After the Rain by Richard T. Reminger
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Dear Fellow Alumni:

I realize that it’s generally unnecessary for the President of an organization to feel compelled to introduce herself, but you may recall that our regularly elected President, the very able Gary Maxwell, has moved to Hawaii. Although we initially contemplated following Gary to Maui for Board meetings, we came to our senses when we realized that we would probably miss a few Indians games in the process (poor Gary!).

In any case, I am a member of the Class of 1975, and I have been on the Board of Trustees since 1990, having previously served as Membership Chair and in various officer positions. I have eagerly awaited the opportunity to serve as President of the Association, but I must admit that following in Gary’s footsteps a quarter ahead of schedule is a bit daunting. Fortunately, Executive Director Mary McKenna, the Past Presidents group, and the rest of the Board have provided great support in the transition, and I have begun to get my “sea legs.”

This is an especially critical time for Cleveland-Marshall and the Law Alumni Association. In the past few years, with the construction of a new library, we have seen that our Association can be a positive force on behalf of the law school. We must not focus on past successes, however. We have, therefore, like many organizations, begun work on developing a strategic plan so that we can focus our efforts on those activities that will take us forward in achieving the Association’s mission. To that end, five Task Forces have been created (Membership, Future Membership, Public Relations, Governance, and Development) and are now meeting to develop appropriate action plans. I will be reporting on the Task Forces’ work in future letters.

Our strategic planning could not have begun at a better time since the law school is involved in a search for a new dean. The Association has experienced a wonderful partnership with Steve Smith, and on a personal level, the Association is very sorry to see him leave. I am representing the alumni on the Dean’s Search Committee, which is chaired by Prof. Jack Guttenberg and also consists of representatives from the faculty, staff, students, and the community. Steve Smith has brought our school such a long way during his tenure that I feel confident that we will be able to attract a new dean who will continue his positive efforts and take us to even greater heights.

Another singular event that is fast approaching is our Centennial celebration which will begin in September 1996. You will undoubtedly be hearing details of the plans for this celebration in the near future, but I wanted to mention it now. We have a once-in-a-century opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation to our law school, and we certainly don’t want to miss that chance.

Of course, for those of you who have been out of school ten years and are graduates of class years that end in a “1” or a “6,” you will want to plan now to attend your Class Reunion in October. We have seen increased attendance at these events under Mary McKenna’s direction, and the reunion is a wonderful time, not only to catch up with your own classmates, but also to see firsthand the changes at the law school. The reunion planning meetings are in their earliest stages, so if you are interested in helping to plan your reunion, call the alumni office at 687-2368.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at our Annual Recognition Luncheon on Friday, May 23, at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Our honorees this year, the Honorable Patricia Blackmon of the 8th District Court of Appeals, and Honorable James J. Sweeney, Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, are exceptionally deserving of this honor. The luncheon also provides us with the opportunity to see old friends as well as experience firsthand our law school’s demonstrable “power in numbers.” It’s always a great time!

Very truly yours,

Deborah Lewis Hiller ’75
ABOUT THE COVER ARTIST: Richard T. Reminger is the founding member and recently retired chief executive officer of the law firm of Reminger & Reminger, Co., L.P.A. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Reminger specialized in the defense of civil matters before juries in a broad spectrum of liability lawsuits.

Mr. Reminger is a Life Member and Honorary Trustee of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. He was the recipient of the 1989 Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year award. Mr. Reminger has always had an interest in the force and power of the sea and his exposure in 1960 to the Maine Coast, particularly the island of Monhegan, stimulated his initial interest in painting. He has studied oil and acrylic painting with Alfred Fuller of Monhegan Island, Maine, and currently with Murray Yorke of Nova Scotia and Palm Beach. Since his retirement he has pursued oil painting with vigor and has exhibited widely in Palm Beach, Chicago, Cleveland, and Boston. He has been in many juried shows, and has recently won awards. By invitation of a jury of his peers, he has been elected to membership in The Oil Painters of America. His works are held by many private and corporate collectors, both in this country and abroad.


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Eight years ago, I came to Cleveland-Marshall with high expectations and confidence in the institution I was honored to be asked to serve. Leaving now to become Dean and President at California Western in San Diego, I can truthfully say that my expectations and confidence in Cleveland-Marshall have not diminished: The accomplishments of this faculty, the commitment of our staff, the willingness of our alumni to support the school, and the promise of our students make Cleveland-Marshall as fine a work environment as any dean could wish for.

For me personally and professionally, these have been extraordinary years: During this time I have been privileged to meet two Supreme Court Judges as well as some of the country's outstanding jurisprudential scholars and practitioners. I have shared in the thrills of receiving the college's first endowed chair, the Joseph C. Hostetler-Baker & Hostetler Chair, and each summer I have had the rewarding experience of taking part in the Medical Institute for Law Faculty, a program unlike any other in the country, co-sponsored by our law school and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

From the warmth of the law school during one of the coldest winters on record, I have had the joy of seeing a dream fulfilled as the scaffolding of the new law library rises and the day of its opening draws nearer. I have watched our student applications grow and our school's reputation flourish as our faculty and alumni increasingly received national attention in scholarly journals and the popular media. And through the work of the Law Alumni Association, many administrators and staff persons, I have seen our resources increase and our outreach efforts expand, not only in this country but abroad.

In virtually every city I have visited during the past eight years, I have had the pleasure of meeting outstanding alumni, many of whom are among the country's most distinguished attorneys. Here in Cleveland, I have been fortunate to find in our graduates as dedicated, and the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr., of the Northern District of Ohio and formerly Associate Dean of the College, will also serve on the committee. We thank all of them for their willingness to take up the arduous task of dean-searching.

There will inevitably be countless rounds of meetings as our committee sifts through applications, interviews and reviews candidates, and decides whom to bring on campus. In the end, the decanal election is bound to consume everyone's interest; the atmosphere will be charged with the kind of electric anticipation and nervous energy that a self-governing body exerts on its members.

My duties end on June 30, 1996. The committee expects to have a new dean by the winter of 1997. Until that time, the faculty has entrusted the school to one of its most capable colleagues, Associate Dean Steven H. Steinglass. The Interim Dean, whose undergraduate degree is from the University of Pennsylvania and whose LL.B. is from Columbia, has been at the law school since 1980. Not only is Steve one of the College's most prolific scholars and a national expert on Section 1983 litigation, he has also proved an effective and creative administrator. I do not doubt the school will prosper under his guidance and direction.

