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CLEVELAND-MARSHALL LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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The CMLAA supports, serves, and promotes the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, its alumni, students, faculty, and staff by offering quality educational and professional programs and opportunities designed to enhance the reputation and foster pride and involvement in the Cleveland-Marshall community.
Dear Alumni,

It is a distinct pleasure and honor to accept the position of President of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. I accept this task with gratitude and confidence that, with the counsel and help of the good friends I have made over the last seven years, I will be successful in my endeavors as President of the CMLAA. I know these friends and many others are similarly dedicated to the Association and to the pursuit of excellence for our law school and the legal profession.

I would like to single out for praise and recognition Dean Steven Steinglass, an outstanding individual who has poured his life and soul toward the betterment of our law school. It is my opinion that we have selected the finest Dean, and I am confident that he will endeavor to do his best in enhancing the reputation of our law school for now and in the next millennium.

I think we can all take a great measure of pride in the fact that our great law school is currently celebrating its centennial year! We know that our law school's past is filled with great tradition. Our law school is a direct descendant of two unique law schools comprised of individuals who have made their impact in the greatest of all professions. Our law school has produced some of the community's most outstanding practitioners, jurists and dedicated public servants. Our graduates have left their indelible marks on our community. Their rich and varied contributions will continue to benefit the citizens of this area for many years to come. We, as members of this Law Alumni Association, are direct descendants of those early graduates, who have made our Law Alumni Association what it is today. As history teaches us that preparation and strong desire to succeed overcome all obstacles, so in a large measure the bridge between our past and our future will be a continuum of even greater achievements.

Under my term, I vow that all of the fine programs of the CMLAA will continue and will be expanded. However, my focus for the future of the Law Alumni Association will be two-fold:

1. Heightening of more active membership, both general membership and life membership; and
2. The promotion and nurturing of support from our alumni. Recent history has taught us that our alumni are a critical resource to the challenges presented to our great law school, and if history repeats itself, our alumni will once again be critical to meeting tomorrow's challenges.

In conclusion, I assure you that I will try to fill the shoes of so many of our successful past presidents, and with your help, I trust that our Law Alumni Association will continue to grow, prosper and have an impact upon the betterment of the College of Law and the legal community.

Sincerely,

Tina E. Wecksler '85
We hope you enjoy this new issue of Law Notes and ask that you continue to contribute and respond to information in this and future issues of Law Notes. Special thanks to Leon M. Plevin '57, Donald F. Traci '55, Susan L. Grage '80, Daniel R. McCarthy '54 and Sheldon Sager for their commitment in support of this publication. Special thanks to Rosa DelVecchio for her assistance.

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Steven H. Steinglass
as the 12th Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, effective July 1, 1997

Steven Steinglass

Steven H. Steinglass, the new Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University, is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (1964) and the Columbia University School of Law (1969). Following law school, Dean Steinglass practiced law in Wisconsin, initially as Staff Attorney under the Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship Program and ultimately as Director of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., the state's largest legal services program. He also served as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School. He joined the faculty of Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1980. His teaching areas include Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction, Section 1983 Litigation, and State Constitutional Law.

Dean Steinglass is a nationally known expert on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation and a frequent lecturer at continuing legal and judicial education programs throughout the country. He is the author of a leading treatise on civil rights (SECTION 1983 LITIGATION IN STATE COURTS) and numerous law review articles and book chapters. Dean Steinglass has argued two cases before the United States Supreme Court, Board of Regents v. Roth (1972) and Felder v. Casey (1988).

From 1994 to 1996 Dean Steinglass served as Associate Dean of the College of Law; in 1996 he was appointed Interim Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.
CLEVELAND-MARSHALL'S SECOND CENTURY

by Dean Steven H. Steinglass

This is my first Law Notes column as Dean of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University. I want you to know how honored I am to have been selected as the 12th dean of this law school. I appreciate the confidence placed in me by the Cleveland State University Trustees and Administration, the law school faculty, staff, students, and our alumni and alumnae. I look forward to working with all of you as the law school enters its second century.

Cleveland-Marshall has a proud history of offering many generations of aspiring attorneys a legal education that is high in quality and reasonable in cost. I pledge to continue that tradition. Over the past 100 years, Cleveland-Marshall has grown from a small night law school, occupying a few rooms in a downtown office building into a university-based law school with both part-time and full-time programs, a nationally prominent faculty, and a diverse, talented and hard-working student body. With a strong program of professional skills, including solid clinical and legal writing programs, a broad array of traditional, perspective, and specialty courses, and a superior new law library, Cleveland-Marshall is ready to provide the next generation of outstanding lawyers, judges, business persons, and public servants with a legal education that will serve our graduates well in the 21st century.

I recently attended a Cleveland Indians game at Jacobs Field with one of our most prominent graduates. He expressed concern about the future of the evening program. At first his comments surprised me, but given the issues that surfaced at the time of the merger in 1969, the efforts of many law schools during the 1980s to eliminate the part-time study of law, and the proposal of the Ohio Board of Regents to cut sharply the funding of law schools with part-time programs, his fears may be shared by many of our graduates. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to tell the entire Cleveland-Marshall community that I take great pride in our part-time program. Our deepest roots are in the concept of part-time legal education, and many of our finest alumni and alumnae—past and present—are products of the schools that Deans Vickery, Meek, Skeel, and Stapleton oversaw. A part-time evening program does far more than provide an avenue of opportunity for law students whose employment and family responsibilities preclude the full-time study of law. A College of Law with a part-time program is a stronger, more competitive school. I am fortunate to have taught in, and now to be heading, such a school. The evening law program is an indelible part of our heritage; be assured that it will be an integral part of our future.

Ohio Board of Regents

Before describing the exciting events planned for this, our Cleveland-Marshall Centennial year, I must provide you with the latest installment of the ongoing saga that has consumed so many of my prior columns and so much of my time and energy during my Interim Deanship—the proposal of the Ohio Board of Regents to reduce sharply state funding for legal education.

I have good news to report. The Regents' plan, which jeopardized as much as $2 million a year or almost one-half our annual state subsidy, was advanced in order to strengthen legal education. What irony! Strengthening legal education by reducing funding? Such an approach made little sense to our legislative leaders who believed the issues raised in it needed further study. Thus, in June, the General Assembly approved and the Governor signed legislation delaying implementation of the Regents' plan so that a newly created Commission on Public Legal Education could review the matter. Given what is expected of law schools today—a solid training in professional skills, preparation for an increasingly difficult bar examination, course coverage in an expanding and complex list of subject areas, the integration of technology into the study and practice of law, and the effective teaching of professional responsibility in an increasingly competitive world—a stronger argument...
J. Slinger, who is profiled in this issue, describes more fully the wonderful state-of-the-art facility that has risen north of the Law Building. Words do not do it justice. The picture on the cover of this issue of Law Notes and the picture in the article on the Law Library only give you an idea of what this library is like. So you MUST come and visit it yourself. An excellent time to tour the library is following the Law Library Dedication Ceremony, but, as a graduate or friend, you are welcome anytime. After all, this building was conceived to serve not just Cleveland-Marshall students and faculty but the entire university and the Cleveland legal community. We hope that you will take full advantage of this splendid new resource.

The Law Library Dedication Ceremony will be followed on Saturday, September 27th, by our Gala Centennial Celebration from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at Cleveland’s spectacular Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Invitations have been mailed, and we hope that you have held this date and will be joining us that evening. For those who graduated in years ending in 2 or 7 (classes of 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, 1972, 1967, etc.) this is your Reunion Weekend. I look forward to seeing you at the Law Alumni Association Reunion Luncheon at noon on Saturday, September 27th.

And for those out-of-towners who have not visited Cleveland recently, we welcome you back and encourage you to take advantage of the many fine cultural and recreational opportunities this city offers. Whether your preference is baseball (the Dedication and Celebration weekend is the last home series of the year for the Central Division-leading Cleveland Indians), the air show (featuring the Blue Angels), or the more traditional, Cleveland has much to offer in addition to the exciting events at Cleveland-Marshall.

There’s More Yet

This year will also be marked by a series of special events that will make our Centennial Year even more memorable. On page 48 of Law Notes is a schedule of forthcoming events. Please consult it and mark your calendars.

All public lectures will be held at 5:00 p.m. to accommodate both evening students and members of the legal community. The lectures will be followed by receptions in the Atrium of the Law Building, a venue that will provide those in attendance with another opportunity to visit the new Law Library.

In addition, in the morning of Wednesday, November 5th, the Ohio Supreme Court will hold oral arguments in our Moot Courtroom—behind the very bench that the court once used in Columbus. We are very indebted to the Ohio Supreme Court and to Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer for helping us commemorate our Centennial by making this historic visit to our law school, and we are pleased that our students and members of the legal community will be able to view the court in action.

The Campaign and the Annual Fund

This issue of Law Notes contains the Honor Roll of those who contributed to the College’s 1996-97 Annual Fund Drive. Your expressions of support are gratifying to all of us who teach, work, and study at Cleveland-Marshall.

Please congratulate yourselves and your classmates. The 1996-97 Drive was our most successful. Our friends and graduates contributed over $170,000 to the future of the law school; our faculty and staff were leaders in the all-campus drive with a
90 percent participation rate. Cleveland-Marshall students are fortunate to have so many persons invested in their future. For the greater our resources, the better our program and the greater our ability to attract and retain promising students and accomplished faculty members.

Your generous support will help us build the outstanding national law school that Cleveland-Marshall is meant to be. But we cannot rest on one year's success. A public school cannot grow stronger without the ongoing yearly support of its alumni and alumnae. With only a relatively modest three percent tuition increase this year, our lowest increase in many years, and with neither the state nor the university likely to provide any significant increases in funding, the Annual Fund assumes a greater and greater importance in our plans for the future. The truth of the matter is we will always have to count on our graduates.

