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“Pemaquid Sunrise”, oil on canvas, by Richard T. Reminger ‘57
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Dear Alumni:

Last June when I was sworn in as President of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association, I knew the coming year would be challenging and satisfying. However, I did not anticipate how rewarding it would be to work alongside such dedicated men and women as our officers and Trustees have been. The kind of commitment they bring to this organization is testimony to what this law school has meant to all of us and to the caliber of our graduates.

During my term, I chose to focus my energies on building our scholarship resources, and I proposed a fund-raising benefit, specifically an auction. Thanks to the ever-generous President-Elect Gary Adams '83, we were able to hold our benefit in November at the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum in an elegant hall, surrounded by one of the finest car and airplane collections in the country. I wish to especially thank Stacey McKinley '97, who chaired the benefit and worked so hard to make it a success.

The spirit was invigorating and the silent auction exciting, with one sensational item after another -- from football memorabilia donated by Judge Dick Ambrose '87 to a coveted print donated by Gloria Plevin. I am glad to report that we raised over $10,000 in scholarship money. This enabled us to award ten $1,000 scholarships to deserving law students, rather than ten $500 ones.

Serving as President was educational, an eye-opener, in fact. I think we do not always realize how embedded CMLAA is in the life of the law school, how important our mentors are in building confidence among first-year students, or how substantial alumni contributions are to networking, placement and fund-raising activities. I certainly never grasped the breadth of responsibilities invested in a single office, “manned” by two tireless women, Mary McKenna and Jill McDonnell. I thank them both.

I also thank all of you for the help and goodwill you have offered me during this year. It has been a wonderful experience and an honor.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Alkire '80
Richard T. Reminger '57 is the founder and retired Chief Executive Officer of Reminger & Reminger, Co., LPA, known today as Reminger Co., LPA. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Reminger specialized in the defense of civil matters before juries in a broad spectrum of liability lawsuits. He is a Life Member and Honorary Trustee of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and was the recipient of the Association’s most distinguished alumnus award in 1989.

Mr. Reminger’s paintings have captured landscapes and seascapes throughout North America and Europe. A jury of his peers elected him a member of the Oil Painters of America and the Salmagundi Club in New York City. He is a member of the American Society of Marine Artists, the Portrait Society of America, and a signature member of the International Society of Marine Painters.
For more than 100 years, our law school has prepared students to enter the practice of law. Throughout our history, this law school has stressed the importance of gaining both the analytical abilities as well as the practical skills to be a successful practicing lawyer. I am pleased to report that this tradition of practice-oriented preparation continues today.

In our Urban Development Law Clinic, for example, our students represent local nonprofit neighborhood development corporations that are working to restore, economically and socially, a number of the city's declining neighborhoods. Similarly, students in the law school's Fair Housing Law Clinic, working with the nonprofit Housing Advocates, Inc., represent citizens alleging discriminatory housing practices.

Our externship program places student practitioners in the offices of county and federal prosecutors, the offices of the county and federal public defender and in state and federal courts on the trial and appellate levels, where they deal with the full and varied docket of legal issues—from immigration to Medicare/Medicaid adjudication to criminal matters. In a new externship in the Juvenile Court inspired by Daniel McCarthy '54, our students serve as educational advocates for children who suffer from undisclosed learning difficulties.

During the past decade, our Pro Bono students, under the direction of Pamela Dailer-Middaugh '88, have contributed approximately 11,000 hours of community service each year to organizations active on behalf of the poor and the elderly. Together with the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland, they have assisted local attorneys offering free legal counsel in twice-monthly walk-in clinics on both sides of town. In a project jointly sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and the Cleveland Metropolitan School System, our students have joined with lawyers teaching basic constitutional law to every 10th grade public high-school student in Cleveland in preparation for passing the civics portion of the state-mandated proficiency test. Recently, Pro Bono students helped needy and senior citizens fill out and file their income tax returns in a series of free tax-assistance clinics. And this month, Pro Bono students helped drivers whose licenses have been suspended regain their driving privileges during the fifth Driving Under Suspension Clinic of the school year.

The research of Kathleen C. Engel, the Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Endowed Professor of Law, is an example of the importance of faculty scholarship in defining national issues. In 2001, Professor Engel began publishing journal articles on the impending subprime lending crisis. That first article has been followed by ten more and a book is forthcoming. Professor Engel is now one of America's most respected authorities on subprime lending and foreclosures, traveling the world, speaking on the complex human and financial factors that created the crisis and proposing strategies to ameliorate what is at risk of becoming a global tragedy.

The renovations to our school building are also reflective of our involvement in a community that reaches far beyond the corner of East 18th and Euclid Avenue. On page 10 of this issue of Law Notes, an article, "A Law School That Opens on the World," describes some of the architectural features that are expressive of our engagement with the world around us.

Cleveland State University has recently recognized that an emphasis on practical, hands-on learning engages our students and improves the community and exists in all of our colleges. The University has launched a new marketing campaign to bring public attention to our University. The tagline for this marketing initiative is the phrase "engaged learning."

While the marketing campaign and the phrase are new in the University, "engaged learning" at our law school has been business as usual for more than a century. It is a part of our tradition and part of our mission.
THE 2008 CLEVELAND-MARSHALL LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES:
The Honorable Christopher A. Boyko ’79 and P. Kelly Tompkins ’81

The Honorable Christopher A. Boyko
United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

Our law school has had a presence on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio since 1955, when President Dwight Eisenhower appointed our 1918 graduate, the Honorable James E. Connell, to the court. The Carl B. Stokes Courthouse, named for our 1956 alumnus, is the seat of the Northern District’s eastern division, where over a million men and women live, work, raise families—and rely on the conscience and restraint of the judiciary to hear their voices and render justice impartially.

In this regard, the eastern division, which includes Cuyahoga County, is fortunate in its most recent Cleveland-Marshall federal court appointee, the Honorable Christopher A. Boyko, whom President Bush named to the court in 2005.

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P. Kelly Tompkins
Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, RPM International

“We can only grow as high as our roots are deep.”*

If it had not been for a sensible and persuasive father, Kelly Tompkins might have skipped college, hopped on a motorcycle and headed west to California or north toward Canada. He was, after all, a child of the 60s and 70s, a member of an iconoclastic generation, which, despite its assaults on some of our country’s most cherished emblems, was, at its core, highly

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*All headings are quotations taken from Kelly Tompkins’s commencement speech to the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Class of 2005.
President Bush chose well when he placed Christopher Boyko on the highest court in Northeast Ohio. The Judge was born and raised within the court’s jurisdiction, a region whose history he knows well. Today, from the broad span of windows in his chambers on the 15th floor of the courthouse, he can see our town spread out along the Cuyahoga River from north to south—a telling panorama of a great region’s industrial past, its economic losses and the present struggles of his fellow citizens. It is also surely a potent reminder of the awesome authority of a court where, daily, lives and livelihoods are lost or gained.

The right man for the job

In 2006 a case landed in Judge Boyko’s court that surely spoke to his own convictions and heritage. Boustani v. Blackwell, filed by 20 naturalized citizens and voting rights organizations, contested a provision of Ohio House Bill 3 that threatened to compromise the voting rights of naturalized citizens by allowing poll workers to inquire whether a voter is a naturalized citizen and, if so, to demand proof. Such a law, of course, opened itself to charges of discriminatory practices and could have created a disincentive to vote, especially for the elderly and poor who may no longer have documentation of their citizenship or be able to afford the purchase of a replacement.

House Bill 3 did not fare well in Judge Boyko’s court. According to the Judge, implementing the law would “offend constitutional sensibilities.” Before emphatically declaring it unconstitutional and void, he noted, “There is no such thing as a second-class citizen or a second-class American. . . . Without naturalized citizens, there would be no America.”

Among the industrious immigrants who helped build America . . .

were the Boyko family. Their history is the history of Clevelanders who crossed the Atlantic from Ukraine and settled in Cleveland in the late 19th and early 20th century. They came from a country rich in natural resources, over which the dukes, monarchs and tsars of western and eastern Europe had battled for more than six centuries. Though Austria, Hungary, Poland, Russia and, ultimately, the Soviet Union had all laid claim to Ukraine, its people remained, in spirit, unconquerable and un-reconciled to any nationhood but their own. Or, in the words of the Judge, “It’s always been Ukraine to Ukrainians.”

In Cleveland today, as Ukraine struggles toward democracy, Ukrainian Americans honor their parents’ and grandparents’ first home as their own, attend the churches their forebears built, participate in local Ukrainian organizations and, in the case of lawyers, join the very active membership of the Ukrainian American Bar Association. As a member of that bar, the Judge recently served as the principal host for a group of Ukrainian judges visiting Cleveland and Toledo. “I had enormous support from the Ukrainian community,” he notes.

Though Judge Boyko is the first Ukrainian American from our law school to be appointed to the bench of the Northern District of Ohio, he is not our first Ukrainian American graduate to be appointed to a federal bench: That person is the Honorable Bohdan Futey ’68 of the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, DC.

The Judge’s parents, Eve and the late Andrew Boyko, were born in America; however, “All four of my grandparents were born in Ukraine, within 10 miles of one another, in the western part, close to the border of Poland. My father’s parents, Anna and Marko Boyko, had seven children, five of them boys. When the Second World War broke out, all five boys enlisted in different branches of the military. And they all came back safely. My grandmother, Anna Boyko, had never been naturalized, but when it was learned that she was the mother of five veterans, she was made a citizen by an act of Congress.” It was a proud day for a new generation of Americans and their hero sons and daughters.

Following in his father’s footsteps — literally — up to a point

Eve and Andrew Boyko had four sons. Judge Boyko is the eldest. “I was born in Cleveland, but when I was ready for school, we moved to Parma.” Parma has traditionally been the home of the area’s largest Ukrainian population and, with the collapse of the Soviet empire and the immigration of religious and political dissidents, its numbers continue to grow. Today, it remains the center of a vibrant Ukrainian community. The Judge attended the grammar school attached to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy and then middle school and high
school in Parma.

When the time came for college, he visited Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio. "I stopped right there," he recalls. "I fell in love with the people, the campus—everything." After graduating from Mount Union with a major in Political Science and a minor in Russian Literature, he barely paused before enrolling in our law school. He was neither the first nor the last Boyko to study law at Cleveland-Marshall: His father graduated from our law school in 1955. Timothy Boyko followed his father and brother, graduated in 1988 and today practices law in Parma. Mrs. Eve Boyko is undoubtedly quite pleased with all four of her sons. Gregory Boyko is a paramedic living in Florida, and Jeffrey Boyko is a Cleveland vascular surgeon. In fact, she must be clicking her heels. "She's a wonderful woman," the Judge tells me.

"I was born on my father's birthday. I was my mother's birthday gift to him. We had the same values and always thought alike. He had a big influence on me," says the Judge, and, up until a point, their lives followed strikingly similar paths.

Andrew Boyko was in private practice and served the city of Parma for 30 years as an assistant prosecutor, a Parma Municipal Court Judge and the city's law director. Christopher Boyko practiced with his father for several years, before he became a Parma assistant prosecutor, the chief prosecutor, his law director and a Parma Municipal Court Judge. In 1993, Governor George Voinovich appointed him to the Cuyahoga County Municipal Court Judge and the city's law director. Christopher Boyko practiced with his father for several years, before he became a Parma assistant prosecutor, the chief prosecutor, his law director and a Parma Municipal Court Judge. In 1993, Governor George Voinovich appointed him to the Cuyahoga County Municipal Court Judge and the city's law director. Christopher Boyko practiced with his father for several years, before he became a Parma assistant prosecutor, the chief prosecutor, his law director and a Parma Municipal Court Judge. In 1993, Governor George Voinovich appointed him to the Cuyahoga County Municipal Court Judge and the city's law director.

"Stopping them at the gate"

On November 15, Cleveland readers of The New York Times opened their paper to find one of their fellow-citizens featured in Gretchen Morgenson's front-page story, "Foreclosure hits a snag for lenders."

Cleveland, already crippled by record job losses, has been especially hard hit by the crisis in foreclosures with loan defaults throughout the entire state climbing 88 percent in 2007. In Cleveland, Deutsche Bank, a German corporation, is the largest title-holder of foreclosed properties. In October 2007, Deutsche Bank representatives brought suit in Judge Boyko's court on behalf of mortgage investors seeking to foreclose on 14 debt-ridden homeowners. On October 31, characterizing portions of the Deutsche bank attorneys' argument as evidence of "a condescending mindset," Judge Boyko dismissed all 14 cases. Briefly, the bank's attorneys, dealing with the complex bundling of home loans as investment incentives, were unable to prove actual ownership of the properties. Elsewhere, other courts had almost routinely ruled in favor of the banks and their corporate investors. In Judge Boyko's court, however, it was not business as usual. "The institutions seem to adapt the attitude that since they have been doing this for so long, unchallenged, this practice equates with legal compliance," he wrote. "Finally, put to the test, their weak legal arguments compel the Court to stop them at the gate."

Four other Ohio judges quickly followed suit and dismissed dozens of foreclosure cases brought by other trustees on similar grounds.

"Hooray for Judge Boyko," enthused one blogger. "A knight in armor," exclaimed another, and, in this year of political grandstanders, my sentimental favorite, "Boyko for President!"

Balance in all things

Our system of justice depends on our citizens' faith and trust that judges will decide disputes fairly and impartially, free from bias or prejudice. I believe Judge Boyko is such a judge. He is a man of conscience who believes that balance should operate as vigorously in his own life as it must in the pursuit of justice. For that reason, he explains, he works toward..."
achieving physical, spiritual and mental balance. The Judge has two black belts, exercises daily, prays and reads widely. And in the interest of balance in the courtroom, he says, “I hope to be able to look myself in the mirror every morning and feel good about myself, about my decisions,” for he believes self-assessment is a critical virtue, especially on the bench. “The buck really does stop here, and if I think I have made a mistake, I can’t wait to come to work in the morning to make it right.” In the present age, in the present political atmosphere, he is perhaps a rarity.

This March marked the beginning of his fourth year on the federal bench. He is a young judge with years to go, yet he has already dealt eloquently and decisively with two of the most troubling issues of our region: immigration and the foreclosure crisis. He speaks movingly about the challenges facing our country—about the cacophony of information, often inflammatory misinformation, coming off the web and iPods into the ears of children, about the loss of reflection and self-knowledge in a culture of instant gratification—a culture so flawed that he believes it could undermine the basic practices of democracy.

