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Dear Alumni,

I am proud to serve as the President of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association for the 2006-2007 year. This is an exciting time in the history of our law school and our alumni association.

In 2004, the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law received the record-setting $6.25 million Wolstein gift. In 2005, our law school welcomed an enthusiastic new leader in Dean Geoffrey Mearns.

In this past year, the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association set new records. In May, we held our largest Annual Recognition Luncheon ever, as we honored the Judges Nancy A. Fuerst and Dick Ambrose; over 1,100 alumni and friends attended. We also broke a new membership record. At the beginning of the 2005-2006 year, former CMLAA President Vincent Lombardo challenged us to attain "1006 members by 2006." With hard work and enthusiasm from our Board of Trustees and members, we exceeded that goal and grew from 851 members to 1,019 members by the end of Vince's term.

I would like to build on President Lombardo's accomplishments and increase CMLAA's membership by 10% more by next year. Therefore, I challenge the CMLAA with a new goal: "LET'S ADD 111 IN 2007!" I believe that the way to add 111 new members lies within the goal itself. The number 111 consists of all ones, and CMLAA has found that the best way to grow is through personal contact, one member at a time; that is, one member contacts and brings in one more member who brings in one more member, and before we know it, we will have "ADDED 111 in 2007!" So, fellow CMLAA members, please start bringing in those new members. If you are reading this letter and you are not yet a member of CMLAA, please join us.

My second challenge for CMLAA for the 2006-2007 year is to support Dean Mearns and our law school in raising money to maximize the Wolstein scholarship gift. Every dollar that we contribute to the Wolstein Endowed Scholarship Fund will be matched by Iris Wolstein, up to $1.25 million. This fund gives us the opportunity to take our school to new levels of achievement. So far, $250,000 has been donated to the fund, and Ms. Wolstein has matched $250,000. Great progress, but we still have a long road ahead.

This year will be a busy one for the CMLAA as we work toward these goals, and we continue to provide our other programs and services for the alumni, students and faculty of Cleveland-Marshall. I am committing my time and energy to CMLAA and Cleveland-Marshall, and I ask all of you to do the same. If we all work together, our alumni association, and the law school that we support, will surely reach even greater levels of excellence.

Sincerely,

Wendy W. Asher '97
President
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During my first year as the Dean of this law school, I have frequently been asked whether this new job has been what I had expected it to be. The short answer to that question is “yes — and no.” Permit me to explain.

I had expected that the members of the faculty would be devoted teachers and accomplished scholars. My colleagues here have met that expectation. I have found the faculty to be highly motivated and creative — and dedicated to the law school’s educational mission.

I had expected that the students would be bright, industrious, and ambitious. The students here have met that expectation. I have found my interactions with our students to be professionally rewarding and personally invigorating.

I had expected the staff would be capable and diligent. The staff here have met that expectation. Indeed, I have been impressed with the professionalism and team work of our staff.

I had expected that you — our graduates and friends — would be loyal and supportive. You have met that expectation. You have met that expectation. Your generosity — your willingness to give your time, your talents, and your money — continues to be a solid foundation upon which this law school will build its bright future.

In short, I had high hopes. And the experience has exceeded those expectations.

But there is one aspect of the experience that I did not anticipate. I did not anticipate the depth and intensity of the passionate commitment that all the members of the Cleveland-Marshall community feel for this institution and its mission.

For our faculty, this law school is not merely a place to work. It is a place where they come each day to seek and impart knowledge — and to inspire the next generation of lawyers and leaders.

For our students, this law school is not merely a place to study law. It is a place where they come each day to challenge themselves. Our students embrace these challenges because they believe that doing so will unlock their great potential.

For our staff, this law school is not merely a place to work. It is a place where they come to support and assist our students and faculty. They recognize that serving others is a calling — not a job.

And for our alumni and friends, this institution is not just a place where you can obtain a law degree. This law school is a community whose members share common values: a commitment to excellence, a commitment to service, and a commitment to justice for all.

When I was asked to be the Dean of this law school, I was grateful for this special opportunity. Now, I am quite proud to be a member of this special community.
Congratulations to the
2006 Cleveland-Marshall
Law Alumni Association’s
Distinguished Graduates:

The Honorable

Nancy A. Fuerst

The Honorable

Dick Ambrose
On May 25, over 1,000 graduates and friends of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law gathered in the grand ballroom of the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2006 Law Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni, the Honorable Nancy A. Fuerst and the Honorable Dick Ambrose. CMLAA Past President Howard D. Mishkind ’80 chaired the program. CSU President Dr. Michael Schwartz and Cleveland-Marshall Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns addressed alumni and friends of the law school. CMLAA President Vincent T. Lombardo ’81 presented the 2006 Presidents Award to Gary S. Adams ’83 in recognition of his contributions to the law school and the Law Alumni Association. Former Cleveland-Marshall Associate Dean Linda L. Ammons received the 2006 Wilson G. Stapleton Award for faculty excellence.

The Honorable Nancy A. Fuerst ’88

The world that nurtured the Honorable Nancy A. Fuerst is a world that, for better and for worse, has grown increasingly remote from our experiences: the post-WWII world of stay-at-home mothers, large families, intact neighborhoods and, in the case of Nancy Fuerst, a world into which many cultures flowed. “I grew up in the old Euclid Beach Park neighborhood around East 150th and Lake Shore Boulevard,” she recalls, a neighborhood bound together by the same demographics that, in recent years, have often divided neighbors: ethnic diversity. “Our neighbors were Germans, Irish, Lithuanians, and Slovenians. My mother was Slovenian; my father was German and Irish. I am the oldest of seven children. Those days, families had six, seven, eight, nine children. And it all worked out.” That was the better part.

And the Other Part?

Missing from this picture of an era that is often regarded as socially naïve were, of course, the place of women outside the home and the plight of our black citizens. In this regard, Nancy did not lack for positive role models. First, there was her mother, Mary Fuerst. “My mother raised seven children, and after we had all grown up, she went back to school and got her teaching certificate. She taught elementary school at

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The Honorable Dick Ambrose ’87

Long before he was the Honorable Dick Ambrose, he was Dick Ambrose, Cleveland Browns star linebacker, and he was called “Bam-Bam”; today, he is a Judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, and when lawyers approach his bench, they address him as “Your Honor.” Both titles represent achievement: One is the achievement of youth; the other is the achievement of his adult years.

Dick Ambrose grew up in New Rochelle, New York, the youngest of six children, and his boyhood dream was to play professional football. He made that dream come true, preparing himself first on the playing fields of Iona Prep in New Rochelle, an all-boys’ school run by the Irish Christian Brothers, and later on the playing fields of the University of Virginia. In high school, he had been a gifted member of the varsity football team, and several Ivy League colleges sought to enroll him. In the end, he chose Virginia because, as he recalls, “It was the only school that gave football scholarships.” And, in a family of six children, scholarships were important.

A Football Star at Mr. Jefferson’s University?

“Virginia was not the best team in the world,” he says. “We were four and seven every season, but we had a great coach, Al Groh, and he was a great teacher.” Dick played fullback in his

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Immaculate Conception till just a few years ago.” And then there was her father, Norman A. Fuerst, whom she followed into the profession that, in the 1950s and 60s, was dismantling the barriers that denied the minority race the privileges of the majority. “I wanted to be a lawyer because my father was; I respected him, and I respected the law,” she says. “My father went to Cleveland-Marshall with all the guys on the GI Bill and graduated in 1953. Afterwards, he was in the Ohio General Assembly, and then Governor [Michael] DiSalle appointed him to the MUNY Court in 1960. He was president of the Municipal Court Judges’ Association before he went to the Court of Common Pleas in 1972. He retired from the bench, took senior status and worked as a visiting judge till late in 2005. The law was developing here, and he was influential in drafting the model rules of civil procedure. He brought an interesting perspective to his courtroom, and he worked hard. For me he was a judge’s judge.”

The Ursuline Nuns
In addition to her parents’ influence, Judge Fuerst credits the Ursuline Nuns at Beaumont School and at Ursuline College with expanding her notion of a woman’s potential. “The nuns taught me I could be anything I wanted to be;” she told the Plain Dealer in 2004. “They were highly educated, professional women. They were strict but they were also stimulating and demanding. It would be a while, however, before the future judge entered the world of professional women.

A Cleveland-Marshall Success Story in the Making
In 1971 Nancy married and withdrew from Ursuline. By 1984, she was a divorced single parent with a high school diploma, two years of undergraduate work and four children. And though she couldn’t have known it then, she was another Cleveland-Marshall success story in the making.

Nancy enrolled at Cleveland State in January 1984. “Cleveland State gave me the opportunity to get on with my life. I had to look to the task. I went to a counseling session, showed the counselor my credits from Ursuline and asked ‘what is the fastest way I can get through undergrad?’ In the end, I majored in economics. It took me a year and a half to finish.” And that was somewhat amazing because she was also working full time. “Tim McCormack [’72], at that time the County Auditor, was a friend from the old neighborhood. He helped me find a job in his office. I was an aide and then I was a budget analyst in his office.”

Nancy graduated cum laude from Cleveland State in 1985 and went straight to Cleveland-Marshall. It was a grueling year for the full-time working mother of four children. “I really struggled; I was overwhelmed. I would run home from work, grab a couple of the younger kids, and head back downtown. Fran and Ethel, the ladies in the lunchroom, would give them dinner and fuss over them. Then I would go home, do the laundry and study. But summer came and I took Professor [Stephen] Lazarus’s class in evidence. He was excellent, and his class buoyed me up. I felt refreshed and ready to go on.”

A Brief Pause in the Spinning World
By her second year, not only had her law school career begun to look more promising, but life in general was turning up all sorts of surprises—the sort that seem, briefly, to stop the spinning world. In 1986, she married CSU economist John F. Burke, Jr. Professor Burke, who brought four children of his own to the union, retired from teaching in 1992 and is a well-regarded forensic economist.

The eight Fuerst-Burke children now had among them four sets of grandparents, a dozen aunts and uncles, batches of cousins, and, eventually, two new Fuerst-Burke siblings. So, when a basic family dinner might include 10 youngsters, having an economist on board is a bit of gracious serendipity. Today, the ten children range in age from 14 to 42, several are married, some have children of their own, and, according to the Judge, all are doing well. Three have chosen law as their profession: John F. Burke III, Maureen Burke, and Colleen Barth Del Balso ’02, who followed her mother and grandfather to Cleveland-Marshall.

Another Fuerst in the County Courthouse
Nancy graduated from Cleveland-Marshall in 1988 and spent the next two years clerking, first in the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals and, then, in the court of Magistrate Judge, the late Honorable
Distinguished Alumni

Joseph W. Bartunek III ’55. From 1989 until 1996, she was in private practice. “After I left the court,” she recalls, “I knew I had to get some experience practicing. I did civil and criminal law, and, perhaps more important, I watched my father... watched him on the court. Of course, I couldn’t practice in his court, but I knew I wanted to be the kind of judge he was, and I wanted to be in this court—the Court of Common Pleas.”

She got that wish in 1997. The new Judge was assigned a courtroom especially significant to her, the very courtroom where she had gone to find her legal bearings: 15B, the courtroom over which her father had presided during his years on the bench.

Judge Fuerst is a thoughtful, conscientious jurist and her chambers reflect that; in fact, they are the most orderly, least cluttered chambers I have ever visited—from the top of her desk to the neat stacks of folders on the shelves to the coat closet. And there’s a reason for that: “This court and these chambers belong to the people,” she explains. “What happens here is important, sometimes vitally important, to someone else’s life and family. So if something should happen to me, another judge would be able to walk right in and take over. And life, the court, the case, would go on—with or without me.”

Indeed, Courtroom 15B is the site of much human drama, and Judge Fuerst’s court is credited with being one of the County’s most efficient, disposing of approximately 1,400 cases a year—from high-profile murder cases to cases involving intricate insurance coverage issues to medical and professional malpractice cases—the whole gamut of civil and criminal action.

Besides having one of the cleanest dockets in the County, Judge Fuerst has been an innovative judge: She is one of a handful of judges who allow jurors to take notes and ask questions. “Jury service is an important component of the court system, and I want them to be as comfortable as possible,” she explains.

“The first years on the court,” she continues, “were tough. And, even now, sometimes I have to close the door and be alone to think. We have difficult issues, and they’re no one else’s. I don’t regret my decisions, but sometimes I regret what has to happen, and I’m glad for the appellate system, glad there’s a three-person panel to review this court’s work. It’s a good system. It works well.”

What’s the Matter with Ohio?
In 2004, Judge Fuerst made her own difficult personal decision: Like many voters, she felt the single-party domination of state politics was not good for the citizens of Ohio, and when one of the two Democrats on the Ohio Supreme Court, the Honorable Francis E. Sweeney ’63, announced his retirement, Judge Fuerst announced her intention to run for his seat.

“I wanted to run because I thought the court needed another voice, another perspective, and I thought I had just that,” she says. “I had run a small business in my first marriage, been a lawyer for 16 years, a judge for seven, and a mother of six and stepmother of four children.” And, in her life and in her career, she had demonstrated a winning practicality.

The issues confronting the candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court were issues troubling many races throughout America in the hotly contested Presidential election year of 2004: doctors’ insurance costs, school funding and the question of judicial activism. Though her opponent was guarded and often avoided speaking to these issues, Judge Fuerst was characteristically straightforward. On the highly divisive issue of judicial activism, she suggested that the court could not be a “rubber stamp” for the legislature. On the school-funding formula, she agreed with the Court’s previous rulings that the present scheme is unconstitutional, and when asked for a solution to containing medical malpractice-insurance costs, she told Jim Siegel of the Enquirer Columbus Bureau, “I believe in the work of jurors,” adding “If something happens with a jury verdict, we have rules and laws that protect against these runaway jury verdicts.”

Moreover, to her credit, Judge Fuerst never acquired the hard edge of many politicians, characterizing herself repeatedly as a down-to-earth woman with a wealth of life experiences. Or, as she remarked in another interview, “I consider myself a moderate,” and “if you want someone who’s been around the block a few times and can add something to that marketplace of ideas, I don’t think there is anybody that brings the well-rounded approach that I bring.”

Many Ohioans will remember November 2, 2004, as a bleak, regrettable day in their state’s history. Among the day’s disappointments, one moderate, straight-talking, down-to-earth, highly qualified woman lost her bid for a seat on the state’s highest court.

Ohio, that was not a good thing.

You Can’t Keep a Good Woman Down

Needless to say, Judge Nancy Fuerst bore her loss well. “After all,” she says, “I love coming to work; I love this court. I have a wonderful husband, a great home-life, and I’m proud of all our children. When I look at them, at what good parents they are, when I see they’re all making their way and doing well, I think I’ve got it all.”

And there’s something else to be grateful for: Though the state lost a great Justice, Cuyahoga County still had another Fuerst on the bench, which is to say another “judge’s judge,” and that’s a good thing. LFM

The ten children of the Honorable Nancy Fuerst and John Burke: John F. Burke III, George G. Burke, Maureen Burke, Colleen Burke, Christine Barth Hartdegen, William (Bill) Barth, Colleen Barth DelBalso, Jennifer (Jennie) Barth, Ruth Burke, Patrick Burke
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freshman year, defensive tackle in his second year and linebacker in his last two years.

Though he majored in education, he never intended to teach. “I thought one day I might want to do research in education,” he explains. But, for the time being, his eyes were on football, and the eyes of the NFL scouts were on Dick Ambrose, Virginia’s first two-time all-conference Atlantic Coast Conference star. “Some of the scouts predicted I would be picked up in the fifth draft; instead, I was a 12th round choice. But, once I got over the perceived slight, I realized I had an opportunity to do what I had wanted to do my entire life: to be part of a great football team, to play in the NFL.”

Becoming Bam Bam

In 1975, Dick left Charlottesville for Cleveland and the old Municipal Stadium. During a scrimmage in his rookie year, a defensive lineman, Dennis Wrigowski, noted that Dick’s shoulder pads had to be replaced “two or three times” (“the number keeps growing,” Dick says), and it is thanks to Dennis that, for the next 10 years of Dick’s football career, number 52 was known as Bam Bam Ambrose.

Dick has wonderful memories of his football days. As he told Fred Greetham in a 2000 interview on Browns.com, “In 1979 we played Dallas on Monday Night Football at the old Cleveland Stadium, and we beat them. It seemed like the fans and the city were really electric the whole evening.” In fact, there were many electric evenings, pinnacle moments when nothing could stop the team, not the frigid winds blowing off Lake Erie or a rain-drenched field or landing on a ground that has frozen solid. And the team itself was surprising, unpredictable—as unpredictable in winning as in losing, but it was their last-minute victories that won them the title of “Kardiac Kids,” a team whose games you wouldn’t dare leave early because the players were just plain magicians, and when you thought all was lost, the Kardiac Kids pulled victory right out of the NFL. In 1982, the union called a strike and, for the next 57 days there was no professional football in this sports-crazed town or in any other town in America.

And the Browns player best prepared to weather the strike was wearing the number 52 Browns jersey. “By 1982,” Dick recalls, “I was coming up on my eighth year in professional football, and I began to think about the future... and what would happen if I was injured.” A lawyer he knew and admired, the late Dick Bates, directed him to a career center at CWRU. What the tests revealed was that Dick Ambrose gave promise of being an excellent lawyer. And Dick boldly registered as a full-time day student at Cleveland-Marshall. The strike began on September 21, and his law classes began on September 22. The strike ended in November, two weeks before Thanksgiving.

The Law School, the Library, the Sidelines

In the strike-shortened 1982 season, the Browns won only four games, but the 1983 year looked promising. Dick registered as a part-time student and was playing as the starting inside linebacker when he broke his leg in the sixth game of the regular season against the New York Jets. Shortly after classes began, he hobbled into the law school in a hip cast. It was the beginning of a prolonged two-year healing and a wrenching experience. “I spent all of 1983 in the library. I was on crutches, carrying those heavy law books crunched beneath each arm.” Though football was out of the question and law was an exacting course of study, there was Mary Beth O’Connor to lighten his burden. They met in 1983 and married in June 1984. In August he began training, but unbearable pain landed him back in
the Cleveland Clinic, where he spent 19 days following two operations to remove spurs followed by a hideous bout with an infection that almost caused him to lose a foot. “I watched the entire 84 Olympics in a hospital room,” he remembers, and he watched the 84 Browns season from the sidelines.

“I looked forward to starting the 85 season,” he says, but it was not to be. “My ankle was still painful and swollen like a softball. I kept thinking law would be well, but it wasn’t. I played two pre-season games and was limping all over the practice fields. It was like playing pro football on one leg, a totally different game, and everyone seemed to be 10 or 20 pounds heavier than I remembered. I kept telling myself, ‘I can do this, I can do this’ because that’s the mind of an athlete. You don’t give up. Until someone tells you it’s time.”

That time came, but when injury forced him to give up football, he had a lot to look back on with pride: He had led the team in tackles for five years from 1977 to 1981; he was named the team’s most valuable defensive player in 1977, and he had been honored by his teammates with the “Captain Award,” given each year to a team member who is “a worker, a team player, and an inspiration.” Moreover, he was co-captain in 1982 and served as the Browns’ union representative in 1983 and 1984. In a word, Dick was a champion.

“Law Was My Salvation”

“Still,” he says, “when I realized my lifetime dream was over, I was pretty devastated, and, frankly, law would be well. I had some catching up to do on my five-year plan.” Fortunately, life presented him with other, newer rewards. His first daughter, Rachel, was born in 1986, and two years later, he and Mary Beth had twins: Karen and Kristy.

Dick graduated in 1987 and went straight to McDonald Hopkins, where, as he says, he learned “the basics of litigation.” In 1996 he practiced at Christiz McGarry; when that firm closed shop, he and other partners joined Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper, where, in addition to a practice that focused on litigation and employment and labor law, he was also lecturing and counseling businesses on workplace policies, contracts and other legal matters.

