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Ohio’s new stripper law

By Shawn Romer

In May of this year, the Ohio Legislature voted to place new restrictions on the operation of strip clubs. According to the new law, strip clubs, and many other “adult” oriented establishments, such as adult video stores, are not allowed to operate between midnight and 6:00 a.m. unless they have a liquor license. In the event that they do, between the hours of midnight and 2:00 a.m., entertainers may not perform fully nude and instead must wear clothing covering the pubic area and the nipple. During any hour of operation, no entertainer may touch any audience member who is not an immediate family member.

The legislature also implemented penalties to enforce this law. An audience member who touches any part of an entertainer’s body is subject to a $250 fine and 30 days imprisonment. If this touching occurs in an erogenous zone, such as the buttocks or an unclothed private area, the fine limit increases to $1,000 and up to six months in jail.

The bill was initiated by a political group entitled “Citizens for Community.” For further information about this program, please call Arianne Smith, Student Election Day Worker coordinator at (216)443-3232 ext. 3256 or E-mail: beats@cuyahogacounty.us

Legal writing dept. going through change

By Michelle Todd

“Unbeknownst to the majority of students, the Cleveland Marshall legal writing and research department may soon undergo a multi-faceted and dramatic transformation.”

After the retirement of Program Director, Barbara Tyler, last spring, and a less than favorable external evaluation of the program conducted in February of 2007, an ad hoc committee consisting of six C-M faculty members and three students were appointed by Dean Mearns to evaluate the recommendations made in the Feb. 2007 report. The committee is then to formulate their own recommendations for the legal writing program and present them to the law school’s administration by November of this year. These proposals are likely to be put into place as early as the 2008 spring semester.

In October of 2006, Dean Mearns asked three legal writing professors from other law schools to perform an external evaluation of the legal writing and research program here at C-M. Mearns’ request was prompted by a suggestion made in an ABA site-team’s report of the prior year and by statements made by this site-team during an exit interview, which suggested such an evaluation may be warranted.

Prior to selecting the three professors who would ultimately conduct the external evaluation, Dean Mearns asked the C-M legal writing faculty to generate a list of the top academics in their field. He then selected two professors from this list, Jan M. Levine from Temple University School of Law and Sue Linder from Southern Illinois College of Law, and one professor who was recommended by Levine, Judy Rosenbaum from Northwestern University School of Law. Dean Mearns’ charge to the team was to recommend ways to sustain and improve C-M’s current legal writing program.

When asked how the legal writing faculty reacted to the knowledge that an external evaluation would be conducted of their department, Claire Robinson-May, a C-M legal writing professor and the current acting administrative liaison of the department, said, “In general, there was some disagreement about whether an external evaluation was truly warranted. The evaluation appears to have been triggered by unsubstantiated comments in the self-study and [ABA] site-visit reports about uneven teaching.”

Although legal writing professors at C-M are not tenured, several members of the legal writing faculty have been granted long-term contracts on the “basis of the strength of our teaching and service,” said Robinson-May. “Our students regularly come back and thank their legal writing professors for preparing them for practice. It’s hard to see exactly what was so broken here,” added Robinson-May.

Inequality in justice? the Jena six

By Emily Honsa

Centered around Jena, a small town in Louisiana, is an outcry heard around the nation about the racial inequality of the justice system. The city is 85% white, and though many residents are quick to disclaim racism, bussloads of protesters driving along the highway into the city were met with large confederate flags.

The controversy? Whether six black high school students, arrested for attempted murder after a retaliatory beating of a white student, had received equal application of the law—or whether the severity of the charges was influenced by their race. An initial reading of the facts show a violent altercation, but one in which the bruised and blooded white student in question was left without serious injuries.

The questions, then remain, why were some or all of these students charged?
By Kevin Shannon

The bleachers at Jacobs Field were packed with C-M students on Sept. 21, 2007. They were there to cheer on their first place Indians after purchasing tickets from the SBA. The SBA obtained 100 tickets to the game and sold them for just $5 to students and their guests.

