Probate Fee Structure Changed

Cuyahoga County attorneys involved in probate work may be in for quite a surprise if they are still setting their fees based upon the percentage guidelines of old Rule 25 of the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County. Attorneys providing services to a decedent’s estate in the past have calculated their fees based on a percentage of both probate and non-probate property involved in the estate pursuant to the guidelines set forth in old Cuyahoga County Probate Court Rule 25. An itemized statement of services upon which an attorney based his compensation was only required in those instances where the attorney provided extraordinary services such as litigation in a will contest action.

However, effective January 1, 1982, the percentage basis used for calculating attorney fees has been replaced by the requirement that counsel fees are to be based upon the actual services rendered by the attorney and the reasonable value of those services. In the absence of a waiver, an attorney is required to submit to the court an application for the allowance of his or her fees, setting forth: (1) an itemized statement of the services performed, (2) the date services were rendered, (3) the time spent in rendering the services and (4) the rate charged per hour for such services.

According to Cleveland-Marshall alumnus, Probate Judge John J. Donnelly, C-M ‘69, the change in the fee structure was made in order to conform with the mandates of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 2-106, which requires that fees be reasonable and that they accurately reflect the time spent on the estate.

“The new rule was implemented in response to complaints by clients that attorneys were spending minimal amounts of time on the administration of estates while charging fees which had the appearance of being unreasonably high,” stated Judge Donnelly.

His observation has been that the new rule has not had a significant effect on decreasing fees charged to an estate because attorney fees in the past were often lower than the guidelines set forth in the old rule. He also points out that there is simply a standard amount of time which must be spent in probate work regardless of whether an attorney is charging by the hour or on a percentage basis.

Under the new rule there no longer exists the dichotomy between ordinary and extraordinary attorney fees which was prevalent under the old rule. An attorney must submit an hour by hour breakdown of services performed regardless of whether he or she is involved in the filing of a routine inventory or embroiled in a will contest action.

Concerning what a reasonable fee may entail, the court’s position is that each case must be decided on its own merits with the usual fee running between $75 to $125 dollars per hour. However, if a fiduciary submits a written consent to the fees charged by the attorney, then the court is powerless to question those fees, barring any breach of fiduciary duty.

Judge Donnelly perceives the new rule as implementing a crucial element of supervision by the court which will appreciably upgrade the credibility and efficiency of the probate system.

“The goal of any probate system should be that of transferring assets from one generation to the next in the most efficient and most economical way possible,” he states.

It is the supervisory role of the judiciary, he contends, which augments the attainment of that goal by alleviating problems.

President’s Message

As your president for the 1982-83 year, I look forward to a “new beginning.” The Board of Trustees and I wish to open channels of communication between alumni, students and the law school on both a professional and personal basis, as part of a five year program built solidly on the keystone of communication.

Alumni trustees are convinced that the more lawyers a student meets on his way to the bar, the better his chance of success, no matter what avenue of law he attempts to follow. By the same token, the more often lawyers communicate with each other on both a professional and business level, the better they become.

We have structured a solid foundation in the past several months on which we will build for several years. Continuing legal education will be scheduled on a definite and repetitive basis. Some emphasis will be given to the basic questions students ask once they graduate, such as how to prepare a deed.

The alumni will make themselves available to students in response to questions about the job market and the practical situations which arise in the practice of law. Alumni are continuing to cooperate with reference to moot court and student bar activities. The recognition luncheon, the annual meeting, the bar results gatherings and the like will continue to be a part of the picture, with increased participation by faculty and alumni, as well as students.

Class agents are in the process of appointment and decade chairmen will follow. There has been an assignment to the
Placement Office Expands

The Placement Office, generally the step-sister of the administration in any law school, is alive and growing at Cleveland-Marshall. With the appointment of Therese Arasham as assistant placement director on July 1, 1982, and the assignment of a full-time secretary, Cleveland-Marshall now offers the students a minimum of 104 hours per week of pure placement. This figure is almost double what we have had in the past.

On the drawing board now are more seminars for students, more off-campus public relations, more on-campus office hours and more in-depth relations with students and their needs.

