she said.

At his farewell event, Swanson said the most rewarding moments of his career were when he would interact with defendants and make eye contact because the degree of separation between us and them is so "slight." He also said he would "try to find something positive to say about a person's future, and we all know this is not always easy."

Swanson, a wiry guy with a closely shaved head of gray hair, a dry wit, a wife, Meg, and daughter, Jessica, a social worker, will continue that work elsewhere for the next 18 months.

He's not as worried about Afghanistan's numerous land mines—because he won't travel much—as he is about the separation from his family. Meg Swanson, a theater professor, is seeking work and hoping to join her husband in the fall. Jessica isn't planning immediate visits. "I think it's crazy," she said. "I actually think it's really exciting. I'm thrilled."

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Stephen Swanson is a class of '69 graduate of the College of Law.

A retiring Hennepin County district judge, with a reputation for helping the disadvantaged, is heading to Kabul, where he will set up a judicial training program.

Deposition

Law School Development Team Has New Member

Karen Sieber has joined the College of Law as Senior Director of Development. In this role she will lead the fundraising and alumni relations efforts, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the law school's development program. With over 20 years of experience in fundraising and marketing, Sieber has honed her skills in the areas of major gifts, corporate sponsorship, and grants.



Prior to joining UC Law, she was Director of Major Gifts for the Southwestern Ohio region for The Ohio State University. She also worked in New York City for *Scientific American Explorations Magazine* and *The American Benefactor Magazine* as a Marketing Development Director; for the International Tennis Hall of Fame as the Manager for Major Gifts and Planned Giving; and for CDS International as the Director of Communications.

Sieber, a Cincinnati (OH) native, holds a bachelor's degree in communication from The Ohio State University. Active in the Junior League, she is the recipient of one of 25 national awards for Outstanding Achievement in Vocational Education from the National Council on Vocational Education.

Former director, Mike Volan, is now working with the university's College of Arts and Sciences in its development efforts.

Sieber and Lauren Scharf, Assistant Director of Development, look forward to working with all alumni and friends to strengthen relationships and find new ways to keep everyone connected with the law school.

On The Docket

July, 2007

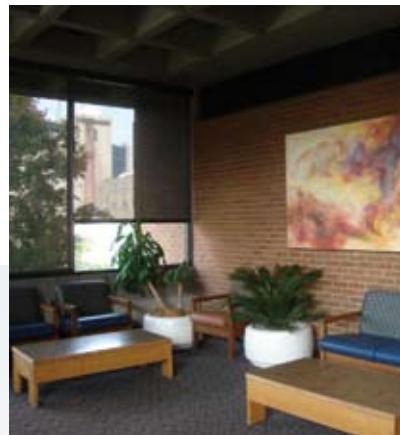
Launch of new law school website

August, 2007

Anniversary Celebration begins

September 28–29, 2007

Baseball Outing (CLE included)/All Class Reunion Weekend



Update on Law Alumni Association Annual Meeting

The Law Alumni Association Annual Meeting was held on November 3, 2006 immediately following the ever-popular CLE offerings sponsored by the UCLAA. President Steve Wolnitzek recapped a successful year for the Association during which they made an effort to cultivate more activities that generate meaningful interactions with the current students as well as to make the students' lives a little more comfortable and eye-appealing. The biggest project was providing the funds to renovate the area in the college commonly known as the Crow's Nest. (For pre '82 grads, this was the Smoking Lounge.) The Annual Meeting was the opportunity to re-dedicate the Crow's Nest which now has new carpeting, tables, chairs, window treatments, and artwork.

Our thanks to Kathy Brinkman '75, Fay Danner Dupuis '69, and Ann Ransom DAAP '81 for their efforts in the selection of some quality artwork.

The meeting was also the opportunity to recognize John J. Cruze, recipient of the 2006 Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence

Award. Terms ended for Tom Dupuis '68, Jeff Melucci '01, Steve Thompson '83, and Rosemary Welsh '95. Four new members were elected to serve on the UCLAA Board of Trustees. They are Ralph Dublikar '74, Shannon Kuhl '98, Christy Nageleisen '03, and Tiffany Williams '07.



**Harvard Law Professor Speaks at Burlingame Lecture
by Mike Volan, Director of Development, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences**

Professor Charles Fried, the Beneficial Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, delivered the 2006 John H. Burlingame Distinguished Lecture on October 4, 2006 at The Phoenix in downtown Cincinnati (OH). Professor Fried's topic, "The New Supreme Court: What We Know and What We can Expect," provided a provocative



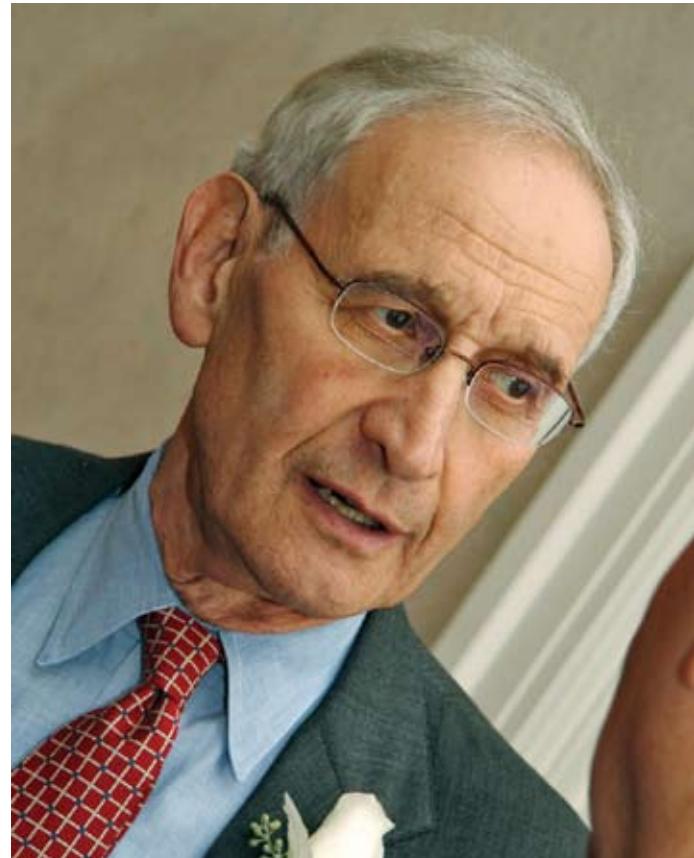
insight into the future of the U.S. Supreme Court in light of the recent additions of Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. and Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.

Professor Fried has served on the faculty at Harvard Law School since 1961, teaching courses on appellate advocacy, commercial law, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law, federal courts, labor law, torts, legal philosophy, and medical ethics.

Fried's government service includes a year as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States (1984-85) and a consulting relationship to that office (1983), as well as advisory roles with the Department of Transportation (1981-83) and the Executive Office of the President (1982). In October 1985, he was appointed Solicitor General of the United States, having previously served as Deputy Solicitor General and Acting Solicitor General. During his term of office, he represented the Reagan administration before the Supreme Court in 25 cases. At the end of the Reagan Administration he returned to Harvard Law School.

From September, 1995 until June, 1999 Fried was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, while teaching constitutional law at Harvard Law School as a Distinguished Lecturer. On July 1, 1999 he returned to Harvard Law School as a full time member of the faculty and Beneficial Professor of Law.

The John H. Burlingame Distinguished Lecture is made possible through the generous support of Mr. John D. Drinko, Mr. John H. Burlingame, Baker & Hostetler, the Scripps Howard Foundation, and the Mellen Foundation.



Deposition

UC Law Reunion

On Saturday, September 16, Law graduates from classes celebrating a five-year anniversary gathered at The Phoenix in downtown Cincinnati. UC Law alumni came from neighboring states and as far away as California to join in the festivities and camaraderie of their old law school days. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing about the past and catching up with each other's lives and careers.

The next Alumni reunion will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007. This will be an ALL-CLASS reunion. Mark your calendar!!



Class of '66



Mary Cobb, George Fabe '51
and John Holschuh, Sr. '51



'56 Classmates John Nolan and Nicholas White



Class of '86



(left to right) David Wheeler '96, Maura Moran-Campbell, '96 and Jennifer Wheeler



Class of '81



'76 Classmates Gary Eby and Mary Helen Weber



Dean Bilionis with Nicholas and Marge White



Class of '51



Class of '56



Class of 2001



Journalist Nick Clooney Visits Law School To Discuss Darfur Crisis

By: David Nufrio, 2L

On Tuesday, October 3, 2006 the University of Cincinnati College of Law welcomed Cincinnati/Kentucky Post journalist Nick Clooney to speak about the current humanitarian crisis in Darfur. The event was sponsored by the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights at the law school, in conjunction with the Foreign Policy Leadership Council and the Global Center of Greater Cincinnati. Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Director of the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights Bert Lockwood initiated the discussion with his welcoming remarks.

