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by George Vlach III
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Dear Fellow Alumni,

Since my last letter to you, the Association has been actively monitoring the situation involving the Ohio Board of Regents' law school funding proposal. Many of you have responded to the news of the planned funding cuts for Cleveland-Marshall by writing and calling your legislators and the Governor. These efforts are deeply appreciated. I feel confident that we will ultimately prevail in our fight, but *each and every* letter we send to the legislature expressing our support for our law school is vital. So, until the funding cuts have been restored, please keep those letters coming.

With the beginning of the new school year, the Association’s activities likewise kick into high gear. Our reunion program has been growing every year, and we are anticipating that this Reunion Weekend will be bigger than ever. The Class of 1986 is gathering at the Wyndham Hotel on Playhouse Square, on Friday evening, October 18, while the Classes of 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, and 1981 will hold a joint reunion at the Renaissance Cleveland (formerly Stouffer's on Public Square) on Saturday evening, October 19. For those of you who have not had the chance to make a past reunion, I can guarantee you that you will have a great time, whether it’s a single class reunion or joint reunion. I know many people use the Annual Recognition Luncheon as a way to get together with former classmates, but reunions are a different experience entirely. There is always someone from your class who has come a great distance to see old classmates, and the reunions are one of the few times that you again get to see your classmates’ spouses. It's also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what Cleveland-Marshall made possible for us. If, by some chance, you are a member of one of the classes holding a reunion this October, and you haven't yet received your invitation, please telephone Mary McKenna at the Alumni office (687-2368) as soon as possible.

You undoubtedly have read elsewhere in this magazine about the Centennial celebration beginning this month. In addition to the lectures and other substantive events, the Association will be working with the Law School on a gala, to come at the end of the Centennial Year, to celebrate our school's rich tradition. More details about those events will follow in future *Law Notes*.

Sincerely,

DEBORAH LEWIS HILLER
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Law Notes enters the realm of Pop Art with Lakewood High school artist, honor student, varsity baseball and basketball player George Vlosich III's tribute to the Cleveland-Marshall Centennial. George's Etch A Sketch® wizardry has been featured on programs on CNN, CBN's Family Channel, NBC, NBC Inside Stuff, Beckett and in Sports Illustrated for Kids. A number of his portraits of sports personalities are part of the permanent collection of the Akron Children's Hospital, and this summer his pen and ink drawing of Cleveland's Justice Center was one of 250 district winners throughout the country in a Congressional art contest. Vince Norwillo of the law firm of Duviv, Cahn and Hutton has assisted the young artist in promoting his work.
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by Interim Dean Steven H. Steinglass

This is my first Law Notes column as Interim Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. I am honored to serve the law school where I have taught since 1980, and I hope to do as well by this school as my predecessor, Steven R. Smith, who since the end of June has been President and Dean of California Western School of Law.

When the doors of our law school opened in the middle of August, they opened on the 99th anniversary of the 1897 founding of one of our predecessor schools, the Cleveland Law School. Thus, as Interim Dean, I will be bridging not only the time between two deans but also the time between the end of the College's first century and the beginning of its second century of educating men and women in law.

The year leading up to our one-hundredth birthday and our actual centenary in 1997 are full of promise and expectation. Our Centennial begins this September with the arrival of our invited Centennial Inauguration Speaker, the Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States; it will continue into October when we honor our alumni and alumnae judges. Before the year is over, we will have presented Centennial seminars, programs, receptions, hard-hat tours of the library construction site, and many other events to mark our school's contribution to the city, state, and profession. Then, in the fall of 1997, the faculty and staff of Cleveland-Marshall will have the privilege of inviting all of you to join in a genuinely historic moment for our law school, the opening of our new law library, an event that would not have come to pass without the help and support of so many of our graduates. You will be advised well in advance of the times and places of all these events.

Our school's second century threatened by a proposal of the Ohio Board of Regents that would compromise our historic mission of opening wide the doors of law school to worthy students from diverse backgrounds. As the state's oldest night law school, the first to admit women and one of the first to admit minorities, we find it ironic that the agency that should be our greatest ally—the Board of Regents—is, instead, ready to strike at those students whom we have served the best, those men and women who are underrepresented in other law schools and in the profession.

In late 1995 as part of its review of graduate and professional education, the Ohio Board of Regents undertook an examination of Ohio's five public law schools. The Board relied on a User/Constituent Panel, a Review Panel of national legal experts, and the Committee on State Investment in Graduate and Professional Education. None of these groups suggested any reduction in funding for legal education in Ohio. Despite the findings of its own experts, on July 11, 1996, the Board of Regents unanimously approved a plan that seeks to reduce state funding for legal education by almost $2 million annually.

To achieve its goal, the Board of Regents voted to lower the existing legislative cap on the number of law students for whom the law schools may receive state funding. The Board also tied state funding to academic criteria for admission, i.e., undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores.

The reduction in state funds will deny Cleveland-Marshall the ability to maintain a strong part-time division and a strong full-time division, both of which are essential parts of our history and mission.

Although we use LSAT scores as part of the admissions process, tying state funding to median LSAT scores undercuts our ability to consider fully the credentials of our applicants. This proposal adopts an elitist approach for determining who may attend law school and is scorned by persons as knowledgeable as Philip D. Shelton, Executive Director of the Law School Admissions Council, the agency that administers the test. The plan creates strong fiscal incentives to admit only those who score well on one morning's standardized test and threatens Cleveland-Marshall's ability to provide broad opportunity to the future lawyers, judges, business persons, and public servants of this region.

Sadly, the Board directed virtually all of the cuts at the three northern Ohio law schools with part-time divisions, and our law school, with the larg-
est enrollment in the state, will suffer disproportionately from the Board's proposed action.

If the Ohio General Assembly approves the Board's plan, Cleveland-Marshall will lose state funding for at least one-sixth of our students. This reduction, which would be phased-in over a three-year period beginning in the fall of 1998, will deny our College state funds for about 50 new law students per year (or for about 150 law students when the plan is fully implemented). The plan is thus a serious assault on the funding of this law school.

Any significant reduction in funding for Cleveland-Marshall will interfere with our historic mission of providing access to the legal profession to all members of the greater Cleveland community, including members of minority communities. Cleveland-Marshall educates more African-American law students than any Ohio law school and has been a leader in providing opportunity for persons from all backgrounds to enter the legal profession.

To prepare law students for the modern practice of law, this law school needs more, not less, funding. A Cleveland-Marshall legal education is characterized by small classes, including trial advocacy and alternative dispute resolution courses, four clinical programs, an extremely successful Moot Court Program, two student-edited law journals, an effective legal writing program, nationally recognized health care and international law programs, and a faculty committed to excellent teaching, cutting-edge scholarship, and public service. Any significant reduction in funding will have an adverse impact on the quality of our educational program.

The Board of Regents' proposal has enraged a number of our most influential supporters who have voiced their indignation to our representatives in state government. I hope you will join with them by contacting Governor George V. Voinovich, The Vern Riffe Center, 77 S. High Street, 30th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. You may also contact your representatives in the Ohio General Assembly at these addresses: The Ohio Senate, State House, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0604; The Ohio House of Representatives, State House, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0603.

In closing, I hasten to say that as serious as this situation is, I am confident in the future, in a second century of Cleveland-Marshall's special contributions to legal education and to the legal profession. I know our school's future is secure because I know Cleveland-Marshall can count on its graduates who have never failed us in times of crisis. I, therefore, look forward to the excitement of the Centennial, and I look forward to a productive period and a productive relationship with the law school's greatest resource, our alumni and alumnae.

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December 7  Family Law
December 14 Elder Law
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THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SALUTES
THE HONORABLE PATRICIA ANN BLACKMON
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Every year the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association honors two graduates whose contributions to the profession reflect most clearly the best attributes of a Cleveland-Marshall education. This year the Association celebrated the lives and achievements of Ohio Court of Common Pleas Judge, the Honorable Patricia A. Blackmon '75, and Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Presiding Judge, the Honorable James J. Sweeney '73. Over 800 friends, family members and alumni attended the May 23 luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel.

The Law Alumni Association also uses this occasion to recognize the scholarly achievements of faculty members through presentation of the Howard Oleck Award. This year the Association gave its Howard Oleck Writing Award to Professor of Law Sheldon Gelman for the second year in a row. He is the first professor to earn this distinction in two successive years. The Association presented its Presidents' Award to Interim Dean Steven H. Steinglass in acknowledgement of outstanding service to the alumni, faculty and students of the College of Law.
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THREE WEISS LAWYERS: ONE LAW SCHOOL

Three generations of the Weiss family have attended Cleveland-Marshall College of Law: Joseph H. Weiss, Sr. '36, Joseph H. Weiss Jr. '70 and Wendy Lee Weiss who is beginning her third year of law school. At the request of Mary McKenna, Executive Director of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association, they have gathered together in the Lyndhurst home of the senior Weiss to compare their three generational experiences as law students at the same law school.