Judge Boyko, the grandson of immigrants, does not belong to the culture of instant gratification. His values were formed in the great melting pot of America by newcomers to our country who understood the “basic practices of democracy” and the basic promises inherent in our Constitution. In this regard, the million men and women living in the Northern District of Ohio are in the good hands of a Judge who can look unflinchingly at himself in the mirror every morning. LFM

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idealistic. His teenage years had paralleled some of the most brutal encounters of the Vietnam War, he had a draft card, and both he and his father, a former Methodist minister turned business executive, had openly opposed the war. Still, running to California or Canada to avoid the draft was not the answer. College was. And we have Paul Tompkins to thank for convincing his son to attend college. He chose Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he hoped to become a law enforcement officer. (That idea also came to naught, as we shall see.) Idealism, however, clung stubbornly to him. Many years later, he would find an expression for it in a simple two-word phrase: “citizen lawyer.”

His parents had married when they were very young. Paul was 18; Judy Dobbs was 17. Eventually there were five children—two boys and three girls. Kelly, the eldest, was born in Erie, a mid-size city where you might expect a family to lead a conventional life in a conventional 1950’s setting. That was not the case in Kelly’s family. “Our family moved a dozen times when I was growing up. My father would take on a challenging job; accomplish what he was hired to do, and then move on. Whenever he said we were going to have a ‘family meeting,’ I knew we were moving somewhere. In the mid-60s, my father was pastor of two small churches in Conneautville, Pennsylvania, when we learned we were heading to Boston, where my Dad earned his master of divinity degree at Harvard.”

“Our justice system is the envy of the world; yet, here at home, all is not well.”

This was Harvard during the years when students protesting the war under the aegis of the radical Students for a Democratic Society virtually shut down the campus. Kelly and his father talked of what to do should Kelly’s number come up in the draft; together they took part in Boston’s massive protest marches. It was a father-son bond so lastingly meaningful that on Kelly’s 50th birthday his father gave him a lithograph of a blue peace dove that he had bought during one of the marches, a memento of their involvement in the peace movement. Before then, the picture had hung in every office his father ever had. Now it is in Kelly’s home. “My father has always been my principal role model—an accomplished businessman with an unwavering social conscience.”

After eight years in Boston, the Tompkins family returned to Erie. Kelly was a sophomore in high school. “With five children to raise on a minister’s salary, Dad moved into the health care field using his graduate business studies at Harvard. In Erie, he began a new career in health care at St. Vincent Hospital. This was my toughest move; it tested my ability to adapt to change.”

Today, Kelly is the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of RPM International, a $3.5 billion dollar NYSE-listed world leader in construction materials, specialty paints and coatings and sealants, with subsidiaries around the world including Cleveland’s own Tremco and Day-Glo.

Kelly believes that his family’s nomadic life was formative, life-expanding—not just a matter of geographical variety but a matter of exposure to the lives of others: men and women living in urban Boston, rural Pennsylvania, and ethnically rich Cleveland. Ultimately, the family’s comings and goings taught him lessons as valuable in business as in life: “I think it made me adaptable, appreciative of diversity and respectful of other points of view. I learned you have to listen and build consensus to be effective in most endeavors.” Moreover, as he explains, there was always a constant in his life:
Letters, like Kelly’s to the Speaker of the Ohio House, described our school as a school of opportunity, one that had opened its doors to students from many backgrounds and many cultures for over a century. He counted himself among those to whom the opportunity of a legal education had been extended. “My application was statistically unremarkable from a GPA-LSAT perspective,” he wrote. “The law school gave me a chance.” At that time, Kelly was Senior Vice President and General Counsel at RPM, an Ohio-based corporation that Ohio’s legislators would know and respect.

Kelly arrived at law school in the male regalia of the 1970s: beard and long hair. “I immediately felt at home in Cleveland; it was like a big Erie—a blue collar, industrial, ethnic town.” He was soon joined by his fiancée, Cathy Harpham, whom he had met in Erie. Cathy had a job student-teaching in Strongsville. “During most of law school, Cathy was the breadwinner who cooked countless meals for my friends. We were poor but rich with friends and dreams. We lived in Lakewood and for some time didn’t have a car. I remember pushing a shopping cart full of groceries down Clifton Avenue to our apartment. On weekends, I parked cars at an elegant restaurant on Edgewater Drive. Sometimes lawyers would give me a big tip when I told them I was a law student. But mostly, I would come home with my pockets full of one dollar bills—$40 or $50 meant we could buy a pizza that night. And we were in heaven.”

“In my second year, I clerked at the Cleveland Bar Association, working for the Bar’s general counsel, often investigating lawyers for unethical or unprofessional conduct. Colette Gibbons ’76 was instrumental in getting me that job and later helped me land another clerkship at Hertz, Kates, Friedman & Kammer. I worked for Colette and Harlan Hertz, two crackerjack business/bankruptcy lawyers. They taught me not only the substance of law but the importance of ethics and client service. For an impressionable young law clerk, I really had the good fortune of learning from some great lawyers. With Cathy in a full-time teaching job, we bought a car—for her. I still rode the bus.”

Though a quarter of a century has passed since he graduated from law school, Kelly can still recite the names of his former teachers and the courses they taught. It is a roster of praise. “Torts with Hyman Cohen was my favorite class. Thanks to him, I’ll never forget Justice Cardozo’s ‘The risk reasonably to be perceived defines the duty to be obeyed.’ Professor Cohen was passionate, animated. Professor Sidney Jacoby, a former prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, taught Civ Pro. This frail man was intimidating and fascinating.” Kelly also studied Criminal Law with Professor Peter Garlock, and, in a nice little turnabout, Kelly’s daughter Lauren is in her first-year at Cleveland-Marshall studying Torts with Professor Garlock.

Kelly has remained close to many of his classmates: Dennis Landsdowne, Peter Sackett, Jim Taylor, and Henry Hilow, to name a few. “I met Peter Sackett for the first time when he saw me using the pay phone in the hallway of our apartment and offered me his phone. Peter got me through law school.” Despite their different practices, Peter’s and Kelly’s friendship has deepened since their first weeks in law school. As he told the graduating class in 2005, “Remember each and every one of your classmates — both those in your study group and those sitting to your right and to your left today. Your paths will cross — whether in the board-room or the courtroom... They are your colleagues in our most learned profession.”

Through the years, Kelly has stayed...
Distinguished Alumni

close to his law alma mater. He chaired our Visiting Committee for five years, has led efforts to meet the Wolstein Scholarship Fund challenge, was appointed to the External Engagement Committee of Cleveland State University and currently serves on the law school's National Advisory Council. He is also a past recipient of CSU's George B. Davis Award for Distinguished Service to the University.

In June 1979, Kelly took his first year's final exams; a week or so later he and Cathy married. They are the parents of three daughters: our law student, Lauren; Kimberly, a junior at Miami of Ohio, majoring in finance and accounting and considering a career in international business; and Brittany, a freshman at Kent State majoring in fashion merchandising.

"You now have something no one can take away from you. You are educated in the law."

Reliance Electric, then an Exxon affiliate, hired Kelly right out of law school as a staff attorney, at the time a highly unusual hire as most "in-house" jobs are filled by experienced lawyers from private practice. Reliance's CEO at the time was John Morley. "John was a wonderful mentor who always encouraged me to get business experience as well." In 1985, John called Kelly into his office to tell him that he was one of a handful of Reliance employees who would be moved to the Exxon "mothership" in Houston. He knew this was a compliment; what he did not know until he was packing to move was that he would be in the litigation department, not in the business law section. "I had never done litigation work and my initial thought was maybe this move wasn't right for me after all - it was way outside of my comfort zone. Ultimately, I took the leap of faith and moved to Texas. I told myself, 'Someone thinks I can do this work, so I might as well try.'"

Though he had passed the Texas Bar, he was not prepared for Texas-style justice. "Shortly after I arrived in Houston, I was sent down to the Harris County Court House to argue a summary judgment motion in a small case. I got to the courtroom, my stomach was in knots; my knees were shaking; lawyers were standing around in cowboy boots - so much for all those moves as a kid and being adaptable - I was a stranger in a strange land. When my case was called and I began my argument, the judge interrupted me, picked up the stack of papers - my brief - and said, 'Counsel, with all this paper there's got to be an issue of fact in here. I'm going to deny your motion.' And that was that - welcome to Texas!

Even though I lost my first oral argument, I thought if I can survive this, I can do anything." Today, he feels the litigation experience was "fabulous." As Kelly notes, very few corporate attorneys have that kind of courtroom experience. "I learned how to absorb information quickly, ring it out like a sponge, and do it again in the next case." In the end, he says, those days in court proved very valuable to his career.

Kelly had been in Texas for about two years when he got a call from his mentor at Reliance. In late 1986, John Morley led a management-led leveraged buyout of Reliance. Kelly was asked to come back to Cleveland to work on the deal. At the time, it was one of the largest leveraged buyouts in the history of American business, but it was not the final shift in the fortunes of the company. After an initial public offering in 1992, the company was in the throes of a strategic merger, when in 1994, the Rockwell Corporation acquired Reliance in a hostile tender offer. "They bought Reliance right from under us." After a short stint with Rockwell, Kelly left to open an investor relations consulting firm with a partner. Two years later, the phone was ringing again with news that a corporate counsel job was opening up at RPM. "Who's RPM?" Kelly asked.

"I ask you to reflect on not just what it means to be a professional but what it means to live a fully professing life."

Despite its global presence, RPM International maintains its headquarters in rural Medina County, Ohio. Frank C. Sullivan founded the company in 1947. Since then, RPM has grown under the leadership and direction of its Chairman, Thomas C. Sullivan, and its CEO, Frank C. Sullivan, grandson of the founder, who has led the company since 2002.

Kelly's office is in the Williamsburg look-alike company's headquarters in the pastoral setting where the first Frank Sullivan once grazed his race horses. Since joining RPM in 1996, Kelly has been the Assistant General Counsel, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, and Senior Vice President. In his current position as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, he oversees the company's legal, financial, accounting, regulatory and governmental affairs throughout the world. "The job is very challenging, particularly in today's public company environment. There are significant regulatory and compliance obligations that sometimes challenge the business objectives at hand. My current position allows me to ply my trades as both a lawyer and a businessman - to grow the business with a watchful eye on risk management."
He is well suited to his responsibilities, both in intellect and in talent. But there is something more he brings to the business, a value he shares with the Sullivan family. “The Sullivans’ commitment to community service throughout the company’s history has been consistent, persistent and passionate,” he says. And, in that commitment to “mission-based leadership,” he and they are in league. “We regularly discuss our obligations to serve the communities where we do business and to make sure commercial pressures don’t compromise our ethics. Business, like sports, is performance driven—the key is to not perform with steroids. Our moral compass must be properly aligned at all times; you just can’t cut corners no matter how attractive the commercial or financial rewards; it will eventually catch up to you and we all know the fate of those companies who lost their moral compass.”

“[T]he ideal of access to equal justice is, for all too many, a cruel myth.”

Kelly’s father cautioned him not to lead “a life off the record,” that is, a life without some kind of passionate involvement in the lives of his fellow man; he taught him not to leave society’s “others” behind. And, if you ask anyone in the legal profession, that person will tell you that Kelly Tompkins has, indeed, led a fully professing life, professing in word and deed his commitment to leave the world a bit better off than he found it. As the 95th President of the Cleveland Bar Association, only the second in-house general counsel to hold that position in the Bar’s nearly 100-year history, Kelly framed his year as one of “building bridges.” He worked to heighten the awareness of issues of concern to women and attend to the needs of the working poor—in other words, to transform the “cruel myth of equal justice for all” into the reality our Constitution envisioned.

Professor Pamela Daiker-Middaugh ’88, who heads the law school’s own Pro Bono Program, remembers working with Kelly as one of the best partnerships she ever had with a community leader. “For me, listening to him talk about the privilege of being a lawyer, of being held to a higher standard, of our obligation to serve the community, was a great incentive. He was inspiring. He made us all want to do more and more.”

“Few of us will have the greatness to bend history but each of us can make choices that make a difference.”

Indeed, Kelly is his preacher-father’s son and has inherited his rhetorical gifts. In his 2005 commencement address, he said, “Whatever your chosen area of practice, . . . make choices that strengthen and enhance the civic life of your fellow citizens. . . . [A]s I have come to understand, without meaningful acts, your degree is no more than potential lost and opportunity missed. So, I urge you to be advisors and counselors to your clients . . . but, as well, be engaged in your community—be a citizen lawyer!”

As we all know, the words of commencement speakers seldom linger long in the consciousness of those who hear them. But the experience of the Class of 2005 may be different. They did not hear a governor or senator or Presidential candidate. They heard a practicing attorney addressing them in the sincerity of his own convictions. And, even if they fail to remember his name, they will surely remember the passionate speaker who exhorted them, in the ennobling phrase he favors, to become what he has become: a citizen lawyer. LFM
There is a plaque outside the Moot Court Room that commemorates the day in October 1977 when Charles, Prince of Wales, came to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law to take part in a ceremony celebrating the opening of our brand new law school building. In its time, the new law school on East 18th Street and Euclid Avenue was considered an architectural achievement, hailed by the press as "a boon to the city." But, by the dawn of the 21st century, the law school, like a visitor who has stayed too long, was tired and showing its age. In the fall, we will celebrate the transformation of our 1970s building into a teaching and learning facility that is at home in the new century, and we will install two new works of art commemorating the renovation of our law school.

The first will be a portrait of the two persons responsible for the transformation: Iris S. Wolstein and the late Bert L. Wolstein. Mr. Wolstein, a 1953 honors graduate of our law school, died in May 2004. In October of that year, Mrs. Wolstein pledged $6.25 million to the law school in loving memory of her husband: $5 million to renovate the law school building and a $1.25 million challenge grant to create the Bert L. and Iris S. Wolstein Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Wolstein promised to match every dollar donated to the scholarship fund up to $1.25 million. The
entire gift is the largest in the history of the University, and it is an appropriate tribute to a man born and raised in Cleveland, a national real estate developer who never forgot his hometown or his law school.