Clooney began his presentation to a standing room only crowd by showing a video of his recent trip to Sudan. Joining Clooney on his trip were his son, actor George Clooney, and two other associates. The Sudan visit was designed to get a sense of the reality on the ground and to help bring international attention to the crisis. After showing the video, Clooney described his experiences in great depth and encouraged the audience to speak out on the crisis. He took questions from the audience before departing for another event at the UC Faculty Club for a Distinguished Visitor Dinner conversation with the Human Rights Quarterly staff and guests from Cincinnati's Foreign Policy Leadership Council and the Global Center of Greater Cincinnati.

At the Faculty Club, second-year law student Keith Hagan presented a photo and video montage of his summer 2006 experiences working in Sudan for the United Nations Development Programme,

supervised by former UC Law student Sue Tatten, '92. Hagan was charged with surveying the people of Sudan about the Darfur crisis and using this information to create an action report for the United Nations. (*Hagan's story can be found in the Summer issue of Counselor, available on the law school website.*) Following dinner and Hagan's presentation, Clooney took to the podium to lead an open exchange on the Darfur crisis and American foreign policy.

Clooney's visit to the College of Law was designed to build on and expand a week-long "Five Days for Darfur" program at the University's main campus and throughout Cincinnati, all organized by the Save Darfur Coalition. The group organized a press conference at the Freedom Center at which Clooney spoke. They successfully lobbied Mayor Mark Mallory for a proclamation on the issue and created a graffiti exhibit in Tangeman University Center featuring art by UC student Patrick Beard. Finally, they reached out to the UC student body and the Greater Cincinnati community to take action on the crisis.

For more information about the situation in Darfur and how to get involved, visit one of these sites:

BBC News: Darfur Q&A

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/3496731.stm>

Save Darfur Coalition

<http://www.SaveDarfur.org>

Oxfam: Sudan and Chad Report

<http://www.oxfamamerica.org/whatwedo/emergencies/sudan>



Tom Sheeren '51 and his wife, Marilyn, look over a class of '51 composite



Peggy and Bill Bertelsman '61 and James Irwin '51



81 Classmates Bruce Whitman, Steven Collier and Ginny Conlan Whitman



Ted Robinson and Will and Helen Ziegler look over the Class of '56 composite

Deposition

Distinguished Visitor Series Hosts Impressive Legal Minds at Law School

Stanley Chesley Speaks as First Harris Distinguished Visitor of Year
By: Sarah Sparks, 2L

On September 25, 2006 well-known Cincinnati lawyer and College of Law alumnus Stanley Chesley spoke with students as the first 2006/2007 Harris Distinguished Visitor. This event was designed "Oprah" style,

with Dean Bilionis and I questioning Chesley about topics ranging from negotiation tactics to his work in the Holocaust litigation.

The informal discussion began as Chesley described his start in the area of

mass tort litigation. In the late 1970's he became involved in litigation spawned by the Beverly Hills (KY) Supper Club fire. After discovering that the Club was grossly

underinsured, he and his team set to work finding alternative sources from which the victims could find relief. An investigation of the club furnishings found that, among other things, the seat cushions produced toxic gases when burned and the upholstery and wall coverings were highly flammable. The makers of these products and more were added as defendants. This ingenuity eventually produced a settlement large enough to compensate all of the victims of this Greater Cincinnati (OH) tragedy. Chesley pointed out how this experience produced in him a profound respect for our legal system. He stated that he was proud to be a part of the growth in the law.

Chesley also spoke about his approach to settlement negotiations. He gets a gut feeling, he said, which tells him it is time to settle. In the

case of the Bendectin litigation, Chesley said he wanted to settle, but was overruled by other plaintiffs' attorneys. The case ended up losing at trial.

Dean Bilionis spoke to students about Chesley's generosity to the local community. This past summer, he worked to keep Cincinnati public swimming pools open by donating personal funds and seeking donations from others, as well. His position was that if the Cincinnati public golf courses were open, then the pools should be open too.

Chesley's visit to the law school was an informative, informal opportunity for students to speak one-on-one with a leader in the field of law. He and we enjoyed the exchange!





Legal Aid Director Emphasizes Public Interest Law

By Courtney Lewis, 2L

On Monday, November 20, 2006, attorney Mary Asbury visited the law school for an informal dialogue with Dean Bilionis and students. The second participant in the Harris Distinguished Visitor Series this year, Asbury is the executive director for Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati. Additionally, she is also on the character review board for the Ohio Bar. She spoke on both topics during her time here.

Asbury has served as the executive director of Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati for over 30 years. A graduate of Boston University Law School, she spoke to law students regarding what she sees as the challenges facing students interested in a legal career, specifically in public interest. Responsibility is the skill she thought most law students learn after graduation. The amount of responsibility lawyers have is immensely more than most law students find it to be while in law school.

Asbury also spoke of the needs that Legal Aid is facing. In Cincinnati the language barrier has become an issue as more Spanish-speaking individuals arrive in the

tri-state. Workload is another issue as the organization serves many surrounding counties. Legal Aid is divided into four broad categories with specific limitations on which cases they can take, such as only divorce cases involving domestic violence or social security.

Students were very interested to hear about the character review board, and Ms. Asbury made sure they knew what might stall an application to the Ohio Bar. She said the top two reasons for a stalled application are 1) evidence of untreated substance abuse and 2) evidence of unmanaged debt. Asbury recommended that students worried about their application seek assistance. As long as the problem was being addressed the application to take the bar was not usually held.

Asbury's visit was an asset to both the law school and students' education. Her talk was insightful and a great opportunity for students to speak with a Cincinnati lawyer regarding public interest law.



Deposition

Impeach Justice Douglas!

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas' "Visit" Provides Unique Experience

By Ronna Greff Schneider, Professor of Law

On September 7, 2006, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas came to life at the College of Law as the school presented one of its most unique legal education programs. The College of Law, in combination with a generous grant from the Ohio Humanities Council, brought the play *Impeach Justice Douglas!* to the tri-state. This extraordinary one-man play captured—often in the Justice's own words—the philosophy and personality of the longest serving Justice in Supreme Court history. Through a series of personal recollections of the Justice himself, the play addressed such monumental legal issues as those raised in *Brown v. Board of Education* and the civil rights movement; efforts to protect the environment; the McCarthy era and the execution of the Rosenbergs; and issues surrounding the legitimacy of the Vietnam War and the protection of war protesters. The



philosophy had upon the resolution of those important issues.

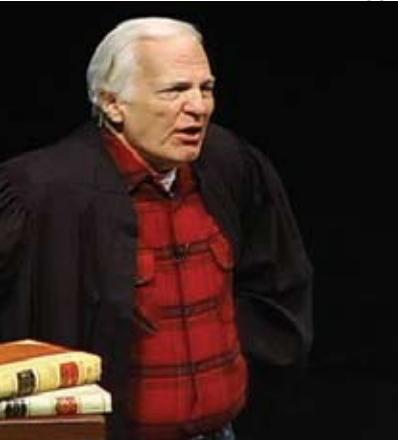
Impeach Justice Douglas! was co-authored by Anna Marie and Graham Thatcher of Periaktos Productions and featured a solo performance by Mr. Thatcher in the title role. The company creates theater productions involving great legal figures and presents them for law schools, legal conferences and bar associations throughout the country as a vehicle for education and discussion of important contemporary as well as historical issues.

The program presented by the College of Law and the Ohio Humanities Council used the play not only to educate the audience with regard to the precise issues presented in the play itself, but as a springboard for a subsequent panel discussion concerning current First Amendment issues involving the media. The discussion panel was entitled "Lessons From Justice Douglas: First Amendment Issues and Today's Media."

The distinguished panelists in the program that followed the play included Susan Grogan Faller, Esq. of Frost Brown Todd, who provided

insights on controversies involving the First Amendment, national security, government secrecy, and the media; Martin Pinales, Esq., of Sirkin, Pinales & Schwartz and the new President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, who spoke on First Amendment issues involving criminal defense attorneys and the media; and Tom Callinan, Editor & Vice President of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, who offered a local perspective on free speech issues facing the media. The audience posed often provocative questions to the panelists, who exhibited both expertise and thoughtfulness in their varied responses. A reception outside the Theater followed the program. The College of Law is very grateful for the support of the Ohio Humanities Council and hopes to have additional joint programming in the future.

*Editors Note: Professor Schneider planned and moderated the program. She had previously lectured in conjunction with other plays created by the Thatchers in programs organized by the legal publisher Thomson West as part of its own continuing legal education programs at both its legal publications headquarters in Eagan, Minnesota and its publishing offices in Rochester, New York. Professor Schneider was so impressed by the quality and creativity of the Thatchers that she was determined to bring them to her students and the Cincinnati community.



play offered not only insights into the issues faced by the Court during the Douglas years, but a greater understanding of the man himself and the impact his personality and



In Memoriam

The following UC Law grads have passed away since our last report.
Though gone, they won't be forgotten.

