Dear Fellow Alumni:

I am looking forward to a most exciting and productive year as President of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. As you can see, we are starting the year with a new look to Law Notes, an updated format which we believe represents the vitality of our organization. We will be seeking advertisers to fund future editions of Law Notes - contact Mary McKenna for details.

The various CMLAA Committees have a busy year to look forward to. We need the support of all our alumni to accomplish our goals of improving our Alma Mater while providing professional opportunities and legal education for our alumni.

The following activities need your efforts so that the Law Alumni Association may continue on its current path of visibility and vitality:

**17th - 18th Block Project** – Please support the efforts of our Outreach Committee. Call and/or write your state legislators, Board of Regents and Governor Voinovich to express your support of this project. The new law library is crucial to the future of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

**Membership** – Recruit your fellow classmates to become active dues paying members of CMLAA. Our organization cannot survive without the lifeblood which is the revenue from membership dues. Many of the fine programs instituted by the Association for its membership and the law school are made possible in large part by membership dues.

Remember, Life Membership supports scholarships. Please become a life member and encourage others. We need you!!

**Mentor Program** – The Mentor Program, a 1990 pilot of the Minority Concerns Committee, went school wide under the leadership of the Professional Opportunities Committee in 1991. Our 1992 Mentor Program will be a joint effort by the two committees. Please volunteer to become a mentor, as our law students need you.

**CLE** – Please attend our Saturday morning Continuing Legal Education Programs. Besides being excellent seminars which have recently received national recognition, the revenues from these programs help to sustain CMLAA.

**Social** – “Phantom of the Opera” is coming to Cleveland and CMLAA has tickets! Call Mary McKenna for further details.

You can clearly see that the Law Alumni Association is busy and involved, yet there is much more to do. I repeat Immediate Past President Howard Mishkind’s invitation to you, “If you are new to the Association or want to return, please feel free to contact any of the committee chairs listed in this edition.” Please contact me in care of Mary McKenna, our Executive Director, at 687-2368 or my office at 491-1440.

This can be an even greater year for CMLAA, but only if we do it together. Join and get involved with a winning team - the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association.

This Year’s Team Leader,

Sheryl King Benford
President, CMLAA
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Howard Mishkind
This has been The Year of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Library in many ways. An excellent law library is a critical feature of any fine law school. For that reason, the faculty, students, alumni and administration of the law school have made the law library a top priority for the last three years. Those efforts are bearing fruit that should ensure that our library will continue to be a strength of the law school for years to come.

The current library contains nearly 350,000 volumes and microform volume equivalents. In addition, the library has a range of electronic databases available to students and faculty. Despite the strength of the library (it is the second largest law library in Ohio), the law library has faced two significant problems. The first is inadequate space. The second has been uneven and inadequate base funding. Regarding the library space, the law school community has worked hard to obtain approval for a new law library building to be built north and west of the current law school. This state of the art building would provide space for the law library for the next 25 years.

Cleveland State University has approved and recommended the building, and it has received preliminary approval from the Board of Regents. It is currently before the governor and the legislature for funding. As alumni president Sheryl King Benford discusses in her letter, it is important that our alumni continue to let the governor and legislature know that this project is critical to the future of the law school. The American Bar Association and Association of American Law Schools have made it clear that the current law library building does not meet accreditation standards and must be remedied. With less than half the space per student in our library as is available in the "average" Ohio law school, the pressing need is obvious.

Law libraries depend on a consistent and dependable source of funding to maintain good collections. Unfortunately, the funding for the law library has been uneven. In response to this problem the students and faculty have strongly supported law library funding as a first priority. In an extraordinary move, the students agreed to a tuition increase to be matched by university funds as part of the plan to improve the law library. The university has now provided the additional funds and the law library funding should be on a sound footing.

Modern law libraries are much more than collections of books. They contain information in many formats: microforms, CD ROMS, and electronic formats. Through the use of computers and electronic data bases, we can bring to Cleveland-Marshall an enormous range of information from around the world. One of the challenges facing us as we continue to improve the law library and as we plan a major law library addition, is to provide for the development of technology that cannot now be predicted. It seems certain that the book and printed page will remain a core of great libraries. At the same time, we will increasingly use other formats (particularly electronic formats) to supplement printed information. We have begun the exciting process of finding ways to make the library an inviting and important part of the life of the law school. Thanks to support from the law school community, including our alumni, 1992 is a year that should set us on the path to realizing that goal.
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WHO HAVE MADE THIS ISSUE OF LAW NOTES POSSIBLE.
His name has a provocative resonance — Solomon Oliver — a name suggesting wisdom, judiciousness, a name that surely predisposed its bearer to a career in the law. As lawyer, teacher, legal scholar, Solomon Oliver, Jr., has lived up to his name.

by Louise F. Mooney

In May 1991, when Dean Steven R. Smith announced the appointment of Solomon Oliver, Jr., to the College's Associate Deanship for Faculty and Administration, he had been a lawyer for 19 years; he had clerked for a federal judge, worked as an attorney and supervisor with the U.S. Justice Department, and been a member of the Cleveland-Marshall law faculty for nine years. Thus, law college administration was a new turn on a road well traveled, a new direction in a profession he had served ably in a variety of capacities.

A Southerner by birth, Ohio has been Dean Oliver's home off and on since 1966. Oliver's undergraduate degree in Political Science and Philosophy is from Ohio's College of Wooster, and his masters degree in Political Science is from Case Western Reserve University. After graduating from New York University School of Law in 1972, he returned to Ohio to accept an invitation by Wooster to join the Political Science Department, teaching constitutional law and American and Black Politics. Looking back on those four years, Oliver remarks, "I enjoyed teaching there immensely, and though I had only intended to do this for two years or so, day by day it became more difficult to leave." As gratifying as he found the classroom experience, after three years he left his alma mater to begin his legal career in earnest as senior law clerk for the late Judge William H. Hastie of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Before joining the College of Law faculty in 1982, Oliver served as Chief of Appellate Litigation and Chief of the Civil Division in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Cleveland.

At the law school Dean Oliver teaches and publishes in the area of civil procedure,
federal jurisdiction, and trial advocacy. His most recent articles on assessing the constitutionality of state and local affirmative action plans appeared in the fall 1990 Review of Litigation, published by the University of Texas, and the spring 1992 issue of the Loyola Law Review. The Associate Dean has chaired several law school committees, including Admissions and Faculty Appointments, and has served as a faculty representative on the CSU Board of Trustees.

Dean Oliver was born and raised in Bessemer, Alabama, a steel-making town of about 35,000, located just southwest of Birmingham, where the great Appalachian chain has begun its gradual leveling toward the flatlands of the Mississippi valley. Solomon Oliver was the fourth child of ten born to Willie Lee Oliver and Solomon Oliver, Sr. Oliver's father retired at the age of 49 after 30 years with U.S. Steel Corp. to become pastor of a local Baptist church. Dean Oliver's mother worked full-time in the home “taking care of us, educating us and trying to ensure that we came out alright.” And they all did. At home both parents continually stressed the importance of education so that all the Oliver children went on to college, and several earned graduate degrees in various areas including business, counseling, English and, of course, law.

The achievements of Oliver and his brothers and sisters would be notable in the best of times, but given the chaos of the times, their achievements are remarkable indeed. The South where the Oliver children came of age was the bedraggled, post-war segregated South of the forties and fifties, the Alabama that erupted during the racial fury of the sixties into lunch counter sit-ins, bus strikes, and the long freedom march from Selma to Montgomery. It was the Alabama of Rosa Parks and the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and it was also the Alabama of Bull Connor and George Wallace. In Oliver's hometown and throughout the state, all the government jobs and most of the high-paying jobs in the private sector as well were held by whites, and it was not until his college days that Oliver had either a white teacher or a white classmate. Yet Oliver is quick to point out that, in one of those ironic turnarounds that confound bigotry, the educational system designed to preserve segregation inspired a cadre of dedicated Black school teachers who instilled in Oliver “a sense of pride and self-worth that,” he says, “remains with me today.”