This will be my last column in Law Notes, but it will not close my association with this splendid school. My Cleveland-Marshall days have enriched my life enormously. I thank each of you and hope in some measure I have returned your kindness.
Every year the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association selects a graduate or graduates to honor for their contributions to the profession. This year on May 23 in the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, the Association will salute two outstanding public servants: the Honorable Patricia Ann Blackmon '75 of the Ohio Court of Appeals and the Honorable James J. Sweeney '73 Presiding Judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.
Blackmon graduated from Tougaloo in 1972. It was at this time that Ann Aldrich, by then a Cleveland-Marshall faculty member and advisor to the College's African-American students, entered Blackmon's life. The College of Law, under the leadership of Dean Christiansen, had sent Professor Aldrich on a recruiting tour of historically black undergraduate colleges in an effort to increase the law school's minority enrollment. Five students from the south were selected and headed toward Ohio to begin their legal studies. Blackmon was given a full-tuition scholarship.

"We were treated like exchange students," Blackmon remembers. "We did not live in a dorm; we lived in the homes of faculty members. My mother did not have the money for my trip, so I raised it from my teachers at Tougaloo. I arrived at the bus station in Cleveland with very little money left; I needed a place to stay immediately." Ann Aldrich's front door was wide open, and for the next three years Aldrich's home was Blackmon's. In return, Aldrich required of her guest only that she study hard and make good grades. Looking back, Blackmon cannot praise Aldrich enough. "I became part of her family. The whole neighborhood adopted me. I learned as much about law at Ann Aldrich's kitchen table as I did in my classes. Living with her helped me see a part of the world other black children might not have seen. I was fortunate to live in two worlds."

When Blackmon graduated from Cleveland-Marshall in 1975, she took a job with the Victim / Witness Program, serving initially as Counselor for the Program and then as its Assistant Director. In 1977 she was named Assistant Cleveland Prosecutor, an office in which she demonstrated, in the words of Governor George V. Voinovich, then Mayor of Cleveland, "standards of integrity and dedicated public service."

Leaving the prosecutor's office in 1980, she joined with Cleveland-Marshall graduate Una Keenon '75 and Almeta A. Johnson to form the first all-black, all-woman law firm. The firm disbanded three years later, and Blackmon took a job with U.A.W. Legal Services Plan. From 1986 until 1989 Blackmon was Chief Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland, where once more she captured the attention of the press and the public and was praised for her scrupulous command of the duties of the office. In her own estimation, Judge Blackmon is most pleased with the work she did on cases involving charges of deadly force against police officers: "These cases were particularly difficult because of the often racially-charged atmosphere and the emotional impact on the community and the families of the deceased victims." The Chief Prosecutor developed a standard for assessing excessive force based on 'reasonableness' as defined in Tennessee v. Garner.

In 1990 Blackmon began working as Staff Attorney for the Ohio Turnpike Commission. She served there until her election to the Court of Appeals in 1991. Her election was notable on several counts: Blackmon brought to the court an outstanding record of public service and an unblemished reputation as a trial lawyer who had litigated 650 cases during the sixteen years since she left law school; moreover, and more important for the state's history, she was the first of two black women ever elected to the Ohio Court of Appeals. Judge Sara J. Harper was also elected in 1991. Because Blackmon took her oath the day before Harper, Blackmon became the first African-American woman elected to the Court of Appeals in the state of Ohio and was so recognized by the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1995.

Perhaps because of the influence in her life of strong women like her mother and Judge Aldrich, Judge Blackmon has taken women's issues to heart. In an effort to advance the political presence of women in the state's elected offices, she helped create the Black Women's Political Action Com-
mittee, a group that for over 13 years has helped promote the candidacy of black women for various state offices. Until her election to the Court of Appeals, she managed or was active in the campaigns of several women seeking judgeships and other political offices. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Phillis Wheatley Association and the Board of Trustees of Young Life.

Judge Blackmon has written that "judges should be guided by the law of the case, the facts of the case, and their sense of justice." The citizens of northeast Ohio are fortunate to have in Patricia A. Blackmon precisely that sort of disinterested jurist. And Cleveland-Marshall is proud to set before its students and alumni Judge Blackmon as an example of outstanding lawyering and personal and professional integrity.

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1996 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI
THE HONORABLE
JAMES J. SWEENY '73

The Honorable James J. Sweeney, Presiding Judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, is a representative of the descendants of Irish / Catholic immigrants whose presence has been a notable feature of our nation's governing bodies for over a century and a half. Though both Judge Sweeney's parents were from County Mayo, Ireland, and though his Irish identity is an important component of his personality, it is clear his own roots are emotionally and geographically squarely in the rich soil of Northeast Ohio, a region he has left only briefly during his lifetime, once to serve in the U.S. military and once for a year at Ohio State University. Raised on West 93 Street in a family of seven children and educated in public and parochial schools, Sweeney continues to live in Lakewood on Cleveland's west side with his wife, Gloria, and their six children, Patrick, James, Anthony, Eileen, Dan and Ann.

Genial and soft-spoken, Judge Sweeney invites us into his office, a large room expressive of his Gaelic sympathies, his family loyalties, and his 23-year-old legal career. Pictures of his children, memorabilia of his trips to Ireland ("You don't know green until you see Ireland; they have as many words for green as Eskimos have for snow," he tells us), and the customary law book-lined shelves tell of a man whose commitments and interests are on full display.

Tracing his west side childhood, he speaks nostalgically of past neighborhoods, the cluster of Cleveland streets where he attended St. Colman's elementary school and West Tech High school during a time when families didn't lock their doors and chatted across front porches on summer evenings. It was a time when the single income of a factory or construction worker, such as Judge Sweeney's own father, sufficed to raise seven children without undue sacrifice, and the children of the working class did not doubt that the world was full of opportunity, did not doubt they would be the leaders of the coming generation. Judge Sweeney remembers a particular neighbor and classmate he hasn't seen for years, Donna Shalala, the future Secretary of Health and Human Services, and he recites the careers of his own brothers and sisters with pride. Two brothers are also graduates of Cleveland-Marshall, Patrick J., retired from the East Ohio Gas Co., and Michael A. '76, an attorney with Brous & McDowell in Columbus. His sister, Eileen Johnson, teaches high school in Wellesley, Massachusetts, his brother, Tom is a chemical engineer who taught at Ohio State and now works as an administrator at Notre Dame in Indiana, his brother, Richard, is a Florida C.P.A., and his sister, Sheilah Adler, is the mother of six, including the Honorable Maureen A. Gravens '78.

