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Dear Fellow Alumni:

Welcome to the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Centennial Year and to the first issue of Law Notes for 1997. I hope each of you will enjoy reading the history of the Law School that we began serializing in our fall issue with an article on the founding in 1897 of the Cleveland Law School. This winter we continue with a feature on the John Marshall School of Law and its first graduates. What we learn from reading this history is that Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is a descendant of two remarkable predecessor schools and that we ourselves are descendants of remarkable men and women. They have left us a legacy — a reminder that we attended a school that has produced some of the state's outstanding practitioners, business persons, public servants and jurists.

Hearing and reading so much about our Centennial will perhaps awaken nostalgia for our alma mater. Reunions this year are scheduled for October 3rd and 4th. I urge those of you who have upcoming reunions to attend them. You won't be disappointed, for these events not only renew friendships, they also recapture an important part of our past as we visit the place where we learned the law and meet again the faculty who taught us. In our October 1996 reunions, we welcomed nine classes in two evening receptions and dinners at the Wyndham Cleveland and Renaissance Cleveland Hotels. Many thanks to those who planned the weekend and worked to make it a success. If your reunion year is approaching, you need only look at the pictures on page 32 to know that these are events you won't want to miss and, if you live out of the area, well worth a trip back to Cleveland.

As part of the Centennial plans, Interim Dean Steven Steinglass, accompanied by CMLAA Executive Director Mary McKenna and several law school faculty and staff members, will be visiting alumni/ae groups throughout the state and country during this important year. Already they have traveled to alumni strongholds in Washington and Chicago to meet our graduates in two well-attended receptions. We would appreciate hearing from you if you are living or working in a city with a large contingent of Cleveland-Marshall graduates.

Finally, we are all gratified to learn that Governor George V. Voinovich has appointed our fellow graduate, CMLAA Trustee Michael L. Climaco '72, to the Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University. Congratulations to Michael. The CSU Board of Trustees is in good hands.

Sincerely,

Deborah Lewis Hiller '75
About the cover artist:
Cleveland artist Douglas Lucak, a graduate of Hiram College, photographs in black and white and then paints his photographs in oil. For our cover Mr. Lucak has painted a street scene from the Slavic Village neighborhood where his family first settled in this country and where he presently lives. Mr. Lucak’s work is included in various private, corporate and museum collections. His art has been the subject of one-person exhibitions at Cleveland’s Bonfoey Company and William Busta Gallery. In April he will be a featured artist at the Mendenhall Gallery in Los Angeles.
Douglas Lucak is the cousin of Cleveland-Marshall Administrative Assistant Sandra Natran.

Law Notes is grateful to Mr. Lucak, the Bonfoey Company, and William Busta Gallery for allowing us to use a painting that captures with great luminosity the spirit of Cleveland’s ethnic neighborhoods during the first part of the century when the John Marshall School of Law was founded.

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In mid-winter when Law Notes appears, I will have been Interim Dean for over half a year. For the College of Law and for me, this has been an historic time, a time of tumult and a time of accomplishment. Summer’s end, marked by the Ohio Board of Regents’ unwarranted attack on public legal education, was followed by the great success of our students taking the Ohio Bar. In November we learned that ninety-two percent of our first time test-takers had passed the July 1996 bar exam. For us their outstanding performance on a test that had recently been made more difficult was gratifying. It appears our students rise to the occasion and thrive on challenge!

Elsewhere in this issue of Law Notes you may read about two events in the fall that drew attention to Cleveland-Marshall’s one-hundredth birthday. In September we launched our Centennial year with a presentation by the Cleveland-Marshall Centennial Inaugural Speaker, Attorney General of the United States, the Honorable Janet Reno. The following month we celebrated our century-old involvement with the state and federal judiciary of Ohio in a reception honoring the College’s present alumni and alumnae judges. Both of these events inspire our educational mission and invigorate our entry into Cleveland-Marshall’s second century of preparing well-educated and well-trained men and women for outstanding careers in law.

I do not expect this spring semester to be any less exciting, and I once more invite each of you to be part of our Centennial year. Chief among the early 1997 Centennial events will be the appearance of two exceptional legal scholars as our sixty-third and sixty-fourth Cleveland-Marshall Fund Visiting Scholars: Columbia University School of Law’s Adolf A. Berle Professor of Law, John C. Coffee, Jr., discussing “Tales from the Dark Side: Settlement Classes, ‘Portable Settlements and the Abuse of the Class Action’” on February 27; and the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law’s Professor Gerald P. Lopez, discussing on April 3 “The American Dream: April 1997.”

The 1997 Centennial excitement only begins with the Cleveland-Marshall Fund Lectures. The past two years have created in each of us a growing eagerness for the opening of the new law library as we have watched the new building rising brick by brick on the former site of the law school parking lot. That so utilitarian a setting has been so wonderfully transformed is one of the great accomplishments not just of the past two years but of the entire Cleveland-Marshall history, for this new library will be one of the finest in the country, both in its resources and in its architectural integrity. We have many to thank for the new library, not the least of whom are our graduates who lobbied so effectively to help us realize this dream. You will continue to be a part of the dream when the library is completed and opens in the fall of 1997.

The contribution of our alumni and alumnae not only to the library project but to many other educational efforts is one of the features of my job that I find singly rewarding. A law school with the kind of support that so many of you have consistently shown your alma mater is fortunate indeed. I thank you, in particular, for your letters to state officials in support of Cleveland-Marshall and the future of public legal education in Ohio. Though our problems with the Ohio Board of Regents are not yet solved, I can tell you that the members of the General Assembly and the Governor have been impressed with the strength of your arguments and the depth of your commitment to the law school. You will hear more about this issue in future letters.

I also thank you for your generous support during the Annual Fund Drive. I have found the world of fund-raising full of challenging but satisfying experiences. I have enjoyed speaking with many of you over the phone, and I am gratified by your response to our requests for support. Thanks to you, our end-of-the-year receipts are already seventy percent higher than last year’s at this time. The Drive continues until the end of the school year. I hope to speak with many more of you in the coming months.

There are almost 7,000 living graduates of our law school. Though it is impossible to know each individually,
my contacts in person and by phone have given me a good idea of what a group profile would look like: It would portray a group of attorneys, jurists, business persons, and public servants, many of whom worked long hours at other jobs while attending law school, most of whom are making important contributions to their community and to the profession, all of whom benefited from the special attributes of a Cleveland-Marshall legal education. Those attributes—a flexible part-time program, affordable tuition, four clinical programs, two student-edited law journals, nationally competitive moot court teams, externships, and exceptional research resources—abide today, in part because our graduates continue to support the school which helped launch their careers.

The Cleveland-Marshall Centennial gives all of us who work and study here a sense of continuity, a feeling of being part of a whole. The group picture I described of our current graduates is perhaps not unlike the group picture Judge Willis Vickery might have drawn of the early graduates of the night law school he founded in 1897, a profile of hard-working, aspiring men and women who sought careers in the law and brought distinction to their law school through their practice and community service. They were — and you are — some of the state's and country's finest attorneys. We are all privileged to be a part of this continuum.
SPRING 1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22  Real Estate for the General Practitioner
March  8   Bankruptcy for the General Practitioner
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It might be inappropriate to say that Professor Arthur Landever is fascinated with women, but lately that appears to be the case. Whether he is providing the faculty with historical tidbits about Ohio's first women attorneys or proclaiming one of his current interests as the "Defense of Marriage Act," Landever appears to have distinguished himself as a person attuned to feminist issues.

Professor Landever cannot pinpoint the exact time in his life when he became interested in these issues. In fact, Landever claims that the more appropriate description for his interests is the "cultural influences on developing law" as opposed to anything specifically related to gender. It just so happens, however, that the interplay of the genders has shaped both social attitudes and what are recognized legal rights.

Arthur Landever came to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1972 by way of the University of Minnesota at Morris. Morris, which Landever describes as being a branch of the University located "on the outskirts of nowhere," came after his attendance at New York University. It was New York University where Landever earned his Bachelor's degree, his Juris Doctorate, and eventually a Ph.D. in Political Science.

A native of Newark, New Jersey, one of Landever's first goals was simply to "go to college"—his parents had never had the chance—then to study law...either that or pursue a life on the stage.

Landever's interest in teaching began when he had to teach in conjunction with working towards his Ph.D. After teaching Political Science in New York for a few years, Landever moved on to Morris, Minnesota, to what was then a more stable position. Five years later, Landever thought that he might pursue a job teaching at a law school. "Teaching at the law school level," Landever says, "provided a different challenge. Law students are different from undergraduate students. They're more disciplined in study and have more focus."

In 1972 Cleveland-Marshall called upon Landever and offered him a teaching position. When Landever arrived here, his interest was in studying a range of constitutional questions. On reflection, he credits his recent focus on feminist concerns, in part, to being surrounded by wonderful women, first and foremost his wife, Debbie, and then their three daughters. (Landever adds quickly that his son is pretty good, too). His first serious research in the area can be traced to the case of Myra Bradwell.

Bradwell, Landever explains, was an Illinois woman who was denied a license to practice law in the 1800s because the state prohibited women from entering the profession. The decision of the state court was challenged all the way to the Supreme Court where it was ultimately determined that states could make whatever rules for excluding professional women they saw fit. The Bradwell case was one of the first in a long line of early Supreme Court cases standing firm on the concept that the high court would defer to state policy on gender matters.

Bradwell's situation intrigued Landever from both a constitutional and a social perspective. After researching the social climate in Illinois during Bradwell's time, Landever's interest blossomed to finding out what was happening to women attorneys in Ohio in the 1800s. Thus he happened upon the stories of the Cronise sisters—the first licensed female attorneys in Ohio.

Landever's research logically evolved into a broader scope encompassing a look at social standards and how they affected constitutional interpretations. Interest in gender issues evolved into a larger interest in the overall influences of culture and its continuing impact on our legal society.

Landever intends to continue this realm of research. In fact, he and his daughter, Michelle '92, have recently completed an article dealing with the statute governing the rights of former spouses of military personnel.

Fortunately for Cleveland-Marshall, Landever has no other career aspirations than to continue teaching, learning, and sharing his knowledge. No other aspirations, that is, unless his self-proclaimed "ham" persona gets the better of him and he leaves for the bright lights of Broadway. "It's still not out of the question," Landever says smiling.
"Now," said Max, "let the wild rumpus start!"

Maurice Sendak,
Where the Wild Things Are

TWO EVENTS MARK THE OPENING
OF THE CLEVELAND-MARSHALL CENTENNIAL

The College of Law began the celebration of its Centennial Year with two events certain to form the opening chapter of the history book that will be written of the College’s second century. On September 30, the United States Attorney General, the Honorable Janet Reno, delivered the Cleveland-Marshall Centennial Inaugural Address before a crowd of students, faculty, staff, and guests gathered together in the University’s Waetjen Auditorium. Then on October 17 the College held a reception honoring Cleveland-Marshall alumni and alumnae presently serving the Ohio judiciary. The Honorable Patricia S. Kleri ’76, Judge of the South Euclid Municipal Court, was the featured speaker on this occasion. The Honorable George W. White ’55, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and Honorary Cleveland-Marshall Centennial Chair, presided over both events.