The second artwork will be a 22-foot-long, two-and-a-half foot high glass installation built into the wall and inscribed with the names of the alumni, faculty, staff, students and many, many friends in the law and business communities who donated to the Wolstein Scholarship Fund. Both the portrait of Iris and Bert Wolstein and the honor roll of donors will be the first things visitors will see when they enter the law school from our new front door on Euclid Avenue: two works of art that say thank you.

Transformation

Over the past four years, 22,000 square feet in the ground floor of the library have been reconfigured and renovated, and 4,700 new square feet have been added to the front of the law school facing Euclid Avenue. What has emerged from the blueprints of the Bostwick Design Partnership is a handsome, functional and contemporary restoration of the 31-year-old building.

Particularly dramatic is the new three-story-high entrance foyer—its soaring floor-to-ceiling windows spreading sunlight into two new reception areas on the first and second floors and into a technologically sophisticated conference room, walled on three sides in glass, also on the second floor. A staircase from the ground floor leads up to the atrium and to the second floor classrooms connected to the Moot Court Room. The Moot Court Room itself has undergone restoration: A bank of windows has been carved into the new stone wall facing Euclid, and, for the first time, there is a “lift” that allows our handicapped visitors to be seated comfortably in the auditorium.

The alumni/ae who studied law in the carrels on the ground floor of the old law library and the guests who came to receptions and reunions in the “Garden Terrace Room” and who bemoaned the old space’s dingy green and yellow carpeting have a surprise waiting for them when next they visit: clinic offices, classrooms, student organizations offices, an impressive faculty presentation room and two small kitchens.

In the clinic area, faculty and students look out from newly installed windows onto the walkway and sloping green outside the East 19th street entrance to the law library. Beyond the faculty and student offices is a large open space housing a library of files and print resources, where students in individual carrels or in adjacent conference rooms with power-point capability can study, research and work on clinic cases.
Down the long hallway outside the Clinic offices is a row of new classrooms.

Our student organizations have left behind their warren of cramped and cluttered offices and now share one large, expansive new workroom. Across from their offices is the wood-paneled faculty presentation room, which, since February, has been the site of lectures by visiting faculty and faculty candidates. And, thanks to better lighting and new and enlarged windows in the student services area and elsewhere, there is a sense of abundant light filtering through the entire building.

Today, we are more closely connected to the city and University than ever before: Crossing the renovated bridge from the law building to the Music and Communications building, we can see all the way to Lake Erie from the expanse of new windows along the bridge’s exterior wall. The interior passageway is lined with brightly refurbished classrooms, and throughout the passage are comfortable spaces—small oases—for reading or studying or meeting friends.

Good news from the Dean

Word on the street and up and down the halls of the law school is that Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns will very soon be bringing us good news—either at graduation on May 17 or during the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association’s Annual Recognition Luncheon on May 22—or perhaps at both celebrations.

If all goes as we hope, he will have many people to thank, beginning, of course, with Mrs. Iris Wolstein, who will receive the 2008 Dean’s Award during the Alumni Luncheon in recognition of her dedication to our students and to her husband’s law alma mater.

The Dean will also thank Cleveland State University President Dr. Michael Schwartz and the CSU Trustees who committed substantial additional funds to the building renovation.

And Dean Mearns will have many kind words for a special group of donors: the seven graduating students who organized the 2008 Graduate Challenge: Jamie Cole, Nicholas Hanna, Susan Hughes, Katheryn McFadden, Shawn Romer, Adam Saurwein, and Judson Stelter.
A building open to the world
The old, fortress-like law building closed in on itself; the new law school opens outwards toward Cleveland's historic main street in an architectural gesture that is perhaps symbolic of this law school's historic engagement with the city and world outside us, now captured in stone, glass, and mortar.
Euclid Avenue has itself undergone extensive restorations: Cleveland buses resembling trolley cars will soon cruise up and down newly paved streets from Public Square to University Circle, picking up passengers along the way at smart bus stop shelters designed by world-renowned Cleveland architect Robert Madison. The city's midtown corridor is being reborn right outside our windows, and renovations throughout Cleveland State University are promising landmarks of Cleveland's regeneration. We, also, are part of the regeneration, and, today, the law school, like the Nance School of Business and the Levin College of Urban Affairs, has an open, welcoming look—a look that reaches out toward the future.
In the University, in the city, in the world, we are at home. LFM

Cleveland-Marshall rocks
The law school has a new art installation on the green outside the 19th Street entrance to the Law Library. "Reflect/Radiate/Accumulate" is a sculpture in three parts: two large boulders and a vertical steel structure, created by Wisconsin husband-and-wife public artists Andrea Myklebust and Stanton Sears. The sculpture was funded by Ohio's One Percent for Art Program and commissioned by a University committee that included Cleveland-Marshall Professor Brian Glassman.
The two large rocks were mined from Canadian gneiss and weigh many tons; the vertical steel installation and the surfaces of the two boulders were hand carved by the sculptors. According to the artists' website, "This group of two large natural boulders carved with abstract water patterns and a water-jet cut metal element makes reference to characteristics of the law: that law is a reflection of the society that creates it, that a single case can have effects far beyond an original ruling, and that the body of case law grows and accumulates over time."
The Myklebust & Sears couple have also created large public sculptures in Iowa, Florida, Arizona, North Carolina, Minnesota and elsewhere in Ohio.
Graduation Challenge:

Our Class of 2008 Rainmakers

For the faculty, staff and Mrs. Iris Wolstein, some names on the roster of donors to the Bert L. and Iris S. Wolstein Scholarship Fund will, at least sentimentally, stand out: the names of the graduating students who organized the 2008 Graduation Challenge to help raise funds to match Mrs. Wolstein’s challenge gift. They are Jamie Cole, Nicholas Hanna, Susan Hughes, Katheryn McFadden, Shawn Romer, Adam Saurwein, and Judson Stelter, altogether an academically accomplished group of student leaders.

The law school first began asking our graduating classes to solicit their classmates for pledges and gifts to the annual fund several years ago. The Wolstein challenge brought new urgency to the students’ endeavors, and the Class of 2006, led by Keller Blackburn, Paul Castillo, Brendan Healy, Robert Koury and Amy Ryder Wentz, responded generously. The 2007 Graduation Challenge student leaders were also successful.

Many of our law students graduate burdened with undergraduate and law school tuition debts. And thus when students in their final school years solicit their fellow students for funds to increase scholarship resources, they have a compelling argument at hand. The leaders of the 2008 Graduate Challenge had something else as well: Overnight, they became entrepreneurs, planning from the opening days of the school year fund-raising strategies: open houses, letter-writing campaigns, auctions, lunches, and raffles, including priceless tickets to Indians games. They created t-shirts reading “Invest in CM; Invest in You” and wore them throughout the campaign. For two days in April, they sponsored “Dean’s Doubling Days,” on which Dean Mearns pledged to match every gift of $25 or more up to $2,500.

And, for the first time ever, the Graduation Challenge group—with generous support from Gary Adams ’83, President-Elect of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association—was able to offer all donors of $50 or more an evening riverboat cruise with refreshments and entertainment.

In the coming years, our classrooms and clinics will be filled by a new generation of law students who were able to choose our school because a gracious lady opened a new path into their futures.

As Law Notes goes to press and Graduation Challenge draws to a close, pledges and gifts are still coming in, and these exceptional women and men from the Class of 2008 may add to their academic and leadership accomplishments the title of Rainmakers as well. LFM

From left: Jamie Cole, Katheryn McFadden, Judson Stelter, Adam Saurwein, Susan Hughes, and Shawn Romer. Nicholas Hanna is missing from the picture.
New Life Members

Michael Courtney, a native Clevelander, graduated from Ohio State University with a B.S. in communications in 1972 and earned his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1975. He is presently of counsel in the law firm of Nager, Romaine & Schneiberg.

Following his graduation from law school, Mr. Courtney worked, first, in the legal office of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and then in the Starkoff & Starkoff firm and the law offices of Barry A. Trattner ’68. From 1988 to 1990 he was a member of the Cleveland law firm of Ratimorzky, Rapoport, Spitz & Friedland, and from 1990 until 2007, he was a member of the Rapoport, Spitz, Friedland & Courtney firm.

He is married to Mary Llamas Courtney ’78, a former Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Trustee, and is the father of two sons, Skylar, 21, and Jake, 17.

Mr. Courtney writes, “What I value most about my law school experience, other than finding a gem in the Chester Building lounge, is the friendship and camaraderie of my fellow Marshall alumni, with whom it’s been my pleasure to work and play for the last 32+ years.”

Patrick J. Leddy is a 1987 graduate of Cleveland State University and a 1990 summa cum laude graduate of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

He is a partner in the Cleveland office of Jones Day where, as an expert in Mergers and Acquisitions, he represents public and private companies in a range of industries. Recent clients in public matters include Parker Hannifin, Timken, Roadway, J.M. Smucker, Allen Telecom, and Federated Department Stores. His recent work with public companies includes KeyCorp, RPM International, Sky Financial/Huntington Bank, STEKIS and Harasco Corporation.

Mr. Leddy has also represented clients in private equity and leveraged buyout transactions and recently worked with ERICO Holding, GA-Tek, Ranpak, Federated, Francisco Partners, Citicorp Venture Capital, First Atlantic Capital, and JP Morgan Partners LLC on those types of transactions. In addition, he handles securities and general corporate matters, including public and private securities offerings.

He is active in several professional associations, including the Negotiated Acquisitions Committee of the American Bar Association’s Business Law Section, which is comprised of M&A specialists from across the U.S. and Canada, and the Task Force on Acquisitions of Public Companies, the Subcommittee on Recent Judicial Developments, and the M&A Market Trends Subcommittee. He is a frequently sought lecturer on mergers and acquisition and corporate governance matters, as well.

Did You Know...

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law alumna Georgia A. Froelich ’84 is one of eight Cleveland State University graduates receiving a Distinguished Alumni Award during CSU’s 18th annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on June 13. The award acknowledges service, leadership and career achievements. Ms. Froelich is Senior Vice President and Senior Fiduciary Officer of the National City Corporation Sterling Trust and chair of the law school’s Visiting Committee.

On January 31, the U.S. State Department brought 18 journalists from around the globe to Cleveland to discuss Ohio and Cuyahoga County elections. The law school’s Center for Election Integrity was selected as a host for part of their time in Cleveland; the journalists also visited with the Plain Dealer editorial board and with WCPN. Professor Candice Hoke and former adjunct Professor and blogger Geoffrey Coryell were among a distinguished group of speakers.


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I learned a lot in my first year in law school. Offer and Acceptance, Elements of Battery, Rule against Perpetuities. I also learned cellular division, division of fractions and words that end in 'ing.' At school, I made outlines of torts, property and contracts. At home, I made a full-color hanging mobile book report, a glitter-laden American flag, a Pot O' Gold 'fun lunch' and lots of cookies. The guilty kind with sprinkles.

When law school collides with grade school, the demands are different than they are for other students. Not impossible, just different, and Cleveland-Marshall remains unwavering in its commitment to parents as law students.

"This law school has a long, rich history of admitting non-traditional students, including students who have children, and they bring diverse perspectives and experiences to the classroom," says Cleveland-Marshall Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns, a father of five. "Students who are parents will be valuable in the practice of the law because a good lawyer must have a commitment to excellence and the capacity to handle a heavy and varied workload."

A heavy and varied workload indeed.

While most parents—in fact every parent interviewed for this article—talked of the workload, they also talked of the strategies they employ to achieve success. These are their stories.

**The High A in Time Management Goes To...**

If anyone has perfected the art of time management, it's Beth Hendricks '08. A part-time law student, full-time nurse and all-time mother of four, Beth will graduate this spring. She attributes her achievement to perseverance, family support and the madcap juggling act she calls a schedule. Her typical week goes something like this: After working a weekend shift at Cleveland...
Left to right: Christopher, Nathaniel, Chris, Anna and Laura Renkel

Clinic’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Beth starts her Monday like most moms: up at 6 a.m., pack lunches; eat breakfast with 16-year-old Scott and 12-year old Rob; (her daughter Meghan is away at the University of Michigan); see older boys off to school; get seven-year-old Tommy ready and on the bus.

And then her day as Law Student begins.

First, she’s off to morning classes or to her externship followed by evening classes. Study comes after family time. If she has no evening classes, then her priority is to eat dinner with everyone at the table. Next, homework time (no, not hers) and/or children’s sports, which could be football, wrestling, hockey or baseball depending on the season. While husband Tom has taken over many of the family responsibilities, it typically isn’t until late in the evening when she begins her own studies.

Even studying, however, is a family affair at the Hendricks household. In preparing for her Civil Procedure exam, she needed some little boy help.

“I wanted to cut and paste my outline electronically but I didn’t know how, so I had to print out all the pages and Tommy did it with scissors and Elmer’s Glue,” she says. “He was in kindergarten. It was nice. And all three boys helped me practice for Trial Advocacy. They lined up on the couch and watched me rehearse. Scott would just listen and tell me ‘good job.’ He didn’t want to hurt my feelings. Rob gave me constructive feedback. He would say ‘slow down’ here, ‘make it more exciting’ there or tell me when something didn’t make sense. Tommy would always ask to hear another story.”

In fact, Beth feels the entire experience has been positive for her family. “My kids find it interesting to see me studying all the time,” she says. “It’s made me more tolerant, too. Now I just expect them to work hard. I do get upset when they don’t take advantage of the extra credit though. I keep telling them that in law school there is no extra credit.”

If anyone deserves extra credit it’s Chris Renkel ’09. While most law students spend their weekends either studying or at least thinking about studying, this father of three is piloting 767s across the Atlantic. Every Friday, the Delta Air Lines Captain departs Cleveland for any one of many international destinations, stays overnight and returns Sunday evening.

With little time to spare, it’s the little moments in time he captures. Breakfast every day with his children Christopher, 17, Nathaniel, 14, and Anna, 10, being home with them after school, helping with their homework and not doing his own homework until they are asleep.

“I don’t want to be the dad who is in the office all the time, especially since I am gone on weekends,” he says. “With kids, you only get one chance. I schedule my studying around them.” A good student, Chris acknowledges his grades may have suffered from time to time. “At first I thought I could be a straight-A student, work full time and be a parent. I had to learn to prioritize and for me my family still comes first. Whether it’s a rowdy sleepover, a sporting event or quiet times in the car, just being with them keeps things in perspective for me.”