To date, approximately 65 per cent of the class of '82 has been placed. The class of '81 did very well in bad economic times. 89.5 per cent of that class has been placed. The bulk of that number, 43%, are working in private law firms. Judicial clerkships have been obtained by 10% of the class; 17% are employed in government positions, either federal, state, or local.

Four years ago we had 12-18 Cleveland Firms and government agencies visiting our campus. This past year more than 72 firms, corporations, and government agencies have interviewed through our placement office, representing eleven cities throughout the country. We are currently participating in the new Ohio Law Placement Consortium, which will give our students an even greater exposure to out-of-town employment.

All nine Ohio law schools have joined together to sponsor a one-day recruiting conference in Columbus, with eight states represented in the registration.

In future issues of Law Notes, the placement office will give you an in-depth look at current placement activities.

Editor's Note: Nancy Goldman was recently listed as one of the 83 most interesting people in 1983 by Cleveland Magazine, in her capacity as placement director of the C-M law school.

Students Aid Alumni

Student members of the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity participated in the alumni association membership phone-a-thon recently. The students enjoyed contact with their alumni members and reported a very positive overall response. Many alumni were happy to hear from the students, and enjoyed a personal update on law school activities.

Alumni Coordinator Hired

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association now has its own office and coordinator. Beginning August 1, 1982, Sandra Oppenheim began her duties as executive coordinator of the alumni association.

Working closely with the Board of Trustees and alumni in planning special events, activities, and correspondence, Oppenheim hopes that alumni will participate in the Association’s “new beginning.” “Alumni membership and participation is vital to the success of the Association and future graduates,” she says. “C-M is proud of our alumni, and we want to keep in touch.”

The office is located in the legal clinic, room 48. The phone number is (216) 687-2368.

Oppenheim received a bachelor of science degree in speech from Emerson College, Boston, Massachusetts, and master’s credits from Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. Originally from New York, she has worked in all areas of communication.

Meet the Editors

Maria E. Quinn, 1979 graduate, is the Law Notes staff editor. A member of the C-M Alumni Association Board of Trustees, Quinn is an attorney for the Euclid Law Department. Also in private practice at 21801 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio 44123, 289-0200, Quinn is married to C-M 1976 alumnus Patrick D. Quinn, and the mother of daughter Colleen Elizabeth.

Law Notes Assistant Editor is Douglas Pollitt, 1982 C-M graduate. While financing himself through law school, Doug worked as a law clerk in the Office of Consumer Affairs, Cleveland, in the City of Cleveland Law Department, Civil Division, and as a student assistant in brief writing and oral advocacy at C-M. Pollitt is currently seeking full-time employment.
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crastination and dishonesty within the administration of an estate.

"The perception of the public is that less supervision on the part of the court makes for a more efficient and inexpensive way to transfer assets from one generation to the next."

Such a notion is in fact a misconception on the part of the public, according to Judge Donnelly. He cites as an example the pre-1973 probate docket in Cuyahoga County. At that time, the court was powerless to impose meaningful sanctions against an attorney who caused his or her fiduciary to procrastinate in the filing of accounts. The result was an extremely crowded docket due to the filing of numerous continuances. Consequently, clients sought other avenues of avoiding time-consuming probate. The "how to avoid probate" syndrome became a popular lure for the frustrated client.

In 1973, judicial supervision was increased by imposing requirements that the fiduciary file timely accounts after their appointment, with extensions being granted only upon a showing of good cause. Delinquency in filing accounts became ground for denying attorneys' fees.

In Judge Donnelly's view, it is this direct intervention of judicial scrutiny which has prompted a great increase in the efficiency of the Cuyahoga County probate system.

It is also the need for judicial supervision which supports his opposition to the adoption of the Uniform Probate Code. He is in favor of maintaining the present system and improving it by imposing measures like the new fee structure aimed at bolstering direct accountability on the part of practicing attorneys.