In the mid-thirties when Joe Weiss, Sr., a graduate of John Carroll, attended the old Cleveland Law School in the Engineers Building, classes were less formal than today. Sometimes his girlfriend, Jerry Fisher, accompanied him to class and took notes for him in shorthand. A dispute between sweethearts almost cost the young student his law degree when the young lady refused to translate her notes for him. Fortunately, the two made up, she deciphered her semester, promising herself she would never set foot in a law school again. The second semester he was back to stay, graduating in 1970. Now an attorney in private practice in Chesterland, member of the Geauga Board of Elections, and former Chair of the Geauga County Democratic Party, he has never regretted his return to law school, and he

ments with reverence several of the teachers who made his Cleveland-Marshall experience rewarding: Ted Dyke, Leroy Murad and Howard Oleck, in particular.

Wendy Weiss has broken the Weiss tradition, first by not being Joseph Weiss III and second by not going to John Carroll. She has, however, preserved the family name honorably: A 1994 Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate of Miami University, a champion hurdler and winner of a host of athletic and academic awards, Wendy

Nowadays, Wendy ponders her future, a future that all agree is enormously promising. She says her summer at Jones Day was "a wonderful experience" and working in a big firm certainly has a great appeal. Still, she remembers accompanying her father on his weekly trips to the Sisters of Charity's Our Lady of Fatima Mission in Cleveland's inner city where he did legal work for Sister Henrietta who headed the mission. Wendy had a glimpse then of how powerful an instrument for effecting social good the law can be, and it may just turn out that when she graduates this May she will seek her own version of Sister Henrietta's mission or of some organization that will be well served by her legal skills.

After all, she is something of an iconoclast already, this soon-to-be-first female attorney of the Joseph Weiss family. LFM
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CMLAA HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING

The Law Alumni Association hosted its Annual Meeting in June with installation of its new Officers and Board members, followed by a tribute to outgoing C-M Dean Steven R. Smith. President Deborah Lewis Hiller '75 presided, and Judge Donald C. Nugent '74 administered the oath of office to the new members of the Board.

Congratulations to the new CMLAA Officers and Trustees:

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In 1994 Professor of Law Steven H. Steinglass (B.S. University of Pennsylvania; J.D. Columbia Law School) was living the relatively placid life of a career academic in a law school he was proud to be a part of. He had come to Cleveland-Marshall in 1980 during the Dean Bogomolny years from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, primarily to work in the clinical legal education program. When the clinic was restructured, he easily moved into the traditional classroom setting, teaching Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction, Section 1983 Litigation, and State Constitutional Law. Moreover, he was deep into research, ably fulfilling his obligation to contribute to legal scholarship: He had published numerous journal articles and book chapters and was the author of a two-volume treatise, Section 1983 Litigation in State Courts, widely considered the definitive exegesis of this difficult area of the law, cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and many state appellate courts. He was attentive to the university's expectations of him, as well, and over the years had served on
number of College of Law committees.
Steinglass was also extensively involved in continuing legal and judicial education programs; he had lectured in over 30 states and was a faculty member of the National Judicial College and the Practising Law Institute. And in 1988 he had one of those matchless experiences that make an attorney's years of study and research worthwhile: He drafted the petition for certiorari, wrote the brief and successfully argued in the United States Supreme Court for the petitioner in Felder v. Casey, a case involving the duty of state courts to hear Section 1983 cases against government officials. "I've argued two cases in the Supreme Court," Steinglass says. "The earlier one (Board of Regents v. Roth, 1972) I didn't win, but both were highlights in my career, and I'm proud of both."

In Wisconsin, Steinglass had spent a decade as an attorney and administrator in a legal services office. When he left the state, he was the director of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., a forty-attorney, multi-county public interest law firm that provided counsel to indigents on matters of civil law. He had also taught classes at the University of Wisconsin's Law School where he says, "I got my first taste of law school from the other side of the podium." It was perhaps the view from the other side of the podium that drew him toward a new career as a full-time law professor. His plans for the future did not include ever again being an administrator.

In fact, by 1994 what he most looked forward to was the day when he would turn his manuscript of The Ohio State Constitution: A Reference Guide over to his editor at Greenwood Press. Then, inevitably, he would bend his mind toward other research projects, and life would continue pleasantly along the same path.

These days, as Steinglass finds himself leaving one administrative post for another, he must reflect on the folly of trying to predict the future, especially one's own. In 1994 when Associate Dean Solomon Oliver, Jr. left the law school to accept a seat on the federal bench for the Northern District of Ohio, Steinglass agreed to share the Associate Deanship with Professor Frederic White. True, it was an administrative appointment and, true, he had thought his days as an administrator were over, but the burdens of the office would be split between two Associate Deans, and neither would have to give up teaching altogether. That was an agreeable enough incentive: teaching and a little administrating on the side with plenty of time left over for writing, research and the ordinary pleasures of everyday life. It did not work out quite that way, however.

The half of the job that fell to Steinglass involved faculty recruitment and development during a span of years when there were an unusual number of vacancies and an unusual number of new faculty to help settle into the school year, and then there were the always pressing concerns of the other 40 faculty members to deal with. The new Associate Dean discovered that his cup was running over; there were too few hours in a day, too few days in a week to accomplish all that was set before him and all he set out to accomplish. Nevertheless, he managed to do what was expected of him and to do it well.

Ironically — given his predilection for teaching and scholarship over administration — it was his aptitude and ability in handling the overflow of administrative duties that inspired many of his peers on the faculty to press him to apply for the Interim Dean position when Dean Smith announced he was leaving. Moreover, his supporters reminded him, the school's Centennial was just around the corner and a new library would open in the fall of 1997. Best to have someone on board who had threaded his way through the university bureaucracy, knew the community, and, as Steinglass himself reasoned, "could provide some continuity." Thus, this fall, for the first time in 16 years, Professor Steinglass will not find himself facing a classroom of aspiring attorneys.

There was a time when a dean might spend the day ripping off one name tag and slapping on another as he or she hurried from reception to reception, from meeting to meeting, when every lunch and dinner hour belonged to some organization or another. Not a difficult way to earn a living; just wearisome. Being a dean at Cleveland-Marshall in 1996 is an altogether different matter, a little like parachuting into a war zone, and the crossfire is coming from a very unexpected source...

### Being a dean at Cleveland-Marshall in 1996 is an altogether different matter, a little like parachuting into a war zone, and the crossfire is coming from a very unexpected source...

- **The Regents have a proposal for Ohio's law schools that they claim will improve its public law schools and the caliber of the lawyers they graduate.** Their plan is a disastrous plan, one that will, in effect, hobble public legal education in Ohio.
- **Their strategy is simple:** Make it difficult for prospective law students to get into law school by limiting the number of students the state will subsidize; determine the subsidy by linking it to unreasonable admission standards — an elevated Law School Admission Test score and a high undergraduate grade...
point average. The Regents claim they are trying to save money, that there are enough lawyers in the state already, and that far too many of them are mediocre. Worse, say the Regents, many do not even practice law; instead, they are going into other fields like business, public service and teaching.

In fact, it is a wickedly elitist tally the Regents have devised, one that ignores background, work experience, an applicant’s age, and many other factors that round out a human and predict, perhaps more accurately, future success. The plan strikes hardest at Ohio’s three public law schools with part-time programs and more generous admission policies. And Cleveland-Marshall with the state’s largest enrollment would receive the severest blow of all: the loss of funding for approximately 150 students over a three-year period beginning in 1998, a situation that could bring on a drastic, disabling decrease in resources of $1.5 to $2 million per year.

But, as the Interim Dean is quick to point out, the ultimate victims of the Regents’ obtuseness are not the school, its budget, or its faculty and staff but “the citizens of northeast Ohio, especially those men and women to whom the law school has had an historic, century-old commitment: the non-traditional students whose credentials are not always fairly assessed by grades and standardized test scores alone.” Such a plan also victimizes the profession, often criticized for narrowness and exclusivity, just at a time when it is climbing out of the last century and opening its doors to greater numbers of women and minorities, those graduates for whom the doors of Cleveland-Marshall were always open.

And that is exactly why neither Steinglass nor any of the College’s constituents are willing to accede to any part of the Regents’ plan: because they do not want the Regents to slam the door in the faces of the next century of Cleveland-Marshall students. They do not want the profession to become once more compromised by exclusivity. For these reasons, Steinglass, alone among Ohio’s five state-assisted law school deans, refused to sign a letter sent to the Regents in June that offered a conciliatory plan. Instead, he pins his hopes on the commitment of the law school alumni and on the good sense of the General Assembly whose members will find the proposal waiting for their approval when the legislature reconvenes.

This summer, then, has not been a leisurely one for Steve Steinglass. Ordinarily, he would be spending great portions of the season at his cabin on an island in northern Lake Michigan with his wife, Dianne, and their daughter, Amanda. He might be visiting his two brothers, Kenneth, head of the thoracic surgery department at Columbia Presbyterian, and Robert, formerly a public health officer with the World Health Organization and now a consultant on international health issues in Virginia. His mother might make the journey from Florida, and a mild Michigan summer would pass idly into Ohio’s vibrant fall and the beginning of another school year.