Good News for the State of Ohio Followed by Bad Followed by Good

One day in 2004, he received a call from Bill O’Neill at McDonald Hopkins, suggesting that Dick’s name be placed in nomination as the Republican candidate to fill a vacated seat on the Court of Common Pleas, and Dick agreed. “I think many lawyers consider the possibility of one day becoming a judge. I wanted to be a judge because, as a litigator, I grew to respect and admire the judiciary and the way certain judges worked with attorneys and their clients. The party had to submit three names to the Governor. I didn’t think I had a chance.” In fact, Dick was the Governor’s top choice. He was appointed in June 2004, and he had only a few months to prepare to mount a campaign to retain his seat in the coming November election against a formidable candidate whose highly recognizable family name appeared on every gasoline pump in the county. It was the first political contest for a man, who, as he says, may have been affected by naiveté. Or was it once more the athlete’s way of telling himself, “I can do this, I can do this”?

In the end, Judge Ambrose’s opponent won the race by a slim margin of 2.3 percent of the vote.

He had been a judge—by all accounts, an excellent judge—for fewer than six months, and he liked the job. He had had a good look at the social factors creating conditions that compel a person to break the law, and he wanted to be a part of the remedies. As he says, “I wanted to assist people in resolving disputes rather than just being part of the business of law.” Fortunately, he got a second chance: When the Honorable Christopher A. Boyko ’79 was appointed to the federal bench, Governor Taft sent in the former linebacker to replace him on the Court of Common Pleas.

A Politician Who Doesn’t Sound Like One?

Sometimes Judge Ambrose doesn’t sound at all like a politician. For example, he explores the pettiness of vicious partisan politics, the fights that are, as he says, “for power, not for progress, not for the people.” In his own voting record he has “often looked behind [partisan] labels to find the best person.” Moreover, though he notes that judicial parties do not support judicial candidates the way they might, for instance, support a candidate for the General Assembly, he believes that being dependent on party money “is not such a bad thing. It helps preserve the independence of the third branch of government.” Finally, one wants something of an idealist in a judge, and when Judge Ambrose says, “I can’t see how we can tolerate children not graduating from high school. I can’t see pouring a ton of money into the ‘back side of life,’ and not, as Jesse Jackson says, ‘onto the front side of life.’ We should be pouring money into education, not into defense,” you know you are speaking to a person whose passion for justice is deeper than the statutes and codes that guide his daily deliberations and that the scope of his concerns is broader than the courtroom.

The Best Things Aren’t For Sale on Ebay

Today you can buy an autographed Dick Ambrose football card on eBay; it will cost plenty. Or, you can do what I did: Go down to his courtroom and ask him for one. The free one has a large advantage over the eBay one: It has two pictures: On one side is Dick’s picture in his Browns uniform; on the other side is the Judge’s picture in his judicial robes. The Judge gives them to visitors who recognize him from his football days: lawyers, jurors, plaintiffs, defendants. And however you look at him—as football player or as judge—he’s still a champion. And we’re all still his fans. LFM
A Year Later...
The 13th Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Geoffrey S. Mearns:
A Good Fit

On July 1, 2005, Geoffrey S. Mearns became the 13th dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. The new dean was chosen following a national search; among many candidates seeking the job, he was the only finalist who was not an academic. In this regard, he is a non-traditional dean of a school that considers non-tradition one of its strengths. Indeed, as the first law school in Ohio to accept women, one of the first to accept minorities and the primary legal educator of the area's newest citizens during the 20th century, non-tradition is embedded in our school's foundation.

Geoff is a good fit. For many reasons.
He is a good fit because he was raised in Shaker Heights and knows Cleveland; more important, he understands this public law school's contributions to the economy and future of Northeast Ohio.
He is a good fit because he has excellent academic credentials and has had an impressive career in both the public and private sectors. A graduate of Yale College and the University of Virginia Law School, Geoff clerked for the Honorable Boyce F. Martin, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit following his 1987 law school graduation. From 1989 until 1998, he worked for the United States Department of Justice as an Assistant Attorney in New York and North Carolina. In New York, as Chief of the Organized Crime Section, he investigated, prosecuted and convicted members and associates of some of the country's most notorious crime families; in North Carolina, as First Assistant United States Attorney, he had management responsibility for all legal matters and supervisory authority over a long-term political corruption grand jury investigation. In 1995, Attorney General Janet Reno appointed this capable young attorney to the team of lawyers prosecuting Terry Nichols for the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

In 1998, Geoff returned to Cleveland with his wife, Jennifer Proud Mearns, and their five children. In Cleveland, he was a partner at two national law firms: Thompson Hine, where his practice focused on white collar criminal defense, and Baker & Hostetler, where, as head of the firm's National Business Crimes and Corporate Investigations team, his practice focused on white collar and corporate criminal matters.
Moreover, Geoff is a good fit because he is bold, and a law school with the kinds of challenges Cleveland-Marshall faces needs a bold leader.
First, there is the challenge of improving the bar passage rate. Geoff has fully supported the law school's ambitious, faculty-generated bar passage plan and has created additional structures that also give promise of success. Then, there is the challenge of raising...
money for a public law school in a city working to find its economic bearings, in a state where education is being steadily defunded and where raising money for public education must compete for dollars with private universities. As a fund-raiser, Geoff has a compelling presence, and he has been well received: Alumni, faculty, friends of the law school, and, perhaps most gratifying, our students, have responded to the new dean, and our 2005-06 fund-raising year may be one of the most successful in our history. Finally, there is the challenge of accommodating oneself to the almost indefinable culture of a law school, a culture that is as famous for contentiousness as for collegiality—famous, for better and for worse, for making full use of the First Amendment. Let us just say that diplomacy and impermeability have served him well. Let us just say that his words and his deeds are inseparable: That is, he is a keeper of promises, and he has been welcomed.

Geoff wished to become our dean because, as he has often noted, he has had a life-long commitment to justice and to public service—and because he admires the service of his parents. He admires his father, Ted Mearns, who is retired from a 40-year career in legal education as a teacher, an administrator and a dean. And, he admires his mother, Patricia Mearns, a former two-term Mayor of Shaker Heights and the mother of nine children. His new career is expressive of his own commitments and of his parents’ values as well.

The distance between the Baker & Hostetler offices on East Ninth and Euclid and the law school on East 18th and Euclid is not far in miles, but on other gauges, it is a world away. Thoreau went to Walden Pond because he wished “to live deliberately.” Perhaps that is another reason why our new dean made the journey and why he is such good fit.

Did you know...

In 2002, Professor of Law Dena S. Davis was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach a seminar in Bioethics at Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv, Israel. In January, under a Fulbright alumni-scholar initiative that seeks to encourage continuing relationships between Fulbright Fellows and their host institutions, Professor Davis returned to Tel Aviv to co-teach a seminar with Bar Ilan Professor of Philosophy Noam Zohar on Ethical and Legal Issues in End-of-Life Decisions.

Cleveland-Marshall students Virginia Judd, Hilary Carlson, Stephanie Heibertshausen, Leopold Wetula, and CSU undergrad Joseph Bein accompanied her to Tel Aviv. In July, Professor Zohar traveled to Cleveland where he and Professor Davis again taught five Israeli students and 16 Cleveland-Marshall students in a seminar on Legal/Ethical Reproductive Issues in Reproductive Technology: a Cross-Cultural Exploration.

Summer 2006—Israeli and Cleveland-Marshall students
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A Glorious Saturday in May: Graduation 2006

On May 20, a bright and sunny Saturday afternoon, 227 law students marched to the podium in Cleveland State University's Bert L. and Iris S. Wolstein Convocation Center to receive their diplomas from College of Law Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns, presiding over his first Cleveland-Marshall commencement. As he noted in his remarks, "This class is very special. You have come to us from approximately 85 colleges and universities across the country and around the world." Moreover, he continued, 18 graduated with joint degrees, 70 graduated with honors—18 as summa cum laude, 25 as magna cum laude and 27 as cum laude. All in all, a very accomplished group of hard-working men and women.

As always, a contingent of alumni/ae judges processed into the hall and sat on the dais with Cleveland State University President Michael Schwartz; Dean Mearns; CSU Board of Trustees Chair Timothy J. Cosgrove '87 and Trustees Michael L. Climaco '72 and Trevor Jones; Cleveland-Marshall Visiting Committee Chair P. Kelly Tompkins '81; Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association President Vincent T. Lombardo '81, Student Bar Association President Brendan Healy '06, members of the faculty and the 2006 Commencement Speaker, James B. Comey, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Graduation 2006 was a day of remembering and reminding—and of reckoning, too, with speakers mindful of the times and challenges this group of new citizen-lawyers confronts. In fact, among the six CSU speakers (Dr. Schwartz, Dean Mearns, Messrs. Cosgrove, Lombardo, Tompkins, and Healy), there was a remarkable thematic integrity, a common thread running through all their remarks: first, that our school has been a school of opportunity for over 100 years, and, second, that its graduates have taken to heart the ethical responsibilities that their degrees conferred upon them. Or, in the words of Vince Lombardo, Cleveland-Marshall has been "the school of the Republic, educating thousands regardless of..."
race or gender or social class.” And in the words of Dr. Schwartz, the commencement ceremony marks “the beginning of still more self-examination and more challenging uses of your acquired knowledge . . . in a life of involved citizenship.” This year, in a significant gesture, Dr. Schwartz gave each member of the class of 2006 a copy of the Bill of Rights and exhorted the new lawyers to use “your diploma and your education to defend the ideas in [the Bill of Rights].”

Many commencement speakers are immediately forgotten. The 2006 Cleveland-Marshall graduation speaker will not be among the forgotten.

Mr. Comey spent 18 years with the United States Department of Justice as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, first for the Southern District of New York and then for the Eastern District of Virginia. According to Dean Mearns, whose tenure in the Department of Justice coincided with Mr. Comey’s, he prosecuted many significant and high-profile cases, including the prosecution of the Khobar Towers terrorist bombing case and the prosecutions of some of the country’s most notorious white collar criminals.

In 2005, President Bush named him Deputy Attorney General of the United States, second only to the Attorney General. In describing Mr. Comey’s work in the Office of the Attorney General, Dean Mearns cited two extraordinary acts of personal courage: effecting the appointment of Patrick Fitzgerald as a special prosecutor in the investigation of the Valerie Plame leak and assuming leadership of a small group of Justice Department lawyers challenging some of the “most aggressive tactics deployed by the Bush Administration in its war on terror.” In both these instances his was the voice of dissent from those in authority over him. Against that background, his words on May 20 commanded attention.

Mr. Comey, who supervised the prosecution of WorldCom, Adelphia, and ImClone executives, took issue with the complaisance that has nurtured the “age of Enron,” that is, the age of unbridled corporate greed. He said that unlike the men who ruined WorldCom, Adelphia, ImClone and Enron, executives must assume the responsibility for shaping the culture of their institutions by gesture, by commitment, by example. “The lesson of Enron is that you cannot check out at the front door.” And the lawyer’s role within this faltering culture is to be the first to say “yes” and the first to say “no,” for the reputation of the client or institution is, in part, dependent on the counsel of the lawyer representing him or her or it. In this regard, Mr. Comey said, lawyers have a special obligation, for a lawyer’s “truest privilege” is “to care for others’ lives, to advocate change,” to better the human condition, and to lead others far beyond the goal of merely amassing material wealth.

If the job of a graduation speaker is to inspire his listeners, then the 2006 College of Law commencement speaker did not disappoint.

Dean Mearns’s closing remarks echoed Mr. Comey’s: “Never forget that what your client wants to do and what the law permits may not always be the same. At all times, it is your ethical obligation to speak the truth and to follow the law . . . Always remember that a lawyer’s obligation is to serve both private interests and the public good.” And his final words, “In short: Embrace service. Value excellence. Seek justice.”

On Commencement Day 2006, nothing was left unsaid that should be said to the men and women who will change the world. LFM
The Center for Election Integrity: Leveling the Playing Field in the State Where Votes Really Count

These days Ohio is less well known as the home of presidents than it is as the state that, in 2004, sent one Presidential candidate back to the White House and another back to the U.S. Senate. Those of us in the "battleground state of Ohio" who survived the unrelenting media blitz of the preceding summer and fall know that our state was considered key to the national election, and, indeed, that November, Ohioans turned up at the polls in record numbers. Yet, immediately after the election, complaints of malfeasance, discriminatory practices, weak security controls, and even fraud began to flood the media and county boards of election. A recount was held and, though the recount did not change the outcome of the election, even the recount did not escape criticism. In our county, three Cuyahoga County election officials have been indicted on charges of failing to follow Ohio law in these election and review of ballots for the recount.

Two years after the November 2004 election, politicians and analysts continue to debate, not the outcome of the Ohio election, but the state's electoral policies and procedures and their effect on the future of our country.

Eventually, that debate will pass into the hands of historians and political scientists. But, in the meantime, Cleveland State University's new non-partisan, federally funded Center for Election Integrity gives promise of quelling doubts about the way Ohioans cast their votes. A partnership of the law school and the Levin College of Urban Affairs, the Center has as its ambitious mission "to assist Ohio in becoming the national leader in transparent, legal, efficient and accurate elections by 2008."

The Center is the brainchild of Professor of Law S. Candice Hoke and College of Urban Affairs Researcher Abigail Horn. Professor Hoke is the Center's Director, Ms. Horn is the Assistant Director, and both have the expertise and credentials to meet the goals they've set for the Center. Professor Hoke, a graduate of Hollins College and Yale Law School, is a nationally recognized expert on constitutional federalism and major federal regulatory programs. Ms. Horn, a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University, has worked as a Democracy Officer for the United States Agency for International Development, supporting projects for electoral accountability and transparency, electoral reform, and civic participation.

The Center's focus will be non-partisan educational programming around ballot issues, research in election law issues, consultation on legal issues surrounding election policy and procedure and development of election policy and technology.

The Center is off to a great start. Last October, Professor Hoke and Ms. Horn organized a public program on the November 2005 election reform ballot issues with speakers advocating for and against the proposals. Next, they held programs on the Help America Vote Act and its implications for Ohio's elections. Presently, the Center is working on a large research project for the federal agency, the United States Election Assistance Commission. Under Ms. Horn's supervision, law students and Levin graduate students are engaged in gathering information on best practices nationally for using college students as poll workers. Given new voting technologies and the aging pool of poll workers, recruiting motivated, tech-savvy college students to serve as poll workers is an excellent way to improve election-day administration. This research will become the basis for a guidebook for election officials and school administrators to design college poll worker programs.
That guidebook will come none too soon. In May of this year, following allegations that voting in Cuyahoga County’s May 2nd primary—the County’s first experience with electronic voting—had been compromised by ill-trained poll workers, faulty equipment and poor oversight by election officials, the County Board of Elections appointed a three-member panel to “conduct a comprehensive independent review of the County’s elections systems and to make recommendations for improvement.” Elections Board Chair Robert Bennett was quick to tap CEI’s Director Candice Hoke for the independent panel. During the 2004 election, Professor Hoke, a political independent, had served as a Supervisor of the Democratic Party’s designated challengers in Cleveland Ward 15 (roughly 17 precincts) and had subsequently become a resource for media and policy makers investigating election-day mishaps.

Joining her on the Review Panel were the chair, Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Ronald Adrine ’75, and Thomas Hayes, Lottery Commission director and former elections board director.

In July, the Review Panel issued a scathing report. According to a July 21 Plain Dealer article by Joan Mazzolini, the 394-page report concluded that the primary was flawed by “breakdown after breakdown at every level of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.” Poll workers were poorly trained, supplies were inadequate, voting machines were not properly secured, and, perhaps most damaging, officials at the Board of Elections had repeatedly ignored warnings of technical difficulties, inadequate poll-worker training and backup, and potential systemic failure with data transfer and voter-registration storage. In other words, Board of Elections officials had failed the citizens of Cuyahoga County, turning the May primary into what the Plain Dealer called a “disaster” and “a fiasco.” The complete report can be viewed at the Center website: www.urban.csuohio.edu/cei.

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This fall, Ohioans will vote for a U.S. Senator, a governor, attorney general, auditor, secretary, treasurer, two state Supreme Court Justices, and 18 members of Congress. It is an important election in a state beset by financial problems and on fire politically. And it is an election that the media and politicos will scrutinize carefully as a predictor of how the rest of the country will vote in 2008. By early spring, both parties were purchasing media time, and potential Presidential candidates were scrambling to be seen in Ohio. In the melee that is bound to ensue, CSU’s new non-partisan Center for Election Integrity becomes a critical component in making sure that no eligible Ohio citizen is disenfranchised by process or procedure and that every vote is properly recorded by an informed cadre of poll officers and workers. In other words, if once again the most important election on earth hangs on the state of Ohio, the results will bear the keen eye of history upon them. LFM
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Brian D. Sullivan ’91: Mr. Sullivan graduated summa cum laude from Cleveland-Marshall in 1991; he was Research Editor of The Cleveland State Law Review. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1994, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio in 1996, and the United States Supreme Court in 1998. After completing a clerkship for Judge Clair E. Dickinson of the Ohio Ninth District Court of Appeals, he joined the firm of Reminger & Reminger. He has briefed and argued cases before most of the appellate courts in Ohio and the Ohio Supreme Court. Mr. Sullivan was also named a Rising Star Super Lawyer in the State of Ohio. His areas of practice include appellate procedures and insurance coverage. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Cleveland Bar Association and the Defense Research Institute.

Jack Landskroner ’92: Mr. Landskroner graduated from Cleveland-Marshall in 1992 and since his admission to the Ohio Bar, has successfully litigated and resolved cases and claims involving wrongful death, catastrophic injury, medical negligence, defective products and insurance bad faith. He is admitted to practice before the state and federal courts of Ohio, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States Court of Federal Claims and the United States Supreme Court. He is board certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and was named to the list of Ohio Super Lawyers in 2004, 2005 and 2006. He sits on the Board of Directors for the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, a national public interest organization, and serves as Co-Chair of its Communications and State Network Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys. Mr. Landskroner also serves as a volunteer Guardian Ad Litem to children in the juvenile courts of Cuyahoga County and as a mentor for the Rotsky Foundation for Mentors. In 1997 he established “The Landskroner Foundation for Children,” a non-profit organization established to further children’s advocacy and safe childhood development. The organization has donated books and toys to area shelters every quarter since 1998, has distributed approximately 3,000 free gun/trigger locks to families in N.E. Ohio, and also hosts an annual law student closing argument competition promoting child advocacy and providing scholarship awards to the top three competitors.

