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CLEVELAND-MARSHALL LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

Every head of a non-profit organization must deliver this message at one time or another. Though it is not my favorite part of the job, it is a necessary and important part. I must speak to you of the Cleveland-Marshall Annual Fund Drive and of other College of Law efforts that need your support.

The Cleveland-Marshall Annual Fund asks us each year to contribute to the law school that educated us and launched our legal careers. The monies that we raise during this yearly appeal support essential elements of an outstanding legal education—programs such as our four legal clinics, our Moot Court Program, and our two law journals. Moreover, our Annual Fund contributions purchase books for the new library, underwrite faculty research, and support student scholarships. Our gifts help sustain the remarkable law school that our founders envisioned 100 years ago when the Cleveland Law School opened its doors and welcomed the first women ever admitted into an Ohio law school. In our Centennial Year, we should remember that when we donate to Cleveland-Marshall, we are donating to an extraordinary school, the school that graduated the first woman municipal court judge in the country, Mary Grossman; the only five-time Governor of Ohio, Frank Lausche; and the first African American women attorney in Cleveland, Louise Johnson Pridgeon. And by our gift-giving, we are making this law school more accessible to the second century of Cleveland-Marshall judges, governors and attorneys. It is never too late to give back to this wonderful law school a portion of what it has given to each of us, our families, and our communities.

I look forward to our gala reunion weekend of September 26 and 27 when the classes ending in 2 and 7 will unite. Festivities will include the dedication of the new law library, as well as Cleveland-Marshall's 100th birthday party at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. I hope all of you will plan on attending.

Sincerely,

Deborah Lewis Hiller '75
About the cover artist:
Etole Kahan has studied art at the Cleveland Institute of Art, Parsons School of Design, and Pratt Institute of Art in New York City. She is a member of the Valley Art Center of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Ohio Water Color Society, and the Broward Art Guild of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
For several years she was on the staff of the Arts Department of American Greeting Cards Co. in Cleveland, Ohio, specializing in floral artistry and eventually appointed Head Floral Artist. She has studied with nationally prominent floral artist Robert Laessig and she has also studied with Rowen Smith of southern Florida, and most recently with renown water colorist Jan Mettee.
Etole has had her works exhibited in many shows, including the prestigious Agnon Art Show, Valley Art Center, Russell and Orange. She has won numerous awards for her art work.
A TOAST TO TERRIFIC TUESDAY

The Law Alumni Association and the Office of Career Planning hosted "Terrific Tuesday," a program designed to enable students to learn about various areas of the legal practice. Over 20% of the student body participated in the informal sessions presented by attorneys practicing in the areas of business, patent, probate, sports & entertainment, government, environmental, immigration, insurance, personal injury, medical malpractice, criminal, prosecution, computer, real estate and civil litigation.

Special thanks to the following attorneys for sharing their time and expertise with our students:

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As you know, last July the Ohio Board of Regents approved a plan that would slash funding for public legal education in Ohio. This plan, which reduces the number of law students for whom state subsidy is available and ties the remaining subsidy to the median LSAT and undergraduate grade point average of incoming students, would have had a devastating impact on Cleveland-Marshall and the other Ohio law schools with part-time programs. I am pleased to report that our legislators have recognized the important role this law school plays in providing a quality and affordable legal education to residents of Ohio and the nation, and on March 21, 1997, the Ohio House of Representatives approved a budget bill that addresses this matter.

The House of Representatives, following a plan developed by Representative William G. Batchelder, President Pro Tempore of the House, and State Senator Roy L. Ray, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, voted to create a Commission on Public Legal Education charged with reviewing the issues raised by the Regents and reporting directly to the General Assembly. In the interim, the Regents' plan will not be implemented. An editorial from the Akron Beacon Journal, reprinted at the end of this column, provides further details about the Batchelder-Ray plan.

I once again thank those of you who wrote our legislators and the governor and took issue with the Regents' proposal. It appears we have graduated a large number of very effective lobbyists! A word of caution, however. We now need our effective lobbyists to write their state senators and Governor Voinovich urging them to support the House-adopted language concerning public legal education.

I also thank you for your continuing financial support through our Annual Fund Drive, which has been marked by a significant increase in the percentage of alumni giving and the amount given. The Annual Fund drive strengthens the law school in many important ways, and I hope that those of you who have not yet contributed to this year's Annual Fund will do so today.

Though the Regents' proposal has been a major concern, the 1996-97 academic year is ending on a positive note, and there is much to report about the law school.

This April during National Library Week, our law librarians celebrated the acquisition of our 400,000th volume in a ceremony attended by students, faculty, alumni, friends, CSU administrators, and local librarians. In a symbolic gesture student leaders passed books from one to another and into the hands of Law Library Director and Professor of Law Michael J. Slinger. The reception in the atrium of the law school called attention to our pride in having the second largest academic law collection in the state. This event anticipated the opening in August of the largest academic law library in the state and one of the largest in the country: our own new Cleveland-Marshall law library with its 85,000 net square feet, 17 meeting rooms, 50-seat computer lab, bibliographic instruction room, and state-of-the-art media center! The event marking the addition of our 400,000th volume is all the more significant in that, in this year of our Centennial, the library and its magnificent collection of the best of the new and the best of the old symbolize both our entry into the 21st century and our strong link with the past.

This brief National Library Week celebration was a prelude to the celebration we plan for the library dedication during the Law Alumni Association's reunion weekend on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27. The weekend opens with the dedication ceremony on Friday and concludes on Saturday evening with a gala celebration at the impressive Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum on the Lake Erie coast. By the weekend's close you may congratulate yourself on having visited two of the city's finest treasures — our library and the Pei-designed Museum. Details of the weekend are included in this issue of Law Notes and more information will be arriving shortly. Be sure to hold those dates!

During the dedication weekend, we hope to have other exciting news to communicate to our graduates and friends. We are working with outside consultants and the CSU Development Office on plans for a multi-million-dollar comprehensive fundraising campaign to further strengthen the law school and to move it to new levels, both regionally and nationally. In planning to announce this campaign during the dedication weekend, we hope to add even more excitement to a special moment in our history: the end of our first one hundred years and the beginning of our second hundred years of providing our students an outstanding legal education.

In many ways Cleveland-Marshall is overdue for such an ambitious and daring campaign, for we have long known that we could not continue to rely solely on state funding and tuition.
income if we are to become the law school that we hope to become, that is, a law school whose national reputation matches its regional reputation. During our 100-year history, Cleveland-Marshall graduates built this area, made its laws, supervised its courts, fuelled its cultural institutions, and created many of its thriving businesses and law firms. If the Cleveland-Marshall name is to leave its imprint on the country as it has on the region, we must seek from others the funds the state cannot give us.

Those external resources will rescue essential programs such as our four legal clinics, threatened by drastic cuts in federal funding, and allow us to strengthen our legal writing and advocacy program. The generous contributions of foundations, corporations, law firms, and individuals will support chairs and professorships that attract veteran scholars and help retain promising young faculty members, so that we will no longer be the “farm team” for better endowed colleges who have repeatedly raided our faculty. Moreover, private funds will enable us to preserve one of the best features of our historical legacy: the attractiveness of our program to men and women who might otherwise not be able to earn a law degree. Today, many of our brightest and worthiest students find even our modest tuition excessive and our scholarship resources inadequate. A successful comprehensive campaign could enhance our scholarship-giving potential so that no deserving student would ever be denied a legal education at Cleveland-Marshall. And, finally, we may eventually require private funding to reconfigure the old library. This large space presents an opportunity to integrate all our student services into one area, to gather all our clinical programs, now located across campus in Fenn Tower, under one roof, to expand the number of faculty, administrative, and student group offices, and to add much needed classrooms, including more appellate moot courtrooms and a modern trial advocacy classroom.

We look forward to this campaign with confidence in the good will of our alumni and alumnae who are, as always, our most dependable and loyal resource, our guarantee of success.

In May we will say goodbye for a while to approximately 240 former students in a ceremony presided over by our 1997 commencement speaker, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Andrew Douglas. We know these new lawyers will return to the law school in the coming years as loyal graduates and accomplished attorneys.

The great Satchel Page once advised, “Don't look back. Someone may be gaining on you.” This is a law school that can look with pride both backwards and forwards. We greet the challenging new year and its beginning with eagerness and with assurance that Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is one of the state’s and the country’s finest and most durable educational institutions.

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Passage by the Ohio House of the two-year state budget has heightened the horizon for the University of Akron School of Law and two other public law schools that had been treated shamefully by the Ohio Board of Regents. The House said the regents’ plan to cut back public law school enrollments deserved another look. Thank heaven someone was paying attention when this boneheaded decision was made last summer.

Under a plan adopted in July by the regents, the law schools at UA, Cleveland State and the University of Toledo would, beginning in the fall of 1998, lose state subsidy for up to 387 full-time students. Cleveland would have sacrificed the most—180. Toledo would have lost 106 and Akron, 101. The other two public law schools, at Ohio State and Cincinnati, would have gotten off practically scot-free.