Instead, back in the war zone, the Interim Dean is consulting with our representatives in the General Assembly, dictating letters, answering phone calls, giving interviews to the media and, in general, mobilizing the law school’s many friends — most especially its alumni and alumnae. Even on a weekend up in Michigan, even on the road driving toward Michigan, the phone rings incessantly, and on the almost undiscoverable island the fax machine chimes its messages across two Great Lakes and into the remote cabin that is supposed to be his quiet retreat.

Back in Cleveland, momentarily unhooked from the phone, he can see from the windows of his office the blue and green Centennial banners fluttering outside on Euclid Avenue. To onlookers, Steinglass, the once reluctant administrator, seems undaunted, and certainly he sounds optimistic: “Six months ago none of us anticipated this problem with the Regents and its seriousness. We will deal with this,” he says confidently. “This crisis has brought out our strengths: a strong staff, a strong and collegial faculty, a loyal and active Alumni Association and a university administration and university trustees who are squarely on our side.” He speaks enthusiastically of the September Centennial inauguration to which the College has invited U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, of the October Cleveland-Marshall Judges’ gala celebration, and of many events just being planned. “Nothing, certainly not the Board of Regents, is going to spoil our Centennial or for that matter the next hundred years of this wonderful law school. The law school will be here—thriving and continuing to play its historic role long after this Board of Regents have come and gone.” LFM
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NEW LIFE MEMBER
The son of Italian immigrants, Vincent T. Lombardo '81 was the first person in his family to attend law school. A native of Philadelphia, he received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1978 and then relocated to Cleveland to attend C-M. After graduating and passing the Ohio Bar, he went into private practice, before joining the Ohio Attorney General's Office in 1984.

As an Assistant Attorney General, Vince has represented the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, the State Employment Relations Board, and the Ohio Department of Industrial Relations, and has prosecuted cases under the Ohio Nuisance Abatement Law resulting in the closing of over a dozen drug houses. He now represents the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Industrial Commission of Ohio, defending the State's decisions allowing or disallowing workers' compensation claims in court.

Vince is a member of the American, Ohio, Cleveland, and Cuyahoga County Bar Associations. But he is proudest of being a CMLAA Trustee and participating in its Mentor Program. He is a veritable "Johnny One Note", always lauding the program and its goals. In addition to recruiting over 20 attorneys to participate in the mentor program, Vince is a mentor to five students, two graduates, and one applicant for admission.

Vince lives in Cleveland with his wife, Barbara J. Stanford '80, an artist.

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The Cleveland Law School
1897-1927:
by Louise Mooney

THE PAST IS PROLOGUE.
Inscription over the door of the National Archives
in Washington, D.C.
“What do you think that means?”
General Eisenhower asked the cabby driving him through
the nation’s capital.
“It means,” said the cabby,
“you ain’t seen nothin’ yet.”

Cleveland-Marshall College
of Law is the direct descendant of two proprietary
night law schools, the
Baldwin University Law School,
founded in 1897 (called the Cleveland Law School after 1899), and the John
The two law schools
merged in 1946 to be-
come the Cleveland-Marshall Law School; in
1969 the school became
the sixth college of
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the Cleveland-Marshall
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When our first par-
ent school, the Baldwin
University Law School,
opened its doors in Sep-
tember of 1897, a genial
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McKinley, had just com-
pleted his first six
months as our 25th President, Asa
Bushnell was Governor of the state,
Marcus Hanna and Joseph B. Foraker
were Senators and, Robert McKisson was
Mayor of Cleveland. Cleveland in the
nineties was a wide open city, a boom
town whose population, plumped by
the century’s second massive wave of
immigration, had risen to almost
400,000. Fortunes
were being made in
railway lines; iron ore
boats navigated the
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iron ore and coke from
Michigan to the steel
mills in the flats, and
pipelines linked Penn-
sylvania oilfields to the
city’s refineries.

In that fin-de-
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Early Cleveland Law School Class
being ignited by Mr. Edison's invention seemed charged as well with hope and confidence in the future. New banks sprang up overnight, the fledgling motor car industry was attracting capital to the city, and downtown merchants, their shelves brimming with the latest and the freshest, grew prosperous, raised large families and sought opportunities for their children to thrive. Perhaps it was in the spirit of assuring opportunities to the coming generations that our school was founded, the first night law school in Ohio.

At the turn of the century a law school was almost as novel a creation as the internal combustion engine. Many of the men practicing law in the late 1890s had not completed high school, fewer had gone to college and fewer still had earned the LL.B. degree. Most had learned law through the old apprentice system, “reading law” for one or two years in the offices of local attorneys. Law office training was informal, often narrowly textual, and chiefly mimetic. The creation of the Cleveland Law School may have been in response to a growing conviction among attorneys and educators that legal studies should be standardized and removed from downtown offices to the campus. There, aspiring lawyers might learn law in the context of a comprehensive liberal arts background. The many law schools that sprang up in mid-century were reflective of this movement toward a broader, morehumanistic curriculum.

A part-time night law school suited a hope-filled time, for it offered distinct advantages to a generation just forming itself — the children of hardworking immigrants, persons of limited resources, individuals with families to support, whoever hoped to build a new life and could study law only if they could continue to work. These are the same advantages of affordable tuition and flexibility that pertain today and continue to draw men and women to our law school.

Though we merely speculate on the motives of our founders, we know for certain that they were men of honor and foresight, for in founding the new law school they opened the doors not just to men but to women and minorities as well, so that our law school is acknowledged to be the first law school in the state to admit women and one of the first to admit minorities.

One hundred years later our founders’ names reside chiefly in the memories of their descendants and are only infrequently mentioned in contemporary accounts of Cleveland’s past, but at the turn of the century the lawyers and judges who formed the corporation of Baldwin University Law School were some of the leading names of the local bench and bar: Ohio Appellate Judge Willis Vickery, Probate Court Judge Arthur E. Rowley, Ohio Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Bentley, Clifford E. Neff, and Frederic C. Howe. About the time that the new law school opened, a future federal court judge, the Honorable F.W. Wing of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, founded the Cleveland Law School. The two night schools merged in 1899 and were incorporated into the Cleveland Law College of Baldwin University (called Baldwin-Wallace College since 1913).

Willis Vickery (1857-1932) was the colorful, outspoken principal founder of the Cleveland Law School, a man so enamored of Shakespeare that it was said he had, in his ardor, memorized entire plays, including Hamlet and Julius Caesar. The son of English immigrants who settled in Bellevue, Ohio, shortly before the birth of their son, Willis Vickery had little formal education till he entered high school at the age of 19. Graduating in 1880 as the class valedictorian, he apprenticed with a Fremont, Ohio, law firm and taught school to finance his legal studies. He entered Boston University in 1882, graduated in 1884, and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1885. He practiced law with his brother Jesse in Bellevue before moving to Cleveland in 1896. He was associated with two Cleveland law firms before his 1908 election to the Cuyahoga County
Common Pleas Court. In 1918 he won a seat on the Ohio Court of Appeals where he remained until his death in 1932.

Newspaper accounts of the time picture him as a man who shunned convention and courted controversy, begrudgingly admired by some of his peers, enthusiastically praised by others who took note of his "aggressive independence and truculent honesty," his "outspoken fearlessness," and called him "a man of tremendous proportions, tremendous opinions, tremendous learning, tremendous will and tremendous passions." An obituary states, "No one ever suspected that power or wealth or politics had the slightest influence on his judicial conduct." Given the raucous politics of the times, these were indeed words of high praise.

In interviews and feature stories on the judge, Vickery often asserted his true education had begun only when an itinerant teacher placed in his hands a copy of the complete works of Shakespeare. Eventually Vickery earned a national reputation as a Shakespearean scholar, owner of "the largest private collection" of Shakespeare in the country. In 1927 he was elected to the Presidency of the International Shakespeare Association of New York City; his address in November of that year to the Association was printed in full in the New York Times.

Vickery continued at the law school until his death, serving as secretary, treasurer, dean and professor of law. He taught Contracts, Constitutional Law and Partnerships for 35 years to men and women who might do worse than learn to read and write and reason the law from a jurist who knew his Shakespeare by heart.