Michael I. Shapero ’70: Prior to receiving his J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall in 1970, Mr. Shapero was an Internal Revenue Officer and Special Procedures Advisor. In 1971 he was admitted to the Ohio Bar, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the firm of Shapero & Green, LLC, in Cleveland, where he focuses his practice on personal injury, medical malpractice and general civil litigation. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, the Cleveland Bar Association. In addition, he was a seminar instructor in Medical Malpractice and Civil Trial Litigation from 1990-1991 and has been a member of the Homeless Legal Committee since 1999. Mr. Shapero is married, with three children and three grandchildren.
Monique A. McCarthy '05: As an undergrad at Cleveland State University, Ms. McCarthy worked as an office assistant in the Financial Aid office at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and after graduation, became a Graduate Assistant for Career Services at CSU. While attending classes at both Cleveland-Marshall and CSU, she worked as a summer associate with the firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey and a legal intern at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. From 2002-2004, she was Chairperson and student member of the Cleveland State University Judicial Board and was a Graduate Intern with Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones from 2003-2005. In 2005, she received a joint degree from Cleveland-Marshall and CSU's Levin College of Urban Affairs—the Juris Doctor and Masters in Public Administration. Upon graduation, she worked as a Law Admissions Recruiter for the law school and then as the Interim Law Financial Aid Administrator. In addition to her numerous professional affiliations, Ms. McCarthy has received the following awards: Franklin Polk Award for Public Service - CMLAA 2005; City Year Cleveland Community Champion - Idealism in Action Award 2004; CMLAA Scholarship Award 2002-2004; Pro Bono & Community Service Awards 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004; Cleveland-Marshall National Scholar 2001-2004; Who's Who Among American College Students; and Cleveland-Marshall Dean's Scholar 2001. She is now a financial aid officer at University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

David W. Kaman '80: Mr. Kaman is a 1980 graduate of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and has devoted his legal practice to the area of community association law. He is licensed in both Ohio and Florida, and is the author of over 100 articles on community association issues, including the Ohio Consumer Law's chapter on condominium consumer protection provisions. He has spoken at over 100 seminars on community association topics for the Ohio State Bar Association, Cleveland Bar Association, Cuyahoga County Bar Association, and the Cincinnati and Northern Ohio Chapters of Community Associations Institute (CAI). He was the first and only Ohio attorney elected to the National College of Community Association Lawyers and is a member of the Community Associations Institute. Mr. Kaman is a partner in the Cleveland firm of Kaman & Cusimano.

Nancy C. Schuster '68: Prior to graduating cum laude from Cleveland-Marshall in 1968, Ms. Schuster was a member of the Parma City School District Board of Education and served as its President from 1968-1970. After graduation she worked as a program staff attorney and section chief for The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland from 1969-1972. From 1972-1984, she worked for the United States Department of Justice as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in both the Northern District of Ohio and Eastern District of California. She is currently a partner in the firm of Schuster & Simmons, where she focuses her practice on complex, general and commercial litigation, labor and employment, business and commercial transactions, white collar defense and regulatory and administrative matters. In addition to numerous professional activities and honors, she is a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association (District 12 Representative) and the Cleveland Bar Association, where she is on the Judicial Monitoring Committee. She is also a Life Delegate to The Judicial Conference of the Eighth Judicial District of Ohio and a Master Bencher for the William K. Thomas Inn of Court. She is admitted to practice before all Ohio Courts, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th and 9th Circuits, and the U.S. Tax Court.

David H. Gunning II '94: Mr. Gunning is a partner in the Cleveland firm of Roetzel & Andress and a member of the firm's real estate group. His practice focuses on the representation of local, regional and national owners, contractors, subcontractors, developers, lenders, state agencies and universities, in the areas of real estate and construction. He represents clients both in their litigation and transactional needs. He also has significant experience representing clients regarding their land use/zoning needs before administrative agencies, city councils, and state and federal courts. Mr. Gunning has been recognized in 2005 as an Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star by Law & Politics Magazine & Cincinnati Magazine. He is a member of the Cleveland, Ohio and American Bar Associations; the Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland; the American Institute of Constructors; the Association of General Constructors; Associated Builders and Contractors; and the International Council of Shopping Centers. He is also the President of Goodrich-Gannett Neighborhood Center; a member of the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Centers Association, and a member of the executive, finance and member committees of the Cuyahoga County Republican Party.

F. Emerson Logee '47: After graduating from the College of Wooster in 1938, Mr. Logee received a Rockefeller Foundation/National Institute of Public Affairs fellowship and completed post-graduate study at American University in Washington, D.C., which included an intern-
ship in Public Administration at the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1940 he was named the first Probation Officer for the U.S. Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and served in that position until 1948, with the exception of time served in the Navy during World War II. He graduated from Cleveland-Marshall Law School in 1947 and went on to practice law with partner Adrian Miller in Wooster. He was president of Wooster City Council in 1950 and later appointed Mayor. He served as city solicitor and a member of many other city boards and commissions. He was founder of the law firm of Logee, Hostetler, Stutzman and Lehman, from which he retired in 1988.

He was a member of the Wayne County Bar Association (President 1956), Ohio State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys and Association of Defense Trial Attorneys. Mr. Logee died in 2004 and was made a life member posthumously in 2005.

Manju Gupta '03: As a law student at Cleveland-Marshall, Ms. Gupta was a member of the International Moot Court Team, an Associate on the Journal of Law and Health, a staff writer for The Gavel, a student ambassador, an Ohio State Bar Association Student Liaison, and a Dean’s Scholar. In 2002 she became a law clerk for the Cleveland firm of Javitch, Block and Rathbone, researching complex bankruptcy and general litigation matters. Ms. Gupta was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 2003 and is currently an associate in the firm’s mid-size diversified business practice, focusing her practice on general litigation, large loss subrogation and compliance. She is the author of “Occupational Risk: The Outrageous Reaction to HIV Positive Public Safety and Health Care Employees in the Workplace,” 19 J.L. & Health 39 (2004-05).

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**Did you know...**

**Michael Whitaker,** a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and Boston College, is a second-year law student. In January and February 2005 and again in the 2006 winter break, he worked for Court TV’s “Catherine Crier Live” show, where he had an up-close look at the dramatic interchange between media and law. “In class I learned about theories of liability and how the law came to be—that is, law in the abstract—but while working on at Court TV, I was able to see how justice was administered and how the media created public awareness concerning the law. My school work and my Court TV work have both confirmed my desire to become a lawyer.”
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Professor Stephen J. Werber, surely one of the law school's most popular teachers and certainly one of its most durable, retired this spring, closing a career that spans 36 years, the terms of seven law school deans and every Cleveland State University President. We will miss this genial, big-hearted friend and mentor to almost two generations of Cleveland-Marshall graduates.

Steve is a New Yorker by birth, and you don't have to listen to him long to know in which borough he first saw the light of day: Steve was born in Brooklyn. He earned an undergraduate degree from Adelphi University, a law degree from Cornell, and an LL.M. in International Law from New York University. After law school he worked for the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, and later he worked in the Wall Street firm of Herzfeld & Rubin, where fortune sought and found him. "I learned from two masters: Walter Herzfeld himself—a legend—and Michael Hoenig, one of the firm's lead attorneys," Steve recalls. "I learned products liability law, good writing, and litigation skills from those two wonderful lawyers. Walter Herzfeld taught me more about professionalism than I could ever recount." Those by-products of his apprenticeship would one day prove as serviceable in the classroom as in the courtroom.

Fortune smiled again when his brother who was teaching in Harlem introduced him to Joan Kirsh, an attractive fourth-grade teacher. "Teaching and the love of the classroom were always in the back of my mind," he recalls, but a teaching career was not even remotely in the back of his mother's mind; a career in law was; we have her to thank that Steve went to law school. And, perhaps we have Joan to thank that, in the end, Steve chose teaching the law on Euclid Avenue rather than practicing law on Wall Street. "Teach anywhere," she instructed, "as long as it's east of the Mississippi and north of the Mason-Dixon line."

So, in 1970, Steve was off to San Francisco and the Association of American Law School's faculty recruitment conference. Several offers came his way, including one from Cleveland-Marshall and one from William & Mary. He chose our law school, which had only recently allied with Cleveland's new public university and been renamed the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University. It was a promising alliance with an ambitious faculty and strong leadership. He was young, he had the kind of credentials a new university prized, and, in short, it was a good match.

In the rebirth of the private night law school as a university-affiliated public college of law, newness was everywhere: the campus, the faculty, the dean, the day program. Most important perhaps, the long-anticipated acceptance into membership of the Association of American Law Schools had
launched the law school into a national arena. And where was Steve Werber during those heady first days of academic year 1970? In the classroom, launching his own career as a teacher of law, and days later, launching yet another demanding career—this time as a father. Joan and Steve’s first child, David, was born in October, shortly after classes began. Three years later, their daughter, Lauren, was born. Now, they were a family or four, but every Passover and Thanksgiving that family grew by leaps and bounds as Cleveland-Marshall students from many backgrounds arrived at the Werber household to share the holidays with the Werber foursome.

By the late 1970s, Professor Werber was a tenured Professor of Law, teaching Legal Profession, Contracts, Evidence, and, of course, Products Liability. Over the years, he taught at least nine different subjects including Judaic Law, a course he created and began to teach in 1992. By the early 80s, his real career as an educator, the part he treasures most, was about to begin. It would continue for the next 20 years.

In 1980, Ann Aldrich, the law school’s first woman tenured faculty member, became the first woman appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. When Judge Aldrich left teaching behind, she also vacated the directorship of the Moot Court Program. During that academic year, the incoming Moot Court Board Chair Craig Cobb ’82 asked Steve to become the Moot Court Faculty Advisor, and he accepted.

The first team he advised, Sally E. Richards ’82, Suzanne Nigro ’82 and Ralph Streza ’82, advanced to the final rounds of the prestigious National Moot Court Competition in New York City. For the new Moot Court Advisor, it was a gratifying coup. And it was the beginning of two decades of inspiring, coaching, cajoling, praising, scolding and championing Cleveland-Marshall students to victory over schools whose academic reputations often surpassed our own: teams from Cornell, CWRU, and Ohio State, for example. So formidable were Cleveland-Marshall teams that coaches from the schools they defeated often came forward to praise our students’ performances. We lay it to Steve’s credit that his Moot Court teams did more to broadcast the strengths of a Cleveland-Marshall education than a shelf-full of law school bulletins.

Steve, however, will tell you that credit belonged to the students. “I can coach, but they have to learn, do the research, the writing, the advocacy and execute the game plan as a team. Any success I had was due to our dedicated students.”

And, according to Steve, Moot Court Team triumphs served an even more basic goal: the molding of a generation of self-confident attorneys, at ease in courtrooms and law offices all over America. Legal Writing Professor Janice Aitken ’96, who was in private practice before joining the law school faculty, is one of those. Professor Aitken attributes her Moot Court experience with giving her the kinds of skills that turn an inexperienced law student into a competent and effective attorney. “Steve was demanding,” she recalls, “but people who ask more of you make you ask more of yourself. What I learned from Steve was how to be a strong, an unyielding, advocate for my clients. Because that’s what he taught and that’s what he was for us.”

By the 1990s, the program was dispatching five to seven teams a year to competitions all over America—far beyond the capacity of a single faculty member, no matter how dedicated. Several of Steve’s colleagues volunteered to help. Professors Stephen Gard, Kevin O’Neill and Legal Writing Professor Karin Mika ’90 were among the most frequent volunteer coaches, and in 2001, when Steve decided to lay aside his Moot Court duties, Karin became the new Faculty Advisor.

Sometimes, closing one door opens others. In Steve’s case, many doors opened, and behind each was adventure. First, Lauren Werber, while a student at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, married Brian Kelly, a software designer, and along came their first child, Rachel Tess. After Lauren’s ordination, the family moved to Lyndhurst, and along came their second child, Samuel Joseph. Next, David Werber graduated from his father’s law alma mater, Cornell, moved to Denver and met Lisa Anacleto, a high-school Language Arts teacher. They were married in a ceremony performed by Rabbi Lauren Werber.

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Linda L. Ammons
Widener University School of Law’s New Dean

On July 1, former Associate Dean Linda L. Ammons became Dean of Widener University School of Law, the second largest dual-division law school in the country. She is the seventh dean, the first woman dean and the first African American to lead the Widener School of Law. And when she took office, Linda became one of only two African American females in the nation serving as dean of a law school.

At Cleveland-Marshall, parting with Linda Ammons meant parting with a woman in whom we have found these admirable qualities: patience and unflappability, respect for scholarship and hard work, organizational skills and a healthy dose of feminism. And we have parted with a colleague whose friendship will be hard to replace.

In 1991, Linda, a graduate of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, left Columbus, where she had been Executive Assistant to Ohio Governor Dick Celeste, and returned to Cleveland, the city where she was raised. Linda’s contributions to the Governor’s cabinet were notable for bringing a measure of calming stability to the office of the feisty, somewhat controversial Governor—notable too for the part she played in an extraordinary act of clemency: In his final days in office, Governor Celeste commuted the sen-
tences of 28 women imprisoned for killing the abusive men with whom they shared their turbulent lives. The commutations preceded the Violence Against Women Act by eight years and, were, in their audacity, prescient. Nevertheless, they evoked a barrage of criticism throughout the state. Fortunately, Linda not only had a law degree; she also had a Master's degree in Communications, also from Ohio State. And it was to her credit that she was able to defend the legality of the commutations and was also adept at pouring oil over the rising troubled waters.

From the Office of the Governor, Linda returned to her hometown as a new member of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty. Her background in state government and her expertise in administrative law, regulatory law and legislation made her a highly attractive faculty candidate. In 1996, she became the law school’s first African American woman tenured faculty member, and in July 2003, Dean Steven H. Stein­glass named her an Associate Dean; she was the first black woman in that post as well.

Linda did not forget the women in whose commuted sentences she had played so large a part. The legal and social implications of their imprisonment became the focus of her own scholarly research, so that, in her publications and presentations, she became their voice, speaking on their behalf to committees of the ABA, criminal law attorney groups, members of Congress and members of state legislatures. Her growing involvement in women’s issues did not go unnoticed, and, in her second year at the law school, she was elected co-chair of the ABA National Institute on Defending Women in Criminal Cases. Other research projects have concerned the intersection of race and religion and commentary on African American stereotypes.

In 1993, she was invited to join the faculty of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, and she has spent a portion of every summer there ever since.

Linda is an accomplished photographer who has exhibited throughout the world. Often picturing women, racial minorities and the poor of many lands, her photographs reach out to the public with the same insistence as her carefully researched articles. And, through the United States Department of State’s Art-in-Embassies Program, the stories her pictures tell have now spoken to a global community.

Widener University’s School of Law, founded in 1821, is older than our school and much larger. The school has a rare geographical feature as well: It is located on two campuses in two states: The larger campus in Wilmington, Delaware, has a student population of 1,100; the smaller campus in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has a student population of 400. In this regard, Linda’s new job seems, at least as a first impression, to ask a lot of a single human. Still, doing the things that are hard to do and doing them well are her specialty. And, perhaps, that is why Linda has accepted this particular deanship. I, for one, would not be a bit surprised. LFM

**Did You Know...**

During the 2005 fall semester, law school faculty organized and took part in three public discussions on contemporary issues. In August, Professor James G. Wilson, the James A. Thomas Distinguished Professor of Law, moderated a panel that included Professors Joel Jay Finer, David F. Forte, S. Candice Hoke, Stephen R. Lazarus, Kevin F. O’Neill, and CWRU Professor of Law Jonathan L. Entin to discuss the “Supreme Court after Justice O’Connor—Transition or Transformation?”

Early in September, faculty members David F. Forte, the Charles R. Emrick Jr. · Calfee Halter & Griswold Endowed Professor of Law; Edward W. Hill, Senior Research Scholar of Economic Development at CSU’s Levin College of Urban Affairs; W. Dennis Keating, Professor of Law and Urban Studies at Cleveland-Marshall and Associate Dean and Distinguished Scholar at CSU’s Levin College of Urban Affairs; Norman Krumholz, Professor of Urban Studies at CSU’s Levin College of Urban Affairs; and Alan Weinstein, Professor of Law and Urban Studies at Cleveland-Marshall, offered varying perspectives on the implications of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Kelo v. City of New London.

Later in September, Dean and Professor of Law Geoffrey S. Mearns organized and moderated a public debate on the Congressional proposal to create a federal shield law that would protect the confidentiality of reporters’ sources. Valerie E. Caproni, FBI General Counsel; Douglas C. Clifton, Plain Dealer Editor; Lucy Dalglish, Executive Director of the Reporters’ Committee for Freedom of the Press, and Kevin F. O’Neill, Cleveland-Marshall Professor of Law and former Legal Director of the ACLU of Ohio, participated in the debate.
How The Best Rainmaking Law Students in the World raised almost $40,000 for the Wolstein Scholarship Fund (and other good deeds by students)

Law Student Organizations:
First, Brendan Healy ‘06, President of the Student Bar Association, announced that the SBA has contributed $25,000 to the Bert L. and Iris S. Wolstein Scholarship Fund at the law school, the fund created by Mrs. Wolstein in loving memory of her husband, the late Bert L. Wolstein, class of 1953. Mrs. Wolstein has pledged to match every dollar donated to the fund, up to $1.25 million! Next, the editorial board of the Cleveland State Law Review announced a contribution of $1,750 and then the Democratic Law Organization officers donated another $500, and the Black Law Students Association donated $1,000 of its funds.

Then...
In April, five graduating students—Keller Blackburn, Paul Castillo, Brendan Healy, Robert Koury, and Amy Ryder Wentz—organized the Class of 2006 Graduation Challenge. The goal of this year’s Graduation Challenge was to raise $5,000 from the class of 2006 in support of the Bert L. and Iris S. Wolstein Scholarship Endowed Fund at the law school through gifts outright or through a three-year pledge. At their opening rally, the students collected close to $3,000 in pledges and gifts. Then, Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns jumped in with a pledge to match each dollar donated during a space of two hours on two days of the campaign. By the end of the school year, our student organizations and the Graduation Challenge team had raised just under $40,000! We doubt any law school in the country can match Cleveland-Marshall’s student Rainmakers.

There's more:
Early in April, 13 Cleveland-Marshall students—Brendan Healy, Keller Blackburn, Scott Kuboff, Jared Hartman, Henry Geha, Eric Allain, Jack Mills, Joe Hada, Mandy Shaerban, Jen Isaac, Cathy Reichel, Meredith Carey, and Evelyn Holmer—traveled to the University of Virginia to compete in the UVA School of Law’s 23rd Annual Softball Invitational, where they finished in the top 16 out of 64 teams. Through their participation, the tournament was able to raise $10,000 for the Child, Youth and Family Services of Virginia.

And, finally, the softball tournament!
In addition to being a national expert on predatory lending practices, Professor of Law Kathleen C. Engel is also faculty
advisor to the law school's Women Law Students Association. In January, Kathleen was diagnosed with breast cancer. In honor of their advisor, WLSA women joined with the CSU Lady Vikings Softball team to raise money for breast cancer research. During the Vikings game against the Women's Softball Team from St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania, students accepted donations at the door, sold t-shirts and handed out self-exam kits and information about breast cancer. Proceeds from the benefit were donated to the Taussig Cancer Center at the Cleveland Clinic. 2005-2006 WLSA officers were Karen Swanson, President; Teri Daniel, Vice President; Callista Puchmeyer, Secretary; and Jaime Umerley, Treasurer. As Callista, the benefit's primary organizer, noted, "Professor Engel is our courageous mentor and advisor. It was a great time for a great cause!"

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For more on our students and their good works, see "ReNewing Orleans" on page 30, "Readiness Was All" on page 32; and "A Year of Moot Court Victories" on page 38.

Congratulations to These Winning Students Who Work Worked this Summer Pro Bono Publico

The Dean's Community Service Awards Are Presented to Students Whose Contributions, Pro Bono Publico, Have Been Exceptional.

Joshua Fellenbaum '07
Maureen Foley '06
Kathleen Laskey '06
Kathryn McDonough '06
Mark Merims '07

Summer Pro Bono Fellowship Awards Support Students Working in Public Interest Firms and Community Agencies

Andres Cuturic '08: Edith and Sidney Simon Fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union
Erin Kriyovich '07: Cleveland-Marshall Pro Bono Fellow at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in the Hague
Laura Perme '08: Cleveland-Marshall Pro Bono Fellow at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
Joy Roller '08: Fred Ball Fellow at the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Corporation
Anthony Scott '08: David C. Weiner-Chama E. Sherman Fellow at Towards Employment
Noelle Visintainer '08: Cleveland-Marshall Pro Bono Fellow at the Adoption Network of Cleveland
May 1987, the year I graduated from Cleveland-Marshall, was hectic: First, there was the trip to Columbus to be sworn in as a member of the bar and then the drive back to Cleveland to rent a truck for our move to the suburbs of Washington, D.C. Luckily, there would be income once the move was completed—my wife’s income. She was a registered nurse and the recipient of multiple job offers (she’s now an attorney). I was a recent law school graduate in the city that had more lawyers per capita than any other city in the country. Nineteen years later, I can say that it was a great move even though I had no job; by July, I had a job writing administrative appeals decisions.