“The rest of the world,” he says, “was just a dream.” Since the start of his legal career, however, the rest of the world has been much more than a dream.

As the racial conflicts intensified throughout the South, so did the dangers of daily living. Traveling with two older men through rural Georgia to a church convention in Florida in the turbulent summer of 1963, Oliver stopped to use the only rest room at a service station and was brutally accosted by an enraged white male attendant who accused him of conspiring with “Bobby” Kennedy against the South and warned him never to drive through Georgia again.

Looking back on those difficult days, Dean Oliver reflects that the worst of times managed to be also the best of times. Whatever was going on in the outside world, at home the world was stable and promising: “I had a supportive environment. Of course, my parents were primarily responsible for this. But I had two grandmothers, uncles and aunts, some cousins, and teachers who helped a lot along the way too. And, of course, having five brothers and four sisters gave me an edge; I think the most important thing was that we all felt responsible for each other.”

After high school Oliver enrolled at Miles College in Birmingham, a Black college highly regarded for its role in producing a number of the state's Black leaders. Miles was an exciting place to be, for students there were actively involved in the historical movement that was transforming the social fabric of Birmingham, the South, and, ultimately, the whole country. Nevertheless, after his freshman year at Miles, Oliver responded to an opportunity to spend a summer at Harvard and then to continue his education at the College of Wooster.

Dean Oliver's ties to his undergraduate college remain strong. He is rare among alumni as a graduate who has been involved with a college as student, teacher, President of the Alumni Association, and, most recently, as a member of Wooster's Board of Trustees.

In a youth contemporaneous with the passage of the great civil rights legislation of the sixties and witness to the power of the law to reckon with the savage dispositions of racism, Oliver had early on considered law as a career. “I had an uncle who, if times and circumstances had been right, would have been a lawyer. He never had the opportunity. But his aspirations forever served as a reminder to me and my brother, who also became a lawyer, of law’s promise.”

Along with the aspiration that he, his brother, and his uncle shared, Dean Oliver has fulfilled other aspirations as well. He recalls that when he was growing up, the world was limited to occasional travel from Alabama to Cleveland where he had relatives. “The rest of the world,” he says, “was just a dream.” Since the start of his legal career, however, the rest of the world has been much more than a dream. His work with the Department of Justice often took him to cities throughout the

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MENTORING AT CLEVELAND-MARSHALL

The Professional Opportunities and Minority Concerns Committees of the Law Alumni Association are jointly sponsoring the Mentor Program for the 1992-93 academic year at Cleveland-Marshall. In order to address effectively the needs of Cleveland-Marshall's minority students, the Minority Concerns Committee successfully launched the school's first mentor program two years ago. This effort was expanded to include the entire student population last year. This year the Minority Concerns and Professional Opportunities Committees have joined forces to provide each interested student with a mentor, while remaining sensitive to the needs of minority students. Having a student accompany you to court, observe negotiations, interview a client or just simply spend an hour over lunch to engage in some “straight talk” about the practice of law provides an invaluable service to our future colleagues and alumni. In turn, the mentor enjoys a rich experience in the process which can prove extremely satisfying.

Mentoring has almost become a lost art of the legal profession and is in dire need of rejuvenation if we intend to maintain the high standards of performance and ethics that must again be the hallmark of our calling.

Our success in this venture is dependent entirely on your help and participation in the Mentor Program. Please accept the challenge, make a commitment, and express your interest by completing the form below and mailing it to the Law Alumni Office. You will be glad you did.

COUNT ME IN AS A CMLAA MENTOR!
CLEVELAND-MARSHALL LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MENTOR PROGRAM
1992-93 MENTOR REGISTRATION FORM

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Area of Practice or Occupation other than the practice of law: ________________________

Type of practice (I.E. General, Corporation, Partnership, Government, Judicial, etc.; be specific): ________________________

Would you like to be matched with a student of the same sex? Yes____ No____ Doesn’t matter____
Pro Bono Publico:
Cleveland-Marshall and Cleveland Works, Inc.

by Louise F. Mooney

Every day Cleveland-Marshall law students Megan Hensley, Andrew Burr, Miles Camp, Russell Hopkins, Bill Seligman and Craig Syby take home five dollars in wages from a summer job that is gruelling, vexatious and frustrating. Also a job they all love and are proud to have, a job they agree has taught them more about law than much of their one and two years of legal study. The six students are spending their summer vacations doing what Dean Steven Smith yearly implores all graduating law students to do: to keep the public trust by providing legal services to the needy and to organizations that advance social welfare. The Cleveland-Marshall students are doing both. They are helping men and women whom many consider unhelpable, the long-term unemployed, and they are helping to promote the health of the city and state by assisting the effort to find them employment. Hensley, Burr, Camp, Hopkins, Seligman and Syby are working as interns in the Legal Department of Cleveland Works, Inc., a non-profit Cleveland organization that is recognized throughout the country for its success in converting the hard-core jobless into productive, working citizens.

At Cleveland Works, students confront the deadening effects of poverty, of teen age pregnancy, and of drug abuse in the histories of men and women who have spent much of their lives as urban shut-ins, marooned on the shadowy fringes of society. Surprisingly, in the midst of so much palpable misery, they also find an ambiance that borders on horniness. This is due, in part, to the expansive personality of Cleveland Works Executive Director David Roth ’79, a kind of apostate hero among lawyers. Roth gained the public eye in the 70s when he was the highly visible executive director of Cleveland’s Free Clinic. He came to Cleveland-Marshall in the mid-70s, prominently sporting the ideals of the 60s, and he left with those ideals intact, founding Cleveland Works in 1986 after a stint in corporate practice followed by an interval in a Boston-based for-profit agency.

Roth established the Legal Department at Cleveland Works in 1989 when it became apparent that many of the organization’s clients had legal problems that were sometimes as much an impediment to job placement as the lack of training or the absence of marketable skills. The Department’s case load is nightmarish, 1,000 civil and criminal cases in the past year, and the variety of cases would put a damper on the enthusiasm of the heartiest do-gooder. Student interns get a close-up view of the legal entanglements endemic to poverty: cases involving custody, child support, domestic violence, paternity, drug abuse and trafficking, landlord-tenant problems, expungements, bankruptcy, and welfare fraud. It is a less than romantic view of the uses of justice, but it is bolstered by the intractable idealism of the Cleveland Works founder.

In fact, a Dostoyevskian vision of human nature that is desperate but redeemable marks the Roth/Cleveland Works philosophy and accounts for the willingness of attorneys to work long hours and forfeit personal gain for the sake of the men and women who bring their troubled pasts to the legal offices of Cleveland Works. For Roth is not the only idealist on board. Five attorneys staff the Legal Department of Cleveland Works. Nor is Roth the only Cleveland-Marshall graduate. Of the Department’s five attorneys, four are Cleveland-Marshall graduates: Head of the Department Gary Maxwell ’88, and staff attorneys John Lawson ’76, Mike Redlick ’78, and Mark Williams

Lauren Werber
The enthusiasm of the students for the work they are doing is echoed in the praise of the attorneys they serve.

'88 have all followed Roth to Cleveland Works.