Angela Simmons ’08 agrees that prioritization and perspective are the keys to the kingdom of sanity when faced with a mile-long to-do list and short timeframe to do it. A single parent until 2001, the mother of three children—daughter Evon 18, son Ezekiah 16, and 13-year-old stepson Chaz—stays centered by “preserving
the most energy for the most important things," and it has served her well. In addition to law school coursework, Angela is a member of Moot Court and clerks at a major law firm.

Angela credits instilling self-sufficiency in her children at a young age with making her life more manageable. "The children know what their responsibilities are," she says. "Because I was a single parent for so long, I had to teach them self-reliance. I didn't want to worry about them tearing up the house. It took me eight years to graduate from college and four to graduate from law school. They had to be responsible."

And Angela continues that approach today. "When my daughter Evon has a problem I ask her how she's going to solve it," Angela says. "I say 'what's your plan' and then I follow up. Even though I don't have time to get too caught up in the teenage drama, I stay on top of what's going on with them and let them know that I care and am always willing to listen. Sometimes I think they are frustrated by how much law school has consumed my life, but I think they are proud of me too."

The Crying Game

When imagining the law school experience, thinking high-minded thoughts in the splendid calm of library hush no doubt came to mind. The books, the knowledge the glory. Crying babies probably weren't part of the fantasy.

As I would get closer to home, I could hear the screaming," Judson Stelter '08 says. The cries of neighborhood crime? No, his colicky infant son, Wes, who never slept. "He cried straight through the entire first semester of law school," Jud, a Salt Lake City native, says. "Sometimes I would just drive him around and around in circles at 11 p.m. so he would be quiet. Now we look back and laugh. Our first child, JP, was a really quiet baby so we thought we were just great parents. Turns out we were wrong."

Rather than feeling limited by family demands, Jud views family as his reason for achievement. "I wanted to make sure I studied really hard because I was doing it for my kids," he says. "I set aside certain days for family. I never did school work on Saturday mornings (cartoon time), Sundays or Monday night."

Mike owns his own business and was able to cut back his work schedule when his wife, a full-time veterinarian, went back to work. Mike is grateful that he has family nearby to provide support. "People don't understand law school unless they are in it, and I am lucky our families understand as well as they do."

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If working full time and parenting and studying aren't hard enough, how about being a single parent. Mission Impossible? Not even close—just ask Jamie Cole '08 and Adam Scheid '09.

When Noble became the proud father of Gianna half way through first year, he went from being well-rested and ready for class to being ready to get some more sleep. "I had to change the way I studied and my approach to scheduling." Mike credits his wife, a full-time veterinarian, for her support. "I don't know how we could do this without family," he says. "People don't understand law school unless they are in it, and I am lucky our families understand as well as they do."

Another accomplished student is Mike Noble, '10. The parent of one-year-old Gianna, he and his wife Cerissa are expecting another baby this summer.

"If you think going to law school cuts into your social life, having a kid kills it," he jokes. But he wouldn't have it any other way. "She's such a good baby. When she smiles at me, it just makes me want to buy her a pony."

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When I started law school, my daughter Madeleine was four weeks old and my son Zachary was one," Jamie says. "I got divorced in the middle of law school. A
lot of people lose relationships when they come to law school because the demands are so high and significant others are not prepared to meet those demands and be supportive."

Jamie faced the demands and won. As a member of both Moot Court and the JO URNA L OF LA W AND HEAL TH, she is already working at a prestigious law firm and looks forward to a bright future.

"She claims she could not have done it without support. "I moved in with my mom who does my laundry, the cooking and babysitting," she says. "The reason I am able to do all I do is because I don't have to manage a household. When I am with my kids, all I have to do is play with them and love them."

Jamie also applauds the level of support she received at school. "The professors were phenomenal," she says. "There were two who knew everything and held me together. Cleveland-Marshall has a lot of people who want the students to succeed. But I still have to pack the lunches at midnight," she jokes.

Packing lunches at the Scheid household is all part of the family routine, and for Adam Scheid, it's a "strict schedule carved on a stone tablet" that makes his busy law school life with seven-year-old Ezra agreeable and comfortable.

"Life's more pleasant when you know what to expect," he says. "So I keep to our routine. Kids love to know what to count on."

And that routine is tight: up between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m., study until 6 a.m. when Ezra gets up. Then they straighten the house, have breakfast, and he takes her to school. Adam says, "I take classes during the day so I can get Ezra after her school. We focus on her homework first, then we do law work. My daughter's idea of an evening at home is a stack of books in front of her."

Despite the difficulties, Adam says that having his daughter helps him get through the tough times. "No other person is more sympathetic and helpful. Sometimes when I don't feel like getting up, Junior (his nickname for Ezra) keeps me going."

But it's not all work at the Scheid household. "I don't want to cut out too much of my Princess Monopoly Time," Adam says. "We have matching Hannah Montana wigs, too. We set the coffee table up like a stage and dance on the coffee tables. Who wants to stop doing that?" At Single Dad House, Dad's on the coffee table with you.

"My daughter is the reason I do it," he continues. "I want her to have a better life with more opportunities. I wouldn't have gone to law school if it weren't for my daughter."

Not Guilty: Thoughts from the Author

Many times, I feel guilty about being in law school. As hard as I try, I have forgotten to sign papers, neglected to send sneakers and tennis racquets and baseball mitts. I have missed bedtime stories and track meets. My mother or aunt drives my son to and from school and helps with homework. My husband now packs the lunches most days. When another fellow parent, Leeduan Sharma, told me the story about her daughter putting a note in her own lunch box because Leeduan had forgotten to do it, we laughed and cried together. As it turns out, being in three places at once is not our talent.

However, when the feelings of guilt get a little too overwhelming, I look to moments: the times we do our homework together, the times we play with the dog, the times we walk in the park, times when we really connect as mother and son made all the more significant by my lack of spare moments. Finally, I cling to the fact that my son once told his classmates that I was elected judge. And it's his vote that counts the most.

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The writer of this piece, Ann DeWerth, is a 2L full-time student, wife and mother of 10-year-old Matthew. She is eternally grateful to her family and friends for their support. She also wishes to thank other parents she was unable to include in this article.
A Collaboration of Like Minds:

Professor Kathleen C. Engel and Professor Patricia A. McCoy

Cleveland-Marshall Professor Kathleen C. Engel and her former law school colleague, Professor Patricia A. McCoy, began collaborating on articles on the implications of subprime lending in academic journals in 2001, years before it registered on the minds of ordinary Americans as an impending crisis and years before it had spread like a lethal virus across the continents—from Wall Street to Threadneedle Street to villages in countries as far away as Norway and Australia. Seven years later, in our own country, citizens on every level of the income scale have lost jobs, defaulted on mortgages, and lost access to credit. Few American neighborhoods, businesses and families have escaped fallout from the subprime-lending debacle, and today what began as a virus approaches a financial pandemic, almost unquantifiable in its devastation.

The Engel-McCoy collaboration is exceptional, an alliance of mutual respect and compatible expertise. Professor McCoy’s authority in banking law and Professor Engel’s in consumer law and civil rights have informed numerous articles—11 so far—elucidating the complex integration of financial markets, behavioral economics, and the egregious self-interest that engineered the global crisis.

Today, the scholarly alliance between these two talented women is as vigorous as ever, with four articles published or forthcoming this year and a book in preparation on the origins of the subprime crisis, various failures in the law and market, and the layers of missed opportunities that might have averted tragedy.

Patricia McCoy is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall); she is now the George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law in the Yale School of Law.
of Law at Connecticut University Law School, where she teaches banking and securities regulation, corporate governance, retirement security law, and consumer finance. In addition to her work on subprime lending, she writes on systemic risk, market failure, and consumer protection in the banking, securities, insurance, and pension industries. She is the author of BANKING LAW MANUAL: FEDERAL REGULATION OF FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES, BANKS AND THRUNTS (2d ed. 2000 & cum. supp.) and editor of FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION AFTER GRAMM-LEACH-BILLEY (2002).

Kathleen Engel is a graduate of Smith College and the University of Texas Law School. In addition to her individual and collaborative publications, she lectures at conferences and symposia throughout our country and abroad, and rarely a day goes by that some arm of the media does not seek her commentary on subprime lending and the foreclosure crises that attend it—from THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, to THE WALL STREET JOURNAL to THE ECONOMIST and BUSINESS WEEK—even to the Voice of America and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. She has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Domestic Policy Subcommittee, and, this winter, the Federal Reserve Board of Governors appointed her to its Consumer Advisory Council.

Recently, Cleveland-Marshall Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns named Kathleen the law school’s Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Endowed Professor of Law, and in May the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association will present her with its 2008 Wilson G. Stapleton Award for Faculty Excellence, given each year to a member of the faculty in recognition of service to the students of the law school.

Unfortunately, the global subprime crisis shows no signs of abating, and it will be years before it is understood in all its confounding complexity. But, fortunately, along the way, scholars like Kathleen Engel and Patricia McCoy will, bit by bit, article by article, help us come to terms with the immensity of its toll in human suffering and with the greed at its core. And they will ask—and perhaps answer—the most difficult of questions: When cracks began to form on the surface of this insubstantial and controversial lending-and-banking structure, where were the good men and women? LFM

Collaborations between Professors Engel and McCoy, 2001-2008

The Impact of Predatory Lending Laws: Policy Implications and Insights in UNDERSTANDING CONSUMER CREDIT (Harvard University’s Joint Center for Housing Studies and the Brookings Press) (with A. Pennington-Cross and S. Wachter) (forthcoming)


From Credit Denial to Predatory Lending: the Challenge of Sustainable Minority Homeownership in SEGREGATION: THE RISING COSTS FOR AMERICA (Routledge 2008)

Predatory Lending and Community Development at Loggerheads in FINANCING LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES: MODELS, OBSTACLES, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Russell Sage 2007)


The CRA Implications of Predatory Lending, 29 FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL 1571 (2002)


Changes in the Financial Services Market, Predatory Lending, and the Community Reinvestment Act, in FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION AFTER GRAMM-LEACH-BILLEY (Lexis-Nexis 2002)

The Law and Economics of Remedies for Predatory Lending, in CHANGING FINANCIAL MARKETS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 155 (FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM 2001)
law school’s reputation rests, in part, on the accomplishments of its faculty—on the gifts its teachers bring to the classroom and on the contributions they make to the literature of law. In their teaching, law faculty share one goal: to educate lawyers of conscience. In their scholarship, their single goal is to define justice wherever its nature is in dispute: from criminal law to international law to space law. In that American courts often rely on faculty scholarship in making their determinations, the scholarship of law faculties throughout the country strengthens our justice system.

One of the ways in which the academy acknowledges outstanding teachers and scholars is by awarding them named professorships. Cleveland-Marshall has four named professorships. Each of ours has a personal component: Three were created by our graduates, and the fourth was created by John Deaver Drinko, Ohio’s greatest legal education philanthropist.

This spring, Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns announced the new named professors.

The Charles R. Emrick Jr. – Calfee, Halter & Griswold Endowed Professor of Law
Susan J. Becker ‘83


Charles and Lizabeth Emrick
Charles Emrick, a 1958 alumnus of our law school, is former senior partner in the law firm of Calfee Halter & Griswold and former senior vice president and director of the Transaction Group. He and his wife, Lizabeth Emrick, along with his colleagues, friends and clients, funded the Emrick Professorship.

“Chuck” grew up in Rocky River, Ohio, graduated from its high school and worked in the steel mills to raise money for his tuition at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business and then a master’s in journalism. In college, waiting tables for an Ohio University sorority, he met his wife to be, Lizabeth Keating, who also grew up on Cleveland’s west side. Chuck left the University in 1952 and enlisted in the United States Army. Two years later, he returned to Cleveland and enrolled in our night law school.

At Calfee Halter, he demonstrated a gift for cultivating new clients and for spotting promising businesses and helping them to grow. In a word, he was a major rainmaker. He was also a cultivator of new talent, a conscientious steward of younger associates and partners. Cleveland today is full of attorneys who owe their careers to Chuck’s counsel and guidance.

He is a member of the law school’s development committee and has been honored by the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and the Cleveland State University Alumni Association. For several years, he and Liz have generously sponsored a reunion in Florida for our graduates living in the area. His civic and
Professor Engel graduated from Smith College and the University of Texas Law School. She clerked for the Honorable Homer Thornberry of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and practiced law at Burnham & Hines in Boston. She is a national and international authority on mortgage finance and regulation, sub-prime predatory lending, and housing discrimination. She has lectured throughout this country and abroad. In January 2008, the Federal Reserve Board of Governors appointed her to a three-year term on its Consumer Advisory Council, where, with others, she will serve as an advisor to the Board of Governors. Professor Engel is also a board member of Americans for Fairness in Lending and a former member of the Research Working Group of the National Consumer Law Center.


Leon and Gloria Plevin
Leon Plevin, the founding partner of the Plevin and Gallucci law firm, and his wife Gloria Plevin, a nationally recognized painter and printmaker, created the Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Endowed Professorship.

Leon and Gloria both grew up in West Virginia. Leon attended the University of West Virginia, and Gloria attended The Ohio State University. Leon graduated from our law school in 1957, and in the 51 years since he graduated, he has never lost touch with his law alma mater. He has been a member of our Visiting Committee and President of our Law Alumni Association, and both the law school’s and the University’s alumni associations have honored him.

Gloria’s work hangs in museums and galleries all across the country. Chautauqua, New York, where the Plevins have a second home, is the inspiration for eight etchings given to the law school by Gloria and other donors. They are among our finest acquisitions, and we are the only institution that owns this beautiful collection in its entirety. Through their community work, Leon and Gloria have been influential in calling national attention to the region’s many artists.

Leon is a member of the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys, the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, a former national trustee of the American Arbitration Association, and a member of the American, Ohio, and Bar Associations. He is a former trustee of the Citizens’ League and the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and is a past Chair of the Regional Advisory Council.