SBA president Nick Hanna explained that the SBA had sponsored trips to Jacobs Field in the past and it was always well received by students. This year, Hanna figured that the students would be even more excited to go, considering the Tribe’s record and postseason chances.

In addition to the nice weather, students experienced the thrill of seeing C-M recognized on the scoreboard. Each ticket holder also received three free beverages and a free holding at Becky’s before the game.

Prior to the game at Becky’s, the beer was flowing and spirits were high. Leslie Hines, a 3L, was excited to root on the Tribe and her favorite player, Kenny Lofton. Sitting loom on the field for the Indians reminded Hines of Junior High and the great teams of the mid to late nineties. Third-year student Christy Corrigan could barely contain her passion for the Indians. When asked why she was so excited, Corrigan replied, “I’ve got three tickets, one table, 1Ls Katie Kirby, Chelsea Mikula, and Kelly Needham were enjoying the atmosphere. Mikula explained that the Tribe was “going in the right way to interact with upperspenners.” Needham’s support for the Tribe was apparent in the red shirt that she wore. The Indians fans asked to wear red during their last homestand of the season.

Another table contained 3Ls, including transfer student Mike Christopher. Christopher, a Northern Illinois by birth, explained that this was his last game at Cleveland. He felt that the Tribe was a major factor in his decision to transfer back to Cleveland. Christopher noted that the Indians have a “great team and a great pitching staff.” However, he does not want to get too excited and predicts that the Tribe will lose to Boston or New York in the opening round. Although he is a die-hard Tribe fan, he is “still rooting for them to go all the way.”

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By Geoffrey Meams

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The external evaluation team conducted the majority of their review over the course of three days in February of 2007. Although they disagreed with several matters, the team focused their review on the first-year and upper-level legal writing courses, the focus was on the first-year course because of its fundamental importance. During their review, the evaluation team sat in on several first-year courses, interviewed legal writing professors and students, reviewed teaching materials, student evaluations and syllabi, and also held two “open meetings” with students to get their feedback on the legal writing program. A thirty-five page formal report was then issued in April 2007 that included numerous recommendations for the legal writing program. One of these recommendations was to develop a more sophisticated and shared writing curriculum so that all first-year students had a comparable amount of work asked of them. They noted in the report that “students were not being asked to do enough in some sections, but were being asked to do too much in others, and at the wrong time.” The team also suggested that the first-year class meetings be held for a shorter amount of time, because 100 minutes twice a week was too long, although they gave no explanation for why this was true.

Other notable recommendations were to employ more computer technology in the classroom, add more student conferences, split the fall and spring semesters into separate courses to allow for grading at the end of each semester, use a larger text, and maybe use writing textbooks more effectively, and to conduct a national search to hire a tenure track director of the program. The evaluation team also noted that the required third semester of legal writing should be revisited because it strains current staffing levels. The number of students in the fall 2006 first-year legal writing courses averaged between 22 to 47 students. The report noted that “class loads of 35 or more students becomes counterproductive,” and that the ideal student faculty ratio would be 30:1.

After reading the report, Robinson-May said, “We disagree with several recommendations, while we believe others to have merit.” She notes that the most perceptive finding by the team was in regards to the high student/faculty ratio. “A reduced legal writing faculty also limits our ability to offer third semester writing courses taught by full-time faculty.” On the team’s recommendation that a tenured-track program director be hired to fill the now vacant position, Robinson-May said, “I don’t believe this is a problem on the team’s findings.”

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New law has “no touch” policy

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Possibly lost in translation? Iran’s Comments on Israel

By Daniel Kelley Starr Writer

Since October 2005, the US media, reporting assertions made by President Ahmadinejad, has implied that Iran had threatened to “wipe Israel off the map.”

A number of media outlets went further to make explicit what others have only implied — that Iran had threatened to exterminate the Jewish people. While it was partly a case of term building towards a potential war against Iran, the US House of Representatives passed (by a vote of 411 to 2) a resolution urging the UN to charge Ahmadinejad under the Genocide Convention.