The first dean of the Cleveland Law School was Charles S. Bentley (1846-1929), a native of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He earned a B.A. and an M.A. from Oberlin College; his B.A. in 1867 was printed in the New York Times. Bentley was elected to a one-year term as president of the Municipal Association (now the Citizens League) which had urged

Frederic C. Howe (1867-1940), lawyer, author and social reformer, was a native of Meadville, Pennsylvania. His undergraduate degree was from Allegheny College; his Ph.D. was from Johns Hopkins. He studied law at New York University before settling in Cleveland where he joined the law firm of Harry and James Garfield, sons of the President; in 1896 he was made partner. Howe was a diligent community activist in the progressive mold that became a hallmark of radical politics in the late nineteenth century. He was associated with the Goodrich Social Settlement and other organizations active on behalf of the poor. Anxious to effect social change, he ran for and was elected to the Cleveland City Council the same year (1901) that saw the election of Tom Johnson, Cleveland's fabled radical reform Mayor. Howe served only one term on the Council, however. Disillusioned with the Municipal Association (now the Citizens League) which had urged
his first run for the Council on the Republican ticket, he ran as an independent and lost. In 1905 he won a seat in the Ohio senate where he promptly allied himself with the progressive reformers investigating corruption in the state treasurer's office. In 1909 Howe was elected to Cleveland's Board of Quadrennial Appraisers.

In 1910 Howe moved to New York where he was Director of The People's Institute (1911-14) and Commissioner of Immigration for the port (1914-19). During the twenties, he became increasingly radical in his thinking and politics, allying himself with various labor groups and convincing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to open a bank in Cleveland. His support of Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Presidency earned him a post as consumers' counsel in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

During his lifetime Howe produced a small body of social reform literature: The City: The Hope For Democracy (1905), The Confessions of a Monopolist (1906), The British City: The Beginnings of Democracy (1907), and Confessions of a Reformer (1925). Howe had written a book on taxation in 1896 and that was the subject he taught at the Cleveland Law School.

F. W. Wing (1850-1918) was born in Trumbull County, Ohio. He attended Harvard for three years and then studied law with attorneys in Boston and Newark and Ashtabula, Ohio. After passing the bar in 1874, he moved to Cleveland and began his own practice. He served as Assistant U.S. District Attorney for a year, leaving that post to accept an appointment by Ohio Governor Asa Bushnell to the Common Pleas Court. In 1901 President McKinley appointed him to the federal bench for the Northern District of Ohio. One of his biographers observed: "With dignity and exceptional ability he remained on the bench until 1905 when he resigned and again took up private practice."

Clifford A. Neff (1867-1919), a native of Savannah, Georgia, graduated from Kenyon College and studied law in the Cleveland offices of Sherman, Hoyt & Dustin. He was admitted into the bar in 1890. In 1913 he joined the Cleveland firm of White, Johnson, Cannon & Neff where he remained until his death. Active in local politics, he

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From the law school's earliest years, graduates emerged who quickly made their names known to their fellow citizens. Many were the children of immigrants, many were themselves immigrants, many came from the laboring classes, many were older students, almost all worked throughout the day while studying law at night, and many, many proceeded from law school to leave their imprint; in large and small ways, in the local history books, contributing to the growth and prosperity of the region as surely as the magnates of industry and business whose mansions lining Euclid Avenue made it the "most beautiful street in the world." From the biographies of early and influential graduates, we have chosen the following 17 men and women, all but one born in the last quadrant of the nineteenth century — including eight women, three African-Americans, and six immigrants or children of immigrants — as representative of our law school's contributions to the city and state.
Joseph A. Artl (1893-1970), Cleveland Law School class of 1913, a native Cleveland, was the son of Bohemian immigrants. According to The Dictionary of Cleveland Biography, Artl was "one of Cuyahoga County's most respected public officials in a career spanning four decades." Artl worked as an accountant while studying law at the Cleveland Law School. He was elected to the Cleveland City Council in 1932, appointed and elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court (1936-46), elected to Common Pleas Court (1947), and served two terms on the Ohio Court of Appeals (1961-1967).

Edward Blythin (1884-1958), Cleveland Law School Class of 1916, was Cleveland's city law director (1940), Mayor (1941) and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (1949-58). Born in Wales he came to Cleveland in 1906 and worked as a bookkeeper while earning his law degree. He developed a practice devoted primarily to municipal law. He succeeded Harold Burton as mayor when Burton became a U.S. Senator but was defeated by Frank Lausche after only 11 months in office. He used his brief term to encourage enlistment in the armed forces and to promote black employment. Blythin is also remembered as the judge who presided over the controversial murder trial of Sam Sheppard.

William H. Clifford (1862-1929), Cleveland Law School Class of 1902, was a prominent black Republican politician. Born in Cleveland, he began working in the county clerk's office in 1899, eventually becoming the highest paid African-American in local, county or state government at that time. He was active in the Republican party and served two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives (1894-95; 1898-99). Clifford graduated from law school at the age of 40 (1902). He accepted a position in the War Department in Washington, D.C., where he remained until his death.

In 1928 Genevieve Cline (1915-1959), Cleveland Law School Class of 1921, became the first woman ever to occupy a seat on the federal judiciary when President Calvin Coolidge appointed her to serve as an Associate Justice of the United States Customs Court. Born in Huron, Ohio, raised in Cleveland, and a graduate of Oberlin College, Cline entered private practice...
in Cleveland with her brother, John A. Cline, following her 1921 admission to the Ohio bar. In 1922 President Warren G. Harding appointed her U. S. Appraiser of Merchandise to the port of Cleveland; she was the first woman to fill that office in Ohio. Active in numerous women's organizations and committed to women's causes during her entire lifetime, Cline was chair of the Women's Suffrage Party in East Cleveland, President of the Women's Republican League, President of the Cleveland Federation of Women's Clubs, a member of the Women's City Club, and vice president for Ohio of the National Women Lawyers' Association. Her appointment to the Customs Court was vigorously resisted in the Senate and by the Association of the Customs Bar. Her supporters, who included Ohio Senators Simeon D. Fess and Frank B. Willis, persisted, and in June of 1928 Cline took the oath of office before a large gathering of well-wishers, among them the first woman ever to serve on a state supreme Court, the Honorable Florence Allen, and the first woman ever to serve on a Municipal Court, Mary Grossman '12. Justice Cline acknowledged the two women judges and remarked, "This is not Genevieve Cline's honor. It is our honor. It is given in recognition of woman and woman's right to participate in public office." She retired from office in 1953.

A man whose name is associated with Cleveland's economic vitality during the first decades of the twentieth century was Cleveland Law School alumnus of the Class of 1912 John Aloysius Coakley (1881-1950). As a youngster he worked as an office boy with the Pennsylvania Railroad. His adult career involved a number of high positions in such pioneering industries as the American Steel and Wire Company, U.S. Steel, and the "Automatic" Sprinkler Corporation of America of which he was a founder. Equally as important was his work for the boards on which he sat, including the Marjon Co., Cleveland Stevedore Co., New Castle Refrac-

During his lifetime Coakley, the father of 11, became as famous for his charity as he was for his business skill, and by the end of his life he was acclaimed one of the area's most generous philanthropists...

John Aloysius Coakley

area's most generous philanthropists, giving especially to Cleveland's Catholic charities. Among many honors, he was made Master Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and awarded a posthumous honorary doctorate from Georgetown University.

The life of Herman Finkle (1891-1952), Cleveland Law School Class of 1913, had the grand dimensions of classical drama: a ruthless career redeemed by tragedy. The man called the "Little Napoleon of Ward 12" served 18 consecutive terms on the Cleveland Council, each term so marked by rumors of financial scandal, land deals, and corruption that he was a frequent target of the Citizens League which repeatedly called for his removal from office. Accounts of Finkle's life always remark the change in his character that occurred when his only daughter, Betty, died in the mid-thirties. In his grief, Finkle turned the power of his of-

Law School Office
By the turn of the century Fleming was not only one of the most powerful men in the city, he was also one of the wealthiest.

Cleveland Law School Class of 1906. A native of Meadville, Pennsylvania, he came to Cleveland in 1893 and took a job as a barber. In 1903, under the influence of Booker T. Washington's self-help philosophy, he helped found the Cleveland Journal, a weekly publication dedicated to promoting black businesses. Fleming was elected Councilman-At-Large in 1909 and Ward 11 Councilman in 1916; he remained in office until 1929, using his influence to help blacks find city jobs, introducing ordinances to build recreational facilities in the central area and to resist the organization of a KKK Chapter in Cleveland. Fleming and his wife, Lethia Fleming, an early advocate of the rights of African-American women, in company with black entrepreneur Starlight Boyd, formed a potent coalition, promoting businesses in the black community and establishing a firm political presence. By the turn of the century Fleming was not only one of the

Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity early 1900s
most powerful men in the city, he was also one of the wealthiest. Then misfortune struck. In the words of The Cleveland 200, a compendium of 200 of the city's most prominent past and present citizens: "The fact that a Negro had gained such influence did not sit well in all quarters. In 1929 steps were taken to rectify the situation. Fleming was indicted on bribery charges for supposedly accepting a paltry $200 to secure passage of a special ordinance. In spite of flimsy evidence, the wheels of justice moved with lightening speed. The trial began in less than two weeks and ended four days later with an all-white jury returning a guilty verdict after brief deliberations." Attempts to reverse the judgment were rebuffed and Fleming served two years in prison. Though his wife remained politically active, Thomas Fleming retired from politics following his release from prison.