The Joseph C. Hostetler – Baker and Hostetler Chair in Law
Sheeldon Gelman

Professor Gelman is a graduate of Rutgers College, Rutgers University School of Law and Harvard Law School. His writing and teaching focus on issues arising from the intersection of medicine and Constitutional law. Before attending law school, he was a National Institute of Mental Health Fellow in Anthropology at the University of Chicago. As a new lawyer, he worked in a law office specializing in class actions on behalf of institutionalized psychiatric patients and litigated a landmark case involving the right of psychiatric patients to refuse medication. His articles on abortion, forced sterilization of men and women and psychotropic medications have appeared in the Georgetown Law Journal, the University of Minnesota Law Review, the William and Mary Law Review and elsewhere. He is the author of Medicating Schizophrenia.
Joseph C. Hostetler (1886-1958), for whom our chair is named, was one of the three Baker & Hostetler founders. A graduate of Western Reserve Law School and a former suspender salesman and police beat reporter from Dover, Ohio, he found work as a young lawyer in the office of Cleveland’s new mayor, Newton D. Baker (1871-1937). On January 1, 1916, at the close of Mr. Baker’s second term as mayor, the two men, together with prominent Clevelanders Thomas Sidlo, formed the law firm of Baker, Hostetler & Sidlo. In 1917 President Woodrow Wilson appointed Newton D. Baker his Secretary of War. After WWI, he returned to Cleveland and resumed his practice. Joseph Hostetler survived Newton Baker by two decades and is credited with the firm’s growth in the years following WWI. The firm was renamed Baker & Hostetler in 1979.

Mr. Drinko and Mr. Hostetler

Philanthropist and lawyer, John Deaver Drinko (1922-2008), the principal creator of chairs at Case Western Reserve University’s largest auditorium for the performing arts. All in all, he established 15 chairs at undergraduate and graduate schools throughout Ohio. Mr. Drinko died this year at age 86.

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James A. Thomas

Jim Thomas, a 1963 magna cum laude graduate of our law school, is the founder, chairman, president and chief executive officer of the Thomas Properties Group, Inc., a highly successful national real estate developer of commercial and residential property. He was the original chair of the law school’s National Advisory Council, a dedicated committee of prominent graduates and friends. Jim was born in Pembroke, North Carolina, and earned his undergraduate degree at Baldwin-Wallace College. He was editor-in-chief of the CLEVELAND STATE LAW REVIEW. Jim was a partner in two prominent Los Angeles law firms, served in the regional counsel’s office of the IRS and was CEO and principal owner of the Sacramento Kings NBA Basketball Team and the Arco Arena. Few of our graduates have been as devoted to our law school as Jim Thomas—a leader, a benefactor, and a friend.
Did you know...

In January, 12 Cleveland-Marshall College of Law graduates traveled with Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns, Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Executive Director Mary McKenna, and Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey '81 to Washington to be sworn-in before the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Back row: Steven M. Auvil '93, Terry G. Linnert '75, Robert N. Schmidt '80, Dean Mearns, F. Scott Wilson '81, Brendan J. Sheehan '93, Frank Gallucci Ill '00, Howard D. Mishkind '80

Front row: Hon. Melody J. Stewart '88, Ian N. Friedman '97, Holly J. Wilson '81, Stacey L. McKinley '97, Michelle J. Sheehan '93

Dean Mearns, Clare and Christina Mearns in DC
Anne-Marie Connors, the law school's new Development Director, brings to Cleveland-Marshall over a decade of success in university admissions and development. She joined us this year in April from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where she headed the School of Law’s development efforts.

A native Clevelander, Anne-Marie earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from John Carroll University and her master’s degree in Higher Education Administration from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduate school, she returned to Cleveland to work, first, as a counselor in undergraduate admissions at CWRU and then, in 1995, as the Assistant Director of Admissions at John Carroll. She rejoined CWRU as the Director of Admissions in the law school in 1998. In 2001 she began her development career at Case’s law school, initially as the Director of Alumni Relations and Development. In 2003, she was named Director of Regional Development, Alumni Relations and Special Gifts; in 2004 she was named Director of Regional Development and Special Gifts, and from 2006 until coming to Cleveland-Marshall in April, she was the CWRU law school’s Director of Operations, Donor and Alumni Relations. Anne-Marie also served briefly as Co-Associate Dean for Development and Public Affairs.

Anne-Marie and her husband, Andrew Connors, have three-and-a-half-year-old identical twin boys, James and Cameron. Andrew is Vice President and Advisor at Fairport Asset Management.

In each of her CWRU positions, she expanded her expertise in all phases of marketing, communications, fundraising, and donor stewardship and solicitation. We are fortunate to have so much talent in one person.

Welcome to Anne-Marie Connors from all of us!

A Thank you Gift to Benefit Generations of Law Students

Recently, Robert C. Tucker, a founding partner and trial attorney in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West LLP, announced that he was stepping down as the firm’s managing partner. That post is now held by TWE partner Curtiss Isler, also a leading trial attorney.

In gratitude to Mr. Tucker for his contributions to building and expanding the Tucker Ellis firm, his law partners have found a novel way to say “Thank you”: a scholarship in his name at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. In accordance with Mr. Tucker’s wishes, the Robert C. Tucker Scholarship will award an annual $5,000 scholarship to a member of a very specific pool of candidates: undergraduate students aspiring to careers in law who graduated from high schools in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

According to Cleveland-Marshall Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns, “Our law school and Bob Tucker’s law firm both have deep roots in Cleveland and share a historical commitment to community service. The Robert C. Tucker Scholarship acknowledges Bob Tucker’s personal dedication to educating the city’s youth and to creating resources that will enable accomplished students to become accomplished lawyers. We are indeed indebted to Bob’s colleagues at the firm for this inspired way of saying ‘thank you’ to an exemplary attorney.”

Robert C. Tucker has defended hundreds of cases brought against pharmaceutical companies in Ohio and in a dozen other states. He is trial counsel throughout the Midwest for manufacturers of various products, drugs and devices, and he has tried cases to verdict in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa, as well as in courts throughout Ohio. Moreover, he has been the national coordinating counsel for the defense of product liability and toxic tort cases brought in state and federal courts throughout the United States.

Tucker Ellis & West LLP is a new law firm built on long-standing client and professional relationships. TWE, with more than 130 attorneys, is a full-service firm that maintains offices in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, and Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. Its clients include a Fortune 250-list of national litigation clients, a majority of the largest D&O and insurance carriers in the world, national and international patent clientele, and sophisticated business clients for whom the firm individually tailors its client service teams.
A Page of His Own
Professor David Forte: A Traveling, Talking Man

Professor David Forte is a one man traveling legal education show. Below is a partial list of his lectures from October through March:

“Originalism and Rights,” California Western Law School, San Diego, California, March 14, 2008;


“Natural Law and the Rule of Law,” Trinity Law School, Santa Ana, California, March 12, 2008;

“Religion: Friend or Foe to Liberty?” Western State Law School, Fullerton, California, March 12, 2008;

“How Justice Cardozo Almost Saved the Commerce Clause,” Chapman University Law School, Orange, California, March 13, 2008; the University of San Diego Law School, San Diego, California, March 11, 2008;


“Moderate Islam,” Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, March 10, 2008;

“Just What Is a Living Constitution?” Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, California, March 7, 2008;

“How Justice Cardozo Almost Saved the Commerce Clause,” Orange County Lawyers’ Federalist Society, Irvine, California, March 7, 2008;

“Justice Cardozo, Justice Thomas, and the Commerce Clause,” Willamette University School of Law, Salem, Oregon, February 9, 2008;


“The Ten Commandments as Iconography,” University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon, February 7, 2008;

“Is Democracy Compatible with Islam?”, Ohio Northern School of Law, Ada, Ohio, November 13, 2007;

“The Ten Commandments and the Establishment Clause,” University of Akron Law School, Akron, Ohio, November 6, 2007;

“The Future of Abortion in the Courts,” Ohio State University School of Law, Capital University School of Law, Columbus, Ohio, October 26, 2007;

“Originalism and the New Supreme Court,” debate with Professor John Valauri, Chase School of Law, Northern Kentucky University, October 25, 2007;

1961
Major General Fred Lick, Jr. (OHMR, Ret.), was elected Chancellor of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity International for a two-year term. Mr. Lick previously served for a number of years as the International Deputy Chancellor, the highest appointed position of the Fraternity. Mr. Lick is the Chairman and CEO of the North American Life Insurance Group, Inc.

1969
Marc Bloch joined the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield as a partner in the firm’s employment, media, education and competition section. Mr. Bloch focuses his practice on private and public sector management labor law and collective bargaining.

1970
James McMonagle was elected to the Board of Directors of Owens Corning Inc., where he will serve on the compensation and finance committees for the fiberglass maker. Mr. McMonagle is of counsel in the Cleveland office of Vorys Sater Seymour and Pease.

1971
Timothy Bittel was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Hahn Loeser + Parks. Mr. Bittel focuses his practice on litigation, construction, and labor and employment.

1972
Bruce Gaynor, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Kahn Kleinman, is a member of the firm’s newly formed public law and economic development practice group.

1973
John Arsenault was appointed executive vice president and senior trust officer by Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company of New York.

1974
Michael Hennenberg, of counsel in the Cleveland firm of Dinn Hochman & Potter, was selected for inclusion in the 2008 Ohio Super Lawyers magazine. Mr. Hennenberg is also certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a criminal trial advocate and is a fellow in the American Board of Criminal Lawyers.

1975
James Aussem was elected financial partner at the Ohio-based law firm of Weston Hurd. Mr. Aussem is in the firm’s Cleveland office where his practice is focused on closely held business clients, estate and succession planning, and general business counseling.

1976
M. Colette Gibbons, partner in the Cleveland office of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, was named in THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2008 edition.

1977
Carolyn Cappel was elected managing partner at the Ohio-based law firm of Weston Hurd. Ms. Cappel practices personal injury and products liability in the firm’s Cleveland office.

1978
Stephanie Malbasa is of counsel to the Maria E. Quinn Co. in Cleveland where she merged her estate planning practice.

1979
Peter Brodhead was nominated to the Board of Trustees of the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Ms. Brodhead is an attorney with Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis and focuses her practice on divorce, family law, civil litigation, estate planning and the business issues related to these legal matters.
tion to medical negligence and product liability cases, he handles a variety of complex matters involving unsafe pharmaceuticals and medical devices, toxic torts arising from hazardous chemicals, negligence law, civil rights cases, patent infringement and commercial litigation.

Henry Perras, an attorney in the Phoenix, Arizona, office of Quarles & Brady, was named in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 edition.

Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs announced that Henry Reder was named one of Ohio’s leading construction law attorneys in the 2007 Edition of Chambers USA. Mr. Reder focuses his practice on real estate and construction.

Marlene Sundheimer was named director of law for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Greg Victoroff, partner in the Los Angeles firm of Rohde & Victoroff, was honored at “The Artistic License Awards Celebrating 20 Years of Service to the Los Angeles Arts Community,” a benefit for California Lawyers for the Arts.

1980
Ohio Governor Ted Strickland appointed Timothy Cannon to the 11th District Court of Appeals.

Barry Goggins was named vice chairman of development of the Beech Brook Board of Directors. Mr. Goggins is senior counsel with the Cleveland firm of Ulmer & Berne.

Kathleen Grady is an associate with the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield.

William Hawal, partner in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was included in the 25th anniversary edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Howard Mishkind was nominated to the Board of Trustees of the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Mr. Mishkind is a partner in the law firm of Becker & Mishkind. His practice is concentrated primarily in the area of personal injury litigation, consisting of the representation of plaintiffs in medical malpractice, legal malpractice and catastrophic injuries arising out of motor vehicle collisions.

Gary Zwick was chosen for the third year in a row by Worth magazine as part of its “100 Top Attorneys List.” Mr. Zwick is a partner in the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield and chairs the firm’s tax and wealth management section.

1981
Dennis Lansdowne was appointed membership co-chair of the William K. Thomas Inn of Court and was selected as a Leading Lawyer for 2008 in Inside Business magazine. Mr. Lansdowne is a partner with the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg Shibley & Liber.

1982
Jim Camp is an Assistant District Attorney General with the State of Tennessee and Assistant Director of the DUI Training Division of the Tennessee District Attorney’s General Conference in Nashville.

Richard Greco was elected assistant council treasurer for the Boy Scouts of America Greater Cleveland Council. Mr. Greco is a partner with Ernst & Young’s transaction advisory services where he concentrates on solving tax issues for companies doing mergers or acquisitions.

Ollie Jefferson served as an international observer at a hearing in November for Father Gerard Jean-Juste, a Haitian human rights activist and political prisoner. A summary of her observations, posted on the Media Resources page of her website (www.olliejefferson.com), has since been reprinted by other individuals and organizations and made available on a number of justice websites, including those for the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti, and the National Lawyer’s Guild Haiti Committee.

Hon. Deborah Kooperstein, counsel at Farrell Fritz in Uniondale, NY, was one of five experts invited by United States Congressman George Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, to give testimony before the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.

Stephen Mucek is the vice president and associate legal counsel for FirstMerit Bank in Akron.

Judge Nancy Margaret Russo was named as the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court’s first Re-Entry Court Judge. Judge Russo was the keynote speaker on current trends in surety and bail bonds at the National Convention of the Professional Bail Agents Association, the California Bail Agents Association, and the Bail USA Annual Convention. She has also appeared as a presenter for the Cleveland Catholic Diocese Center for Pastoral Leadership training for Prison Ministries.

Ralph Streza is of counsel to Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston in Medina, Ohio.

Diana Thimmig was named partner in charge in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress.

Robert Walker was named litigation practice coordinator for the Cleveland office of Jones Day. Mr. Walker is a partner with extensive trial and litigation experience in product liability, personal injury, insurance coverage, trade secrets, breach of contract, intellectual property, commercial law, ERISA, and labor matters.

1983
John Moran was appointed treasurer of the Association of Corporate Counsel – America, Northeast Ohio Chapter Board.
1984

Carl Grassi was elected president of the Cleveland-headquartered business law firm of McDonald Hopkins where he oversees the strategic direction of the firm and all functions of its five offices.

Carter Strang, a partner in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and was selected to chair its 3Rs committee. The “Rights, responsibilities and realities” program is designed to provide assistance with the social studies portion of the Ohio Graduation Test, as well as career counseling for life after high school. Mr. Strang was also elected Vice President of the Federal Bar Association’s Northern District of Ohio Chapter. His article, “‘Take-Home’ Premises Liability Asbestos Claims” was published in the DRI Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Newsletter and in the OACTA Update. Mr. Strang’s article “Answering the Call” was published in the Spring ’08 edition of the Federal Bar Association’s Northern District of Ohio Newsletter.

Kenneth Zirm joined the Cleveland law firm of Ulmer & Berne as senior counsel and will lead the firm’s associate development program.