Given Ahmadinejad had also expressed doubt as to the Nazi genocide, commentators suggested that his remarks were evidence of the type of fanaticism that might make deterrence ineffective.

Some commentators argued that Ahmadinejad actually said something totally different, while others suggested Ahmadinejad simply replaced the word genocide with a similar translation that some voters would have understood.

Several groups and individuals have forwarded their own translations of the remarks. A translation from the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) reads (in part); “’Imam [Khomeini] said: ‘This regime that is occupying Qods [Jerusalem] must be eliminated.’”

If MEMRI and Cole are accurate in their respective translation, it is difficult to claim that Ahmadinejad had ever threatened Israel with extermination.

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With the Arab states wary of a newly empowered Iran, Ahmadinejad may have sought to take up the banner of anti-Zionism as a means of encouraging Arab populations to prevent their political leaders from siding with the US in a potential attack on Iran.

Questions remain as to the extent to which the current Iranian leadership sees opposition to Zionism as a religious or ethical duty as opposed to a convenient means of garnering support.

Ahmadinejad's rhetoric has never quite matched reality. Is the situation different now? Notably, President Ahmadinejad is a member of the conservative movement and records of his remarks have been interpreted as more conciliatory than harsh.

Some commentators sought to downplay Ahmadinejad's demagoguery by suggesting that his remarks were simply his way of referring to the bellicosity of the statement.

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Class prep tips for first year students

By Karen Mika

Legal Writing Professor

All of my friends brief our cases in first year, but it seems that when ever any of us gets called on, none of us can ever answer the questions asked. There's a lot of things going on dur ing the first few weeks of law school. Students are learning a new language, a new legal writing method, and, in many instances, new class preparation techniques.

Unlike in some other objective learning situations, a law professor's primary concern is not always "who did what to whom?" or "Who won?"

Thus, as you brief a case, it isn't always enough just to know the basics. I realize that it is hard to tell the point under consideration, especially while looking up every other word in Black's Dictionary, but this is the time when you really have to put in the effort to do that - slowly and meticu lously. It's not enough to read the cases just once so you have something written down. Ideally, you need only to re-read cases, but ponder them (and discuss them) in the context of the other cases and the unit you might be reading.

Some questions that you need to start asking yourself are, "Why is this case here?" and "What point is the professor probably going to make about the case?" It's those deeper intricacies that generally give rise to the questions asked.

Keep in mind, however, that learning the law is a lengthy process. Some students "get it" earlier, and some later. The idea is to put in lots of time during these initial stages so that you start "getting it" sooner than later. In the meantime, go through the motions of writing out detailed case briefs even if you don't understand ex actly what is supposed to get out of a case. Sometimes students miss the point of a case entirely, and sometimes students "waste" many hours briefing cases that aren't even covered in class.

But it is important to go through the steps even though it doesn't seem to be accomplish ing anything right now. In the long run it will be.

To go big or small? That is the question

By Michelle Pierce Stronger

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Curtains hang in my boutique em ployment law firm. They share space with walls painted in ocean hues. Our water-colored paradise is populated with networked computers, sophisticated practice management software and all manner of legal reference materials detailing the ins and outs of defending and avoiding discrimi nation and retaliation claims, wage and hour issues, documenting employee performance and discipline, drafting em ployment contracts, employee handbooks and job descriptions, conducting workplace investigations, dealing with electronic discovery, and many other topics designed to keep us at the top of our profession. It also proudly displays mementos of our "other lives" - home and family.

Yet these reminders are unnecessary. In a "life-size" world, a more apt description than "small firm," the professional and personal interwoven in an ever-changing life.