Joseph M. Allen, '62

New Lexington, OH
October 2006

Charles W. Anness, '49

Cincinnati, OH
December 2006

Kenneth L. Aplin, '59

Cincinnati, OH
September 2006

Donald J. Berlage, '53

Bloomfield, MI
June 2006

Robert E. Bernens, '48

Cincinnati, OH
June 2006

Lee L. Bortz, '50

Cincinnati, OH
November 2006

Charles W. Daley, '49

Toledo, OH
July 2006

James H. DeWeese, '33

Piqua, OH
November 2006

Rupert A. Doan, '58

Cincinnati, OH
October 2006

James T. Eyler, '92

Nashville, TN
May 2006

George W. Flautt, '51

Somerset, OH
August 2006

Dorothy M. Garvin, '39

Cincinnati, OH
July 2006

Paul H. Granzow, '50

Dayton, OH
December 2006

John W. Keefe, '39

Cincinnati, OH
October 2006

Grafton S. Kennedy, '56

Dover, NH
September 2006

John W. Kilcoyne, '34

Loveland, OH
January 2007

Donald C. Knapmeyer, '66

Clearwater, FL
January 2007

William G. Lavell, '51

Salisbury, MD
August 2004

Augustine G. Leonard, '33

Steubenville, OH
February 2006

John R. Mechstroth, '56

Cincinnati, OH
September 2006

Roland F. Moores, '38

Sun City, AZ
February 2005

Stanley J. Polanski, '48

Warren, OH
June 2006

Raymond R. Riehle, Jr.

Wellington, NV
November 2006

Richard J. Ruebel, '73

Cincinnati, OH
July 2006

Joseph F. Rusche, '48

Cincinnati, OH
July 2006

Brewster J. Sanders, '48

Cincinnati, OH
September 2005

Omar A. Schwart, '50

Loveland, OH
February 2006

Barbara B. Tison, '98

Pawleys Island, SC
December 2006

Carl C. Torrisi, '48

Stuart, FL
November 2006

Thomas J. Veskauf, '55

Springfield, OH
October 2002

Ester Wagner, '78

Cincinnati, OH
November 2006

Byron E. White, '48

Cincinnati, OH
July 2006

Lewis W. Whitmer, '51

Celina, OH
July 2006

Frank L. Zugelter, '58

North Hollywood, CA
September 2006

Many of us will remember with great fondness the twinkling eyes and indomitable spirit of Marie Toland, the first Staff Assistant for the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights who retired from the Law School in 1986. Prior to working with Professor Lockwood, Marie worked with the Career Center. Marie passed away on March 2, 2007 with her husband, the love of her life, by her side. Marie kept up with former and current staff of the law school, Charlene Carpenter, Nancy Ent, Pat (Henderson) Smith, Dorothy Loper, Peggy Lopez, Shirley Richardson, Sherry Ross, and Barbara Watts. After Marie retired she and Truman traveled the world. She will be sorely missed and well remembered.

Deposition



The Honorable Ann Williams (IL)



The Honorable R. Guy Cole (US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit)



(left to right) Judge Terry Hatter (CA), Judge Nathaniel Jones (retired), Judge Consuelo Marshall (CA)



Dean Mina Jefferson and Judge Jones



The Honorable Marianna Bettman and Judge Nathaniel Jones (retired)



The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hopkins (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern Ohio) and the Honorable Marianna Bettman



Just The Beginning Foundation Visit to Tri-State and Law School Inspires Students

By Dacia Crum, 3L



September 21-23, 2006 was an exciting weekend for the Cincinnati legal community as the Just The Beginning Foundation held its seventh biennial conference in the Queen City. African-American Article III judges from across the country were in attendance with one goal in mind, "ensuring that our system of justice is one system that provides equal access for all Americans." Thus, this year's conference theme was "Til Victory is One."

The Just the Beginning Foundation began in 1992 with the idea of honoring the first African-American United States District Court judge, the Honorable Judge James Benton Parsons. Twelve years later at the first weekend conference, inspired lawyers, judges, and other individuals created the Foundation with a four-fold mission: to commemorate the contributions

of African-Americans to the federal judiciary; to develop and nurture interest in the law among racially and ethnically underrepresented young people and support their continued advancement; to educate the public, particularly underprivileged communities about their legal rights; and to collaborate with organizations committed to increasing diversity in the legal profession and the federal judiciary.

The 2006 conference included presentations on criminal law sentencing; modern day civil rights issues; financial literacy, diversity, and the role of corporate America; advice on becoming a lawyer and judge; and, a celebration of the integration of the federal judiciary. Panelists included the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, retired judge of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; Thomas G. Cody, Vice-Chair of Federated Department Stores; A. G. Lafley, President and Chief Executive of Procter & Gamble; Ed Owens III, Senior Vice President and Director of Community Affairs for Fifth Third Bank; John T. Taylor, President of the Ohio/Northern Kentucky Region of PNC Bank; Charles J. Ogletree,

Jr., Professor of Law at Harvard Law School; Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., Professor of Law at Yale Law School; and, John A. Powell, Professor of Law at The Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law.

Central to the weekend of events included a visit and panel discussion at the law school. Six judges came for a two hour panel discussion about their life and experiences. They discussed why they became attorneys, their motivations, the steps taken to become judges, and the importance of increased diversity on the bench. The judges also fielded questions from the audience.

The conference ended with a gala held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. Five local area law students, three from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and two from Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law, were awarded scholarships at the event. The UC students were Brandon Craig, '09; Michelle Wallace, '09; and, Dacia Crum, '07.



The Honorable Terry Hatter, Jr. and his wife, Trudy Martin Hatter



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Katsanis Scholarship Dinner Reconnects Recipients

The George C. Katsanis Scholarship was established in 1972 to honor the memory of George C. Katsanis, a 1960 graduate of the UC College of Law. Although the scholarship has been awarded every year since, George's family and friends gather every other year for a dinner in George's memory and to award the scholarship.

This year's dinner on October 24, 2006 was a bit more special. In addition to awarding this year's scholarship to Matthew Singer, the law school had the opportunity to welcome back more than a dozen previous recipients of the Katsanis Scholarship. Michael Barron and Julie Katsanis Wilson, two of the scholarship trustees, made a special effort to help reconnect previous scholarship recipients with the

College and the scholarship program. Past recipients in attendance also received a special gift from the scholarship trustees, recognizing them as Katsanis Scholars.

For more information on the George C. Katsanis Scholarship and other scholarship programs at the College of Law, please contact Karen Sieber at (513) 556-0066.



(left) Former Katsanis Scholarship recipients reconnect. (center) Norm Barron, a trustee of the Fund, and (right) Clare Katsanis, George's brother and a fund trustee, speak at the event.

Vanderbilt University Professor Discusses the Politicization of Knowledge

By: Joe Brunner, 3L

Professor Suzanna Sherry of Vanderbilt University Law School delivered the 20th annual William Howard Taft Lecture on Constitutional Law on November 9, 2006. The lecture commemorates Taft's contributions to both the University of Cincinnati College of Law and the American legal and governmental system. Taft had significant impact on the law school as he was a student, graduate, and former dean of the Cincinnati Law School and University of Cincinnati Law Department, the forerunners of the modern College of Law, as well as

the only person to serve as President of the United States and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Professor Sherry's lecture, titled "Democracy and the Death of Knowledge," focused on the intersection between politics and knowledge in American public discourse. While it is now common to conflate politics and law and charge judges with simply being legislators in robes, Professor Sherry argues that this trend has deeper roots in a growing tendency to conflate politics and knowledge itself. Using Wikipedia and the Federal

Rules of Civil Procedure as examples, Professor Sherry argued that a growing percentage of Americans no longer believe that experts, whether in the legal or any other field, have the ultimate say on what constitutes knowledge. Rather, a significant number of people now believe that knowledge is subject to popular vote and democratic principles. Instead of relying on a scientific expert to determine scientific truths or a legal expert (i.e., a judge) to determine legal truths, Professor Sherry proposed that a growing number of people would rather those truths



Law School Professor Inducted Into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame



Professor Lassiter and Governor Bob Taft

A prominent local area veteran and University of Cincinnati College of Law professor, Christo Lassiter, was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2006 on November 2, 2006 at Franklin

County Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio. Then Governor Bob Taft presided over the ceremony.

The Class of 2006 inductees included representatives of armed conflicts of the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War. "These remarkable Ohioans selflessly served our state and country both during and after their military service," said Governor Bob Taft in a statement. "Each one of this year's winners has made tremendous contributions to their communities, professions, state, and nation and I am honored to add their names to the distinguished list of Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame members."

Lassiter is a noted Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati. A two-time recipient of the Goldman Award for Excellence in Teaching, he is a member of the American Bar Association's Committee for Legal Assistance for Military Personnel. He is an adjunct faculty member of the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies, a joint Department of Defense/Department of State Command, where he has taught ethics and corruption, and counter-terrorism in Argentina, Mali, and Malawi. In addition, he serves as legal counsel for the Ohio Taekwondo Association and the United States Taekwondo Union Board of Governors.