What was the justification for such Draconian, regionally biased cuts? None of the regents ever offered a rational explanation.

However, the regents had been reviewing graduate and doctoral programs throughout Ohio with an eye to trimming duplication; a law school review was included in that process. A panel of legal experts studied the five law schools, their enrollment, admissions and curriculum and reported that Ohio is well-served. A Commission on State Investment, which reviewed the experts’ report, endorsed it without suggesting cuts.

But the regents, egged on by some lawyer-hating legislators, picked at those reports. Lo and behold, they found the experts were wrong. Ohio was educating too many lawyers. The three public law schools with part-time programs—which serve many minority and nontraditional students—were letting in too many marginal candidates, the regents’ staff said.

Despite clear warnings from admissions experts against numerical admissions standards—Law School Admissions Test scores and undergraduate grade-point averages—the staff at the Board of Regents set numerical benchmarks that all schools would have to meet in order for their students to receive a state subsidy. The results would have devastated the three programs—all in northern Ohio—that offer part-time instruction.

The legislature is putting the brakes on that plan. The House budget bill passed last week would create a Commission on Public Legal Education to thoroughly study the regents’ plan and make its own recommendations for changes, if any are deemed necessary. Deans of the five law schools would be on the 10-member commission, as well as a judge of the Supreme Court, a state senator, a representative, a member of the board of regents and a member of the Ohio State Bar Association.

All this backtracking would not have been necessary had the regents heeded even one of the requests—from the state bar association, from the five law deans, from legislators—for further study before adopting this plan.

The Senate should follow the House’s lead.

Law schools provide a chance for upward mobility. Lawyers perform many services in the business world. Public law-school grads are more likely than private school grads to staff public law offices.

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Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Honors Two Outstanding Alumni

The Honorable John L. Angelotta '52

Richard S. Koblentz '75
Every spring the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association selects two alumni to honor for their contributions to the profession and to the College of Law. The 1997 Outstanding Alumni are the Honorable John L. Angelotta '52 and Richard S. Koblentz '75. The Association will celebrate the careers of these two exemplary graduates at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. on May 22 at the Renaissance Hotel on Public Square.

Richard Koblentz is a private practitioner; Jack Angelotta is a jurist. Each has brought distinction to his alma mater and to the practice of law in northeast Ohio. Both share a devotion to the city and have worked in various community organizations to improve the lives of fellow Clevelanders. And both share a lifelong love of baseball: in boyhood both hoped to play in the major leagues; eventually, both turned to law, substituting one exacting discipline for another.

The College of Law and the Law Alumni Association join in thanking Rich Koblentz and Jack Angelotta for their many years of service to the community and to the profession.

by Louise Mooney

Richard S. Koblentz '75

In explaining his dismissal from West Point for "deficiency in chemistry," the painter James A. McNell Whistler quipped, "If silicon had been a gas, I would have been a major general," Rich Koblentz says, "If I could have thrown a decent curve ball, today I would be a major league pitcher." Instead, he finds himself playing a different game, equally as fast paced, equally as absorbing and just as unpredictable. Fortunately, it is a game in which our honored Cleveland-Marshall graduate of the class of 1975 excels.

In acknowledging the contributions of Richard S. Koblentz to his alma mater, Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Executive Director Mary McKenna comments, "It would be difficult to find someone who has done more for our alumni association or our law school than Rich Koblentz." Rich has been active in the Association since the 80s. He has served as the organization's President, its Vice President, Secretary, and Trustee. In 1991 the Association made him an Honorary Trustee. He is responsible for creating many of the Association's structures that are in place today, including the Wilson Stapleton Award, the President's Award, the Professional Opportunities Program, the Scholarship Awards Program and the Alumni-Faculty Relations Committee. Rich
sits on so many Association committees that scarcely a week goes by that he does not appear at the law school. “It’s like my family,” he explains. It is a family that he has supported with countless expressions of dedication. And that is why it is appropriate that the Association has chosen Rich Koblentz as one of its 1997 Distinguished Alumni.

Rich’s office is in the heart of the city on Public Square, an office he shared with his father, Marvin Koblentz, until his death in 1995. From Rich’s window he can see the statue of fabled Cleveland Mayor Tom Johnson with whom, in the opinion of this interviewer, he shares some affinity. One need not ask how Rich votes: He veers to the left on every issue brought to his attention, and like the former mayor, he is unafraid of speaking his mind and any old forum is good enough. So an interview with Rich Koblentz is a no-holes-barred event, rich in anecdote, marked by incredible recall. He remembers names, dates, places, entire conversations; his retelling is theatrical, full of passion, and his delivery, as Fran Henry noted in a Plain Dealer interview, is rapid-fire, dizzying. Ms. Henry felt he had missed a calling as an auctioneer; I feel he is well suited to the courtroom, the profession’s answer to rap.

Raised in Shaker Heights, Rich will tell you he had a “non-traditional upbringing.” He also had a non-traditional education. When he was three his mother contracted polio in the country and was hospitalized for six years. He was nine when she died. During those years and thereafter, Rich and his lawyer father were inseparable. In fact, you might say he grew up in the law the way others grow up in farming families, learning by watching, by listening and by doing until instincts are refined into skills. “I went everywhere with my dad, to his office, to the Theatrical Grill. The city jail and the courthouse were like playgrounds. I knew all the veteran detectives, all the veteran cops, judges, lawyers. Later, after I started school, Dad would come home and talk with me about his day, his clients, and cases.”

While Rich was learning law on the streets, he was supplementing his primary school education at the old Indians ball park. “I was four when I saw my first ballgame. I loved it from the beginning. I learned to read and do math at the ballgames, puzzling the scoreboard. And, of course, a lot of my love had to do with my father’s love for the sport.”

To a young boy, the lore of the law must have been as compelling as his growing love for baseball. So it followed as the night the day that, baccalaureate degree from Ohio State University in hand, Rich, “a politically active kid with anti-war sympathies,” headed back from Columbus straight for the downtown law school, the peoples’ law school, by then a part of the city’s new public university. Cleveland-Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University was not a particularly inviting place to study law in the early 70s: Temporarily housed in the dingy old Chester Building under the supervision of Dean Craig Christensen, the law school, according to Rich, was “like a Mack Sennett comedy.” One has the impression of many factions and much friction in a Keystone Kops setting. Nevertheless, there were teachers who made “all the difference.” One such person, remembers Rich, was Professor Stephen Werber. “He did something for me I never forgot. I had a terrible time in Contracts. I would know the material on Wednesday, but by Thursday, I had forgotten everything. Early in winter quarter of 1973, I freaked out. I called Steve who said ‘Come to my house. I want you to learn this.’ And for the next three or four hours, he tutored me. I’ve never forgotten the lesson. I mean contracts and the other lesson. You know, when someone cares.”

But for the most part, Rich’s education seems to have been a continuation of the street schooling he received as a boy. "Law school is the foundation, but, tell me, who wants to live in the basement?” he jokes. “Law school is the beginning, not the end of your education. I was always more interested in practicing law than in being a lawyer.” His “practice” began almost immediately in the Nurenberg, Plevin, Heller & McCarthy offices of Leon Plevin ’57, and once more Rich was revisiting his childhood haunts in downtown law offices and courts. “I worked for Leon fulltime, and he let me work around my school schedule. If I had a one o’clock class, I would leave his office in the Engineers Building at 12:45, grab a loop bus, and be back at work by 2:00.” Eventually, Rich was the firm’s chief clerk with six clerks reporting to him.

He has maintained close ties with Leon; in fact, Rich first became involved with the Alumni Association when Leon was its President and asked him to join. “When I was in law school, I didn’t know — three-fourths of my class didn’t know — there was an alumni association. But I
felt a tremendous debt of gratitude to Leon and the firm. What can you give to someone like Leon? He asked me to join. I joined and became one of the first life members.”

His experience as a law clerk was the inspiration for the Mentoring Program he devised in 1990 when he was the Alumni Association’s President. The Mentoring Program matches students with practicing attorneys who make themselves available as counselors and friends to the school’s future lawyers. “I was fortunate in my education. I had the Nurenberg firm and I had my father, but often these kids don’t even know where the courts are, have never talked to a client. I tell students, ‘If you don’t learn what they teach you at law school, you’ll never be an excellent — or even a good — lawyer. If you only learn what they teach you in law school, you’ll never be worth much at all.’ I hoped this program would flesh out their experience, take them beyond the Socratic method and introduce them to the day-to-day workworld.” In fact, the Mentoring Program is one of the Association’s most successful, each year uniting approximately 150 anxious law students with an equal number of experienced attorneys.

Rich always had a yen for the Southwest and would have headed west after graduation, but during his second year of law school, heart disease incapacitated his father, and Rich had to revise his plans for the future. Once again he found himself spending long hours in his father’s office, helping out and learning by example. Graduating in 1975, Rich joined his father’s firm. Though the two had the ordinary conflicts of youth and age and son and father, their partnership matured into a healthy and productive one. A second heart-valve replacement in 1978 made the elder Koblenz all the more dependent on his son. In 1989 Marvin Koblenz retired; he died in 1995. Rich remains in the old office in a general, multi-area practice. He employs two attorneys, both College of Law graduates, Craig Morice ’95 and Peter Russell ’93. (“Only Cleveland-Marshall graduates need apply,” he tells me.) The firm retains its name, Koblenz & Koblenz, and Rich has ceased to daydream of moving west.