Following his discharge from the army and a year at Ohio State, Judge Sweeney enrolled at Cleveland State University where he earned a B.A. in English and History in 1970. "I really had no real goal at first," he recalls, though a wife and children soon boosted his incentive. At the urging of his brother Patrick, he began his legal studies in 1970, while working at the post office. "I would never, never have gone to law school if it weren't for Cleveland-Marshall," he states emphatically. "I had a wife and a couple of kids. Economically, it would have been impossible. Cleveland-Marshall created access for the ordinary person who might not have been admitted to this profession otherwise."

"My education was outstanding," Judge Sweeney continues, and he recalls with gratitude classes he had with Professors Ann Aldrich, now a federal judge, and David Goshien, Hyman Cohen, and Howard Oleck. These days, the Judge never loses an opportunity to recommend his alma mater to anyone considering law school: "I tell them, if you are going to stay in Cleveland, go to Cleveland-Marshall. The bulk of the city's trial lawyers are grads of Cleveland-Marshall and the trial bar is one of the best in the country."

Following his graduation in 1973, Judge Sweeney went to work for John T. Corrigan in the Prosecutor's office. From there he went to the Attorney General's office where he served as an Assistant Attorney General. In 1981, he ran for a seat on the Court of Common Pleas. Two elections later he remains in his courtroom on the 22 floor of the Justice Center, and, though he calls himself an "old Softie," Cleveland is a better place because of him.

We salute Judge Sweeney as the quintessential Cleveland public servant and the kind of lawyer all schools hope to graduate. LFM
THANK YOU, OUR FRIENDS AT NURENBERG, PLEVIN, HELLER & MCCARTHY

The College of Law and the Law Alumni Association honored some of its best friends recently during a reception in the faculty lounge when faculty and administrative staff gathered to thank the members of the law firm of Nurenberg, Plevin, Heller & McCarthy for their generous support of Cleveland-Marshall's worthiest and neediest students. Under the leadership of Leon Plevin '57, alumni and friends at the firm have built one of the law school's largest scholarship funds. Dean Steven R. Smith expressed the College's appreciation and the gratitude of the students who will benefit directly from the generosity of those who created and helped the Nurenberg, Plevin, Heller & McCarthy Fund prosper.

Harley Gordon, Maurice Heller, John Schloss, Andy Krembs

Dean Smith and representatives of the firm of Nurenberg, Plevin, Heller & McCarthy

Dean Smith, Leon Plevin
Although "Aloha" can signify hello or goodbye in the Hawaiian language, it is generally used as a term of endearment, one which the Law Alumni Association’s Board of Trustees used affectionately as they bid a fond farewell to President Gary Maxwell ’88 in February. Gary has embarked upon a new adventure, now serving as Managing Attorney for the Maui office of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. The Law Alumni Association wishes Gary, his wife Kathy, and their children, Joey and Grace, great success and good fortune.

Deborah Hiller ’75 was installed as President of the Law Alumni Association in February, with Ralph J. Perk, Jr. ’83 administering the oath of office.
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NEW LIFE MEMBER

While working full time as a probation officer for the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Mary Llamas Courtney enrolled in Cleveland-Marshall’s night program in the fall of 1974. After graduating in December of 1977, Mary chose a career with the Internal Revenue Service where she has been employed as an estate tax attorney for the past 18 years. She is admitted to practice in the Ohio and Federal bars and the U.S. Tax Court.

In both 1993 and 1994, Mary participated as a speaker at the joint IRS/Cleveland-Marshall “Conference on Federal Wealth Transfer Taxation.” She has served as an EEO Investigator for the Treasury Department for the past 10 years, a duty which involves assignments several times per year in various cities. She has also served the IRS as Acting EEO Officer, the Federal Women’s Program Manager, and the Hispanic Employment Program Manager.

Born in Spain and a graduate of Ursuline College, Mary has been a Trustee of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association since 1989. She is married to C-M graduate Michael Courtney ’75, whom she met while attending law school. She and Michael have two children, Skyler and Jake, and live in Pepper Pike.

The Law Alumni Association is proud to welcome Mary Llamas Courtney as a Life Member.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Joseph Gibson ’72
Gloria S. Gruhin ’93
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Leslie J. Spisak ’70
Once again, the Law Alumni Association joined forces with the Office of Career Planning to produce Terrific Tuesday, a program designed to enable students to learn about various areas of the legal profession, which was attended by almost 200 C-M law students. Our heartfelt thanks to the following attorneys for sharing their time and knowledge with our students:

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Mary was thirty years old in 1909 when she entered the Cleveland Law School. The night law school, apparently from its inception in 1897, readily admitted women. For example, the school's 1904-05 bulletin declared: "No distinction will be made in the admission of students on account of sex." As to her choice of law schools, Grossman explained: "When I finished high school and decided to study law there was no day-course open to women, so I took the evening course in the Cleveland School of Law." Since there were indeed other law schools open to women outside of Cleveland, presumably she wished to stay in Cleveland.
and attend the night school, while continuing to work during the day. Upon Grossman’s graduation from law school in 1912, she became a member of the Ohio Bar, only the third woman lawyer in Cleveland at that time. Although her cousin had initially looked with disfavor upon her decision to go to law school, he nonetheless took her into his firm; however, after two years she decided that “if I was to accomplish anything I must start in for myself.” From her later public discussions, advising young women about law practice, one gleaned that her cousin might not have given her much responsibility. According to Grossman:

“A woman to succeed in law must have courage and keep a stiff upper lip even in the midst of much that is at first disheartening. I think that she has a better chance if she starts in for herself after a year or two, for women do not get the opportunities in a law office that a young man does. The tendency is to keep her at more or less clerical work.”