So, although coming to Cleveland Works Legal Department is a baptism by fire for CSU law students, it is also a little like a family reunion. Moreover, recently, the Legal Department formed an advisory board of 50 attorneys, 16 of whom are Cleveland-Marshall alumni. They are: Deborah R. Akers '76; Elisabeth T. Dreyfuss '78, Assistant Dean, Cleveland-Marshall, and former President of the Board of Trustees at Cleveland Works; Anthony J. Garofoli '61; Terry H. Gilbert '73; Patricia A. Hemann '80; Richard S. Koblentz '75; Kevin E. McDermott '83; Howard D. Mishkind '80; Karen B. Newborn '76; Stephen Rowan '80; Steven H. Slive '76; Melody Stewart '88, Assistant Dean, Cleveland-Marshall; Roger M. Syenenberg '76; Gerald R. Walton '80; Thomas Wilson '87, and Robert I. Zashin '68.

Add to their names the name of Cleveland-Marshall Dean Steven R. Smith, who also serves the legal advisory board, and the name of Lawrence Dempsey, a senior at Collingwood High, son of Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey '81, and of Lauren Werber, a recent graduate of Laurel School, daughter of Cleveland-Marshall Professor Stephen Werber. Both high school students are working with the Legal Department this summer. By anyone's count, it is no exaggeration to say that Cleveland-Marshall is playing an important part in the successes of Cleveland Works.

Those successes are not negligible. The average Cleveland Works' client has three dependents and has spent 10 years on welfare. Cleveland Works is credited with removing more than 1,000 families from public assistance during the last three years and for accomplishing this feat at an average cost of $5,000 per client, a figure that puts to shame the $150,000 it costs the state to maintain a head of household with three children for 10 years. Moreover, individuals placed through Cleveland Works have a high retention rate. Eighty-five to 90% of the clients who found work through the program since 1986 are still employed.

Working in the Legal Department at Cleveland Works is not like working anywhere else, according to Miles Camp, who is about to begin his second year of law school and is no stranger to the public sector: As an undergraduate, he worked as a legislative extern in the Connecticut Senate. "At first, I tried to keep track of everything I did in a day or week at Cleveland Works, but I soon discovered it was an impossible feat. The pace is so rapid, the needs so pressing."

Yet Camp is neither disillusioned nor overwhelmed. Intent on becoming a criminal lawyer when he entered law school with a BA in history and public law from Connecticut State University, he now considers work in an organization like Cleveland Works a more alluring option. In his interactions with the criminal justice system, he sees a lot of burn-out. But, "the atmosphere here is invigorating," he says. Camp finds his horizons broadening in other areas as well. He has developed an interest in landlord-tenant law, for instance, and he has learned a lot about his fellow citizen. Camp expresses amazement at the general apprehension of his clients when confronted with legal problems, and he is pleased that he has been able to help many understand that the law is a human invention, a mere tool, a helpmeet. He counts among his most gratifying.
CMLAA INSTALLS TRUSTEES, SALUTES PROFESSOR LAZARUS

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association held its Annual Meeting at the law school on June 18. Outgoing President Howard Mishkind installed the officers and members of the 1992-1993 Board of Trustees. In addition, Professor Stephen R. Lazarus was presented the Wilson G. Stapleton Award for faculty excellence, a tribute to his service and dedication to the law school, its students and alumni. The Dean Wilson G. Stapleton stipend was presented to second-year student Megan Hensley.

Please join with us to congratulate and offer best wishes to the following alumni:

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Congratulations to the following alumni who were successful applicants to the February 1992 Ohio Bar Exam:

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Sin Kim

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**CLE Calendar of Events**

**FALL 1992**

- September 12: Litigation Essentials—Investigation & Discovery
- September 26: Landlord, Tenant & Fair Housing
- October 10: Liability Insurance Coverage
- October 24: Employer-Employee Relations
- November 7: Criminal Law
- November 21: Professional Responsibility & Substance Abuse*
- December 12: Advising the Financially Distressed Client
- December 19: Litigating the Divorce Case

*Approved by Ohio S. Ct. Comm. on CLE for 3.0 total CLE hours, including 2.5 hours in ethics and .50 hours in substance abuse instruction

**TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF QUALITY, CONVENIENT, TIMELY CLE PROGRAMS**

- All programs approved for 3 Ohio CLE credits
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- All programs presented in the Moot Court Room, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- All programs on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am to 12:15 pm
- Coffee and doughnuts available from 8:30 am
- Attendance required for CLE credit
- Printed materials available for all programs to be distributed at session
- All programs emphasize “current events”
- CLE faculty all outstanding in respective fields
- CMLAA-CLE will submit registration/credit forms to Supreme Court
- Tuition: Advance registration, paid 7 days in advance: $75
  Registration paid less than 7 days in advance: $90
- CMLAA-CLE programs are sponsored by The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association in cooperation with the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- CMLAA members receive a special $10 per program discount upon advance registration.

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Mr. Ross is a member of the Cleveland, Ohio and American Bar Associations, as well as the Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys and the Defense Research Institute, where he has served on the Products Liability Committee since 1981. He lives in Solon with his wife, Laurie, and their three daughters.

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The 1992 Annual Recognition Luncheon honoring Aaron Jacobson and John J. "Chips" Sutula was one of our most successful events ever, with nearly 800 people in attendance. Professors Marjorie Kornhauser and Janice A. Toran received the Howard L. Oleck Faculty Writing Award and Alumni Executive Director Mary McKenna was presented the President's Award in recognition of outstanding service to the Law Alumni Association.
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CHOOSING LAW SCHOOL

Not exactly a sentence, still it is a rigorous few years of hard labor with, these days, fewer and fewer assurances of reward. So how is it that in a cynical age men and women continue to come every year full of enthusiasm and hopes and even idealism to law school? Last fall two Cleveland-Marshall faculty members, Deborah Geier and Lloyd Snyder, agreed to address the first-year class at the opening of school. Looking back at their own careers, both speakers tried to define the lure of so exacting, so trying a profession, and, looking forward, both offered some rather unconventional insights about what it takes to become a good lawyer. Professor Geier came to law school from a successful career as a registered nurse because, like one of our country's great civil dissidents, she wished to live deliberately, and Professor Snyder came to law school because, like our sixteenth President, he could not resist a good story. No matter the path, they share a conclusion that law is a discipline of words, the written word that falls on the page and the spoken word that falls on the ear. And they both agree that what transforms an ordinary human being, not just into an ordinary human being cum law degree, but into a decent and capable and honorable attorney, is his/her relationship with language, how well he or she reads and writes and speaks and listens. The indispensable tools of the lawyering trade, our speakers tell us, are the ability to think precisely and to listen well, and it is their exhortation to the anxious newcomers to hone and burnish these skills, to practice the discipline that language imposes, so that they will leave their years of study, not, as Professor Geier remarks, with a law degree, but with a legal education. Deborah Geier's undergraduate degree, summa cum laude, is from Baldwin-Wallace College. Her law degree, magna cum laude, is from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Before joining the Cleveland-Marshall faculty in 1989, Professor Geier clerked for the Honorable Monroe G. McKay of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and was an associate with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York. Her publication and teaching interests are in tax law and, more recently, Federal Indian Law. Lloyd Snyder earned both his B.S. in economics and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining the Cleveland-Marshall faculty in 1983, Professor Snyder worked as a Senior Attorney in the Law Reform Office of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. A new work, co-authored with Cleveland-Marshall law professor Jack Guttenberg, The Law of Professional Responsibility in Ohio, is forthcoming in September. It is the modest demeanor of both writers and a good dose of drollery.
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— the absence of what Professor Geier calls “flowery prose” and the avoidance of what Professor Snyder derisively calls the orientation tradition of dispensing “profound insights” — that make their two addresses appealing and memorable statements which we here print with pride. LFM

The Life of the Mind: Self-Fulfillment in the Practice of Law
by Deborah A. Geier, Assistant Professor of Law

One day not long ago Professor Guttenberg, chair of the orientation committee, walked into my office and informed me that Professor Snyder, from whom you will hear next, had agreed to talk to you about the practice of law as a helping profession. He then asked me to talk to you about the practice of law as a helping profession. He then asked me if I would consider speaking to you as well, as he was of the opinion that I approached the practice of law quite differently.