1985
Mary Forbes Lovett was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne. Ms. Lovett focuses her practice on real estate and business law.

Sue Phillips is an associate in the Akron firm of Roetzel & Andress, where her practice is concentrated on conducting new product clearance studies and preparing legal opinions to support the same for a major international client in the ink and toner industry.

1986
William Coley has joined the Cincinnati office of Roetzel & Andress as of counsel, practicing business contracting and dispute litigation with an emphasis on creditors’ rights.

Cathryn Ensign is an attorney with the Cleveland firm of Bonezzi Switzer Murphy Polito & Hupp. She focuses her practice on workers’ compensation and employment law.

Daniel Kalka is the past president of the Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association Board of Directors.

Lenore Kleinman was nominated to the Board of Trustees of the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Ms. Kleinman works with the Office of the U.S. Trustee in Cleveland.

Michael Linn and Laurence Powers ‘87 merged practices to form Powers Friedman Linn, PLLC, where they will provide counsel and representation to residential and commercial real estate management companies, developers and businesses throughout Ohio.

Harold Maxfield, Jr. was named to the Board of Directors of Cavitch, Familo, Durkin & Frutkin. Mr. Maxfield is a partner with the Cleveland firm and focuses his practice in the areas of corporation law and real estate law.

Hon. John Wallace was retained as Hocking County Municipal Court Judge in the November elections. Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland originally appointed Judge Wallace to the position.

1987
Robert Blackham was named Ohio practice group manager for Roetzel & Andress and will be responsible for implementing the firm’s growth plans at its five offices in Ohio.

James Fryling was named associate general counsel and senior litigation manager for the Redwoods Group, a Morrisville, North Carolina, commercial specialty insurance company.

William Kraus is Senior Labor Counsel for US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Washington, DC. He was also recently promoted to Colonel, US Air Force Reserves, and assumed the duties of Senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee for the General Litigation Division at Headquarters, US Air Force, where he supervises the reservists assigned to defend the Air Force in labor and employment, military personnel and FOIA litigation.

Judge Joseph Russo was appointed member-at-large of the William K. Thomas Inn of Court.

Eric Simon is a partner with Kahn Kleinman and a member of the firm’s newly formed public law and economic development practice group.

Thomson West published Timothy Trainer’s 2007 edition of Protecting Intellectual Property Rights Across Borders. Mr. Trainer spoke at the Global AntiCounterfeiting Summit held in Brussels, Belgium, where he addressed dangers to public health and safety. He has been an adjunct professor teaching an intellectual property course at Thomas Cooley Law School in Michigan. He provided intellectual property enforcement training to approximately 40 Chinese customs officers at the Shanghai Customs
Alumni Happenings

1988

Mark Barbour was named president of the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys. Mr. Barbour is a sole practitioner in Cleveland.

Robert Robenalt, a partner in the Columbus office of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, was named in THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2008 edition.

1990

Gregory Foliano, a partner in the Columbus office of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, was selected for inclusion in THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2008 in the areas of medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation.

1991

Michael Cicero was named a member of the Cleveland firm of Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper. Mr. Cicero practices at local, state and federal levels in various areas of municipal law.

1992

Tom Bonda was named director of business development for the Lake Erie Monsters hockey team in Cleveland.

William Karnatz, Jr. is an associate with the Cleveland firm of Perry & Kearns.

1993

Theresa Beasley was nominated to the Board of Trustees of the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Ms. Beasley is counsel to Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease in Cleveland.

The Cleveland firm of Kahn Kleinman named Greg Huth vice chairman of its newly formed public law and economic development practice group.

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Laura Simon was promoted to executive vice president and profit center leader of the Lawyer's Protector Plan, one of the programs that comprise B&B Protector Plans, Inc. Ms. Simon is responsible for the day-to-day operations in this niche professional liability insurance program serving attorneys and law firms nationwide.

Fred Crosby was nominated to the William K. Thomas Inn of Court.

Deborah Lasch was elected president of the Cleveland Chapter of the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW). Ms. Lasch is a partner with the law firm of Cowden Humphrey Nagomney & Lovett in Cleveland.

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Laura Simon was promoted to executive vice president and profit center leader of the Lawyer's Protector Plan, one of the programs that comprise B&B Protector Plans, Inc. Ms. Simon is responsible for the day-to-day operations in this niche professional liability insurance program serving attorneys and law firms nationwide.

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1994
Stephanie Conde was named a partner in the law firm of Roetzel & Andress. Ms. Conde is a member of the firm’s workers’ compensation group in the Cleveland office and concentrates her practice on workers’ compensation issues, providing risk management services for a variety of Ohio businesses.

Dean DePiero was appointed secretary of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Mr. DePiero is the mayor of the city of Parma, Ohio.

James Dimitrijevs was named president of the Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association Board of Directors. Mr. Dimitrijevs is a partner in the Cleveland office of Baker & Hostetler.

Marilena DiSilvio was named an “Ohio Rising Star” in the July 2007 issue of the Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars edition of Super Lawyers and Law and Politics magazines. Ms. DiSilvio is an attorney with Reminger Co. and is a leader in the firm’s medical malpractice and healthcare law practice groups.

David Gunning was nominated to the Board of Trustees of the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Mr. Gunning is a partner with Roetzel & Andress in Cleveland.

Deborah Yue was nominated to the Board of Trustees of the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Ms. Yue is a partner with Gallagher Sharp and a member of the firm’s general litigation and insurance practice groups.

K. Vesna Mijic-Barisic has joined Schottenstein Zox & Dunn as an associate in the firm’s public law practice group where she will focus her practice on municipal law, school law, and other public law issues.

Scott C. Walker joined the Columbus office of Squire Sanders & Dempsey as a senior attorney in the firm’s litigation practice. Mr. Walker was named a 2007 Rising Star by Ohio Super Lawyers magazine.

1995
Cynthia Binns is assistant general counsel for GrafTech International Holdings Inc. in Parma.

Cheryl Green was appointed the first female county attorney of Erie County, New York, the state’s largest government outside of New York City. Ms. Green was formerly a partner with Lustig & Brown in Williamsville, NY.

Karen Hamilton, who practiced bankruptcy and estate planning in Columbus, Ohio, was elected Vice-Chancellor of Delta Theta Phi.

J. Kieran Jennings is a partner with Siegel Siegel Johnson and Jennings Co. in Cleveland where his practice is focused on real property taxation, sales tax litigation, and general state and local tax litigation.

Law & Politics Media, Inc. named Stephen O’Keefe a 2007 Ohio Rising Star Super Lawyer. Mr. O’Keefe is a partner in the firm of Gibson & O’Keefe in Dayton, where he practices in the areas of medical malpractice and general personal injury plaintiff.

Margaret M. Metzinger joined the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd practicing probate, business litigation, employment litigation, and commercial real estate litigation.

1996
Christine Faranda, an associate in the Cleveland office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, was recognized as a rising star in the 2007 edition of Ohio Super Lawyers.

Jennifer Lawther heads the probate and domestic practice for the Cleveland firm of Nager Romaine & Schneiberg.

Brian Mooney joined the office of Ohio Treasurer Richard Cordray as Northeast Ohio Regional Outreach Director. Mr. Mooney is headquartered in Cleveland and is responsible for implementing the region’s community outreach programs for the Treasury.

Thomas Stefanik was promoted to shareholder in the Avon, Ohio firm of Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista. Mr. Stefanik directs the firm’s workers’ compensation division of the litigation department.

1997
Jeff Bogan was promoted to executive director in Ernst & Young’s Phoenix office. He is a leader for Ernst & Young’s tax accounting and risk advisory services practice in the Pacific Southwest and has served numerous Fortune 500 clients.

Ian N. Friedman of Ian N. Friedman & Associates in Cleveland was elected President-Elect of the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner appointed Leslye Huff to serve on the Ohio Voter Rights Institute Advisory Council (VRI), which identifies and advocates for best practices in election administration in the state of Ohio. Ms. Huff was a speaker at the symposium on Lawrence v. Texas.
at Emory University College of Law in Atlanta and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Black Justice Coalition and a speaker at their national conference in April.

Jeffrey Kay was named partner in the Cleveland office of Mazanec, Raskin, Ryder & Keller.

Susan Petersen was named president of the Ohio Women's Bar Association. She was also named to the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and was selected as an Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star. Ms. Petersen is an attorney with Petersen & Ibold and focuses her practice on wrongful death, medical malpractice, personal injury, automobile crashes, nursing home negligence, product liability, employment discrimination and general litigation.

1998

Thomas Baker is a member of the Cleveland Bridge Builders Class of 2008. Mr. Baker is counsel in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West where he specializes in products liability litigation, business and commercial litigation, professional liability defense and maritime litigation.

Rebecca Bennett was elected partner in the Cleveland firm of Frantz Ward where she focuses her practice on labor and employment litigation.

Geraldine Butler is an associate with Roetzel & Andress in Akron. Ms. Butler focuses her practice on product liability matters.

Suzanne Fisher was named a partner in the Cleveland office of McMahon DeGulis. Ms. Fisher is a top underground storage tank lawyer in the state of Ohio and also practices in the areas of brownfields, environmental litigation and asbestos litigation.

Robert Goff, partner and a member of the litigation section in the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd, was named in Super Lawyers 2007 – Ohio Rising Stars by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

George Carr was named a partner with Gallagher Sharp in Cleveland. Mr. Carr is active in the firm's business and employment and professional liability practice groups, and his practice includes banking and lender liability, contracts, complex business litigation, unfair competition, and trade secret and copyright infringement.

Danielle Pitcock joined the Mentor, Ohio firm of Sikora Law as an associate practicing in the area of civil litigation.

Matthew Shuler is a partner in the product liability and healthcare practice groups of the Cincinnati law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl.

Elaine Skorich is an Assistant Attorney General with Miners' Health and Safety in the West Virginia Attorney General’s Office.

Randy Taylor was named in Super Lawyers 2007 – Ohio Rising Stars by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Mr. Taylor is a partner in the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd where he focuses his practice on civil litigation defense.

1999

Jennifer Martinez Atsberger joined the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland as the Baker Hostetler Special Education Staff Attorney.

Julie Fischer is of counsel in the Cleveland firm of Maria E. Quinn Co.

Angelique Hartzell, a workers compensation attorney for Dennis Seaman & Associates in Cleveland, was named by Law & Politics magazine as an Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star.

M. Terrell Menefee was elected to nonshareholder principal status at Brouse McDowell in Akron. As part of the business and corporate practice group, Mr. Menefee focuses his work on matters concerning corporate, real estate and immigration law issues.

Julie Price was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Bensch Friedlander Coplan and Aronoff. Ms. Price, a member of the corporate and securities practice group, concentrates her practice in the areas of private equity, venture capital, corporate finance, securities, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, and general business matters.

Weston Hurd associate Jennifer Riester was elected President of the First Friday Club.

Joseph Saponaro is in-house counsel with Developers Diversified Realty Corporation in Beachwood, Ohio.

Jennifer Whitney joined the New York City office of Epstein Becker & Green as an associate practicing labor and employment law.

2000

Jason Bristol, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Cohen Rosenthal & Kramer, was named programming committee liaison for the City Club of Cleveland.

Todd Broski is an associate with Roetzel & Andress in Cleveland where he practices corporate law.

Michael Cantor was named chief operating officer and general counsel of Allegro Realty Advisors Ltd., a Northeast Ohio based global corporate real estate services firm.

Amy Carnicella is an associate in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania law firm of Burns, White & Hickton practicing in the firm’s transportation group.
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Victor DiMarco, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Weston Hurd practicing personal injury and medical malpractice, was named in Super Lawyers 2007—Ohio Rising Stars by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

L. William Erb is an attorney in the Cleveland office of Weston Hurd where his practice is concentrated in the areas of banking and business.

Brian Halliday was promoted to partner in the Cleveland firm of Rosner Partners. Mr. Halliday focuses his practice on employment-based immigration and emigration matters, naturalization issues and employer sanctions matters.

Rita Kline was appointed to the International Trademark Association’s (INTA) design rights subcommittee of the emerging issues committee for the 2008-09 committee term. Ms. Kline is in the Cleveland office of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff where she focuses her practice on trademark, patent and copyright matters.

Ann Marie McCauley joined Sikora Law in Mentor as an associate.

Gary Norman was selected as a German Marshall Fund Fellow. Founded in 1982, the Marshall Memorial Fellowship was created by the German Marshall Fund of the United States to introduce a new generation of European leaders to America’s institutions, politics and people. In 1999 the German Marshall Fund launched a companion program to expose future U.S. leaders to a changing and expanding Europe. Mr. Norman and his guide dog, Langer, will be traveling to Brussels and Berlin in October.

James Salamone was promoted to partner in the Akron office of Davis & Young. His practice areas include personal injury, premises liability, products liability, construction claims, employer intentional tort, and UM/UIM coverage.

Arthi Tirey was named secretary of the Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association Board of Directors.

Judge Raymond L. Pianka ’77 appointed Heather A. Veljkovic to the position of magistrate in the Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court.

Darlene White is a partner with Gallagher Sharp in Cleveland. Ms. White is active in the firm’s general litigation and professional liability practice groups and represents public and private companies, insurance carriers and individuals in civil lawsuits involving premises liability, property damage, personal injury, and wrongful death.

2001

Christopher Ankuda was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Ritzler, Coughlin & Swansinger, where his practice includes litigation with an emphasis on insurance defense.

Heidi Carroll joined the Cleveland office of Reminger Co. as a member of the firm’s health care practice group. Ms. Carroll focuses her legal practice on healthcare law, fraud and abuse laws, HIPAA privacy, EMTALA and Food and Drug Administration.

Pablo Castro was appointed magistrate in the Cleveland Municipal Court.

Jennifer Dorton is an associate in the collection services department of the Cleveland firm of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis.

Matthew Hite is a senior legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Bill Sali, R-Idaho, in the Congressman’s Washington, DC, office.

Lisa Pavlik is an associate in the Cleveland office of Buckley King.

Kimberly Rathbone was elected partner in the creditor-rights law firm of Javitch Block & Rathbone in Cleveland.

Lauren Steiner is in business at Grants Plus in Cleveland, which provides grant-writing solutions for nonprofit organizations. Ms. Steiner is an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and serves as an officer on its Board of the Greater Cleveland Chapter.