Life at a large firm

By Wendy Levey

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Although I have been practicing as an environmental attorney at Squire Sanders for a few days shy of 18 years, with the last seven as a partner, writing a column on "life at a large firm" is a bit daunting. Do the editors hope that I will lay out the virtues of practicing at a big firm in order to encourage more women to follow in my footsteps? Or, do they hope that I will present a bleak picture of an overworked and drained Mom who can do it all, and do it all perfectly, with the very able assistance of the young associates (and partners) working with me on the case), prepared for an upcoming facili ty visit of a for mer "Manhattan" partner, and do it all, with the support of a large firm and the wealth of experience that surrounds me upon which I can rely for the most arcane client inquiry, such as the correct description of life at a large firm.

For every positive that I can identify there is often a corresponding negative. Perhaps that statement is the best way to sum up life at a large firm. But after 18 years, I am still here because those positives outweigh the negatives. What is most striking to me about prac ticing in a large law firm is the variety of work. During the last two years of August, I spent two long days exploring a steel mill in Illinois supervising environmental due diligence, filed a Motion to Dismiss a toxic tort case pending in Alabama federal court (which the very able assistance of the young associate working with me on the case), prepared for an upcoming facility visit of a former "Manhattan" partner, helped a client obtain a $5.5 million letter of credit and accompanying trust agreement, worked with a client to obtain a permit exemption from Ohio EPA to facilitate production trials, provided legal/strategic advice to a small company relative to US EPA oversight of an investigation and cleaned, assisted a steel client with Clean Air Act compliance questions, tracked recent Ontario environmental regulation, and more.

From Alabama to Illinois to Ohio to Ontario, the last two weeks pro vided the spectrum of practice that I desired when I first chose to join a large law firm. 

Add to that the opportunity to meet a New York City event planner for dinner, take a client to the Tribe game, attend the recent City Club luncheon, and brief my firm's summer associates. The price? 108 hours over the same two-week period during which I was preparing my three children for their first day back to school. Two out of three weeks went to school on the first day with all of their supplies purchased. Two out of three ain't bad! Let me also touch on the people compo nent of "big firm life." Yes, there are a lot of attorneys in this office. And even more spread across the globe in our various of fices. We are the most accessible publication our readership has. But even I, who know everyone in the Cleveland office.

When I head to San Diego in September for the next partner meeting, half the faces will be unfamiliar to me even though I have been a partner for 7 years. Nor do I know well each of the partners currently elected to the firm-wide Management Committee. That would be the negative of big firm life.

But the corresponding positives are these: The ability to rarely be "the first," to do something e.g., I spent our four years on "flex time" following the birth of my second child in 1999 and took an extra 4 weeks of maternity leave before the birth of my third and last child in 1999, the wealth of experience that surrounds me upon which I can rely for the most arcane client inquiry, the simple pleasures of working with people I like while at the same time having the ability to walk down the hall for a social chat with others who practice in completely different areas, and - dare I say it - the flex ibility to juggle my schedule in response to family and other personal demands without my absence necessarily being "noticed." After all, it says "good days?" after my name not! But it is not because I am a female or because I am at a large firm. I believe, rather, that it is the nature of being a partner. 

I leave you with this quote from my seventh grade daughter after her first cross country race: "Pain is only temporary. Pride lasts forever." Work hard, walk with pride in your accomplishments, knowing that there will be the occasional day when you wonder whether or not you can sustain the effort and that such thoughts are normal.

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Well, it looks like the Democrats that run Cuyahoga County who like their own personal socialist communist state are at it again! County commissioners Taxin’ Tim Hagan and Jimmy Dimora want to raise our taxes one more time. They have teamed with Christopher Kennedy, president of Chicago-based Merchandise Mart Properties, to bring the Medical Mart to Cleveland. While you are wondering, Kennedy is also the nephew of liberal “Tax and Spending” Senator Ted Kennedy of Taxachusetts. Way to score brownie points with fellow liberal elites, there, Taxin’ Tim! More should we listen to Kennedy. 25% sales tax increase is not already the highest tax county in Ohio isn’t even for the Medical Mart, it’s for a convention center that even Hagan has admitted won’t be successful without the Medical Mart. Despite his ram rodded tax increase, he doesn’t even have a commitment from Merchandise Mart Properties that they are going to build the Medical Mart in Cleveland!