Isadore Fred Freiberger (1897-1969) was a 1901 graduate of Adelbert College and a 1904 graduate of the Cleveland Law School. In law school Freiberger worked as a clerk at the Cleveland Trust Bank; by 1941 he was chairman of the Bank's board and by 1943 he as a director of Forest City Publishing Co. Freiberger’s community service was prodigious and included, according to the Dictionary of Cleveland Biography, membership in over 50 charitable and community organizations. Among the boards on which he served were Cleveland-Marshall Law School, Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Playhouse Foundation and the Jewish Community Federation. For his work on behalf of Western Reserve University, he received an honorary doctor of humanities degree in 1947.

Bell Greve (1894-1957), a graduate of Flora Stone Mather College of Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Law School, was an enlightened community leader in charitable causes and in improving the city's rehabilitative services. Returning to Ohio after three years with the Red Cross in Europe, she took a job as superintendent of the Ohio Division of Charities. In 1933 she served as the Director of the Association for the Crippled and Disabled (later the Cleveland Rehabilitation Center) until 1953 when she became Director of the Cleveland's Department of Health and Welfare. Greve

Once Grossman gained the vote, she decided to vote for herself, winning a seat on the Cleveland Municipal Court in 1923...

Harry Franklin Payer

later, admitted into the American Bar Association, she became one of the only two women members.

Gertrude M. Handrick (1871-1937) was the only woman in her 1911 Cleveland Law School graduation class of 37. Handrick began law school secretly and in defiance of the wishes of her father, Judge Martin A. Foran. She was the first woman to be admitted to the Cleveland Bar Association and, as head of the Business Woman's Suffrage League, she was active in the cause of women's rights.

Grace B. Doering McCord (1890-1983), whose bachelor's degree was from Case Western Reserve University, graduated from the Cleveland Law School in 1925 with the highest grade point average ever earned at the law school. Her name appears in the 1925 law school bulletin as winner of the $50 Faculty Prize for the "student of the graduating class who has the best record in scholarship for the entire course"; the prize was not in cash, however, but in books from the W.H. Anderson Co. Around 1927 the Cleveland Law School added a Master of Law degree to its curriculum, and in 1927 Doering appears to have been the first and only graduate of the new master's program. In 1933 she became Ohio's first woman law professor when she taught a class on appellate practice and procedure at the John Marshall Law School. McCord served as Assistant Law
Director to the City of Cleveland from 1935 till 1942 and was a regional attorney for the Office of Price Administration during World War II. She was a founding member of the Business and Professional Women’s Club of Greater Cleveland and President of the National Association of Women Lawyers. In later years, she lectured on women’s rights and was a supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Like so many of his fellow law students, Harry Franklin Payer (1875-1952), Cleveland Law School Class of 1899, was the son of immigrants. Unlike them, however, Payer came to law school with a summa cum laude bachelor’s degree from Adelbert College. Famous for speaking his father’s native Czech as well as French, Latin, and Greek, the gifted young attorney caught the attention of Tom Johnson who hired Payer to direct the first Johnson mayoral campaign (1901) and then appointed him assistant city solicitor under Newton D. Baker. Leaving city government he built a reputation as one of the city’s top criminal and personal injury lawyers and was eventually senior partner in the firm of Payer, Winch, Minshall and Clark. He was a founder and President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association. In 1933-34 Payer worked in President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s administration as Assistant Secretary of State. Among so many worldly rewards Payer never lost pride in his Czech heritage, serving as President of the Czech Club of America, entertaining the President of Czechoslovakia in his Cleveland home, and traveling to Prague in 1920 to deliver a July 4th address in Bohemian and English to a massive crowd of over 60,000.

Another son of a Czech immigrant, Franklin A. Polk (1911-1991), Cleveland Law School Class of 1939, was the recipient of many awards during his lifetime, including an award from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the American Judicature Society’s Herbert Haley Citation for “improving the administration of justice.” A Republican, Polk ran unsuccessfully for Mayor of Cleveland in 1949. Losing that election did not discourage him from managing the campaigns of others, and he was credited with successfully running Ralph Perk’s county auditor race. Polk founded the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys and is remembered for his work as editor on neighborhood and corporate newspapers and newsletters.

From a harsh childhood, Samuel H. Silbert (1883-1976), Cleveland Law School Class of 1907, learned the value of hard work. Immigrating to the USA with his widowed mother from Kiev, Ukraine, in 1889, he peddled newspapers and worked in an ink factory. Later he made something of a name for himself as an amateur boxer before moving west to work on the railroads. Silbert was a fledgling attorney when in 1912 Newton D. Baker, by then the Mayor of Cleveland, appointed Silbert assistant police prosecutor. Silbert distinguished himself in his office by establishing a novel conciliation program for settling disputes. From 1915 till 1923 he was Judge of the City of Cleveland Municipal Court, and from 1924 until 1969 he was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, principally serving the Domestic Relations Court where he developed a national reputation for his contributions to the law of domestic relations.

Cleveland Law School 1914 alumnus Martin L. Sweeney (1885-1960) was a longtime fixture of Ohio and national politics. Sweeney worked as a longshoreman and construction worker while studying law. In 1923 he won a seat on the Cleveland Municipal Court, and in 1930 he was elected to the U.S. Congress on the Democratic ticket. Sweeney angered the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party loyalists, however, when during the 1932 National Convention, he threw his support to Franklin Roosevelt rather than to Al Smith, the party’s favorite. Losing a 1933 bid in the Democratic mayoral primary, he further distanced himself from the party by voting for the Republican candidate. His support of Roosevelt did not long survive; despite his disputes with the party, Sweeney was re-elected to Congress in 1934 and 1936, remaining there until his defeat in 1942. Defeated as well in the 1944 Ohio gubernatorial primary, Sweeney retired from politics into private practice with his son Robert.

John A. Toomey (1889-1950) earned undergraduate (1910) and masters degrees (1912) from John Carroll University, a law degree from Cleveland Law School (1913), and an M.D. from Western Reserve University Medical School (1919). Toomey had a long career in medicine and in medical teaching, specializing in pediatric and contagious diseases. From 1920 until 1950 he taught at Western Reserve Medical School and is acclaimed as one of the first physicians to locate the etiology of poliomyelitis in the gastrointestinal system rather than in the respiratory system.

One of the first African-American women admitted to the Ohio bar was a
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Hazel Mountain Walker

Cleveland Law School alumna of the class of 1919, Hazel Mountain Walker (1889-1980). According to the contributor to the Dictionary of Cleveland Biography, Walker never intended to practice law; rather she intended to prove that "black women could become lawyers." Walker's law degree was preceded by a teaching certificate from the Board of Education's Normal Training School and bachelor's and master's degrees from Case Western Reserve University. Walker, who had twice married two postal workers with the identical surname of Walker, had a keen interest in theater and appeared in many local theater productions.

Her real calling was in education, however, especially in teaching the children of non-English-speaking parents and in tutoring black children newly emigrated from the south. Beginning as a $45-a-month elementary school teacher, she became the first African-American principal of a Cleveland school, Rutherford B. Hayes in 1936 and George Washington Carver in 1954. In addition she was active in Karamu House and appeared in many local theater productions.

Cleveland Law School Class of 1915 alumna Lillian M. Westropp (1884-1968), together with her sister Clara E. Westropp, founded the country's first savings bank run for and by women (1922). In 1935 the bank was reorganized under a federal charter and renamed the Women's Federal Savings and Loan Association. Lillian Westropp was president from 1936-1957 and chairman of the board from 1936 until her death. In addition to her business interests, Westropp had a private law practice until 1931 when she accepted an appointment to fill a seat on the Cleveland Municipal Court, a position to which she was regularly reelected until her retirement in 1957. She was one of the first women accepted into the Cleveland Bar Association and the first to serve on its executive committee. A member of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, she helped organize the Women's Lawyers Club of Cleveland, the League of Women Voters, the Women's City Club, the Business and Professional Women's Club, and many other women's political, business, and charitable organizations.

No history of Cleveland that mentions Cleveland Law School founder the Honorable F. J. Wing fails to mention his daughter, Cleveland Law School 1926 alumna, Marie Remington Wing (1885-1982), a prominent Cleveland feminist, attorney and politician. As a young woman Ms. Wing entered Bryn Mawr College but was forced to withdraw when her father suffered financial reversals. She worked as industrial and financial secretary of the Cleveland YWCA and later as the general secretary and member of the Board of Trustees of the New York YWCA. Returning to Cleveland in 1922, she enrolled in the Cleveland Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1926. In 1923 and in 1925 she ran for and was elected to terms on the Cleveland City Council, only the second woman ever to serve on the Council, where she soon distinguished herself as a champion of women's causes. When her terms were up, she continued her advocacy of women and children as executive secretary of the Consumers' League of Ohio, promoting minimum wage guarantees and protection of the workplace rights of women and children in industry. From 1937 until 1953 she served as the first regional attorney for the Cleveland Social Security office and until 1956 maintained a private practice.