Professor Lassiter is very active in multiple civic organizations, including past president of the Parents Association, current board member at Walnut Hills High School, a junior high girls volleyball coach, and assistant Cub Scout pack master, Pack 124 at Seven Hills School.

The Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame includes men and women from all over Ohio encompassing all branches of military service and all eras of military conflict. Established in 1992, the Hall of Fame recognizes Ohio veterans with honorable military service who have gone on to make significant contributions to their community, profession, state, and nation. More information about the Hall of Fame can be found at www.veteransaffairs.ohio.gov.

be reflective of majority will as opposed to specialized knowledge. The exercise of too much democracy, then, is destroying a reservoir of previously objective and respected knowledge, especially in the area of constitutional jurisprudence. This results in poorer decision making in general and a reduction in minority protection from majority will specifically.

Professor Sherry is a graduate of Middlebury College and the University of Chicago Law School. After clerking for the Honorable John Godbold of the Fifth Circuit

Court of Appeals and practicing in Washington, D.C., Professor Sherry joined the ranks of academia first at the University of Minnesota Law School and then at Vanderbilt, where she is the Herman O. Loewenstein Chair in Law. Professor Sherry is a nationally recognized scholar of constitutional law who has written extensively on constitutional law and federal courts and procedure. An article based on her Taft Lecture is forthcoming in the University of Cincinnati Law Review in the Fall of 2007.



Professor Sherry makes a point.

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State of Ohio Welcomes New Lawyers By: Lauren Scharf, Assistant Director of Development

The first Monday in November is not just any old day. It is the day that the Ohio Supreme Court welcomes all the new Ohio lawyers to the ranks. November 6, 2006 was a proud day for the College of Law as 85 law school graduates were sworn-in at a ceremony at Columbus' Ohio Theatre.

The attendees were welcomed by Ohio Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer and John S. "Jack" Stith, '64, president of the Ohio State Bar Association. Justice Maureen O'Connor administered the oath of office.

UC Law celebrated the newly sworn-in College of Law graduates at a reception and luncheon

immediately following the ceremony. UC's first-time bar exam-takers passed at a rate of 93%. In overall performance on the Ohio Bar exam, UC Law is back on the top of the list as No. 1 in the state. UC's overall passage was 92%, seven points higher than the next closest school. Congratulations to our new lawyers!

Dean's Council Dinner 2006 Is Opportunity To Thank Donors By Lauren Scharf, Assistant Director of Development

Kenwood Country Club was the setting of the annual Dean's Council Dinner as the law school gathered to honor this year's Dean's Council members. The black-tie event attracted over 130 dedicated donors.

Dean Louis D. Bilionis took the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and he filled them in on the many recent good happenings

at UC law: the new rankings, the excellent results of the Ohio Bar Exam, a potentially-charged class of 2009. This was made possible

and the University have a lot to be proud of with regard to the academic standards of their respective student bodies.

While everyone who attended was lauded for their generosity, Dean Bilionis and Dr. Zimpher made special presentations to two of this year's most distinguished friends for recent gifts to the College of Law: Alfred K. Nippert, Jr. and Stanley M. Chesley.

Al Nippert made a contribution of a collection of more than 60,000 volumes of research and historical books to the Robert S. Marx Law Library. The Nippert Collection represents volumes acquired by three attorneys who were all UC Law grads: Al, '76; his father, Alfred K. Nippert, Sr., '1897; and his brother, Louis Nippert, '28. This rare collection adds great depth to the 19th and early 20th century resources of our library.



Dean Bilionis, Al Nippert, Dr. Zimpher and Lauren Scharf.

The next presentation was made to Stan Chesley, '50 who endowed The Stanley M. Chesley Professorship of Law. Chesley created this professorship to provide opportunities for professors of national and international prominence in all areas of the law to visit the law school. This professorship will help the College of Law build an even stronger intellectual, scholarly, and teaching community. Renowned attorney and Harvard Law School Professor Arthur R. Miller visited the College of Law as the first Stanley M. Chesley Professor of Law.



Dean Bilionis, Stan Chesley and Dr. Zimpher.

by the generous support of Dean's Council members. And he vowed to continue the forward movement. University of Cincinnati President Nancy Zimpher was in attendance to bring greetings from the University, noting that both the College of Law



Law School Professors Named to Professorships

Three professors at the University of Cincinnati College of Law have been named to prestigious professorships and two others have been reappointed. Professors Joseph Biancalana, Barbara Black, Raphael Gely, Bradford Mank, and Michael Solimine have all received this honor.

"We are fortunate to have this opportunity to honor our most accomplished senior faculty, each with an outstanding national reputation" said Louis Bilionis, dean of the College of Law. "These individuals exemplify our faculty's dedication to excellent research, publishing, teaching, and service."

The following professors were named to professorships:

Professor Joseph Biancalana

has been named the Judge Joseph P.



Kinneary Professor of Law. A member of the faculty since 1983, Professor Biancalana has an extensive education,

research, and scholarship career. His areas of interest include English legal history, property, wills, trusts, and estates. He is currently writing *The Oxford History of English Law, 1399-1483*, and *The Writs of Entry*.

Professor Barbara Black has been named the Charles Hartsock Professor of Law. In addition, she



is the director of the Center for Corporate Law. Prior to joining the law school, Professor Black taught corporate

and securities law at Pace University School of Law. Her extensive professional experience includes visiting professorships at several law schools, vice dean and acting dean at Pace University School of Law, and private practice at two East Coast law firms.

Professor Rafael Gely has been named the Judge Joseph P. Kinneary Professor of Law. A former professor at Texas A&M and ITT Chicago-Kent, he joined the law school in 2000.

Professor Gely's published work includes extensive scholarship and research in the areas of labor law and labor relations. His work has appeared in numerous law reviews, as well as other legal publications. In addition, he serves on the editorial board for the Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal and presents papers and research at conferences across the country.

The following professors were reappointed to professorships:

Professor Bradford C. Mank, the James B. Helmer, Jr. Professor of Law,

is an expert in the area of environmental law, environmental justice, regulatory reform, and statutory interpretation. A graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School, he clerked for Justice David M. Shea of the Connecticut Supreme Court and worked for

Litigation associate at the law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur.

the Hartford, Connecticut law firm of Murtha, Cullina, Righter and Pinney. Following that, he became an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut before joining the law school.

Professor Michael E. Solimine, the Donald P. Klekamp Professor of Law,

also serves as the Director, Faculty Development and Director, Extern Program. His expertise lies in the areas

of civil procedure, conflict of laws, federal jurisdiction, complex litigation, election law, and judicial externship. A

graduate of Wright State University and Northwestern University School of Law, Professor Solimine has been a member of the law school faculty since 1987. Prior to joining the law school, he clerked for U.S. District Judge Walter H. Rice (Dayton, Ohio) and spent several years as a litigation associate at the law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur.

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Constitution Day Celebration Brings Distinguished Jurists to the School By: Ronna Greff Schneider, Professor of Law

This year's university-wide celebration of Constitution Day, led by the College of Law, took place at the College on September 18, 2006. The program focused on the role of judicial independence. This is an issue about which recently retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has brought much national attention as she has repeatedly spoken on the topic throughout the country, emphasizing its importance and value. It seemed appropriate, therefore, for the law school to join with many other schools across the nation in planning a program that would utilize a video created by the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands and the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania in May, 2006. The video featured Justice O'Connor, along with Justices Breyer and Kennedy, addressing questions concerning the reasons underlying the need for judicial independence

and contemporary threats to this important aspect of our constitutional system.

While the video involved the Justices answering questions from a group of high school students, the answers offered by the Justices are significant to all those who appreciate the need to better understand and address the challenges facing our constitutional system. The issues discussed by the Justices included the relationship between the judiciary and the other branches of government, problems of enforcement of the Court's decisions, responses to criticism of judicial "activism," efforts to restrict American judicial use of or reference to foreign law or decisions, and differences between federal and state judges, including differences among the states in the manner of selecting state judges.

The video was followed by presentations from a panel of

distinguished jurists: the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, a former member of the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and one of the nation's top civil rights lawyers and heroes; the Honorable John M. Rogers, currently a member of the Sixth Circuit and a former full-time professor and now holder of the Thomas P. Lewis Professor Emeritus at the University of Kentucky College of Law; and the Honorable Donald C. Wintersheimer, an elected Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court since 1982.

Students were given the opportunity to ask the distinguished panelists questions at the program itself as well as in a more informal setting at a reception held in the College of Law atrium after the program.

Editor's Note: Professor Schneider planned and moderated the day's events.

Law School Dean Appointed to Ohio Supreme Court Commission

Dean Mina Jones Jefferson, alumnae and Director of the Center for

Professional Development for the University of Cincinnati College of Law, has been appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education. This commission, created in 1988, administers

the continuing legal education requirements of Rule X of the Rules



Governing the Bar of the State of Ohio and the regulations adopted under authority of the Rule, and Rule IV of the Rules for the Government of the Judiciary of Ohio.