At first I thought I should be insulted and wondered if he wanted me to talk to you all about the ins and outs of using the law as a tool of oppression of the masses. He then saved himself, though, by saying that he believed I approached the law more as a scholar, viewing it as an intellectual pursuit. As I sat preening myself on what I considered to be a compliment, I then thought Professor Snyder ought to feel insulted. In any event, I agreed to talk to you today because I do feel I have something I want to say to you regarding the study of law (and ultimately the satisfying practice of law) while you are still impressionable neophytes who think that we know a lot more than you do.

One of my colleagues, in jest, referred to our addresses tonight as “Point-Counterpoint.” I say “in jest” because she realizes that of course I don’t disagree with the proposition that lawyers do help people, change society for the better, and gain self-fulfillment from that role. I am referring not only to the legal-aid lawyer, whose helping hand may be more directly discernable, but also to the lawyer who drafts the agreement for Multinational Corporation that enables it to expand its services in the global marketplace, thus greasing the wheels of commerce that bring prosperity and jobs — the necessary foundation for any social progress. In fact, many speeches to beginning law students — or graduating law students for that matter—contain much flowery prose on that very topic.

In my own experience, however, being a member of a helping profession may not be enough to bring you job satisfaction. Helping people was not enough for me when, as a registered nurse for seven years, I helped people through the labor and delivery of their infants. I was good at what I did, and I mattered to my patients. It was gratifying to hear again and again, “I couldn’t have made it through without you.” It was gratifying to deliver those infants when the doctor just couldn’t get there in time. It was gratifying to set up and assist in a Cesarean Section in an emergency faster and more efficiently than almost anyone could and thereby help promote a good outcome. It was gratifying to resuscitate a depressed infant and finally hear those longed-for screams. It was gratifying to console the parents of the stillborn and know that I brought comfort when I put the child in their arms and helped the grieving process. It was even gratifying to have earned the sobriquet “sure shot” for my ability to start IVs on people with the worst veins.

But in the long run, helping wasn’t enough for me. Being technically proficient with procedures wasn’t enough for me. What sets law apart from other helping professions? What does law offer that nursing, as an example of just one of the many, doesn’t? For some, a better salary, but not for all; nurses are getting better pay these days and many lawyers earn less. Respect? Most people view nurses as virtuous Florence Nightingales and lawyers as scum-sucking scavengers. An escape from sexism? It’s true I once had a male doctor angrily tell me that a nurse is the doctor’s “handmaiden” when I refused to carry out what I considered to be an inappropriate order. But it is as a law professor that I received the student evaluation that read: “The professor of this class was great, especially considering she was a female. She did just as good a job as her counterpart, maybe even better.” Talk about your backhanded compliments!

I know I am going to insult many nurses or relatives of nurses by saying this, but for me the defining difference between nursing and the law was this: While both professions called upon my
ability to help people and, in many instances, to be an advocate (patient advocate in one setting, client advocate in the other), the tools of the professions differed dramatically. My chief tools as a nurse were my technical skills, many of which I could perform on automatic pilot after a while. (I confess I used to think about the rules of Civil Procedure as a first-year law student while evaluating monitoring strips and coaching a labor patient through her contractions.)

My chief tool as a lawyer is my mind, my intellect. Note that I did not say “memory.” Those of you who perceive the law as a precise, if changing, set of rules to be memorized and digested like an encyclopedia when a client asks a question inevitably will be unhappy as a law student and inevitably will be unhappy in the practice of law. I know those students in my class. They are the ones who, after the class between the two) will be a part of that black-letter law we are supposed to get from this.

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And by what means will you explore and work with those concepts and ideas? Words—both spoken and written! “A word is the skin of a thought,” again in the pithy words of Justice Holmes. The word gives shape to the thought, contains it. More than that, it is the currency of the intellect, the means by which we exchange ideas. More than even that, it illuminates the thought in the first instance. Without the precise and facile use of language, of words, it is impossible even to think the unspoken thought, for it is with unspoken words that the thought begins to take shape and mental discourse proceeds.

I am not referring to familiarity with legal jargon, and I am speaking of much more than simply avoiding the crime of murdering the Queen’s English, though that crime is indicative of what my mentor at CWRU law school, Erik Jensen, has called the “general decline in literacy—which is to say, the decline of civilization.” I am referring more precisely to what Ludwig Wittgenstein implied when he said, “The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.” I am referring to the much more fundamental ability to use written and spoken language precisely and thus to think, not in the loose generalities that we all tended to bring with us to law school as students but rather with penetrating precision, as you must be able to do as a successful law student and lawyer. It was Burke who said, “Law sharpens the mind by narrowing it.” That statement is not a pejorative one.

Others, far more learned than I, agree with me. Professor Jensen put it simply: “Writing matters because thinking matters, and grammar matters because care in writing matters.” A 12-year-old boy once wrote to Justice Felix Frankfurter and asked his advice on some ways to start preparing himself for law as a career. Justice Frankfurter replied in part:

If I were you, I would forget all about any technical preparation for the law. The best way to prepare for the law is to come to the study of the law as a well-read person. Thus alone can one acquire the capacity to use the English language on paper and in speech and with the habits of clear thinking which only a truly liberal education can give.

In commenting on Justice Frankfurter’s words, Justice Arthur J. Goldberg wrote:

Perhaps the best illustration of the truth and force of Mr. Justice Frankfurter’s observation is the importance, in the practice of law, of an ability to write. . . . Any writing that a client may require, a lawyer may be called upon to produce. Writing in many fields, of course, requires education in many fields. And whatever the field, writing requires a facility with language. This facility comes most readily from extended and frequent contact with language, contact which in turn comes most readily from widespread
reading. Quite apart from the intellectual broadening which cultivation offers, and which is an asset not just in a professional career but also in life, generalized education has a very practical purpose for the lawyer: it helps him write.

Finally, Erwin N. Griswold, longtime Dean of the Harvard Law School, wrote:

One thing on which law schools are agreed is the importance of acquiring an ability to use the English language. Over and over again, law schools have complained that many of their students are unable to think accurately because they cannot express themselves accurately. In giving up classical education, our colleges have sacrificed some of the discipline that made for precision in the choice of words and a resulting precision in the handling of ideas. Some work in college to meet those ends is most desirable. This means something more than the basic freshman English composition course.

While in private practice, I once was tempted to write "author" on a form which asked me my occupation, for it seemed to me at the time that what I did for a living was write. I simply happened to specialize in the law in my writing.

I tell you all this now, as you begin your courses, not only so that you consciously work on developing those skills but also because it may seem to you that our practices deny the importance of all that I have just said. We will demand much too little writing from you: one course dedicated to it, one additional writing requirement, written exams at the end of courses. We will demand much too little verbal intercourse from you: Some of us will lecture too much; some will accept sentence fragments from you as answers, grasping at the kernel of thought and rephrasing it for you; some of us will, sometimes unconsciously, come to rely on those in the class who are most verbally adept, allowing those most in need of developing their skills to avoid it; some of us will, because of the breadth of the subject matter and in the interest of time, imply by our treatment of the subject matter that the law is simply a bunch of rules to be memorized. We are, indeed, fallible pedagogues.