As many of you know, we are working with outside consultants and the CSU Development Office on a comprehensive fundraising campaign to provide capital funds to build our endowment and to help reconfigure the old Law Library into classrooms, offices, clinical space, courtrooms, etc. You will hear more about the Campaign as the planning progresses.

New Administrative Team
As I prepared for the new academic year and the many challenges that we face, it became clear that my role would be changing and that I would be spending more of my time outside of the Law Building; as a consequence, our Associate Deans, Frederic White and Susan Becker '83 (formerly Interim Associate Dean), would have greater responsibilities. Therefore, I have asked Professor Jack Guttenberg to serve as our third Associate Dean. The four of us together represent over 60 years of teaching and administrating at Cleveland-Marshall. We are together in our goals and in our understanding of what defines an excellent legal

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This is a strong administrative team, united in our efforts to build on the law school's strengths as we approach the new challenges that confront legal education.

"The Vision Thing"

In the two months since I became Dean, I have been asked repeatedly about my "vision" for the law school; everyone, it seems, wants to know where I want to "take" the school.

I have resisted such questions about what George Bush, to his regret, referred to as "the vision thing," because I believe that leadership is not simply a function of barking out orders and expecting the loyal troops to fall into place. What will be happening at the law school involves a process of consulting with our various constituencies as we chart the course for the future of the law school. As we seek to identify our vision—our strategic plan—for the future, I see the law school community deeply engaged in the joint enterprise of determining what kind of a law school Cleveland-Marshall will be in the 21st century. Such decisions should not be made unilaterally by a Dean. The tradition of faculty governance requires, as it should, full consultation and involvement of the faculty. Likewise, our students—the consumers—must play an integral role. Unless we can deliver a high quality legal education at an affordable cost—consistent with our tradition of opportunity and excellence—and meet our students' needs—career planning, bar passage, networking—we are not doing our job. The University also plays an important role in defining and realizing our vision. The participation and insights of our dedicated graduates and their vision, dedication, and support are vital to our success. The legal community and the public also have a strong interest in the health and well-being of this law school. We are the law school that has the most profound impact on the practice of law in this community. Our graduates practice law throughout the country, but we play a special role in Cleveland where we educate the judges, the prosecutors, the public defenders, and many other public servants who make our legal system operate.

My goal, and one that is widely shared among the faculty and the staff, is to assure that the quality of legal education at Cleveland-Marshall is as high as that in any other law school in the nation. As we enter our second century, I see the College of Law becoming a stronger law school while continuing to respect our rich legacy of providing a high quality legal education at an affordable cost. I look forward to working with all of you on the challenges that we face.
FALL 1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 20  Landlord & Tenant
October 4   Litigation Essentials
October 18  Criminal Law
November 1  Computer Power
November 15 Current Issues in Federal Tax Law
November 22 Professional Responsibility & Substance Abuse
December 6  Elder Law
December 13 at 9:00 a.m. Family Law—at 1:00 p.m. Video Repeat of Professional Responsibility & Substance Abuse Program

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- Coffee and doughnuts available from 8:30 am
- Attendance required for CLE credit
- Printed materials available for all programs to be distributed at session
- All programs emphasize “current events”
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- CMLAA-CLE will submit registration/credit forms to Supreme Court
- Tuition: Advance registration, paid 7 days in advance: $80
  Registration paid less than 7 days in advance: $95
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Even before it was built, even before there was a blueprint, we were calling it "the library of the future." Now in its imposing actuality the new Cleveland-Marshall Law Library has fulfilled all our expectations and promises to be one of the state's finest research facilities.

The $18.5 million Law Library is grand by any measure. A light-flooded structure of glass and brick, it is presently Ohio's largest academic law library and houses the state's second largest academic law collection: over 400,000 volumes and extensive on-line research resources. Among the Library's strengths are its collections in Ohio and federal legislative history, urban law, international law, health care law, corporate law, constitutional law, fair employment practices law, tax law, labor law, and Judaic and Islamic Law. Designated a selective federal depository in 1979, the Library also has an extensive collection of United States government documents.

Dedicated on September 26 during the Cleveland-Marshall Centennial celebration weekend, the new Library is representative of the College's 100-year-old tradition of meeting the needs of men and women entering a profession that is heavily reliant on its practitioners' abilities to retrieve current and historical information. A 22-member staff serves the CSU faculty, students, alumni, and members of the legal community, providing all the services that make our library an easy-to-use, comprehensive teaching, research, study and meeting center.

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association
thanks the law library staff for their hard work, vision, and imagination in helping to create the College of Law's splendid new Law Library.

Michael Slinger, Law Library Director and Professor of Law

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Law Library Director and Professor of Law Michael J. Slinger grew up in Pittsburgh. "My father and most of my uncles worked in the steel mills. I worked there one summer. It was a hard, hard life. Blistering heat from the blast furnaces and long hours. Terrible accidents and the men often died young. One day my father took me outside the mill and told me: 'Never think you're going to work in a mill. This is not the life I want for you.' Looking back, Michael calls that moment a 'defining moment' in his life.

Michael did not go to work in the steel mills. Instead he went to college, to library school, and to law school. And after earning an undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh (1978), a library degree at the University of South Carolina (1979), and a law degree at Duquesne University (1984), he began to build a career that includes publications in the profession's prestigious journals, the Associate Directorship of the law library of the University of Notre Dame (1987-90), and the Directorships of the law libraries at Suffolk University (1990-95) and our own Cleveland-Marshall. He did not come this far alone: "My Mom and Dad emphasized academics and living up to your full potential. I owe them both so much."

He is a librarian by training and by instinct, a lover of books and of the buildings that house them. "I have always liked being around books," he says. "I attended all-boys Catholic high school. Working in the school library was considered a good job. People thought you were really cool if you worked in the library. The main thing, though, was the books." Michael worked through high school in the library, and later, as an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh, he worked in its library researching materials for acquisition. Eventually, he was allowed to work on the University's Matthew Ridgeway collection, a task sure to appeal to a young man with a double major in history and English literature.

The world of history and literature is a story-telling world, and, in a way, so is the lawyering world, where one narrative argues against another by way of spoken or written discourse. So it is not surprising that one might move with intellectual ease from a life of reading into a life of reading the law. This has been the course Michael has followed in the past nineteen years.

"I always wanted to be a lawyer; I always wanted to be a librarian," Michael recalls. "When I got toward my senior year at Pitt, the librarians I was working for encouraged me to apply for a graduate assistantship in library science. That was how I got from Pittsburgh to Columbia, South Carolina, to the University of South Carolina. It was my first experience of the South, and I loved it. At the University everyone was on a first name basis. Everywhere the people were friendly." When I graduated I came back to Pittsburgh and worked as a librarian in a job advisory service that helped women in life-transition situations. When funding for the job..."
program ran out, I decided the time had come to go to law school. I was married by then, and if I wanted to go to law school, I had to go part time. The law school at Duquesne is a school much like Cleveland-Marshall, one with a part-time program. I have enormous respect for the kind of law school that we are, for Cleveland-Marshall's history, for what this school has done to open the profession. Throughout law school at Duquesne, I clerked for firms in the daytime and went to class at night. I could only have gone to a school with an evening program. And that was one reason why I wanted to come here."

But there were other inducements as well. "Steve Smith has a reputation among American law librarians as being a 'librarians' dean,' and he convinced me that this was a great opportunity. When I came to visit, I had to agree. First, there was the law library. I had been involved in planning for a new law library at Suffolk, and I was excited about the potential of the new library being built at Cleveland-Marshall. The faculty's enthusiasm for the building and their record of scholarship impressed me. And the library staff was a major consideration. They were, and are, incredibly dedicated and hard working.

"As it turned out, of course, Steve Smith left, but Steve Steinglass has also been a great colleague, a great supporter. First of all, he is a scholar himself and knows the value of a staff and a facility that accommodate researchers; second, he has a vision for the law school—a vision that includes raising our image nationally—that is impossible without the kind of resources that we have in the new building."

Michael accepted the directorship of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Library in the spring of 1995, moving with his wife, Cheryl, and their daughters, Rebecca and Sarah, from Boston to Cleveland in late summer. By the time Law Notes reaches your mailbox, the Law Library Director and his staff of 21 will be comfortably settled into one of the country's finest legal research facilities.

The new $18.5 million Cleveland-Marshall Law Library, erected on the site of the former law school parking lot, is a building of grand proportions and grand resources: over 400,000 books forming the state's second largest academic law collection; a bibliographic instruction room; a 50-seat computer lab; 207 student carrels; 17 conference rooms; a rare book room, and such extensive electronic research capabilities as a student or practitioner could not have imagined even a decade ago.

But it is not just the resources for teaching, learning, and researching that are impressive. The structure itself, towering banks of windows alternating with steep, angular brick walls, is imposing — over 85,000 square feet of usable space, spreading over half a city block, and linked to its neighbor buildings on the east and west by two bridges, one to the new College of Business Building, one to the Music and Communication Building.

There is a bridge within as well: Entering the building from the library's ante-room, an extension of the atrium, a visitor crosses into the library over a bridge suspended two stories above the ground floor. Entering the ground floor from either East 18th or East 19th Street, one steps into a vast brightness, an edifice dominated by rows of windows reaching in tiers from floor to ceiling. In fact, about the entire structure there is an impression of spaciousness and openness, of light and accessibility, as if the architects of the designing firm, Ellerbe & Beckett, had always in mind the universal mission of universities and libraries.

"I toured the country to see if we have a competitive building," Michael tells me, "and I think you would be hard-pressed to find one more attractive." The architectural center of the new building is its four level, light-filled rotunda, a gesture in the direction of Mr. Jefferson's university. ("Anything that links us to Thomas Jefferson, the greatest American of all time, excites me," Michael says.) But the heart of the library is its Director.