Tracey Turoff was appointed membership co-chair of the William K. Thomas Inn of Court. Ms. Turoff is an associate with Giffen & Kaminski in Cleveland.

Adam Van Ho joined the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, where he is currently assigned to the capital crimes unit.

Albert Vondra was elected treasurer of the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

2002

Marquetta Bryan joined the law firm of Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair in Atlanta, Georgia, as a defensive litigation associate, specializing in general liability, employment law, premises liability, civil rights law and medical malpractice litigation.

Una Lauricia was named treasurer of the Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association Board of Directors. Ms. Lauricia is an associate with Perine & Gordon in Cleveland.

Richard Schloss practices in all areas of commercial real estate for DLA Piper US, Los Angeles, California, including joint venture formations, real estate lending, acquisitions and dispositions, workouts and leasing.
Chris Zirke and Heather Taylor Zirke are the proud parents of Aurelia Bennett who was born in March, 2007.

2003
Ilah Adkins, an assistant vice president and counsel at Charter One Bank, is a member of the Cleveland Bridge Builders Class of 2008.

Brian Block was elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys (NARCA). Mr. Block is an associate with the Cleveland firm of Javitch, Block & Rathbone, where his practice is concentrated on retail collections.

Henny Halim Bhushan is a corporate attorney with Agilysys, Inc. in Solon, Ohio.

Manju Gupta was elected programming chair of the City Club of Cleveland. Ms. Gupta is an associate with Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg in Cleveland.

Derek Baumgartner is an associate in the foreclosure department with Potestivo & Associates in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Anna Brown is an attorney with Marks & Sokolov in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ms. Brown’s practice focuses on U.S. and international litigation, business transac-
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tions and providing advice on international business laws.

David Brown is an associate attorney in the Cleveland office of Davis & Young.

Halli Brownfield joined the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Libor as an associate where she will concentrate her practice on litigation and appellate matters.

Meredith Danch joined the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine as an associate.

Elizabeth Evans joined the securities and capital markets group of Calfee, Halter & Griswold in Cleveland.

Paul Flannery accepted an associate position at Rosenberg Martin Greenberg in Baltimore, Maryland.

Jennifer Gross joined the Cleveland firm of Mansour Gavin Gerlack & Manos in the firm’s business, real estate and appellate practice groups.

LaDavia Hatcher joined the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne as an associate focusing her practice on complex litigation, ERISA litigation, and employment and labor law.

Matthew Kuchars joined the Cleveland office of Calfee, Halter & Griswold as an associate in the litigation group.

Kathleen Locke joined the Cleveland law firm of Kehoe & Associates as an associate attorney concentrating on business litigation.

Paul Malie is an associate with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff in Cleveland and a member of the firm’s general practice group.

Kelly Means is an associate at Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista in Avon, Ohio, practicing in the firm’s real estate, business organization and tax department.

Sheila Schiffman joined the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine as an associate.

Reem Shalodi joined the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne as an associate focusing on business litigation, employment and labor law, and intellectual property.

Rebecca Lynn Smith is an associate with McDonald Hopkins in Cleveland where she focuses her practice on business and corporate, and business restructuring.

Jeffrey Stupp is an associate with the Cleveland office of Gallagher Sharp in the firm’s professional liability and transportation practice groups.

Adeladi Williams joined the Cleveland office of Javitch, Block & Rathbone as an associate in the retail collections department.

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A Thoughtful Look at Disability:  
*Disability: Rights and Wrongs*  
by Tom Shakespeare  
reviewed by Cleveland-Marshall Professor of Law Dena S. Davis

In this theoretical universe, a person may be “impaired” because she does not have the use of her legs, but she is “disabled” because of societal arrangements such as narrow doorways, a lack of elevators, and so on. “From seeing disability as entirely caused by biological deficits, the radical analysis shifted to seeing disability as nothing whatsoever to do with individual bodies or brains” (p. 31).

In the United Kingdom, the “social model” of disability was embraced by disability activists to the point where anything else was heresy.

The social model, which casts the disabled as an oppressed group akin to women and certain ethnic groups, has obvious political force. But Shakespeare also describes its many difficulties, not the least of which is the refusal to deal directly with the range of impairments people experience. Not all of these impairments can be solved by different social and physical arrangements. Shakespeare points out that the political activism in the United Kingdom that forced the adoption of the social model was led primarily by wheelchair users with stable physical impairments. For them, barriers and attitudes are indeed the primary cause of their difficulties. For people with mental illness, however, or conditions that cause pain or fatigue, removing barriers is not the whole answer.

In place of the social model, Shakespeare offers a “critical realist” model that understands disability as an interaction between individual and structural factors. This model accepts impairment as a nonneutral, perhaps even tragic element of some people’s lives, while denying that it is “always all-defining and terrible” (p. 63). It also accepts that even if all discrimination were erased, many impaired people would still have lives that are more difficult, exhausting, limited, or
This is a terrific first book on disability issues for those who are new to the field because it traces the history and theory of disabilities theory and activism in a way that is critical but respectful.

Shakespeare's engagement with the abortion issue is the one disappointment in this otherwise fine book. Perhaps this is inevitable, given that abortion could be a book in itself. Nonetheless, bald statements that late-term abortions are "repugnant" (p. 93), while first and second trimester abortions are not "morally wrong" (p. 95), simply hang in the air, devoid of the careful analysis that characterizes the rest of this work.

"Just Around the Corner," the ironically titled chapter on cure, is fascinating. The section on stem cell research, and disabled people's decidedly mixed attitude toward Christopher Reeve, was particularly enlightening, especially to someone who strongly supports stem cell research and does not sojourn regularly in the world of disability politics. Shakespeare supports medical research that will prevent or ameliorate some types of impairment, but reminds us that no amount of medical progress will banish "the problems and limitations of embodiment" (p. 116). Further, he reminds us that research is not the only necessity: We already know how to prevent many diseases, such as malaria and tuberculosis; we just lack the will to use our knowledge effectively.

Shakespeare's stand on choices at the end of life is equally careful. He gives a sympathetic portrayal of groups like Not Dead Yet, which fear that support for assisted suicide is also covert support for ending the lives of all disabled people. He is realistic about the impact of societal structures and economic arrangements on people's choices when faced with, for example, the necessity for ventilators or feeding tubes. Nonetheless, based on his position of "consistent support for the choices and desires of disabled people themselves," Shakespeare has emerged as one of the few disability activists speaking out in favor of legislation that would enable physician-assisted suicide in a small set of narrowly constrained cases applying only to the terminally ill.

The final portion of Disability Rights and Wrongs deals with the most subtle and difficult issues of all: questions of love, intimacy, friendship, and care between disabled people and the nondisabled people—family members, paid and unpaid caregivers, charitable associations—with whom they interact. In some ways, Shakespeare paints a bleak picture of a world in which "broader social changes" have "exacerbated" the problems of being impaired. That seems odd to me, at least for physical impairments, given the ways in which technology such as e-mail, telecommunications devices for the deaf, teleconferencing, accessible public transport, and so on have made the impaired less disabled. With computers, for example, I can now send a document to a blind colleague that is automatically translated into Braille on her end. However, Shakespeare is persuasive in his resolutely unsentimental treatment of the difficulties of friendship and social interaction between nondisabled people and those who are mentally ill or have learning difficulties.

This is a terrific first book on disability issues for those who are new to the field because it traces the history and theory of disabilities theory and activism in a way that is critical but respectful. It will also reward the academic who is already sophisticated in the field because Tom Shakespeare uses his strong voice to present a unique and fearless perspective.*

Dena S. Davis teaches a variety of courses in bioethics. She has been a Visiting Scholar at the National Human Genome Research Institute, Arizona State University, and the Hastings Center. She holds an adjunct appointment at Case Western Reserve University's Department of Biomedical Ethics, and directs the Population Issues Group in CWRU's Center for Genetic Research Ethics and Law. Her most recent book is GENETIC DILEMMAS: REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY, PARENTAL CHOICES, AND CHILDREN'S FUTURES (Routledge 2001).

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Disability Rights and Wrongs
by Tom Shakespeare, (Routledge 2006)
On March 26, Professor Janice P. Aitken ’86 participated in a panel discussion, “Explore Philosophy,” on behalf of the CSU Philosophy Department’s student-recruiting efforts.

Professor Emeritus David Barnhizer has founded a consulting company, Practical Strategies Institute, LLC, which is engaged in strategic consulting, research and writing. In the legal area, he is working with a Cleveland-area union and a law firm based in New York to develop a toxic tort case on behalf of employees exposed to PCBs and dioxin in the workplace; is serving as legal counsel for a high-tech company focusing on technologies for alternative energy production from industrial waste sources, and on nanotechnology for rapid detection of toxic substances, including anthrax. He is also involved in an array of legal matters including arbitration to recover funds diverted by former corporate directors, patent and intellectual property rights, and SEC issues involving de-registering a public company. Recently, he celebrated his shift to emeritus professor status with a trip to an eco-lodge deep in the Pacific rainforest of Costa Rica at the tip of the Osa Peninsula.

Susan J. Becker ’83, the Charles R. Emrick Jr.-Calfee Halter & Griswold Endowed Professor of Law, and Professor Lloyd Snyder, together with former Associate Dean Jack Guttenberg, now Dean of Capital University Law School, published THE LAW OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN OHIO (LexisNexis 2007), which is part of Anderson’s Ohio Practice Manual Series. Last fall, she was elected to the Executive Board of the Ohio affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union. In January, Professor Becker was reappointed as Chair of the Civil Rules Committee of the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Commission on Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission is charged with reviewing and making recommendations to the Supreme Court of Ohio on possible changes to Ohio’s civil, criminal, juvenile, and appellate rules of court as well as the rules of evidence and traffic rules. The Commission’s recent projects included numerous amendments to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure to accommodate the discovery of electronically stored information.

Professor Gordon Beggs was part of a working group based in CSU’s Levin College of Urban Affairs and staffed by Levin Professor Dr. Stuart Mendel that developed a concept for a residential Urban Street Academy to be operated by Cleveland’s Community ReEntry Program, a program that assists juveniles and adults in overcoming obstacles encountered when returning from incarceration. On November 6, the Cleveland Foundation awarded a grant to the Levin College to develop a business plan for this proposal. Professor Beggs also consulted with Ohio State Senator Shirley Smith on possible revisions to SB 197, the proposed comprehensive reform of Ohio’s criminal records law.

In February, Professor Michael Borden presented a lecture on “The Promissory Character of Adequate Assurances of Performance” at the Fourth International Contracts Conference at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. His article, Mistake and Disclosure in a Model of Two-Sided Informational Inputs is forthcoming in THE MISSOURI LAW REVIEW.

On October 29, Associate Dean Phyllis L. Crocker participated in a nationwide roundtable discussion of the results of the ABA Death Penalty Studies conducted in eight states (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Tennessee, and Florida) over the past 18 months. The roundtable discussion was held at ABA headquarters in Washington, DC. Dean Crocker, who chaired the Ohio study, summarized and commented on the results of all the studies regarding the provision of Defender Services. On March 18, she was a Seasongood Visiting Fellow at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she took part in a debate on the ABA Ohio Death Penalty Assessment with Hamilton County Assistant Prosecutor Ron Sprigman.

On October 3, Professor Dena S. Davis gave a presentation on “The Legal History of Patients’ Rights in the U.S. from a Case Law Perspective” to the Hem-Oncology Fellows at the Cleveland Clinic. Later in the month, she spoke on the ethics of stem cell research at the University of Toledo College of Medicine. On November 4, she participated in a panel on “Perfecting People: The Promise and Perils of Modern Science” at the Malz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Cleveland. Martin Kohn, co-founder of Literature, Medicine and Biomedical Humanities at Hiram College, moderated the panel of distinguished interdisciplinary scholars. Later in the month she delivered a paper on “Male and Female Genital Cutting” during the annual meeting of the Religion and Bioethics section of the American Academy of Religion, which was held in San Diego. On February 21, she spoke on “The New Eugenics?” in an event organized by the Cleveland State University Bioethics Center and sponsored by the CSU Philosophy Department. On March 5-6, she participated in a conference at Hofstra Law School, entitled “Embryonic Stem Cells, Clones, and Genes: Science, Law, Politics, and Values.” Professor Davis was a respondent on the panel “Religious Positions about Research and Therapy Using Human Embryonic Stem Cells,” and also gave the luncheon address: “The Problem of Complicity in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Therapy.” Her article, A Tale of Two Daughters: Jewish Law and End-of-Life Decision

From October through March, as the sub-prime lending crisis and numbers of foreclosures consumed the news, the Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Endowed Professor of Law Kathleen C. Engel, a national expert on the subject, lectured and served as a panelist in a dozen conferences and symposia here and abroad. They are listed below:

“The Foreclosure Crisis: Multiple Points of Failure,” National Community Reinvestment Coalition, Washington DC (March 2008);

“Fighting Foreclosure Forum,” Cleveland City Council, Cleveland, OH (February 2008);

“Predatory Lending: Dos and Don’ts,” National Council of Negro Women, Cleveland, OH (February 2008);

“The Impact of Predatory Lending Laws: Policy Implications and Insights,” Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA (February 2008);

“The Foreclosure Crisis and the Potential for Loan Modifications,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Faculty Speaker Series, Cleveland, OH (February 2008);

“The Impact of Predatory Lending Laws: Policy Implications and Insights,” Association of American Law Schools Section on Financial Institutions and Consumer Financial Services, New York, NY (January 2008);

“The Subprime Crisis: Origins, Impacts and Solutions,” Consumer Roundtable, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia (December 2007);

“The United States Experience with Nontraditional Loan Products,” Discipline of Business Law, University of Sydney, Sydney Australia (November 2007);

“Modifications of Loans in Securitized Pools: Obstacles and Options,” Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Workshop on Securitized Finance and Loan Modifications, Cleveland, OH (November 2007);


“An Empirical Study of the Impact of Anti-Predatory Lending Laws on the Home Mortgage Market,” Capital University, Columbus, OH (October 2007);

“Northeast Ohio’s Foreclosure Crunch,” American Constitution Society, Federal Reserve Bank, Cleveland, OH (October 2007).

Professor Engel, together with Patricia A. McCoy, the University of Connecticut George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law, and others published four articles, which are listed on page 25 of Law Notes.