Despite such discriminatory treatment meted out to women lawyers, Grossman was generally upbeat about her practice and the way she had been treated. In 1923, in response to a reporter’s question, she declared that “(t)here is never any discrimination against a woman lawyer. She gets all the consideration she is entitled to. My cases are about equally divided between men and women. If anything, men are more willing than women to employ a woman lawyer.” Yet, she added that a woman needs “energy, pluck, and real interest in the work to meet the many obstacles and discouragements she will inevitably encounter... Women lawyers have several avenues open to them. They may choose a general practice which will take them into court.... A few have succeeded as corporation lawyers, but they are rare... (but) as a patent attorney a woman has an equal chance with men....” From 1914 to her taking the bench in 1923, she had a solo practice, much of her work being for the Women’s Protective Association:

“I have always done a great deal of social service work and ever since it was organized nearly six years ago, I have taken care of all the cases of the Women’s Protective Association.

“I handle all of their parentage cases and have been rather successful in getting these poor girls a settlement. Just to know that there is a lawyer on the other side helps to bring about a settlement out of court. As the law stands, all you can get is a judgment; the responsibility still rests on the girl. I should like to see laws passed that would give illegitimate children the father’s name and allow them to inherit property. We will come to that yet with the women working for such legislation... I believe in a single moral standard and equal guardianship laws.”

Moreover, according to Grossman, not only could women succeed in private practice, they could be successful in public legal positions as well:

“There is no reason why a woman should not succeed as a magistrate, prosecuting attorney or judge... There is no reason why a woman should not hold the same public offices as a man if she has the same training and qualifications, but she should go before the people for election as a candidate representing certain principles, not just as ‘the woman candidate’ for the office.”

Grossman opened up the American Bar Association to women in 1918, being one of only two women lawyers in the country admitted to the organization at that time. Around that time, she became actively involved in the suffrage movement, serving as chair of the League of Women’s Suffrage in Cleveland.

“I was on so many committees and our campaigning took up a great deal of our time, but we felt that we were citizens, subject to the laws of society and it wasn’t right to be denied a voice because we were women.”

Fifty years later, Grossman could still recall the sense of excitement and accomplishment in the final passage of the 19th amendment: “All of us suffragettes were so happy, so delighted that the fight for the vote was finally won. It was a great day for women. We all went right down to register.”

She reflected upon people’s attitudes on the issue:

“After we got the right to vote, nobody ever made a fuss about it again. People just took it as the most natural thing in the world that women vote... Time was, women didn’t have any rights, no voice in anything. But times change and so do people’s minds.”

One year after women gained the vote, Grossman ran for municipal judge in Cleveland and lost. But she tried again in 1923 and won, becoming the first woman municipal judge in the country. She would win six consecutive terms, receiving accolades for her work. According to the local press, on the day she began her duties she attended to first things first. Diminutive Grossman—she was only five feet tall—”commanded Balliff Ralph McIntosh to

“There is no reason why a woman should not succeed as a magistrate, prosecuting attorney or judge...” Mary Grossman
bring her a huge record book upon which to sit. Thus she managed to get her chin over the top of Chief Justice Dempsey's big carved desk.

More important, she emphasized her evenhanded approach to judging:

"I expect to do what is required of any competent judge in the Municipal Court....I shall do this to the best of my ability, forgetting my sex, acting as a judge and not a woman, asking no favor and granting none as a woman. I think, though, there is need and place for a qualified woman judge in this court and I intend to prove that I am qualified." Grossman came to be known as a "severe, rigidly honest jurist, sometimes irreverently referred to as Hard-boiled Mary." Her reputation as a tough judge was deserved. If she found a person guilty, the sentence meted out would be served, and it would likely be more severe than the sentence handed out by her colleagues on the bench.

The tough judge even angered her close friends:

"I'll tell you about one man who has been my friend ever since he was in law school and who was on the committee for my campaign. I gave him a picture of me which he hung in his office. Whenever he lost a case in my court he would always throw my picture in the wastebasket but he always picked it out again." Those charged with violation of prohibition laws had their lawyers try all means to avoid her clutches, including applications for continuances, requests for jury trials, and claims of prejudice.

A 1967 retrospective article in the Plain Dealer recalled: "In 1927, when Judge Grossman took a day off for a Jewish holiday, 39 bail jumpers for whom warrants were out surrendered... secure in the knowledge that they would not have to face her." Grossman was backed up by her chief judge who would not allow defendants so easily to elude her. Said Chief Judge Burt Grif-
ing. She urged women to protect themselves, at one point, coming close to counseling violence against a husband:

"Don't let your husband beat you. Beat him up instead. Use weapons if necessary," she counseled. Indeed, at one time, she apparently called for "the public flogging of wife-beaters."

However tough, Grossman had the reputation of assuring that a defendant's rights were protected. In a 1926 article in the Cleveland Press, a reporter commented: "If the defendant's rights have been jeopardized in any way, regardless of whether he has an attorney, she will throw the case out." In liquor cases, she would not permit defendants not represented by counsel to waive analysis of the contents of the substance seized. The reporter continued: "Numerous cases were dismissed because of a faulty arrest," much to the displeasure of the prosecutor's office.

When Judge Grossman would not admit a man's record of previous arrests on suspicious person charges without each arresting officer testifying, the prosecutor had to ask for a continuance, (one exclaiming) "You took me by surprise."

In one instance, according to a 1967 Cleveland Press article, an African-American was being tried for possessing illegal liquor. The police had no search warrant but protested that they had a "long list of arrests against this (person) at that place." Judge Grossman inquired of the police officer testifying as to whether there were any convictions. When he answered in the negative, she replied, "Well, you'd better add this (dismissal) to your list." Persons accused of crime were entitled to have their rights protected. Grossman urged broader public defender availability to the public:

"I have seen defendants held to the Grand Jury from Municipal court with no counsel, when a few questions asked by a lawyer might have resulted in fast dismissal... and I've also seen defendants on relatively minor matters pay legal fees they couldn't afford in order to be represented... Adequate representation of every one's constitutional rights should be guaranteed, whether in Common pleas, Juvenile court or Municipal court." Beyond expanded availability of counsel, Grossman called for substantial use of medical doctors, psychiatrists, and psychologists, both in the courts and in prisons. Such specialists could help separate prisoners based on crime and venereal diseases. She was particularly concerned that individuals being released remained a danger to the community. Especially in vice cases, the problems involved were not only legal, but medical and social. And to broaden her own understanding of the causes of crime, she sought to tour the districts that bred it. While the bar associations were not always in her corner, the press was. Newspaper editors saw in Grossman an outstanding judge. According to one 1932 account:

"She conducts her magistrate's court with more dignity and less bargain counter aplomb than any magistrate municipal judge in the city's history, with the exception of its former Chief Justice John Dempsey... Police Court lawyers still use all the dodges to escape trying doubtful cases before her, and at times form almost a mad rush to "easier" judges... [She has] a record of unimpeachable honesty and devotion to justice; as a traffic Court jurist, she has been called harsh but is really not harsh except to drunken drivers; ... She never fears to go to the public to expose all the facts in any attempt to defeat justice." As the years went by, Judge Grossman was looked upon as an ombudsman for persons unable to afford a lawyer. A 1956 newspaper story tells about one such person. After the judge arrived in chambers one day,

"One caller was waiting, as usual. She was a woman whose divorced husband had been pestering her and she did not know what steps to take. The judge made a telephone call and sent her to the proper authority to straighten out the situation."

Judge Grossman explained: "I don't know how they get hold of my name, but people come to see me for all kinds of help." Tough, but soft-hearted, Judge Grossman became a model as municipal court judge. On her retirement in 1959, at eighty years old, she was showered with honors. Clearly, she richly deserved the encomiums that she received.

Professor of Law Arthur Landever (B.A., J.D., Ph.D, New York University), whose research interests are primarily in constitutional law, has found in Mary Grossman a compelling subject. He has graciously allowed Law Notes, in anticipation of our 1997 centennial, to print his article, excepted from a longer article on four early Ohio women lawyers. LFM
MY DINNER WITH JOEL

by Louise Mooney

"Ah . . . the shapes a bright container can contain."

Theodore Roethke, I Knew a Woman

We are sitting at a table in the restaurant Cleveland-Marshall Professor of Law and new Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Life Member Joel Finer has chosen for our interview. Joel is eating with gusto the least politically correct offering on the menu — a fellow mammal — and I am charmed by how unselfconsciously he has eluded the pressures of yuppieedom. In my heart I hope he will finish off the meal with some high-cal pastiche - mounds of chocolate ice cream, swirls of whipped cream, and a dollop of this or that. In the end he chooses chocolate cheese cake, but he has our waitress wrap it up to take home to his wife, Joan.

That Joel Finer is not susceptible to convention should come as no surprise to those who know him well. He is no ordinary lawyer and no ordinary teacher, and his range of interests reaches far beyond the courts of law and the walls of academia. His intellectual curiosity and his success in so many genres are the irresistible features that make the writers of Law Notes want to interview him.

Thus, over dinner, the talk is hard to corral; it has its own momentum and moves from here to there and back again in fits and starts: We speak of poetry (which he writes), of photography (which he seeks to master), of the troubling makeup of the current Supreme Court, of his love of teaching, and of the legendary lawyers and jurists who drew the young City College of New York economics major to a career in law. He recites the names of Holmes, Brandeis, Black, Douglas, and Murphy with the same reverence he reserves for the century's great poets - for Yeats and Thomas and Stevens. "The best works in law are works of poetry," he says in accents that bear the imprint of a boyhood lived in Brooklyn and Queens, a youth that is summoned from the past most pleasurably by memories of the Brooklyn Dodgers during the halcyon summers of Pee Wee Reese, Duke Snyder, Jackie Robinson, and Roy Campanella.

The Dodgers, he says, were "a cultural reflection of Brooklyn." If the Dodgers were a cultural reflection of Brooklyn, then City College of New York was surely a cultural reflection of the highest aspirations of the city's liberal establishment, a school of impressive academic standards yet free to all who qualified for admission — difficult to get into and difficult to stay in. Joel admits that, until his fifth term, he was an indifferent student, mildly drifting. A professor named Joan Godell changed all that; even years afterwards he asserts, "She was the most brilliant person I have ever known." In Professor Godell's Intellectual History class, he began to see a world of interconnectedness, how "the quantum theory of physics related to Dostoevsky," for instance, and he began to read as he had not read since his youth. "Probably one quarter of the books in my library now were bought as an undergraduate under the influence of Professor Godell." At the end of the semester, he received the highest grade in the course and he was launched into the intellectual stratum that would be his home for the rest of his life.

"Legal issues always fascinated me," he recalls. "In those days, a lawyer could still make a difference in the lives of the deprived and the censored." Then, too, the lure of the word was mighty: "The eloquence of Holmes, of Frank Murphy, the champions of liberal humanism," he enthuses. Accepted
into Harvard and Yale and "every law school I applied to," he chose Yale.

"Oh, the difference between Yale and City College was mind-boggling," he remembers. "City College was an hour and a half ride on the subway twice a day, and the college on Lexington and 23rd St. looked more like an elevator shaft sixteen stories high than a school building. There was at Yale a sense of antiquity, a 200-year-old dedication to scholarship that was almost palpable."

The City College alumnus found himself surrounded by classmates of startling promise: Alan Dershowitz was in his class; so were future California Governor Jerry Brown, future Senator John Danforth and John Ely, one day to be dean of Stanford law school. And Joel too was numbered among the promising. At the end of his first term, he was one of six to make the Yale Law Journal. "I'll never forget walking into the dining hall, and everyone stood up and applauded. It was fantasy, pure fantasy! A City College kid! And I had made the Journal."

Apparently Finer caught the attention of just about everyone. After his first term, he was asked by Professor Harry Wellington, afterwards Dean of the law school, to be his research assistant. One of the leading constitutional law scholars of the day, Alexander Mordecai Bickel, became an influential figure in shaping the young man's future. Professor Bickel never forgot his bright young student and, in later years, recommended him for a visiting professorship at Stanford University.

"The intellectual stimulation of the student/teacher relationship was so exciting that I knew almost at once that all I wanted to do with my life was teach law. And it wasn't so much the subject matter of the class as it was the attitude toward learning and the level of learning that were so thrilling. The love of dialectic, the love of intellectual exchange. My eyes opened to the possibility of being a law teacher and to how much of the world one can bring into teaching, how many disciplines interact with law. It was very, very exciting." (A week later one of Joel's students tells me how much she enjoys his class. She says she feels "free to say anything, free to challenge anything, to subject any idea to scrutiny." I realize she is expressing the ideals of the environment in which her professor flourished as an undergraduate and as a law student and which he has translated into his own classes.)