The presence of a distinguished woman attorney to inaugurate the Centennial and a distinguished woman jurist to speak at the judges’ reception was especially significant to Cleveland-Marshall’s history as the first law school in Ohio to admit women. Likewise, the October 17 reception honoring present Cleveland-Marshall graduate judges drew attention to the College’s century-long involvement with the bench of Ohio. Our school’s preeminence in the education of women and judges is one of Cleveland-Marshall’s proudest legacies to the state.
"We have got to make very sure that the Constitution is not just a paper with written words on it. We have got to make sure that the Constitution is a living breathing document with meaning."

Excerpt from the Cleveland-Marshall Centennial Address by the Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States
The Centennial Inauguration: The Honorable Janet Reno
September 30, 1996

"It is imperative that lawyers involve themselves in their communities" to assure “access to justice for all Americans.”

"We as lawyers must speak out for the diversity that has made this law school, this university, this nation great."

Attorney General Janet Reno was joined on the stage of Waetjen Auditorium by CSU President Claire Van Ummeresen, CSU Chairman of the Board Monte Ahuja, Cleveland-Marshall Interim Dean Steven H. Steinglass, Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association President Deborah L. Hiller ‘75, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio Emily M. Sweeney ‘81, and Judge George W. White ‘55.

Ms. Reno’s address demonstrated a genuine concern for the future of the profession and for the caliber of attorney and public servant the profession is producing. Ultimately, Ms. Reno’s remarks envisioned a paradigm for a new kind of lawyer, one skilled in conflict resolution, committed to community service and protective of the basic guarantees of the Constitution. In particular, she focused on the role of lawyers not just as “adversaries and advocates but... as peacemakers and problem solvers,” and she stressed the importance of teaching and practicing alternative means of conflict resolution, the “art of negotiations, the art of resolving conflict without trial.” As peacemakers,” she continued, “it is imperative that lawyers involve themselves in their communities” to assure
"access to justice for all Americans." Moreover, "lawyers must speak out for the diversity that has made this law school and this university . . . and this nation great." "We have got to make very sure that the Constitution is not just a paper with written words on it. We have got to make sure that the Constitution is a living breathing document with meaning."

Janet Reno is the first United States Attorney General to come to the law school. A woman of great stamina and presence, she will not soon be forgotten. During her visit, she met with alumni, students, faculty, staff and invited guests. With all of them she was unfailingly generous in her interactions, standing long hours and smiling agreeably as one picture-taker after another sought her attention. In her words and in her demeanor, the Attorney General was the exemplary model of the kind of lawyer she hopes will be the lawyer of the 21st century. LFM

PRESIDENT VAN UMMERSEN'S REMARKS:

"As we begin this second chapter of Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, I am honored to be a part of this day and grateful to have with us our distinguished Centennial Speaker, the Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States. Her presence here reminds us all of our country's indebtedness to right-thinking attorneys in assuring the promises of democracy to all our citizens.

Though Cleveland State University is relatively young, it is indelibly linked to the history of this region by its bond with Cleveland-Marshall. Thus we are justifiably proud of the contributions our hundred-year-old law school has made to the growth and prosperity of northeast Ohio. As President of this wonderful urban university that, like Cleveland-Marshall, has opened doors for scores of promising women and men, I look forward to continuing our work together, to fulfilling our mutual goal of providing the best education possible to any and all students willing to undertake the discipline and challenge of higher education.

I am confident in the next hundred years of Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and I greet its second century with assurance that we will continue to build our history together as we together continue to build the future of northeast Ohio.

To all of you who have made this day happen — faculty, administrators, students, alumni and alumnae — I say congratulations and thank you."
THE JUDGES' RECEPTION: A CELEBRATION OF THE JUDICIARY
OCTOBER 17, 1996

Judge Kleri's narrative speaks with forcefulness to the Ohio Board of Regents' plan to dismantle public legal education in Ohio by curtailing enrollment at public law schools.

Another exemplary lawyer was the main speaker at the Judges' Reception, the Honorable Patricia S. Kleri '76. The reception honoring the alumni and alumnae judges commemorated the College's century-long association with the Ohio judiciary. As Interim Dean Steinglass noted in his opening remarks, of the six original founders of the Cleveland Law School, four were judges, the principal founder of the John Marshall School of Law was a judge, many of the early teachers and deans of both schools were judges, and the College has a long tradition of educating members of the Ohio judiciary.

With Interim Dean Steinglass on the stage of the Moot Court Room were Judge White, CSU Board of Trustees Chair Ahuja, CMLAA President Hiller, and Judge Kleri.

Judge Kleri's speech detailed her experiences as a non-traditional student in the 70s. Her remarks celebrate a lasting feature of this law school — its history of opening doors to all deserving law students and its place in diversifying the profession. Perhaps more important in the present times, Judge Kleri's narrative speaks with forcefulness to the Ohio Board of Regents' plan to dismantle public legal education in Ohio by curtailing enrollment at public law schools. The law school is proud of its alumna, the Honorable Patricia S. Kleri, and pleased that she has allowed us to print in full her address. LFM

Hon. Patricia S. Kleri


TESTIMONIAL
OF AN ALUMNA JUDGE

by
The Honorable Patricia S. Kleri '76

I was asked by Interim Dean Steven H. Steinglass to tell you about my experience with the law school admission test, known as the LSAT, as a candidate for law school admission at Cleveland-Marshall, here at Cleveland State University, as a law student, and as a practicing lawyer. I was a little hesitant to do this because I know that my experience is not entirely different from the experience of many of you in this room. But there are a couple of twists in my story that might provide us with inspiration and information to use in our effort to convince the Ohio Legislature that the Board of Regents' plan to reduce funding to this school and tie the funding to LSAT scores is extremely foolish, a terrible mistake, and, if I may be blunt, sheer lunacy. That plan, if it becomes a reality, will have an enormous, negative impact on this community.

This is my story. Perhaps it's similar to yours.

But for the existence of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, but for the flexible admission policy of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and but for the affordable tuition at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, I would not have received a law education, would not have become a successful lawyer, and would not have become a judge.

My parents were Italian immigrants. My father was a blue collar worker and my mother was a homemaker. We were not poor, but there was no money for college for my brother or me. So we worked our way through college. When I graduated in 1962, I considered going to law school but was discouraged by the fact that there were very few women in law school locally, and those few were having great difficulty in securing employment as lawyers. Instead, I did graduate work in political science, again working my way through school. After obtaining a Master's Degree, I ran out of funds and was forced to find full-time employment. After working several years as a computer systems analyst for the City of Cleveland and saving money for further education, in 1972 I revisited my old dream of becoming a lawyer. Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, which by then had become part of Cleveland State University, had developed an admission policy much ahead of the times that resulted in the admission of large numbers of women. Encouraged by this, I signed
up to take the LSAT.

Now, you might recall that part of the Regents plan is to tie funding for this law school to LSAT scores. Hold that thought for a moment.

I humbly confess that my performance on the LSAT was not one of my more notable achievements in life. It could best be described as underwhelming. While I did excel on part of the test, I performed miserably on others. As a result, my overall score was too low for me to be granted admission to this law school the first time around.

This law school was my only option. For me it was the only game in town. I could not relocate to another city. I could not afford higher tuition. And I had that underwhelming LSAT score.

Fortunately, however, this law school had a policy of taking a second look at some applicants to determine whether there were factors in the applicant's education, employment or personal history that might be predictive of success in spite of an underwhelming score on the LSAT. I was granted an interview, the admissions committee decided that I was a good risk, and I was accepted into Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in the fall of 1973 at the age of 35.

At the end of my first year, I ranked third in the class. At the end of my second year, I ranked first in the class and was honored to be designated the class valedictorian. I passed the bar examination that summer with a respectable score on my first try. It would seem that I did succeed in law school.

The admissions committee was right. The LSAT was wrong.

After graduation I sought employment as a lawyer and, although interviewed by all of the larger law firms in Cleveland, none offered me employment. Perhaps the hiring committees of these firms were not as far ahead of the times as was the admission committee at Cleveland-Marshall. But Judge Alvin I. Krenzler was far ahead of the times, and he hired me as his law clerk on the Ohio Court of Appeals for the Eighth Judicial District here in Cuyahoga County. I am confident that Judge Krenzler would tell you that I was a successful law clerk.

Again, the admissions committee was right. The LSAT was wrong.

After the clerkship, I spent a few years as an associate with a small firm and then struck out on my own and built a solo practice which was very successful, both financially and professionally. My business came from satisfied clients. I enjoyed the respect of colleagues. The community reached out to me, and I was elected Trust-tee of the Cleveland Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society.

Three successive presidents of the Cleveland Bar Association appointed me to serve on its nominating committee for three one-year terms, one year as chair of the committee. I presently serve on Cleveland-Marshall's Visiting Committee.

These experiences suggest that I was successful as a lawyer.

The admissions committee was right. The LSAT was wrong.

After 16 years of a successful and busy law practice, in 1993 I decided that I would like to work in a different way in the legal system - this time as a public servant, working for my entire community. When I ran for election as Judge of South Euclid Municipal Court, the Cleveland Bar Association, the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, and the Citizens League gave me their highest endorsements. The voters elected me by a large margin and the feedback from the community suggests that the citizens of South Euclid believe I am doing a good job.

Again, the admissions committee was right and the LSAT was wrong.

I have told you my personal story not because I am unique. In fact, most of my judicial colleagues would tell you similar life stories - how they are first-generation professionals, or how they went to school evenings while holding full-time jobs, or how they raised children while completing law school.

These are the faces of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. It is this school which is unique, not our individual stories. For 100 years Cleveland-Marshall has opened doors to a better way of life by looking at its applicants as individuals, admitting students not simply because of their test scores or because they are legacies or because they can afford the tuition but, instead, because the applicant will bring something worthwhile to the environment of legal education and in time will contribute something worthwhile to the entire legal community.

Look at the judges here this evening. Look at the diversity in background, in race, in gender, in legal philosophy. Look at the contributions these jurists have made to this community through training law clerks and new lawyers, through educating the public on legal issues, through volunteering their time to countless organizations. This is a microcosm of Cleveland-Marshall. You can see Cleveland-Marshall graduates in law firms large and small, corporations for-profit and not-for-profit, in financial institutions, in government and in academia. You can see them throughout Ohio and virtually throughout the entire country. These are the faces that make Cleveland-Marshall unique among Ohio law schools.

Education is not reserved for the elite - for the outstanding test-taker, for the wealthy, for the well-connected. Legal education, likewise, cannot be restricted to any small group of people. We must have a legal community which reflects our increasingly pluralistic society, and we must have a law school that reflects our cultural diversity, a model law school whose mission is excellence in legal education, service to the community and the betterment of the profession.

Happy Birthday, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. May you be appreciated and applauded for the extremely important role you have played in our lives - and may your doors remain open to thousands more like us who will forever be thankful that you saw us as individuals, not test scores. •
"The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association has asked me to describe the benefits of belonging to the Law Alumni Association. I am happy to do so."