By 1989, I was working for the U.S. Customs Service—and bored—until I was asked if I wanted to be on a task force on intellectual property rights (IPR): copyrights, trademarks, patents. This was an area of law I knew nothing about. Over the next several years, IPR grew in importance as a priority area for my agency, the government and industry. An international treaty was being negotiated, which would change things drastically.

Customs decided that the agency would be the front line for the defense of U.S. technology and would actively protect American industry or American citizens from those who might wish to import goods that infringed our country’s IPR. Our task force of three was responsible for training Customs investigative agents, inspectors (yes, those people who rummage through your undergarments), and other Customs officials in the field. We also worked with the Customs scientists in the laboratories that tested perfumes, lotions and other items that we could not readily identify as violating someone’s IPR.

We also had the task of writing operational guidelines for field officers and overseeing the conversion of thousands of paper files into a centralized database that would eventually be accessible to Customs offices nationwide. As we built up the program, more companies began to use Customs as a tool for their enforcement programs. As more “cases” of possibly infringing goods came to the attention of Customs field officers, more referrals were made to me and my colleagues at Customs Headquarters. In practical terms, we were writing administrative rulings on infringement decisions, despite the fact that we were not administrative law judges.

The job began to expand in 1992. During government-to-government discussions about Taiwan’s exportation of copyright-infringing software to the U.S. and other countries, Customs was asked to get involved. Unbeknownst to me, this was to be the real beginning of a career. By the time I left Customs in November 1993, I had been a member of several inter-agency delegations negotiating IPR issues with the governments of Taiwan, South Korea, the Philippines and Thailand. My frequent flier account was about to get serious.

The experience of negotiating IPR enforcement issues, specifically, IPR border enforcement issues, led me to Arter & Hadden’s Washington, D.C., office, where most of the work was on behalf of multinationals with issues in foreign countries. At the height of tensions...
between the U.S. and China over copyright violations, I found myself in Beijing at the ready to assist the U.S. Government delegation regarding the draft provisions of an agreement concerning imports and exports of infringing goods.

Strangely, after the negotiating table, law firm work seemed a bit boring and distant from the action. In early 1996, I was back in the government—the Patent and Trademark Office’s international policy shop. This was a great job. The range of work was broad, from helping to craft policy regarding trademark and domain name disputes to being the U.S. representative at meetings in Geneva at the World Intellectual Property Organization to participating in bilateral IPR negotiations and consultations in Beijing, Jakarta, Asuncion and other exotic venues.

A few hundred thousand miles later, it was time to take on another career challenge. In 1999, I was offered and accepted the job of leading a Washington, D.C.—based trade association whose members (e.g., GM, Microsoft, P&G, Gillette, Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Electronic Arts, Philip Morris) were interested in efforts to improve IPR protection and enforcement. This position resulted in more activities than I could ever have predicted. In addition to training, I worked with industry colleagues to promote more INTERPOL involvement in criminal IPR activity. Ultimately, I chaired an IPR Advisory Group under the UN’s Economic Commission for Europe and interacted with national and international organizations. As our activity grew, it also meant testifying before Congressional committees and speaking often to the media.

Today, IPR has become one of the leading areas of tension between the U.S. and China because of rampant product counterfeiting and piracy. I have been fortunate to work with companies, national governments and intergovernmental organizations. I have also been able to craft legislation, provide input that has resulted in language in our bilateral free trade agreements and continue to speak to foreign delegations.

IPR, once a legal study that received virtually no attention, is now an active legal practice that involves international trade and has become increasingly politicized. It is not simply an area of law, but is intertwined with business decisions that occur constantly and internationally. IPR has taken me to dozens of cities—from Asuncion to Zagreb and places in between. Soon, it will be a year since I left the trade association and started my legal/consulting firm. And, as I write this and look at my calendar, I realize that I had better finish this piece because Romania and Egypt are on the calendar for next week—and, yes, I’ve surpassed the million-mile mark on one of the airlines.

If you are still pondering your career, I can only say that sometimes it’s best to work hard and leave things open to chance. So far, mine has been far from conventional and it has been fun.

NOTE: Tim Trainer is an internationally recognized authority on the worldwide protection of intellectual property. His intellectual property law experiences in and out of governmental offices led him in 2005 to found his own independent consulting company, Global Intellectual Property Strategy Center. He represents clients in IP-related transactions before U.S. and foreign government agencies. He also provides IP-training programs to foreign government officials on behalf of his clients. Tim has testified before the U.S. Congress and has spoken at many conferences and symposia throughout the world on issues of global intellectual property piracy and counterfeiting.

Did you know... Did You Know About These Students?

Congratulations to Jason Lorenzon who was selected to take part in the National Italian American Foundation’s Graduates to Leaders Law Program of educational workshops in Washington, D.C. Participants in the fully funded program met with prominent Italian American leaders from the D.C. area legal community and toured the U.S. Supreme Court with Major General William Suter, clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court. Topics covered by the program included public interest law and criminal defense; private practice versus public interest law; public relations and law; general and organized crime prosecutors; and congressional association lobbying.

Congratulations to Joshua Fellenbaum ’07, whose article, “The Need for International Law and a Global Perspective,” was published in the May 26 edition of “The Globe,” a publication of the Illinois State Bar Association. Josh has spent the summer as an intern at DLA Piper in Prague, the Czech Republic.
The journey of 15 C-M students to New Orleans to aid in Katrina Relief Efforts.

by Holly Lard-Clanton '06

In March, I was one of 15 Cleveland-Marshall students who traveled to New Orleans to assist in the Katrina relief efforts during our spring break. Plans for the journey began long before the spring, however, when first-year law student Amey Griffin, who had volunteered in Mississippi during the winter break, contacted the Student Hurricane Network (SHN) to begin organizing our New Orleans trip. SHN, formed last fall by law students from across the country, coordinates with non-profit organizations to provide both legal and other assistance to victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Though at first we knew only a few details, Chris Tibaldi, Brandon McNamee, Ross Ahern, Todd Wintering, Ramsey Lama, Kevin Burns, Lisa Montoni, Liz Hong, Melissa Stephen, Carrie Callahan, Cathy Reichel, Meredith Carey, Laura Perme, and Amey Griffin and I all committed ourselves to the project. Soon, we learned that the majority of the trip would be paid for by the fund-raising efforts of the Student Bar Association, the Student Public Interest Law Organization, the Women's Law Student Association, the Democratic Law Organization, and by personal contributions from Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns and other faculty and staff.

Traveling in four vehicles, we left Cleveland at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, and drove through the night. As we approached the Gulf of Mexico coast, the weather grew more pleasant; however, the scene from the car did not. At first, only small signs of the storm were visible, such as downed interstate signs, trees and debris. Soon, destroyed homes began to spot the scenery. These were mere glimpses of the remnants of Katrina's wrath.

Right to Counsel: Holly Lard, Laura Perme, Meredith Carey, Melissa Stephen and Cathy Reichel
In New Orleans, the devastation intensified. Watching CNN had not prepared me for what I saw: empty shopping malls littered with debris and abandoned cars; rows of unused travel trailers and completely destroyed suburbs. It looked as if a bomb had hit the area.

Sunday afternoon we arrived in New Orleans to unpack at a B&B in the French Quarter. That night we attended an orientation meeting with SHN, where we met students from law schools around the country, including Case, Columbia, Suffolk, Tulane, the University of North Carolina, and the University of Southern California, among many others. The crowd of students grew increasingly larger, as over 200 students joined the meeting to learn how they could help. Law students from Tulane and Loyola described the events and effects of Katrina. As one student leader aptly put it, "The lights you see outside are very deceiving. New Orleans is not back to normal." He described how many neighborhoods are still empty and lack the schools, businesses and utility services needed. Many of us quickly realized that our one week of service would hardly be enough to make any real impact in New Orleans, but, for at least one week, we would try.

The next day we divided into two groups and we began our assigned projects. Chris Tibaldi, Brandon McNamee, Ross Ahern, Todd Wintering, Ramsey Lama, Kevin Burns and Amey Griffin worked with the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, demolishing unsalvagable homes in the Lower Ninth Ward and Gentilly neighborhoods. Lisa Montoni, Liz Hong, Melissa Stephen, Carrie Callahan, Cathy Reichel, Meredith Carey, Laura Perme and I worked on the Right to Counsel Project, an alliance of the Orleans Indigent Defender Program, Louisiana Capital Assistance Center and Tulane’s Criminal Law Clinic. The goal of the project was to create a centralized database of the estimated 7,000 individuals currently being held by the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office. The attorneys working on the project explained that the database would, first of all, help them identify those persons who needed immediate representation and, second, help reform the funding and maintenance of the criminal justice system in Orleans Parish. As we quickly learned, the court system in New Orleans was in disarray long before Katrina hit.

After being trained on using the database and interpreting docket sheets, my group began compiling the list of inmates. The list would be forwarded to Tulane Criminal Law Clinic to be completed. We entered name after name of inmates who had been in jail, usually on misdemeanor charges, and had not seen an attorney in seven months or more. Some of the men and women had already served more time than they would have served if they had actually been convicted. It was quite obvious that only those with money for an attorney were receiving their Sixth Amendment right to be represented by counsel.

Meanwhile, the rest of our group worked tirelessly demolishing homes ravaged by Katrina. Each day they rose early to meet volunteer construction workers who took them to a new work site. They worked diligently alongside other student volunteers and professionals, tearing down homes right to the studs so that specialists could spray the homes for mold. Once homes are treated they are sometimes salvageable; however, as the week progressed, several students described houses that appeared to be in increasing decline and unsalvageable. First-year law student Ramsey Lama described one home in which the nails crumbled in his hand. Even more disturbing was the loss of irreplaceable family pictures, heirlooms and other memorabilia. Often, as Amey Griffin commented, "Nothing could be saved."

Each day a new challenge arose. Several students had to buy new masks or gear to avoid exposure to mold and other hazards. Still, they returned each day to tear down more sheetrock and carry out more appliances and debris to be hauled away.

At the end of each day, we typically gathered at the famous Pat O’Brien’s to discuss our experiences. Several students during the week questioned whether our efforts had really helped. The need in New Orleans and across the Gulf is so great that one week’s work could hardly suffice.

Nevertheless, despite the overwhelming need, I am inspired by my peers who devoted precious time away from studying to help others. I am grateful to the many students, faculty, and our Dean who helped raise funds so that we could volunteer. And I am humbled by the many New Orleanians who expressed their gratitude for our efforts. Vital to the rebuilding and renewing of New Orleans will be the continued efforts of volunteers, especially students, who bring to their work so much energy, commitment and the simple desire to help others.

Holly Lard-Clanton, who graduated in May, has been active in the Student Public Interest Law Organization throughout her law school years; this year she was SPILO’s fund-raising chair. She is a native of Monroe, Louisiana, and earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.
Readiness Was All for Two Law Students Who Worked Hard and Won the Prize

Maureen E. Foley and Kathleen K. Laskey, who graduated in May, share a bond that extends beyond friendship. Both came to law school to learn skills that would help them help others, and neither waited until graduation to begin. During their Cleveland-Marshall years, these two women both served as president of the law school’s Student Public Interest Law Organization, and both donated many hours of service to some of the area’s most vulnerable citizens through the law school’s Pro Bono Program.

In Washington, a non-profit organization, Equal Justice Works, took note. Equal Justice Works addresses the shortage of attorneys working on behalf of traditionally under-served populations; its mission is “to create a just society by mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice.” Through partnerships with corporations and law firms and through the generosity of financier George Soros’s Open Society Institute, Equal Justice Works has created the country’s largest postgraduate legal fellowship program.

In February, Maureen and Kathleen learned that from a host of graduating law students from all over America they were among the 50 new attorneys, chosen to receive Equal Justice Works highly competitive two-year Fellowships. For the two new Cleveland-Marshall lawyers, these fellowships mean that they will have salaries, benefits, a generous loan-repayment program and a stipend to support them doing exactly what they came to law school to learn how to do.

Maureen, a native of Homer, New York, is a Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton. She recalls reading To Kill a Mockingbird in high school and deciding that, if you want to be Atticus Finch and help the poor people in this country, you have to start with law school.

Her Equal Justice Works Fellowship, which is sponsored by the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, will support her work with Community Legal Aid in Akron, a public interest firm that supplies free legal services to Akron and eight surrounding counties. Maureen has been assigned to the Summit Lake area of Akron, where she will work with victims of predatory lending, assist with criminal expungements, address landlord-tenant problems, represent victims of domestic violence, and, as she writes, “Who knows what else?”

She has prepared herself well for all the “what elses” she will confront. Maureen has been a regular volunteer at the Legal Aid Society’s free legal clinics in the past, and, last summer, she worked in the Society’s Domestic Violence Unit, a job she says she could not have taken pro bono had she not been a recipient of the Community Service Award created by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey husband and wife attorneys, David C. Weiner and Charna E. Sherman. During the school year she clerked in the Felony Division of the Cuyahoga County Defender’s Office, a job she says the Weiner/Sherman award helped her secure. “Without their generosity, I never would have been able to work at Legal Aid last summer and as a result, probably would not have received the Equal Justice Works Fellowship or my
job as a clerk at the Public Defender's Office.”

Kathleen (Katie) Laskey, a graduate of the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, spent her law school years at home with her family in Lakewood, Ohio. After graduation, she headed for Washington, where she will be working with the D.C. Employment Justice Center, which, according to its website, “secures and enforces the rights of low-income workers in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area, reducing poverty by using the law as a tool to promote secure, dignified employment.” It is a return visit for Katie. In 2002, she served the EJC as an intake volunteer. Katie notes, “I am excited to return to the EJC as an employee and make a greater impact because it was my experience at the Center that led me to apply to law school.”

During her fellowship, she will be helping workers with unpaid wage claims in the District of Columbia. According to Katie, “The majority of workers I will be helping are immigrants. Many unscrupulous employers take advantage of immigrant workers by failing to pay them overtime wages or by withholding wages entirely. These employers rely on the fact that many immigrants are unaware of their rights or are afraid to report violations to the government for fear of being deported.” Katie’s fellowship sponsor is Crowell & Moring, a law firm with offices in the District of Columbia, California, and abroad.

Katie’s academic goals, like Maureen’s, have focused on a future in public interest law. In college, Katie, who speaks Spanish fluently, was a conscientious volunteer, working to renovate a health care clinic in Nicaragua and to rehabilitate hurricane-ravaged houses in Honduras. After graduating from college, Katie worked as a Human Service Worker at the Fairfax County Department of Family Services in Falls Church, Virginia, and continued her volunteerism as an English-as-a-Second-Language instructor. In 2005, Katie organized a group of law students who spent their spring vacation in Harlingen, Texas, working with attorneys at a nonprofit immigration legal services organization, ProBAR, on cases involving immigrants seeking asylum.

In law school, she has taken advantage of as many opportunities to learn the practice of law as possible. As a student in the Fair Housing Law Clinic, she clerked for Housing Advocates Inc., and during the summer of 2005, Katie got a close look at the federal court system when she externed with the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. As a student in the law school’s Employment Law Clinic, she assisted clients on a variety of employment-related issues. And, like Maureen, Katie has been a regular volunteer at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland’s Brief Advice and Referral Clinics.

Professor Pamela Daiker-Middaugh ’88, Director of the Pro Bono Program and Faculty Advisor of SPILO, knows these women well, and this is what she says of them: “Maureen and Katie chose careers that require a high level of sacrifice and determination—careers that deal with painful issues like immigration, poverty, unjust incarceration. Our democracy can’t work without public servants like Katie and Maureen. They’re citizen-lawyers, the keepers of our republic. Working with them has made me proud of the kinds of students our law school attracts and educates.”

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Beyond the Classroom:
The 2005-06 Cleveland-Marshall Visiting Scholars

During the academic year, from late August through late April, the law school brought to the campus and the community a series of national scholars prominent in many areas of law: from criminal law to employment law to tax law.

September 14
The Eighty-first Cleveland-Marshall Fund Visiting Scholar
Saul Levmore
Dean and William B. Graham Professor of Law
The University of Chicago Law School

Fat Taxes - and Their Opposite
Dean Levmore examined trends in public policy that suggest increased legal interventions aimed at curbing obesity. His lecture called into question the forms such interventions are likely to take and proposed interventions that may have a greater chance of being successful.

September 26
The Fall Employment and Labor Law Lecture
James Brudney
Newton D. Baker-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law
The Ohio State University College of Law

The Future of Union Organizing:
Labor Board Elections or Private Neutrality Agreements?
Professor Brudney’s lecture focused on the value of neutrality agreements and card-check authorization as alternatives to the rancorous and disruptive disputes that often arise during union campaigns involving secret ballot elections.

October 6
The 2005 Friedman & Gilbert Criminal Justice Forum
Douglas A. Berman
Professor of Law
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Justifying Booker: A Two-headed Monster or a Masterful Piece of Judicial Craftsmanship?
Professor Berman spoke on the implications of the U.S. Supreme Court’s January 2005 decision in United States v. Booker, which, in effect, substantially overhauled federal sentencing guidelines.

October 14
The 2005 Journal of Law and Health Lecture
Joseph Rohan Lex, Jr., MD, FAAEM
Temple University School of Medicine

Gunshot Wounds in Four Assassinated Presidents
Dr. Lex, an emergency room doctor and Professor of Emergency Room Medicine at Temple University, brought contemporary forensics to bear in his discussion of the gunshot wounds that killed four Presidents and altered the course of American history.

October 18
The 2005 Journal of Law and Health Lecture
Joseph Rohan Lex, Jr.
Temple University School of Medicine

No Free Lunch: Pharmaceutical Industry Influences Physicians with Food, Flattery and Friendship
In his second Journal of Law and Health lecture, Dr. Lex questioned the affect that the marketing of drugs to physicians may have on the ethical practice of medicine.

October 19
Criminal Justice Forum II
Michelle J. Anderson
Professor of Law
Villanova University School of Law

Punishing Rape
In an examination of rape punishments—from the disproportionate imposition of the death penalty on black men convicted of raping white women to sexual predator notification laws to the recent passage of severe mandatory minimum sentences for sexual offenders—Professor Anderson questioned whether the American criminal justice system is appropriately prosecuting and punishing sexual offenders.

October 26
February 8
Criminal Justice Forum III

Marcy Strauss
Professor of Law
Loyola Law School Los Angeles

Is Torture Ever Legally or Morally Justified?
Professor Strauss's remarks challenged the legality of torture in criminal investigations and its effectiveness in exposing terrorist plots; she then discussed current arguments in support of torture and offered her own conclusions regarding its morality and its implications for our own government.

February 9
The 2006 Cleveland-Marshall Employment and Labor Law Lecture

Jennifer L. Gordon
Fordham University School of Law

Law, Lawyers and Labor: The United Farm Workers' Legal Strategy in the 1960s and 1970s and the Role of Law in Union Organizing Today
Professor Gordon discussed the role of the United Farm Workers in passing the 1975 Agricultural Labor Relations Act in California. According to Professor Gordon, provisions of the Act were more pro-worker than the National Labor Relations Act and allowed the UFW to increase its membership despite strict state regulations challenging unionization.

March 8
The Eighty-Second Cleveland-Marshall Fund Visiting Scholar

Michael J. Gerhardt
The Samuel Ashe Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law
Director of the Center on Law and Government
The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

The Constitutional Significance of the Forgotten Presidents
Constitutional scholar Michael Gerhardt examined the often unacknowledged contributions of U.S. Presidents such as John Tyler, Millard Fillmore and others generally considered history's minor players and their roles in shaping subsequent constitutional decision-making by succeeding Presidents, Congresses, and Supreme Courts.