“I have grown to love Cleveland,” he says. “I wouldn’t live anywhere else. My favorite place in all the world is Jacobs Field.” And here a new Rich emerges: Gone are the intensity, the bore-through-the-skull stare, the aggressive pose. This transformed Rich waxes poetic (well, almost). “On a July night, sitting in the stands with friends watching a game together, you really get to know someone — someone you watch baseball with. Baseball makes bonds. I read once, football is brothers wrestling with brothers, but baseball’s playing catch with your dad. It’s a different feeling, leisurely, a kind of romance in a pastoral setting.”

These sentiments he hopes to inspire in Cleveland youth through the Cleveland Baseball Federation; he has been a member of the organization’s Executive Committee for over a decade and is presently its President. The Federation encourages a love of the sport among youngsters who, like Rich, have been raised unconventionally but, unlike him, most often in impoverished city enclaves where he and his fellow Federation members hope to see sandlot baseball once more thrive. Fran Henry of the Plain Dealer quotes Rich: “I don’t want to make champions. I want good citizens. The real success is a kid who’s given this opportunity and then goes and gets an education, not turning to drugs and crime. The heroes now are the crack dealers. We want to change all that.”

Rich’s concern for the disadvantaged does not end with his concern for children in the inner city. In January of 1986, Francis Talty, then presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas, appointed Rich to the seven-member Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. According to statute, the Board must be the parent or guardian of a developmentally disabled child or adult. Rich has no such charge, yet in 1996 when his term expired he had been the longest tenured member of the Board, serving as its Chair first from 1988 to 1990 and again in 1991.

Rich’s involvement with the lives of the mentally retarded is a commitment that has developed in his adult years. His involvement with law and baseball, however, has been a lifelong commitment. In his youth his heroes were baseball players and lawyers. As an adult he has been a conscientious steward of those childhood heroes, serving the law through his leadership on the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association, the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, and numerous other professional organizations, and serving baseball through his leadership on the Cleveland Baseball Federation. Those of us who have worked with Rich through the years are grateful to have him pitching for our team.
Cleveland-Marshall distinguished alumnus the Honorable John L. Angelotta '52 is heir to the genes of two passionate peoples: His mother was Irish; his father Italian. Northern and southern Europe meet graciously in the judge, but it is among the high-spirited Irish that he seems most at home. He has the Celtic gifts of narrative and self-mockery in abundance. Never at a loss for words, he throws himself into an interview, and an hour whizzes by with never a hint of dolce far niente. For Judge Angelotta is at once intense, jovial, ironic, irascible, outspoken, and keenly warmhearted. He does not equivocate or temporize or waffle, this judge who in his 30 years on the bench has presided over some of the county's most fabled trials. In so doing he has garnered a reputation for fairness that has enlarged the reputation of his law school and has earned him the distinction of being one of the 1997 Cleveland-Marshall Outstanding Alumni.

Born in Cleveland on Linwood Avenue "across from the old League Park," Jack Angelotta and his friends used to stand outside the park during Indians' games trying to catch high flying balls hit over the fence by the likes of Babe Ruth, Jimmy Foxx, and Carl Averb. "I never caught one," he recalls wistfully. Eventually, Jack's father, a trombonist with a national reputation who played radio shows such as the Kate Smith Show, the Hit Parade, and the Fred Allen Show, moved with his family to Long Island. New York City was at the time an environment more hospitable to musicians than Cleveland, and Jack attended most of grammar school and all of high school in New York, playing baseball, basketball, and tennis throughout his high school days. Graduating from Grover Cleveland High School on Long Island in 1941, he received eight offers from major league baseball teams. Apparently, the boy who couldn't catch a ball in Cleveland had learned to pitch a ball in New York.

"In those days, you did what your father told you to do. My father insisted I go to college." Cleveland's offer was attached to a scholarship from Adelbert College of Western Reserve University, and thus Angelotta, full of hope, returned to Cleveland to pitch for the Cleveland Rosenblums. The Cleveland Rosenblums were a class A amateur team for the Cleveland Indians. "Bob Feller also began his career pitching for the Rosenblums," the Judge proudly tells me. But Angelotta's career was not to match Feller's. At least as a pitcher.

Baseball and college were not Angelotta's only preoccupations. In December of 1942, with America already in the Second World War, Angelotta enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After basic training, he served as an instructor in combat tactics and chemical warfare at the Field Medical School, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. Subsequently, Angelotta served in the Pacific Theater of the war with the Second Battalion, 28th Regiment, U.S. Fifth Marine Division.

When the war concluded, Angelotta remained with the American forces occupying Japan. He vividly recalls the devastation at Nagasaki: "I stood in the crater where the bomb fell. Ten miles out a four-story building was no longer standing. Fifteen miles out a four-story building was now a two-story building, and 20 miles out a four-story building might still be standing, but it had no windows. Such was the carnage."

Returning to Cleveland, Angelotta completed his baccalaureate degree at Adelbert College in 1948. Though he was still pitching in the Cleveland Class A league, he realized his dream of the major leagues was just that: a dream. No longer a student, no longer a Marine, Angelotta rushed into the post-war job market.

Jack Angelotta's first employment venture ground to a halt seven months into his first year of selling cash registers for the National Cash Register Co. It was not that he could not sell cash registers; it was that he could not sell them robotically. Given "about 20 canned sales pitches," he found his own inventiveness more effective than the prepared speeches and refused to surrender to the company's dictated texts (two more Irish traits: willfulness and ingenuity).

Once more his father intervened with well-considered advice; "Go to law school," instructed his father. Angelotta enrolled in the old Cleveland-Marshall Law School on Ontario under the G.I. Bill of Rights. Wilson Stapleton was Dean, an administrator one never hears disparaged by former students. Stapleton helped Angelotta in many ways. The aspiring attorney had begun his legal studies as a married man and com-

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pleted them as the father of two (six more were to follow). Studying and fathering and working during the day as an insurance claims adjuster, Angelotta remembers multiple favors from the Dean that eased the burdens of his growing responsibilities.

Graduating in 1952, Angelotta spent the next 13 years in private practice in Cleveland, first with Anthony J. Trivison and then five more years with the law firm of Leanza, Bernard and Hodous.

During the 50s Angelotta moved his family and his practice to South Euclid; from 1959-65 he served as South Euclid's Assistant Director of Law and Prosecutor.

One day in late 1963, Angelotta got a call from the Chair of the Republican Party, Alexander "Sonny" DeMaioribus, asking him to run for judge against Felix Matia in the next general election." Angelotta turned down the offer. "Ordinarily you don't turn down the chair of your party, but I had too much respect for Judge Matia, an older man and a fine judge, so I refused" (another Irish trait: loyalty).

Several months later DeMaioribus called Angelotta and asked him to run against Hugh A. Corrigan, who had been appointed to the Common Pleas Court and was seeking election. Angelotta agreed to oppose him: "Even though I knew I couldn't win, Corrigan was a new judge, he was my age and I felt fair game for my opposition." The grueling ritual of seven nights a week campaigning ended in resounding defeat for the challenger. Despite his loss, Angelotta had developed a taste for political combat and a growing desire to serve on the judiciary, so, when in May of 1965, one of Cleveland's most respected judges, Saul Danaceau, died, leaving a vacancy on the Court of Common Pleas, DeMaioribus once more sought out Angelotta. "I talked to the Governor (Rhodes) last Sunday," DeMaioribus reported, "and the appointment is yours."

When Angelotta came up for election in 1966 for the full six-year term, he once more ran against a candidate with a name well-known to the electorate. Around July, Judge Samuel Silbert '07 told Angelotta he was losing. Undeterred, Angelotta asked to be given a case that was then making headlines daily. Richard Richards was a jeweler who had been found murdered in the trunk of his Cadillac on a cul-de-sac in Berea. In those days cases were by personal assignment, and most of the judges avoided high-profile cases. But not Angelotta. The 'Millionaire Jeweler' case was assigned to his court, and for three weeks the press broadcast the case and the Judge's name across the front pages. In November Angelotta won the election by over 200,000 votes. Since then he has been handily reelected four times to six-year terms.

Angelotta's court has witnessed a veritable panorama of Cleveland's civil and criminal trial history. Fred Ahmed Evans and Lathan Donald appeared before Angelotta on charges stemming from the Glenville Riot in which four persons were killed and 11 injured. Cleveland Mayor Dennis Kucinich unsuccessfully challenged the validity of his mayoral recall petitions in Angelotta's courtroom, and Cleveland racketeer Alex 'Shondor' Birns, called Continued on page 35

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Raymond J. Schmidlin

Raymond J. Schmidlin has been in the private practice of law practicing in commercial areas since his graduation from Cleveland-Marshall in 1964. Mr. Schmidlin and his wife, Juliet, are residents of Lyndhurst and are the parents of five children and grandparents to seven. One of their children, Raymond, Jr. is associated with Mr. Schmidlin in practice at Dyson, Schmidlin & Foulds Co., L.P.A. in Mayfield Heights. Mr. Schmidlin enjoys fishing, golfing and travelling.