Dean Jefferson, a former hiring partner at a National Law Journal Top 250 law firm, is one of the few law school career services professionals in the country who has been on both sides of the table. She practiced commercial litigation for nine years before joining the law school. She was also one of the first

African-American women in the region elected to the partnership of a large firm.

She is active in the greater Cincinnati community serving on the boards of ProKids, the Children's Law Center, the Cincinnati Bar Foundation and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, among other civic organizations.



14th Annual Trial by Golf

September 15, 2006
at Legendary Run Golf Course

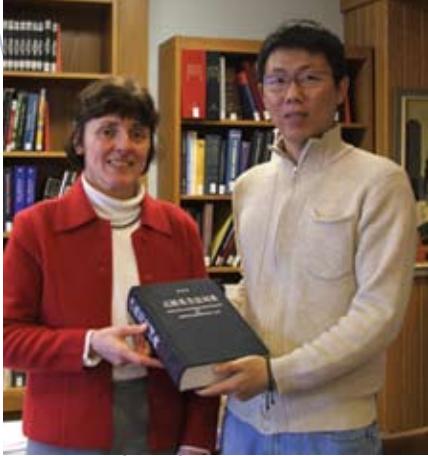


Ann Ransom—Ladies Longest Drive Winner '99.



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Photograph by Joe Hodnicki.



Because He Asked

Virginia Thomas, Director, Law Library & Technology presents Gang Wang ('09) with an English-Chinese dictionary of Anglo-American law. Born in Beijing, Gang Wang earned an LLB, majoring in international law, from the School of Law, Wuhan University, before he pursued studies abroad. When not attending class or studying, Gang Wang works at the Circulation Desk in the Marx Law Library.

Law Students Got Front-Row Seat in Judge Steve Martin's Courtroom

UC Law students saw the law in action—up close and personal—when the Honorable Judge Steve Martin's courtroom came to the law school on Friday, September 22, 2006. Judge Martin, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, held a sentencing hearing for a defendant in an actual criminal case, followed by a suppression hearing for an additional case. Afterwards, Judge Martin and the participating attorneys conducted a Q&A session with students.

"This was a unique opportunity for us to see real courtroom activities right before our eyes," said Professor Marianna Brown Bettman, Invited Professor of Law and the individual who helped put this program together. "It brought the 'real life' world—downtown—to UC's campus, and gave our students a taste of what they are going to school for."



Pictures from the event.





Harvard's Arthur Miller Kicks off Spring Semester as first Stanley M. Chesley Professor of Law

By: Sarah Sparks, 2L

Second semester started with a bang as renowned attorney and Harvard Law School Professor Arthur R. Miller visited the law school as the first Stanley M. Chesley Visiting Professor of Law. From January 12-17, 2007, Miller taught a mini-course on complex litigation, spoke with first year civil procedure students, and addressed the law school and the legal community about the right of privacy.

Miller is the Bruce Bromley Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where he has taught since 1971. After earning his undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester, he went on to earn his law degree from Harvard Law School. Before joining the faculty, he practiced law in New York City and taught at the University of Minnesota and the University of Michigan. Well known in the legal world for his work in civil procedure, he has produced over 25 books on the topic. Among the general public, Miller is known for his work in the field of the right of privacy, a subject on which he has written, testified, debated, and helped formulate legislation.

In addition, he is well known for his television work. Miller was the host of the show *Miller's Court* for eight years, appeared on Court TV numerous times, and was the legal editor for *Good Morning America*. He continues to report on legal issues for Boston's WCVB-TV. In addition, Miller moderated several PBS specials, including *The Sovereign Self*, for which he won an Emmy.

Miller began his visiting professorship by teaching a mini-course on complex litigation to about 60 second- and third-year students. It was designed so that students met prior to the official start of the semester. The topic of the course centered on class certification under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23. Miller walked students through Rule 23 requirements, interspersing the lecture with stories from his career in the field. On the first day of the course, students were treated to a dialogue between Miller and his friend and colleague Stanley M. Chesley, College of Law alumnus and founder of the Stanley M. Chesley Distinguished Visiting Professorship of Law.

Second year student Ryan Kelsey was impressed with Miller's class. "Professor Miller has a unique intimate knowledge and intellectual understanding of the development of complex litigation issues and the civil procedure rules. Equally impressive is Professor Miller's ability to translate this knowledge through engaging, entertaining lectures and personal narratives," said Kelsey. Students in the course are required to complete a 15 to 20 page paper over the course of the semester. Topics for the papers range from a case study of the Holocaust litigation to the application of conflict of laws to complex litigation.

As part of his visit to the College, Professor Miller also spoke to the first year class. Miller discussed *Phillips Petroleum Co. v. Shutts*, a case which he argued before the

Supreme Court. First year student Dan O'Brien enjoyed Miller's style. "His lecture definitely kept my attention, and I felt like I was a member of a jury in a class action lawsuit more than a student."

His visit ended with an informal presentation at the school, open to the law school body and legal community.

"Even as someone who likes to think they know a little bit about civil procedure, I really enjoyed his lectures and got something from them," said law school Professor Michael Solimine. He, too, was impressed with Miller's vast knowledge and teaching style. "I was in awe of his teaching ability. He barely made reference to books, talked without notes and yet was thoughtful, provocative, and inspiring."



Professor Miller expounds in class.

Faculty Briefs PUBLICATIONS & HONORS

UC College of Law boasts a distinguished group of faculty and adjunct professors who are actively involved in their specialty areas. Here's a review of their most recent work.



Marjorie E. Aaron, Professor of Practice and Executive Director, Center for Practice in Negotiation & Problem Solving, taught Advanced

Decision Analysis Workshop and Negotiations. Over the summer, she taught a two-day Decision Analysis course at Hamline University School of Law. Aaron made several presentations:
• *Academy to Action for Negotiation Practice*, to the Corporate Section of the Cincinnati Bar Association;
• *Emotion in Negotiation*, at the Beckman Weil Shepardson law firm retreat;
• *Women Negotiation: Intelligence, Perception and Power*, at Thompson Hine's Spotlight on Women event for lawyers and businesswomen; and,
• *Professional Problems in Privilege, Pride, Pricing, Psychology, Offers and Authority* to the Lawyer's Club of Cincinnati.



Timothy K. Armstrong, Assistant Professor of Law, taught Introduction to Intellectual Property. He published *Digital Rights Management and the Process of Fair Use*, 20 Harv. J.L. & Tech. 49 (2006).



Marianna Brown Bettman, Invited Professor of Law, taught Second Year Lawyering and Torts. She wrote monthly *Legally Speaking*

columns in the American Israelite and City Beat newspapers (Cincinnati, OH) on a variety of legal topics. Bettman presented *Ohio's Struggle Over Prenatal Torts* as part of the College's Faculty Summer Scholarship Series.



Joseph Biancalana, Judge Joseph P. Kinneary Professor of Law, taught Wills, Trusts & Future Interests. His article, *The Origins and Early*

Development of the Writs of Entry, was accepted for publication in the Law and History Review.



Louis D. Bilionis, Dean and Nippert Professor of Law, published two articles: *Criminal Justice after the Conservative Reformation*, 94 Geo.

L.J. 1347 (2006) and *Commemorating Seventy-Five Years of the University of Cincinnati Law Review*. 75 U. Cin. L. Rev. 1 (2006) (with Professor Michael Solimine).



Barbara Black, Charles Hartsock Professor of Law, taught Securities Regulations. She had two articles accepted for publication: *Tattlers and Trail Blazers: Attorneys' Liability for Clients' Fraud*, a solicited response to an article by Marc Steinberg in the Washburn Law Journal, and *Transforming Rhetoric into Reality: A Federal Remedy for Negligent Brokerage Advice*, in

Transactions: The University of Tennessee Journal of Business Law. She presented this paper at Case Western as part of the College's Scholar Exchange Program.

Black was an invited participant in the *Gatekeepers Today: The Professions After the Reforms Conference* at Columbia Law School's Center on Corporate Governance. She participated in the Law & Society Annual Meeting in Baltimore as a participant on two panels on *Recent Developments in Corporate and*

Securities Law. Finally, Black finalized a survey instrument that will be mailed to participants in NYSE/NASD broker-customer arbitrations in the past five years, as part of a study to assess participants' perceptions of the fairness of securities arbitration, pursuant to a contract with the Securities Industry Conference on Arbitration (SICA).



Michelle Bradley, Research and Writing Professor, taught Lawyering I: Legal Research & Writing.



Kristin Kalsem Brandser, Professor of Law, taught Feminist Jurisprudence and Secured Transactions. She published

Bankruptcy Reform and the Financial Well-being of Women: How Intersectionality Matters in Money Matters 71 Brook. L. Rev. 1181 (2006). She also completed an invited book review for the Law and History Review of Morris B. Kaplan, *Sodom on the Thames: Sex, Love, and Scandal in Wilde Times*.