April 6
The Duvin, Cahn & Hutton Employment and Labor Law Lecture

Vicki Schultz
The Ford Foundation Professor of Law and Social Sciences
Yale Law School

Sexuality and Gender in the Workplace: Making Sense of Sexual Harassment
In her Duvin, Cahn & Hutton Lecture, Professor Schultz examined ways to assure that sexual harassment law achieves its egalitarian goals for all workers without depriving the workplace of vitality, comfort and intimacy.

April 11
Criminal Justice Forum IV

The 2006 Joseph C. Hostetler-Baker & Hostetler Distinguished Visiting Professor of Legal History

Thomas D. Morris
Professor Emeritus of History
Portland State University

Blackstone and Bayonets: Military Tribunals in the Reconstruction South 1865-1870
Professor Morris's lecture described the military tribunals established during Reconstruction to bring law and order to the South and to protect the lives and property of freedmen and white union loyalists.

April 20
William K. Suter
Clerk of the United States Supreme Court

The Post-Rehnquist Supreme Court
William K. Suter, the 19th Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, discussed the philosophical implications of the "new" Roberts/Alioto Supreme Court. While he was at the law school, Suter, a retired U.S. Army Major General, took part in a ceremony to dedicate the Delta Theta Phi Founders' Room in the Law Library. General Suter is a member of the fraternity.
Strengthening the Pipeline: From Pre-School to Law School

The National Pipeline Program

During the past two years, Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns, Assistant Deans Louise P. Dempsey '81, and Gary R. Williams '84, and Cleveland-Marshall Pro Bono Program Director Pamela Daiker-Middaugh '89 have been involved in "Wingspread," a coalition of law faculty, policy-makers and teachers on every level of the education pyramid who are developing strategies and curricula to encourage minority students from the earliest days of their schooling through college and beyond to consider careers in law.

Behind the Wingspread mission is the realization that more than half of the members of the United States Senate, a third of the members of the United States House of Representatives, half the state governorships, and a fifth of state legislators are members of the bar, yet the American bar is 90.3 percent Caucasian. By strengthening the pipeline from grammar school to law school, these teachers hope to diversify the profession and make it truly representative of the nation's demographics.

In May the law school sponsored a two-day gathering of Wingspread educators from law schools all over the country. Moreover, during the 2005-06 school year, Cleveland-Marshall faculty and staff gave area high school students a glimpse of themselves as future attorneys, judges and public servants in two pipeline events held at the law school.

Criminal Law Day

On November 2, 100 Cleveland Municipal School District students attended a "Criminal Law Day" sponsored by the law school, the Cleveland Bar Association and the Cleveland Municipal School District. Students participated in a mock trial program, beginning with witness testimonies, attorneys' arguments, and jury deliberations. Prominent criminal law attorneys, judges, educators and law enforcement agents addressed the day's theme, "Pursuing Justice: Understanding the Goals of Our Criminal Justice System." Speakers included Cleveland Schools CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett; Chief of Police Michael McGrath; United States District Court Judges for the Northern District of Ohio Daniel Polster, Lesley Wells '74, Ann Aldrich, Patricia A. Hemann ‘80 and retired Chief Judge George W. White '55; Cleveland Municipal Court Judges Ronald B. Adriene '73 and Joan L. Synenberg '87; former Cleveland Chief Prosecutor Anthony Jordan, Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones, and attorney Ronald O'Leary.
The Legal Academy for High School Students

In June, the law school, together with the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, the Norman S. Minor Bar Association and Case Western Reserve University School of Law sponsored its second annual Legal Academy.

Following a competitive application process, 21 students were chosen to participate in the two-week program from four school districts: Bedford High School, Warrensville Heights High School, East Cleveland's Shaw High School and Cleveland's Martin Luther King Jr. School's Law Academy. The Academy included a mock trial experience, seminars on criminal law, family law, juvenile law, due process and various “shadowing” opportunities.

Cleveland-Marshall faculty teaching in this year's Summer Legal Academy were Professor Pamela Daiker-Middaugh and Assistant Dean Gary Williams; Professors April Cherry, Deborah Klein '78, and Kevin F. O'Neill. CWRU School of Law faculty include Professors William T. (Chip) Carter, Katherine M. Hessler, Lewis R. Katz and Robert N. Strassfield.

The Legal Academy Board includes members of the local bench and bar and faculty and staff of both law schools: the Honorable Ronald B. Adrine '73, Judge of the Municipal Court of Cleveland; attorneys Charles Fleming, Federal Public Defender, Northern District of Ohio; Lindsay Jenkins '02, Jones Day; Janet L. Kronenberg '78, Cuyahoga County Department of Justice Affairs, Manager of the Witness/Victim Services Center; Rufus Sims '86, former President of the Norman S. Minor Bar Association; Barbara C. Greenberg '94, Director of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, CWRU Professor Hessler, as well as Cleveland-Marshall Professor Daiker-Middaugh and Assistant Dean Williams.

Paul Carrington's Ministry

Paul Carrington, who has worked at the law school for almost two decades, is retiring in December. Paul is the law school's software specialist and an assistant office manager of the support services staff. At the end of the calendar year, he will leave his day job at the law school, but he will keep his other full-time, day-and-night-time job. Paul is pastor and elder of the Love Center International Church, the church he founded 30 years ago and raised the money to build.

The Love Center is an inner-city church with a mission to serve some of the poorest residents of Cleveland. It is home to many broken and single-parent families, whose lives are enriched by their bonds with the community that has formed around Paul and his church. Moreover, the Center's reach extends far beyond its own walls and own families. The Center participates with other inner-city congregations in the Mama from Heaven Program, in which church members serve meals they have prepared for the area's hungry and homeless. Paul has involved the law school's Pro Bono students in the program as well, and, on a given weekend, they are working alongside the Center's members helping to feed the poor.

Love Center members also participate in an outreach program to the elderly residents of the Emerald Ridge Retirement Home in Solon. And, Paul, a gifted composer and musician who is working toward his bachelor's degree in music at the University, has inspired a vibrant music ministry within his congregation; his Love Center Choir performs at church services and at celebrations throughout the city.

Moreover, in his manner and in all his dealings with those he works for and those he works with, Paul is an exemplary colleague. He is also a CMLAA Life Member who has purchased life memberships for others.

As Laverne Carter, office manager of faculty and staff services, notes, "Paul's greatest contribution to our workplace over the years has not just been his outstanding work performance, but rather the many times he has improved staff morale with his sense of humor, generosity and caring nature." These attributes were duly noted in a bundle of supporting letters seconding Laverne's nomination of Paul for the Black Faculty / Staff Award for a professional staff member. In April, we learned that Paul was the 2006 recipient of the award.

In that most of us spend far more days in our workplaces than in our homes, the persons who work alongside us become very important to our lives and our wellbeing. At the law school, Paul is one of those whose own service has exerted a positive influence on the character of the entire work setting. We will miss our resident pastor, Paul Carrington, and wish him much happiness.

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Good News from the Cleveland-Marshall Moot Court Program

According to Cleveland-Marshall Moot Court Faculty Advisor, Karin Mika '90, Cleveland-Marshall students, by repeatedly placing high in national competitions, are sending a message to the rest of the world about the kind of education they are receiving and the quality of students we are attracting.

In the recent Prince Evidence competition in New York, the Moot Court Team of Jennifer Gross, Stephanie Heibertshausen, and Samantha Seberg argued in five rounds and finished in second place. The team also wrote the best respondent’s brief. Ms. Heibertshausen, who was best oralist in the Stetson International Law Competition in October, narrowly missed being named best oralist once again.

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Did you know...

About LRAP?

Inga Laurent '05 has received the law school’s first Loan Repayment Assistance Program Fellowship award. LRAP is a forgivable loan program that offers annual awards of $3,000, for a maximum of three years, to recent graduates who are employed in the public sector.

Inga came to law school with her heart set on public interest work. As the recipient of the Lawrence Romm Barker LRAP Fellowship, she has been able to accept a job with Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, a non-profit organization providing free legal assistance in civil matters to low-income individuals and families in 30 counties in central and southeastern Ohio. Hired under a Violence Against Women Act Grant, she deals exclusively with legal issues confronting women who are victims or survivors of domestic abuse. As she writes, “I am so happy to be a LRAP recipient! My student loan payments are over $750 per month! There’s no way I would be able to afford a job in public interest law without the LRAP money! I’m extremely grateful for the opportunity.”

The late Lawrence Romm Barker was a principal in the Cleveland firm of Malitz & Barker. His widow, Ruth Berggren, was the initial donor to the law school’s new LRAP fund. According to Cleveland-Marshall Career Planning Director Jayne H. Geneva ’87, Ms. Berggren chose the LRAP Program because she believed it was expressive of Mr. Barker’s own interests and convictions. “Larry wanted young lawyers to succeed and was always interested in the latest legal ideas,” noted Jayne.

You may find information about LRAP eligibility by following the link under “admissions” to “financial aid” on our website www.law.csuohio.edu. If you are interested in contributing to the LRAP Program, please contact Nicolette Plottner, the law school’s development officer, by email (Nicolette.Plotter@law.csuohio.edu) or by phone (216-687-2286).
In Memoriam

Paul Hribar
1913-2005

Paul Hribar, class of 1941, died in March of 2005. I interviewed Paul Hribar in 1997 for Law Notes. I had spoken with him many times at our law school events. I noted that Paul, whose wife Mary Ann had died in 1983, was often in the company of his long-time companion Agnes Turk. And there was something else I made note of: He always wore a bow tie, not the fancy type you had to stand in front of a mirror and tie yourself but the snap-on kind, and that endeared him to me, because the world does not need lawyers who spend a lot of time looking at themselves in mirrors.

In 1997, he was 83 years old and practiced law in Euclid. It was not long into our conversation before I realized this was a two-way interview, and that I had become his subject. Or should I say I had become his student? Because, before I left his office, I had learned a great, great deal about Slovenian immigrants in Cleveland, among whom Paul Hribar’s family had figured prominently. His maternal grandfather, Josef Turk, was the state’s first permanent Slovenian settler, and his great uncle, Vitus Hribar, a highly respected priest, was the founder of Cleveland’s St. Vitus Church, the largest Slovenian Church in America.

Paul grew up in Collinwood, then a German/Irish neighborhood, graduated from the old Cathedral Latin School and, in 1937, from John Carroll. He had worked his way through college. He had been a waiter, a mechanic, a voting booth judge; he delivered newspapers, caddied, worked in shops, in banks, in grocery stores. And I will never forget what he said when I asked why—given how costly his education had been—he then went on to study law: “Basically, my mother decided I should go to law school.” His mother was right. Paul practiced all sorts of law, but his principal concern was real estate law, and, at the time of his death, his office had eight attorneys, including his daughter Joyce Hribar Feibig ’88.

Paul Hribar was one of the most personable, ingratiating and welcoming men I have ever known. In 1997 he told me, “I am interested in everything I do and in people: Who you are and what you are. It’s caring about people and about what happens to them that makes law an interesting career.” Ultimately, his interest in people and the lives they lived expanded globally. He had a map in his office in which he had stuck pins marking all the countries he had visited, often with Ms. Turk. It was hard work finding a country on that cluttered map that had not known the pleasure of his company.

Paul was proud that he had sailed on all of the five great Cunard line ships. Sea-travel was dear to him, perhaps because it brought back memories of his WWII experience as commanding officer on ships sailing the oceans of the world as part of the North Atlantic Convoy during a time when the German navy was busily sinking ships in the Atlantic.

Paul Hribar was 91 years old when he died. Old age had left no indelible marks on his character: His enthusiasms were undiminished, he was still working, he had just returned from a Caribbean cruise on the QE-2, and, the afternoon before he died, he had taken his grandchildren to the movies. He died in his kitchen as he headed out the door to see what the new day had in store for him. At Cleveland-Marshall, so many of us wish the new day had been the start of many, many more. LFM

C. Lyonel Jones
1934-2006

C. Lyonel Jones ’63, the long-time Director of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, died on March 7, 2006; he was 72 years old and had retired from Legal Aid in January. Lyonel Jones never spent a day in private practice. From the day he graduated from Cleveland-Marshall in 1963 till the day he died, he worked for the people—the city’s poorest people.

Lyonel was born and raised in Cleveland. He earned his undergraduate degree from Baldwin-Wallace in 1957 and spent a year teaching history at the old Central High School, but his
aspirations were elsewhere. In 1999, he told Law Notes, "I always wanted to be a lawyer. I don't know where it—wanting to be a lawyer—came from. It was just something I always knew I wanted to be." He left teaching and took a job as a probation officer in the Cleveland Municipal Court, an experience that fed his resolve to go to law school. "I came to understand that everyone's entitled to a defense, that innocence or guilt is a judicial determination and that it's up to lawyers to see everyone gets a fair trial and the state plays by the rules."

As an African American, Lyonel knew where to go for his legal education: Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where so many of the city's prominent black attorneys and judges had learned the law. "I couldn't afford that other school, the one in the park," he recalled, and it was fitting that a man of his convictions chose the school in the city, the urban one. Ours.

It was a good match in other ways as well. George Forbes '62, a friend from Baldwin-Wallace days; Clarence James '62 and the late James Head '62 formed a study group, and their friendship persisted long past their graduations. Eventually and in various ways, those four men set their law degrees to work transforming the racial climate of our city.

As a new lawyer, Lyonel spent a year in Columbus as an Assistant Attorney General, but Columbus was not the city he loved—"a big country town," he called it. A tip from Clarence James led him to Burt Griffin, at that time the Director of Legal Aid (now a retired Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge). The Office of Economic Opportunity had released funds to create neighborhood legal clinics, and Judge Griffin hired Lyonel to head the office in Hough. His entry into his new job was dramatic: He was to begin work on July 19, 1966; instead, he began on the evening of July 18, the steaming summer night on which a dispute in a bar ignited the acts of civil disobedience that are now known as the Hough Riots. When the violence began to escalate, Burt Griffin told Lyonel to "go down to Hough and start representing the people." As he later recalled, "I went that night and set up an office in a deserted grocery store, got a desk and a chair and started representing the people." The riot tore through the neighborhoods and storefronts of Hough for six days. Before something like order was restored, four citizens were dead, dozens were injured and millions of dollars in property had been ravaged by looters or gone up in flames. In the aftermath, approximately 300 people were arrested, and both the innocent and the guilty had someone to make sure the state played by the rules.

Lyonel was attorney-in-charge of the Hough office for two years. When Burt Griffin resigned to head the War on Poverty's Office of Economic Opportunity's legal services department, Lyonel was brought back from the inner city to the core of the city. Following a national search, he was named the Society's new Director, a position he feared he might not serve well. "I never wanted to be an M.B.A.," he told Law Notes. "I never wanted to manage anything."

Yet manage he did and managed well for the next 40, sometimes challenging, years. During the Reagan era, when federal funds to aid the poor came under attack, he not only helped pass state-wide legislation to provide legal services to the poor, he also recruited volunteer lawyers whose numbers, over time, grew to many hundreds. At the time of his death, the Society had offices in four Northeast Ohio counties and employed 39 attorneys and 33 other professional and support personnel to serve 21,000 eligible clients each year. Moreover, on his own, Lyonel became a well-regarded immigration lawyer, and when he retired in January from Legal Aid, he planned to continue that part of his life.

Lyonel was a young man in his 30s when he went to work for Legal Aid. He never married, often remarking he was married to his job. But, in truth, he was married to the lives of others, married to their stories—the two-generational narrative of the dispossessed in America. He had had many opportunities to go elsewhere and do other things; instead, he stayed in the heart of the city and helped the poor. LFM

Michael V. Kelley
1951-2006

Michael V. Kelley '81 died unexpectedly on January 2 during a flight to Tempe, Arizona, for the Notre Dame/Ohio State Fiesta Bowl game. Michael was a founding partner with James L. Ferraro of the Cleveland-based Kelley&Ferraro law firm, a firm that in less than a decade achieved national prominence for its advocacy of victims of asbestos-related diseases and their survivors. He was 54 and well on his way to achieving the kind of stardom that is accorded attorneys whose careers are distinguished by their service to those least able to speak for themselves—in his case, working men and women and their families.

Michael's story is a quintessential Cleveland-Marshall story: the journey from straightened circumstances to success by way of ambition, hard work and unfailing self-confidence. The son of a politically astute Cleveland firefighter, Michael grew up in Cleveland Heights and, along with the sons of other firefighters and policemen, attended St. Ignatius High School, the Jesuit stronghold that has educated so many members of the Cleveland bench and bar. He entered high school armed with his father's political
convictions, and he graduated emboldened by the Jesuit teaching that social justice was the necessary work of mortals. For Michael, that message translated into a determination to become a lawyer. And, thus, from St. Ignatius he went to Case Western Reserve University and, from CWRU, to the evening program at Cleveland-Marshall, where he met, and fell in love with, Lynn Arko, a 1980 alumna. They were married in 1982 and have two children: Christopher and Brenden.

Michael had not been out of law school long before he began making his mark on the practice of law in Cleveland. As St. Ignatius President Father Timothy P. Kesicki reminded us in his eulogy for Michael during his memorial service on January 12, “He was larger than life; high charging,” and it is safe to say that on behalf of his clients he was tenacious—often to a fault—in the Irish way: irascible, profane, yet, by all accounts, no client ever felt the sting of his extravagant temper. As Jim Ferraro recalled, when it came to his clients, Michael was simply incapable of giving up, even to the point of employing such sil-com antics as hiring a Santa Claus to serve a subpoena on a witness who had proved maddeningly elusive. According to reports in the Plain Dealer and Inside Business, in recent years, Michael had negotiated $5 million in settlements for asbestos clients and personally settled more than $1 billion in claims throughout his career. So rewarding was his practice that, at the time of his death, he and Lynn had donated $2.5 million to Gilmour Academy whose middle school now bears their names. The Kel­leys also sponsored a Distinguished Teacher who can reach so many different learning styles lodged in so many personal­ities and somehow help them, one by one, to succeed on the most important test they will ever take. Howard Rossen had those gifts.

But perhaps Michael’s most significant rewards came in the form of hundreds of letters he received from the families—mostly women and children—who had lost husbands, sons and fathers to asbestos-poisoning—thanking him for what his fearless advocacy had meant to their lives.

Michael Kelley was indeed larger than life, and since only rarely do intellect, humor and passion combine so bountifully, we must all regret that we have been deprived of the excitement of seeing on what adventures he would lead us next.

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Howard M. Rossen
1936-2005

During his lifetime, Howard M. Rossen helped over 35,000 Ohioans pass the Ohio bar exam. Mr. Rossen was founder and director of Ohio Bar Review and Writing Seminar, one of the country’s most successful programs for preparing law students to take—and pass—our state’s exam. Mr. Rossen died in July 2005.

Howard Rossen was born in Pittsburgh; following his graduation from the University of Pittsburgh, he began law school at Duquesne University and later transferred to Cleveland-Marshall School of Law, where he worked at the Labor Relations Board by day and studied law at night.

He graduated from law school in 1964 and passed the Ohio bar with flying colors; however, a number of his law school classmates did not. Howard offered to tutor them, and, on their second try, all of his students passed. Eventually, others appealed to him for help, and those gestures of friendship on his part were the genesis of the Ohio Bar Review and Writing Seminar, the company he founded in 1966 and directed for the next 32 years. Until his death, he was Executive Director of the Supreme Bar Review, founded by his son, Marc Rossen, a 1994 alum­nus of the law school.