Two other names belong to this Cleveland-Marshall era, Melville Vickery (1890-1937) and the Honorable Lee E. Skeel (1888-1968). Judge Willis Vickery's son, Melville Vickery, whose L.L.B. cum laude (1914) and M.A. (1928) were both from the Cleveland Law School, was elevated from professor to dean on the death of his father. Unfortunately, he survived Judge Vickery by only five years, dying in 1937 at the age of 47. Following his death the Honorable Lee Skeel, a 1912 summa cum laude alumnus of the Cleveland Law School, later Common Pleas Court Judge (1930-41) and Judge and Chief Judge of the Ohio Court of Appeals (1941-67), succeeded Melville Vickery. Skeel began teaching at the law school in 1926; from 1937 until 1946 he served as Dean and President. He remained active in law school affairs throughout the sixties and was a well-regarded
scholar in both academic and legal circles, the author of Skeel’s Ohio Appellate Law (1958), Ohio Criminal Law (1960), and Baldwin’s Ohio Civil Manual (1962).

By 1926, according to a notice in the Cleveland Press, the Cleveland Law School had graduated over 1,600 students including, the article continues, “a majority of the judges on the municipal and common pleas court benches.” In that year, the law school severed its ties with Baldwin-Wallace in an agreement said by Judge Vickery to be “entirely satisfactory”; however, the breach may have been less friendly than the Judge admitted, with the assertive Judge firmly resisting attempts by the university’s board to intrude upon the law school’s academic policies.

Under the Cleveland Law School’s proprietary for-profit model, the obligations of the university to the law school were exclusively administrative. Though students were registered by Baldwin-Wallace and graduated from Cleveland Law School with a degree granted by the university, the university had no control over the law school’s academic standards or fiscal planning. Consultants hired by Baldwin-Wallace preparatory to a review by its accrediting agencies questioned the relationship, suggesting that the university’s lack of control compromised its status as a bona fide university. Yet the law school would not surrender its authority to regulate its own standards, nor would it comply with the ABA’s 1921 and 1922 resolutions calling for part-time law schools to institute a four-year, rather than a three-year program. Judge Vickery was plain-spoken on the relationship: “... so long as I own the school, I feel ... that I should control the school” (qtd. Samad 185). Thus, by the opening of the 1927 school year, Baldwin-Wallace’s name had disappeared from the bulletin. There were other changes in the new bulletin as well: In 1905, the college admitted students with a “good common school education.” When the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that no one could take the bar who had not finished high school, the Cleveland Law School had opened an “academic department” to prepare students for a high school examination that would qualify them for the bar. The preparatory school which had closed sometime after 1916 is not mentioned in later editions of the bulletin.

By 1927 state statutes required each entering student to have attended a “recognized college” for at least two years. Moreover, the law school now offered a Master’s degree in addition to its LL.B., tuition had risen to $100, and the law school had a new address, 1336 Engineers Building, located, according to the bulletin of 1926, “in the heart of the city, mid-way between the Federal Court House and the new County Court, and easily accessible by street car from any portion of Cuyahoga or adjoining counties.”

The world of 1927 was a wearier world than that bustling one that saw the close of the century. A dour and puritanical President Calvin Coolidge had succeeded the affable Warren G. Harding, and Coolidge’s unsmiling, stiff-necked reticence seemed to mirror the careworn age. For the Great War had carried off five million young enlisted or conscripted men to Europe and left over 100,000 on the battlefields of France. In 1919 civil peace was threatened by a wave of strikes, more than 3,600 episodes, some so violent as to be classified as riots. Between 1920 and 1923 the economy of post-war America was skittish, see-sawing between rampant inflation and recession. Farms, homes, and businesses were lost and five million Americans were out of work.

Nevertheless, by 1927, through good and bad times, the Cleveland Law School had proved its worth as an educator of some of the area’s most outstanding attorneys, public servants, and business leaders. Post-war enrollment rose steadily; the economy made a brief rebound, and the College weathered the breach with Baldwin-Wallace. As a newly independent entity it readied itself to survive whatever the coming decades would bring.

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CMLAA MOURNS DEATH OF THREE DISTINGUISHED JURISTS

It is with deep regret that the Law Alumni Association acknowledges the death of three of its most prominent jurists, Hon. Leo A. Jackson ’50, Hon. Manuel M. Rocker ’33, and Hon. Carl B. Stokes ’56.

Judge Leo A. Jackson began his career in public service as a City Councilman in 1957, a position he held for 13 years. A champion of civil rights, he received extensive media attention during his freshman term because of his condemnation of what he believed to be inadequate police response and poor city services in his ward. Although offered an appointment to the Cleveland Municipal Court midway through his second term by Governor Michael DiSalle, Judge Jackson declined, as he felt that his constituents would be best served if he remained on Council. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 1970, where he served for 15 years. Judge Jackson was a Life Member and Honorary Trustee of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association, and an active participant in many of its functions. Judge Jackson is survived by a daughter, Linda Sowell; a son, Leonard A.; four grandchildren; and a brother.

Judge Manuel M. Rocker’s legal career was inspired by his father, a Cleveland Law School alumnus, whom he joined in legal practice in 1933. He served as a City Prosecutor under Chief Prosecutor Eliot Ness for seven years and was involved in creating the Cleveland Police Academy. Judge Rocker also started a printing business with his brother, Elmer, which he operated while continuing to practice law until his appointment to Judge of the Shaker Heights Municipal Court in 1968. He served on the bench until 1981 when Ohio’s mandatory age restrictions forced him into retirement. An avid writer, Judge Rocker was editor, publisher, reporter and chief of production for The Chronicle, and the author of a textbook for police officers offering advice on becoming effective courtroom witnesses. Judge Rocker is survived by his daughter, Hon. Linda Rocker Silverberg ’83; sons, Andrew and Jonathon; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister; and a brother. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Judge Manuel Rocker Scholarship Fund at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

One of the country’s most beloved black leaders, the Honorable Carl B. Stokes ’56, died in Cleveland on April 3, 1996. Stokes’s life began in poverty and ended in triumph as he looked back on a career marked by a succession of victories. Stokes had served in the Ohio General Assembly for six years when he was elected Mayor of Cleveland in 1968, the first African-American to become mayor of a major American city. Retiring from public office in 1972, Stokes moved to New York City where he became that city’s first black T.V. anchorman. Returning to Cleveland, he re-entered public life when he was elected to the bench of the Cleveland Municipal Court. He was then appointed Ambassador to the Seychelles Islands by President Clinton. At each turning of his career - legislator, mayor, jurist, ambassador - he remained true to a vision of an America that is a place of opportunity for all peoples. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, a stepson, and his brother, U.S. Representative, the Honorable Louis Stokes ’53.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY PROFESSOR MILLER!!!
Former C-M Professor Norman B. Miller, who taught at the College of Law for 41 years, is celebrating his 85th birthday on October 7, 1996. His daughter has requested that letters and cards be sent to her dad so that she can make an album for him. Please send your birthday greetings to Professor Miller c/o Carol Myers, 12201 Wood Duck Place, Temple Terrace, Florida 33617.

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Baker-Hostetler Professor of Law Samuel Gorovitz
Professor Gorovitz completed his undergraduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he majored in Humanities and Science. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Stanford University; his dissertation was entitled Deductive Models for Causal Explanation. Professor Gorovitz is presently Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Public Administration at Syracuse University, where he was Dean of Arts and Sciences from 1986 to 1993.

His scholarly interests center on decision-making in health care and specifically on the values that should inform those decisions. He has worked on such matters for three decades. His books, highly influential in the development of the field of bioethics, include Doctors’ Dilemmas: Moral Problems and Medical Care and, most recently, Drawing the Line: Life, Death, and Ethical Choices in an American Hospital. Since 1988 he has been, by appointment of former Governor Cuomo, a member of the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, which has done influential work on legislative and regulatory questions in health policy in New York State. He has testified before Congressional committees and NIH panels, and has often been interviewed on national media such as “All Things Considered,” the “Larry King Show,” and the “Studs Terkel Almanac.” At the College of Law he will teach Biomedical Ethics.

Assistant Professor Kevin O’Neill
Professor O’Neill completed his undergraduate work at San Francisco State University in 1977 with a major in Film and minor in Art History; his 1984 J.D. is from Case Western Reserve University. He has extensive trial and appellate experience in private practice and as the Ohio Legal Director of the ACLU. He previously taught as an adjunct and as a visiting professor here. Professor O’Neill will teach Contracts, Evidence and Externships.

Assistant Professor Kunal M. Parker
Professor Parker holds an undergraduate degree in Economics from Harvard magna cum laude and received his J.D. from Harvard Law School cum laude in 1994. His legal experience includes working for The Lawyers Collective in Bombay, India, and for Cleary, Gottlieb in New York City. He will teach Property and Bankruptcy.

Assistant Professor David Snyder
Professor David Snyder graduated cum laude with a B.A. degree in History at Yale University in 1988 and was ranked first among the 306 graduates of Tulane Law School in 1991. After clerking for a U.S. Court of Appeals Judge, Professor Snyder joined a major D.C. law firm. He will teach Contracts and Commercial Law.