"In an attempt to simplify probate, the Uniform Probate Code requires only an application to probate a will and the issuance of letters of appointment of the fiduciary. The fallacy with that code is its assumption that all people will deal honestly with one another. Ultimately, its adoption would result in the reduction of the role of the private bar and would require another layer of public sector bureaucracy in order to police the dishonesty which would take place. The cost to the public would be much greater than under the current system."

The appealing simplicity of the Uniform Probate Code harbors a potential increase in the expenditure of time and money by replacing an adequate private bar practice with the threat of bureaucratic regulation. Requiring accountability on the part of the private bar will attract people to use a viable probate system rather than opting for alternate forms for the transfer of assets which usually fails to meet the intent of many persons.

Tax considerations were also, in the past, a primary factor in a client's aversion to probate. Judge Donnelly notes, however, that recent changes in estate tax laws have significantly precluded those negative tax considerations. Accordingly, the recent changes in estate tax laws combined with the increased judicial supervision built into the Cuyahoga County probate fee structure should result in a probate system attractive to the general public.

Appropriately, Judge Donnelly encourages the private bar to promote the current probate system as it is the most viable system in existence for efficiently transferring assets from one generation to the next.

C-M Alumni Aid Delinquent Youth

Three C-M alumni are currently participating in a senior citizen tutorial program at Cleveland State University.

Maynard Kimball, C-M '57, Alan Loveman, C-M '40, and Philip Malaragno, C-M '41, have joined area senior citizens as reading tutors to delinquent youth. The youngsters, who are referred to the program by probation officers and youth counselors, normally meet with the tutors bi-weekly and are assigned by compatibility and geographic location.

Cleveland State University has contracted with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, the Board of County Commissioners, and the Ohio Department of Youth Services in operating this program, which is intended to meet the academic needs of youth and give them contact with the juvenile justice system.

Anyone interested in tutoring can contact Marie Weiss at 687-2122.

Women Graduates Increase in Number, Academic Achievement

Recent statistics released by Kay Benjamin, C-M Registrar, indicate that over the past 17 years not only have the ranks of females increased among graduating classes, but also that females have performed academically at a correspondingly higher rate.

The numbers reveal that the 1965 C-M graduating class was comprised of only 5% females while in 1975, women law students comprised 10% of the 238 graduating members. The major increase in female composition of C-M graduating classes occurred in 1980 when 24% of 31 graduates were women. The most recent graduating class of 1982 had 32% females, or 92 women out of 285 graduates.

Statistics reveal that of the top 20% academically of the 1975 class, 17% were females compared with a corresponding percentage of only 8% in 1970.

Between 1975 and 1980 the percentage of females comprising graduating classes increased 140% while the corresponding percentage increase in the percentage of females finishing in the top 20% of each class increased 65%.

The graduating class of 1982 saw a 33% increase in the percentage of female graduates over their 1980 counterparts while the percentage of females comprising the ranks of the top 20% increased 57% over the same period.

The graduating class of 1982 also had the highest number of females graduating with honors as 24 of their number took the 46 awards handed out, including 14 cum laude, 8 magna cum laude, and two summa cum laude.

The 1980 graduating class saw four female law students take all four summa cum laude spots while females took four out of eight magna cum laude honors handed out that year.

Finally, with the exception of 1979 and 1981, at least one female law student has finished in the top 2 academically of each graduating class since 1974. Out of 18 law students comprising the top two academic spots for each graduating class over the past nine years, exactly nine have been women law students.
I am happy to report to the Alumni that there have been a number of significant developments at the College of Law since the last time I wrote. As of the Fall of this year, our Law Library has passed a milestone and now contains over 200,000 volumes or microform equivalents. This represents an increase in the collection of over 100% since 1969: those of you who graduated from the Cleveland Law School or the John Marshall School of Law can appreciate the magnitude of this development in reflecting on the fact that those libraries numbered only a few thousand volumes each. Not only is the Library now an outstanding facility for student use, but it also serves as a fine research facility for faculty and legal community. Every advance has its own costs. A collection of this size calls for increasing support from the University. Nevertheless, we are extremely proud of this accomplishment.