A lifetime among books nourishes the disciplines called by George Steiner "the silences," the habit of reflection and the art of concentration. Michael Slinger has both and the gifts of perception and durable calm as well. Though he was not at the law school when Dean Smith and the former library Director, Scott Finet, together with the library staff and faculty, conceived the plans for the new building, the subsequent planning and transfer from the old building into the new fell to Michael. Amazingly the massive shifting of books, microform equipment, computers, shelving, audio visual equipment, furniture, and the thousands of mundane items that comprise a workplace was accomplished in a mere three weeks from July 27 through August 17. And no one ever questioned who was at the helm of this unwieldy venture.

By all accounts Michael Slinger is a talented administrator with a strong commitment to public service and a will to reach out to the larger community of lawyers and scholars. "He takes to heart the public service mission of our law school," says Marie Rehmam, Head of Reference Services. "He wants to make sure the library is used to its greatest potential for community service. He is very proud of what our new building represents and what it can mean to the University, our alumni, and the practicing bar, as well as to our law students and faculty."

And, indeed, Michael has great
ambitions for this new facility. "We are able to do so much more here for our students than we could in our old building," he assures me. "For instance, there is a lot of material on CD ROM that we can now access and teach our students to access that the space limits of the old library made difficult. And our bibliographic instruction room is ideal for teaching legal research. We are able to do more programming and teaching, and we have one of the best facilities in the country in terms of study rooms. Each of the carrels has network ports so students can bring their portable computers in and use them right there."

Michael is proud of the technological capabilities of his new library, and he is obviously undaunted by the electronic thickets of futurist librarianship. Plato believed that the written word menaced and would annihilate human memory. Today many believe the microchip menaces the book and will annihilate the leisurely art of reading, of thinking, of, as the author of Ecclesiastes writes, the generation of one book into many books, of one idea into the multiplicity of ideas that create civilization. Among such doubts Michael is a reassuring presence. "There will always be a place for the book. We have a major problem in making everything electronic. There are huge copyright issues, and there's the expense of electronic translation. Problems with translating archival material too. And we have yet to match the portability of a book." According to Michael, traditional research methodology will be as indispensable to the 21st century attorney as it has been to attorneys of the present century.

"A big part of what beginning attorneys are asked to do is legal research, so I want to make sure that our graduates are not so heavily reliant on Lexis and WESTLAW alone. After all, law school is an artificial environment in that students have unlimited use of on-line technology. Most small firms can't afford to provide new lawyers with these capabilities, so it is very important that they learn traditional research methods as well. I want our students to hit the ground running when they leave. Fortunately, we have the staff to teach both methodologies."

Michael's own research methodology is far from conventional, extending beyond the book and the electronic frontier. An avid student of the Civil War, in July he drove to Pennsylvania to attend a national conference of Civil War historians discussing the Battle of Gettysburg. Later he participated in a grueling reenactment of the battle, trudging a mile through chest-high grass in sweltering 90 degree heat toward Cemetery Ridge over land that once covered the bodies of thousands of Union and Confederate soldiers. "The Park Rangers have tried to preserve the battleground as it was in 1863, so the terrain is very rough and the grass is left uncut. We were advancing along the route that General Johnson Pettigrew's North Carolinians took. At the foot of the hill, a Park Ranger instructed us to charge up the hill. To reach the hill we had to climb several crude fences. I was completely exhausted, overcome by heat and effort. It is the courage of the men, the men on both sides, that I most admire. The whole experience gave you a sense of what they endured and of the strength of their character," says Michael. By contrast, virtual reality is a trifling imitation.

Now returned from the battlefields of the last century to the library of the 21st century, proclaimed by all a paradigmatic "state-of-the-art" research facility, Michael, the bibliophile, is happily placed in his spacious new office on the top floor of the new building. Row after row of United States government documents share this floor along with a student study area, and, one level beneath, is a room Michael particularly prizes, the cherry-paneled special collection room where the College's rarest books and artifacts are kept. The special collection room holds bookcases and furniture that once belonged to the founder of the Cleveland Law School, Judge Willis Vickery, a generous gift of a Cleveland attorney, the late Ray Cookston. Soon two nationally know artists, a sculptor and a ceramicist, will install their work. The new and the old together suit Michael. He is at home with both and proud to be where he is in this time, on this frontier land of library science, and in this splendid building that he has helped make a living organism.
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Each year the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association honors outstanding graduates at its Annual Recognition Luncheon. This year 800 members of the bench and bar gathered at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel to celebrate the contributions to the Association and the profession of the 1997 honorees: CMLAA Life Member and Past President of the Alumni Association Richard S. Koblentz '75 and the Honorable John L. Angelotta '52, Senior Judge, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

Luncheon Chair Howard D. Mishkind '80 presided over the event. CMLAA President Deborah L. Hiller '75 and Dean Steven H. Steinglass welcomed the guests, and Professor Peter Garlock announced the annual faculty writing awards. Professor James G. Wilson received the Howard L. Oleck Faculty Writing Award; Associate Professor Patricia J. Falk and Associate Professor Tayyab Mahmud shared the Faculty Award for excellence in Writing. Deborah Hiller presented Professor Jack A. Guttenberg with the Dean Wilson G. Stapleton Award for Faculty Excellence.

A highlight of the day was the surprise announcement by President Hiller of the recipient of the President's Award. This year the award was given with great gratitude to Michael Climaco ’72 for his commitment to the Association and the law school.

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Francis E. Sweeney ’63 presented the Alumni Award to Judge Angelotta and introduced him. CMLAA Past President Gerald R. Walton ’80 presented the alumni award to Richard Koblentz and introduced him. Both honorees spoke warmly of their careers and of their indebtedness to the College of Law. LFM
CMLAA INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

A new slate of Officers and members of the Board of Trustees was sworn in by Judge John E. Corrigan '68 at the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association's Annual Meeting in June. Congratulations to the following alumni:

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Howard D. Mishkind '80, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the new slate. The membership paid special tribute to Deborah Lewis Hiller, who was honored for her service as President of the Association for the past 15 months.
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EVERYONE A WINNER: 1997 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 1997 recipients of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association's Life Member Scholarship Awards:

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- Maureen Connolly
- Nicole Neumann
- Ann O'Rourke
- Kenneth Ortner
- Jill Patterson
- Joseph Rodgers
- Michelle Simms
- Stephen Spira
- Michelle Stein

The awards ceremony held in April was attended by family, friends, and Life Members of the Association. We were particularly pleased to have Miriam Rossman, widow of CMLAA Treasurer Emeritus, the late Leo Rossman, attend the event with her son, Joe.

Special thanks to the following alumni who participated in the selection of the scholarship recipients: Steve Rowan, Chair; Hon. John E. Corrigan, Mary Courtney, Hon. Robert Feighan, Scott Finerman, Rich Koblentz, Dale Markowitz, Scott Spero, Jerry Walton, Tina Wecksler, and Laura Williams.

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Leonard D. Young is General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of Ferro Corporation, a leading world-wide producer of specialty materials for industry, including specialty coatings, colors, ceramics, plastics and chemicals. The company has operations in 21 countries throughout the world and record sales of $1.4 billion in 1996.

Mr. Young, who has had significant experience with multinational and multi-business companies, joined Ferro in 1990 as Assistant General Counsel. He has assumed increasingly responsible executive positions within the corporation. He was named Director - Legal Affairs in 1992 and was given responsibility for managing the Environmental Affairs Department of the company in 1996. He was named General Counsel and Assistant Secretary in 1997. He has responsibility for legal and environmental affairs on a world-wide basis.

His career began in 1974 as an attorney with the Cleveland Trust Company, a financial institution headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1981, he was named Division General Counsel of Reliance Electric Company, a diversified manufacturer of industrial motors, controls and telecommunications equipment. Mr. Young has demonstrated experience in international transactions in Pacific Rim countries, including the Peoples Republic of China.

Mr. Young holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Mr. Young serves on the Board of Directors of Ferro's affiliated companies in Hong Kong and Japan. In addition, he serves on the Pre-Law Advisory Board of the School of Arts and Sciences at Miami University and is a member of the Leadership Cleveland Steering Committee, Cleveland and American Bar Associations and the Cleveland Skating Club.

Mr. Young resides in Cleveland Heights, Ohio with his wife Pamela; they have two children. He serves on the Visiting Committee of the College of Law.

After earning his B.B.A. in Accounting and his B.A. in English from Cleveland State University, Brian Ruschel earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Cleveland-Marshall in 1990. He has been a certified Public Accountant since 1986 and has been self-employed since 1988. Mr. Ruschel's practice is located in downtown Cleveland, where he concentrates on tax and small business matters, representing plaintiffs in financial class actions. We welcome him to the ranks of our life membership.

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A serious house on a serious earth it was.

Philip Larkin

Merger of the Cleveland Law School and the John Marshall School of Law

World War II had called 3,000 to 4,000 Greater Clevelanders a month to active duty and depleted enrollments at both law schools. The younger school was especially afflicted, and in 1942 the John Marshall School of Law Board of Trustees reduced faculty salaries by 50% and trimmed the salary of its Dean, Cleveland Municipal Court Judge David C. Meek, Jr., to $100 a month. During the course of the war, the greater Cleveland area had sent 160,000 of its ablest citizens into the services, and the two night law schools, so similar in educational philosophy and mission, had spent the war years competing for the same diminishing pool of faculty and students.

As early as 1943, the notion of merging the two law schools was in the air and favorably regarded, at least by the John Marshall Dean. Minutes of the July 23, 1943, meeting of the Cleveland Law School Board of Trustees reveal that the Cleveland Law School Dean, Ohio Court of Appeals Judge Lee E. Skeel '12, presented to his Board of Trustees a proposal by John Marshall Dean David C. Meek, Jr., to unite the two law schools. The CLS Board defeated the motion the following month.