Kevin P. Foley

After earning his B.A. in Psychology from The Ohio State University, Kevin P. Foley received his J.D. cum laude from Cleveland-Marshall in 1992. Following graduation, he served as Law Clerk for Ohio Supreme Court Justice Herbert R. Brown. He is currently an associate at Reminger & Reminger in Columbus, where his practice concentrates on Workers’ Compensation, Litigation, Insurance Defense, and Premises Liability. Mr. Foley is serving his second term as President of The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, and is a past member of the Board of Governors of the Ohio State Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section. Mr. Foley and his wife, Elizabeth, are the parents of three children, Mary Kate, 4, Kevin “Patrick”, 3, and Nicholas Vincent, 2 months. They live in Hilliard, where he is a member of the Hilliard City Council.

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T. S. Eliot: “Burnt Norton”

In this issue we take up three decades of the history of the College of Law’s predecessor schools: the Cleveland Law School and the John Marshall School of Law. The 20s, 30s, and 40s were witness to momentous events, events of global importance. All but one of the six men and women whose lives we examine in this article are still practicing law. They learned law against the backdrop of the century’s violent labor struggles, the Great Depression, and the Second World War. Locally they saw Cleveland’s industries flourish, decline and recover, its urban dwellers begin the flight from the fifth largest city in the country out into the suburbs, its immigrant populations gradually assimilated into the American cultural stream, and its growing black population begin to join the battle for equality.

Over these three decades, the face of the city and the culture and politics of the region changed dramatically. History was everywhere. Riding to school on the city’s streetcars or trackless trolleys in the first half of the century, our predecessor law students might well have pondered the fate of Euclid Avenue’s crumbling mansions, one by one sold or abandoned. They might stare in wonder at the Van Sweringen brothers’ Terminal Tower complex rising majestically in full view of the squalor of the old Haymarket District. By 1926 there were 200,000 automobiles registered in Cuyahoga County. A student driving to the Engineers Building for her evening law class might catch sight of masons chipping massive figures from giant blocks of stone to form the four guardian pylons flanking the new Lorain-Carnegie Bridge. Perhaps, on a July night in 1931, a group of students met outside the brand new Municipal Stadium and paid $3 each to watch the German-born boxer Max Schmelling defeat the favored William “Young” Stribling in the ninth round of the heavyweight championship of the world. Were the black students who sat side by side with them in their law classes allowed to sit side by side in movies and restaurants? Did one of our early students, strolling down East 55th Street and musing on his class in contracts, brush past Langston Hughes coming from a poetry class in the old Central High School? And what must it have been like for a young woman studying law to step into a polling booth and do what even her mother had never done till then: exercise her newly acquired right to vote?

Or, tragically, who among those who might have come to law school found themselves among the 100,000 jobless Clevelanders in January 1931 or saw their families numbered among the 30,000 receiving direct aid in 1933? And after December 7, 1941, how
many new Cleveland Law School or John Marshall School of Law attorneys were among the 160,000 young Clevelanders called to military service or among the many who lost their lives at sea, on the battlefields of Europe, or on a remote island in the South Pacific?

A lens focussed on a single life is never focused on a life singly: The Polish craftsman gilding the ceiling of Severance Hall (opened in 1930) and the Hungarian seamstress hunched over her sewing machine at the Joseph & Feiss Co. were players in the drama of their native countries' political hardships. Each of us is a representative of our times, and thus a lens focused on a single life is focused on an entire generation, its past, present and future, and on the political and cultural realities of its times. John Donne wrote that "each man's death diminishes me." And each decent life enlarges each of us. The lives of these representative Cleveland-Marshall graduates of three decades enlarge our school and secure its place in their generations' history.

During the 20s, 30s, and 40s, the Cleveland Law School had three deans. Cleveland Law School founder Ohio Appellate Judge Willis Vickery (1857-1932) presided over the school until his death. He was succeeded by his son Judge Melville Vickery (1890-1937), a graduate of and professor at his father's school. His tenure as dean was brief: Melville Vickery outlived his father by only five years. A Cleveland Law School magna cum laude alumnus, Ohio Appellate Judge Lee Skeel (1888-1937), the author of Skeel's Appellate Law (1958) and Baldwin's Ohio Civil Manual (1962), was Dean and President of the law school until its merger with the John Marshall School of Law in 1946.

For most of the three decades, the John Marshall School of Law was under the direction of the Meek family: Judge David C. Meek (1863-1939), its founder, and his son Judge David C. Meck, Jr., (1905-55). At the merger of the two law schools in 1946, David C. Meck, Jr., was appointed Director of Education, and a graduate of the Cleveland Law School Class of 1934, Wilson G. Stapleton (1900-79) became the first Dean of the merged Cleveland-Marshall Law School. By mid-30's, the John Marshall School of Law had had three homes and was permanently located in the Hippodrome Theater Building at 720 Euclid. The Cleveland Law School, after two moves, was located on the 13th floor of the Engineers Building.

Regarding both the Hippodrome Theater Building and the Engineers Building there is an interesting footnote. Both buildings were designed by the Cleveland architectural firm of Knox & Eliot, active in the area from 1893 until 1925. According to the Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, the Engineers Building (completed 1910) was the first major office building in America to be built and owned by a labor union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Situated on the southeast corner of St. Clair and Ontario, it was considered a particularly beautiful structure and declared a Cleveland landmark in 1977. The Hippodrome (completed 1907), though in our picture surrounded by urban clutter, was also esteemed a handsome building with its lavish interior, balconies, seating for over 3,000, and huge stage, second only in size to the stage of its New York namesake. The 'Hipp,' built in the grand days of Vaudeville, was converted to a movie house in 1931. How curious to be brooding over 'wills and trusts on the upper floors in the evening while below Charlie Chaplin clowned through "The Gold Rush" or, in the early 40s, impatient crowds hustled to find a seat for the opening of "Gone with the Wind"!

The Hippodrome fell to the wrecking ball in 1981, and the Engineers Building was razed to make way for the Marriott Society Center in 1986.

The merged law school's home at 1340 Ontario, where the Justice Center now stands, was a plain but serviceable building and, like all the homes of our predecessor schools, near to the downtown courts and law offices. From those courts and offices each evening came the lawyers and judges who were the faculty of both schools and from humbler parts of the ordinary world came men and women aspiring to make a new life for themselves and their families. And, whether they knew it or not, they were to become, tacitly or purposefully, the spokespersons of their generation.
Six Lives and a Tribute to Dean Stapleton
These men and women represent over three centuries of legal expertise. All but one are still practicing law. We are grateful to all of them for allowing us to interview them.

THE ONLY WOMAN PATENT LAWYER IN TOWN

Helen Slough, Cleveland Law School Class of 1929, had just finished high school in Elyria when she read an advertisement in a newspaper that the Cleveland Law School was accepting students for the fall. Amazed that she could come to law school without first earning a baccalaureate degree, she hopped on a bus from Elyria to Cleveland and enrolled herself in law school. Three years later, still in her teens, she graduated with the class of 1929 and set out to practice law.

She did not have to wait long to find a partner, for Helen Slough was not the only member of her family attending the Cleveland Law School in the late 20s. Her father, Frank Slough, an engineer, had followed her into the Cleveland Law School, graduating a year after Helen in 1930.

There are numerous father-daughter duos among our law school graduates, but Helen Slough is the only daughter we know who led the way.

Father and daughter began their practice in the Keith Building at 17th and Euclid. Helen quickly realized that not only was she one of the few women attorneys in town, she was also the only woman patent lawyer in town, and that was a distinction she owned exclusively for many years, rather like a patent. Occasionally, she remembers, someone would ask her father whether he thought his daughter was suited to such a technologically challenging legal specialty, and he would disdainfully reply that his daughter could do anything she set her mind to. End of discussion.

"Actually, I was always treated well," Helen insists. "If you like what you're doing all those barriers disappear, and I always liked what I was doing. It was an exciting career. I just never considered the gender angle."

It was also a bustling career involving several trips a year to the U.S. Patent Office in Washington and the thrill of discovering that someone has done something no one else has done and that it is patentable. And then the growing recognition by her peers, male and female. In 1952 the National Association of Women Lawyers elected her its President.

Helen and her father stayed together until his retirement when she disbanded the office and went to work for Squire Sanders & Dempsey for "a couple of years"; if she was a novelty there, she does not mention it. Eventually, she left the firm and set up her own practice in Rocky River where she remains today. Helen Slough has been practicing law for almost 70 years. Asked if she plans on retiring, she replies, "I'm pretty old. I haven't retired yet. I don't think they've set a date."