I am also able to report that the law school now has 44 full-time faculty. We are the largest law faculty in the state of Ohio. The impact of this increase in faculty size is felt in three significant areas. First, we consistently run the smallest first-year sections in the region. This means that faculty/student contact is maximized and that each individual student has a real opportunity to be personally involved in the classroom interchange. Further, the overall student/faculty ratio at the College is outstanding, enabling us to provide the kind of training and intense contact available at only a small number of law schools in the United States. Finally, the continued growth of the faculty also enables us to provide a breadth of legal training that would not be possible with fewer qualified teachers.

We have been able to augment the full-time faculty with outstanding part-time faculty selected from the Cleveland legal community. The tradition of drawing on the best of the practicing bar to communicate their knowledge and interest continues at the College of Law.

I am also pleased to report that applications have increased slightly over the last year and I believe that statistically we have the best class in the history of the College of Law.

I would like to share with you a major concern at the College. We have been worried that, given the state of the economy and the continued intense competition for jobs, our students would begin to have substantial difficulty in obtaining placements upon graduation. In order to help cope with that problem, we have increased the size of our Placement staff and have tried aggressively to pursue job interviews for our students. We also run programs on interviewing and résumé creation to help our students better compete in the job market. Our placement record over the last two years has been excellent with over 90% of the students reporting having been placed in jobs upon passage of the bar. At the same time, we anticipate that until the economy improves, this year and future years may well be difficult. We are renewing our efforts to help our students enter the profession.

Finally, you may be surprised to hear that the new law school facility completed in 1977 is no longer adequate for the College. The growth in our program and library collection is putting substantial pressure on available space in the building. We are in the process of planning for an enlarged facility and are hopeful that this will be accomplished in the foreseeable future.

Although the building, library and faculty have changed over the years, our tradition of providing educational opportunity to able students continues.

Any Ideas About Continuing Legal Education?

The Domestic Relations Seminar sponsored by the alumni association on December 7, 1982 was well attended by both C-M alumni and other professionals within the legal community.

In planning future seminars, the continuing legal education committee is interested in hearing from alumni who wish to make a seminar presentation on a particular topic or a general area. The committee would also like your input about the kinds of programs you would prefer, including topics, suggestions for speakers, and ideas regarding seminar videotaping.

Contact: Janis M. Jakubaitis, 8180 Brecksville Road, Suite 108, Brecksville, Ohio 44141 (216) 526-9505, or the alumni office.

Please watch for our Spring seminar to take place in early May.

Three Professors Added to Faculty

Three new professors have joined the Cleveland-Marshall faculty for the 1982-83 academic year. Assistant Professor Robin L. West, Visiting Associate Professor Michael Davis, and Associate Professor Solomon Oliver.

Assistant Professor West received her J.D. from the University of Maryland and was awarded her Master's in Law from Stanford Law School, where she also taught legal research and writing. While attending law school, she clerked for Judge Francis Kaufman of the Maryland federal district court and immediately thereafter worked for a Baltimore law firm specializing in equal employment and labor law. Her teaching at C-M includes contracts, commercial law and jurisprudence. She also conducts research projects in utilitarian theories of judicial review.

Visiting Associate Professor Davis received his J.D. from Hofstra Law School and his LL.M. from Harvard. Prior to his arrival in Cleveland, he was an assistant professor at the University of Tennessee and was involved in general practice in Nantucket, Massachusetts. He has seven publications to date. Davis has lectured on products liability for the Tennessee continuing legal education program. At C-M, he is teaching torts, criminal law and intellectual property.

Associate Professor Oliver joins the C-M faculty after having served as the chief of appellate litigation section for the U.S. Attorney's office for Northern Ohio. He received his J.D. from the New York University School of Law and did his graduate work at Columbia and Case Western Reserve Universities. Oliver is a former senior law clerk for the late Honorable William H. Hastie of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Pennsylvania. Judge Hastie was the first black judge to serve on the federal level.