Brandser gave the keynote address, *Still More Stories To Tell: Intimate Partner Abuse and Education*, at the 2006 Annual Meeting Awards Celebration of the Rape Crisis and Abuse Center of Hamilton County. She presented *Barriers to Women's Financial Well-Being* at a conference on Women's Leadership in Oxford, England. With Professor Chris Bryant, Brandser spoke to the Cincinnati Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee on *Methods of Statutory Interpretation and the 2005 Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code*; and with Professor Verna Williams, she presented *What Is Social Justice Feminism?* as part of the College's Faculty Summer Scholarship Series.



A. Christopher Bryant, Professor of Law, taught Constitutional Law I and Legislation & Statutory Interpretation. He published

"Powers Reserved for the People and the States" *A History of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments* (with Thomas B. McAfee & Jay S. Bybee) (Praeger Publishers, 2006). He also participated in a moot court/CLE program held at the Boyd School of Law (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) on *Whorton v. Bockting*, a habeas corpus case before the U.S. Supreme Court. He also moderated a presentation by Richard Garnett (Notre Dame) at the College on *The Rehnquist Legacy*.

Bryant participated in a panel on *The Constitution After 9/11* at Hanover College. With Professor Brandser he spoke to the Cincinnati Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee on *Methods of Statutory Interpretation and the 2005 Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code*.



Paul L. Caron, Charles Hartsock Professor of Law and Director of Faculty Projects, taught Introduction to Law and Federal Income Tax. He

was a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of San Diego School of Law during Summer 2006. Caron published *The Long Tail of Legal Scholarship*, 116 Yale L.J. Pocket Part 38 (2006), part of a symposium on *The Future of Legal Scholarship*. His article, *Are Scholars Better Bloggers?*, was accepted for publication in the Washington University Law Review, along with the other papers and commentary presented at the *Bloggership: How Blogs Are Transforming Legal Scholarship Symposium* Caron organized and moderated at Harvard Law School in April 2006. In addition,

he was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in the tax and accounting fields by *Accounting Today* magazine.

Foundation Press published the following books as part of its Law Stories Series, for which Caron serves as Series Editor:

- *Contracts Stories*, by Douglas Baird (Chicago)
- *Evidence Stories*, by Richard Lempert (Michigan)
- *Criminal Procedure Stories*, by Carol Steiker (Harvard)

LexisNexis published the following books as part of its Graduate Tax Series, for which Caron serves as Series Editor:

- *Employee Benefits Law*, by Kathleen Kennedy (John Marshall) & Paul Shultz (IRS).
- *Partnership Taxation*, by Richard Lipton (Baker & McKenzie, Chicago), Paul Carman (Chapman & Cutler, Chicago), Charles Fassler (Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald, Louisville) & Walter Schwidetzky (University of Baltimore School of Law).

The TaxProf Blog received its 2 millionth visitor (the most visitors to any law-related blog edited by a single law professor) and several new blogs were launched as part of his Law Professor Blog Network:

- *Aviation Law Prof Blog*, by Brian Havel (DePaul), Michael Jacobs (DePaul) & Andrew Eastman;
- *Banking Law Prof Blog*, by Ann Graham (Texas Tech);
- *Food Law Prof Blog*, by Donna M. Byrne (William Mitchell);
- *Law School Innovation*, by Douglas A. Berman (Ohio State), Anupam Chander (UC-Davis), Gene Koo (Harvard) & Mark W. Osler (Baylor);
- *Legal Profession Blog*, by Alan Childress (Tulane), Michael Frisch (Georgetown) & Jeffrey Lipshaw (Suffolk);
- *Mass Tort Litigation Blog*, by Byron Stier (Southwestern);
- *Science & Law Blog*, by David Faigman (UC-Hastings), David Kaye (Arizona

State), Michael Saks (Arizona State), Joseph Sanders (Houston) & Edward Cheng (Brooklyn); and

- *Statutory Construction Blog*, by David Hricik (Mercer).



Jenny Carroll, Academic Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice and Ohio Innocence Project, taught Innocence Project.

Carroll participated in a panel discussion on *Women in the Legal Profession* at the College, sponsored by Law Women. Other panelists were Susan C. Lipnickey (Robinson & Lipnickey; Associate Professor for Physical Education/Health Sport Studies in the Education and Allied Professions Division at Miami University); Patty Pryor (Taft, Stettinius and Hollister); and Kim Brooks-Tandy (Executive Director, Children's Law Center).

Carroll was featured in *Court Rules Inmate Can Have DNA Test: Prisoner Maintains He Didn't Rape Elderly Walnut Hills Woman in 1994 at Her Home*, Cincinnati Enquirer, Sept. 2, 2006.



Jacob Cogan, Assistant Professor of Law, taught Contracts. Cogan published two articles:

Noncompliance and the International Rule of Law, 31 Yale J. Int'l L. 189 (2006) and a Book Review, Michael Barnett & Martha Finnemore, *Rules for the World: International Organization in Global Politics*, 100 Am. J. Int'l L. 278 (2006).

Cogan's case note, *International Decision: Prosecutor v. Milutinoviæ, Decision on Requests of the United States of America and NATO for Review, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia*, was accepted for publication in *The American Journal of International Law*.

Faculty Briefs PUBLICATIONS & HONORS



Margaret B. Drew, Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Domestic Relations/Domestic Violence Clinic, taught Domestic Relations Clinic. At

the ABA annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, Drew hosted a program as chairperson of the Commission on Domestic Violence on *The Faith-Based Response to Teen Dating Violence*. She successfully submitted policy on behalf of the Commission to the House of Delegates that was passed at the August annual meeting. The policy recommends that states amend their civil protection order statute to allow protection orders be granted to petitioners who are victims of domestic violence who are or were in dating relationships with the perpetrator whether or not the parties lived together or have a child in common.

In addition, Drew trained a group of volunteer advocates for the Rape Crisis and Abuse Center on legal relief available to victims of violence through civil protection orders. She hosted a dinner for experts on Human Trafficking in Cincinnati as part of a two-day program presented by the Alliance for International Women. She also attended the 15th anniversary celebration of Northeastern's Domestic Violence Institute and facilitated a discussion on Joint Custody in Domestic Violence Cases.

Finally, Drew presented *Advanced Property Division Issues* at a conference on *Economic Remedies for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking* in Baltimore. She also participated on the plenary panel, *Overview of Economic Remedies*.



Thomas D. Eisele, Professor of Law, taught Wills, Trusts & Future Interests and Legal Imagination.



Rafael Gely, Judge Joseph P. Kinneary Professor of Law, taught Introduction to Law, Contracts, and Employment Law. Gely and Professor

Michael Solimine received the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers' 2005-2006 Eisenberg Prize for their article *The Supreme Court and the DIG: An Empirical and Institutional Analysis*, 2005 Wis. L. Rev. 421. The prize honors the best article in the field of appellate practice and procedure published in 2005-06.



Mark A. Godsey, Professor of Law and Faculty Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice and Ohio Innocence Project,

taught Criminal Procedure and Ohio Innocence Project. Godsey presented his scholarship on confessions at a conference on *Cautions and Confessions: Miranda v. Arizona After Forty Years*. He attended the conference on *Miranda at Forty* at the Ohio State Moritz College of Law.

In addition, Godsey was interviewed about the Ohio Innocence Project's Clarence Elkins exoneration by Dateline NBC for an episode aired in January 2007. He spoke about DNA and wrongful convictions at three universities: Miami, Toledo, and Utah. Godsey also gave public addresses on the issue to the legal community in Salt Lake City (UT), to the Rotary Club in Montgomery (OH), and to a group of UC alums in Chicago (IL).



Emily Houh, Professor of Law, taught Contracts. She spoke on the triangulation theory of racial formation and its impact on

interracial relationships in the workplace at Duke University's Conference *Makeup, Identity Performance and Discrimination*, sponsored by the law school and the Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy. She participated on a panel at the 4th Annual LatCrit/SALT Junior Faculty Development Workshop at UNLV on *Scholarship: What to Write, How to Finish*.

Houh attended the SALT Teaching Conference and the SALT Board of Governors meeting in Boston (at Suffolk). She presented *Contract Law as a Source of Antidiscrimination Law* as part of the College's Faculty Summer Scholarship Series. Finally, Houh chaired the College's 2006-07 Faculty Appointments Committee.



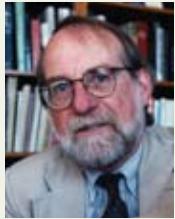
Ann Hubbard, Professor of Law, taught Contracts and Mental Health Law. She published *A Military-Civilian Coalition for Disability Rights*, 75 Miss. L.J. 975 (2006).



Max Huffman, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, taught Corporations. He had two articles accepted for publication: *Standing for Extraterritoriality: Defining the Empagran Exception*, in the SMU Law Review and *25 Years of the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act: A Retrospective*, in the Houston Law Review.



Christo Lassiter, Professor of Law, taught Criminal Procedure I and Antitrust. Lassiter was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.