GEORGE MCMONAGLE'S BENCHFUL OF JUDGES

The father of the Honorable George J. McMonagle, Cleveland Law School Class of 1930, was a toolmaker from Toledo; his mother was from County Mayo, Ireland. Today, at 90, Judge McMonagle looks back on a legal career of 67 years that is as remarkable for its accomplishments as for its longevity.

Born in Cleveland, Judge McMonagle graduated from Cathedral Latin High School and went to work in his uncle's construction business before entering Cleveland Law School. Following his graduation in 1930, the future Judge began building a practice, first with his Class President William Burns and then, a few years later, with his brother, Richard McMonagle, who had followed him to the Cleveland Law School, graduating in 1938. The two maintained offices in the Engineers Building in a suite on the 12th floor, one floor beneath the classrooms where both had received their legal training. The McMonagle brothers were general practitioners: "In those days you did everything — civil, criminal, anything — for a deposit of $10 or $20," the Judge recalls. There were other differences as well. "Lawyers then were very congenial. We always helped each other." Indeed, it was a grand time for Cleveland lawyers with colleagues such as the famed Martin Sweeney '14 for a younger lawyer to turn to. Their mentoring and the young
McMonagle's own enthusiasm for the law helped transform the new attorney into one of the county's most successful plaintiff's attorneys, specializing in personal injury and product liability cases.

Apparently, the guidance he received from older practitioners inspired him in other ways as well. His longtime friend Judge John Angelotta ’52, who regards McMonagle as one of the "finest lawyers I ever knew," recalls how McMonagle often involved younger attorneys in his cases, giving them an opportunity to develop skills and build their own client base. "He was always a very generous lawyer, both personally and professionally."

"I think every lawyer secretly wants to be a judge," McMonagle confides. So, in 1964 when Governor Rhodes appointed George McMonagle to the Court of Common Pleas, he eagerly accepted, even though his new job meant a considerable decrease in compensation. The electorate of the county returned him to the bench continuously until his retirement in 1985. Retirement from the law, however, did not agree with the Judge. And so in the 67th year since his graduation from law school and the 12th year since his retirement, the Judge continues to preside over the Court of Common Pleas as a Visiting or Senior Judge. He admits he has worked almost every day of his retirement, disposing of 56 cases in 1995 alone. In fact, consensus at the Old Courthouse is that George McMonagle is the speediest of the Visiting Judges, his docket the soonest cleared.

The Judge also presides over a family that is a virtual legal dynasty. His son, CWRU graduate Richard J. McMonagle, is also a Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge, and his son, James J. McMonagle ’69, is a former County Common Pleas Court Judge, now General Counsel for University Hospitals. In 1980 the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association named George McMonagle its distinguished alumnus and in 1994 conferred the same honor on his son, James. Timothy McMonagle ’74, son of George's brother, Richard, who died, according to the Judge "about 20 years ago," is a Court of Appeals Judge for the Eighth Ohio Circuit. Only George McMonagle's daughter, Sally McMonagle Duffy, has broken family tradition by becoming a clinical psychologist. The Judge is equally proud of all three children and nephew.

In addition to his Cleveland-Marshall award, the Cleveland Bar Association has honored George McMonagle for "outstanding service as a Judge," and in 1983 the American Trial Lawyers Association designated him its "Outstanding State Trial Judge." He is a member of the Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations. And he and his lawyer family of brother, sons and nephew are exemplary representatives of the historical legacy of the Cleveland Law School and its descen-

dant, the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

A SON OF SLOVENIA

Paul Hribar, Cleveland Law School Class of 1941, is a man of matchless energy. On a Sunday in April, barely a month before his 84th birthday, he is hard at work in his City of Euclid office preparing for the 11 new cases he has agreed to take the previous week. Recently returned from Las Vegas, he looks forward to his trip to California in June and his trip to Iceland in September. He will tell you that hard work, energy, and longevity are characteristics of the Slovenian people among whom he counts himself. And, in his case, it would be hard to prove otherwise. His father, Bartholomew Hribar, held many jobs before becoming a realtor, including a stint as a prize fighter, boxing under the very un-Slovenian name of Mike Murphy. "My father spoke several languages, and he could operate any machine,” Paul reminisces. His father lived to be 101, and his mother, Alice Hribar, died at 91. “She was a tiger, the youngest of 11 children,” Paul says with pride.

Born in Cleveland and raised in a Slovenian neighborhood around St. Clair and East 65th Street, Paul Hribar was the grandson of Josef Turk, the first Slovenian settler in Ohio, the great nephew of a legendary Slovenian Catholic priest, Vitus Hribar, founder of St. Vitus Church, eventually the largest Slovenian Church in America and the center of the cultural life of the immigrant Slovene population. He was named for an uncle, Father Paul Hribar, pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

When Paul was two, his parents moved their family into a German/Irish neighborhood in Collinwood. Perhaps growing up among several cultures and several nationalities fed Hribar’s respect for diversity, his interest in travel, and, above all his uncritical interest in people.

Interviewing Paul Hribar, one quickly perceives that there are two interviews being conducted: yours and his. So, leaving his office, I am unconvincing I know as much about him as he does about me. “I am interested in everything I do,” he tells me, “and in people: Who you are and what you are. It’s caring about people and about what hap-
Hribar graduated from the old Cathedral Latin School and then, in 1937, from John Carroll, and always he was working at odd jobs. "I started working when I was 12. I delivered papers, caddied, worked in shops, in grocery stores, in banks. I was a mechanic, waiter, voting booth judge. You name it." How did he settle on law? "Basically, my mother decided I should go to law school." His mother was right. The high school boy who loved bookkeeping, shorthand and accounting better than Greek, Latin, and French found his calling in his evening classes at Cleveland Law School. A practicality in the study of law spoke to him in a way the classics had not.

Like many of our law school graduates, Hribar expresses appreciation for the opportunity that evening law school afforded him. "So many people who are lawyers here would not be if there hadn't been a night law school. I strongly support the evening program, and it is one of the reasons I became a life member of the Law Alumni Association." Hribar has fond memories of several classmates, particularly Thomas Gray who remains a close friend. Judge Skeel was a "very enthusiastic person," and Wilson Stapleton was a "slick Phi Beta Kappa-type guy."

Then, early in 1941, history caught up with the soon-to-be-graduated attorney. Hribar had received a draft notice. Fortunately, he was able to defer enlisting in order to finish school and take the bar. After Pearl Harbor, he ceased to delay his military service and was accepted into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy — one of 200 out of a thousand judged to be "officer material."

From 1942 until 1946, "four years and 11 days," Hribar was the commanding officer of ships sailing the oceans of the world as part of the North Atlantic Convoy during a time when the German navy was busily sinking ships in the Atlantic. Today in his office, a map of the world is studded with pins marking the countries he has visited, either in wartime or peacetime. The territory he has covered in a single lifetime is impressive and might consume three lifetimes.

Returning home in 1946, Hribar began developing the law practice that is today focused on, but not confined to, real estate law. Initially, he worked at law part time while holding down a full-time job, first as a title examiner and, later, as a savings and loan officer. He also set about finding a wife. Three years later, there were almost as many women in his past as there were jobs in his past. The woman he finally chose and married in 1949 was from his own community of Slovenes. The niece of Monsignor Bartholomew Ponikvar, the successor to Father Vitus Hribar at St. Vitus Slovenian Catholic Church, Mary Ann Hribar's roots were as deeply imbedded in Cleveland's Slovenian history as Paul Hribar's were. Together the couple had five children, including daughter Joyce Ann Hribar '88 who shares an office suite with her father as a member of Associated Solo Practitioners. Paul's wife, who had come to this country when she was 18, learned English, finished high school, and put herself through nursing school, died 14 years ago.

Today, in addition to travel and law practice, Paul holds lifetime memberships in the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and the Cuyahoga, Cleveland, Ohio State, and American Bar Associations. An ardent golfer, he is proud to have initiated with his good friend, the late Franklin Polk '39, a money-raising golf tournament for the County Bar that survives today.

On the eve of his 84th birthday, Paul Hribar has no intention of retiring and no time to settle gracefully into old age. In fact, old age is as foreign to his disposition as idleness or self-satisfaction. An engaging delight in the dailiness of life discovers adventure at his every turning. He did not learn this enthusiasm or acquire this energy at our law school. They are gifts of birth, and they are among the winning and admirable qualities that make us glad he is a graduate of the Cleveland Law School Class of 1941.

WILLIAM A. BLAIR

William A. Blair, Cleveland Law School Class of 1941, is the father of Beverly B. Pyle '85, Lecturer in Legal Writing. Law Notes was unable to interview Mr. Blair personally because he lives in Florida; however, Beverly Pyle interviewed him by mail.