In 1963 Joel Finer graduated tenth in his 178-member law school class. He left New Haven with both an LL.B. and a master's degree in economics and headed south to Washington, D.C., to clerk for U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge George Thomas Washington. That year, the capital, indeed the whole country, was transformed by triumph and tragedy: "It was an incredible year, 1963, the year Kennedy was killed and the year of the 'I have a dream' speech," such a time as casts even the most uneventful life against the unpredictable movements of history.

Liberal sympathies have perhaps never been keener than in the mid-sixties when, ironically, the war in Vietnam and the brutal assassinations of the Kennedy brothers and Dr. King inspired the decade of compassion that began with the reforms of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. Joel's work during the next six years bespoke the spirit of the times. From 1964 until 1970, as an Assistant and then an Associate Professor of Law, Joel headed a federal appellate defender program at the University of Texas.

Joel spent his second summer at the University doing research on an article on religious freedom and hallucinogens (Psychedelics and Religious Freedom, 19 Hastings L. J. 1968). While he was quietly preparing his article and teaching in Austin, another University professor of considerable notoriety, Timothy Leary, attempting to drive from Laredo, Texas, into Mexico, was turned back from the Mexican border by officials who were familiar with his reputation as the undisputed guru of the drug-induced religious pilgrimage. When marijuana was discovered on his daughter's person, Leary was charged with failure to pay tax on the illicit drug. And it was at this point that the bright beacon of fame sought out Joel Finer. Joel's research had convinced him that the use of psychedelic drugs in pursuit of religious enlightenment was protected by the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religious expression. His conclusions were bolstered by a ruling of the California Supreme Court upholding the right of the Native American Church to the ritualistic use of peyote in its religious ceremonies. Thus, on the basis of his research and his growing reputation as...
an appeals lawyer, Joel was summoned to the defense of Timothy Leary. On the trial level, Joel acted as consultant, particularly in regard to First Amendment issues; at the appellate level, however, he was Leary’s chief legal counsel and the author of a brief so admired by Leary that he would read it aloud to his avid followers. When the case advanced to the Supreme Court, Joel remained as counsel on the brief (Leary v. United States, 395 U.S. 6 (1969)).

Timothy Leary had been found guilty and sentenced to 30 years in jail. Though the conviction was upheld on first appeal, the Supreme Court reversed the conviction on two grounds Professor Finer had urged at trial and appeal.

In the beginning years of Leary’s social apostasy, he seemed to many a genuine seeker, even a sort of Blakean figure; eventually, overwhelmed by ego, he drifted into specious sloganeering, irresponsibly advocating unbridled drug use. Joel’s relationship with Leary did not survive. I do not ask him why.

Still, these had been heady times for the young professor barely out of law school who found himself pitched into the middle of a full-blown cultural frenzy. And life at the blistering center was not without its unexpected rewards. There was, for instance, the thrill of receiving calls and offers of help from lawyers all over the country. There was also the time he strolled the streets of Greenwich Village with Leary, dressed in his white priestly robes, and the y were pursued by crowds of well-wishers and gawkers. Or the time he was flown from Texas to New York to a fund-raising party with Leary and Alan Ginsberg, a party where gorgeous women draped themselves over the young lawyer, urging, “You must save Tim, you must save Tim.” Then, there was a trip to Leary’s Millbrook, New York, estate where he ran a teaching center for guru apostles. Joel arrived, sartorially splendid in his Yale-purchased three piece lawyer uniform, only to find dozens of men and women parading around without a single stitch of clothing to share among them. And, perhaps the most triumphant moment of all: Once, on a first date in New York, Joel suggested a visit to the New Theater where Leary was conducting “Buddhist celebrations.” Seeing Joel in the audience, Leary pointed him out and asked him to come on stage. Joel declined, but “afterwards people came up to me and asked for my autograph. That was some way to impress a first date. You say, ‘Let’s go to this place,’ and then you’re the star of the show.”

Finer left Texas in 1969 for a year as a visiting professor at Stanford, followed by a year of private practice in an elite New York firm. He joined the faculty at the University of Arizona in 1970 and remained there until coming to Cleveland-Marshall in 1980. By then he had married an Englishwoman, Joan M. Gibson, a lawyer and librarian, and life had settled into steadier rhythms.

In recent years, in addition to his research and teaching, Finer has mastered various computer technologies, creating his own Marshall Memoranda, a lively in-house journal of law school news, and he has nurtured a growing interest in biomedical / legal issues. In fact, the larger part of his community service and research has focused on the crossroads of the two disciplines. His interest in poetry has not diminished, but, as all of us know who have stood still long enough for the click of his shutter to capture a smile or grimace, Joel Finer these days has thrown himself wholeheartedly into photography, and his pictures — especially his nature studies — are beginning to win contests.

Leaving the restaurant, I tell Joel that I fear I will have to flatter him outrageously, and he replies he has learned to live with praise nicely. How can you not like a man like that, an accommodating man of gentle humor who takes dessert home to his wife?
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ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

The Law Alumni Association will host the Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend (Classes of '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86) October 18 and 19 and hopes to have the LARGEST attendance ever. Details will be mailed soon.

CORRECTION  
Life Member Ralph Stark '55 was incorrectly identified in the winter issue. Law Notes regrets the error.

Mr. Stark is pictured here with his wife, Helen, at his 40th reunion celebration where he was the recipient of a surprise gift from Helen: Life Membership in the Law Alumni Association!

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Hon. Thomas D. Lambros, special counsel to the law firm of Bricker & Eckler and former chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, was the guest speaker at an insurance law seminar held by the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers in January. His speech, "The Trial Lawyer, The Trial Judge, The Juror, The Client, and The Public" discussed tort reform in Ohio and the lawyer's role in improving the system through such areas as efficient, cost-effective dispute resolution, reduction of the length of trials, and improvement of the jury selection process.

Two of greater Cleveland's leading law firms merged in April, according to John J. "Chips" Sutula. Chattman, Sutula, Friedlander & Paul, founded in the 1940's, combined with Gaines & Stern, established in 1950, to form the new Chattman, Gaines & Stern, L.P.A., with approximately 35 lawyers. An added key focus of the firm will be helping client organizations control their legal expenses through innovative outcome-based fee arrangements, as well as aggressive programs of risk management that will minimize entanglements in costly and protracted litigation. Central Offices will be located at the Renaissance Center in Cleveland. Other offices will be in Lorain and Independence.