I joined the Association soon after graduating from law school in 1974. Cleveland-Marshall College of Law had been for me the ideal law school, for, in a way, I was one of the non-traditional students for whom the opportunity to study law was especially meaningful. I was non-traditional in that I had been out of school two years, serving with the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War, so I was a somewhat older student coming to law school from a somewhat different background. Moreover, I needed to work full time in order to afford a legal education. Thus I was grateful to find in my home town a law school with a diverse student body and an evening program to accommodate my employment needs. Best of all, it was not an ordinary law school but an outstanding one with a long tradition of educating outstanding attorneys. In short, I joined the Law Alumni Association because I valued the education I had received and because I wished to return in some small measure the contributions of time, energy, and excellent teaching that the faculty and staff had invested in me.

The rewards of belonging to the Association have been far greater than I could have ever anticipated. The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association offers one of the city's best rosters of CLE programs, open to members at a discount. Through my membership I receive Law Notes, and I am given the opportunity to use the CSU athletic facilities at a discount, as well.

But the greatest benefits of my CMLAA membership are less tangible. Much is made of a lawyer's pro bono obligation to advance the public good. Part of that responsibility is surely reaching out to the coming generations of attorneys through support of legal education. As a law student I worked very hard inside and outside of law school. The Alumni Association's Mentor Program and its Scholarship Program have given me an opportunity to make the law school days of others less onerous. Moreover, the bonds of friendship I forged as a student have been maintained and strengthened by my continuing involvement with the school through the Law Alumni Association. My class— as yours will or has already—produced some of the state's leading attorneys, jurists, business persons, and public servants; often my relationships with these influential men and women have formed the basis of strong professional ties as well.

In examining a career, one discovers many factors that might account for success. In my case, family made a distinct contribution to my desire to go to college and then to law school and to succeed in both places. Once there, however, my education was only as good as my teachers, the school's resources, and my will. I was fortunate that Cleveland-Marshall inspired my will and gave me excellent legal training and an excellent start in my professional life. Though I cannot attribute whatever successes I have had solely to the law school, I can attribute a large measure of them to having studied law at this particular law school with its particular faculty and educational opportunities. I believe that my membership in the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association has allowed me to fulfill the obligation I feel toward my alma mater and to say thank you. If you are not a member, do not deny yourself this fulfilling experience.
HOLIDAY SPLENDOR!

The atrium of the Law School sparkled, as did those who attended the Law Alumni Association's annual holiday reception honoring its Life Members and participants in the 1996-97 CMLAA Mentor Program. Over 250 alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff gathered together to celebrate the season and say thanks for each individual's commitment to the College of Law. For a listing of Life Members, please see pages 18 & 19.
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NEW LIFE MEMBER

A graduate of the University of Dayton, Michael E. Murman received his J.D. degree magna cum laude from Cleveland-Marshall in 1975. He is the principal in the firm of Murman and Associates in Lakewood where he engages in the general practice of law.

Michael is the former Law Director and City Prosecutor of the City of Lakewood. He is a member of the Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio State, and American Bar Associations and frequently serves as relator's counsel in professional discipline cases. He is Chairman of the Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association, a member of the OSBA Committee to Review Ohio's Disciplinary Process, and a member of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association's Certified Grievance Committee. He is also President of the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, a Past President of the Cuyahoga County Law Directors Association, past Chairman of the Cleveland Bar Association's Criminal Law Section, and has been a member of an Ohio Supreme Court task force.

He has been called upon as an expert in legal malpractice/professional ethics and municipal law litigation and is a frequent presenter at seminars and workshops.

Michael and his wife, Drue, a CSU graduate who received her MA from CWRU, live in Lakewood with their daughters, Meryl and Eryn. Michael and his daughters recently performed together in the Rocky River Community Theater's productions of "Annie" and "Oliver".

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The Sixty-Third and Sixty-Fourth Cleveland-Marshall Fund Lectures
Professor David Goshien, Chair

Thursday, February 27, 1997
John C. Coffee, Jr., Adolf A. Berle
Professor of Law, Columbia University
School of Law will discuss
Tales from the Dark Side: Settlement
Classes, "Portable" Settlements
and the Abuse of the Class Action

Thursday, April 3, 1997
Gerald P. Lopez
Professor of Law, the University of California
at Los Angeles School of Law,
will discuss The American Dream:
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THE FOUNDING OF THE JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

On Sunday, August 20, 1916, the Cleveland Plain Dealer printed a modest advertisement, no bigger than a business card, announcing the opening of the John Marshall School of Law, a “three-year course of study preparing students for admission to the bar and for business” with classes taught “by trained and experienced lawyers.” Among the trained and experienced lawyers listed were three of the city’s most influential attorneys: A. A. Benesch, Frank T. Cullitan, and David Channing In the last issue of Law Notes, in celebration of the law school’s Centennial, we began a series on the history of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, beginning with the founding of the Cleveland Law School in 1897 by the Honorable Willis Vickery. This issue describes the founding in 1916 of the John Marshall School of Law by David C. Meck, A. A. Benesch, and Frank T. Cullitan and ends in 1946 on the eve of the merger of the two law schools.

THE BEST OF TIMES AND THE WORST OF TIMES

In many ways the time was ripe for a new law school. Cleveland, with a population of over half a million, was the sixth largest city in the country and might easily support an additional law school, especially another affordable law school with a flexible program. The steel, chemical, electric, garment, and automotive parts industries were thriving, and though the great immigration tides of the previous mid-century had subsided, naturalized citizens and their children were transforming themselves into skilled laborers and craftsmen and beginning to test the barriers of middle class respectability. In the first quarter of the new century these newest Americans — Protestants, Catholics and Jews, predominantly from European countries — had moved from central Cleveland out to its fringes, settling around factories and other workplaces in such quaint pockets of the city as Doan’s Corners, Newburgh, Tremont, Ohio City, Slavic Village, Big Italy and Little Italy, and in the cluster of eight Lakewood streets, each named for a bird, called then and now Bird Town.

Immigrant families brought with them the culture of their homeland, organized fraternal and benevolent societies, supported literary, theater and singing groups, published newspapers, and built synagogues and churches. Members of the orthodox Christian rites transplanted the names of their national saints in Cleveland soil, so that Cleveland’s oldest churches are a hagiology of old world patriarches: St. Vitus, St. Wendelin, St. Rocco, St. Malachi, St. Stanislaus, St. Ladislav, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, St. Wenceslaus, St. Colman, St. John Cantius, and St. Patrick. The art of cover artist Douglas Lucak pays loving homage to the remnants of those stable and intact neighborhoods and to the culture their residents sought to preserve.

Economic and cultural stability emboldens the ambitious. From Cleveland’s immigrant enclaves emerged an upwardly mobile group of first and second generation...
Americans demanding that the blessings of the new world expand to include higher education opportunities. Moreover, African Americans from the southern states were migrating north in greater and greater numbers, seeking jobs for themselves and free and integrated schools for their children; the population of 10,000 black Clevelanders in 1915 had grown to over 34,000 by 1920.

In 1916 blacks could look admiringly at the career of William Clifford, Cleveland Law School Class of 1902, twice elected to the Ohio House of Representatives and serving since 1908 in the U.S. War Department, as an example of what their new life might be; immigrant sons and daughters could find inspiration in the career of Harry Payer, Cleveland Law School Class of 1899, whose Czech background did not impede his becoming one of the area's top criminal and personal injury lawyers. And women, barred by gender from many professions, could point with pride to the achievements of Mary Grossman, Cleveland Law School Class of 1912, who was soon to become one of the first two women allowed membership in the American Bar Association and would one day be the country's first female municipal court judge. These immigrant and migrant citizens, men and women of many religions and backgrounds, for whom accessible education held the future's brightest key, were the prospective students of the newly opened John Marshall School of Law.

In other ways, however, August of 1916 was not so auspicious a time for creating a new law school. On August 20, the day the new law school opening was announced, a woman flung herself from the fourth floor of the May Co. in an act that seemed symbolic of a gathering panic surrounding the Great War. Indeed, Clevelanders had grown steadily more committed to our country's entry into the war when they learned that on May 8, 1915, German torpedoes had claimed the lives of seven of their fellow citizens traveling aboard the Lusitania and when each day's newspapers recorded the atrocities of warfare as America's European allies confronted the Central Powers across the Somme and Salonika fronts. Political analysts generally agreed that once President Woodrow Wilson had won a second term in office, the government would accede to the entreaties of its allies and declare war.

A CONUNDRUM

Why then would three of the area's leading attorneys join together to form a new law school when the city's male population might momentarily be called to fight a war on foreign shores? If there is an answer, it lies perhaps in the personalities of the founders and the educational politics of the time.

DEAN DAVID C. MECK, SR., AND THE JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

David Channing Meck, Sr., (1863-1939), was born in Bucyrus, Ohio. He earned undergraduate degrees at both Ohio Northern and Ohio Wesleyan and a master's degree at Ohio Northern as well. In 1892 he married Gertrude Kirkpatrick, launching a 47-year alliance that for its time was something of an anomaly and for our time something of an inspiration, for it seems to have been a marriage unperturbed by issues of gender or age. In 1905 Gertrude Meck, mother of six, entered medical school at Ohio State University and was graduated four years later. Dr. Meck had been practicing medicine for almost a year when her 48-year-old husband, head of the mathematics department at East Technical High School, enrolled in the law school founded by Judge Willis Vickery in 1897 as the Cleveland Law School. Meck was graduated in 1913 and passed the bar the same year at the age of 50. Soon afterwards he joined the faculty of his alma mater as Professor of the Law of Bailments and Common Carriers. Then, mysteriously, David Meck left the Cleveland Law School to open the John Marshall School of Law in 1916.

Eighty years later, a researcher hunting for reasons why a faculty member leaves one school to start another on the eve of a world war encounters only silence. Apart from the slim announcement of August 20, the new John Marshall School of Law failed to capture the attention of the media of the day. No follow-up stories accompany the announcement, no in-depth investigation or analysis, no media badgering of the principals.

Yet embedded in the text of the new law school's bulletin are suggestions of philosophical differences between the Cleveland Law School Dean and his former pupil. A statement in the 1917 bulletin, "the John Marshall School of Law is not one of the so-called 'Night Law Schools,'" hints, with more than a touch of condescension, at the profession's growing dissatisfaction with the caliber of evening programs and calls attention to the new law school's afternoon program as well as its evening program. (In 1922 the
school added morning classes to its roster; the following year it instituted a post-graduate degree.) The bulletin further asserts that the founding attorneys have inaugurated the new law school because they are “desirous of raising the general standard of legal attainment and [feel] the need in the community of a school of law that should be rigid but thorough,” as if standards at the other law schools in town were not.

In 1966 a doctoral candidate at the University of Akron, Stanley A. Samad, researching the history of Ohio law schools, interviewed the widow of David C. Meck, Jr., son of the first John Marshall dean, who confirmed that the elder Meck and Judge Vickery had indeed disagreed on educational policy. No one ever claimed Judge Vickery backed away from a fight. On the contrary, contemporary newspaper accounts rarely failed to mention his volatility, his outspokenness. Perhaps the old Shakespearean scholar had in him more than his share of Hotspur; certainly he was not a person easily reckoned with, especially when the subject was legal education. Thus the discord between the two men may have arisen from genuine differences in educational philosophy and have been exacerbated by differences in personality.

In addition to the John Marshall School of Law’s day-time schedule, Meck introduced other changes in the new program. The new law school had almost twice as many faculty members and offered almost twice as many courses. Moreover, Meck added an athletic director to his staff, encouraged campus clubs and fraternities, and instituted a journal, “The Forum,” to develop students’ “literary interests.” There was obviously a purposive movement toward a broader, more comprehensive curriculum, toward a more collegiate ambiance in the new law school.