Don't let our fallibility and shortcomings undermine in your own mind both the notion that law is a thinking person's pursuit and the importance of honing your language skills, both written and verbal. Writing and speaking well and with precision do not come easily to any of us. There are no shortcuts. Conscious effort and plenty of painstaking practice are the only effective means through which to develop these skills, although you might also try sleeping with Strunk & White's Elements of Style underneath your pillow at night. You might throw Johnson's Handbook of Good English under there as well.

Moreover, please don't view your texts and your classes simply as the list of black-letter rules. If you do, you might get through law school and get that coveted law degree; you might even pass the bar exam. But you will be an unhappy attorney and surely not a very good one at that. Rather, I hope you are here for a legal education, not just a law degree, and will view your classes as the vehicles through which you can nurture the ability to discern that 2+2 does indeed equal 3 when no one else can see that. If you do, you will be not only a successful law student but a successful—and I hope happy—practicing attorney as well.

I entitled this address, "The Life of the Mind: Self-Fulfillment in the Practice of Law." I welcome you all to the life of the mind.
that we are people who love to fight for the underdog and prevail against the odds. Having seen numerous graduates competing for jobs at the largest law firms where they can represent wealthy, powerful, influential clients, I am inclined to think that a goodly number of attorneys would just as soon fight for the underdog.

Some speakers have said that we are problem solvers who delight in achieving our clients' goals, while others have said we are lovers of the battle who take joy in going toe to toe with adversaries and letting the chips fall where they may. Whatever else may be said of these two views of attorneys, it is clear that neither is a universal description.

I recently read about Dr. James M. Dabbs, a psychologist from Georgia State University, who has a theory about trial attorneys, rather than the profession as a whole. Dr. Dabbs analyzes lawyers' spats to confirm his theory that trial lawyers have higher levels of testosterone than the rest of us. I do not know how his theory relates to female trial attorneys. It all sounds a bit nutty to me, but that is not what I want to talk about.

I have my own theory about what sets attorneys apart. We are lovers of a good story. Many of us like to tell them; all of us like to hear them. And I think I know why this is so. As attorneys we see people at their best and at their worst. We talk to them when they are most vulnerable. This is the stuff of good stories. The best stories tell us, not only about the people we represent, but also something about human nature, about the makeup of the people we try to serve. I have some modest examples for you tonight.

My first story is about a client who came to talk to me about a divorce during my first week of practice. Let me set the scene for you. I had gone to law school directly from college. This was my first real job. Although I could analyze appellate court decisions with dispatch, I had little idea how to draft a complaint and, being from out of town, no idea where the clerk's office was. Moreover, my self-image was that I looked to be about 15. I had two fears. First, that the client would take one look and ask to see a real lawyer, or worse yet, ask if my father was in. My second fear was that I would reveal my ignorance of local practice and procedure to my client.

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My client was a 35 year old woman. She came in, sat down, and after a few preliminary remarks, began to tell me her story. Having been told that I was an attorney, she accepted on faith that I was and treated me accordingly. My client wanted a divorce because her husband was having an affair. This was not the first time. She had been willing to accept his behavior before, but this time he went too far. This time he brought his girl friend into their home and had sex with her in the marital bed. This was too much of a humiliation for her to tolerate.

At that time I had absolutely no basis for understanding my client's behavior. It made little sense to me that a woman would accept the fact that her husband engaged in adulterous affairs with impunity. It made no sense that the difference between acceptance and rejection turned on whether he carried on his affair in some sleazy motel or in his home. So I talked to her about what I did understand, the grounds for filing a divorce in Ohio, the procedures involved, the cost and such.

At this point my client became wishy-washy about her goals. She wanted to know whether filing the action might jar her husband into changing his attitude and whether she could dismiss the suit if he promised to be a loyal loving husband. She wanted to know if there were some other action she could file that would keep him from hurting her. She kept vacillating between wanting to file and wanting to get her husband back.

It became clear to me that my client was unhappy and confused. She did not want an attorney; she wanted a counselor to help her sort out her feelings. I suggested counseling to her; she immediately agreed and I made a referral. In retrospect, that was the right decision, and I would make the same one under the same circumstances today.

That was an important case for me. It made me realize that despite my lack of experience or understanding of my client, I could help clients. Apparently, something magic had happened in law school that permitted me to make reasonable judgments about other people's problems.

Simply getting out of law school, however, is not enough to make a person a good attorney as my next story illustrates. I should tell you that although these stories involve divorce clients, do not think that emotions and personal feelings only enter into the lives of attorneys in family law matters. Any attorney who has handled a hostile takeover case, a corporate bankruptcy, or a dispute between corporate officers and a board of directors will tell you that the personalities of the parties and the interaction between them enter into their decisions just as much as "hard-nosed business judgment" does.

A woman came to see me who appeared to be depressed. She told me that she wanted a divorce because her husband humiliates her. As an example,
WE'RE HAVING A PARTY
CLASS OF 1987
5 YEAR REUNION
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MATHER MANSION
7:30 PM

LOST ALUMNI: CLASS OF '87

Please notify Mary McKenna in the Law Alumni Office, 687-2368, if you know the addresses of any of the following missing alumni from the class of 1987:

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King Benford ’79, brings with her a vast experience with the law school and the legal community. As a former Assistant Dean, she knows and appreciates the concerns of the law school and the students and will no doubt improve upon the Law Alumni Association this year. Behind her we can look forward to the future leadership of Scott Spero, Scott Finerman and Gary Maxwell. Each of them has demonstrated his unique leadership abilities and unselfish dedication to the Law Alumni Association. I hope that you will support Sheryl in the same manner that you supported me this year.

I would like to end on a personal note. Several people went out of their way to assist me with the transition into the presidency and with my administration. To Jerry Walton and Chips Sutula, I am forever grateful for their assistance, friendship and encouragement. Most of all, to my friend, Mary McKenna, I am most appreciative of her never ending energy and zest to make this organization more and more successful. The greatest thrill that I had during my term as President was when I was able to present to Mary the President’s Award for Outstanding Service to this organization at the May 8, 1992, Annual Recognition Luncheon.

Once again, thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as President. I will remember these times for many years to come and will strive to remain actively involved in this fine organization.

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country, and twice, the Justice Department sent him to work on cases in London. Then, in May of 1991, his career in law teaching presented him with an opportunity to travel to Czechoslovakia. There he lectured to law students at Comenius University in Bratislava and Charles University in Prague on the American federal judicial system and met with legal educators and governmental officials concerning the major changes taking place in that country's legal and political systems.

Discussing his first year in the Associate Dean's office, Oliver mentions one of the 'pluses' of his new job: the opportunity to work closely with Dean Smith. "I enjoy teaching and would have been happy to remain in the classroom full-time, but I identify with Dean Smith's goals and priorities." Dean Oliver believes that Cleveland-Marshall is on the verge of becoming a school with a national reputation, and he is happy to be part of that development. Though CSU has much to be proud of, Dean Oliver feels that there are significant challenges as well. He notes, for instance, how critical it is that Cleveland-Marshall maintain nationally competitive salaries so that its ability to attract and retain outstanding professors will not be compromised. Another challenge Oliver mentions is that of increasing and diversifying placement opportunities for the College's students. Finally, he mentions the challenge which is perhaps closest to his heart, that of further diversifying both student and teacher representation at the law school. He states, "We have made excellent progress in this area, but we still need to do much more."