This tax increase is going to hurt those very people that it is purported to help, whether it’s someone living in poverty that has to spend more on purchases, or the small businesses, it’s going to be counted against the pocketbook of the highest income earner. While proponents of the increase say you will only spend 25 cents more per hundred dollars, they neglect to say that you will now pay a total of $7.75 per hundred dollars. Meanwhile, you can spend as little as $6.25 to $6.75 in any of the neighboring counties. Imagine how this is – it’s an excuse of buying big-ticket items, such as in the TVs. Frankly, the success of Medical Mart is debatable. Despite the rhetoric of bringing 57 medical trade shows a year to Cleveland, even Kennedy calls this number “unprecedented.”

So, why is this, you may ask? According to research by Dr. Bill Petie, Professor Emeritus at Case Western Reserve University, the Convention Center Properties’ existing site in North Carolina only has four shows scheduled for the entire year! Furthermore, Cleveland would compete for medical trade shows against warmer climates of cities like Orlando, New Orleans, Atlanta and Las Vegas. Considering that both New York City and Chicago have also announced plans to go after this same market, the prospects of meeting Kennedy’s “unprecedented” 57 trade shows a year seems dim. But, hey, if you’re a tax and spending liberal Democrat, such as Taxin’ Tim Hagan, why should you question any tax raising suggestion from a Kennedy? Even if the Medical Mart is in everything its proponents promises it to be, and we actually secure a deal with Kennedy’s company to build it in Cleveland, there simply has to be a better way to fund it. Sadly, Hagan and Dimora are so eager to raise taxes that they haven’t even seriously considered other alternatives offered by fellow Commissioner Peter Lawson-Jones, who explained that a “more equitable public-private partnership” is needed. I guess even seriously considered other alternatives offered by fellow Commissioner Peter Lawson-Jones also suggested lobbying our state officials for a grant from the state capital budget. The county can also raise the hotel and bed tax which could raise $5 million a year. Lawson-Jones also suggested lobbying our state officials for a grant from the state capital budget.

For that matter, why not just cut spending elsewhere? Being the highest taxed county in Ohio, it’s not like the county money already hasn’t run out of the highest tax pail. And, wait for it, there is still going to be a good ‘ol 0.25% sales tax increase and it will be voted by the community, and is part of the community. The taxpayers elect it and wait for the “invisible hand” of private initiative to simply pull it out of its pre-dicament. Instead, the community should act, take its destiny in its own hands, and provide the resources necessary to kick-start the local economy. By enacting the sales tax increase, the Cuyahoga County elected officials have done just that. These funds will not vanish in a bureaucratic black hole, as some of the project’s opponents claim. The money will go back to the community through salaries for the additional jobs generated by such a major construction project and through the increased commercial activity associated with it. The money is not going to pay for the acquisition of equipment, furniture and fixtures, and so on. That doesn’t even account for the funds that will come in from out-of-town, through the medical technology trade shows and trade that will be made possible. The $400 million price tag is not an “expense,” but an infusion of capital in this region, which is in it and of itself beneficial for the local economy.

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In closing, I would like to encourage anyone to contact myself or any of your SBA Senate Representatives with any concerns you may have during your time here at C-M. The SBA is here to serve you, so please let us know of any situations or protocols that you feel need to be changed. We look forward to a very exciting year.
By Matt Samsa
GAVEL COLUMNIST

If you’re inclined to read The Plain Dealer, Scour The Cleveland Morning Journal, or any other major newspaper, you might be under the impression that drug dealing and murder are the only common occurrences in the City of Cleveland. And although we’re surviving through a tough stretch of violence in the city as summer winds down, I think that some of the truly remarkable things happening around us are lost in the sea of negative articles, but each week in these papers.