Professor Joel Finer spoke at the law school on Quartermaster v. Panetti, in which the Supreme Court expanded the definition of “mental incompetence” to be executed.

Professor Deborah A. Geier submitted written testimony and testified in person before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee at a hearing in December on “The Housing Decline: The Extent of the Problem and Potential Remedies.” The Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007 was enacted the week after she testified. She is the author of Expensing and the Interest Deduction, which appeared at 116 TAX NOTES 1069 (2007) and Advance Trade Discounts: A Reprise, which appeared in 117 TAX NOTES (December 17, 2007).

On October 5, Professor Brian Glassman was a guest lecturer in the CSU Art Department, speaking on legal issues relevant to the ownership of artwork that has been “transferred” legally or illegally to museums during times of war and times of peace.

Professor Carole O. Heyward spoke on “New Rules for Foreclosures” at the 2007 OPC Cleveland Planning & Zoning Workshop on November 9.

At the American Bar Association’s Advisory Commission on Election Law, held in mid-October, Professor Candice Hoke, Director of CSU’s Center for Election Integrity, gave a short presentation on the security and accuracy of voting systems. Later in October, she was a panelist at the Post-Election Audit National Summit in Minneapolis. She was also a member of a panel held during an election issues conference designed exclusively for journalists, sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trust, where she spoke on “Voting Systems Issues for 2008.” This summer, she will join Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner, former Congressman Louis Stokes ’53 and United States Ambassador Andrew Young at the world-famous Chautauqua Institute as a participant in the Institute’s Restoring Integrity to Elections week. As part of her work on the ABA Election Law Standing Committee Advisory Commission, Professor Hoke helped develop the program for an ABA Conference entitled “The Evolution of Voting Technology: From Paper Ballots to Touch Screens and Back Again?” in Beverly Hills, California, on February 8th.

Professor Lolita Buckner Inniss published a letter to the editor in the CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION entitled “Extra Duties of Black Professors.” In February, Professor Inniss spoke on “Through the Side Door: Legal Rhetorical Constructions of Black Immigrants” at the Honorable James J. Gilvary Symposium on Law, Religion & Social Justice at the University
of Dayton School of Law. In April, as a Clason Speaker at Western New England College School of Law in Springfield, Massachusetts, she spoke on, "A ‘Ho New World: Raced and Gendered Insult as Ersatz Carnival and the Corruption of Freedom of Expression Norms," which is based upon an article of the same name, published in 32 New York University Review of Law and Social Change (2008). Previous Clason speakers include Anita Hill, Edward G. Rubin, Charles Ogletree, Austin Sarat and Lani Guinier.

Professor Kenneth Kowalski delivered a "Federal/State Update on EEO Cases" at an Ohio State Bar Association EEO Seminar in Columbus, Ohio.

Professor Emeritus Arthur Landever, who is presently teaching a course on Constitutional Law in the CSU Department of Political Science, facilitated two sessions of the law school’s Great Stories and the Law series during the 2007-08 school year. In November, he led the discussion on "Defining Justice," which included an essay, "Shooting an Elephant" (1936) by George Orwell, "Jury of Her Peers" (1916) by Susan Glaspell, and "Bright and Morning Star" (1939) by Richard Wright as well as two cases: United States v. Holmes and People v. Mcarty. In April, he led a discussion on "Justice, Death and Dying," which included Tolstoy’s novella, "The Death of Ivan Ilych" (1886), Andrea Barrett’s "Ship Fever" (1996), an article, "Death in the Family," from The New York Times Sunday Magazine (December 2, 2007) by Daniel Bergner, and a court case, Washington v. Glucksberg, 521 U.S. 702 (1997). Also in November, as a participant in Associate Dean Michael Slinger’s 2007-08 Cleveland-Marshall Faculty Speaker Series, Professor Landever spoke on "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Justice Scalia but Were Afraid to Ask."

In October, Professor Stephen Lazarus, winner of the 2007 CSU Teaching Excellence Award, spoke to CSU undergraduate Honors Program students on "Not An Oxymoron: Lawyers’ Ethics.” Professor Lazarus, together with Fair Housing Law Clinic student Christopher Germano, submitted a memorandum report to the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights regarding the legality of the Fund’s voluntary, pro-integrative secondary-mortgage program in light of the June 2007 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District.

Professor Kermit Lind ’84 and Professor of Law and Urban Studies Dennis Keating spoke on "The Vacant Properties Problem in U.S. Cities and State and Municipal Responses" on October 22 at the International Partners conference at the CSU Levin College of Urban Affairs. On January 23, he spoke at a meeting of the Dayton First Suburbs Consortium in Dayton, Ohio, on "How the Mortgage Crisis Impacts Neighborhoods and What Can Be Done About It." On February 22, he spoke at the Main Street Institute, a program of Heritage Ohio, on the topic “Nuisance Abatement of Distressed Residential Property by Receivership in Ohio.” On March 6, Professor Lind was a principal presenter in a CLE training session on Nuisance Abatement by Receivership Under Ohio Revised Code 3767.41, sponsored by the Ohio State Legal Services Association in Columbus. This course was designed to introduce Legal Aid attorneys to the statute and its new amendment providing a special cause of action for abating nuisance conditions in large subsidized housing projects.

On October 22, Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns spoke at Cleveland’s Intown Club on his experience as a federal prosecutor in the trial of Terry Nichols for the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Dean Mearns’s article on early Cleveland-Marshall alumnus was published in the April 2008 issue of Cleveland Metropolitan Journal.

In November, the Moot Court Board of Governors presented Professor Karin Mika ’89 with its Seventh Annual Alumni Recognition Award during the 39th Annual Moot Court Night event. Professor Mika published a Teaching Tip in the fall 2007 AALS Newsletter for the Section on Legal Writing and Research. A second article, Mix It up for Optimal Learning, was published in AALS Section on Teaching Methods Newsletter. Professor Mika was a moderator during the February 28 through March 1 Global Legal Skills Conference in Monterrey, Mexico. On March 21 and 22, she lectured at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference on “Using Multimedia Presentations to Enhance Learning,” An article, Developing Internal Consistency in Writing Assignments by Involving Students in Problem Drafting, was published in the Winter 2008 edition of Perspectives.

In October, Professor Reginald Oh spoke on “The Spatial Construction of Racial Identity” at the annual LatCrit Conference in Miami. On February 8, he presented a paper, “Voluntary Integration and the School District as Passive Participant in Racial Segregation,” at a conference at Seattle University School of Law on “Brown Undone? The Future of Integration after Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1.” Professor Oh also participated in a con-
Conference at the University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law on The Future of School Integration in America: The Supreme Court Decision in Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education. His conference paper is the subject of an article, The Constitution Forbids Integration? Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District and the Mis-interpretation of Brown I and II, which is forthcoming in the University of Louisville Law Review.

Professor Kevin F. O’Neill published Privatizing Public Forums to Eliminate Dissent in 5 First Amendment Law Review 2001 (2007), a journal published by the University of North Carolina. He is also the author of several articles that will be published in the Encyclopedia of the First Amendment (Congressional Quarterly Inc. 2008): Time, Place and Manner Regulations; Viewpoint Discrimination; True Threats; and Prisons and the First Amendment.

Last fall, Kunal Parker, the law school’s James A. Thomas Distinguished Professor of Law, was awarded a PhD in history from Princeton University. Cambridge University Press has accepted for publication his doctoral manuscript, “Custom and History: Common Law and the Historical Imagination in Nineteenth-Century America” for its Cambridge Historical Studies series in American Law and Society. In February, he presented two papers: “Spaces, Times, Legal Pluralism: Some Lessons from History” at the Symposium on Legal Pluralism at the University of Oregon; and “Time as Spirit: Common Law Thought and the Historical Imagination in the Early Republic” at Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

On October 22, Professor Brian Ray spoke at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, on “Striking a Balance: The South African Constitutional Court’s Socioeconomic Rights Jurisprudence.” Professor Ray drafted an amicus curiae brief in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tennessee Justice Center responding to arguments by the Attorneys General of Ohio, Michigan, and Tennessee that state officials should enjoy special protections against electronic discovery in federal court.

On October 18, Professor of Law and Urban Studies Heidi Gorovitz Robertson spoke at the Investiture of Judge Jane M. Beckering of the Michigan Court of Appeals. Later in the month, she presented a paper, “Law in the Development of Bioethics and Environmental Politics,” at the First Annual Conference on Law, Ethics and the Life Sciences at the University of Louisville’s Louis Brandeis School of Law in Louisville, Kentucky. Her latest article in 32 William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review (2008) also addresses the subject of environmental ethics: Seeking a Seat at the Table: Has Law Left Environmental Ethics Behind as It Embraces Bioethics? In March, Professor Robertson was the Conference Moderator and a presenter at the Current Issues in Storm Water Regulation Conference in Cleveland and spoke on “Legal Issues in Federal and Ohio Storm Water Law.”

On October 17, in an event sponsored by the Cleveland-Marshall Federalist Society, Professor Christopher Sagers provided commentary on a speech given by Michael Greve of the American Enterprise Institute entitled “Does the Supreme Court Mean Business?” that looked at the implications of the Roberts Court’s docket and at what some commentators have seen as an imbalance of business cases and a possible pro-business slant. An article, Raising the Price of Pork in Texas: A Few Thoughts on Ghosh, Bush and the Future of Antitrust Immunity, is forthcoming in the Houston Law Review. On January 25, Professor Sagers was a panelist at the Houston Law Review Symposium on Antitrust and Airline Deregulation.

Professor Lloyd Snyder published an article, Lawyer Deception to Uncover Wrongdoing, in the October issue of the Cleveland Bar Journal. He also co-authored a second article with Tucker Ellis & West attorney Harry Cornett in the February 2008 edition of the Cleveland Bar Journal, The Duty to Report Violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct: Alternative Views. Mr. Cornett is the Chair of the Cleveland Bar Association’s Ethics Committee and Professor Snyder is the committee’s Vice Chair.


On October 5, Dean Emeritus Steven H. Steinglass gave two presentations on Jurisdictional Issues at the Ohio federal bench-bar conference in Columbus, Ohio, which is an annual conference of the judges of the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio and federal court practitioners. He is the author of a short article, The Standing and Removal
Decisions from the Supreme Court’s 2006 Term that appeared in the October 2007 CLEVELAND BAR JOURNAL. Dean Emeritus Steinglass served on the “Blue Ribbon Panel” responsible for selecting officers and trustees of the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, the organization formed from the merger of the Cleveland Bar Association and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

In November, Professor Mark Sundahl contributed an article on “The Space Assets Protocol of the UNIDROIT Cape Town Convention” to the Space Law blog (http://spacelawprobe.blogspot.com). He is the new editor of GLOBAL ACTION, the newsletter for the International Law Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. On January 23, he lectured on “The Five Miracles of Ancient Athenian Law” at the Rowfant Club in Cleveland. On March 12 and 13, he presented two lectures at a conference on Globalizing the Law of Secured Transactions at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego: “Secured Transactions in Middle Eastern and Islamic Legal Systems” and “Secured Transactions Law in Historical Context.” And, lastly, Professor Sundahl has organized a faculty lecture series in a community outreach program to the Beachwood Business Community Center. As he explains: “The BBDC is a business incubator/accelerator that has had great success in bringing Israeli startups to Beachwood. Its success serves as a model for the economic revitalization of Cleveland.”

Faculty speakers include: Professors Michael Davis, Carole Heyward, Karin Mika, Heidi Gorovitz Robertson, Mark Sundahl, Alan Weinstein and Professor Emeritus Stephen J. Werber.

Former Professor Barbara Tyler ’89 and Professor Karin Mika ’89 received notification that their article, Cybermedecine, Telemedicine and Data Protection in the United States, has been accepted for publication in ONLINE CONSUMER PROTECTION: THEORIES OF HUMAN RELATIVISM.

An article that Professor of Law and Urban Studies Alan Weinstein wrote for a forthcoming book on RLUIPA (the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act) to be published jointly by the ABA and the American Planning Association, has also been published as a Commentary article in the March 2008 issue of the APA PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW. In November, Professor Weinstein spoke on “Ohio’s New Eminent Domain Law” at the OPC Cleveland Planning & Zoning Workshop. Together with UC-Irvine Criminology Professor Richard McCleary, he presented a paper in Atlanta, also in November: “Do Off-site Adult Businesses Have Secondary Effects? Legal Doctrine, Social Theory and Empirical Results.” In February, Thomson/West published the 2008 edition of FEDERAL LAND USE LAW & LITIGATION, a one-volume treatise that Professor Weinstein co-authored with Brian Blaesser, a land-use practitioner with the Boston office of Robinson & Cole. In March, he was one of two panelists for a CLE national teleconference on RLUIPA sponsored by the International Municipal Lawyers Association. His How to Avoid a “Holy War”: Dealing with Potential RLUIPA Claims was published 60 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW No. 3 (2008).

CSU Provost Mary Jane Saunders has appointed Professor James G. Wilson to the Task Force on Excellence and Engagement, which will be looking at the ways CSU engages our students and faculty in the challenges and opportunities of this region.

The SALT Conference

The Society of American Law Teachers is “a community of progressive law teachers working for justice, diversity, and academic excellence.” The 35-year-old organization held its biennial Teaching Conference on March 14-15 at the University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law in Berkeley. The conference was co-sponsored by Boalt’s Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice. According to the organization’s website, “the conference was packed with new ideas, strategies, and methodologies for making social change an essential aspect of American legal education.”

Three Cleveland-Marshall faculty were among the scholars proposing methodologies for teaching well and effecting social change: Susan J. Becker ’84, the Charles R. Emrick Jr.—Calfee, Halter & Griswold Professor of Law, and Professors Reginald Oh and Brian Ray. Associate Dean Patricia J. Falk was the chair of the conference organizing committee.

Professor Becker spoke on “Walking the Fine Line Between Inspiring and Indoctrinating Students.” Professor Oh moderated the Teaching Constitutional Law panel and spoke on “Rhetorical Misdirection in Equal Protection Jurisprudence”; on a second panel, he spoke on “Dismantling Apartheid: Brown and the Integration of Civil Society.” Professor Oh also moderated the keynote luncheon “conversation” with Mari Matsuda and Charles Lawrence of Georgetown University Law Center. Professor Ray spoke on “Sexual Orientation in Comparative Perspective: The Story of South Africa’s Civil Union Act.”
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