Oliver lives in Cleveland Heights with his wife, Louisa, whom he met during his undergraduate days at Wooster and whom he married at the end of his second year of law school. Ms. Oliver has a master's degree from Columbia School of Social Work and works for the Cleveland Heights Board of Education in Career Counseling. "Louisa also volunteers for everything in the community. She has done a lot of good." Their sons, Solomon Michael (17) and Jonathan Douglass (14), attend Cleveland Heights High. Mike, a senior, plays the string bass in the school's orchestra, and Jon, an eleventh grader, plays saxophone in the Symphonic Winds Band. They both play soccer for Heights High. When asked whether either of his sons is interested in being a lawyer, the Associate Dean answers, "They don't say, and I don't ask." But the fact of the matter is the Oliver sons' names reverberate with their own historical resonance, and who will be surprised if another Oliver lawyer is not following close behind?

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flying accomplishments the experience of reassuring a mother who feared she would lose custody of her daughter.

Pride is unmistakable in the voice of second year law student Megan Hensley speaking of her Cleveland Works experience. Hensley, a 1989 graduate of the College of Wooster, had worked in her native Vermont in a farm forestry job training program for at-risk juveniles and had arrived at law school with more than a superficial interest in child advocacy law. In her first year at Cleveland-Marshall, Hensley signed up for CMLAA's mentoring program and drew David Roth for her mentor; it was a felicitous match. At Cleveland Works this summer, she is researching Senate Bill X which proposes new administrative procedures for establishing paternity. She has worked with a client who is prohibited from seeing his four children, and she has worked with the juvenile court system on child-placement cases as well. So, as a student, Hensley is already doing what she dreamed of doing when she left law school. Her interest and commitment to public service have not gone unnoticed: This spring Ms. Hensley won CMLAA's Dean Wilson G. Stapleton Award, given to a student active in public sector initiatives.

The enthusiasm of the students for the work they are doing is echoed in the praise of the attorneys they serve. Kathryn Harlow, credit attorney, pronounced the students a "tremendous help" with "backlogged research and cases to be taken care of," while Michael Redlick noted, "Everyone benefited from the experience - the students, the staff, and, most of all, the Cleveland Works' clients."

"Can we see if the law students can work year-round?" Redlick concluded.

Megan Hensley

Megan Hensley, Andrew Burr, Miles Camp, Russell Hopkins, Bill Seligman, and Craig Syby, spending their summer among visionaries and among the disenfranchised, breathe the heady air of success. When they graduate in two or three years as new attorneys, they will graduate as veterans in the service of the public good.
he makes her pose in the nude for photographs. To prove to me that she was not making this story up, she pulled a picture out of her purse and handed it to me. I was flabbergasted. In my embarrassment, I returned the photograph to her, told her to keep it in the unlikely event that we would need it in the future, and proceeded to discuss the grounds for divorce in Ohio.

On reflection, I recognize that I probably did not understand what was going on. My client should have been angry rather than depressed, and she should have known that there was no need to show that picture to her lawyer. Why would she do such a thing? I think it likely that my client saw herself as a victim and that she lacked self-esteem. She was willing to degrade herself in front of a stranger because she did not deserve better.

I should have questioned my client much more closely about her relationship with her husband. I would bet that she was a battered woman who needed support and protection as well as a divorce. She probably also needed help to recover her self-respect, so that she would not fall into another abusive relationship if she were able to extricate herself from the one she told me about. I sent her file down to the attorney who handles divorces and lost track of the case. I do not know what happened to her. I hope that she was able to get better advice than I gave her that day.

So what is my message to you tonight? The career you are preparing for will bring you into contact with people in all forms of distress. You will see the raw material of humanity in its glory and sorrow. No matter what field of practice you choose, you will encounter some extraordinary people. And if you pay attention, you will have some great stories to tell. Good luck.

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The Ohio Humanities Council
Cleveland State University's College of Arts and Sciences
and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Present
GREAT STORIES AND WOMEN'S ISSUES IN PROFESSIONAL LIVES
An all-day book discussion seminar to consider the impact of gender roles on the lives and work of men and women in exacting careers
Friday, October 30, 1992
8:30 am to 3:30 pm
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Participants will read and discuss three highly-regarded works of literature chosen to illustrate gender conflicts and gender styles in the lives of men and women leading ordinary and extraordinary lives

by Phyllis Rose

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by Susan Glaspell

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by Amanda Cross

A $15 fee covers books, continental breakfast, lunch and parking pass. Cleveland-Marshall alumni receive 15% discount. Attendance is limited to 20 participants. Please register and send check payable to Cleveland State University by September 15, 1992, to Louise Mooney, Communications Coordinator, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1801 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. Books will be mailed on receipt of registration fee.

The Ohio Humanities Council is an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. To increase the role of the humanities in the lives of all Ohioans, the Ohio Humanities Council funds public humanities programs throughout Ohio.
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Second Annual Scholarship Awards, funded by the Life Membership of CMLAA, were presented at the law school on April 23, followed by a reception honoring the recipients and our Life Members. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships:

Steven Auvil
Andrew Burr
Carla Elliott
Joseph Giancola
Mark Gibbons
Linda MacMonagle
Barbara Mills
William Muniak
Rene Smith
Elaine Walton

Front Row L to R, Carla Elliott, Rene Smith, Elaine Walton, Andrew Burr
Back Row Mark Gibbons, Joe Giancola, William Muniak, Linda MacMonagle, Steven Auvil


Jerry Walton '80, Laura Williams '82

Prof. Frederic White

Scott Spero '89
1926

David W. Siegel, who has enjoyed successful careers as both an attorney and a Hollywood producer, currently resides in Beverly Hills, California. Some of Mr. Siegel’s most memorable productions include *Bill and Coo*, *Mickey*, and *Angel on My Shoulder*.

Hon. Francis E. Sweeney is a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

1957

Congratulations to Joseph C. Domiano on his installment as President-Elect of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

1958

Judge John T. Patton, CMLAA Honorary Trustee, is a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

1961

Judge Anthony O. Calabrese, Jr., an Honorary Trustee of CMLAA, is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

1962

John J. Gill is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

1963

Henry A. Hentemann ’63

Congratulations to Henry A. Hentemann who was installed as President of the International Association of Defense Counsel at its 65th Annual Meeting, which was held at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Mr. Hentemann is a principal in the firm of Meyers, Hentemann, Schneider & Rea Co., L.P.A.

Hon. Francis E. Sweeney is a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

1968

CMLAA Honorary Trustee Judge Ann Dyke is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals, Eighth District. Judge Dyke was a co-recipient of the Law Alumni Association’s Outstanding Alumni Award in 1991.

1970

Newly elected CMLAA Honorary Trustee Judge John W. Gallagher is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

John F. Pilch has accepted the position of Corporate Claims Manager for Cubic Corporation in San Diego, where he will be responsible for all liability claims and suits against the corporation, including Cubic Defense Systems, U.S. Elevator, Cubic Toll Systems and Cubic Automatic Revenue Collection Group on a nationwide basis.

1972

Newly elected CMLAA Trustee Michael L. Climaco was featured in the March ’92 issue of Corporate Cleveland in an article describing the challenges of working alongside a brother and/or sister in a demanding profession. Mr. Climaco is the managing partner of Climaco, Climaco, Seminatore, Lefkowitz and Garofoli Co., L.P.A., founded in 1969 by his brother, John.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR......The Class of ’72 will hold its 20-year reunion on Saturday, November 7, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. at the CSU Convocation Center. Look for your mail for further details or contact the Law Alumni Office at 687-2368.

1973

Pat Kelly is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Kelly and his wife, Cathy, live in University Hts. with their three children.