We’re all familiar with the items most of us could regurgitate — violence, drugs, gangs, poorest city in the nation (not this year though), the foreclosure crisis, and a variety of others. And although these are all important issues, The Channel 19 Action News attitude that accentuates depressing stories really needs to stop.

There’s a lack of pride in Cleveland found in the local media that there is a city and helps to prevent positive growth. It seems that many people who live outside the city honestly fear that any time they cross the border, there’s a chance that bullets are going to fly. However, less flashy but arguably more important issues like infrastructure development and urban planning are conducted right every day. In an effort to showcase some important developing, I’m going to chronicle a couple of the good things happening in the city that too often get overlooked.

The Euclid Corridor Project

The Cleveland State University, the Euclid Corridor Project is a bane, not an item of lesser consternation. However, it’s important to remember what’s at stake for downtown; the dust and dirt traffic could become a little more acceptable, and you see the light at the end of the tunnel.

While the project is far from completion, capital improvements in many of the buildings abutting Euclid are already underway. Empty storefronts have dominated Euclid Avenue, from Public Square to the Playhouse Square, for several years.

In the wake of this project, however, several buildings have changed hands, and private renovations have begun. New condos at the conor of Euclid and Ontario have started to sell already, and other buildings along that stretch along the project have found ample funding for renovation.

Layered on top of this anxiety is the point? And then, the professor never asked me about my grades, amount of classes, or even a writing sample. I realize that two isn’t a huge number, but most people want someone who seems competent, confident, and excited to get the job. So, I say- send in resumes to practices where they are planning to ask the kind of law you think you might enjoy.

I am so lost in class! I don’t get my professor. What concepts are relevant, and Levage argue the book too fast for my uninitiated analogues. There is no feedback! They ask questions from the book and give no answers- which answer is right?

This is the classic 1L conundrum. It feels like your head is spinning because despite preparations this is downright confusing. The good news is that most of us felt this way- frustrated. The bad news is that I think the only answer is time and patience. I remember saying, “The first class held this and the second class held the opposite- what is the point?” And then, the professor never tells you which one is right. The professor does this because the courts have held different things different standards on time, jurisdiction, or whatever. In these situations, try to find out what the existing courts held.

Also, like my answer in the first ques- tion, hornbooks help me in addition to just reading a case book. They sort of have a way in explaining why certain cases are put in the texts and what significance the case has had over time. But, be careful buying these, for some are better than others. You can order room A066 in the library. It has many of these supplementary materials for us to use. Over time, you just sort of start to get it.

Boredom is a real issue, and someone told me it’s a ‘just a psych game, it’s just a psych game.’ First year is sort of like boot camp- there are some mind games being played. Sometimes they tie you to the wall and play "I'm going to weed out the weak ones. My mantra first year was “I’m not quitting”! They may try to kick me out, but I’m not quitting!” So I want to welcome to adopt this mantra for the year. Questions can be sent to gavel@law.csuohio.edu.

More to Cleveland than poverty, unemployment, and a poor economy

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The general message I was getting from 1Ls was in my second year of law school, there are many things depending on time, jurisdiction, or whatever. The bar exam. It’s becoming more of a reality. It’s not that thing that we can ignore here we are, bored out of our minds, tired and depressed out how to balance school with life. Sometimes, law school sucks. It does.

You’ve got to figure out what’s at stake for downtown; the dust and dirt traffic could become a little more acceptable, and you see the light at the end of the tunnel. When I spoke to people in my first year of law school, and I actually hear it loud, I seriously don’t even believe myself. How am I supposed to survive when I’m in law school? And although we’re suffering through the dust and dirt traffic is just a psych game, it’s just a psych game.” First year is sort of like boot camp- there are some mind games being played. Sometimes they tie you to the wall and play "I'm going to weed out the weak ones. My mantra first year was “I’m not quitting”! They may try to kick me out, but I’m not quitting!” So I want to welcome to adopt this mantra for the year. Questions can be sent to gavel@law.csuohio.edu.
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