Visiting Professor Melody J. Stewart
Melody Stewart’s undergraduate degree in music theory and composition is from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music; her J.D. degree is from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Following graduation from law school, Visiting Professor Stewart was an Assistant Law Director for the City of Cleveland and, later, for the City of East Cleveland. She joined the administrative staff of the College of Law in 1990, serving as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. In the 1995-96 school year, she will teach Criminal Procedure and Professional Responsibility.

Greg Gordillo
Mr. Gordillo is a civil litigator in a major Cleveland law firm whose practice is concentrated in the areas of commercial and employment law; he has drafted briefs for state and federal trial courts, Ohio courts of appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He is an alumnus of Cleveland-Marshall and will teach Advanced Brief Writing.

Andris (Andy) Nikiforous
Professor Nikiforous’s B.A. is from Case Western Reserve University. His J.D. is from Cleveland-Marshall. Presently the Executive Director of Lutheran Housing Corporation, Mr. Nikiforous has developed two major housing acquisitions, has been involved with rehabilitations and sale initiatives for low and moderate income buyers and five new housing construction projects in several Cleveland neighborhoods. He will teach Legal Developments in Housing.

Gail White
Professor White’s B.A. is from Reed College. Her J.D. is from the University of Akron. She is an Attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and Staff Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Cleveland. Ms. White has experience in training attorneys in the areas of consumer law, litigation planning, fair housing, garnishment and replevin and federal litigation. She will teach Pre-Trial Practice.

Sonali Bustamante Wilson
Professor Wilson’s B.A. is from Boston
Construction workers, well-wishers, friends, faculty and staff of the College of Law cheered loudly as members of the Iron Workers Union 17 hoisted the last steel beam into place atop the new Cleveland-Marshall law library during the May 30 Topping-Off Ceremony.

Interim Dean Steven H. Stein glass was master of ceremony, introducing speakers CSU President Dr. Claire Van Ummersen, CSU Board of Trustees Vice Chair John J. Boyle, Cleveland-Marshall Visiting Committee Chair George J. Dunn, Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association President Deborah Hiller, and Director of the Law Library, Professor Michael Slinger.

The library, scheduled for completion next August, will house the state's second largest law collection and will be among the 15 largest academic law libraries in the country. LFM
On May 25, 1996, Senior Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, sixth circuit, Nathaniel R. Jones spoke to the 1996 graduating class of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at the Palace Theatre. Judge Jones urged the almost 300 new attorneys to "bring clarity and sanity to the confused and emotional issues involved in the law." By so doing, he continued, "you will not only be performing your duty as a lawyer, you will be performing the most noble duty of an American, that of helping this nation save its soul." Judge Jones admonished those attorneys who have been "disturbingly silent" on the important social issues haunting the country, racial issues in particular, and cautioned the men and women just entering the profession to avoid the temptation of silent acquiescence in the face of overt breaches of constitutional guarantees.

Judge Jones, a graduate of Youngstown State University Law School, has had a distinguished career as a spokesperson for minority rights in this country and South Africa. In 1985 he was a legal observer for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law at the treason trial of 16 persons accused of terrorism in South Africa. In 1994 he returned to South Africa as an observer of that country's first democratic elections. He is a member of numerous professional associations and has been an adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati since 1983. LFM
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CMLAA Life Member Don C. Iler is the author of “Ohio Personal Injury Practice: Successful Trial Strategies,” published by Banks Baldwin.

1967

Gary H. Goldwasser of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A. was a speaker at an Ohio CLE Institute seminar entitled “Medical Malpractice Advanced Issues.”

1972

Auxiliary Bishop A. James Quinn of the Archdiocese of Cleveland led the third Community Prayer breakfast for the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce in April. The breakfast is designed to bring together citizens from all aspects of the community for a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation. Quinn, who earned his law degree at Cleveland Marshall, received a doctorate in Canon Law at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. Quinn has served on several business advisory boards including Society Bank, Our lady of the Wayside, Oster Electric, and Midwest Bank & Trust.

1974

Timothy J. Kasparek

Life Member Timothy J. Kasparek of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A. will chair the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association’s CLE seminar regarding insurance coverage on November 9, 1996.

1975

Lynn A. Lazzaro has been elected President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association. The installation luncheon was held at the Sheraton City Centre with Sam Reese Sheppard, co-author of “Mockery of Justice: The True Story of the Sheppard Murder Case”, as guest speaker. Mr. Lazzaro is a principal with the law firm of Meyers, Hentemann, Schneider & Rea Co., L.P.A.

1976

The Ohio CLE Institute featured Warren M. Enders and Jim L. Malone of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A. as speakers on “Medical Malpractice Advanced Issues.”

M. Colette Gibbons

Attorney M. Colette Gibbons, a principal with the firm of Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Aronson Co., L.P.A., was a panelist for a real property program at the American Bar Association’s annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, entitled “It’s Not the Money, It’s the Money!”

for the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section. Gibbons also spoke on “Chapter 11 from Soup to Nuts: A Presentation of Basic Concepts in Chapter 11” at a Federal Bar Association seminar entitled “Bankruptcy for the General Practitioner” held in May. Gibbons heads Kahn Kleinman’s Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights Practice Group.

Stuart I. Garson, managing partner of Garson & Associates Co., L.P.A., has been elected President of Park Synagogue of which he has been a life-long member.

Judge Judith Kilbane Koch is a candidate for re-election to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court in the November general election. Judge Koch assumed the bench in December of 1992 and was unopposed in the May primary.

Attorney Larry James has written a paper on jury selection that has been published by the American Bar Association and included in a national training manual for attorneys. James, a partner at Crabbe, Brown, Jones, Potts & Schmidt, originally wrote about voir dire as a practical guide in 1995. It was reprinted in local bar publications and distributed widely. Now it is published in The Practice Checklist Manual on Trial Preparation by The American Law Institute of the American Bar Association.
Emmett Moran is a candidate for the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Mr. Moran has tried more than 250 cases, practicing ten years as an Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor followed by nearly ten years as a civil litigator.

John (Jack) W. Waldeck, Jr. has joined the Cleveland-based law firm of Walter & Haverfield as partner. Mr. Waldeck brings 20 years of real estate-related experience to the firm.

1977

Patricia Vail, now residing in Jacksonville, Florida, retired from CSX Transportation in June for a one year assignment in Kazakhstan with the ABA’s Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI).

1978

CMLAA Honorary Trustee Tom Colaluca, with the firm of Johnson Balza & Angelo has a satellite office in Boca Raton, Florida, but spends most of his time in Cleveland concentrating on business and environmental law. Colaluca is also in the restaurant business as a co-owner of two downtown hot spots, Marlin and Pig Heaven, on E. 6th St.

1980

Dennis J. Polke has become Of Counsel to the firm of Rubenstein, Novak, Einbund & Pavlik in general practice, including civil and criminal litigation.

1981

The George Gund Foundation recently named Robert B. Jaquay as Associate Director. In addition to his administrative duties, he will oversee grant-making in economic and community development and civic affairs. Before joining the Foundation, he served as manager of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission’s program planning division.

CMLAA’s First Vice President Frederick N. Widen, a principal with the firm of Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Arnson Co., L.P.A., gave a presentation entitled “Exploiting the Charitable Dollar: Charitable Giving Techniques Using Retirement Benefits” at a charitable tax seminar held at the Jewish Community Federation. Widen also participated in a panel of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association in Washington, D.C. in a program entitled “Basic Adjustment for Insolvent S Corporations.”

1982

Rubenstein, Novak, Einbund & Pavlik announce that Suzanne M. Nigro has become Of Counsel to the firm, limiting her practice to Employee-side Labor Employment Law.

Rheba Heggs published a comment in the ABA Public Contract Law Journal, Winter, 1996, entitled “What to Expect After Adarand”.

Nancy M. Russo has been named to the U.S. Department of Justice Insurance Fraud Task Force of the Northern District of Ohio and the Ohio Legislative Insurance Fraud Task Force. Ms. Russo has been invited to speak on issues of Advanced Criminal Defense Techniques at the 1996 National Health Lawyers’ Association Annual Conference on Fraud and Abuse in Washington, D.C., in October.

1983

The Honorable Paul Brickner, Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration, was a panelist in a Social Security Law Seminar sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers in Columbus. Brickner’s comments were published as a column in the June, 1996, issue of the Journal of the Federal Bar Association, The Federal Lawyer as “Focus On: A View from the Bench.”

1984

Congratulations to David W. Neel and his wife, Charlotte Watts Neel, on the birth of their first child, Madeline, in March. Madeline’s grandmother is the Associate Editor of Law Notes, Louise Mooney.