1974

Virgil E. Brown, Jr., currently Assistant General Counsel to the Cuyahoga County Republican Party, is a candidate for County Commissioner. Mr. Brown resides in Shaker Heights with his wife, JoAnne, and their three children.

Newly elected CMLAA Honorary Trustee Court of Common Pleas Judge Donald C. Nugent is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals, Eighth District.

1975

Congratulations to Thomas Atzberger on his promotion to Senior Utility Attorney I for the Office of the Consumers’ Counsel (OCC). Mr. Atzberger lives in Columbus with wife, Christina, and children, Joseph, John.
and Elizabeth. He is also an avid auto enthusiast and has restored his 1966 Dodge Charger.

Congratulations to Lynn A. Lazzaro on her installment as Treasurer of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

Kudos to CMLAA Trustee Deborah R. Akers on her installment as Trustee of the CCBA.

Judge Kathleen A. Sutula, a newly elected CMLAA Honorary Trustee, is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Patricia K. Cookson (formerly Rogalski) was appointed by California Governor Pete Wilson to sit as a Municipal Court Judge in San Diego County. Ms. Cookson is also the mother of two children, including Timothy David who was born on March 23, 1992.

Congratulations to newly installed CMLAA President Sheryl King Benford on her appointment as Law Director of the City of Shaker Heights. Ms. King Benford is the first black person to hold this position.

CMLAA Trustee Janet E. Burney is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Ms. Burney is Co-Chair of the Association's Minority Concerns Committee.

Judge Robert A. Ferreri is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division.

A Dynamic Duo......Congratulations to H. Jeffrey Schwartz and his wife on the birth of their twins, Brandon Kyle and Brooke Kelli, in March. Mr. Schwartz became Chairman of the Bankruptcy Department of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff last September.

Michael M. Kleiman has opened his own general law practice in the Polo Building in Mentor.

William E. Schonberg, a partner in the firm of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff and Vice Chairman of its Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Department, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification.

Judge Thomas J. Pokorny, CMLAA Honorary Trustee, is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

CMLAA Trustee Stephen Rowan was named interim general counsel for the Cleveland Board of Education. Prior to joining Ulmer & Berne, Mr. Rowan was Chief Deputy Administrator of Cuyahoga County for 10 years.

Congratulations to Mercedes Spotts on her installment as First Vice-President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

Gary A. Zwick has been appointed to the Advisory Council of the Small Business Council of America (SBCA). He was also a speaker on "Plan Termination Issues" at the 10th Annual Creative Pension and Benefits Seminar, sponsored by the Ohio State University Law School. Mr. Zwick is a tax partner and Director of Tax at Cohen & Company.

Kenneth R. Callahan, Jr., is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

CMLAA Trustee Mary Groth and husband, Jerry Evin, are the proud parents of Katherine Grace, who was born May 23. Katherine joins big sister Kara, 2. Ms. Groth has also been appointed chair of the Law Related Education Committee of the Cleveland Bar Association. Double congratulations!!

Anthony Mastroianni, an Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney for the past six years, will serve his medical internship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and his residency in radiation oncology at University Hospitals.
Alumni Happenings

Donna Taylor-Kolis was appointed a Director of the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys. Congratulations!

1984

Congratulations to Kenneth A. Zirm on his election as partner of Walter, Haverfield, Buescher & Chockley.

1985

Craig A. Adams has joined Walter, Haverfield, Buescher & Chockley as an associate in its Business Group. Mr. Adams concentrates his practice in corporate structuring, business transactions and taxation.

Congratulations to CMLAA Trustee Laurie F. Starr on her installation as Vice President of the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys. Ms. Starr receives well wishes on her election as Second Vice-President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

1987

Tom Feher, Scott Finerman and Mary Downey Maloney are co-chairs of the 5-year reunion committee for the Class of '87. The reunion will be held on Saturday, September 26, at Mather Mansion at 7:30 P.M. Look for further details in your mail or contact the Law Alumni Office at 687-2368.

Joyceylon Brogley, WGAR FM 99.5's Sunday afternoon D.J., has opened her own general law practice in the Leader Building. She and her husband, Dr. Douglas Webb, became parents for the first time on March 13 with the birth of their baby girl, Jordan. Congratulations!

1989

Joseph C. Mikolay and his wife, Mary Lou, are the proud parents of their first child, Joseph Charles, III, who was born on December 7, 1991. According to Joseph, it's "a day which will live in infamy."

Laurie Steiner and her husband, Eric, are pleased to announce the birth of their baby daughter, Stephanie Marie, on April 24. Congratulations!

1990

Colleen O'Connell has accepted a new position as Title Abstractor for Northwest Ohio Title in Toledo, where she will be working in counties in NW Ohio and SE Michigan.

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WANT MORE INFORMATION? CALL CYNTHIA A. APPLIN OR CINDY MARIZETTE AT 687-6871 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEW TLC PROGRAM. YOU MAY FAX 687-6881 WITH YOUR EMPLOYMENT NEEDS.
Faculty

As writer and counselor, Victor Streib continues his advocacy work on behalf of women and minor children accused of capital crimes. His article, “Death Penalty for Battered Women,” will appear in the upcoming 20 Florida State Law Review. Forthcoming also is his contribution to Child, Parent and State: Law and Policy Reader. “Perspectives on the Juvenile Death Penalty in the 1990s.” And he is also at work on the fourth edition of Capital Punishment Law and Procedure: Cases and Materials. Streib participated as co-counsel for petitioner in Commonwealth v. Kocher, an interlocutory appellate decision concerning the authority of the state to prosecute a nine-year-old for murder in criminal court. In State of Florida v. Allen, a case challenging the death penalty for a 15-year-old offender, Professor Streib acted as co-counsel for appellant. Streib is also a good steward for the University and law school: As Planning Coordinator for the College of Law since 1991, he has authored several reports, including the ABA self-study report. As a member of the CSU Planning and Review Committee since 1991, he has contributed to a detailed investigation and evaluation of CSU programs, and as a member of the CSU Strategic Planning Committee, he has assisted in developing long-range plans for the University.

The pictures of four faculty and staff members appeared in an article on African American law professors and deans published in the August National Bar Association Journal: Assistant Dean Melody Stewart ’88, Associate Dean Solomon Oliver, Jr., Professor Frederic White and Professor Linda Ammons.

Professor Susan Becker ’83, is the author of “Conducting Informal Discovery of a Party’s Former Employees: Legal and Ethical Concerns and Constraints,” published in 51 Maryland Law Review.

Professor Patricia Falk spent three weeks in June touring the countryside and major cities in Spain and France.

Law and Urban Affairs Professor Dennis Keating completed a study of “pro-integrative” mortgage incentives in suburban Cuyahoga County which was funded by the Northeast Ohio Inter-Institutional Urban Research Consortium. He presented his findings in papers delivered at the annual conference of the Urban Affairs Association, held in Cleveland in April, and at the fifth International Housing Policy Research conference held in Montreal in July. Keating has been named to the editorial boards of the Urban Affairs Quarterly and Journal of Urban Affairs.

Professor Jane Picker and her husband CWRU Law School Professor Sidney Picker are forging international bonds between the two Cleveland law schools and two law schools in the former Soviet Union. Professors Picker spent a week in the Russian Federation, visiting universities in St. Petersburg and Volgograd. Their purpose was to create a program of faculty and student exchanges between the American and Russian universities. As a result of their visits, in 1992 both Case and Cleveland-Marshall will host the deans and two faculty members of the law schools of the University of St. Petersburg and Volgograd State University. The Russian entourage will come to Ohio in October and November and will lecture at both Cleveland law schools.