Marc grew up believing his father was either a celebrity or a philanthropist: So many people seemed to know him. On family outings, strangers would approach his father and thank him for all he had done for them. His son recalls that during bar exam week, he and his sisters were not allowed to use their home phone because whenever the phone rang, inevitably, the callers were jittery students seeking reassurance from their mentor. One former student remembers calling him every night after the day’s test concluded to confer with him about her answers to various questions. Placement Director Jayne H. Geneva ’87 remembers him standing outside the bar exam, asking test-takers what subject areas had been covered. He made good use of all that information: Legal Writing Professor Karin Mika ’90, a graduate of the Rossen course, reminisced with Gavel reporter Stephen Wolf about her teacher’s uncanny ability to take all that data and use it to predict the content of coming exams: “During one particular year, he told the exam group that riparian rights had not been asked about in several years.” That year students were ready for the questions on riparian rights that appeared on their exams.

It is an impressive teacher whose memory can store so much data and retrieve it so readily for his students, and it is a rare teacher who can reach so many different learning styles lodged in so many personalities and somehow help them, one by one, to succeed on the most important test they will ever take. Howard Rossen had those gifts.

To honor his father’s memory, Marc Rossen has established a scholarship fund at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. If you would like to donate to the Fund, please make your check out to the Cleveland State University Foundation, designating it to the Howard M. Rossen Memorial Scholarship Fund at the law school, and send it to the attention of Nicolette Plottner, Development Officer, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 2121 Euclid Avenue, LB 138, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. Or you can call Ms. Plottner at 216-687-2286 or email her at nicolette.plotter@law.csuohio.edu LFM

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The Honorable John Michael Manos 1922-2006

The Honorable John M. Manos ’50, United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Senior Judge, died in July of this year. He was 83 years old and had served the judiciary for over four decades.

The son of Greek immigrants, Judge Manos and his younger brother, Eli, also an attorney, grew up in Cleveland’s Tremont area, where in the shadow of the Church of the Annunciation, a vibrant community of Greek Americans had settled and flourished.

John Manos attended Lincoln High School and Case Institute of Technology. When World War II broke out, he enrolled in the V-12 Program, a kind of officers’ training program that allowed him to accelerate his college studies in order to serve in the military. He graduated from Case in 1944 and completed his service with the U.S. Navy the following year. That same year he married Viola Chevako, a Baldwin-Wallace graduate whom he had known since his youth. After the war, he worked at the Lake City Malleable Iron Company as a metallurgist. The couple had four children. Mrs. Manos died in 1989.

The judge who would one day be acclaimed a “quintessential jurist” did not immediately envision a career in the law, but as his family grew, he looked for ways of expanding his opportunities. The city’s two night law schools, John Marshall School of Law and the Cleveland Law School, had recently merged and been renamed the Cleveland-Marshall Law School. He enrolled as an evening student and graduated in 1950. In a 1998 interview, he told Law Notes, “Six months into my first year, I knew I loved the law.”

In his early years as a lawyer, John and Eli Manos formed a partnership. The partnership dissolved in 1963 when Governor Rhodes appointed John Manos to a vacant seat on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. In 1969, he was appointed and subsequently elected to the Eighth Ohio District Court of Appeals, and in 1976, President Ford appointed him to the District Court.

John Manos was never simply a lawyer or simply a judge; he was a Greek American lawyer and a Greek American judge. He seemed part of a continuum that had begun in his parents’ Peloponnesian birthplace and reached far back into Homer’s Greece. He had studied the Greek language as a boy, and both he and his brother had studied Greek history and literature from their father, who, according to the Judge, read the Hellenic philosophers to his sons in the evenings.

“And here I am,” he told Law Notes, “a man of Greek ancestry, who sits on a court that was conceived by the Greeks 2,500 years ago. You can see why I am so proud of the Greeks.”

On the bench Judge Manos had a commanding presence—some said fearsome; others said regal; all said learned. “He was a powerful intellect with a powerful personality and a powerful physical presence,” recalled Cleveland attorney Robert Duvin in a Plain Dealer interview. “A courtroom general,” wrote the Wall Street Journal. He demanded excellence from his clerks, and from the lawyers who appeared before him, he demanded scrupulousness and accuracy. “Pity the poor lawyer who raises an objection in Manos’s courtroom and is unable to state the basis,” wrote attorney Alex Rokakis in an article in the Federal Lawyer. For, according to Mr. Rokakis, Judge Manos could “cite chapter and verse of the Federal Rules of Evidence.” Yet, as Judge Kathleen M. O’Malley, his colleague on the Federal District Court, described her experiences as a young lawyer in the Manos courtroom, “Every time I went before him, he was very demanding. Later I realized that he was working to make me a better lawyer. He reached out to me” (The Plain Dealer 7/7/06).

For his friends at the law school, it will not be the Judge’s power we will remember. The man we knew was a kind and distinguished jurist, always interested in our students, and an alumnus we were proud to claim as our own. We will miss the Honorable John M. Manos, a Greek American judge. LFM

Masumi Hayashi 1945-2006

The law school mourns the death of internationally acclaimed photographer Masumi Hayashi. Professor Hayashi taught photography at Cleveland State for 24 years.

Masumi’s magnificent rendering of the Cuyahoga County Courthouse appeared on the cover of the fall 1998 award-winning issue of Law Notes. In 1999, Cleveland-Marshall faculty, staff and friends of the law school purchased the photograph, which is now displayed on the second floor of the atrium.

Here, where we cherish her art and cherished her friendship, we grieve that one powerful, peace-teaching lens has closed on our troubled world.
Welcome. Each issue, I’ll provide a few words about the Law Library’s recent acquisitions that may interest practitioners. All titles are available in the CM Law Library. You are welcome and encouraged to come by and use our collection.

**Ohio Business Entities**, 2d ed., Cavitch, Zolman & Cavitch, Mathew P. Newark, NJ: Mathew Bender & Company, Inc., a member of the LexisNexis Group, 2005-. KFO 210 A65 C38 2005. This two-volume, loose-leaf set is the latest edition of (some will remember) *Ohio Corporation Law with Federal Tax Analysis* authored by the same folks and published by the latest publishing incarnation of Mathew Bender. The contents provide a good overview of the various corporate forms, as well as procedures related to those entities. Also included within the first volume is a CD-ROM, so bring your laptop with you. This title is non-circulating but can be used within the library. Find it on the First floor in the Reference area of the library at the call number listed above.

**Drunk Driving Defense**, 5th ed., Lawrence Taylor. New York, NY: Aspen Publishers, 2006. KF2231 T39 2006. This title provides a comprehensive discussion of the philosophical as well as practical aspects of the politically incorrect area of law. Practitioners well seasoned at defending those accused of “drunk driving” will appreciate the author’s expertise and point of view. Those new to the area will find its scope invaluable.

**Motion Practice**, 4th ed., David F. Herr, Roger S. Haydock & Jeffrey W. Stempel. New York, NY: Aspen Publishers, 2004. KF8875 .H472. This title provides a thorough exposition of the area. As the 2005 annual supplement material states, the authors “outline the formal requirements of motions and then explore their strategic uses before discussing the technical skills of motion presentation, use of supporting documents, effective advocacy, and persuasive oral argument. Given that most practitioners will at some point need to draft and/or present some type of motion to some entity, this looseleaf title, updated annually looks to be a good source.

**What is Life Worth?** Kenneth R. Feinberg. New York, NY: Public Affairs, a member of the Perseus Books Group, 2005. KF1328 .F45 2005. I’ll bet most of our group has seen the author of this work on “60 Minutes” or one of the other news magazine television programs. Imagine obtaining the authority and responsibility for compensating the victims of 9/11. That was the task of the author and this book is his telling of that story.

**Creating Winning Trial Strategies and Graphics**, G. Christopher Ritter. Chicago, IL: ABA Publishing, American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, 2004. KF8915 .Z9 R58 2004. If an attorney’s main function is to tell a story (in the light best for your client) and if a picture speaks a thousand words, then this title might just become your new holy book. The apparent pervasive need of our fellow citizens for graphics over text should provide a huge market for this title’s content and other works of similar topic. Here’s hoping I have provided enough imagery to spark your interest and/or curiosity. Not coincidentally, a CD-ROM is included with the book.

**E-Government and its Implications for Administrative Law**, J.E.J. Prins, Editor. The Hague: TMC Asser Press, 2002. K3400 E19 2002. As governments across the globe move their functions away from the permanence of paper and toward (if not fully embracing) electronic or online media, it would seem useful to step back and consider the substantive issues that naturally arise. This title, according to its preface, “provides an overview and analysis of legislative developments in four selected countries: France, Germany, Norway and the United States.” Those of us practicing within the regulatory arena would do well to give this title a look. My own primal need for the tactile sensations of books and paper has caused me to order the DVD of 1984, and to unearth my dog-eared copy of the book.

**Selling and Communication Skills for Lawyers, a Fresh Approach to Marketing Your Practice**, Joey Asher. New York, NY: ALP Publishing, 2005. KF316 .A97 2005. To whatever extent the reader desires to be or is the rainmaker of the enterprise, this work explains the skills necessary for that function. The work is divided into two parts, “selling” and “communication skills.” For many of us, one of the reasons we attended law school (aside from the money) was that we had always been told we were great talkers (or some variation of that sentiment). So think of these contents as the fine-tuning of our expository abilities, in the context of law practice. Clear as mud??
OTHER TITLES OF INTEREST:

38TH ANNUAL ANTITRUST INSTITUTE
CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW, Columbus, OH: Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, 2004. KFO 231.A75 A55.

DEBT COLLECTION, Columbus, OH: Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, 2005. KFO 220.D437.


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Did you know...

...about the Law School’s New, Accessible Faculty Publications Database?

Last fall, Cleveland-Marshall Law Library Director and Associate Dean Michael J. Slinger announced the completion of a long-term project to publish the entire faculty bibliography in an electronic format.

According to Jan R. Novak '80, Assistant Director for Public Services, the database is designed to capture the scholarly production of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty members in a form that permits excellent organization of their work, subject-and-key-word-searching capability, full-text access, and the ability to do citation studies of individual articles in order to survey a faculty member’s scholarly influence.

The database includes nearly 1,000 entries with full-text links to more than half of the publications. Some of the full-text entries require a researcher to have passwords either to the Westlaw or the Lexis legal databases, as well as HeinOnline. If researchers do not have access to these databases, copies of all the faculty publications may be obtained from the Law Library.

This project was a complex and time-consuming endeavor. Members of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Library staff designed and implemented the project completely in-house. The lion’s share of the credit belongs to Jan Novak, Leslie A. Pardo, Faculty Services Librarian, and Dan Maynard, UNIX Network Administrator. They were assisted by Library Media Technical Assistants Jessica Mathewson and James Pape. Lloyd Snyder, former Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Professor of Law, was also helpful in an advisory role.

In the first month after its debut, the web site recorded over 1,300 visits. Law Library Director Slinger believes it will prove a well-used and much appreciated resource for the Cleveland State faculty and students who are interested in legal scholarship.

You may find the database by clicking on “library” on the law school webpage: www.law.csuchio.edu.
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Alumni Happenings

1954
Daniel R. McCarthy, a principal with the Cleveland firm of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Lifman, was named an Ohio Super Lawyer 2006 by Law & Politics Media, Inc. and one of Northeast Ohio's Leading Lawyers 2005 by Inside Business.

1960
Don C. Iler has joined his daughter, Nancy Iler '87, in forming the Cleveland firm of Iler & Iler Co.

1963
Inside Business magazine named Thomas J. Scanlon a 2006 Leading Lawyer in the real estate practice area. Mr. Scanlon is a partner with the Cleveland firm of Collins & Scanlon.

1964
James J. Brown was awarded the Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund Endowed Professorship. Professor Brown teaches at Stetson University College of Law and has been a legal scholar, author, lecturer, and consultant on property, estate, land use planning, environment, local government and alternative dispute resolution. The City, County and Local Government Law Section of the Florida Bar presented Professor Brown with its most prestigious award, the Ralph A. Marsicano Award.

1965
Inside Business named Larry Crystal one of Northeast Ohio's Leading Lawyers for 2005. Mr. Crystal, a partner with McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Lifman in Cleveland, was also named an Ohio Super Lawyer 2006 by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

1970
Robert Fein, a partner in the business law group and chair of the finance committee of Ulmer & Berne, was re-elected to another three-year term on the firm's management committee.

1972
The Hartville Group appointed Roger A. Kimmel as non-executive Chairman of the Board.

1973
Andrew D. Bemer, a partner with Seeley, Savidge & Ebert Co., was elected Law Director for the city of Rocky River.

William D. Bonezzi was named managing partner of Bonezzi Switzer Murphy Polito & Hupp Co. in Cleveland.

1974
Hugh Carlin is an associate at Rego, Hagan & Carlin in Fairview Park.

1975
James S. Aussem joined the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd as a partner, focusing his practice on business and estate/succession planning. Law & Politics Media, Inc. also named him a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer.

José Feliciano was appointed to the Latin America Law Initiative Advisory Council. Mr. Feliciano is a partner in the Cleveland office of Baker & Hostetler.

Joseph Gibbons has become of counsel to the Cleveland firm of Schneider, Smeltz, Ranney & LaFond.

1976
Deborah Sesek, a principal in the Cleveland office of Buckingham, Doillittle & Burroughs, was listed in the 2006 Edition of Best Lawyers in America for workers’ compensation law. Ms. Sesek is a 10-year honoree.

Law & Politics Media, Inc. named Michael A. Sweeney a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer. He is a partner and chair of the estate planning practice group in the Akron office of Brouse McDowell.

Lawrence A. Turbow is the President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

1977
Carolyn Cappel was elected assistant managing partner of the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd.

Law & Politics Media, Inc. named Clair E. Dickinson a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer. Mr. Dickinson is a partner and member of the litigation practice group in the Akron office of Brouse McDowell.

Law & Politics Media, Inc. named Hilary S. Taylor a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer in the Business/Corporate category. Mr. Taylor is a partner in the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd.

1978
Law & Politics Media, Inc. named Beverly Harris a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer in the Medical Malpractice Defense category.

Stuart Mintz, an attorney with the Cleveland firm of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Lifman, was named an Ohio Super Lawyer 2006 by Law & Politics Media, Inc.
Robert S. Peck, president of the Center for Constitutional Litigation in Washington, D.C., joined the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), a non-profit organization that serves as a leader and resource for the nation's state courts. He also recently received the NCSC's 2005 Distinguished Service Award.

1979

Peter J. Brodhead was named a 2006 Leading Lawyer by Inside Business magazine and an Ohio Super Lawyer for 2006 by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Mr. Brodhead is a trial lawyer with Spangenberg, Shibley & Liberman in Cleveland.

Michéal Martin, Ireland's Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, has appointed Carolyn Galbreath a Member of the Competition Authority.

United States Congressional Representative Steven C. LaTourette was the keynote speaker at Cleveland State University's fall 2005 commencement ceremony, where he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Kenneth B. Liffman was named in the 2006 edition of the Best Lawyers in America and an Ohio Super Lawyer 2006 by Law & Politics Media, Inc. He was also named among Northeast Ohio's Leading Lawyers for 2005 by Inside Business. Mr. Liffman is a partner with the Cleveland firm of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman.

Henry Reeder, partner in the Cleveland firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, was named one of Ohio's leading construction law attorneys in the 2006 Edition of Chambers USA.

Calfee, Halter & Griswold attorney Paul E. Szabo was recognized as a leading lawyer in the field of intellectual property in the 2006 Chambers USA Guide.

Mark Schildhouse is a partner with Kohrman Jackson & Krantz in the firm's real estate practice.

William E. Schoenberg, a partner with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, was named chair of the firm's business reorganization practice group.

Calfee, Halter & Griswold partner Lawrence N. Schulz was named in the 2006 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Mr. Schulz's practice focuses on corporate, commercial and general business law.

H. Jeffrey Schwartz joined the international law firm of Dechert LLP in New York City as a partner in the bankruptcy/corporate reorganization and insolvency practice.

1980

Gregory Clifford was promoted to Chief Magistrate of the Cleveland Municipal Court.

Michael Gallucci is Vice Chairman of the Board of Akron General Health System.

Mark R. Greenfield joined the real estate practice group of Kahn Kleinman in Cleveland.

William Hawal of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liberman in Cleveland, was named an Ohio Super Lawyer for 2006 by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Floyd J. Miller was selected to teach a trial advocacy course to prosecutors employed by the Anticorruption Commission in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Douglas P. Whipple, an attorney with Seeley, Savidge & Ebert Co., was elected to the Hudson School Board.

Worth Magazine named Gary A. Zwick one of its "100 Top Attorneys." Mr. Zwick, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield, is the chair of the firm's tax and wealth management section.

1981

Brian Hagan is an associate at Rego, Hagan & Carlin in Fairview Park.

Dennis R. Lansdowne was named a 2006 Leading Lawyer by Inside Business magazine. He was also named an Ohio Super Lawyer for 2006 by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Mr. Lansdowne is a partner with Spangenberg, Shibley & Liberman in Cleveland.

Vincent T. Lombardo, an Assistant Ohio Attorney General, is the immediate past president of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association.

Ohio State Bar Association President Jane Taylor has reappointed Steven S. Smith to chair the Administrative Law Committee for 2005-06. Mr. Smith is an attorney with West Publishing Co. of Cleveland.

P. Kelly Tompkins was awarded the George B. Davis Distinguished Alumni Award by the Cleveland State University Alumni Association. Mr. Tompkins is a past Chair of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Visiting Committee and Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of RPM International, Inc.
Alumni Happenings

1982
Rosemary Grdina Gold was named one of the 2006 Best Lawyers in America in the field of family law. Ms. Gold is a sole practitioner with offices in Pepper Pike and downtown Cleveland.

Jamie R. Lebovitz, whose practice is confined to representing the catastrophically injured and the families of those killed in airplane, helicopter, railroad and other disasters, was featured in the cover story "Surge in Crashes: Scars Air Ambulance Industry," in USA Today. Mr. Lebovitz, a partner with Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy in Cleveland, was also named by Law & Politics Media, Inc. as a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer in the category of Aviation and Transportation Disaster Cases.

Ronald Margolis joined the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West as counsel. He is a member of the trial department and focuses his practice on mass tort and professional and products liability.

Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge Nancy Margaret Russo was recently inducted into the undergraduate college Alumni Hall of Honor at West Liberty State College in West Virginia. She was also a featured speaker for Lorain County Community College’s seminar, “The Future of Work, Spirituality in the Workplace”; a featured columnist for C-M student newspaper The Gavel; and was recipient of the U.S. Marshals’ Certificate of Appreciation for Participation in the nation’s first Fugitive Safe Surrender Program.

Diana Thimmig, a partner with Roetzel & Andress, is the immediate past President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

1983
Frank G. Jackson was elected mayor of the city of Cleveland. He is the fourth Cleveland-Marshall alumnus to hold this position.

Lessie Milton Jones, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Duvin, Cahn & Hutton, was appointed vice chair of the Cleveland Bar Association’s minority clerkship committee.

Robert R. Kracht joined McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman as a principal.

Donna Taylor-Kolis, a partner with Friedman, Domiano & Smith, was named President of the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Thomas Vickers, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Ulmer & Berne, was recognized as a leading lawyer for business in the 2006 Chambers USA Guide.

1984
Amelia A. Bower was named a managing shareholder of the Columbus office of Plunkett & Cooney, where she focuses her practice on title insurance, banking and finance law, bankruptcy litigation and appeals.

Hon. Paul Brickner serves as a Senior Administrative Law Judge in the Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge in Falls Church, Virginia.

Joanne E. Hindel was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Adult Guardianship Services in Cleveland. The staff and volunteers of AGS are appointed by the Probate Court as legal guardians for adults who are no longer able to make their own decisions.

1985
Todd Jackson was elected financial partner of the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd.

Russell Kornblut joined the Cleveland firm of Buckley King as a partner in the business and financial services group.