1961

Esther Weismann, attorney and President of the Cleveland Association of Compensation Lawyers, spoke on issues relating to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Industrial Commission of Ohio at the Association's Annual Pre-Primary Breakfast in March, held for candidates running for the State Legislature.

1970

Lucian Rego, of the law firm Rego, Cullen & Hagen in Fairview Park, Ohio, was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of St. Edward High School.

1973

Attorney Alice Rickel has an article published in the Whittier College Law Review. The article is titled "Extending Employee Benefits to Domestic Partners: Avoiding Legal Hurdles While Staying in Tune with the Changing Definition of the Family."

Timothy W. Hughes has been named Senior Vice President for Administration for Cox Enterprises, Inc.

Former Ohio Attorney General Anthony Celebrezze, Jr. of Bexley, Ohio, has been made a partner in the Dinmore & Shohi law firm.

James Mitchell Brown of Brown and Margolius, L.P.A., spoke in Phoenix, Arizona, at the annual meeting of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives on grass-roots political organizing. Brown also led the workshop on Mitzvah Day (a day when an entire congregation goes out in the community to help people in need) at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Biennial meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

1974

David R. Percio, Patricia Walker '81 and Ralph E. Jocke '81 of Walker & Jocke, L.P.A., announce the Medina, Ohio firm's World Wide Web home page which was designed to provide information and answer questions involving intellectual property law in layman terms. The firm may be reached at http://www.walkerandjocke.com/.

1975

William G. Williams, a shareholder with the Cleveland firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, has been appointed the Chairman of the Stark County Bar Association Real Estate Committee. He also serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the Corporate Counsel Section of the Ohio State Bar Association and is a member of the OSBA's Environmental Law Committee and Natural Resources Committee.

1976


Jim Betts, lobbyist for the Alliance for Adequate School Funding and former state legislator, spoke about school finance at a forum sponsored by the Wyoming, Ohio, Board of Education and the Wyoming School Foundation on "School Funding: What's the Solution?"

Betty K. Pinkney was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Woodruff Foundation, which provides financial support to improve mental health and chemical dependency care, research and education in Northeast Ohio. Pinkney is a senior attorney with the East Ohio Gas Company and a doctoral candidate in urban affairs at the Maxine
Goodman Levine College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

M. Colette Gibbons, a principal with the Cleveland firm of Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Arson Co., L.P.A., has been named head of the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group.

1977
Prosecuting Attorney Gregory A. White of Lorain County, Ohio, was named Ohio's top prosecutor. White was presented with the prestigious "Prosecutor of The Year" award at the annual meeting of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association in Columbus.

1979
Canton, Ohio City Law Director Thomas M. Bernabei announced the appointment of Kathleen O. Tatarsky, a private practice attorney, to fill a vacant Assistant Law Director position.

The Cleveland law firm of Hahn Loeser and Parks announced that Maria E. Quinn has been named a partner of the firm and will continue to practice in the Estate Planning and Probate Area.

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Judge Robert Ferreri was featured in an article entitled "The Maverick" in Cleveland Magazine's February issue. Ferreri is quoted as saying "I love being a judge and hate being a politician. But the two have become inseparable."

1980
Lynn Arko Kelley is a candidate for judge of the Domestic Relations court in Cleveland.

1981
U. S. Attorney Emily Sweeney was featured in an article in the Sun Herald Newspaper in November.

1982
Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge Kenneth R. Callahan presided over the case involving the question "Can Cleveland block the Browns from moving to Baltimore by holding the team to a lease that says home games will be played at the Stadium through 1998?"

Candidate for Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge, Nancy Russo, puts forth the following qualifications: legal and investigative skills; active member of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association Grievance and Lawyer/Client Relations Committees, member of the National Health Lawyers Association and speaker at their 1995 Annual Fraud and Abuse Conference in Washington, D.C. She also co-presented a seminar on the defense of white collar insurance fraud investigations.

1983

The national firm of Arter & Hadden has announced that Michael J. Bertsch has become a partner in the firm. Bertsch is a member of the firm's litigation department with an emphasis in worker's compensation.

1984
Anthony Lockhart was named to the Board of Education of Shaker Heights, Ohio, to complete an expired term running through 1997. Lockhart is the director of field/residential sales for Centerior Energy.

Victor Kmetich has been promoted to principal at Ernst & Young, LLP. He specializes in tax issues and personal financial counseling.
The national law firm of Arter & Haden elected Carter E. Strang partner. Strang works in the Cleveland office, primarily in products liability, insurance coverage and real estate litigation.

Robert M. Greenwald, Director of Litigation Support Services at Bick-Freedman & Co. in Cleveland, made the following presentations: “Tax Filing & Payment Requirements Regarding Payment of Chapter 7 Wage Claims” at the office of the United States Trustee-Chapter 7 Panel Trustee Seminar; and “Business Valuations-Process, Standards & Methodology.”

1985

Missia Hoffman Vaselaney has joined the Cleveland law firm of Hahn Loeser and Parks, focusing her practice in estate planning and probate.

Michael Petrecca of Upper Arlington has been named partner-in-charge of entrepreneurial advisory services at Coopers & Lybrand.

1986

Manning & Napier Advisors, Inc. has named Bruce L. Baskin a shareholder in the company which manages over $5 billion in assets. Baskin is a Vice President-Client Consultant responsible for client service and business development in the Northeast Ohio area.

During one of the federal government shutdowns there was a crash of an American Airlines flight in Cali, Colombia. Michael Meszaros, Attorney Advisor of the Office of Policy Review and Interagency Liaison has received commendations from Bogota for his willingness to leave his family during the Christmas holidays to be on hand in Cali to give assistance to the grieving families and to work tirelessly for seven days without a break in helping deal with this tragedy.

Robert R. Lucarelli has joined the firm of Dinn, Hochman and Potter.

1987

William H. Falin has been named a partner of Arter & Haden. He practices in commercial and securities litigation and in professional and medical malpractice and medical products liability defense.