When the School of Law’s academic year began in September 1916, five students were enrolled; only one was to graduate, Dean Meck’s youngest son, confusingly named Dean B. Meck, who would eventually become the school’s treasurer and a member of the faculty. The new school was located in the Guardian Building on Euclid Avenue, today a National City Bank building; three years later it moved to the Old Court House on Public Square; then in 1921 and in 1922 the school moved again, first to 242-248 Superior and then to the Hippodrome Building at 720 Euclid. Like the Cleveland Law School, the John Marshall School of Law was never far from the downtown courts and law offices. One year after its founding, the school established a relationship with Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, much like the alliance binding the Cleveland Law School to Baldwin-Wallace. Ties with Ohio Northern were severed in 1923 “after six years of the most cordial relations,” according to the 1924-25 bulletin, and the John Marshall School of Law was chartered by the state of Ohio and authorized to grant degrees.

The faculty that David Meck assembled was impressive. Accompanying him in his exodus from the Cleveland Law School was another law professor, Walter L. Flory (1880-1951), perhaps better remembered as an early partner in the firm now known as Thompson, Hine & Flory. Over the years students heard lectures by Thomas L. Sidlo (1888-1955), founding partner of the law firm that is now Baker & Hostetler; U.S. Senator Cyrus Locher (1877-1928); United States District Court Judge David C. Westenhaver (1865-1928); Howard E. Couse (1871-1957), general counsel of the Incandescent Light Department of General Electric; Common Pleas Court Judge James B. Ruhl (1864-1949); United States Attorney Wilfred J. Mahon (1897-1933), and the two men who along with Meck are acclaimed the law school’s founders: Frank T. Cullitan and A. A. Benesch.

In 1924 Meck was appointed to the bench of the Cleveland Municipal Court, succeeding another Cleveland Law School professor and graduate, Samuel H. Silbert, Cleveland Law School Class of 1907. Like Willis Vickery, David Meck was then both dean and judge. Three years before his death in 1939, the dedicated educator and public servant entered a voluntary petition for bankruptcy with the federal bankruptcy court in Cleveland. When he died, Dean Meck had served the municipal court for ten years and the law school for 23.

TWO REMARKABLE MEN; TWO OUTSTANDING FOUNDERS

Frank T. Cullitan (1880-1957), a magna cum laude graduate of the Cleveland Law School Class of 1906, was one of Cleveland’s most colorful, most accomplished public servants. The 11th of the 13 children of two Irish immigrants, Frank Cullitan had to hustle for an education, working his way through Ignatius College (now John
Carroll) and the Cleveland Law School. He was in private practice for 25 years before being named Assistant Prosecutor in 1931 at the age of 51. The following year he ran for and was elected to the office of County Prosecutor, where he remained for the next 23 years, bringing to justice some of the county's most notorious criminals. In those 23 years one seldom opened a morning or evening newspaper without a headline proclaiming a Cullitan shutdown or arrest or court victory. Once, in a fabled 1936 incident, Cullitan attempted to close an infamous Newburgh Heights gambling casino, called, with surely some irony, the Harvard Club. When he and his men were threatened with gunfire, Cullitan ran to a phone booth and telephoned the city's young new Safety Director, Elliot Ness, for help. Barred from taking Cleveland policemen beyond the city limits, Ness called for volunteers and shortly after arrived in Newburgh with a volunteer squad of 29 officers, 10 motorcycle policemen, and four plainclothesmen, all heavily armed. The County Prosecutor and the Safety Director entered the club without incident and arrested the felons. It was one of the most successful assaults on gambling syndicates in the county's history. During his career Cullitan prosecuted murderers, bootleggers, racketeers, gunmen of the Murray Hill gang, embezzlers, and a score of crooked policemen, including Police Captain Louis J. Cardek for accepting bribes. But Cullitan was as famous for the men he trained as he was for the men and women he jailed. Among the former were Cleveland mayor and U.S. Senator Thomas A. Burke, federal judges Charles J. McNamee and Emerich B. Freed, numerous future appellate, common pleas and municipal court judges, and such outstanding trial lawyers as Norman Minor, John Marshall School of Law Class of 1928. At his death Cullitan was eulogized for his decency and incorruptibility in office, praise for a public official as rare then as now.

Alfred Abraham Benesch (1879-1973) was such a person as Emerson might have chosen for one of his Representative Men. Attorney, philanthropist, crusader for minority peoples, dedicated community servant, Alfred Benesch was the best the profession can produce. Born in Cleveland to Czech immigrant parents, Benesch, a Jew, was raised in a Protestant Czech neighborhood and attended Cleveland schools. His undergraduate and law degrees (1900; 1903) were from Harvard. He was a founding member of the law firm that bears his name; Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, but it appears he was as dedicated to the city as he was to his practice. He was elected to the Cleveland City Council in 1912; in 1915 Mayor Newton D. Baker appointed Benesch the city's...
Safety Director. One of the new appointee's first acts was to close down the red light district, causing one city council member to protest that Benesch was "closing all the places of public indoor amusement." From 1925 to 1962 Benesch served the Cleveland Board of Education where he often found himself in the center of policy disputes. In 1925 he locked horns with his old boss, Newton D. Baker, over a proposal to eliminate ROTC from the public schools, a plan not likely to please President Wilson's former Secretary of War. But Benesch prevailed and, as a Plain Dealer reporter wrote, "military training went out the high school window."

Benesch's convictions were dear to him, strenuously promoted and strenuously defended; he was always in the thick of things. Throughout his life, he wrote so many letters to the local newspapers that he became a kind of unofficial public conscience, a fixture on the editorial page. As a new attorney, Benesch defended the rights to police protection of the Peddlers' Self-Defense Association, a predominantly Jewish organization. In 1922 Benesch took on the east coast Protestant elite when, in an exchange of letters to Harvard President A. Lawrence Lowell, subsequently published on the first page of the June 17 New York Times, Benesch took the school and its faculty to task for a proposal to levy a quota on Jews admitted to the school. Benesch and his backers triumphed over Lowell when former Harvard President Charles William Eliot and other members of the Harvard Board of Overseers sided with Benesch.

In addition to his almost 40 years on the Board of Education, Benesch served on the boards of the Jewish Family Service Association, the Jewish Community Federation, the Mt. Sinai Hospital and Bellefaire. He received many awards during his three quarters of a century of public service. At John Marshall School of Law, Benesch taught Municipal Law to students who were fortunate to learn law from a person so reverent of his profession and so willing to use its authority well.

EARLY GRADUATES OF THE JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

Many remarkable attorneys passed through the doors of the John Marshall School of Law during the three decades it was an independent law school. The list that follows is a sampling of some of those early graduates; it is not comprehensive so much as it is representative of persons who honored the Constitution and enlarged the practice of law in Northeast Ohio.

An early presence in the fight for racial equality was John Marshall School of Law Class of 1928 alumnus Charles Velmon Carr (1903-1987). Born in Clarksville, Texas, Carr spent a portion of his youth with his grandfather in Cleveland. His undergraduate degree was from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. As a new attorney, Carr represented the Future Outlook League, an organization formed to promote the hiring of African American employees and to encourage black ownership of business. The League was notable on many accounts, including its advocacy of boycotts of businesses that refused to hire black workers. In later years Carr was a partner in the firm of Carr, Jackson & Payne. Elected to Cleveland City Council in 1945, he served on the Council for 30 years, fighting for and sponsoring fair housing and fair employment ordinances and, in general, advocating equal opportunities for black people. In 1959 he was elected Democratic majority leader of the Council and served in that capacity until his election defeat in 1975. He remained active in the community affairs until his death.

James C. Connell (1895-1973), John Marshall Class of 1918, the son of the City of Cleveland's chief fire warden, grew up in Cleveland's Superior Avenue - East 55 Street area. At the suggestion of a family friend, A. A. Benesch, Connell entered law school, graduating in 1918. From 1922 to 1924, Connell served as assistant police prosecutor under Lee E. Skeel, Cleveland Law School Class of 1912. From 1924 until 1928 Connell was Assistant County Prosecutor under Edward C. Stanton. Ohio Governor John W. Bricker appointed Connell to the Court of Common Pleas in 1941; in the following year he was elected to the court and reelected in 1948, resigning in 1954 when President Eisenhower appointed him to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Judge Connell, criticized by some for what were perceived as conservative policies and lauded by others for liberalism and decency, retired to senior status in 1971. A prominent Catholic layperson, he was many times honored by the church for his services to the diocese.

Joseph Herron Crowley (1893-1984), John Marshall School of Law Class of 1921 alumnus, was scholar, attorney and public servant. He earned his undergraduate degree from Adelbert College in 1916 and both an LL.B. and an LL.M. (1923) from John Marshall. Crowley moved from the office of Assistant Police Prosecutor to the office of Assistant Law Director in 1930. As Cleveland's Chief Law Director from 1938 until his retirement in 1962, he worked under six mayors — from Ray T. Miller to Ralph Locher. In addition to his work for the city government, Crowley taught at his alma mater. In the 60s his three-volume Crowley's OHIO MUNICIPAL LAW, PROCEDURE AND FORMS was considered an authoritative text.
Ferdinand Jirsa (1893-1971), John Marshall School of Law Class of 1921, was 20 years old when he emigrated to the U.S. from Austria-Hungary in 1913. In the following years Jirsa, who had attended business school in Europe, dedicated himself to learning English in preparation for his law studies. Following his graduation from law school, he established a private practice and a real estate business. In 1946 he was appointed, first, Assistant Police Prosecutor and, then, Assistant Law Director in the City of Cleveland's Law Department. Jirsa was active in the local and national Czech Sokol movement, and his lifelong involvement with the Czech community was many times acknowledged. He served as President of the Northeast District of the American Sokol Organization and was a member of the financial committee of the American Sokol Organization. In 1937, the Czech government awarded him the Order of the White Lion. He retired from the city government in 1968.

Frank John Lausche (1895-1990), John Marshall School of Law Class of 1921, was known for independence and integrity throughout his life. Raised in Cleveland, one of the ten children of Slovene immigrants living in the St. Clair Avenue - East 62 Street area, Lausche began his working career in his youth as a lamp-lighter and became two-term mayor of Cleveland, five-term Governor of Ohio, and a two-term United States Senator — the first mayor and Governor of Slovene descent, and Ohio's first Catholic Governor. Lausche completed his high school education through a correspondence course, played baseball in the minor leagues, and joined the Army in 1918. Following his law school graduation and an outstanding performance on the Ohio Bar (he placed second in the state), Lausche entered private practice and began teaching Agency at his alma mater. He entered public life in 1932 when he was appointed to the Cleveland Municipal Court and subsequently elected in 1935. From 1936-41 he served on the Court of Common Pleas. Elected twice to the mayoralty of Cleveland during the war years (1941-1946), in 1946 he ran for and was elected Governor of Ohio; in 1948 he was reelected and remained in office until 1956 when he was elected to the Senate. His Senate career ended in 1968 when he lost to John Gilligan in the Democratic primary. Thereafter, he remained in private practice in Washington, returning to Cleveland later in life. Lausche was considered remarkable among politicians and voters alike for his independence of thought. Though nominally a Democrat, he was often branded a conservative and accused of Republican sympathies. By nature frugal, he supported low taxes and budget surpluses, often angering labor forces. Moreover, he did not hesitate to back Republican candidates, including Richard Nixon during his campaign for a second term. Those who remember Lausche with fondness understand his lack of party loyalty as the renegade spirit of a man who could not be bought by political expediency, who for most of his married life lived in a two-story frame house next to a Chinese laundry on East 102 Street, who would not allow himself as Governor to be called “his Excellency,” and who would not enter the Union Club because it did not admit minorities. In 1946 the John Marshall School of Law awarded him an honorary degree in recognition of his many contributions to the profession and to his alma mater.