Apparently, the idea of consolidating the two night law schools, so obviously expedient five decades later, did not slip idly away. By April 1946 the total enrollment of the John Marshall School of Law was 80, while at the Cleveland Law School both enrollment and applications for the coming year were down, and whatever opposition there was to the merger at either school had weakened. On April 11, 1946, John Marshall's Dean Meek summoned his Board of Trustees to a special meeting to consider a plan to merge the two schools under the name of the Cleveland-Marshall Law School. The Board resolved unanimously that it was in "the best interests of the respective schools and the public generally" to consolidate the two schools and authorized the Dean to proceed with a plan to effect the merger. One notable member of the John Marshall Board who could not attend the special April meeting was Ohio's new Governor, John Marshall alumnus of the class of 1921 Frank J. Lausche who wrote to express his approval of the merger. In June Governor Lausche's alma mater awarded him an honorary doctor of law degree at its final graduation ceremony as the John Marshall School of Law.

On April 12, one day after the special meeting of the John Marshall Board, the Cleveland Press announced the proposed merger. Judge Skeel confirmed that his Cleveland Law School Board had also been discussing the merger for "several months" and that the merger had been approved "in principle." On June 19, 1946, the Cleveland Law School filed an amendment to its Articles of
Incorporation with the state of Ohio, changing the school's name to the Cleveland-Marshall Law School.

The new Cleveland-Marshall Law School began its first year in September 1946 in the Engineers Building where the Cleveland Law School had been housed for over 40 years. Judge Skeel was the school's President, Wilson Stapleton '34 was its Dean, Judge Meek was Director of Education, and Frank J. Lausche was Chair of the Board. Enrollment that year climbed to 250. The following January the school moved into renovated quarters in the Murphy Building at 1240 Ontario Street, and the new school was dedicated at a dinner dance on April 10 at the Hotel Carter.

The name of Wilson Stapleton is always affectionately on the tongues of the men and women whom we interviewed for Law Notes. Today the first dean of the combined Cleveland-Marshall Law School remains a compelling figure in the history of the united school; indeed the history of the school during the 50s is largely his own history, and the school's achievements are largely the work of this energetic, large-spirited man.

Stapleton appears to have been a man of stunning intellect and character. Part Prospero, part Falstaff, air and earth, he had the gift of many tongues and the transforming powers to bind the two schools into one; yet like the earthier character, he was big and expansive and large in his appetites. It is a truism of the legal teaching profession these days that a dean of a law school rarely remains longer than eight years. Wilson Stapleton served his alma mater for 32 years, first as a teacher at the Cleveland Law School, then as the combined schools' first dean. By the time he retired in 1967, the student population had grown from 250 to 800 and was the largest law school in the state; its budget had risen from $25,000 to $350,000; its faculty was increasingly a full-time faculty; and the school had been accredited by the ABA (1957). More important, hundreds of men and women graduates left the law school bearing the stamp of Wilson Stapleton on their lives and careers, and the profession was richer because of that. (For more about Dean Stapleton, see Law Notes, vol 5, issue 2, page 20.)

There were others on the faculty whose names emerge fondly and repeatedly in conversations with alumni and alumnae, the kinds of teachers whose imprint lingers long after graduation. Among those were William Marsteller, Ellis Rippner '25, Norman B. Miller, Victor DeMarco, Anthony Fiorette, LeRoy Murad, A.H. Dudnik '27, and Howard Oleck.

The regard that Cleveland-Marshall graduates expressed for their teachers and dean was mutual. Dean Stapleton, in a letter to the City Editor of the Cleveland Press, praised the character of the Cleveland-Marshall graduates who worked long hours by day to support their families and studied law long hours by night in order to enrich their families' lives and potential. "The very fortitude of those individuals who in a sense worked against overwhelming odds to essay a legal education speaks more for the degree they have earned than for the vehicle that

President Truman addresses Clevelanders, October 1952
provided it," wrote the Dean. "Cleveland-Marshall can take no credit for those men and women—they would have succeeded anywhere."

Among the men and women who "would have succeeded anywhere" and have achieved careers that continue to distinguish their law school today are: the Honorable Joseph W. Bartunek III '55, Richard T. Reminger '57, Donald F. Traci '55, the Honorable Stanley Fisher '50, Edna Shalala '52, Carol Emerling '55, Stanley Tolliver '51, William Monroe '53, John J. Sutula '53, Charles R. Emrick, Jr. '58, the Honorable Ann McManamon '50, the Honorable Eugene Fellmeth '51, James M. Bodfish '53, Harry E. Figgie '53, the Honorable Edwin T. Hofstetter '52, The Honorable Louis Stokes '53, the Honorable John Manos '50, the Honorable Joseph Zingales '52, and the Honorable Thomas Lambros '52. These graduates of the 50s and many others won the war, built law practices, presided over courts, made dramatic entrances into politics, headed corporations and industries and helped reclaim the region's prosperity.

CLEVELAND IN THE FIFTIES

The 50s were "a vulgar triumphant paradise," according to art historian Robert Hughes, a time of gaudy, unwieldy automobiles, of drive-ins, garish juke boxes, flying saucer sightings, hula hoops, 3-D movies, air-raid shelters, jitter buggers, flag-pole sitters, sweater sets, bobby sox and bobby-pins. Little girls played with their Toni Home Permanent dolls and little boys with miniature ESso gas stations. The first bumper stickers appeared, promising in the post-war shortages, "My family will not hoard." In Cleveland, disc jockey Alan Freed launched a culturally reckless generation when he coined the phrase 'rock 'n roll,' and in March 1952 Cleveland teens went wild at the Moondog Coronation Ball, the country's first rock concert. And that, in part, was the vulgar triumphant paradise.

In Cleveland, a booming post-war economic vitality asserted itself. Despite a quickening of white flight to the suburbs, Cleveland remained the seventh most populous city in the nation, and Cuyahoga County was rated fifth in the country for "productive capacity." Unemployment plunged to an unprecedented low of 1.2%, and according to the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CLEVELAND HISTORY, "the total payrolls of Cleveland's manufacturing industries exceeded the combined payrolls of the industries of 13 states." Generous Clevelanders spread their good fortunes wide, contributing an all-time high of $7 million to the Community Chest in 1952. As shortages in food and goods declined and incomes soared, the city and the nation began to wear the faces of the self-satisfied. Those faces stared intently at the new consumer fad, the black and white television, flickering its mindless tales of Ozzie and Harriet and My Friend Irma across the wall-to-wall carpet into the hearts of middle-America.

But other faces stared back. In art Edward Hopper's faces peered into the vast emptiness of Robert Frost's desert places, telling a post-modernist story of the isolated and marooned. In Cleveland prosperity and consumerism flourished in the midst of impending urban decline and racial isolation. As the city's black population grew by 75% and African Americans were increasingly confined in cramped inner city rental properties, racial animosities smoldered ominously in a kind of rehearsal for the 60s bitter confrontations in Glenville and Hough. The city fire marshall denounced 65% of downtown's once proud buildings as fire hazards; downtown retail declined; and the entire city wore a bleak, boarded-up look of abandonment. Every day for years, a nameless African American took up his stand on Public Square in front of the Higbee building, playing his saxophone and preaching a morose and joyless salvation before the end of time. His was the image and the message competing with the frivolous vapidity of the 50s sit-coms.

But there were worse things immediately at hand to contend with. Clevelanders who survived the Second World War returned jubilantly to a three-hour parade down Superior Avenue in September 1945. In less than five years, the country would once again marshall its youth into the military as President Truman ordered the defense of South Korea. Forty-four thousand county residents were called to the services; 1,161 never returned.

In the aftermath of two wars, the Cleveland-Marshall Law School of the 50s was more than a place of golden opportunity for men and women aspiring to careers in the law; for the service men attending under the GI Bill it was a reward, a pledge from the government that the surviving lives would be enlarged.

The Cleveland-Marshall Law School, 1240 Ontario Street
and that the doors to opportunity would be flung open wide. Dean Stapleton was a vigorous recruiter with an admission policy largely governed by his intuitions: Seldom does he seem to have met a student in whom he did not discern the makings of a fine attorney. In Cleveland-Marshall's first decade, enrollment climbed yearly so that by 1956 the class totaled 99 February and June graduates. From two struggling law schools Dean Stapleton and his faculty had built a serious house. They welcomed into it a generation of survivors—those who had seen active duty and those who had watched anxiously from the homefront—and prepared them well for a serious life on a serious earth.

PROFILES OF LIVING ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE FROM THE FIFTIES

by Louise Mooney

Part One

NOTE: The next issue of Law Notes will feature the Honorable George W. White '55, the Honorable Thomas Lambros '52, the Honorable John M. Manos '50, the Honorable Louis Stokes '53 and others. Law Notes will also profile graduates of the 1950s who are no longer living.

THE HONORABLE LILLIAN W. BURKE, CLASS OF 1951

I had a way of life within me.

Zora Neale Thurston

In the home where she has lived for a dozen years, the Honorable Lillian Walker Burke, alumna of the class of 1951, has a wall full of pictures: There are pictures of her husband, the late Ralph L. Burke, and of her son R. Bruce Burke in high school and in college. There are pictures of Lillian Burke in her judicial robes and pictures of her with many local, state and national dignitaries. And prominent among the pictures of persons who have influenced her and the persons she has influenced is
a picture of her grandfather, Pete Walker, born in slavery. Her household is a home Mr. Walker never could have believed possible for his children’s children: Built in the early part of the century in an area designated by the Cleveland Landmarks Commission as the East Boulevard Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings, Judge Burke’s home is a jewel of Cleveland’s early 20th century residential architecture.