Stephen D. Richman is of counsel with Khorman, Jackson & Krantz.

1986
Tucker Ellis & West partner Robert Hanna was named President of the Lawyers’ Guild of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

The Ohio Women’s Bar Association presented the Family Friendly Award to Cuyahoga County Prosecutor William D. Mason. The award is part of a national effort by the American Bar Association to support ‘balanced-lives initiatives’ and to increase awareness of issues affecting work and family balance for lawyers.
Charles Pona, a partner with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, was selected as one of the 50 Most Influential Professionals in the Collection Industry for 2005 by Collection Advisor magazine.

Howard Rabb is a managing partner with Dworken & Bernstein.

Diane J. Schorr was selected for the Cleveland Executive Fellowship, a yearlong fellowship that gives local leaders insight into how the public and private sectors interact, how decisions are made, and how people and institutions guide Cleveland's civic agenda. Ms. Schorr is the Coordinator of Immersion Programs at John Carroll University and a volunteer magistrate in the South Euclid Community Diversion Program.

1987

Nancy C. Iler joined her father, Don C. Iler '60, to form the law firm of Iler & Iler Co. in Cleveland.

Patrick Foy has joined the Cleveland firm of Rawlin Gravens Co.

George R. Hicks, Jr. is a partner with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis.

David J. Lewis, an attorney in the Akron office of Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs, was listed in the 2006 edition of Best Lawyers in America for tax law.

Mary D. Maloney is the associate general counsel for Nacco Industries in Mayfield Heights.

The Greater Cleveland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals named Barbara S. Rosenthal 2005 Fundraising Executive of the Year.

Timothy P. Trainer, president of the Global Intellectual Property Strategy Center, conducted a series of seminars on intellectual property’s importance to businesses in Ho Chi Minh City, Danang and Hanoi, Vietnam. He was also a speaker on multiple panels at the APEC-USPTO Workshop on Developing a Successful Intellectual Property Enforcement Regime in Bangkok, Thailand. He conducted a two-day IPR enforcement workshop for Egyptian government officials in Cairo in February and traveled to Bucharest, Romania, to discuss copyright protection with European Commission and EU member state official panelists. Mr. Trainer also testified before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission addressing the impact of product counterfeiting and piracy on U.S. companies and consumers. For more on Mr. Trainer, see page 28.

1988

Mark Barbour, partner in the Cleveland firm of Jeffries, Kube, Forrest & Mon-tealone, was named Secretary of the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Robert A. Hager, a principal in the Cleveland office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, was listed in the 2006 Edition of Best Lawyers in America for construction law.


Debora Lasch of Cowden, Humphrey, Nagorney & Lovett received the 2005 Deborah Rocker-Klausner Leadership Award.

1989

Lucille Markowski joined the Cleveland office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis as an associate in the legal action recovery department.

Patrick J. McIntyre joined the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd as a partner focusing on business, employment and real estate.

Richard A. Rabb, an attorney with the Cleveland firm of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman, was named a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Patricia L. Seifert joined the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West as counsel and a member of the firm's trial department focusing on construction law and litigation.

Barbara Tyler received the 2005 Dean Wilson G. Stapleton Award for Faculty Excellence, presented by the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. Ms. Tyler is director of the legal writing department at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

1990

David Gherlein is Counsel, Domestic Legal Operations, for Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, Illinois.

Sophia M. Deseran was elected Vice President of the Greater Cleveland Mortgage Bankers Association for the year 2005-06. Ms. Deseran is a partner with Walter & Haverfield and focuses her practice on real estate and commercial lending.

John J. Fry joined the firm of Driggs, Lucas, Brubaker & Hogg in Willoughby Hills, Ohio, as a principal, focusing primarily in the areas of business and intellectual property law.

Mario A. Giacobbe joined the Buffalo firm of Damon & Morey as special counsel in the general litigation department where his
practice is focused on the defense of health care professionals, hospitals and professional corporations in the area of health care fraud and criminal defense.

Tammy Martin was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Davel Communications, Inc.

Robert White was named a shareholder with the Elyria firm of Fauver, Keyse-Walker & Donovan.

Ronald J. Ziehm was named a partner with the Cleveland firm of Davis & Young.

1992
Michael O’Malley was appointed Assistant Director for the City of Cleveland’s Public Utilities Department.

Law & Politics Media, Inc. named Daniel A. Richards a 2005 Ohio Rising Star-Super Lawyer. A partner with the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd and head of its appellate practice section, Mr. Richards focuses his practice on helping small to medium-sized businesses with a wide variety of their litigation needs.

1993
Teresa M. Beasley joined the Cleveland office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease as of counsel in the commercial and real estate group. She will focus her practice on real estate, government relations and general business law.

Christopher J. Carney is Secretary of the Youth Challenge Board.

Adam E. Carr is the managing partner of the Carr Law Office, representing individuals, businesses and insurance companies in civil litigation, primarily in personal injury and wrongful death defense cases. Mr. Carr recently contributed three chapters to a new book on tort law for practicing lawyers and judges: BALDWIN’S OHIO PRACTICE SERIES: TORT LAW.

Paul Cristallo was named a partner with the Solon firm of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder.

Eric M. Drake, a 28-year member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves who served in both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Desert Storm, was named Geauga County Assistant Prosecutor.

Howard Lane was named a shareholder with the Elyria firm of Fauver, Keyse-Walker & Donovan.

Christopher Mullen is a sole practitioner specializing in criminal defense and personal injury in Buffalo. He is also a lieutenant for the Buffalo Fire Department and founder of the Mullen Institute, which hosts an annual continuing legal education weekend in Las Vegas.

Thomas Ostrowski, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Ulmer & Berne, was named an Ohio Rising Star for 2006 by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

1994
Errol Ashby is the Corporate Secretary and legal advisor to the University of Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies.

Susan Audey joined the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West as an associate in the firm’s trial department.

Jennifer Blaga is the Executive Director of Special Counsel, a temporary and permanent legal placement service in Cleveland.

David Gunning II was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress, where he is a member of the firm’s real estate group.

Midwest Real Estate News named Roetzel & Andress one of the Top Midwest Real Estate Law Firms of 2005.

Michael J. Haas is co-chair of the real estate group in Ohio.

Darnella T. Robertson is an assistant general counsel for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, where she assists in ensuring that NEORSD meets the federal Environmental Protection Agency’s standards and works to enhance the district’s environmental protections. She is also an advocacy coordinator for the Junior League of Cleveland, Inc. and a member of the 2005 class of Cleveland Bridge Builders.

The Grant S. Roth Endowed Scholarship Fund has been created at the Cleveland State University Foundation in memory of Grant S. Roth. The Fund will provide scholarships to academically promising law students who are planning a career in legal aid or other public interest legal work.

Michael R. Stavnicky was named a principal with Singerman Mills Desberg & Kauntz Co.

Patrick J. Tulley was elected a partner in the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne. His practice areas include probate and trust administration, estate and succession planning, estate and gift taxation and probate and trust litigation.

Grant M. Yoakum, a shareholder resident in the Cleveland office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, was recognized as a rising star in the practice area of Real Estate and Construction in the 2005 edition of Super Lawyers Rising Stars.

1995
Rodney G. Davis, a partner with the Richmond, Kentucky, law firm of Davis & Neal, was appointed Master Commissioner for the 23rd Judicial Circuit in Estill County, Kentucky.
The National Judicial College announced that the Honorable Eileen T. Gallagher, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, recently completed a course in General Jurisdiction at The National Judicial College. Judge Gallagher was awarded a scholarship from the State Justice Institute, a non-profit organization established by federal law to award grants to improve the quality of justice in state courts nationwide, facilitate better coordination between state and federal courts, and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common problems faced by all courts.

Alexander Goetsch was named a principal in the Cleveland firm of Cavitch, Familo, Durkin & Frutkin LPA. His practice includes commercial and civil litigation, employment law and real estate litigation.

Terri A. Lastovka was named manager of Stout Risius Ross, Inc., in the valuation and litigation advisory services group.

Michael F. Schmitz joined the Cleveland office of Weitman, Weinberg & Reis as an associate in the litigation and defense department.

1996

Kelly G. Adelman is of counsel to Smith & Hultin in Chagrin Falls. Her practice areas include litigation and estate planning.

Brett P. Barragate was named a partner with Jones Day in Cleveland.

David P. Cochran was named a partner with Jones Day in Cleveland.

Douglas Nelson joined the tax, pension and estate planning practice of Kahn Kleinman in Cleveland.

Ned Pejic was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Calfee, Halter & Griswold. His practice focuses on intellectual property, including infringement, validity and enforceability issues, patent prosecution and portfolio management.

Robert Psaropoulos was named a partner with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff in Cleveland, where he is a member of the trial practice group.

Manav H. Raj is an associate with Riehl & Antonelli in Cleveland.

Laura Roman joined the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine as an associate in the business litigation practice group.

Michael J. Ryan was elected judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court.

Leo Spellacy was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur.

Mark J. Stockman was named a partner with Kahn Kleinman in Cleveland, where he is a member of the firm’s real estate practice.

1997

Eileen M. Bitterman was named a partner with Weitman, Weinberg & Reis in Brooklyn Heights, where she manages the compliance department.

Maureen M. DeVincent of Robert Brown LLC received the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland 2005 Award of the Year.

Matthew Fitzpatrick is a Senior Special Agent and Firearms and Tactical Instructor with the Drug Enforcement Agency in Buffalo, New York.

William Hanna was named a partner in the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield. Mr. Hanna focuses his practice on employment litigation and public sector legal matters.

Lesley M. Huff was appointed to the steering committee of Freedom to Marry, a national civil rights organization, and was elected Vice President of BlackOut Unlimited, Inc. She also was appointed to the Cleveland Orchestra Community Relations Board and is a Leadership Summit Member of the National Black Justice Coalition.

Deneen LaMonica joined Calfee, Halter & Griswold as a staff attorney in the litigation group.

Susan E. Petersen, of Petersen & Ibold in Chardon, was sworn in as President-Elect of the Ohio Women’s Bar Association.

Amy Price is the in-house labor relations manager for the City of Naples in Florida.

Sam Thomas III is the Executive Director of Project Love, a program that teaches teenagers to show kindness, love and respect toward one another. He is also the Vice President of the Empowerment Center of Greater Cleveland, a member of the Golden Deciphers and President of the Cleveland State University Alumni Association.

1998

Geraldine Butler, an attorney with Baker & Hostetler in Cleveland, was appointed to sit on the NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions, a five-member administrative body that adjudicates cases brought against any of the 433 Division III colleges and universities nationwide alleging violations of the NCAA rules.
Sara M. Donnersbach was named a partner with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis in Cleveland, where she practices in the complex collections department and also manages the Attorney General collection unit.

Lisa Galvan-Johnson joined the Columbus office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease as a staff attorney in the firm’s corporate group where she focuses her practice on immigration matters.

Tracey S. McGurk is an associate in the asbestos, workers’ compensation and general litigation practice group of Mansour, Gavin, Gerlack & Manos.

Cara Santosuosso was named an associate attorney in the Cleveland firm of Rotatori, Bender, Gragel, Stoper & Alexander Co.

Shawn Schlesinger joined the Cleveland firm of Koeth Rice & Leo as an associate.

Law & Politics Media, Inc. named Matthew Shuler a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star. Mr. Shuler is an associate with the Cincinnati firm of Dinsmore & Shohl.

1999

Thomas J. Connick was named a partner with the Cleveland firm of Davis & Young.

Julie Fischer is an associate in the estate planning and probate department of McDonald Hopkins in Cleveland.

Pamela D. Houston of Andrews and Pontius in Ashtabula is President of the Ohio Women’s Bar Association.

Tamzin O’Neil joined the Cleveland firm of Ott & Associates as of counsel, concentrating on public law, zoning and land use, construction law and real estate.

Michael Paglia was promoted to member of the Cleveland firm Ritzler Coughlin & Swansinger.

Jeff Peters joined Giffen & Kaminski, where he focuses his practice on commercial, title insurance and employment and labor litigation.

Patrick M. Roche was named a partner in the Cleveland firm of Davis & Young.

James D. Scharville was promoted to senior associate with Kahn & Associates in Cleveland.

Emily Smayda, Treasurer of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, joined Wuliger Fadel & Beyer in Cleveland as an associate.

James T. Tyminski is a partner with the Cleveland firm of Gallagher Sharp.

Jennifer Whitney joined the Cleveland firm of Frantz Ward as an associate in the labor and employment group.

2000

Jennifer Braman Lyons, an associate at Roeca, Louie & Hiraoka in Honolulu, Hawaii, is the mother of two boys, Jack, 22 months, and Ford, 7 months.

Jason Bristol is the finance chair of the City Club of Cleveland. Mr. Bristol is a partner with the Cleveland firm of Cohen Rosenthal & Kramer.

Amy Carnicella is an associate with the Pittsburgh firm of Burns, White & Hickton, where she will work in the firm’s transportation law group.

Matthew R. Cox joined the Cleveland office of Tucker, Ellis & West as an associate in the real estate group of the firm’s business department.

Paul Daher joined Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista in Avon, practicing in the area of probate & estate planning.

Joy DiPalma is an associate with McGlinchey Stafford in Beachwood.

Halle M. Hebert joined Tucker, Ellis & West as an associate in the firm’s trial department concentrating on mass tort litigation.

Christine Holt was named Director of the Catawba Valley Community College Alexander Center in Taylorsville, North Carolina, where she will focus on expanding the center’s offerings into college-credit classes to develop a full-service community college branch campus.

Deneen LaMonica joined the Cleveland office of Calfee, Halter & Griss wold as a staff attorney in the litigation group focusing on tort, accident and products liabilities cases.

James A. Marniella is a partner with Demer & Marniella in Berea, Ohio.

Jon Pinney is an associate with Kohrman Jackson & Krantz in the firm’s litigation and securities groups.

Carrie Saylor is general counsel for Preformed Line Products in Mayfield Village.

Jeffrey J. Sokolowski joined Dennis Seaman & Associates in Cleveland as an associate in the litigation practice.

2001

Douglas E. Bloom joined Hahn Loeser + Parks as an associate in the firm’s litig-
Dan and Roklyn DePerro Turner are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Rocco Michael Turner on May 30, 2005.

Kimberly Rathbone, an associate with Javitch, Block & Rathbone, is chair of the New Leaders Cabinet of the City Club of Cleveland.

Brad Riffe joined the Cleveland firm of Kahn & Associates as an associate concentrating in the area of lemon laws.

Beth Ann Schenz is an associate in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress.

Tracy Turoff is an associate with the Cleveland firm of Giffen & Kaminski. Her practice areas include commercial, employment and labor and real estate litigation.

Brian Wyman is an associate with Katz, Greenberger & Norton in Cincinnati. Mr. Wyman concentrates his practice on litigation, probate and workers’ compensation.

2002

Beverly Adams joined the law firm of Davis & Young as an associate.

Kathleen A. Atkinson is an associate with Tucker Ellis & West where her practice focuses on medical malpractice and products liability defense.

Kimberly L. Borchert joined the Cleveland office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis as an associate in the foreclosure/evictions department.

Kelly Summers Lawrence joined the Cleveland firm of Frantz Ward as an associate in the labor & employment group.

Troy Prince joined the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine as an associate in the intellectual property practice group. Mr. Prince and his wife, Debbie Stadler, are the proud parents of a son, Xavier Garrett Prince.

Douglas R. Simek joined Sutter, O'Connell & Firechione as an associate focusing on toxic torts, product liability and appellate work.

Mark Tumeo was elected a member of Cleveland Heights City Council. Mr. Tumeo is the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies at Cleveland State University.

Zulma Zabala is the director of East End Neighborhood House in Cleveland, where she manages the Foster Grandparent, Family to Family and Tapestry youth services programs.

Heather M. Zirke joined the legal department of the Cleveland Bar Association as assistant counsel.

2003

Rebecca Castell is an associate with Landskroner Grieco Madden in Cleveland.

Manju Gupta of Javitch, Block & Rathbone is Secretary of the New Leaders Cabinet of the City Club of Cleveland.

Brian W. Stano joined the Lake County Prosecutor’s Office in Painesville.

2004

Ashley M. Arvin joined Mansour, Gavin, Gerlack & Manos as an associate in the real estate group.

Nicholas J. Celebrezze was elected to Parma City Council.

Susanne M. De Gennaro joined Walter & Haverfield as an associate in the firm’s public law group. Her practice focuses on cable and telecommunications, municipal law, public law and real estate transactions.

Kristen Crane joined the Cleveland firm of Kahn & Associates where she will focus her practice on lemon law.

Dayna DePerro is an associate with Kelley & Ferraro in Cleveland.

Kevin Kelley was elected Councilman of Cleveland’s Ward 16. Kevin, an attorney with Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, is also a trustee of the Cleveland Public Library and a board member of ParkWorks.

Bryan Kostura joined the Brooklyn Heights office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis as an associate in the bankruptcy department.

David A. Kotnik is an associate with Roetzel & Andress in Cleveland.

Abby K. Lill is an associate with Shapiro & Roloff Co, in Cleveland.

Colin Moeller is an associate with the Cleveland firm of Ritzler, Coughlin & Swansinger.

John Newberry joined Kahn & Associates in Cleveland as an associate attorney.

Jennifer Rozic is an associate with Kelley & Ferraro in Cleveland.

Christopher Tucei joined the Mentor office of Rand Gurley Hanahan & Koenner.

Katsiaryna Vyhouskaya is an associate with Ciano & Goldwasser in Cleve-
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Alumni land, where she concentrates her practice on general civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury.

Erin K. Walsh joined McDonald Hopkins in Cleveland as an associate in the business-restructuring department.

Eric Wiedemer is an associate with Kelley & Ferraro in Cleveland.

Nathan J. Wills joined Dennis Seaman & Associates in Cleveland as an associate in the firm's litigation practice.

Danielle Wilson joined the real estate group of The Wolf Practice in Cincinnati.

2005

Ryan Cavanaugh is an associate with Kelley & Ferraro in Cleveland.

Robin Bravchok joined the Cleveland office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs as an associate in the firm's health and medicine practice group.

Bryan J. Dardis is an associate with Dinn, Hochman & Potter in Mayfield Heights. His practice areas include corporate law, real estate, business transactions, and probate and estate planning.

John A. Favret joined the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West as an associate in the trial group focusing his practice on products liability and medical malpractice litigation. Mr. Favret and his wife, Christine, are the proud parents of a daughter, Cecilia Irene, born in June.

Tamara Karel joined the Cleveland office of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff as an associate.

Dristine Koontz is an associate with Kelley & Ferraro in Cleveland.

Shannon Kozar is an associate with Manning & Manning.

Stephen Latkovic joined McDonald Hopkins in Cleveland as an associate in the business department.

Brian H. Linick joined the firm of Roetzel & Andress as an associate in the real estate group.

Stephanie Mercado joined the Elyria firm of Fauver, Keyse-Walker & Donovan as an associate in the business law group.

Debjani Roy is in the Washington Secretariat Division of the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Jason Smith joined the Cleveland firm of McDonald Hopkins as an associate in the business department.

Alicia Whiting-Bozich is an associate in the advocacy and litigation group at Buckley King in Cleveland.

Law Notes Correction: Class of 2001: Jeffrey Zahn is an associate in the intellectual property group of Faye Sharpe concentrating on patent law.
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The photographs of former Associate Dean Linda L. Ammons (now Dean of Widener School of Law) have appeared all over the world—this year and last—through the United States Department of State’s ART in Embassies Program. In addition, Chicago’s Women Made Gallery included her work in its Annual Members’ Show in July and August and in its Women of the African Diaspora exhibition in October and November 2005. In her hometown of Cleveland, her photographs were on display in the Galleria, during February’s Black History Month celebration.