The name of Norman Selby Minor (1901-1968), John Marshall School of Law Class of 1927, is legendary among Cleveland's criminal trial attorneys. Born in Oak Park, Illinois, Minor grew up in Cleveland. He attended the University of Michigan for two years before returning to Cleveland to study law at the John Marshall School of Law. As a young lawyer, associated with the firm of Payne, Green, Minor & Perry from 1928-30, he defended impoverished prisoners in order to acquire trial experience. In 1930 he was appointed Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. At that time segregation prevailed even in the justice system, and Minor found himself invariably assigned to cases involving black defendants, a policy he worked hard to abolish. In the long run, no system handicapped him entirely and he became known as one of the best criminal trial lawyers in the county. According to the DICTIONARY OF CLEVELAND BIOGRAPHY, Minor "prosecuted more than 5,000 felony cases, including 13 successful prosecutions for 1st-degee murder, his most famous case being that of Willie 'The Mad Butcher' Johnson, convicted of murdering 12 women during the 1930s and 1940s." Eventually Minor left the prosecutor's office to run successfully for Municipal Court Judge in 1937. In 1948 he resumed pri-
vate practice, becoming a premier defense trial attorney. During his lifetime, he is credited with mentoring some of Cleveland’s notable African American attorneys, including Louis Stokes ’53 and Carl Stokes ’56. In 1980 in celebration of Minor’s contribution to elevating the status of African American lawyers, local attorneys formed the Norman S. Minor Bar Association, the Cleveland affiliate of the National Bar Association.

Lawrence O. Payne (1892-1956), John Marshall School of Law Class of 1923, was another African American attorney who left his mark on the city and on the struggle for equal rights. Born in Columbus, Ohio, Payne came to Cleveland after serving in France during World War I, enrolled in the Cleveland Preparatory School in 1922 and earned his LL.B. the following year. Shortly after, he became the city’s first black Assistant Police Prosecutor, and in 1929 he was elected to the Cleveland City Council, where with fellow black councilmen Leroy Bundy and George Clayborne he maneuvered African Americans into the School of Nursing, into internships at the City Hospital and into appointments in other city offices. As chair of the City Council’s Welfare Committee, Payne was responsible for reforms in the police force and in the corrections system. In 1940 Payne and W.O Walker formed the company that published the Cleveland Call & Post. From 1938 until 1945 Payne was a member of the State Parole Board.

Before beginning his legal studies, Edwin C. Reminger (1895-1977), John Marshall School of Law Class of 1918, had served with the Armed Forces during World War I. His legal specialty was transportation law. He was a founding member and one-time president of the American Society of Traffic and Transportation Motor Carrier Lawyers Association and president of the local Association of Interstate Commerce Commission Practitioners (1964-65). Reminger was senior partner of the Reminger & Reminger firm and father of Richard T. Reminger ’57.

The life of Sigmund Alexander Titus (1884-1936), John Marshall School of Law Class of 1918, began with promise and concluded in sorrow. Born in Poland, he was educated in Berlin’s public schools, the Friedrich Werder College, and the Oriental Seminary. He enjoyed a career in publishing as

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Frank Lausche, President Harry Truman, Anne M. and Anthony J. Celebrezze
an editor of the Berliner Lokal Anzeiger and the Hamburger Woche before emigrating to this country in 1910. In Cleveland he found work first on one of the local ethnic newspapers, the Nadowiec Polish Weekly, and then from 1911 until 1918 on The Mediator, an industrial newspaper. In his law career, Titus was senior partner of Titus, Lombardo & Kovachy and was an influential member of Cleveland's Polish community. In 1931 he was appointed consular agent for Poland. His death in 1936 was by his own hand.

Russian-born Albert A. Woldman (1897-1971), John Marshall School of Law Class of 1919, was a prominent Cleveland juvenile court judge. His undergraduate degree (1917) was from Adelbert College. During his law school days, he worked as a reporter for both the Cleveland Press and the Plain Dealer. Following his graduation, Woldman entered private practice, returning to teach at his alma mater from 1919 until 1941. Before his appointment to the bench of the County Juvenile Court in 1953, Woldman had served as an Assistant Law Director for the City of Cleveland, Chairman of the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation's Board of Review, and Director of Ohio's Department of Industrial Relations. In 1954 he ran for and won a two-year term on the Juvenile Court and was reelected to two successive six-year terms afterwards. In addition to his service on the court, Woldman was President of B'nai B'rith. A student of the life and career of Abraham Lincoln, he was the author of Lawyer Lincoln.

AN AFTERWORD

When John Marshall School of Law's Dean, Judge David C. Meck, Sr., died in 1939, his son David C. Meck, Jr., a teacher at the law school, was appointed the new dean much as Melville Vickery, Cleveland Law School Class of 1914, had succeeded his father, Dean Willis Vickery, as Dean of the Cleveland Law School, for the schools were operated almost as family businesses. (In addition to David Meck, Jr., two other Meck sons, Dean B. Meck and Dr. Stanley Meck, had been involved with the law school as members of the faculty, administration, and board of trust. Melville Vickery had taught at his father's school and another son Howard Vickery was for a time a member of the school administration.)

David C. Meck, Jr., (1905-1955) earned his undergraduate degree at Harvard (1927) and his law degree at Western Reserve University Law School (1930) where he was Order of the Coif. Meck entered private practice briefly before joining the faculty of his father's school. From 1935 to 1938 he was an Assistant Police Prosecutor and from 1938 until 1941 an Assistant City Law Director. He served for a short time as an attorney for the Securities and Exchange Commission before becoming regional supervisor of the Federal Security Agency in 1942. In 1943 Meck ran successfully for a six-year term on the Cleveland Municipal Court; six years later he was reelected to the court. In 1946 when the John Marshall School of Law and the Cleveland Law School merged, Dean Meck was appointed the Director of Education, and Professor Wilson Stapleton was appointed the new school's Dean. Judge Meck was running unopposed for a third six-year term when he died unexpectedly of a heart attack at the age of 49.

In 1946 the John Marshall School of Law was still in its fourth home in the old Hippodrome Building at 720 Euclid. The school had managed to maintain its day program through the 20s, and day classes were offered sporadically in some but not all of the 30's decade. The day program ceased in 1940. Though the John Marshall School of Law enrolled women only sparingly in its first years, it earned one distinction in 1937 no other Ohio school could claim: that of being the first law school in the state to hire a women faculty member, Grace Doering McCord, Cleveland Law School Class of 1925. It had another distinction as well: Beginning in 1919 and continuing through the 20s, nine John Marshall students scored the highest or the second highest scores on the twice yearly Ohio Bar exam.

By 1946 when the Cleveland Law School and the John Marshall School of Law merged, both schools had proved their merit by surviving two world wars and the Great Depression. World War I removed 40,000 Clevelanders from schools, workplaces and families; World War II called up 160,000 Clevelanders, while the Great Depression found 30,000 greater families seeking direct relief in the form of food, shelter, and clothing. Shantytowns dotted the city, and beggars and panhandlers prowled the downtown streets. Law school enrollment wavered but never succumbed entirely to economic pressures, and both schools emerged in the mid-fourties, more survivors than victors. By the end of the Second World War, both Dean Vickery and Dean Meck were dead, and, perhaps, with them had died divisive animosities. It was time to meet one another in a spirit of compromise and accord. The result of that renewal of relations was the Cleveland-Marshall Law School, the direct precursor to the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

NEXT in Law Notes: The Cleveland-Marshall Law School, Justice Lee Skeel, Dean Wilson Stapleton, and the law school of the 50s and 60s.

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WINDY CITY REUNION

The Law Alumni Association and the College of Law traveled to Chicago to renew acquaintances with alumni in the Windy City. The reception was held at the University Club of Chicago in September and was attended by alumni and friends, as well as former professors Janice Toran, Steve Landsman, and Barry Kellman, and former C-M Dean Bob Bogomolny. Special thanks to those who attended, including David Arena '96, John Burke '92, Janice Breen '94, Alan Fisher '80, Gary Hengstler '83, Lynn Arko Kelley '80, George Kuhlman '78, Ray Murphy '72, Oscar Romero '93, and Carol Weiss '77.
Once again this fall we returned to a favorite city for meeting some of our favorite alumni and alumnae: Washington, D.C. Each year this group grows in number as word is passed from friend to friend and from office to office that the nation’s capital city is full of Cleveland-Marshall graduates. For the law school personnel who each year make this trip, it is always a satisfying experience to catch up on the news of our D.C. friends, and, in the year of the Centennial, to hear a little of the personal history of these graduates, some of whom have been separated from their alma mater for over three decades.

Interim Dean Steven Steinglass and his wife, Dianne made their first Washington, D.C. trip on behalf of the College of Law. They were accompanied by Executive Director of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Mary McKenna, Assistant Dean for External Affairs Louise Dempsey ’81, Director of Career Planning Sonia Winner ‘90, and Communications Coordinator Louise F. Mooney.

Alumni and alumnae present included Bill Bransford, Steve Cerny, Tom Gorman, Edward Houry, Michael Meszaros, Jeffrey Olson, Tom Peterson, Elizabeth Pugh, Edward Stemberger, Jeff Stickle, Judith St. Ledger-Roty, Chris Vasil, Joseph Vukovich and many others. Special thanks to Mary Sullivan, Fran Allegra and Ajay Pathak who were also at the party and invited us to visit their offices. And a very special thank you to Tom Peterson for agreeing to let us profile him in the following story.
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law alumnus Tom Peterson '81, patent attorney, has found a calling in law entirely suited to his interests and intellect, a place where he relishes as much the possibility of patenting a protective heel cover for shoes as he does the possibility of patenting an invention so futuristic, so portentous that he must keep it a secret.

A shareholder in the prestigious national firm of Banner & Witcoff, Peterson welcomes his three Law Notes interviewers — Mary McKenna, Sonia Winner, and Louise Mooney — into his Washington, D.C. office where his Cleveland-Marshall memorabilia are on full display: copies of recent Law Notes, his fifteen-year-old Cleveland-Marshall bulletin, and assorted photographs taken during the time of his life he recalls as the "most fun, the most rewarding.

At Dean Steinglass's request, Peterson has just completed a letter to the Ohio Board of Regents taking the Board to task for its plan to curtail enrollment at Ohio's public law schools. Gestures such as this - a letter written on behalf of his alma mater by a busy man on a busy day - are the reason we are always pleased when our paths cross his.

Tom Peterson was born in Luverne, Alabama, one of eight children, all boys, "so I know every baseball joke." Eventually, the family moved to Warren, Ohio. Tom earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from Youngstown State University. He had been working at Packard Electric in Warren for three years when he decided to study law.