Moreover, the opportunities that Mr. Walker’s descendants have enjoyed and their accomplishments would astonish him. Judge Burke’s son, Bruce, earned his undergraduate and his law degrees at Yale University; he is now a senior counsel at the CIA in Washington, D.C.; Judge Burke’s husband, Ralph Burke, worked for many years in the postal department registry and was active in support of his wife in several political contests. And then there is the Judge herself, the first woman to be appointed by an Ohio Governor to the three-person Ohio Industrial Commission and the first black woman to serve on the Ohio judiciary. Two generations and a century of trials and triumphs for the black people separate Pete Walker from his granddaughter, Lillian Walker Burke.

Lillian Walker was born in Thomaston, Georgia, and grew up in Pittsburgh, where she attended local schools. After graduating from Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in social studies and education, she moved to Cleveland. In 1947 she entered the newly formed Cleveland-Marshall Law School and graduated in 1951. Like all the alumni and alumnae of the Stapleton years, she has only praise for this three-decade dean, “He was a very fine gentleman, very knowledgeable, so very encouraging. I had married in 1948 and my son Bruce was born in February of 1951. After graduation the following June, I considered giving up and staying home with the baby and not taking the bar. Dean Stapleton insisted I stick with it. He told me just to answer the questions as if someone I liked were asking me and I would pass, and I did pass. One day after I graduated and was practicing, I was walking down Ontario Street from the courthouse and saw the Dean in the window of the law school, so I went in to visit him and found him in the middle of a meeting. He was very cordial and introduced me to the men he was meeting with. They asked me why I had come in, and I said ‘I saw the Dean in the window, I hadn’t spoken with him for a while, and I just wanted to say hello.’ Later Dean Stapleton told me that he had been meeting with the ABA accreditation committee.” Apparently, the committee were impressed by the obviously affectionate and open relationship between the former student and her dean.

Following her graduation in 1951, the future Judge Burke sought employment as a law clerk in the city courts and was handed an application for a job in the secretarial pool. She established herself, instead, as a private practitioner and was making a name for herself in local ward politics, when she captured the attention of Ohio Attorney General William Saxbe who appointed her Assistant Attorney General for Cleveland specializing in Workman’s Compensation. Four years later in 1966, Governor James Rhodes appointed her to the three-member Ohio Industrial Commission, at that time the highest state government post ever held by a black woman in Ohio. Judge Burke served on the Commission until 1969 when Governor Rhodes named her to fill a vacancy on the bench of the Cleveland Municipal Court. She was elected to the court the same year and re-elected in 1975 and in 1981. She retired in 1987. Twice in her 18 years on the bench, her colleagues voted her Administrative Judge.

In her first campaign for the municipal judgeship, Judge Burke, a life-long Republican, ran against a high-profile Democratic candidate with a politically charged surname who, according to popular opinion, was ‘sure to win.’ Scores of women from around the city and from Ward 24 where the Judge had been the ward leader rallied behind Judge Burke, combing the city and standing long hours outside the polls on her behalf. Her surprise victory was widely considered to be a victory by and for minority women.

Once on the bench, Judge Burke established herself as a jurist who dispensed justice with generous amounts of compassion, and she was not above shaming hardened criminals with such homespun admonitions as, “What are you thinking of? What kind of example will you set for young people? You ought to be ashamed of yourself.” Over the years, her unorthodox style of confrontation, half good mother, half stern judge, continues - amazingly - to disarm the surly, the disaffected and even the dangerous: Confronted in her driveway a year or so ago by a pair of menacing teenagers, she looked them “square in the eyes” and announced, “You can look as mean as you want and you won’t scare me a bit.” The two ran off. Later she discovered they had robbed a neighbor at gunpoint.

Of a life rich in experiences and triumphs, Judge Burke has many stories to relate, but one is particularly poignant. “After I was elected to the bench, I went to Arkansas to speak to a group of women at the state Republican convention. It was during the 60s or 70s, and I did not have a good feeling about the south. When I arrived, I was amazed at the effort to make me happy and comfortable. There was a dinner in the evening, and the place was packed. The local Republican Party had invited ten African American women to make a table. When I rose
to speak, the entire room stood up and applauded. Afterwards, many of the women came up to congratulate me, including several of the black women. One of them said in awe, 'Just think of that. All those white women standing up and applauding you.' I realized how far my life had come and how much work there still was to do for other women, black and white."

Judge Burke has surely done her part on that score. She has been a member of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women (1966-67); a trustee of the Ohio Commission on the Status of Women (1966-70); a member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Minority Division of the National Federation of Republican Women (1966-78); a member of the Cleveland chapter of the National Council of Negro Women (1966-68); a life member and former board member of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP.

Judge Burke's 1987 retirement was marked by a characteristic gesture. "My two loves are law and music. I played the piano at church when I was growing up, and later I took piano and singing lessons at the Music Settlement. Of course, law is my profession, my vocation." (Before I leave her house, I ask Judge Burke if she will play the piano for me. And she does: a vigorous rendition of "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms.") In preparation for a grand retirement party, therefore, Judge Burke asked that no gifts be given; instead, she asked that donations be made to an endowment she had created at the Cleveland Foundation with a generous initial gift. Proceeds from the endowment would support students at her law school alma mater, Cleveland-Marshall, and at the Music School Settlement where she had studied piano and voice and served on the board for several years. Since then, with continuing support from the Judge and her friends, the endowment has enabled numerous students to study law and develop their music talent with a greater degree of financial comfort.

This was not the first such fund Lillian Burke had established. As a young woman in Pittsburgh, she founded the Phillis Wheatley Society at the Carnegie Free Library in memory of the slave poet. Its mission was to encourage youngsters to read and pursue a college education. Later in life, Judge Burke established the Phillis Wheatley Society Foundation which provides tuition relief to high-achieving, college-bound students. The themes running with fine constancy through these three funds are a deep love of the fine arts and a dedication to creating cultural and educational opportunities for young people.

Lillian Burke had a way of life within her that was part instinct, part intuition. Beyond instinct and intuition, however, was a conviction that, unlike her slave grandfather, she alone owned her life and that her name belonged to the history of all Ohioans, black and white.

DR. BERNICE G. MILLER, CLASS OF 1951

Three Cleveland-Marshall degrees follow the name of Dr. Bernice G. Miller. First she earned her LL.B cum laude in 1951; then she came back to the law school and earned her LL.M. in 1963; last, in 1968 she acquired her third law school degree, the Doctor of Legal Letters or LL.D. cum laude, a degree the school no longer offers. "I enjoy school. I like keeping up," she says modestly. "When I first went to law school in the late 40s, the classes were loaded with veterans on the GI Bill. We were a diverse bunch. There were doctors, accountants, all sorts of people. A great mix. There were many points of view, lots of give and take with the professors, and everybody was learning from each other. And after class we would go have coffee together and keep talking."

Not only did Dr. Miller earn three law degrees, she had simultaneously three non-traditional careers — non-traditional for women at the time, that is. She was an accountant, an attorney, and most atypical of all, she owned and operated a wine-bottling business in Akron. As rare as women attorneys were, female accountants were rarer yet, and, since the 50s, unlike the 90s, were not a wine-consuming culture, any Ohio wine-bottler - male or female - was the rarest human of all. So, sitting with her in the office building she built several years ago two streets away from her home in Seven Hills, I recognize in the company of the only three-law-degree graduate I know and that she is an energetic, highly dedicated woman who has gone quietly about improving her corner of the great world.

Bernice Metzel was born in Cleveland and raised on Hopkins Avenue in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood. Her father worked as a cigar maker when he was a young man and then as a salesman. "The neighborhood had good schools and abundant talent," she recalls. "Everyone turned out well. Everyone went to college. Lawyers, dentists,
doctors, many professionals came out of Glenville High School." Some of her neighbors and classmates attained national stature, including a boy who sat behind her in alphabetical order all through elementary school and high school: Behind Bernice Metzel was always to be found Howard Metzenbaum; they remain friends today.

"I grew up during the Depression; it was hard for anyone to find jobs then. We all knew we had to get an education." Bernice went first to Cleveland College, then to the old Fenn College, where she was the only female major in her class. But before she was able to finish her degree, she had a job. A firm on Prospect was looking for a new accountant. "They didn't want to hire a man because he might be drafted, so in that way I was fortunate." Eventually, many of the Prospect Avenue merchants and shopkeepers were bringing Bernice their business. Unfortunately, during this time, her father, who had invested in a wine bottling plant in Akron, had a stroke. Both her brothers were in the service, and it fell to the sole daughter to manage her father's business. "I couldn't let my father lose his investment," she explains. "I was elected." It was an exciting business. "The wine trains from California would come right up to the back door of the plant to deliver the wine." Bernice Miller is a small and intense woman. The image of this slight young woman in a man's business waiting alone in wartime for the great cross-country trains to arrive and for the wine to be siphoned from vats in the train into vats in the plant seems to be a fundamental image, seems to say something about human perseverance and human resourcefulness.

Apparently, even the accounting business and the wine-bottling business were not enough to consume Bernice Metzel's energy. In her final year at Fenn, she was required to take a course in contract law to graduate. Her brother, a lawyer, suggested she take it at John Marshall, and she did. Not long into the course, she was hooked on law. "I loved it; I wanted to study more law, to be a lawyer."

But there was the problem of working in Akron and studying law in Cleveland. The first evening class would be half over before she drove into town from Akron. So she consulted the Dean, Wilson Stapleton, and Stapleton never loathe to bend the rules, came up with a characteristic solution. "He was wonderful," Bernice remembers. "He said, 'Come late. But you must pass the course.'"