Though Blair had already earned a bachelor of science degree in Commerce and Administration from Ohio State University, he did not feel his education was complete.
Since he had acquired some fundamental legal knowledge in his father's real estate office, he decided to pursue a law degree. He writes that he chose the Cleveland Law School over the John Marshall School of Law because it was "longer in operation and well established." Blair lived at home with his parents, riding the Cleveland Railway streetcar everyday from Medina. Looking back 50 years, he remembers Ellis R. Diehm who taught Evidence, "a serious, able and kind instructor," and Clarence Bryan of the Class of 1940, "a close friend. I joined him later at the Cuyahoga Savings Association on East 9th." And, then, there was Judge Lee Skeel: "able, friendly, and a good dean." Eventually, Blair joined the military and was sent to Burma and India with an Ordinance Supply and Maintenance Company.

He remained at Cuyahoga Savings, specializing in real estate law until his retirement in the mid-80s. He now lives in Winter Haven, Florida, next door to the Chain of Lakes Stadium where the Cleveland Indians prepare for the summer season. He attended Indians' games all his life, and now he is a season-ticket holder to the Indians spring training games.

William Blair concludes: "I hope that the Cleveland-Marshall Law School is able to continue and overcome the threat from people in Columbus . . . who seem to want to harm it. I can see no great value in the suggested changes. We wish you and the college success in the 100 year celebration. I am proud to have been a part."

THE TARCAI SISTERS

The lives of the Tarcai sisters, Elsie Tarcai, John Marshall School of Law Class of 1942, and Violet Tarcai, John Marshall Class of 1944, encapsulate the struggles of women for equality in the legal profession. The struggle was well placed in the hands of these daughters of a Hungarian newspaper editor and printer, for social justice was the theme of their daily life. The Tarcai sisters' parents, Louis and Mary, met on a picket line in Hungary. Both were remarkable persons, driven by ideals of selflessness and social reform that in our own times seem merely out of fashion but in the first decades of the century seemed suspect and threatening. Emigrating to America when Elsie was two, the family moved about the eastern and midwestern United States, settling for a time in New York, then Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, Akron and finally back to Cleveland where Louis Tarcai, a 1904 graduate of the University of Budapest, set up his print shop. With the aid of his wife who operated the linotype machine, he began publishing the city's most widely

Kappa Beta Phi Legal Sorority
were required to have a master's degree, and most of the coal miners in the southern part of the state were on welfare. When the Depression ended, Elsie returned to Cleveland and began her legal studies at Ohio State University, working the IRS tax crest.

During more stable times, friends and neighbors regularly dropped by the Tarcai print shop to offer opinions on the political events of the day. Eventually politicians came too, trying to curry favor with Louis Tarcai whose paper carried great weight with the large Hungarian population. Among them was a Slovenian, Frank Lausche '21 who had a wonderful voice and was a dynamic lecturer," Violet remembers. Almost instantly, she switched from chemistry to law.

Elsie worked for the IRS during her law school days. When she graduated and passed the bar in 1942, there were only two women practicing law in the city. With the help of her father's friend, Frank Lausche, by then Mayor of Cleveland, she got a job as an Assistant Attorney in the city's law department. When one of her colleagues was drafted, he offered Elsie Tarcai his practice in the Society for Savings Building and she took it.

Both Elsie and Violet wanted to go into criminal law, but both found the social bias against women attorneys insurmountable. Showing up at the old Criminal Court on 21st and Payne, hoping to be assigned to a criminal case, the women were repeatedly rebuffed. "One judge told me he would have to wait till he had a 'lily-white' case before he would assign me to a client," Elsie recalls. That bland-enough-for-a-woman case never came her way.

Meantime, Violet Tarcai, graduating in 1944, was

Anthony R. Fioretti. "He had a wonderful voice and was a dynamic lecturer," Violet remembers. Almost instantly, she switched from chemistry to law.

"I was the only girl in the class," Elsie recalls. "At first I wasn't sure law school was the right decision, but you could pay for it by the month, so I figured I would go month to month and see how I did. Unfortunately, they didn't give you a grade every month, and before I knew it, I was finishing up my first year. I really did apply myself. All the cases cited in class I read thoroughly. The men always wanted my notes." Elsie graduated cum laude and passed the bar with a reasonably high score during a time when often 50% of the test-takers failed."

Sometime during Elsie's law school years, Violet, who had begun her studies at Ohio State University, returned to Cleveland, dissatisfied with her major in chemistry. Elsie suggested her sister attend a lecture at John Marshall and sent her to a class in Criminal Law offered by John Marshall.

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working by night as a sprayer at the Fisher Body plant on Coit Road and St. Clair while trying to develop a practice by day. Over the years, her involvement in labor issues at the plant accelerated and eventually, as a union commit­tee woman, she was writing briefs for the union (Local 45 of the UAW) and columns for the union paper. In the past three-and-a-half decades she has practiced law exclusively, sometimes co-counseling with her sister, though, as Elsie says, "We are so different: I do things now; she does things a little later." Two-and-a-half years ago, Violet moved in with Elsie "for a week." She remains with her sister today. "Her week isn't up yet," comments Elsie.

Elsie worked a night shift at TRW during the early days of her practice, but when some of her co-workers began making trouble, TRW fired her. "They thought that since I was the most educated, I was the instigator."

Collectively the two sisters have now practiced law for over a century. Though they bemoan a profession where so many seem "just to be interested in money" ("I could never bring myself to charge a client for a telephone call," says Violet), both agree that "there are many rewards to being a lawyer," and they are glad that today there are greater and greater numbers of women entering the profession and that the doors that used to shut them out are now opening. Despite these gains, the social conscience in each continues to speak loud and clear: Violet's interest in criminal law has not faded though she wishes the conditions that nurture criminal activity could be improved and she regrets that so much money is spent on building bigger and bigger prisons and so little spent on effective reform programs for offenders. She agrees, however, that if you are interested in social justice, it's better to be an attorney than a chemist.

Women lawyers today owe much to the persistence and vision of the Tarcai sisters. Sometimes, visiting the College of Law library and noticing the large numbers of women students, they muse that they were perhaps born at the wrong time. I believe they were born at precisely the right time. Someone has to lead the way, and who better than the daughters of Mary and Louis Tarcai: Elsie Tarcai and Violet Tarcai?

A TRIBUTE TO WILSON G. STAPLETON

In 1935, one of the most popular teachers ever to cross the threshold of the Cleveland Law School joined the faculty of law. Wilson Stapleton was born in Bath, Maine, in 1900, but lived most of his boyhood in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He served in the Royal Canadian Army in 1917-18, then enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served as an Army pilot and as a civilian until 1924. He entered Boston University that year and graduated in 1928, second in his class and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Stapleton came to Cleveland in 1929 to teach English and Mathematics at University School. He earned his law degree at the Cleveland Law School in 1934 and a master's degree at Western Reserve University in 1941.

But he was a man of many other parts as well: Mayor of Shaker Heights from 1939 until 1943 and again from 1956 until 1962; from 1940 until 1946 a title and trust officer of Cuyahoga Abstract and Title Co.; and from 1941 to 1943, regional information officer of a five-state area for the Office of Price Administration.

In 1946 when Stapleton was named Dean of the merged Cleveland-Marshall Law School, the school's budget was $25,000 and it had no full-time instructors; by 1966 the budget was $350,000, there were 14 full-time faculty and 18 part-time instructors, and its library collection had grown from 3,000 volumes to 55,000. Yet, it is not for his administrative abilities that he is remembered. He is remembered for his outspokenness: As politician, attorney, and dean, he never shied from controversy. Writing in the Plain Dealer, Don Robertson compared him to Truman: "Like Harry Truman, he (Stapleton) has stayed in the kitchen; the heat has not particularly bothered him." But this large, flamboyant man with a large heart who smoked ten cigars a day and always wore a rose in his lapel, will always be best remembered for countless deeds of kindness to students, for a willingness to bend the rules on their behalf, and for keeping such close tabs on his alumni that, long after their graduation, he continued to run an informal employment agency from his office. Wilson Stapleton retired in 1967, moved to Pompano, Florida, in 1970, took the Florida bar, and set up a practice in his home. He died in 1979, age 78.

Photos from the Cleveland Press Collection, courtesy of William Becker, CSU Archivist.
Alumni and friends gathered in Washington this January during the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools for a reception at the Sheraton Hotel hosted by Interim Dean Steven Steinglass. The event reunited former students with their one-time teachers, administrators and deans. In acknowledging the large number of legal educators presently or at one time affiliated with Cleveland-Marshall, Dean Steinglass paid tribute to the College’s contributions to legal education.

Present were former Cleveland-Marshall Dean Steven R. Smith, now President and Dean of California Western Law School in San Diego; former Cleveland-Marshall Professor James Douglas, now Director of Career Planning Pamela Lombardi, now Assistant Dean of Alumni Affairs at Ohio State University College of Law, reminisced about her term at the College of Law with Sonia Winner, present C-M Director of Career Planning, and discussed alumni events with Mary McKenna, Executive Director of the C-M Law Alumni Association. Georgetown Law Center Assistant Dean Everett Bellamy ’80 and C-M Associate Dean Fred White had much to say about their time together as student and professor. Our good friends Tom Peterson ’81, Bill Bransford ’75, Joan Patterson, the Honorable Edward Houry ’67 and many other graduates and faculty members also attended this very successful District of Columbia new year’s gathering.