Bar Results Day

The annual Bar Results Day celebration took place on November third. The law college atrium was filled to capacity as a pleasant mixture of happy new attorneys, many alumni from various classes, faculty, students, and judges celebrated the passing of the bar. Channel 5 covered the event, and mention was made in the Plain Dealer.
Moot Court Successful in National Competition

The Moot Court Board of Governors named C-M Law Professor Stephen J. Werber faculty advisor during the summer of 1981. While currently preparing for the 1982-83 interscholastic competition and the 1983 Spring Moot Court Night to be held during the third week of May, Professor Werber emphasized the importance of support by the administration, faculty, students and alumni.

"Our College is fortunate in that we have the unqualified support of the administration, a faculty willing and able to work with various interscholastic teams, students of unique talent, and an alumni association anxious and able to render assistance whenever given the opportunity," said Werber.

Explaining that the C-M training program is one of the most complete in the nation, commencing with the required first year writing program and moving into a full year of Advanced Brief Writing and intramural competition, Werber noted the high caliber of C-M students who join the Board of Governors. "By the time a student is permitted to join an interscholastic team, he or she has written at least three major briefs and argued at least five times before experienced panels of students and members of the bar," he states.

The success of a Moot Court program, according to Werber, is most apparent in improvement of written and oral advocacy skills and a continued desire for learning and competition amongst participating students.

Over fifty students initially entered the 1982 intramural competition. Thirty completed the competition seeking to qualify for the eighteen positions on the 1982-83 Board of Governors.

Werber feels that another measure of success is premised upon the achievements of team members in interscholastic competition. The C-M 1981-82 teams had an outstanding record in interscholastic competition. For the first time in C-M history, one of our National's teams, the Respondent's team, comprised of Suzanne Nigro, Sally Richards, and Ralph Streza, represented our region in the final rounds held in New York City. This team also captured the prize for the Best Respondent's Brief in the region and had the highest scored brief in the region.

The Petitioner's team, comprised of Craig Cobb, Stephanie Meckler, and Keith Weiner, reached the quarter final rounds after winning both of its round robin arguments.

Alumni Happenings

LEO E. ROSSMANN, '29, was awarded a 50-year pin in the University Heights Masonic Lodge.

SAM D. BARTLO, '50, was recently presented with a Life Fellowship for Service to the Community, Legal Profession, and the Foundation by the Fellows of the Ohio State Bar Foundation.

REV. LUTHER F. HILL, '54, a pastor of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, was recently appointed to the Regional Transit Authority board of trustees by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes.

DONALD L. COTICCHIA, '65, has been appointed vice president and general manager of the Industrial Chemicals & Solvent Division of Ashland Oil, of Columbus, Ohio.

ROBERT GOLDBERG, '65, was named grand jury foreman for the Common Pleas Court in September, 1981.

ANNETTE G. BUTLER, '70, was appointed assistant U.S. attorney, civil division, in August, 1982. She was legal affairs director of the Cleveland Office on School Monitoring and Community Relations and a member of a Cleveland law firm prior to her appointment.

ERIC R. GILBERTSON, '70, became president of Johnson State College in Vermont in August, 1981, after practicing law in Columbus for two years. He has served as assistant to the president at Ohio State University from 1973 to 1979, and also as assistant attorney general and legal counsel for the Ohio Board of Regents.

JOHN C. KIKOL, '70, president and trustee of CleveTrust Realty Investors, Cleveland, was reelected to the executive committee of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, Inc. in October, 1982. He is also a member of the group's board of governors and 1981-82 insurance committee.

ROGER M. SYNENBERG, '77, was appointed assistant U.S. attorney assigned to the criminal division in August, 1982. He was formerly associated with Paris Development Corporation and a law firm.

SHERYL KING, '79, was selected as an outstanding woman of America recipient for 1981 in recognition of her outstanding ability, accomplishments, and service to the community.

RICHARD G. LILLIE, '79, was appointed assistant U.S. attorney, criminal division, in August, 1982. Prior to his appointment, Lillie had been associated with a law firm and served as law clerk intern to U.S. District Judge John M. Manos, '50.

LYNN HALL, '81, is currently assistant dean for student affairs and administration at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, having begun her duties in August, 1981.