**Bert B.
Lockwood,
Jr., Distinguished
Service Professor
of Law and
Director, Urban
Morgan Institute
for Human Rights,**

taught Constitutional Law I. Lockwood published *Women's Rights: A Human Rights Quarterly Reader* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006).

The Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights, University of Pennsylvania Press, for which he serves as Series Editor, published several new books:

- *African Constitutionalism and the Role of Islam* (2006), (Abdullahi An-Na'im);
- *Economic Rights in Canada and the United States* (2006) (Rhoda E. Howard-Hassman & Claude E. Welch, Jr., eds.);
- *Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights: A Legal Resource Guide* (2006) (Scott Leckie & Anne Gallagher, eds.);
- *Human Rights in the World Community: Issues and Action* (3d ed. 2006), (Richard Pierre Claude & Burns H. Weston); and
- *Reconciliation in Divided Societies: Finding Common Ground* (2006), (Erin Daly & Jeremy Sarkin).

One of the books in the Penn Series, *The Witnesses: War Crimes and the Promise of Justice in The Hague* (2006), by Eric Stover, won the Best Book in Human Rights Award from the American Political Science Association. Finally, Lockwood hosted two panel discussions at the College from the Guantanamo Teach-In, *American Detention Policy: The Next Frontier, and The Military and the Commander in Chief*.



**S. Elizabeth
Malloy, Professor
of Law and Faculty
Director, Glenn M.
Weaver Institute of
Law & Psychiatry,**
taught Torts and
Disability Law.

Malloy published *Mental Health Courts and Title II of the ADA: Accessibility to State Court Systems for Individuals with Mental Disabilities and the Need for Diversion*, 25 St. Louis U. Pub. L. Rev. 307 (2006) (with Ronda Cress & J. Neil Grindstaff).



**Bradford C.
Mank, James
B. Helmer, Jr.
Professor of
Law,** taught
Environmental Law
and International
Environmental Law.

Mank published *Title VI and the Warren County Protests*, 1 Golden Gate Envtl. L. Rev. ____ (2007). He had two articles accepted for publication: *Are Public Facilities Different From Private Ones?: Adopting a New Standard of Review for the Dormant Commerce Clause*, in the SMU Law Review and *Implementing Rapanos — Will Justice Kennedy's Significant Nexus Test Provide a Workable Standard for Lower Courts, Regulators and Developers?*, in the Indiana Law Review.

Mank spoke on *Evolving Climate Change Regulations: Developing Trends in Law and Litigation*, a CLE Teleconference sponsored by the Digest of Environmental Law and the Legal Publishing Group of Strafford Publications. He also presented *The Dormant Commerce Clause and Public Waste Facilities* as part of the College's Faculty Summer Scholarship Series. Finally, Cincinnati (OH) Mayor Mark Mallory and Councilmember David Crowley asked Mank to serve on the planning group to restore the City's Office of Environmental Management. Cincinnati (OH) City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. reappointed him as chairperson of the Cincinnati Environmental Advisory Council, which advises the City Council, the City Manager, and City Departments regarding environmental issues.



**Nancy Oliver,
Research and
Writing Professor,**
taught Lawyering
I: Legal Research
& Writing. Oliver
attended the
Northeast Regional

Academic Assistance Workshop at Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island and the Academic Support Conference hosted by the National Conference of Bar Examiners in Madison, Wisconsin. Four law schools adopted her research project submitted to the Legal Writing Institute's Idea Bank.



**William J.
Rands, Professor
of Law,** taught
Corporations and
Corporate Tax I.
Rand's article, *High
Pressure Sales Tactics
and Dead Trees: What
to Do with Promoters' Pre-Incorporation
Contracts*, was accepted for publication
in the Rutgers Business Law Journal.



**Ronna Greff
Schneider,
Professor of Law,**
taught Torts and
Education Law.
Schneider presented
*Religion in the Public
Schools* as part of
the College's Faculty Summer
Scholarship Series.



**Rachel Jay
Smith, Research
and Writing
Professor,** taught
Practical Lawyering
Skills and Lawyering
I: Legal Research
& Writing. Smith
attended the 12th Biennial Legal Writing
Institute Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
The Legal Writing Institute accepted
for its Idea Bank one of her research

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projects designed for the Lawyering I course. Cincinnati (OH) City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. appointed Smith as a member of the City's Environmental Advisory Committee.



**Michael E.
Solimine,
Donald P. Klekamp
Professor of Law,
Director, Faculty
Development, and
Director, Extern
Program,** taught

Civil Procedure I and Judicial Extern. Solimine published two articles: *Due Process and En Banc Decisionmaking*, 48 Ariz. L. Rev. 325 (2006), part of a symposium on the Ninth Circuit and *Commemorating Seventy-Five Years of the University of Cincinnati Law Review*. 75 U. Cin. L. Rev. 1 (2006) (with Dean Lou Billonis).

Solimine and Professor Rafael Gely received the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers' 2005-2006 Eisenberg Prize for their article *The Supreme Court and the DiG: An Empirical and Institutional Analysis*, 2005 Wis. L. Rev. 421. The prize honors the best article in the field of appellate practice and procedure published in 2005-06. Finally, he presented *Institutional Process, Agenda Setting, and the Development of Election Law on the Supreme Court* at the Election Law and the Roberts Court Symposium at Ohio State. The proceedings will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Ohio State Law Journal.



**Adam
Steinman,
Assistant Professor
of Law,** taught Civil Procedure I and International Trade. Steinman's article, "Less is more?"

Textualism, Intentionalism, and a Better Solution to the Class Action Fairness Act's Appellate Deadline Riddle, was accepted for publication in the Iowa Law Review.

He presented *A Federal Common Law for the Age of Textualism* as part of the College's Faculty Summer Scholarship Series.



**Suja Thomas,
Professor of Law,** taught Evidence and Judicial Decision Making. She presented her forthcoming article, *Why Summary Judgment is Unconstitutional*, 93 Va. L. Rev. ____ (2007), at New York Law School, a gathering of employment lawyers in New York City, The Labor & Employment Law Symposium in Cincinnati (OH), and The Cincinnati Employment Lawyers' Association. Thomas also presented *Recasting Originalism* at William Mitchell and at UC as part of the College's Faculty Summer Scholarship Series.

Judgment is Unconstitutional, 93 Va. L. Rev. ____ (2007), at New York Law School, a gathering of employment lawyers in New York City, The Labor & Employment Law Symposium in Cincinnati (OH), and The Cincinnati Employment Lawyers' Association. Thomas also presented *Recasting Originalism* at William Mitchell and at UC as part of the College's Faculty Summer Scholarship Series.



**Joseph P.
Tomain, Dean
Emeritus and
Wilbert & Helen
Ziegler Professor
of Law,** taught Introduction to Law and Law, Literature & Philosophy. Tomain published *Smart Energy Path: How Willie Nelson Saved the Planet*, 36 Cumb. L. Rev. 417 (2006).



**Verna L.
Williams,
Professor of Law,** taught Family Law and Juvenile Law. Williams published three articles:

Reading, Writing, and Reparations: Systemic Reform of Public Schools as a Matter of Justice, 11 Mich. J. of Race & L. 419 (2006); *Private Choices, Public Consequences: Public Education Reform and Feminist Legal Theory*, 12 Wm. & Mary J. Women & L. 563 (2006); and, *On Being a Mentor*, 22 Harv. BlackLetter L.J. 127 (2006).

She was profiled in the November issue of *Women's Business Cincinnati*. She presented *Politics and Policy: Making a Difference Every Day* at the National Education for Women (NEW) Leadership Training Program at Northern Kentucky University. The program is part of the NEW Leadership Network of the Center for American Women in Politics. Former Cincinnati Mayor Roxanne Qualls is NKU's Director of Public Leadership Initiatives, which sponsored the program. Other speakers on the program included UC President Nancy Zimpher and Federal District Judge Susan Dlott.

Finally, Williams presented, with colleague Kristin Kalsem Brandser, *What Is Social Justice Feminism?* as part of the College's Faculty Summer Scholarship Series.



**Ingrid Brunk
Wuerth, Professor
of Law,** taught Civil Procedure I and International Law. Wuerth was named a Humboldt Fellow for Summer

2006 at the Free University in Berlin, where she worked on issues related to the European and global war on terror. At the Free University, she also gave a presentation to faculty and students on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Wuerth published an op-ed in a leading Berlin newspaper entitled: *Die (Ohn-)Macht des Völkerrechts*, Der Tagesspiegel (Aug. 6, 2006). Finally, she attended a conference on Legitimacy and International Law at the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg.

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Adjunct Professor Update

Daniel J. Hoffheimer, Adjunct

Professor, will serve as the new legal counsel for The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, a community foundation that makes grants and provides leadership in key areas. He is the fourth individual to hold this position in the Foundation's 43-year history. A partner with Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP, his practice concentrated in estate planning, trust, and probate law. Hoffheimer is a former president of the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association—Cincinnati chapter. In addition to legal representation on numerous local and national charitable and nonprofit organizations, he has served as counsel for two candidates for the President of the United States.