And, of course, she did. Moreover, like many other Cleveland-Marshall women students at the time, she joined the law sorority, Kappa Beta Pi, and forged the friendships that were so important in the lives of women law students and women lawyers of the time. "The idea was to help one another, and we did during school and afterwards." (For more on the Kappa Beta Pi, see feature on Irene Kotulic, page 45.)

By 1951 when she graduated, Bernice had been married for six years to Ralph Miller, an American Greetings artist, considered one of the country's most talented calligraphers. She met him while studying art and working in the fashion and art world after high school. "I worked as a fashion designer in my home after high school; I designed the first wrap-around turbans. I sold them to a manufacturer who paid me a penny for each one he sold. I still have the contract. Then I designed an elastic insert for gloves to make it easier to put them on.

"My husband was one of the finest, finest calligraphers in the United States," she continues. "The only box of artist-signed calligraphed cards American Greetings ever issued at that time was my husband's. On each box American Greetings printed: 'America's Outstanding Calligrapher: Ralph Miller.' It was quite a compliment."

After graduation, "I began practicing immediately. I already had a good-sized accounting clientele; they then became my law clients. I was the accountant for one of the first Japanese American families to move into Cleveland and then I was their lawyer. That relationship became a friendship, and soon I had a large practice of Japanese Americans. I never enjoyed people more."

By 1960 Bernice was practicing in the Denison - West 25 Street area, primarily doing bankruptcy work for miners who had immigrated from West Virginia and fallen afoul of consumerism. "They were wonderful people," she recalls. "They simply had no concept of the value of a dollar." Then, tragically, her husband died. "Our two sons were only three and five years old. It was important to be near them, so I moved out to Seven Hills and built an office building. My sons were only two streets away."

Bernice established herself in Seven Hills quickly. She became the first woman ever elected to the City Council. She was also a founding member of the Parma Bar Association and the first woman President of that organization. "Howard (Metzenbaum) came to the swearing-in ceremony."

In the meantime her practice was flourishing. In her early years, she specialized in tax law and was adept at turning the tables on the IRS. In other areas of the law, there are two cases she is especially proud of, one in domestic law, one in real estate law. "I was the first attorney to get money for an abused wife," she says. "The courts wouldn't allow a wife to have recovery because they feared it would break up the marriage! So I filed for divorce and then immediately filed for injury. I also got rid of Torrens for the state of Ohio. Torrens deeds were expensive
and clumsy. If a couple had a Torrens deed and there was joint survivorship, the survivor still had to go through the Torrens department to transfer title when the spouse died. I argued that the procedure was unnecessary because both names were on the deed and there was nothing to transfer. You only had to remove the decedent's name."

Sometime during her years of practice, Bernice added another first to her lengthy roster of 'firsts' when she became the first woman Life Member of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. "I was indebted to the school because Dean Stapleton and my professors believed in me."

In addition to her involvement in the politics of Seven Hills and the administration of the Parma Bar, Bernice has been and remains active in the Ohio State Bar Association. She served 12 years on its Council of Delegates. And when she is not in her law office in Seven Hills, she might very well be traveling to some exotic pocket of the globe. "I took my boys on safari and around the world when they were young. I've been just about everywhere except parts of South America and South Africa." Five years ago, she went swimming in the hot waters of the Antarctic Ocean. Today, she has no plans of giving up her travels. "I believe in seeing the world, and I haven't finished yet."

Forty-six years after she earned her first law degree and made her way through several worlds, Bernice Miller has no thought of retiring. "As long a people come to the office and need me, I'll stay open." Moreover, if the College invented a fourth degree, she would, I believe, be here this moment signing up, the first woman to do so.

DANIEL R. McCARTHY,
CLEVELAND-MARSHALL CLASS OF 1954

In 1954, the year he graduated cum laude from law school, Daniel R. McCarthy was 30-years old, and he had already traveled much farther than a mere three decades. Dan's father was an electrician; his mother, who came to America from Bradford, England, when she was three years old, was secretary to a Congressman. Raised in the E. 96th Street and Miles...
Avenue area in a neighborhood that was a little of everything that is ethnic Cleveland. Dan attended local schools and then enrolled in Western Reserve University, hoping to major in engineering. But his degree was a long time coming. Three momentous years on the battlefields of Europe intruded themselves between his freshman and sophomore years.

Dan's service in World War II was distinguished. Wounded at the Battle of the Bulge, he was hospitalized for three weeks and returned to combat along the Rhine River. He did not return from war empty-handed. On the wall of his office hangs a case of medals. "Well," he tells me casually, "this is the Purple Heart, this is the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, a Good Conduct medal, two battle stars for the European Theater, some kind of French medal, and the Victory medal." In later years other medals would follow.

Returning to Cleveland, he re-enrolled in Case Western Reserve, this time as an accounting major. "I took a battery of tests at Reserve. The tests picked up on strong math skills, and I was in a hurry because I had lost three years, so I switched to accounting and graduated in 1948." After college, he spent a year in Texas with Ernst & Ernst; then, in November 1949, the IRS hired him as a field audit agent "at twice what I was making at Ernst and Ernst" and sent him back to Cleveland where he enrolled in law school. "I was investigating criminal fraud cases, and law school fit into my work for the government.

"We had some of the best lawyers in the city teaching us," he recalls. "I remember them all: Ellis Rippner '25, Howard Gardner, Joe Arti '23," and he continues through the list that now has grown familiar to me and which usually begins and ends with Dean Stapleton. "Stapleton was an outstanding teacher, brilliant."

If Stapleton was an outstanding teacher, Dan was an outstanding student, finishing the four-year-law school program in three years with a 3.8 average, graduating cum laude, earning—this time—a scholarly achievement medal, and bequeathing to the law school two valuable assets, one academic, one sentimental.

Around 1952, Dean Stapleton approached him with the idea of starting a law review. Dan and his classmate Moses Thompson were the first co-editors of the first night law school review in the country. The law review was Dan's academic legacy to the school.

Somewhere along the way, Dan decided he wanted to be the class speaker at commencement and approached the Dean with his idea. "You're already co-editor of the law review. You can't do two things," the Dean told him. "Besides, the class president names the class speaker." So

Dan joined a fraternity, campaigned for the presidency of his class, and was elected. He then picked the class speaker: Dan McCarthy. The main commencement speaker was Ohio Supreme Court Chief Judge Carl V. Weygandt. "I wanted to be class speaker because my dad only finished eighth grade, and I knew he would be proud for me to be on the same program as the Chief Judge."

As class president, Dan also determined the class gift: a portrait of Dean Stapleton. At that time Cleveland was home to Dan Stough, a portrait painter with an national reputation who had painted both Eisenhower and Nixon. "I went to see Mr. Stough, told him what we wanted and was informed that he charged $15,000 a painting. I talked him down to $8,000. We raised about $12,000, and that's the portrait that is now hanging upstairs in the law school." That portrait was Dan's sentimental legacy.

"With the extra money, we threw a big graduation party for the class at the Cleveland Hotel. We rented it for two days, and the party lasted two days. Two classmates from the IRS who were auditing a brewery got us free beer; Mushy Wexler who owned the Theatrical Grill got us free liquor; Lou Mayer, a classmate with the musicians union, donated his band, and Hazel Scott sang. It was a great celebration."

Obviously the class president was a promising young fellow. Immediately after graduation, he went to work with William E. Minshall '38. "Stapleton did that for me," Dan recalls. "He knew Minshall was about to run for Congress, and it was a great opportunity for me. Eventually, I acquired Congressman Minshall's practice and that was the beginning of my own career."

The firm that Dan McCarthy created began with a specialty in tax law and has since expanded its areas of expertise to include corporate and general business, banking and finance, real estate, litigation, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, estate planning, probate, and family law. The firm's 24 attorneys include several graduates of Cleveland-Marshall. "The school is a rich source of very fine talent for us," he says.

Despite its enlarged practice, the McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal and Haiman firm continues to be best known for its tax work. In fact, ask anyone in Cleveland, a lawyer or a lay person, to name the best tax firm in town and the answer will invariably be McCarthy, Lebit. Dan's reputation for pouring oil on troubled waters where the IRS is concerned is fabled, mythical, and he has a large and grateful clientele because of it.

Among his clients and friends is a man whom he met when their children went to Culver Military Academy together: George Steinbrenner III, majority owner of the
New York Yankees. "George is my favorite guy," he tells me. "We represent the Yankees. We do their taxes, some radio and TV contracts. My daughter Sheila (Sheila McCarthy '89) handles some of their financing." Dan is also a part-owner of the Yankees. He assures me, however, that he is true to his hometown team, and when the Yankees play the Indians, "I stay home."

During the 1970s and 80s Dan found himself involved in one of Cleveland's most divisive social issues. The 70s in Cleveland saw a drastic decline in pupil achievement and the gradual segregation of poor black children into poor inner city schools as whites continued to move to the suburbs and redistricting redesigned school zones. In 1973 the NAACP filed suit against the Cleveland Board of Education claiming that it was not possible for a child to receive a quality education in a segregated school system. Subsequently, United States District Court Chief Judge Frank J. Battisti found the schools and the Board guilty of de facto and de jure segregation. A court order established an Office of Desegregation Relations and an Office of School Monitoring and Community Relations. Judge Battisti then appointed Dan McCarthy to serve as the first Special Master for school desegregation in Cleveland. As such he helped develop strategies for effecting Judge Battisti's 1976 order to desegregate the schools, in part through busing.

Thus Dan entered an arena where a battle was fought every bit as contentious as any in Cleveland's history. The issue of busing aroused terrible fears among citizens on both sides of the Cuyahoga River and was fiercely defended and fiercely resisted. "Basically it was a gigantic math problem, a problem of financing and demographics," he explains, "moving 165,000 kids from the east side to the west side, 12 grades with different class assignments. It was a huge effort."