He chose Cleveland-Marshall because, "I could not afford to go to a non-state school." Though his motives for settling on Cleveland-Marshall were primarily economic, he soon discovered that he had made no compromises academically. "The faculty made a lasting impression on me," he says. "They were energetic, not full of themselves, very interested in students," and more important, "their courses were very difficult and very stimulating.

As demanding as he found his studies and his professors, he recites with fondness the names of teachers he still reveres: Steven Lazarus who taught him evidence, Carroll Sierk who taught him federal tax law, and Lizabeth A. Moody, now dean at Stetson University College of Law, from whom he learned contracts. He participated in the clinical program headed by then Professor Steven Steinglass and was a member of the Moot Court Team when it was directed by Professor Ann Aldrich, now a judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

But the highest accolades he reserves for the faculty member who taught him torts, Professor Harvey Leiser, "a rigorous, fair prof," whose interpretation of the Socratic method particularly impressed the future patent lawyer.

After graduation, Peterson left for Washington for what he thought would be a brief apprenticeship in the U.S. Patent Office where he hoped to develop further his understanding of intellectual property law. "I wanted to study law because I had a life-long interest in law and in technology," he recalls, and the place where those two interests intersected most powerfully was in the study and practice of intellectual property law, a specialty that he believes is best learned not from a textbook but in the field. "It's very much a hands-on discipline, a practice you best grasp by application," he explains. Once apprenticed, he was hooked on the challenges of this area of the law, challenges that seemed in the early 80s and ever after to mount daily as the world grew increasingly dependent on electronic resources, and as more and more companies - national and international - sought patents for inventions on the threshold of highly-sophisticated technology.

As an engineer Peterson is a natural, undaunted by the future's electronic frontiers, and his enthusiasm for the career he chose a decade ago remains undiminished: On the day we visit him, he speaks eagerly of his plan to walk over to the Supreme Court on the next Tuesday when the Court would be hearing oral arguments in Warner Jenkinson Co. v. Hilton Davis Chemical Co., a case, he tells us, that will clarify the scope of the doctrine of equivalents.

Tom Peterson is the kind of graduate one gladly travels far to interview, the kind of alumnus who never fails in his commitment to his school, the kind of accomplished lawyer a law faculty hopes always to produce. As we leave his office, he invites us to return for a tour of the U.S. Patent Office in Crystal City. We know he is inviting us to share something he loves, and the invitation is irresistible. After all, who in Cleveland can pass up a good baseball joke? LFM
The Law Alumni Association continued its traditional reunion weekend with separate events on October 18th and 19th. The class of 1986 held a cocktail reception on Friday at the Wyndham Hotel, which was followed by a dinner on Saturday at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel for the classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, and 1981. Special thanks to all who attended the celebration! Mark your calendars now for our 1997 Reunion Weekend which will be held October 3rd and 4th.
The first indication my trip to Honduras might be eventful came when our airplane divebombed the mountain-top runway in a landing that left the passengers looking at each other with relief. We stumbled from the American Airlines flight to the customs windows. That was just the beginning of a fascinating week.

I traveled to the Choluteca Forum as the representative of the Natural Resources Defense Council, for which I am a Senior Advisor in the International Program, and as General Counsel for a new group, the Shrimp Tribunal, which despite its amusing name is committed to advocating reforms of shrimp aquaculture and shrimp trawling in developing countries. Latin American environmental organizations were sponsoring a meeting on ecologically positive approaches to coastal zone aquaculture. Greenpeace was the primary sponsor of the Forum.

It was my first trip to Honduras, a beautiful but poor country which has survived a lengthy period of civil strife and is struggling to emerge as a fledgling democracy. The people are still trying to figure out how it works. Tegucigalpa, the capital, is high in the mountains, its climate more moderate than the rest of the country. Tegucigalpa is broken up by hills and cut through with a wide and muddy river that overflowed its banks and washed out roads during the time I was there. The streets are narrow, traffic heavy and loud, with poorly tuned engines emitting acrid exhaust fumes. Armed security guards are everywhere to protect private businesses against the frequent robberies.

Begging children approach tourists as soon as they leave customs. The children are all around the hotels and obvious places where Norte-Americanos and Europeans are present. They don't spend time with the Latin tourists because they know they are accustomed to such conditions as a part of their own lives. The gringos are the marks for beggars, street merchants, and money changers.

In the early evening of the arrival day, the forty participants gathered together and were piled on to a chartered bus for the trip to the Hotel Qualiquema on the outskirts of the city of Choluteca. This was the rainy season in Honduras. The weather was beautiful each day until 2:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon, and then the skies rapidly filled with ominous clouds. What started as a light sprinkle became a downpour that turned into a heavy rain followed by a deluge.

The Forum was to be held in the town of Choluteca, about ninety miles from Tegucigalpa and close to the Gulf of Fonseca. In the Gulf area, Honduran environmentalists are fighting the expansion of large industrial shrimp farms that have obtained
governmental permission to fence off lands and water areas that generations of poor Honduran families have relied on for agriculture and fishing. As is the case in many developing countries, wealthy families and military officials have been taking over the common lands upon which artisanal fishing cultures depend.

The bus ride to Choluteca was intriguing. The trip was a race down a dark and curving mountain road through a driving rain that obscured vision. How the driver could see through his streaked windshield is still not well understood. Of the forty people, only five or six spoke English, in part because Greenpeace tends to work with grassroots people rather than with those who have been educated in the U.S. or traveled extensively outside Latin America. There were two interpreters assigned to help me, and I had great fun using my "pidgin" Spanish to communicate, although there were times some of the other participants looked at me as if I'd said something quite odd. During the ride a video of the movie "Alive" was started. The movie is about a plane crash in the Andes in which people survive by eating the flesh of those who had died. We started making jokes as the bus raced downward through the dark and had just finished seeing the plane crash and break apart with bodies sucked out into thin air when our bus blew a tire. Luckily the driver kept control. They stopped the movie while we limped the final fifteen or twenty miles to the hotel.

Sometimes we fail to realize how good we have it. We possess ingrained attitudes about freedom and the limits of government power as our natural right, while people from other countries, particularly those from the Third World, are legitimately concerned about how authority is going to treat them.

The meeting itself was informative and productive. One of the highlights was a trip about twenty of us made to the Gulf to meet with the fisher people and see the destructive social and environmental changes the big farms brought. The pictures reflect some of what was seen at the Gulf of Fonseca. What can't be seen is the beauty the farms replaced. Much of the area was covered with mangrove forests which are integral to the ecological health of the region. As can be seen in one picture, other areas are natural salt marshes that support fish, shrimp, herons, and other wildlife. The picture shows an area that was saved by CODEDEFGOLF, an Honduran environmental group dedicated to the protection of the region's coastal resources. But resource preservation is the exception. In too much of the Gulf, the big farms have come in and restructured the land and water flow, built stone dividers for the lagoons in which they grow the shrimp, cut the mangroves completely so the landscape is barren and treeless, and built fences and guard towers to keep the people of the area away from their traditional lands and waterways.

There is an uneasy peace at this point but the big companies use their power to intimidate the people. Some of the fisher people work in the shrimp factories handling the harvest. If anyone in their own families protests what the companies are doing, they can be fired and blacklisted. Several years ago, after a confrontation with a company as it moved on to land used by the fisher people for generations, two children of one of the protesters were kidnapped. The body—the torso actually—of only one child was found. The father still clings to the hope the other child is alive.

At the grassroots level in the developing world, environmentalism and social action are not clean and theoretical. There is a direct opposition to powerful

Fisherman and families protesting against destruction of traditional way of life.
interests at that level, and such powerful people accustomed to having their own way are too often willing to use governmental power or private force to eliminate the most troublesome obstacles. Many of the Latin American grassroots environmental leaders leave each other, not with the traditional “adios” but with “take care” or “be careful.” They know they live on the edge because so much of what they do involves the direct mobilization of political force and does not reflect the abstract debates that characterize so much of environmentalism.

The trip to the Gulf of Fonseca progressed almost predictably. We were travelling on an old low-slung yellow school bus about thirty miles from the nearest paved road. The day was quite hot and sunny although it later rained more than any day since we arrived. On the way to the first stop the bus blew a tire so we were two for two. I wasn’t surprised when this happened because I had looked at the tires before we left the hotel. Unlike my colleagues, I knew there were large chunks of retread pieces that had already come off, leaving the bare tire exposed. Since we were traveling rutted and stony dirt roads, the surprising part was that only one tire blew out. Nonetheless, we limped onward.

After about six hours of seeing the conditions and talking with many of the people who were local fishers and their families about how the big farms had devastated their way of life and were destroying their independence and dignity, we set out for the return trip to the hotel. Within five miles or so we came to a bridge on the far side of which was a military post, barred metal gate, and a group of stern-faced men holding automatic weapons. The only point in their being there was to protect the interests of the companies.

On the way across the bridge, our driver was going too fast and bottomed out the bus on a rock, cracking his oil pan so badly that the oil streamed out as if a spigot had been turned on. The soldiers found this amusing, but of course they could sit in their shaded building with fans blowing while we stood around in 100 degree tropical sun. They didn’t have a telephone, or at least wouldn’t admit to it, and neither did anyone else. We sat for an hour or so wondering what to do while the driver shrugged his shoulders. The solution is one which a woman from Human Rights Watch and I reached. She spoke Spanish, so I stepped out in front of a large dump truck that was carrying material to one of the farms. Fortunately the driver listened to my “Alto, por favor” (“stop, please”) and didn’t turn me into road-kill on a Honduran backroad. We negotiated a price of $60 for him to dump his load and come back to pick us up and take the twenty of us back to the hotel. Payment on delivery. We all climbed up into the back of this huge dump truck and rode standing back to Choluteca. Later I learned this particular driver was also the personal bodyguard of the owner of one of the biggest shrimp companies.

When the meeting was finished, we traveled back to the capital, and for the first time our tires remained intact. The next day, two of my new friends, Anders from Sweden and Claudio from Brazil, and I, went out to the airport and boarded our plane to Miami. Claudio actually had the unexpected pleasure of being the first person on the plane because U.S. immigration had decided he was...
planning to sneak into the U.S. when changing planes in Miami. After spending a week with him, I knew he was going back to his wife, children, and job in Portaleza, Brazil. One thing I found out again is that the world does tend to treat people of non-U.S. backgrounds differently. Sometimes we fail to realize how good we have it. We possess ingrained attitudes about freedom and the limits of government power as our natural right, while people from other countries, particularly those from the Third World, are legitimately concerned about how authority is going to treat them.

We sat back in our seats and were forced to wait well over an hour for the takeoff. Halfway through, the pilot came on the cabin intercom and told us, "I'm sorry for the delay but we can only take off in one direction at this airport. The winds are too high and they are a tailwind even though we're supposed to take off into the wind. There are some mountains we need to miss not too far from the end of the runway so I need to let the winds die down a little and then make a try." Two hundred people suddenly bonded in fear and I told Anders not to forget "Alive". In another thirty minutes the pilot was ready for his unorthodox takeoff from a short mountain runway.