LYNETT M. MCGOUGH, nee ZEILLMANN, '81, has moved to 5410 Williamsburg Drive, Lorain, Ohio 44053.

EMILY M. MIRSKY, '81, was appointed assistant U.S. attorney in August, 1982. Employed in the civil division, she was a publications specialist at Cleveland State University.

PATRICIA A. WALKER, 81, is employed as an attorney in the law offices of Ellis B. Brannon in Sharon Center, Ohio, a general practice serving Medina, Cuyahoga, and Summit counties with an emphasis on personal injury work.

GEOFFREY OGLESBY, '82, and his father Robert B. Oglesby, jointly practice law in the Cooke Building, 158 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio. Wishing to reinvest in their community, the father-son team are the only Erie Co. black law firm.
Options for Student Loan Borrowers

If you borrowed under a federal program for your law or baccalaureate degree, those educational loans helped to reduce your worries about paying for school. Today, however, you may have new anxieties as you budget to meet the payments on those obligations. Since slow or no payment on educational debts means a poor credit rating for you as well as denies today's students the opportunity to reborrow that money for school, you may wish to consider a program created in 1981 through the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae). This OPTIONS program allows you to consolidate your Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL), Federally Insured Student Loans (FISL), and National (Direct) Student Loans (NDSL). In addition to the advantages of repaying or repayment extension, some borrowers are able to reduce their monthly payments as much as 50% by consolidating through Sallie Mae.

You are eligible for OPTIONS if you have more than one lender with a loan balance of more than $5,000. If all of your loans are from the same lender, your outstanding balance must equal more than $7,500. Also you must presently be in good standing on all of your loans. Consolidation loans are currently made at 7% interest, but you may even be interested in including your 3% NDSL's when you see what consolidation could do for your monthly payments and financial flexibility. For additional information on the OPTIONS program, complete the questionnaire below and mail it to:

SALLIE MAE
Student Loan
Consolidation Center
P.O. Box 1600
Menifee, Virginia 22116

This may be the day you table some financial worries, grant your wallet a continuance and put your credit rating on pause.

Marlene E. Shettel
Financial Aid Administrator

Yes, I'd like to apply for OPTIONS

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Three class reunions are being planned for the 1982-83 year.

1973 Class Representative John V. Heutsche is currently in the process of forming his class reunion date and committees. '73 alumni are urged to contact him at P.O. Box 46311, Bedford, Ohio 44146.

A twentieth reunion will take place on October 15, 1983. 1963 Class Representative Jerry Kraig has been working with committee members Eileen Kelley, Hank Hentemann, Richard Dunn and many others in planning a very special event. Kraig can be reached at 33 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. Please contact him if you have ideas or wish to become involved in planning this event.

Alumni president Bill Monroe is working on his 1953 class reunion. Please contact him if you can spare a little time at 1525 Leader Building, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

If you are interested in being a class representative, please contact the Alumni Association (216) 687-2368 or Herb Palkovitz at (216) 771-3777.

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Have You Joined The Alumni Association?

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association needs you! Your membership dues go a long way in supporting the students, scholarships, the law school, and its reputation nationally, as well as within the Cleveland community.

If you have not already joined the alumni association, please fill out the enclosed membership card and return with your dues to the C-M Law Alumni Association, 1801 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

The alumni association is planning lots of great events in the near future. We hope that each of you will help in this small way.

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President's Message

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task of faculty liaison, and we will do our best to communicate in that area.

Membership is our most important committee. Positive response to our recent questionnaire and membership solicitation mailing was overwhelming. I am extending an invitation to all alumni to join with the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and its students in facilitating and sharing our resources and knowledge through the many fine programs in the upcoming years.

Alumni trustee meetings are scheduled once a month and general meetings will be scheduled as they have been in the past. We are greatly increasing our level of activity with the emphasis on communication, and invite all of you to actively participate.