James Douglas, Errol Ashby

Liz Moody, Steven Steinglass

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OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO!

In the Dr. Seuss classic Oh, the Places You’ll Go! a little boy sets off to face the world, with all its triumphs and pitfalls. The Office of Career Planning is helping to prepare law students for their own great adventure into the employment market.

The Office of Career Planning has enhanced the services available to students through a number of new initiatives including: increased counseling hours to accommodate the schedules of both day and evening students, the creation of a student database, and the development of a system to collect accurate statistical information on each graduating class. Moreover, in a concerted effort with Dean Steinglass and the Law Alumni Association, we are proactively marketing our students through our professional contacts with alumni and colleagues at the local, state and national levels.

Here are some of the highlights:

• For the second consecutive year, the overall employment rate increased. Of the 1996 graduates for whom employment status is known, 88.5% are employed.

• We have tripled the number of students receiving offers through the Fall Interview Program.

• 100% of the students who were employed as summer associates at large firms last summer received an offer of permanent employment.

Despite all of the good news concerning the improvements in the career planning office, the legal market continues to be in a state of dramatic fluctuation: more students entering nontraditional employment positions, more lateral candidates absorbing entry-level employment opportunities, and stringent hiring criteria. Students must start early, gain legal experience while in law school and be as proactive as possible in their search for employment.

In the words of Dr. Seuss: “You have brains in your head/ You have feet in your shoes/ You can steer yourself/ Any direction you choose.”

We encourage all alumni to participate in our efforts to assist students in their career and professional development. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please call Sonia Winner, Director of Career Planning, at (216) 687-6871.

CLASS OF 1996 EMPLOYMENT REPORT
(as of March 20, 1997)

Class of 1996:
252 graduates
(Job Status Known for 96.4% of class)

Employment Status:
Total Reported Employed: ....88.5%
Unemployed and Seeking: ....4.9%
Unemployed and Not Seeking: ..3.3%
Full Time Degree Student: .....3.3%

Employment:
Median Salary
Private Practice: ....49.3% ....$35,000.
Government: ..14.9% ....$33,500.
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The 400,000th Book Ceremony

On April 14, in the midst of National Law Library Week, the law library held a reception in the atrium of the law school to celebrate the acquisition of the law library’s 400,000th volume. In a symbolic gesture student group leaders and representatives of the law library, faculty, staff and alumni passed the 400,000th book from one to another and into the hands of Law Library Director Michael Slinger.

Professor Slinger then presented the new book, a rare 1912 study of Ohio’s constitutions by Isaac Franklin Patterson, to Interim Dean Steven Steinglass. The Constitutions of Ohio and Allied Documents, published by Arthur H. Clark in Cleveland, is on display in the library. Professor Slinger noted that the book, “is an extremely hard-to-find book. It represents not only an important source of Ohio constitutional history, but it is also significant because it is a product of the rich heritage of legal publishing in the city of Cleveland.” It will be added to the law school’s permanent collection and housed in the new library’s special collection room.

During the ceremony, Professor Slinger spoke on the importance of the law library collection, the second largest in the state, and of the contributions that this collection has made to the study and practice of law. Law Notes is pleased to reprint his remarks.

Remarks of Law Librarian Michael J. Slinger
April 14, 1997

On behalf of the law school’s Interim Dean Steven Steinglass and the Law Library Staff, I would like to welcome all of you to our celebration in recognition of adding the 400,000th volume to our Law Library collection.

Today we are acknowledging a very special milestone in the life of our Law Library, our College of Law, and our University. There are only about 50 academic law libraries in the entire country that have a legal collection as large as the Cleveland-Marshall Law Library Collection. We are proud to have the second largest legal collection in the State of Ohio and the largest in Northern Ohio. But this celebration is about much more than the size of our collection. It is also about why it grew and what this growth represents.

Our 1997 Law Library collection is an important and unique resource because it has been supported by so many people over the years: people like our law students who several years ago approved a special increase in their fees to support library acquisition; people like our law faculty and our law deans, who, recognizing the importance of the Law Library to the educational and research mission of the College of Law, have passionately supported the Law Library even in difficult financial times; people like our alumni, our law school staff and our many friends who have made generous donations to our Law Library; people like our university administrators who have provided the budget which has allowed us to build and maintain our collection; people like the members of our Law Library staff who have used their talents to select carefully books and other materials that satisfy the educational and research needs of our patrons, who process the material so it is accessible to all library users, and who assist everyone in the use of our collection.

A 400,000-volume collection is important because of what it does and has done for so many, especially the generations of students who have gone on to serve this community, this state, this country, and this planet and have had their education enriched by the use of our collection. Moreover, the collection has been an essential resource for our faculty who, throughout the years, have come to the library to prepare themselves to teach and who have researched our collection to write important articles and

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Thomas D. Lambros, retired Chief Judge, U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Ohio, was awarded a National Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal, citation and plaque at the Western Reserve Society Sons of the American Revolution's annual celebration.

1967
CORRECTION: CMLAA Life Member Theodore Kowalski has been elected Councilman-at-Large for Fairview Park, Ohio. (Mr. Kowalski was incorrectly identified in the last issue of Law Notes. We regret the error.)

1970
Judge C. Ellen Connally will receive her Masters of Arts in American History from CSU in June.

1978
CMLAA Life Member Ronald F. Wayne, partner in the firm of Chattman, Gaines & Stern, served as chairman of the Alumni Association's "Estate Planning and Probate for Moderately-Sized Estates" CLE seminar in March.

Robert H. Isbell has been appointed a Federal Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration in Cleveland.

1974

1975
CMLAA Treasurer Joseph B. Jerome served as chairman of the Alumni Association's "Real Estate for the General Practitioner" CLE seminar in February.

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Leonard L. Kleinman
Leonard L. Kleinman has joined the Tampa, Florida law offices of Holland & Knight, LLP, as senior counsel. Mr. Kleinman serves on the national Board of Trustees of the Jewish National Fund and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Dennis F. Fredricks
Dennis F. Fredricks, managing partner of Los Angeles-based Fredricks & Vonderhorst, announced the relocation of the law firm to the Bundy-Wilshire Plaza in the Brentwood district of L.A., as well as the addition of multimedia law to its current practice groups of international business and entertainment law. Mr. Fredricks recently co-chaired a semi-
1980
Karen Davey and C-M adjunct professor Michael Harvey '87 are the proud parents of daughter #3, Caitlin Mary, 8 lb., 8 oz., born March 31. Caitlin joins big sisters Erin, 4 and Megan, 2.

1982
Nancy M. Russo has been elected judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

1983
Linda Rocker, former judge of the Court of Common Pleas, has joined the law firm of Dinn, Hochman & Potter, P.L.L.

1984
CMLAA Trustee Maribeth Gavin served as chair of the Alumni Association's “Navigating the Employment Law Minefield” CLE seminar in April.

1985
John C. Weisensell has been named President of the Summit County Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Weisensell is a partner in the Akron law firm of Amer Cunningham Brennan Co., L.P.A.

1986
Jerome W. Cook has joined the Litigation Department of McDonald, Hopkins, Burke & Haber Co., L.P.A., where he will represent clients in state, federal and bankruptcy court.

1987
Patrick J. Sweeney was elected partner in the law firm of Thompson Hine & Flory, L.L.P. Mr. Sweeney's practice focuses on construction law, commercial property purchase/sale transactions, and real estate financing.

1988
Nancy A. Fuerst was elected judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, General Division in November.

1989
Robert M. Robenalt has been made a member of the Columbus law firm of Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn, where he practices labor and employment and environmental law.

1992
Sophia M. Deseran has joined the Cleveland office of the law firm of Thompson Hine & Flory, L.L.P. as an associate in the firm’s real estate practice area.

1993
Ruth Tkacz is the Assistant Public Defender for Wayne County, Ohio.

1994
Charleen S. Jaeb, Professor of Business at Cuyahoga Community College, Western Campus, was honored with the “Ralph M. Besse Award for Teaching Excellence.”

1995
Cleveland Magazine named Mark Avsec, an attorney with the law firm
of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, as one of Cleveland’s Most Interesting People of 1997. Mr. Avsec is also a working musician, and has been nominated for two Grammy Awards. He is the co-author of the 1980s pop hit “Ah! Leah” with singer Donnie Iris.

Marc Stolarsky has joined the firm of Kramer & Niermann as an associate where his practice focuses on civil rights law.

1996

Paul F. Rusyn passed the Washington State Bar Examination and has joined the intellectual property law firm of Seed and Bera, L.L.P., where he will focus on patent law. He and his wife, Andrea, have purchased their first house and are expecting their first child in June.

Leo M. Spellacy has joined the litigation department of the Cleveland law firm of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur.

Robin Wilson is an assistant county prosecutor in the civil division of the Stark County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office and was recently appointed to the OSBA’s Local Government Bar Committee.