His interest in the problems of public schools did not diminish once his official responsibilities ended. Dan has written a dozen articles on financing the school system. He decry's the public schools' dependence on property taxes for funding, the inefficiency of outsized administrative staffs, and state-mandated educational programs that leave teachers little alternatives. He believes parents should be required to pay some of the costs of educating their children. A parent made to pay tuition would take a greater interest in the health of the schools. "You don't appreciate something as much till you have to pay for it," he says. He is not confident that these ideas will ever be endorsed. "The solutions are hard and not 'political.' No one who comes out with the hard answers would ever be elected to office."

The education of children is something he knows in practice as well as in theory. He and his wife Patricia Drenser McCarthy are parents of eight: five daughters and three sons. Two of their children, Sheila and Patrick '91, are graduates of Cleveland-Marshall. Sheila practices with her father; Patrick is with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office.

The school system is not the only institution Dan would like to see become more fiscally responsible. Recently, after serving four months as foreman of the grand jury in 1996, he wrote an extensive proposal for reforming the court system's inefficient financial structures. Though he volunteered to chair a study group to investigate the problems, there has been no response to his proposals or to his offer of assistance.

In May of 1994, Dan McCarthy's friend George Steinbrenner made sure Dan received yet another medal. "George put me up for the Ellis Island Award," he says, pulling from his desk drawer a large, handsome bronze medal. The award is given to the sons and daughters of immigrants in acknowledgment of their contributions to their parents' adopted home. Dan's award proclaimed his "exceptional humanitarian efforts and outstanding contributions to our country."

Dan McCarthy has been a conscientious steward of the profession and a loyal supporter of his law school. He is an Honorary Trustee and Life Member of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. Several years ago, when his partner Edward Lebit '65 died, Dan and his partners created a scholarship fund for Cleveland-Marshall students interested in tax law; it continues to assist students studying in this challenging area of the law. He is admitted to the U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, the U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit, the U.S. Claims Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the Cleveland, Ohio State, American and Federal Bar Associations. He is a member of the Court Panel of Alternative Dispute Resolutions for the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio. He is also Special Arbitrator to the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County and a member of the ADR Panel for the Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust.

Forty-three years after graduating from Cleveland-Marshall, Dan is still enthusiastic about the law. He finds it exciting that he has the chance to meet so many interesting people through his job. He also feels fortunate to
have found a career he loves, and he enjoys facing all the challenges that his profession offers him.

Henry David Thoreau, who seldom ventured beyond Cambridge, Massachusetts, wrote, "I have traveled far in Cambridge." Except for the war years and except for his brief time in Texas, Dan McCarthy has lived his entire life in Cleveland. He has traveled far in Cleveland: from the east side of town all the way to the highest courts in the land, and all along the way he has been a tribute to the College of Law.

RUSSELL T. ADRINE, CLASS OF 1954

Do we do / the things / we like to do / or do we / do the things we're supposed to do?

Kenyette Adrine
"To Uncle Russell"

Class of 1954 alumnus Russell T. Adrine was born in the rural south and came to Cleveland when he was a child. He entered the legal profession following law school and has been teamed at various times with some of the city's foremost black attorneys, his own brother Herbert Adrine, Roosevelt Dickey '36, Richard Gunn, Charles Carr 28, George W. Whitehead '53, James Willis, and Carl Character '61. In 1977 he was appointed by Governor James Rhodes to serve on the Board of Tax Appeals; in 1984 he was named General Counsel for the Legal Department of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. He retired from RTA in 1995, was of counsel to Hardiman, Buchanan, Howland & Trivers, a Cleveland law firm prized for its work in civil rights law and litigation, and is now in private practice in his own firm in Beachwood: Russell Adrine and Associates.

Early on, Russell Adrine had an amateur career as an actor at Cleveland's famed Karamu Theater. Years later, he retains the careful speech and delivery of a seasoned actor and a narrative style all his own.

"I was born in 1917, December 27, in Rockmart, Georgia, about 50 miles north of Atlanta. My mother had six kids. My father died when I was a year old. If he walked in the door right now I wouldn't know him. After he died, my mother wanted to come to the industrial north. We moved here when I was about four." Two of the older Adrine sons were already here and worked for an uncle who owned a grocery store on Scovill Avenue, now Community College Avenue. Russell's mother, two brothers, sister, grandmother and Russell moved into a three-room suite in the rear of his uncle's store at 4411 Scovill in the steamy heart of what was called the Roaring Third, the Third Police District, the district that Elliot Ness was assigned "to put a cap on" when he came from Chicago to Cleveland in 1935 to be the city's new Safety Director.

Migrating from the south on the crest of a post-World War I wave of African Americans seeking a better life in the north, the family discovered they had to scramble just as hard for a living in a city that was not always welcoming to blacks. According to the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CLEVELAND HISTORY, "The period from 1915-1930 was one of both adversity and progress for black Clevelanders." Progress came in the form of job opportunity as European immigration slowed; adversity came in the form of increased violence and discriminatory practices that marooned blacks in inner city ghettos and confined them to jobs as unskilled laborers. As Russell describes the distinction between living in the north and in the south: There was "down-south" and "up-south," and the difference was a subtler form of discrimination in up-south.

Moreover, in the north blacks often found that the basics were even harder to come by than in the south. Russell remembers in his early Georgia life there were always fresh greens growing in a patch of earth out the front door, a chicken to be corralled, boiled, plucked, cooked, and eaten, a river to catch fish in. "My mother worked as a waitress, as a char maid, always at menial jobs. We all worked. Each of us worked in the grocery store. I worked there every day after school and I was a paper carrier too. That's how we paid for things.

"Of course," he continues, "the greatest economist that ever lived was the black mother. My mother could do wonders with a five or ten dollar bill. We never lived on welfare. We were taught to work. Mama used to say that she didn't raise lazy children, and she made sure she didn't."

Away from their mother's example, out on the streets of the Roaring Third, the Adrine children discovered a world teaming with life, a Damon Runyan cauldron of shady characters. "In our neighborhood we knew everybody. We knew the numbers man, the prostitutes; we knew who was a pimp, who was a burglar, who was a holdup man, who was on dope — though using dope was rare, and crack was not known — who was nefarious,
who was religious and talking out of both sides of his mouth like a Puritan and doing everything else."

The Roaring Third, however, was not peopled entirely with sinister underworld types. At their uncle’s grocery store, the Adrine children discovered a gentler reality. “My uncle’s grocery store” in the days before supermarkets and easy transportation was “a fulcrum of the neighborhood. My uncle kept a running tab for his customers. When the customer got a paycheck, he paid his tab. If he couldn’t pay, my uncle advanced him to the next payday. If the next payday came and he still couldn’t pay, my uncle carried him till the next week. Everyone came to the store, and sooner or later we got to know them all. The grocery store built a strong neighborhood.”

When Russell was ten, Mrs. Adrine remarried, and the family moved to the projects. “When we lived there, very few were on public assistance. You paid rent on a sliding scale. Every six months you had to report your income. When you made too much, you had to get out. There were pharmacists, store owners, recreation center workers living in the projects. In a way, those of us in the projects were among the black elite. We lived in a steam-heated building; everything was sealed and airtight.

“I was glad when my mother remarried. I loved my stepfather because he was crazy enough to marry my mother when she had five dependents living with her. He was a wonderful provider. If I needed clothes or shoes, he found a way, even on a fixed income, to buy them. I respected him for that. He took care of us. He worked downtown in the Rose Building for Ransom and Randolph making dental prostheses. We were big shots. He went to work everyday in a suit, and he came home in a suit. Vassir Baker was his name. I always called him ‘Mr. Baker’ in deference."

Not too far from where the Adrine-Baker family lived, lived other families whose sons and daughters were also destined to set their seal on the history of Cleveland’s African Americans. “We lived at 2534 East 49th Street off Case; Lou Stokes ’53 and Carl Stokes ’56 lived up on Case Court off of Outhwaite Avenue. Lloyd Brown lived up from us on 49th Street; Charles Fleming ’55 lived at East 46th, and Sara Harper lived at 37th and Central.” One by one these young African Americans and many others found a path out of the ghetto and into the city’s law offices and courtrooms.

Many of the youngsters living in the Roaring Third or in the inner city succeeded because they had the incalculable advantage of two public high schools with faculties such as few other areas of the country at the time could claim. Central High School, founded in 1846, was the first public high school west of the Alleghenies, and it graduated some of the country’s finest intellects, and entrepreneurs, including Samuel Mather, John Severance, John D. Rockefeller, Noble Sissle, and Langston Hughes. East Technical High School, founded in 1908, was the first public trade school in the city. Its founders conceived the idea of providing specialized technical training along with general education courses, and numerous of its graduates made substantial careers for themselves and enriched the city’s skilled workforce.

Moreover, despite financial struggles, many families like the Adrines had sound family structures and sound family values. From their uncle the Adrine children learned the economics of compassion; from their mother and their stepfather they inherited an impeccable work ethic. But it was from their mother alone that they learned the best of all lessons: “Mother taught us that each generation should do better than the one before it, and she gave us the inner fire to succeed. I treasured Mama. If she said I had to get an education, I knew I had to get an education. Herb and I were the first in our family to go to college.”

College for both Herbert and Russell Adrine was Wilberforce University. “I had no knowledge of how I was going to get through college. I just knew I had to go.” Herbert was already a junior when Russell arrived. “My freshman year, we had $75 between us. Herb lived in the back of a restaurant for a couple of months. I tried out for football even though I only weighed 165 pounds. I was gutsy enough and had enough fight to make the team and the ‘training table,’ meaning they fed me. Eventually, the National Youth Administration paid for us to live in the dorm. Our $75 allowed Herb to register. After football season my registration was picked up back to September. Then I got a job as a dorm janitor. It was an all-women’s dorm. I was fortunate.”