James R. Chriszt, formerly of Calfee, Halter and Griswold, has joined with attorneys Ralph J. DiLeone, Jeffrey L. Nischwitz, and Timothy Pembridge to form the law firm of DiLeone, Nischwitz, Pembridge & Chriszt Co., L.P.A., housed in the Bond Court Building. All four attorneys had previously worked for large Cleveland firms and bring that experience to employ the large firm concept of full service to meet a wide range of client needs. The four principals will rely upon their extensive real world business and accounting experience to offer an unusually practical perspective on a client’s legal problems.

1988

The law firm of Wickens, Herzer & Panza, with offices in Cleveland and Lorain, has announced that Matthew W. Nakon has been made a shareholder. Nakon practices in the firm’s litigation department with an emphasis in commercial, environmental and health care matters.

Nancy Fuerst is a candidate for judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, General Division. She has been in private practice since 1989 including criminal and civil work at trial and appellate level. From 1988 to 1989 she served a Federal clerkship for U.S. District Court, Sixth Circuit.

Dr. Lynn Remly is happy to report that she has been promoted to chief of the Policy and Rules Division (Engineering and Technology) at the Federal Communications Commission. She is the first female and first non-engineer to occupy this position. In addition, her current publications include an article on law firms’ corporate culture in the New York Law Journal and an article on travelling in eastern Germany and the Czech Republic in International Travel News. She also recently authored a firm brochure for a New York law firm as well as a series of articles for a Washington-based legal temp company.

1989

Ray Strimaitis is currently Counsel to the IBM Almaden Research Center in California. He was married in 1992 and his first child, Andrew, was born in August, 1995.

Restoring the roar to the Tomcats’ football program at Thiel College in Greenville, Pa., is the goal of newly appointed head football coach David Armstrong. The new head coach states that he is coaching for two simple reasons: he can provide something of value in an inspired manner to today’s youth on and off the field, and he has a burning desire to motivate young men to achieve greatness on the gridiron.

1990

John Latchney has joined the Cleveland law firm of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A.
1992
Michael C. Pophal is an attorney at Walker and Jocke, L.P.A., with offices in Medina, Ohio. The firm emphasizes intellectual property law which involves patent, trademark, copyright or trade secret protection. The firm has clients throughout the U.S. and the world.

1993
Theresa Metcalf Beasley is associated with the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield.

George W. Schmedlen

George W. Schmedlen is an associate at the firm of Waldher, Coyne & Associates Co., L.P.A. in Westlake, Ohio. Schmedlen, who focuses on litigation, depositions, and drafting briefs, previously served as law clerk to U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Hemann ’80. He has a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology.

1994
Barbara C. Greenberg has been appointed the Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association. Prior to her appointment she had a private practice focusing on child advocacy.

Durin B. Rogers has been named partner in the firm of Campbell & Rogers, LLP. In addition to maintaining a general practice with concentrations in family/matrimonial law and worker’s compensation litigation, Mr. Rogers continues his position as an Assistant County Attorney in the Genesee County Attorney’s Office of Western New York, where he is currently lead prosecutor of the Juvenile Department.

1995
The National law firm of Baker & Hostetler announces the addition of Michael T. Fishman as an associate in its Cleveland office.

Bruce E. Hodge has opened his own practice at 28001 Chagrin Boulevard, Cleveland.

Beth Chase and Denise Dickerson have joined the law firm of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A.

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Visitors to the law school who delivered presentations in March included Michael A. Olivas, Associate Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center, who spoke on “The Establishment and the Evolution of the Ohio Board of Regents,” and Professor Richard Delgado and Research Associate Jean Stefancic of the University of Colorado School of Law “Formalism and Law’s Discontents.”

Linda Ammons was the keynote speaker for the Fourth Annual Conference on Family Violence sponsored by the Cleveland YMCA Domestic Violence Outreach Program held in October. Professor Ammons also presented a paper on “Battered Woman Syndrome and the African-American Woman” at the First World Conference on New Trends in Criminal Investigation and Evidence in The Hague, Netherlands, in December.


Phyllis L. Crocker delivered a lecture on “Investigation and Pleadings for Post Conviction Relief” at a three-day Death Penalty Seminar, sponsored by the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, held in Columbus November/December.

Louise P. Dempsey, Assistant Dean of External Affairs, together with Charles Urbancic, Director of Sponsored Programs and Research Development, delivered a presentation on “The Pursuit of Grants” at a Law Faculty Seminar in March.


Joel Finer wrote two essay-entries, “Confessions and Public Morality” and “Torture and Philosophical Ethics,” which were published in THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA by Garland Publishing.

Mark Gooch delivered a presentation on “Internet Introduction and Demonstration of the World Wide Web of Particular Interest to Legal Educators” at a Faculty Seminar at the law school in January. He also published an article, “The Federal Register on the Web: Purdue’s World Wide Web Site,” in The Internet Connection.


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Associate Dean Steven H. Steinglass spoke at a CLE conference co-sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin Section for Individual Rights and Responsibilities and the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Foundation. The conference title was “Rights in Custody: Litigating Against Prisons, Police and Mental Hospitals,” and Dean Steinglass delivered a lecture on “Section 1983 Qualified Immunity Issues.”

Victor Streib edited a casebook, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CASES, STATUTES, AND STANDARDS, which was published exclusively on disc by Anderson Publishing Company, Cincinnati. He also published an article on “Sentencing Juvenile Murderers: Punish the Last Offender or Save the Next Victim?” in the University of Toledo Law Review. Professor Streib was appointed as a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre of Capital Punishment Studies at the University of Westminster (England) School of Law in January and as the chair of the AALS Curriculum and Research Committee for 1996-97.

Stephen J. Werber reviewed and commented on the Ohio Supreme Court case Gladdon v. Greater Cleveland Rapid Transit Authority at a Law Alumni Association CLE program at the law school in December. This case raises the question of whether a section of the Ohio Revised Code, which limits the liability of political subdivisions, is constitutional.

Associate Dean Frederic White published an article on “Ohio Apartment Owners v. Fair Housing Advocates: Battle Over House Bill 509” in the ABA Residential Landlord and Tenant/Property Management Committee Newsletter. Dean White was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Governors of Friendly Inn Settlement, a United Way Service. A member of the Law School Admissions Council Test Development and Research Committee, Dean White attended the semi-annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in March.
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