I have made probably three hundred flights, but this one rates at the top of my list as one of the most intriguing. It brought back some fond memories. I have a favorite uncle who used to take me to watch drag racing. This pilot obviously has some of that sport in his background. We began the takeoff by sitting on the runway with the plane's brakes fully engaged and the engines being raced at high speed. The plane surged against the brakes as the engine rpm's were moving toward their peak. The plane rocked and vibrated and the engines roared as the jet strained to be released. When the pilot finally decided to let the brakes go we went from 0 to 90 in about two seconds, leaving the runway as if shot from a gun. It felt like just the right ending for my visit to Honduras.

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BAR RESULTS

Three cheers for the Cleveland-Marshall students who sat for the July 1996 Bar Examination! The results were made public in early November: C-M's first-time pass rate was an impressive 92%, compared with the entire state pass rate of 87.4%. Ohio State, Capitol, and Cincinnati led the state with 93%, followed by Cleveland-Marshall 92%, Dayton 91%, Case Western Reserve 89%, Toledo 88%, Akron 80%, and Ohio Northern 78%. Congratulations to the following successful applicants:

Adam Abrahams
Kelly Adelman
Janice Aitken
Thomas Alexander
Katherine Allen
Donna Andrew
James Augusta
Michael Bahleda
Brett Barragate
Matthew Barrett
James Benedict, Jr.
Steven Birch
Michael Brennan
Leslie Brown
Kevin Burke
Paul Capka
Leonard Carr
Judith Cary
Jordan Clouse
David Cochran
Lorraine Coyne
Erika Crandall
Jillian Davis

Sandra DeBalzo
John Deas
Linda Deberardi
Kathleen Dehaan
Gina Desiderio
Amy Domski
Anne Eisenhower
Kimrey Elzeer
David Eppstein
Michael Ernest
Mary Evard
Brian Fallon
Anna Faraglia
Christine Faranda
Anthony Farren
Shelley Fecik
Christopher Feczko
Maria Flask
Ian Frank
Linda Frazier
Susan French-Scaggs
Annjanette Funk
Anthony Gallucci
David Gareau

Michael Gareau, Jr.
Brett Geary
George Gibel
Tammy Gibson
Ryan Glaze
Gregory Goodrich
Tony Gorris
David Greulich, Jr.
Kathy Grey
David Griffin
Kenneth Hadzinski
Melody Harness
Kathleen Harrison
Herbert Hotchkiss
Kenneth Hubbard
Thomas Hunt
Joseph Jacobs, Jr.
Barbara Jelenic
Jennifer Jevack
Linda Johnson
Vasile Katsaros
Daniel Katz
Mark Kerenyi
Thomas Kilbane
Joseph King
Matthew King
Lisa Kirby
Laurie Klopper
Mary Ann Kozik
Frederick Kreiner
Jennifer Krutko-Clancy
Philip Lamos
Michael Laribee
Jennifer Lawther
Mark Lay
Derek Rodstrom  
Daniel Romaine  
Laura Roman  
Michael Ryan  
Michael S ablack  
Ann Salek  
John Salem  
Rachel Schmelzer  
Todd Schrader  
Gregory Scott  
Mark Shearer  
Todd Siegel  
Joseph Simms  
Nancy Sin Murphy  
Claudia Skidmore  
David Skiljan  
Vito Smyth  
Joy Sonnhalter  
Leo Spellacy, Jr.  
Susan Stano  
Thomas Stefanik, Jr.  
Deborah Sterba  
Anthony Stevenson  
Mark Stockman  
Ann Stockmaster  
Bradford Sudyk  
Steve Tater  
Richard Taylor  
Michael Thrasher  
Cynthia Trivette  
Russell Tye  
Jeffrey Underwood  
Daniel Urban  
Michael Villani  
Melissa Watson  
Chris Weatherford  
Julianne Weintraub  
Robin Wilson  
Jane Winik  

Ronald Yingling  
Brian Zeck  
Rachelle Zidar  
Wendy Zohar  

And congratulations again as we hear more good news from across the nation:  

Illinois Bar:  
David Arena  
Selena Castle  

Maryland Bar:  
Mary Forness  
Leonard Hackett  

Pennsylvania Bar:  
Gregory Baldwin  
Bruce Decker  
Michael Dinneen  
Diana Moulton  

Julie Lewis  
Robert Long  
James Lukas  
Deborah Mack  
Joseph Madachik  
Nader Malek  
Robert Malone  
Basil Mangano  
Joshua Marks  
Dennis Masarik  
Todd Maugans  
Kevin McGrath  
Louis McMahon  
John McNally  
Lisa Michaels  
Gregory Millas  
James Miller  
Russell Misseldine  
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Thomas O'Donnell  
Amy Olsen  
Robert Patton  
Nenad Pejic  
David Perduk  
Mary Prescott  
Robert Psaropoulos  
Michael Quinlan  
Ellen Quinn  
Manav Raj  
John Reagan  
Maureen Redlin  
Tracy Regas  
Tina Repp  
Darnella Robertson  
Kenneth Robling  

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1952
The Honorable Thomas D. Lambros was honored by having the Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse named after him in downtown Youngstown, Ohio. He has also joined the national roster of distinguished neutrals selected to hear and resolve civil matters for the American Arbitration Association.

Congratulations to CMLAA Life Member Stanley Morganstern on becoming a grandfather - to not only one, but four beautiful bundles of joy! His daughter, Lisa Bickel, an attorney in Phoenix, Arizona, gave birth to quadruplets, 2 boys and 2 girls in July. Stanley reports that all are doing fine.

Thomas Kowalski has been elected Councilman-at-Large for Fairview Park, Ohio.

1968
Congratulations to CMLAA Past President Herbert Palkovitz and his wife, Jolan '81, on the birth of their son, Robert Joseph, in November. Herb practices in Cleveland, concentrating in Family Law, while Jolan is the traffic magistrate for the City of Cleveland.

1972
Governor George Voinovich has appointed Michael L. Climaco to the Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University.

1973
James W. Sanders was appointed Vice President of Garrison Litigation Management Group, Ltd. in Rochester, N.Y., and was recently admitted to the New York Bar.

James Mitchell Brown of Brown and Margolius, LPA, has been appointed Vice Chair of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations’ Economic Justice Committee.

1974
Rev. Don Lefelar, pastor of Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Pepper Pike, spoke at an Ohio Northern University chapel service in September. His sermon, “It Matters,” was based on Acts 2: 19-26.


1975
CMLAA Honorary Trustee Jose C. Feliciano, a partner in the Cleveland office of Baker & Hostetler, has been voted Chairman of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association.

Lynn A. Lazzaro was elected President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association Board of Trustees. His one-year term began in July.

Judge Una Keenon received a $2,000 check from Meridia Huron Hospital for Keenon’s East Cleveland Aid and Family Violence Program. The program was launched eight years ago.

CMLAA Past President Richard Koblentz was elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Baseball Federation.

1976
M. Colette Gibbons

M. Colette Gibbons, a principal with the firm of Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Arnsen Co., L.P.A., was a featured speaker at the 1996 William J. O’Neill Bankruptcy Institute, titled “The Intersection of Bankruptcy and Non-Bankruptcy Law: Convergence or Collision,” sponsored by the Cleveland Bar Association and its Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section. Gibbons, who heads Kahn Kleinman’s Bankruptcy and Creditor’s Rights Practice Group, spoke at a session on Ethics.

Dorothea M. Polster

Dorothea M. Polster, an associate with the Cleveland law firm of Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Arnsen Co., L.P.A., was one of three attorneys named to conduct a seminar offered as part of the National Business Institute’s Law Review Series. The seminar was entitled “Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law and Procedure in Ohio.”

1977
Patricia Vail is serving a one-year term as Rule of Law Liaison in Almaty, Kazakhstan, through the American Bar Association Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI).

1979
Peter N. Kirsanow

Peter N. Kirsanow has joined the
labor and employment group of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, as of counsel, where his practice will remain focused on representing management in employment litigation, public and private sector collective bargaining, NLRB and EEOC proceedings and arbitrations.

1980
Mark R. Greenfield has become Counsel at Robert L. Stark Enterprises, Inc.

CMLAA Board Member Stephen Rowan was named Assistant Director of Development at the Cleveland Foundation, the nation's oldest community trust, with assets of more than $940 million.

1981

CMLAA Officer Frederick N. Widen, a principal with the Cleveland law firm of Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Aronson Co., L.P.A., spoke on "Section 1031 Exchanges" at the Real Estate Law Institute presented by the Cleveland Bar Association and its Real Estate Law Section in November.

1982

Linda Beebe has relocated her office to the heart of Lakewood near the new City Center, where she will continue to focus on providing personal service to current clients and to expand her practice in the areas of elder law, probate practice, family law, and estate planning.

Patrick J. Perotti, a partner with the law firm of Dworken & Bernstein, Co., L.P.A., gave a seminar focusing on employment discrimination at the National Lawyers Association Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

1983

CMLAA Trustee Marcia Fudge has been elected President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the 1996-1998 biennium. Delta Sigma Theta is the largest African American women's public service sorority and is composed of professional women who have graduated from college and members who are currently attending colleges and universities.

1984

CMLAA Trustee Maribeth Gavin addressed the topic of "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" in a talk given at the Hudson Library. The program examined what constitutes sexual harassment, how to prevent it and what to do about it.

1985

Pamela A. Martin-Markley has joined the U.S. Trust Company of Florida as Vice President and Legal Counsel. Her practice will focus on the areas of estate and tax planning.

Eunice A. Clavner was appointed Deputy Chair of the Publications Committee and Deputy Chair of the Business Advice and Financial Planning Committee, both of the General Practice Section of the American Bar Association.
Russell David Kornblut was appointed House Counsel for The Leader Mortgage Company.

Olivia Bethley Johnson was promoted to Administrative Officer and Assistant to the Chairman and CEO of the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise in Columbus.

1987
Michael Skindell, an associate with the law firm of Dennis Seaman & Associates Co., LPA, was elected Chairman for the Citizens Advisory Committee of Lakewood.

1988
Harry Bernstein serves as Vice President of Gil Schwartz Distributing, the Painesville family business which supplied beer for approximately 60,000 people at the Lake County Oktoberfest.

1989
Randi Marie Ostry accepted a position as an Assistant County Prosecutor in the Appellate Division. She and her husband, Thomas Leftoty, are building a home in the Reserve at Maclntosh in Broadview Heights.

CMLAA Life Member Diane Homolak was recently promoted to Contracts Negotiator with the Hewlett-Packard Company.

Anthony A. Logue is a member of the law firm of Susmarski, Hain & Logue in Erie, Pennsylvania, where his practice concentrates on criminal defense. He recently represented an individual who was charged with threatening to kill the Governor of Pennsylvania, as well as threatening to car-bomb the Erie, Pennsylvania Courthouse. He successfully defended the individual charged with these crimes based on an insanity defense.

1991
Robert R. Myers, Jr., former Library Director for Weston Hurd Fallon Paisley & Howley, has joined Arter & Hadden’s Cleveland office as Law Librarian.

1993
Christopher B. Janezic is a Lobbyist-Associate with NETWORK, a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby working to influence Public Policy in Washington, D.C. NETWORK’s political lobbying goals are securing just access to economic resources, reordering federal budget priorities, and transforming global relationships.

Erica Eversman has joined the firm of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A.