In the past year, Professor David Barnhizer published Truth or Consequences in Legal Scholarship? in 33 Hofstra Law Review 1203 (2005) and A Chilling of Discourse in Winter St. Louis University Law Journal (2006). His article, Waking from Sustainability’s ‘Impossible Dream’: The Decision-Making Realities of Business and Government is forthcoming in 18 Georgetown International Environmental Law Review __ (2006). In July 2005 Professor Barnhizer attended a conference on Operational Versus Rhetorical Sustainability: Different Goals, Methods and Values, sponsored by the United States Society for Ecological Economics in Tacoma, Washington; in October 2005, he participated in the UCLA/Warwick International Conference on Clinical Education in Lake Arrowhead, California, and, from October to December, he served as a consultant to the Florida A & M University School of Law on a project to review and reorganize the school’s 11 clinical programs.


Professor Gordon Beggs, Employment Law Clinic Staff Attorney, has been elected President of the Board of Community Reentry, a Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry organization established in 1973 that operates 16 programs with 70 employees and an annual budget of $2.2 million to assist formerly incarcerated individuals in the community.

In September 2005, Professor Dena S. Davis led two sessions on recent developments in research ethics at a conference at the Cleveland Clinic on “Pediatric Ethics: Setting an Agenda for the Future”; also in September, Professor Davis spoke in the Lyceum Series at Marlboro College, Vermont, on “Genetic Research, Ethics, and Communal Narratives.” In November, she attended the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities in Washington, D.C., where she participated in a panel on “Genetic Research in Social Context: Toward Justice in Health;” and, also in November, she attended the American Academy of Religion conference in Philadelphia, where she spoke on “A Confucian Perspective on Cloning” to the Confucian Studies section, with co-presenter Vivian-Lee Nyitray. The Philadelphia conference was Professor Davis’s last AAR meeting as a member of the Board of Trustees and as Chair of the Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion. In the latter capacity, she has helped to facilitate meetings between scholars of religion and FBI agents and scholars of religion and prison chaplains. In December, Professor Davis spoke to students and faculty of Wooster High School on “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Stem Cell Debate.” Her lecture was part of Clevel-land State’s faculty lecture program. Also in December, she participated in a retreat of the Center for Genetic Research Ethics and Law at Case Western Reserve University’s Center for Biomedical Ethics. In the new year, Professor Davis co-taught a Fulbright-funded intensive bioethics seminar at Bar-Ilan University in Israel. Five CSU students, four from the law school, participated.

During the past year, Professor Kathleen C. Engel advised numerous federal, state and local officials on issues related to predatory lending, and she has spoken at various national and international colloquia on the same subject as well. In May 2005 she lectured on “Securitization and Predatory Lending” at the Tenth International Conference on Consumer Law in Lima, Peru. In September, she spoke on “City Standing to Sue Predatory Lenders” at a conference in Chicago on Predatory Home Lending: Moving Toward Legal and Policy Solutions, sponsored by John Marshall Law School, the Woodstock Institute, and George Washington University School of Public Policy. In November, she was a presenter in Associate Dean Michael J. Slinger’s Faculty Speakers Series, discussing whether “Cities Have Standing to Sue Predatory Lenders.” On January 13 and 14, 2006, Professor Engel participated in the Debt and Assets Working Group of Demos, a non-profit policy think-tank in New York. The topic for the meetings was “Regulation and Lending: Finding the Right Balance.” Economists, law professors, and those who work in the non-profit sector on consumer issues met to address the questions of whether, and what kind of, regulation is needed in the unsecured and secured credit markets in a conference.

Professor Patricia J. Falk has been elected to the board of the Society of American Law Teachers and, in November, attended its board meeting in Washington, D.C.; in January she attended the annual meeting of the the Association of
American Law Schools, where she helped organize a program on academic freedom.


David F. Forte, the law school’s Charles R. Emrick Jr. – Cafeé, Halter & Griswold Endowed Professor of Law, is Senior Editor of the recently published Heritage Guide to the Constitution (Regnery Co. 2005), an exegesis of each clause of the Constitution “as envisioned by the Framers and as applied in contemporary law.” Professor Forte, a nationally recognized authority in Islamic Law, has been asked to contribute two articles to the forthcoming third edition of the Encyclopedia of Islam, one on “amputation” and the second on “abandonment.” Other recent work includes The Framers’ Idea of Marriage and the Family: in The Meaning of Marriage: Family, State, Market & Morals (R. P. George & J. Bethke Elshin, eds. 2005) and on “Recovering Civic Virtue,” which appeared in the November 1, 2005, online newsletter of the Ashbrook Institute. Always in demand as a speaker, during the month of July 2005, Professor Forte spoke on “Political and Religious Aspects of Islam” during a conference on Encountering Islam at Notre Dame Educational Center in Chardon, Ohio, and on “The Supreme Court Appointment Process” on WCNY (90.3), Cleveland’s NPR affiliate. In September 2005, he spoke on “The Iraqi Constitution” on WJCU’s Ayad Rahmin show. In October Professor Forte spoke on the following topics: “Faith and Democracy” at the City Club of Cleveland Youth Forum; “Granholm v. Heald and the 21st Amendment” at the law school’s First Monday in October Program; “The Merits of Originalism” at Florida State University; “The New Supreme Court” at a meeting of the Tallahassee Lawyers’ Federalist Society; and “Are Originalists Conservative? Are Conservatives Originalists?” at Valparaiso Law School’s Federalist Society. Early in November, he lectured on “Judicial Review and Public Virtue” at the Legal Strategy Forum of the Heritage Society in Orlando, Florida; on “The New Supreme Court” at the Texas A&M Law School Federalist Society; and “Love and Christian Marriage” during a Summit of Religious Leaders at Princeton University’s Witherspoon Institute, and, later in the month, he took part in a debate with New England School of Law Professor Elizabeth Spahn on whether it is “The Role of a Judge to Interpret the Law or Make the Law”; the debate took place at the New England School of Law in Boston. In addition, Professor Forte has been elected to the St. Luke Parish Council in his hometown of Lakewood, Ohio, and appointed to the Executive Committee of the Bishop Gass’s Sudan Relief Fund.

Deborah A. Geier, the law school’s Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Endowed Professor of Law, was a Visiting Professor of Law at Washington University in St. Louis during the spring 2006 semester. Recent publications include ‘Expense’ Deductions on ‘Personal’ Gross Income in 110 TAX NOTES 550 (2006); On Capital Gains and Marginal Tax Rates in 25 ABA SECTION OF TAXATION NEWSLETTER (Point/Counterpoint Column) (Winter 2006); Should the Home Mortgage Interest Deduction Be Reduced? in ABA SECTION OF TAXATION NEWSLETTER (Point/Counterpoint Column) (2006); The Taxation of Income Available for Discretionary Use in VIRGINIA TAX REVIEW (2006); and The Payroll Tax Liabilities of Low and Middle Income Tax Payers in 106 TAX NOTES 711 (2005).

In the fall of 2005 and again in 2006, Professor Sheldon Gelman was elected President of Cleveland State University’s Faculty Senate.


Professor Kenneth Kowalski, Assistant Director of the Employment Law Clinic, was re-elected chairperson of the City of Lakewood’s Fair Employment Wage Board.

In October 2005, Professor Kermit Lind, Assistant Director of the law school’s Urban Development Law Clinic, was a presenter and facilitator of a session at the Ohio Vacant Property Forum in Columbus. The Community Advocacy Clinic assisted in the planning of this state-wide forum, whose goal was to launch a sustained effort to develop and advance public policies at the state and local levels to deal effectively with the growing tide of vacant and abandoned properties, especially
residential properties. In February 2006, Professor Lind was a panelist in a workshop on Creative Use of Traditional Financing Programs. The workshop was part of a conference on Creating Healthy Communities: Ending Homelessness, which was co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law and the St. Louis University Public Law Review at St. Louis University School of Law. In March he was a panelist in an invitation-only symposium at UCLA School of Law for city officials and nonprofit housing advocates discussing the feasibility of using receiverships on a systemic basis to combat slumlords and preserve affordable housing.

In January 2006, Professor Stephen R. Lazarus lectured on “The U.S. Supreme Court’s October 2004 Term: A Few Significant Constitutional Cases” for the Anthony J. Celebrezze Inn of Court.

As a public speaker, Dean and Professor of Law Geoffrey S. Mearns has been in much demand: On October 6, 2005, he presented “Interpreting Plea Agreements: Contracts vs. Constitutional Rights” to the Criminal Law Section of the Cleveland Bar Association; on the 20th of the month he offered his “Personal Reflections on The Oklahoma City Bombing Prosecutions” to members of the Society of Former FBI Agents. Shortly after the announcement of his appointment in January 2005, dean-designate Mearns spoke on “Leadership—Skills And Strategies” to Major League Baseball, Resident Security Agents Training. In February, he participated in a panel at Duke Law School on “Building a Case: Investigating and Prosecuting Terrorism-Related Cases” with the Honorable Gerald Rosen, William Hochul, and Andrew Hruska. In March, he joined a panel on “What to Do When the SEC Calls” with Jonathan Leiken, Stephen Sozio ’83, and Susanne Duddy at the Cleveland Bar Association’s 2005 Securities Law Institute.

Professor Karin Mika is participating in an experimental “podcasting” project sponsored by CALL. She will record class lectures on an MP3 recorder and upload them to a site where students can replay the lecture at their convenience. Professor Mika served as a brief-grader for the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

The Ohio Supreme Court has appointed Professor Kevin Francis O’Neill to a two-year term on the Court’s Commission on Legal Education Opportunity, commencing on January 1, 2006. The goal of the Commission is to develop a program that will increase the admission and graduation rates of students of racial minorities and some economically and educationally disadvantaged students. An article by David L. Hudson Jr. in the July 2005 ABA Journal, “The Bible Tells Them So,” quoted Professor O’Neill on the hazards of using Biblical references in a criminal law trial.

Professor Kunal M. Parker’s forthcoming and recent publications include Context in Law and History: The Late Nineteenth Century American Jurisprudence of Custom in 24 Law and History Review, which is due to be published this year; The Historiography of Difference in 23 Law and History Review 685 (2005); U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Law (1800-1924): Resolutions of Membership and Territory in THE CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF LAW IN AMERICA (M. Grossberg and C. Tomlins eds., Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2007).

In November, Laura Ray, the law school’s Educational Programming Librarian, received one of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals’ Star Awards during the Association’s 40th anniversary celebration in San Diego. The award acknowledges Ms. Ray’s years of dedication to the organization and her energy and talent in educating the Association in the application of next generation technologies. Basia Belza, an ARHP past president, nominated Ms. Ray for the Star Award. Closer to home, in October, she presented a teaching demonstration on “Video Vignettes from Deadwood: The Power of Film to Teach Native American Treaty Law and U.S. Territorial Law” to faculty and staff during former Associate Dean Lloyd Snyder’s Mondays at Lunch programs.

Professor Emeritus Alan Miles Ruben has been elected a Fellow of the College of Labor & Employment Lawyers in recognition of his services to the field of Labor Arbitration.

In November, Professor Christopher Sagers was asked by the ABA Antitrust Section to draft the Section’s official position on the continuing deregulation of the ocean shipping industry of the Antitrust Modernization Commission. The Commission is a congressionally created blue-ribbon panel. Members of the Antitrust Section unanimously adopted his draft as its official position. An article by Professor Sagers, The Demise of Regulation in Ocean Shipping Regulation: A Study in the Evolution of Competition Policy and the Predictive Power of Microeconomics, will appear in volume 39 of the VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW (2006). In June 2005 he spoke on “The Evolving Federal Approach to Private Legislation and the Twilight of Government” at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, and his article, The Public-Private Distinction in Modern Legal Thought, was published in 54 CLEVELAND STATE LAW REVIEW (2006). Professor Sagers is also Co-chair of the drafting committee of A POLICY FULL OF HOLES: THE HISTORY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OF EXEMPTIONS FROM ANTITRUST (working title, with Peter Carstensen et al.), which is due from ABA Publishing in 2006.
Associate Dean, Law Library Director and Professor of Law Michael J. Slinger delivered a lecture at Baldwin-Wallace’s Institute on Retirement and Learning on February 21, 2006, on “The African-American Experience During the Civil War.”

On September 20, 2005, Associate Dean Lloyd Snyder spoke on “The U.S. Constitution: An Amazing Document, Warts and All” at the Cleveland State Library as part of the University’s program for Constitution Day.

Dean Emeritus Steven H. Steinglass published Litigating Section 1983 Actions in State Courts in 22nd Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Litigation and Administrative Practice Course Handbook H-731, Practising Law Institute 2005) and spoke on “Litigating Section 1983 Actions in State Courts” in October at the Practicing Law Institute program held in New York on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation. Dean Steinglass published an op-ed in the February 17 Plain Dealer, “City’s residency rule hinges on debate of original intent,” regarding legislative efforts to overturn the municipal residency requirements in effect in Cleveland and elsewhere throughout the state. And, on March 20, the Akron Beacon Journal published a second op-ed, “Fog surrounding Ohio’s investment tax credit,” regarding Daimler-Chrysler Corp. v. Cuno, a case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court earlier in the month.

Assistant Dean of Admissions Melody J. Stewart ’88 is the new chair of the City of Euclid Planning and Zoning Commission; in March, Dean Stewart spoke on “Issues Facing Women in Law and Women in Public Service” at a meeting of the American Association of University Women. In the May 2006 primary, Dean Stewart was elected the Democratic candidate for a seat on the Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals.

In June 2005, Professor Mark Sundahl traveled to Bangalore, India, to participate in the 2005 IAA/IISL Space Law Conference: Bringing Space Benefits to the Asian Region. His lecture, “The Cape Town Convention: Unleashing Capital for the Space Industry,” was subsequently published in the conference proceedings. Following the Bangalore conference, Professor Sundahl was elected to the membership of the sponsoring organization, the Netherlands-based International Institute of Space Law. He continues his work on the Cape Town Convention in an article, The Cape Town Approach: A New Method of Making International Law, published in 44 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW (2006). In July 2005, Professor Sundahl presented a paper, “When Literature Becomes Law,” at a conference in Gloucester, England, on The Power of Stories: Intersections of Law, Literature & Culture, sponsored by the Society of Legal Scholars. That paper was published in the TEXAS WESLEYAN REVIEW (2005) as When Literature Becomes Law: An Example from Ancient Greece. Professor Sundahl has also contributed a piece regarding the UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment to the upcoming “2006 Year in Review” issue of THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER and has been appointed a member of the Space Working Group for the UNIDROIT (The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law) Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment. Finally, Professor Sundahl is a new board member of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group.

Professor Adam Thurschwell has contributed an entry, Critical Legal Studies, to A DICTIONARY OF CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY (J. Protevi, ed., Yale University Press, 2006). A chapter, Ethical Exception: Capital Punishment in the Figure of Sovereignty, will appear in 2007 in A. Sarat and J. Cuthbert, eds., Killing States: Lethal Decisions/Final Judgments, a special edition of the SOUTH ATLANTIC QUARTERLY. Professor Thurschwell’s book, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, will be published in 2008 by GlassHouse Press/Routledge (London). Last March, Professor Thurschwell spoke at the 2005 Law, Culture & the Humanities Conference in Austin, Texas; his lecture was entitled “In Favor of Vitae.” In June 2005 he spoke on “Law and Literature and the Right to Death” at the annual meeting of the Law & Society Association in Las Vegas, and a week later, he traveled to Cork, Ireland, to lecture on the same subject at the Figures of Law: Interferences of Law and Literature conference at University College. In March, Professor Thurschwell attended the 2006 Law, Culture, & the Humanities Conference in Syracuse, New York, where, as a participant in, and organizer of, a panel on “St. Paul Among the Philosophers,” he lectured on “The Curious Canonization of Saint Walter: Agamben on Paul, Benjamin and Political Messianism.” Finally, Professor Thurschwell is a Visiting Professor at American University Washington College of Law during academic year 2006-2007.


Professor of Law and Urban Studies Alan Weinstein’s book, FEDERAL LAND USE LAW AND LITIGATION (Thompson West), which he co-authored with B. Blaeser and D. Mandelker, was published in 2005. In addition Professor Weinstein contributed chapters on Low-Value Speech: O’Brien Content-Neutral Free Speech Test; and Zoning Laws and Freedom of Speech to THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES (P. Finkelman, ed.), which will be published this year by Routledge/Taylor & Francis. Also due this year are entries on Property Rights, Police Power, Nuisance and Vested Rights; Due Process and Equal Protection; Freedom of
Religion and Expression; and Eminent Domain, Takings and Exaction, which he coauthored with B. Blaeser, S. Sizemore and S. Meck for Planning and Urban Design Standards (Wiley & Sons). Recent articles include Homeowners Associations in Planning Commissioners Journal 58 (Spring 2005); What Planning Commissioners Need to Know about RLUIPA in The Commissioner: A Publication of the American Planning Association (Summer 2005); and Responding to the Adult Industry’s Claims about No Secondary Effects in Municipal Lawyer (September / October 2005). In a review in Planning Magazine by Harold Henderson of Current Trends and Practical Strategies in Land Use Law and Zoning (P. Salkin, ed.; ABA, 2004), Professor Weinstein’s chapter on the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) was cited as one of only three out of the 12 chapters in the book the reviewer considered “of special interest.” Professor Weinstein has also been active on the speakers’ circuit. In September, he spoke on Federal Mandates and Local Zoning at the OPC State Planning Conference in Cleveland, and in November he spoke on “Legal and Policy Roadblocks to Achieving Land Use Goals” at the 19th Annual Western Reserve Studies Symposium in Hunting Valley, Ohio.

Professor Stephen J. Werber, a member of the ALI Members Consultative Group for drafting the Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Economic Loss, attended the Group’s meeting in Philadelphia in October 2005.

Welcome Two New Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Faculty Members:
Milena Sterio and Brian Ray

Milena Sterio earned her law degree, magna cum laude, from Cornell Law School in 2002. At Cornell, she was Order of the Coif, general editor of the Cornell International Law Journal. In 2003, she earned a master’s degree, cum laude, in Private International Law from the University Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne; in 2002, she earned a Maitrise en droit franco-américain cum laude, also from the Sorbonne. Her undergraduate degree, summa cum laude, in Political Science and French Literature is from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Before joining the Cleveland-Marshall faculty, she was an associate in the New York City firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton and an Adjunct Law Professor at Cornell, where she taught in the International War Crimes Clinic. She has published in the Connecticut International Law Journal, the Cardozo Journal of International and Comparative Law, the Denver Journal of International Law and Policy, and The Florida Journal of International Law. This year she is teaching International Law, Commercial Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution (the latter two in the spring semester).

Brian Ray graduated summa cum laude and first in his class from The Ohio State University College of Law in 2001. At OSU, he was Order of the Coif and articles editor of The Ohio State University Law Journal. Following his graduation from law school, he clerked for the Honorable Alan E. Norris of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and for the Honorable Richard J. Goldstone of the Constitutional Court of South Africa. In 1996, Professor Ray earned an M.A., summa cum laude, in East Asian Studies from the University of Pennsylvania; in 1994, he spent a year at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan, as a Fulbright Fellow. His undergraduate degree, cum laude, in philosophy and Japanese Studies is from the University of Notre Dame. He has published in The Ohio State University Law Journal and the McGeorge Law Review. Professor Ray’s current research focuses on the Constitutional Court of South Africa. Before joining the faculty at Cleveland-Marshall, he was an associate at Jones Day in Cleveland. This year, he will teach Civil Procedure, Comparative Constitutional Law and Conflict of Laws.

Congratulations to Professors Phyllis L. Crocker and Patricia J. Falk. On July 1, Professor Crocker became Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and Professor Falk became Associate Dean of Faculty Development and Student Achievement.
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