Returning from the Russian Federation, Jane Picker headed for Washington, D.C., to assume membership on the U.S. Department of State’s Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, an honor which has come her way as a consequence of her growing involvement in international law. Professor Picker was nominated to the nine member Committee by the American Society of International Law. The Committee bears responsibility for reviewing documents to be included in the Foreign Relations of the United States historical series, a record of the federal government’s diplomatic and foreign policy decisions. Among the Committee’s responsibilities is the review of documents about to be classified for inclusion in a volume of the series. The committee determines whether documents from which information has been deleted compromise the accuracy of the historical record.

Two College of Law Professors, Jack Guttenberg and Lloyd Snyder, have collaborated on a book, due for publication by Anderson Publishing Co in September: The Law of Professional Responsibility in Ohio.

October will be a busy time for Law & Public Policy Program Director Alan Weinstein. Following publication of “The Myth of Ministry vs. Mortar: A Legal and Policy Analysis of Landmark Designation of Religious Institutions” in 65 Temple Law Review, Professor Weinstein has accepted an invitation to deliver a paper on “Legal and Policy Issues in the Landmark Designation of Houses of Worship” at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning at Ohio State University on October 31 of this year. An expert on First Amendment issues in planning policy, Professor Weinstein will also present “Design Review and the First Amendment” at the International Symposium on Design.
Review at the University of Cincinnati early in October.

Professor Stephen J. Werber has been elected president of the Harold H. Burton Chapter of the American Inns of Court, an organization of judges, attorneys, and law students dedicated to enhancing civility among lawyers. In August Professor Werber will participate in an Ohio-Ukraine Judiciary Program to consider the issue of an independent judiciary. The program grows out of Chief Justice Moyer's Eastern European Initiative establishing a sister relationship with the Ukraine. Professor Werber has also accepted an invitation from the Honorable George W. White '55, to become a member of the Merit Selection Panel of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The panel will recommend candidates to the court for federal magistrate. Finally, Professor Werber’s article, “On Defining Academic Scholarship,” will appear in 40 Cleveland State Law Review.

A new article by Professor Janice Toran, “The Freedom of Information Act as a Discovery Tool for Lawyers,” appeared recently in the Ohio Civil Practice Journal. Professor Toran has joined the ranks of Cleveland-Marshall faculty playing a role in the legal reforms of the newly democratized countries of the former Soviet bloc. In May she traveled to Budapest, Hungary, where she was a participant in Eastern Europe’s first conference on freedom of information: “Toward Open Governments in the New Democracies.” Professor Toran follows Dean Steven Smith who visited Poland in 1991 as a representative of the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI), the ABA’s legal assistance outreach to those countries, and Associate Dean Solomon Oliver who lectured at the law school of Comenius University in Bratislava and consulted with the law faculty of Charles University in Prague in the spring of 1991.

In August Professor Dena Davis, like Professor Toran, journeyed to Budapest, where she presented a paper on allocation of scarce medical resources at a meeting of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care. This summer Professor Davis, who has frequently published in the area of bioethics, attended a workshop on the ethical implications of genomic information at the University of Washington and a “Bioethics Retreat” in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Administration & Staff

Assistant Dean Louise Dempsey ’81, was also in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, this spring, attending an ABA-sponsored conference on law school development issues. Dean Dempsey recently accepted membership on the Boards of the Cleveland Bar Association and Laurel School, of which she is an alumna, and this spring, after a number of years as a board member of the Visiting Nurse Association, Dean Dempsey was elected its chair.

In May of this year, Library Media Technical Assistant Schuyler Cook ’87, received his Master of Library Science degree from Kent State University. Mr. Cook wishes to thank all the law library staff members who encouraged him in his studies.

Word Processing Specialist Terrie Collier visited family in Alabama and toured Disney World in Orlando.

Director of Career Planning Cynthia Applin, Manager of Faculty and Administrative Services Laverne Carter, the Associate Dean’s Secretary Rosa DelVecchio and Career Planning Secretary Cindy Marizette vacationed together in Las Vegas at the end of July.

Word Processing Specialist Paul Carrington, Pastor of Cleveland’s Love Center Interdenominational Church, received commendations from Cleveland Mayor Michael White and Ohio Governor George Voinovich for his work in the gospel ministry.

Administrative Assistant for External Affairs Sandra Natran returned glowing bronzed from a two-week vacation in Hawaii.

CSU undergraduate Barbara Thomas, who works with the law school word processing staff, was featured as an exemplary participant in CSU’s CLASS Program in the Program’s spring/summer newsletter.

Communications Coordinator Louise Mooney visited the Mississippi delta and the mountains of North Carolina in June and the forests and lakes around Canada’s Georgian Bay in August.
I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President this past year. I have truly enjoyed working with and for this fine organization. The experiences and memories will last a lifetime! Now, as Past President, I look forward to continuing to be active with the Law Alumni Association and to helping the current officers and trustees in 1992/1993.

As I pause for a moment and look back upon this past year, a number of highlights come to mind. Early on in my term, I created the Outreach Committee which was formed to help the law school face serious economic issues. The primary focus has obviously been on the capital budget battle and the need for a new law library. Through the leadership of Terry Gravens '77 and Jerry Walton '80, this committee has actively participated in getting the message delivered loud and clear throughout the state of the overwhelming need for the 17th/18th Block Project to be fully funded now. We have worked closely with Dean Smith and others to see to it that this project and, in particular, the new law library be seriously considered by the legislature and the governor. I hope our efforts have made a difference! The Outreach Committee also stepped up to the plate when accreditation issues threatened the future of the law school. I'm confident this committee will continue to play an active role in helping the law school face uncertain and often times monumental economic problems.

While membership continues to be less than optimal, I was pleased to see a 14% increase in membership this year. I take pride in the fact that our life membership (including faculty and staff) continues to climb. The increase is due, in part, to the realization by our graduates of the importance of an active and financially secure Alumni Association. We also held several membership parties and a membership drive which proved successful. My thanks to those who participated. I only hope that in the coming year we will see an even greater increase in membership.

Our CLE programs were again well attended. Our new CLE Director, Professor Stephen Werber, did an exceptional job in his first year in that position. I am happy to say that our format continues to be the model for many other CLE groups. Our success is due to the fact that we have and will continue to provide "bread and butter" seminars for the average practitioner at an affordable price with top rate personnel.

A key highlight was the Annual Recognition Luncheon on May 8, 1992. Nearly 800 people attended the luncheon at Swingo's at the Statler to honor Aaron Jacobson '59 and John "Chips" Sutula '53.

In considering this past year, I must acknowledge that I was fortunate to assume the position of President of a very active and well run organization. Yet, like any other organization, there were issues of turmoil and controversy. I believe that the relationship between the Cleveland State University Alumni Association and the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association has dramatically improved this year.

I also believe that the faculty and staff at the law school recognize and appreciate what we are doing for the law school and the legal community. I made it my goal to let the faculty know that we care about them. In order to show them our concern, I initiated a program this year of inviting faculty to each of our board meetings.

This year we expanded our mentor program school-wide. Under the fine direction of Gary Maxwell '88 and Tina Wecksler '85, we were able to link students with practicing attorneys to form a means of communication, assistance and understanding for law students. I hope that the program will continue to grow in the upcoming year.

Finally, the student scholarship ceremony under the direction of Scott Spero '89 was a success. This year, as in the past, we awarded ten scholarships to worthy students. With the continued support of the Law Alumni Association and by virtue of our increasing life membership, we hope to be able to continue this tradition for many years to come.

The new leadership will clearly continue the strong tradition of excellence that this Law Alumni Association has established. Your new president, Sheryl...
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