Sincerely,

Bill Monroe

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Young Lawyers Group Formed

If you are an alumnus or an alumnae who has graduated from Cleveland-Marshall within the last five years, please fill out the coupon below and return to the Alumni Office, 1801 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

The Young Lawyers group will be having a cocktail party soon and will contact you.
Faculty Happenings

Professor Thomas D. Buckley, Jr., argued the case for the Appellees before the United States Supreme Court in Brown vs. Socialist Workers ’74 Campaign Committee (Ohio), a first amendment suit challenging the application of Ohio’s campaign finance disclosure law to Socialist Workers Party election campaigns. The case was heard by the Court at its opening session on the first Monday in October. A decision upholding the Appellees’ position was announced by the Court on December 8, 1982.

Associate Professor Earl Curry is on Academic Leave in 1982-83; he is researching and writing in the area of the duty of fair representation.

Visiting at Cleveland-Marshall this year is Professor John Downing of the law faculty of the Polytechnic of Central London. An expert on law of the European Economic Community, he is teaching courses on international business law and antitrust. Professor Downing is participating in the faculty exchange program between Cleveland-Marshall and Polytechnic. Cleveland-Marshall Associate Professor Barry Kellman is spending the year in London, teaching at the Polytechnic, as our emissary on the exchange.

Elisabeth Travis Dreyfuss, Cleveland-Marshall ’75, Director of the Street Law Program, was instrumental in developing the concept and designing the curriculum for Cleveland’s Law and Public Service Magnet High School, which opened its doors this Fall. Ms. Dreyfuss is Co-Director of the school along with Peter Gale, Associate Professor in Cleveland State’s College of Urban Affairs, and Nona Burney, Cleveland-Marshall ’81, the school’s administrator. Ms. Dreyfuss and Judith Zimmer, Cleveland-Marshall ’81, the school’s resource director, are in the process of developing and implementing an Introduction to Law course.

Dean Bogomolny and Ms. Dreyfuss made a presentation on Cleveland-Marshall’s Street Law Program at the Association of American Law School’s Convention in Cincinnati on January 7, 1983.

Nancy Firak, C-M ’80, left her position as C-M clinical instructor and staff attorney to attend the Harvard Law School in pursuit of her LL.M. degree.

For the second year Assistant Professor Sheldon Gelman has taught a course at First College, a liberal arts undergraduate college within the Cleveland State University. The course, a workshop on law and society, focused on the interplay between psychiatry and the law.

This past summer Associate Professor Louis B. Geneva organized a series of four 16-hour long continuing legal education courses in tax and estate planning. He taught two of the courses himself; the other two courses were taught by adjunct faculty member Thomas Hausman.

Professor Stephen Landsman argued before the United States Supreme Court on November 30, 1982, in the major due process/reproductive freedom case, Akron Center for Reproductive Freedom vs. City of Akron.

Several Cleveland-Marshall faculty members participated in institutes and seminars over the summer. Assistant Professor John Makdisi was a participating legal scholar at the Summer Institute on Law and Social Structure in the Contemporary Near and Middle East at the American University in Cairo. Professor David Forte was a Liberty Fund Fellow at the Program in Law and Philosophy, Institute of Humane Studies, Menlo Park, California. And Associate Professor Peter Garlock participated in an NEH-sponsored seminar in American Legal History held at the Stanford Law School.

Beginning September 1, 1982, Nick Pope was appointed Interim Law Librarian, until a permanent appointment for the Director of the Law Library is made.

Professor Alan Miles Ruben was the featured speaker at the Ohio Legal Center’s Institute on the new Ohio Close Corporation Law, attended by some 130 lawyers from northeast Ohio on Friday, October 22, 1982, at Stouffer’s Inn on the Square. Ruben spoke on the need for reforms to protect minority shareholders.

Assistant Dean for Evening Programs and Professor Carroll Sierk is Vice President/Secretary (and President-Elect) of the League of Ohio Law Schools in 1982-83.


Assistant Professor Janice Toran has been awarded the Howard L. Oleck Award for outstanding legal writing by a faculty member for her article “Information Disclosure in Civil Actions: The Freedom of Information Act and the Federal Discovery Rules,” published at 49 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 843 (1981).