1985

Life Member Diane Homolak, her husband, Jim and son, Jimmy welcome the birth of son, Michael Edward, born at 7 lbs. 5 oz.
Mike Meszaros, recent recipient of the Meritorious Honor Award from Secretary of State Warren Christopher for his untiring efforts in providing assistance in the aftermath of the airplane crash in Cali, Colombia, has been continuing his efforts. In April Meszaros was in Dakar, Senegal, providing assistance to U.S. citizens and their families who were evacuated from Liberia.

1987

Lakewood Mayor Madeline Cain has appointed Michael Skindell, an associate in the law firm of Dennis Seaman & Associates Co., L.P.A., to a seven year term on the Citizens Advisory Committee of Lakewood. The Lakewood Democratic Club has elected Skindell as their First Vice President. The club is a social/political organization that works to advance democratic candidates both locally and nationally.

Eileen Gallagher is a candidate for Judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division in the seat now held by Judge Carl Character ’61 who is retiring from the bench.

DiLeone, Nischwitz, Pembridge & Chiszt Co., L.P.A. announce the addition of CMLAA Trustee Dick Ambrose to the firm. Ambrose, former middle linebacker for the Cleveland Browns and formerly with McDonald, Hopkins, Burke & Haber Co. L.P.A., has a background in all phases of business and general civil litigation, employment law matters and general corporate representation.

1990

Lili Kaczmarek has been appointed Executive Director of the Ohio State Dental Board.

1991

Daniel J. Levin of Morris Levin Co. is representing plaintiffs Kris Ford and Archie Blaine in a case filed in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, which ordered a percentage of the proceeds from the album “Faces of Death,” by the rap group Bone Enterprises, to be placed in a trust account for plaintiffs pending the outcome of the case. Among other things in the fraud and conversion suit against Kermit Henderson and his record labels, Ford is seeking executive production fees and Blaine is seeking compensation for producing, arranging and songwriting services.

Steven M. Moss has joined Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Arnow Co., L.P.A. as an associate. Moss was editor of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Review and the recipient of awards for outstanding student in civil procedure and legal writing.


CMLAA Trustee James Tanner has been appointed a magistrate of the Domestic Relations Court.

1992

Brian D. Sullivan has joined the law firm of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A.

Carmen R. Adams has joined Calfee, Halter & Griswold in the firm’s Intellectual Property Section.

Thomas W. Adams has joined the Houston firm of Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon, L.L.P. as an associate in the Intellectual Property & Technology Section. Adams holds an M.S. degree in Organic/Analytical Chemistry.

1993

Patrick S. Lavelle has become Of Counsel to the firm of Rubenstein, Novak, Einbund & Pavlik. Lavelle will continue in a general practice of law, including civil and criminal litigation.

Margaret P. VanBuskirk has joined the firm of Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Arnow Co., L.P.A. as an associate and member of the firm’s Corporate Practice Group. Her areas of practice will include securities law, mergers and acquisitions, and general business law.

Paul B. Daiker and Larry W. Zukerman announce the partnership of Zukerman & Daiker, L.L.C., with offices located at...
2000 East Ninth Street, Suite 700 in Cleveland.

Congratulations to Anne Alexander and husband, Andrew, on the birth of their first child, Evan, in April.

Congratulations to Linda and Fielding Epstein on the birth of their second child, Bram, in May who joins big sister, Dara, age 2.

1994

Barbara Greenberg was a speaker at a seminar on Educational Rights of Children with Learning Disabilities, sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Greater Cleveland.

Eugene E. Clair joins Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff as an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group, focusing on preparation of patent applications and patent prosecution.

Kenneth Stump has joined the firm of Arter & Hadden as an associate working in the firm's Workers' Compensation Practice Group.

Saleem Moghal is Assistant Director of Law for the City of Cleveland in the civil division's labor and employment section.

1995

David H. Seed is practicing with Kadish, Hinkel & Weibel in Cleveland where his practice focuses on wills & trusts, real estate law, property, state and local tax law and corporate law.

Ray Rodgers has been admitted to the Florida Bar and has accepted a position as an Assistant Public Defender with the Public Defender's office for the 15th Judicial Circuit in West Palm Beach.

Melissa Kay Wagner married Anthony DeFrench in Findlay in May. The couple will make their new home in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

CMLAA Trustee Karen E. Hamilton, an attorney practicing with the law firm of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A., has been named to a three-year term on the Executive Council of the Young Lawyers' Section of the Cleveland Bar Association. Hamilton concentrates her practice in bankruptcy law.

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University; her A.L.M. is from Harvard University, and her J.D. is from Georgetown University Law Center. Professor Wilson has represented consumer complainants through settlement conferences and proceedings before an Administrative Law Judge, and drafted consent decrees and pleadings. She is a former Senior Litigation Associate at Arter and Hadden specializing in products liability, construction contract and school and public law. Professor Bustamente will teach Advanced Brief Writing.

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by Rosa M. DelVecchio

The following presentations were delivered at the law school’s Faculty Seminar Series for April: “Summary Jury Trials” by Professor Ann Woodley of the University of Akron Law School (joint with CW RU and Akron law schools); “Corporate Morality Revisited” by Gregory Mark; “Centennial/Development-Related Activities” by Louise P. Dempsey and Steven H. Steinglass; “Post-Colonial Theory and the Law” by Tayyab Mahmud.

Gordon Beggs assisted Community ReEntry, a Lutheran ex-offender ministry, in analyzing proposed legislation to restrict ex-offender employment. He also consulted with the organization on legal issues relating to an application to operate a U.S. Bureau of Prisons community corrections center and a proposed contract to place ex-offender care teams in Cleveland public schools. He worked with area churches to consider the establishment of a Christian legal aid program in Cleveland and drafted a paper on the subject entitled “Defend the Rights of the Poor,” which is being circulated within the church community in Cleveland and Washington, D.C. Professor Beggs’s article “Novel Expert Evidence in Federal Civil Rights Litigation” was the lead article in the first law review volume ever to be published on the worldwide web. The publication occurred in April in connection with a conference on Law and the Internet held as part of the centennial celebration of Washington College of Law at American University. Professor Beggs gave a talk at a conference of the Christian Legal Society, held in February in Arrowhead Springs, California, entitled “Writing About Proverbial Practice,” regarding his essay “Proverbial Practice: Legal Ethics from Old Testament Wisdom,” which was published in Wake Forest Law Review in 1995. He also published a condensation of his “Proverbial Practice” essay as the Perspective in the ABA Journal in March under the title “Reap What You Sow.” Professor Beggs developed a clinical simulation exercise on the mandatory disclosure and meeting of the parties required by Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The exercise has been incorporated into the first semester Fair Employment Practices Clinic course work.

Paul Carrington delivered the invocation at the Third Annual Diversity Conference at CSU in May.

Phyllis Crocker spoke on “Investigation and Pleadings for Post Conviction Relief Proceedings” at the Ohio Death Penalty Seminar, a CLE program co-sponsored by Theodore F. Stebbins, Esq., and the Cuyahoga County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and held in Cleveland in May. Beverly J. Pyle also delivered a presentation at this seminar entitled “Post Conviction Relief Overview: The Process and the Present Crisis,” and Professor Pyle also published “Changes to Post- Conviction Relief and Death Penalty Appellate Procedures: The New Provisions and the Potential Problems” in the OACDL Vindicator in the Fall.

Louise P. Dempsey was invited to attend the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Visiting Nurse Association of America in Bal Harbour, Florida, in March. One of the workshops Dean Dempsey attended was “VNA Hometalk: A Model for Managing Chronic Disease via Telecommunications.” This is a joint venture of a state-of-the-art telemedicine program using CSU as the support system for the VNA of Cleveland.

David Forte coordinated a Conference on Natural Law and Contemporary Public Policy in April in Cleveland.

Deborah A. Geier published an article in Tax Notes entitled “Cognitive Theory and the Selling of the Flat Tax” in which Professor Geier explores how perceptual biases may affect both taxpayers’ impressions of the contours of the proposed tax base and their behavioral responses to the savings incentive.


Karín Mika prepared the Case Law Supplement to LEARNING FROM THE PENSION EXPERTS: DIVIDING PENSIONS IN DIVORCE by Gary A. Shulman, a graduate of Cleveland-Marshall, and David I. Kelley and published by John Wiley and Sons.

Heidi Gorovitz Robertson served on the local panel for the ABA Satellite Seminar on Hazardous Waste and Superfund: RCRA and CERCLA at the Crossroads, and she spoke on brownfields redevelopment and the proposed Ohio law on environmental audit protection.

Alan Miles Ruben gave the Distinguished Alumni Lecture at the Central High School of Philadelphia in May entitled “China in the 21st Century: The Emergence of the Dragon.” Central, founded in 1838, is the second oldest secondary school in the country and the only one authorized to confer the degree of Bachelor of Arts upon its graduates.

Frederic White received a distinguished service award in April from CSU’s Black Faculty and Staff Organization. Dean White was the featured speaker at the City Club’s Under 40-Component for the Young Lawyer Round Table in May. The Akron Board of Realtors featured Dean White as the speaker at the Prepare for American Home Week Fair Housing Luncheon in April.
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