David Singleton, Adjunct

Professor, was named a Cincinnati Newsmaker by Cincinnati Magazine (January 2007 issue). He is executive director of Ohio Justice and Policy Center, a downtown legal agency that runs free legal clinics. He was also recently awarded the McCrackin Emerging Leader Award by Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati. The award is presented annually to an emerging leader who has made a significant difference in the community.

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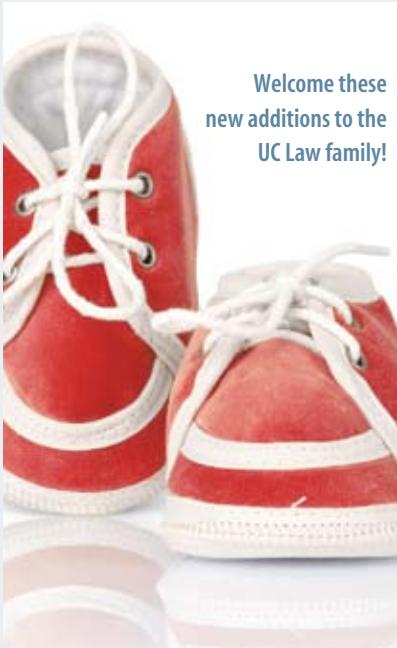
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Legal Eaglets

Myriam (Waksman) Gluck, '91, and her husband Steve, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin, on July 14, 2006. Benjamin joins big sister Ariel and big brother Adam.

Christine Holmes, '99, and her husband **Rick Holmes '00**, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Ann on November 17, 2006. Elizabeth weighed just over 5 pounds and is 19 inches long.

Wonder what your classmates are up to? Look no further than Hearsay!

1950's

William L. White, '59, was recently appointed to the arbitration panel of the National Association of Security Dealers (NYC) and the arbitration panel of the Federal District Court for Western Pennsylvania. He is in private practice and teaches real estate law at La Roche College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

1960's

Stuart R. Susskind, '69, an attorney with Ulmer & Berne LLP, was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*. With more than 30 years of experience in the planning and administration of estates, Mr. Susskind's expertise includes income tax planning/compliance and closely held business entities, including formation, operational aspects and acquisition/sale of assets and stocks.

He is a trustee of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and co-chairs the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati Endowment Fund.

1970's

Daniel H. Gendel, '70, a partner in the firm of Gendel and Brod, Esqs. for 20 years, announces that his daughter, Julie, will attend Seton Hall Law School in the fall with a full scholarship. She wishes to pursue a career in the healthcare field.

Richard A. Gilbert, '73, shareholder in the Tampa law firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., and his partner David Dickey, represented the Navarro family who was awarded a \$217 million dollar medical malpractice verdict. A Florida Bar Board Certified attorney in both civil trial and business litigation, he is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and was selected as one of the top 100 lawyers in the state of Florida.

Kathleen M. Brinkman, '75, has joined the firm Porter Wright Morris & Arthur

LLP (OH), as of counsel in the firm's litigation department. Prior to this she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio. She has also worked as an adjunct professor for the University of Cincinnati College of Law and Xavier University (OH), president of the Federal Bar Association (Cincinnati chapter), and as an instructor in the Cincinnati Bar Association's NITA Trial Advocacy Institute.

Joanne (Jo) Levine, '75, has become a professional fine arts photographer, specializing in landscapes and travel photography. One of her photos was recently awarded third prize in a mixed-media, juried competition sponsored by the Middle Street Gallery in Washington, Virginia. Her work can be viewed at www.Gillcreek.com. Ms. Levine previously worked for the Federal Trade Commission.

Sara Straight Wolf, '76, a member at Cors & Bassett, was recently elected president of the Board of Trustees of The Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati.

In addition, Ms. Wolf was recently elected to the Board of Directors of The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati. She practices business law with a concentration in technology matters, including E-commerce, trademark, and copyright law.

1980's



Patricia Jane (Huffman) Koprucki, '81, was elected President of the Franklin County Trial Lawyers Association, Columbus, Ohio.

Jeffery Peck, '82, an attorney with Ulmer & Berne, LLP, has been recently recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*. Mr. Peck, who chairs the firm's Product Liability Group, practices in the area of liability defense, business litigation, risk management and employment and labor law. Practicing for more than 20 years, he has experience in general commercial litigation as well as products liability litigation.

Rick Chesley, '85, is the office chair of law firm Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP's new Chicago (IL) office. In this role he is responsible for building a Chicago presence for the firm.

Kelly McDonald, '88, has been elected president of the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association.

1990's



Thomas Williams, '90, was appointed a member of the Management Committee of the newly-merged firm Stoll Keenon

Ogden PLLC, created from the merger of Ogden Newell & Welch and Stoll Keenon & Park in January 2006. Mr. Williams is also the new president of the Louisville Bar Association.

Douglas L. Henley, '93, has joined the General Electric Company as counsel in litigation and preventative law supporting the Aviation and Transportation businesses. Prior to joining GE, Mr. Henley was a partner with Keating Muething & Klekamp, PLL.

Todd M. Rodgers, '93, has been named an Ohio Rising Star by *Law & Politics Magazine*. Only 2.5 percent of Ohio lawyers received this honor. Mr. Rodgers works at the firm of Chester Willcox & Saxbe, LLP in Columbus, OH.



Deborah Nelson Willis, '93 has been elected president of the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (WSTLA). She was also recently

elected President-Elect of the Council of Presidents of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) and named a fellow of the Melvin Belli Society. In addition she was named "Super Lawyer" by *Washington Law & Politics Magazine* for the fourth consecutive year. Ms. Willis practices plaintiff's personal injury law and insurance bad faith litigation.

Maureen H. Krueger, '96, was appointed the first District Attorney of the newly created 19D Prosecutorial District (Moore County in Carthage, North Carolina). She was appointed to this new position by North Carolina Governor Michael Easley.

David Jimerson, '97, has left his position at Bank of America to co-found Wrightsville Beach Studios, an independent niche studio which will concentrate on feature film production,

digital film technology, and film production education.



H. Toby Schisler, '97, was a recipient of the Alice Neely Memorial Award awarded by Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. The Alice Neely Memorial

Award was established to recognize outstanding associates who are dedicated to the practice of law, relate well to clients, have a positive attitude in adverse situations, and make a genuine effort to personally know others in the firm.

Leslie A. Boozer, '99, has worked as a high school teacher in South Los Angeles for the past three years. She recently entered the Urban Superintendent's Doctoral Program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. Ms. Boozer was recently awarded a Zuckerman Fellowship.

Jennifer Wolfe, '99, founder of the Wolfe Practice, has seen the firm she began in 2000 grow into a firm of nine attorneys with more than 250 clients. The Blue Ash (OH)-based practice specializes in everything from corporate law to real estate law to litigation. Ms. Wolfe is the president of the Greater Cincinnati Venture Association, a non-profit group that helps entrepreneurs find investors to start up and expand business.

2000's



Helen F. Bean, '00, joined Keating Muething & Klekamp LLP (OH) as an associate in the labor and employment practice group.

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Prior to joining KMK, she was an associate with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz P.C. in Nashville, Tennessee. Her experience includes representing and advising clients in the areas of workers' compensation, retaliatory discharge, employment discrimination and harassment, supervisor training, and mediation.

Laura H. Pulliam, '00, has joined the Louisville, KY law firm Stoll Keenon



Ogden PLLC to practice in the areas of corporate law, intellectual property, securities compliance and commercial lending. Ms. Pulliam regularly advises clients on choosing, registering, and licensing trademarks, and also has extensive experience with mergers and acquisitions, business organizations, and negotiation of agreements for a wide variety of business relationships.

Ted M. Traut, '00, joined Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. in the Collection Services department of the Brooklyn Heights office. Mr. Traut has experience in subrogation litigation and is currently a member of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals.

April M. Hayne, '01, has joined Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP as an



associate and member of the Labor & Employment Practice Group. Her practice focuses on labor and employment law,

and employment immigration. Prior to joining the firm, Hayne served as a human resources manager of an international retail optical company. In addition, she served as an associate

attorney at a Dayton, OH firm and a clerked for the United States Attorney, Southern District of Ohio. Hayne also served on active duty in the United States Army as a personnel officer.



Megan Kleinfelder Roach, '01, has joined the firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in the Workers' Compensation Practice Group.

Tarik J. Haskins, '03, has joined the firm of Morris, Nichols, Arsh & Tunnell LLP, (DE) in their Commercial Law Counseling Group. He specializes in mergers and acquisitions, partnerships, limited liability, statutory trust law, and other commercial law matters. His experience includes private equity acquisitions, public company acquisitions, and capital formation.



Yvette R. Simpson, '04, an associate at Keating Muething & Klekamp (KMK), was recently elected to serve on the Board of Governors for the Bankers Club (Cincinnati, OH).



Shannon H. Barrow, '05, has joined the firm of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP in their Commercial Real Estate Industry Group. Prior to joining the firm, her practice focused on economic development and government relations.

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