René D. Smith has joined the Cleveland law firm of Kahl, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Arnson Co., L.P.A., as an associate in the firm’s general litigation area.

Following his clerkship in the Harrisburg Chambers of Senior Judge Emil Narick of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, Jonathan W. Kunkel is now employed with the Pennsylvania

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Department of Corrections as an attorney in its litigation department.

1994

Kathleen Donovan Onders is Corporate Counsel for Freedom Mortgage Corporation in Independence, Ohio.

Jennifer Weber Blaga, Marketing Director of Arter & Hadden, and her husband, Nicholas, welcomed their daughter, Mackenzie Alexandra, in September.

Lola Johnson recently joined the law firm of Calfee, Halter & Griswold.

Congratulations to Jacqueline Svete on her engagement to Bruce Janke, M.D. The couple plans to be married in August.

1995

Lawrence A. Wilkins

Lawrence A. Wilkins was appointed Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Montgomery County, where he is assigned to the Support Enforcement/Paternity Division of the Prosecutor's Office.

David N. DeRoberts has joined the Cleveland office of the law firm of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff as an associate with the firm's Real Estate Practice Group.

1996

Lawrence L. McMahon and Ian H. Frank are new associates in the Cleveland office of the law firm Thompson Hine & Flory.

Joy Sonnhalter has joined the firm of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A.

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Presentations at faculty seminars at the law school in October included: "Pro Bono Experiences and Opportunities at Cleveland-Marshall" by Beverly Pyle and Jean Lifter, "Rape by Fraud" by Patricia Falk, "Introduction to the New Law Library" by Michael Slinger and Katherine Malinquist, "A Retrospective on New Jersey's Fair Share Zoning Saga" by Alan Weinstein and Dennis Keating.

Legal Writing Instructors Brian Glassman, Sandra Kerber, and Beverly Pyle delivered presentations at the Innovative Teaching Methods session of the Learning from the Disciplines: A Conference for People Who Teach in or Administer Legal Writing Programs, which was sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute and held at Seattle University in July.

Several faculty and staff, including Paul Carrington, Priscilla Jackson, Tayyab Mahmud, and Beverly Pyle, worked the CSU booth at the African American Family picnic at Lake Ester Park in August.

Linda Ammons presented a paper on "Women of Color and Domestic Violence" at the Masquerade and Gendered Identity Conference in Venice, Italy. In April, Professor Ammons was a keynote speaker for the United Methodist's 56th Annual National Convention held in Cleveland and delivered a presentation entitled "Family Values that Matter." In July, Professor Ammons participated in the International Conference on Law and Society in Glasgow, Scotland, where she chaired the Gender and Labor Relations panel and presented a paper on "African-American Women and Battered Woman's Syndrome." Professor Ammons spent a week in August teaching administrative law at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

Associate Dean Susan Becker published an article, "Being Out and Fitting In," in the Journal of Legal Education.

Gordon Beggs spoke on "Laboring Under the Sun: An Old Testament Perspective on the Legal Profession" at the Christian Legal Society meeting in September. In October he delivered a presentation using excerpts from the writings of Moses to consider some challenges in judging at the Judicial Conference of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, held at Punderson State Park. Mr. Beggs contributed a chapter on "Novel Expert Evidence" to the 12TH ANNUAL SECTION 1983 CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION handbook published by Practising Law Institute. In November, he spoke on issues of law and faith for the Christian Legal Fellowship at New York University School of Law and for the Christian Legal Society at the University of North Carolina School of Law. He also presented a paper entitled "The Faith Contribution to American Legal Ethics" at a symposium on Religion and the Law given by the Rothermel Foundation in New Bern, North Carolina. Mr. Beggs is on the steering committee of a coalition of churches and ministries which is working to establish a Christian legal aid program in Cleveland.

Jason C. Blackford published BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, a two-volume work, with Banks Baldwin Law Publishing Company. The book presents a practical explanation of the various forms in which businesses can operate.

Paul Carrington served on the committee for the Janet Reno visit in September and ushered for President Clinton's Convocation held in October at CSU.

Dena Davis delivered three presentations: "Female Genital Mutilation, Education, and the Child's Right to an Open Future" at the International Conference on Law and Society in July; "Moral Courage: Resistance to McCarthyism" at the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics in March; and "Devices, Disguises, and Desires: The Jewish Woman as Trickster" at the Masquerade and Gendered Identity Conference at Leeds Metropolitan University School of Cultural Studies in February.

Professor Davis published an article, "It's My Canvas," in BioLaw.

Patricia J. Falk published an article, "Novel Theories of Criminal Defense Based Upon the Toxicity of the Social Environment: Urban Psychosis, Television Intoxication, and Black Rage," in the North Carolina Law Review, which was reprinted in adapted form in the Criminal Practice Law Reporter.

David Forte published "The Illiberal Court" in the National Review in July and "Eve Without Adam: What Genesis has to Say to America about the Natural Law" in the Heritage Foundation Lectures in August.

Professor Forte spoke on "The Future of Law" at the Philadelphia Society in Pennsylvania in April and also spoke at the Russell Kirk Memorial Lecture at the Heritage Foundation in May. In September in Washington, D.C., Professor Forte spoke on "Justice Thomas, Justice Cardozo and the Commerce Clause," at the Georgetown University Law School Federalist Society and on "Islam and Radicalism" at the Shaybani Society. Professor Forte delivered the keynote address, "Think Tanks, Universities, and Freedom," at the Buckeye Foundation Annual Retreat in Findlay, Ohio, in October. Professor Forte delivered two CLE presentations: "The 1995-1996 Term of the Supreme Court" at the National Lawyers Association in Chicago in September and "Religion and the Supreme Court" at the Geauga County Bar Association in Chardon, Ohio, in October.

Deborah Geier served as Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School for the fall. In October, Professor Geier participated in the annual Cleveland Tax Institute, discussing "Redlark v. Commissioner and Highlights of Recent Tax Legislation."

Louis B. Geneva delivered presentations at three Cleveland Bar Associa-
Faculty & Staff Happenings

Visiting Baker-Hostetler Professor Samuel Gorovitz delivered a presentation entitled “Some First Draft Thoughts on Legal Education” at the first Law Faculty Seminar for the fall; Professor Gorovitz and Dena Davis organized a monthly bioethics reading group for faculty from CSU and elsewhere. Professor Gorovitz delivered the Miller Lecture and visited classes in the departments of Philosophy and Biology as well as the School of Management at Alfred University in September. In October, Professor Gorovitz delivered two presentations at Case Western Reserve University: “Some Emerging Ethical Issues in Health Care: Why You Can’t Avoid Them and How to Think about Them” at a program on Conversations in Ethics and “Why Are Doctors Now Prescribing So Many Doses of New Law?” at a joint seminar by Cleveland-Marshall, Akron and CWRU law schools. He delivered the Marting Lecture in Humanities, “Why You Can’t Avoid Thinking About Ethics and Shouldn’t Want To, Whoever You Are,” at Baldwin-Wallace College and the Baker-Hostetler Chair Lecture, “Is Law the Prescription that Can Cure Medicine?,” at Cleveland-Marshall. Professor Gorovitz arranged a visit to the law school in November by lawyer/journalist Jeffrey Rosen, who spoke on “Critical Race Theory and the O. J. Simpson Case.” In November, Professor Gorovitz delivered the Rhoden Memorial Lecture “Does Bioethics Have a Future?” at Oberlin College; spoke on “Can Caring Survive in Health Care?” at the Riverside Hospital in Toledo; and delivered a presentation on “FDA and the Regulation of Tobacco” at the American Association of Bioethics in San Francisco.

Michael P. Harvey chaired the Civil Litigation section of the People’s Law School and spoke on Ohio civil pretrial litigation.

Dennis Keating co-authored REVITALIZING URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS published by University Press of Kansas. A reception was held in November to celebrate the publication of the book. Dean Keating also published “Cleveland the Comeback City: The Politics and Redevelopment Amidst Decline” in M. Lauria, ed.,
RECONSTRUCTING REGIME THEORY with Sage Publications.

Arthur R. Landever co-authored "The Uniform Services Former Spouses' Protection Act: A Practitioner's Guide" with Michelle Landever Bond '92. The article was published in the American Journal of Family Law.

Katherine Malmquist accepted a two-year appointment as the Committee News Column Editor for the American Association of Law Libraries' Spectrum news magazine. Ms. Malmquist took a three-week leave during which she participated as a volunteer staff member at the Equestrian venue of the Summer Olympics. In October, Ms. Malmquist attended the Third Annual Northeast Regional Association of Law Libraries Conference in Toronto, Canada. The theme was Libraries Without Borders: Legal Information Partnerships in the 21st Century.

Patricia A. McCoy was editor for the 1996 release of BANKS AND THRIFTS: GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT AND RECEIVERSHIP published by Matthew Bender.

Kevin O'Neill delivered a lecture on “First Amendment Protection for On-the-Air Speech: An Analysis of the Pacifica Case and a Survey of Recent Trends in FCC Enforcement” to CSU student radio station personnel in June. In August, Professor O'Neill lectured on “Trends Last Term in the Supreme Court's Treatment of Civil Liberties” at the Cleveland law offices of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey.

Ellen Quinn reviewed "Mealey's Emerging Insurance Disputes Newsletter" in Legal Information Alert.

Beverly Pyle co-authored the forms volume of BALDWIN'S OHIO PRACTICE CRIMINAL LAW set with John Pyle.

Laura Ray received a "Partners in Progress" award from the Northeastern Ohio Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. This award was...
presented to Ms. Ray at the Foundation’s Annual Meeting in appreciation of her advocacy and government affairs volunteer work with the Chapter on Government Affairs Committee of the Ohio Council of Arthritis Foundation Chapters.

Alan Miles Ruben published revisions of “State Limited Liability Company Laws” and “State Limited Partnership Laws” in the Ohio Reporter.

Michael J. Slinger published an article entitled “Mike and Jim’s Excellent New York Adventure” in the Law Library Journal.

Bae Smith participated on the Advisory Board of a new legal acquisitions product called “BooksScope.”

David Snyder participated in drafting sessions of the committee revising Uniform Commercial Code Article 2A—Leases.

Steven H. Steinglass was a faculty member at a Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Federal Judges from the Sixth and Eight Circuit in Michigan in August. Dean Steinglass delivered a presentation on “Recent Sixth Circuit Decisions” to about forty federal judges.

Alan Weinstein published “Revisiting the National Flood Insurance Program” in LAND USE LAW & ZONING DIGEST, and he delivered a presentation on “Zoning for an Aging Population” at the Ohio Planning Conference Zoning Workshop” in Independence, Ohio, in November. Professor Weinstein was re-elected to a second term on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Planning Conference.

Stephen J. Werber participated in the Housing Advocates, Inc., Golf Scramble tournament in September and won the closest to the pin prize for his nine iron shot to the par three seventh hole at Tanglewood, stopping the ball just five feet from the little hole. In October, Professor Werber spoke on Constitutional Concerns at the CMLAA-CLE Program: A Practical Guide to House Bill 350: Tort Reform.

Frederic White was inducted as Honorary life member of the CSU Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society in December. Dean White was honored at a bar passage celebration held by the Black Law Student Association and LCOP students and alumni in November.

IN MEMORIAM

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