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Our collection represents the commitment of thousands of individuals over many generations. And I am certain that this commitment will continue for generations to come. Because it is not really just the Law Library Collection that we are here to celebrate today. We are also here to celebrate everything that we stand for as a law school, as a University, and as a people committed to a society based on the rule of law, in a state that recognizes that all of its citizens should have access to legal information.

Thank you so much for coming here today to help us celebrate a milestone that represents not merely a number, but instead represents who we are as a law school and who we aspire to be.
Several visitors spoke at the law school in February: Charlton W. Tebeau Visiting Research Professor Paul Finkelman of the University of Miami Department of History delivered a presentation on the second amendment at a law school faculty seminar in February. Professor Finkelman will be Cleveland-Marshall's Baker-Hostetler Visiting Professor of Law for 1997-98. Professor Robert P. Wasson, Jr., of Suffolk University Law School spoke on "The Public Policy and Public Health Implications of the AIDS Crisis as it Changes from One Primarily Affecting Gay White Men to One Increasingly Affecting Heterosexual Persons of Color and their Children: LesBiGays of Color at the Crossroads" at a panel discussion sponsored by the LesBiGay Law Students Association and the Black Law Students Association in February. Professor Wasson has agreed to be a Visiting Professor of Law at Cleveland-Marshall during the 1997-98 academic year. Adolf A. Berle Professor of Law John C. Coffee, Jr., of Columbia University School of Law was the Sixty-Third Cleveland-Marshall Fund Visiting Scholar. Professor Coffee delivered the lecture on "Tales from the Dark Side: Settlement Classes, 'Portable' Settlements and the Abuse of the Class Action." During his two-day visit, Professor Coffee also met with students and faculty, visited classes, spoke at a faculty luncheon, and held a Faculty Jurisprudence Seminar.

Linda Ammons was selected by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence to participate on a panel of national experts on "Teaching about Domestic Violence in Law School"; the conference was held in Washington, D.C., in December. Professor Ammons' photograph "Discovery" was selected in a juried competition to be included in the Life and Times of Education Exhibition held in Columbus in January and February; the exhibition was sponsored by the State Teachers Retirement System.

Susan Becker accepted an invitation to join the Harold Burton Chapter of the American Inns of Court, an organization comprised of 80 judges, attorneys and legal academicians who have earned reputations among their peers as being among the finest in the legal community and who possess unquestioned integrity and the highest ethical standards. The organization's activities include monthly programs to discuss and debate relevant bench and bar issues.

Gordon Beggs published an article "Defend the Rights of the Poor" in The Catholic Lawyer.


Dena S. Davis presented two papers: "Rational Suicide and Predictive Genetic Testing" at the Works-in-Progress Group at the Center for Biomedical Ethics at CWRU School of Medicine in February; and "The Child's Right to an Open Future: Yoder and Beyond." at a Symposium.
on the 25th Anniversary of Yoder v. Wisconsin at Capital University Law School in February. Professor Davis published an article "The Role of Dharma in the Understanding of Professional Morality among Hindu Physicians in India" in the *Monash Bioethics Review*.

Two Florida Tax Review articles by Deborah Geier — "Interpreting Tax Legislation: The Role of Purpose" (1995) and "Tufts and the Evolution of Debt-Discharge Theory" (1992) — were excerpted in the *FEDERAL INCOME TAX ANTHOLOGY* (Anderson Publishing Company, 1997). Professor Geier was nominated to the AALS Tax Section Executive Committee, and she moderated a panel on "Evolving Standards of Judicial Deference to IRS Guidance" for the Teaching Taxation Committee at the ABA Tax Section meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, in January.

Patricia A. McCoy was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure. Professor McCoy's article "A Political Economy of the Business Judgment Rule in Banking: Implications for Corporate Law" was published in the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*.

Karin Mika co-authored an article "Commercial Exploitation or Protected Use? Stern v. Delphi Internet Services Corporation and the Erosion of the Right of Publicity" with Aaron J. Reber, which was published in the *Touro Law Review*.

Jane Picker delivered a presentation on the Russian Exchange Program at a law school faculty seminar in January.

Heidi Gorovitz Robertson was the guest on WERE AM radio's Legal Lines hosted by Andrew and Bob Zashin '68.

At the February meeting of the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law, Alan Miles Ruben was appointed co-editor of the standard labor arbitration treatise "How Arbitration Works." Professor Ruben will prepare the quarterly supplements as well as the sixth edition of the treatise.

A member of the Article 1 Subcommittee of the ABA Uniform Commercial Code Committee, David Snyder is working on a revision of Article 1 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Feihong Wang delivered a presentation on the legal system in China at a law school faculty seminar in February.

Alan Weinstein delivered a speech on "Regulation of Adult Entertainment" at the 43rd Annual Municipal Law Workshop of the Cuyahoga County Law Director's Association in February.


Frederic White was nominated to the Board of Trustees of the Law School.
by journalists "Public Enemy Number One," had his comeuppance when Judge Angelotta imposed on him a four-year sentence for bribery.

From prison Birns sent Angelotta Christmas cards every year of his incarceration. Meeting the judge on the street one day after his parole, Public Enemy One greeted Angelotta heartily, assuring him, "There're no hard feelings, kid. You did what you had to do."

And there are many more: the case of Mariann Colby accused of murdering her neighbor's child; the Beverly Bemis case, ending in the state's largest civil verdict (until 1972) of $940,000; and the case of Michael Levine, found not guilty by reason of insanity in the killing of well-respected supermarket executive Julius Kravitz. More recently Judge Angelotta ruled against Arthur Modell in the Gries-Modell case.

The Judge has a right to be proud of his accomplishments, but he is equally as proud of his four sons and four daughters, two of whom have law-related careers. His daughter, Mary Keiran, was the first woman bailiff in the Common Pleas Court, serving a decade in the court of Judge George McMonagle '30. And his son, Mark, a private investigator with 16 years experience, is well known among Cleveland's attorneys and is swiftly developing a national reputation for professional competence.

As the father of eight, Judge Angelotta has plenty to say about the raising of children. In a speech he gave in Lake County he admonished disaffected children: "Go home and hang the storm windows. Paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors. If that's not enough help the priest, your minister, your rabbi, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross. Visit the sick. Help the poor. Study. Do your homework. Read a good book. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and talents so that no one will be at war again or in poverty, or ever again be sick and lonely."

In December of 1996 Angelotta retired from the bench after 31 and a half years. He continues to preside in the Common Pleas Court as a Senior Judge. Though the days of relentless campaigning are over, his passion for the law and the court has not subsided. Nor has he relinquished the mantle of authority. These days he sits tall in his borrowed chambers, reciting the narratives of the infamous and famous in the time-honored manner of his story telling ancestors. Meantime, without him, the National Cash Register Company has flourished. But then, with him, so has the law in Cuyahoga County.

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Uncas Aeneas Whitaker was named, heroically, for Uncas, the last of the Mohicans, and Aeneas, the mythical founder of Rome. The founder of AMP Inc., a leading company in American technological engineering, Whitaker was born in Lincoln, Kansas, in 1900, the son of Annetta Ruth (Boyle) and Oliver Bart Whitaker, school superintendent, teacher, college president, farmer, novelist, and Missouri state legislator. From his father Uncas learned discipline, self-reliance and the spirit of adventure; from his upbringing in rural America, he learned to trust the promise of the American experience: that hard work and perseverance were the ingredients of success.

From Lincoln, Kansas, the family moved, first, to Meron, Indiana, where Uncas, his two sisters, and brother attended elementary school, and then to Weaubleau, Missouri. Uncas finished his secondary schooling at Drury Academy in Springfield, Missouri, and began his college career in 1918 at MIT, graduating in 1923 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Whitaker's first job after college was with the Westinghouse Air Brake Co. in Pittsburgh. When he left the company in 1929 to go to the Hoover Co. in North Canton, Ohio, as its Director of Development and Design, the Westinghouse Co. had taken out over 20 U.S. patents and 30 foreign patents in his name. Moreover, his name at Hoover, Uncas Whitaker is credited with the invention of the first lightweight vacuum cleaner. Moreover, perhaps because of his involvement with patents, Whitaker decided to pursue yet another degree, this time in law. Uncas Whitaker received his LL.B. degree from the Cleveland Law School in 1935.

From the Hoover Co. Whitaker went to New York City as Director of Research and Manufacturing for the American Machine and Foundry Co. His job there was to centralize the engineering functions of the company's various divisions. He left that company in 1943 to found Aircraft Marine Products Inc., now AMP Inc., in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The following year he married Helen M. Fisher.

Under his leadership AMP, Inc., grew into a global company, the leading U.S. producer of electrical connector devices, used in everything from televisions to space exploration. Uncas Whitaker died in 1975. Like Uncas the Mohican, Uncas Whitaker had been an intrepid explorer, a futuristic scout, and like Aeneas, he had been a leader of men and a founder of great enterprise. The Whitaker Foundation, created at his death, is one of the largest private foundations in the United States. Helen Whitaker died in 1982. The Helen Whitaker Foundation honors her memory and her devotion to art and music.

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