Russell majored in health and physical education, taking all the major sciences that a pre-med student would take and continuing to play football throughout his college years. “I was President of the Drama Club, President of the Health and Physical Fitness Club, and Captain of the football team.” He graduated from Wilberforce in 1941 and worked in the post office for a year before becoming “the best zone of the interior soldier Uncle Sam had.” Because of his undergraduate training, he was assigned to a medical administrative corps unit. His bags were packed and he was on his way to the eastern arena when V-E Day arrived and word came that his unit would not be sent abroad. “God smiled on me,” he says.

Ethel Stratford, valedictorian of her class at Central
High School, a graduate of Fenn College and the library school of Western Reserve, was known to Russell for many years only as the daughter of a couple to whom he delivered newspapers. "She was three years behind me at Central so I never knew her well until we were adults." In 1944 the couple was married in Cleveland at St John's AME Church.

After the war, Russell returned to his job at the post office and began appearing in plays at Cleveland's famed Karamu House, starring in such classics as the "Taming of the Shrew," Clifford O'Dets's "Golden Boy," and the stage adaptation of Sherwood Anderson's "Winesburg, Ohio." Being stage-struck is a time-consuming occupation, and one day his wife announced - forcefully - that she was tired of being a "Karamu widow." Apparently, Ethel Adrine, the first black librarian in the Shaker Heights school system, must be a persuasive woman because not only did she prevail on him (after a brief sulk) to abandon acting, eventually she prevailed on him to do what he had always wanted to do: study law.

"I always wanted to be a lawyer. Thank God for the GI Bill; thank God for Cleveland-Marshall. Stapleton was great, a stickler for academic achievement, but approachable, a hail fellow. He loved a good time." Following his graduation in 1954, Russell returned to Scovill Avenue and set up practice with his brother Herbert in a building next door to his uncle's grocery store. "I was a lawyer by day, and a postal employee by night. I delivered the mail, drove the mail truck, did what I had to. I went downtown and sat at the feet of Charlie Carr and Norman Minor '26. We all did."

In the mid-60s, Russell Adrine emerged as a powerful presence on the political scene. It was a time that he remembers wistfully and passionately. "All over the country people marched and lived and died so America would fulfill its promise to all its people."

Russell's involvement in local politics and his advocacy of equal rights have earned him membership on the boards of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Legal Aid Society, and the City Club. He is a former President of both the Greater Cleveland Urban League and the local chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., a Life Member of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and is a member of the Cleveland-Marshall Visiting Committee. Though he has been chair or co-chair of every one of Louis Stokes's campaigns for the U.S. Congress, he has never sought political office himself. "I like being behind the scenes," he says.

Russell's mother taught him that each generation should be better than the next. The first generation of Russell and Ethel Adrine are: the Honorable Ronald Bruce Adrine '73, a City of Cleveland Municipal Court Judge; Leslie Gail Adrine Goggins, mother of two and an employee at the Cleveland Municipal Court; and Lynne Adrine, also the mother of two and a Senior Producer for the ABC Weekend News in Washington, D.C. Of the grandchildren, Justin, Alex, Andrew and Vanessa, Justin is the eldest. Justin, his grandfather tells me, recently scored in the 98th percentile on the SATS. Is each generation better than the preceding? Each generation had, and has, enormous promise; each generation has taught the next, and each generation has been a tribute to the parents and grandparents who raised them.

This year on December 27 Russell Adrine will enter his ninth decade. Listening to him speak in his offices on Chagrin Boulevard, so far from his first home and office on Scovill Avenue, I hear the voices of many pasts — sometimes the harsh voice of the Roaring Third, sometimes the eloquent voice of the former actor, sometimes the rising voice of the trial lawyer, and sometimes — in rapid fire delivery and endearingly — even a mailman's voice: "From 4411 Scovill Avenue we moved to 5705 Central Avenue. From 5705 Central we moved to 5709 Thackery Avenue; then down the street to 5814 Thackery. From 5814 we went back downtown across East 55th Street to 2381 East 43rd and from 2381 East 43rd to 2534 East 49th. And that's when I went to college." I ask him how he has remembered all these addresses all these years. "I love this city. I take pride in knowing it." And he does, as if his mind were an atlas of the city.

In truth the map that leads from Scovill to his present home in Shaker Heights is his own history's outline, his own narrative, told in a style that in his 79th year is still aglow with inner fire. Or else, it is his mother's voice I hear, still speaking.
IRENE KOTULIC, CLASS OF 1955

Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association
Life Member Irene Kotulic, alumna of the class of 1955, graduated from Flora Stone Mather College, now Case Western Reserve University, in 1947 with a double major in elementary education and social studies. “Thank heavens, I had the social science degree,” she says because, after a year of teaching rambunctious third graders, she decided her future lay elsewhere.

Many motives propel a young person into law. The path that led Irene Kotulic to law school could hardly have been more unconventional. Like so many of our graduates in the first half of the century, Irene is a first generation American. Her parents were Slovaks who immigrated to this country from the Austro-Hungarian Empire before the First World War, joining the large and industrious community of Slovaks living primarily on the West Side of Cleveland. Irene’s father worked for Thompson Products (now TRW), a manufacturer of automotive and aviation parts. Irene attended local elementary and secondary parochial schools. In high school she took a secretarial course and was so adept that she was able to support herself throughout her four years at Flora Stone Mather.

Irene returned to secretarial work after resigning from her teaching job and was working for the Director of the Cleveland Public Library when a friend at the library, Jane Scott, now a reporter for the Plain Dealer, mentioned that she was considering going to law school at night at Cleveland-Marshall. It occurred to Irene that, given her interest and background in political science and sociology, law might also be a career for her. Yet she hesitated. Jane went off to her journalism career, fall approached, and Irene had still not enrolled. Then the unexpected happened.

A college friend from Florida called to announce that she and her husband had moved to Cleveland so that he could study law at Cleveland-Marshall; he had begun his classes only the night before. “That’s funny,” Irene said casually, “I’ve been thinking about enrolling all summer, but I haven’t done anything about it.” The next day her friend called her to tell her that her husband was not adapting well to law school, didn’t know anyone in his class, and felt alienated; therefore, they had enrolled Irene in law school and she must hurry and buy her books.

And that is the extraordinary tale of how Irene Kotulic began her legal studies.

Apparantly providence wears many guises. The non-decision that committed Irene to Cleveland-Marshall was fortunate. Jane Scott never went to law school, and Irene’s Florida friend dropped out after his first year. But Irene persisted, graduated, passed the bar and has been practicing law now for 42 years.

“My years in law school were a very important time in my life,” she says. “Dean Stapleton, Judge Meck, and Judge Skeel were wonderful teachers and administrators. They were always so supportive. Mrs. Alice Meck, the Judge’s wife (David Meck, Jr.), was the registrar. Then there was a secretary, Rebecca Hotes, and Hazel Thorkelson who also worked in the office. They were very helpful to everyone. They made our lives easy.

My class had 300 students, three sections of 100 each, mostly men. There may have been five women in all. There were still lots and lots of men coming to law school on the GI Bill. They finished their undergraduate degrees first and then enrolled in law school. Sometimes I was the only girl in a course, but everyone knew everyone and despite the size of my class, the school seemed small, like a family even.”

Though she may have sometimes been the only woman in a class, she quickly found a group of compatible women associates. In 1908 ten women students at the Chicago-Kent College of Law had founded Kappa Beta Pi, a legal sorority that soon grew to be a national and eventually an international organization. In 1908, before women had the right to vote, the idea of a woman lawyer was often a shattering notion to many men and women, but even more shattering than the idea of a single female attorney must have been the idea of a rapidly growing national sorority composed entirely of women attorneys.

The Cleveland-Marshall chapter, the Alpha Alpha Chapter of the national association, was founded at the John Marshall School of Law in 1923 at a time when two law fraternities had large memberships, and women had no formal social or support organizations. The Bulletin of the John Marshall School of Law of 1924 lists six officers of the new chapter: Estelle Thorpe Russell, Marjorie M. Lennon, Wilma I. Bachman, Florence J. Dicker, and Rose Stettner. Their titles were academic: Dean, Associate Dean, Chancellor, Registrar, and Marshall, respectively.
Within two years, the sorority was thriving and intent on fulfilling its founding goals: “to encourage women to study law, to recognize high scholastic achievement, and to give women an opportunity to meet with other women law students and women lawyers.” Mary Grossman ‘12, the country’s first female municipal court judge, Genevieve Cline ‘21, the country’s first female federal court judge, Florence Allen, the first female U.S. Court of Appeals Judge, and Lillian Westrop ‘15, Cleveland Municipal Court Judge and founder with her sister Clara of the Women’s Federal Bank, were honorary members and continued until their deaths to give support to the sorority’s members.

When the John Marshall School of Law and the Cleveland Law School merged, the Kappa Beta Pi sorority remained the primary women’s law student organization and was particularly influential in the lives of its members during the 50’s. “We always helped each other with our studies and classes. The whole purpose of the sorority was to help each other. Many graduates besides Judges Cline, Grossman and Westrop helped us. Margaret Mahoney ’29, the first woman to have a state-wide appointment and Gertrude Bauer Mahon who worked in the City Prosecutor’s office and would bring in guest speakers, were two of our sorority sisters and there were many more. Later Bernice Miller ’51 helped me out. I worked for her for a time.”

In addition to her studies and her involvement in the sorority, Irene worked full time in the trust department of the National City Bank; then, in her final year at law school, she got a job in an insurance claims department in the Fidelity Building; leaving there in 1954 she worked for the National City Bank; then, in her final year of law school, the Cleveland Municipal Court Judge and founder with her sister Clara of the Women’s Federal Bank, were honorary members and continued until their deaths to give support to the sorority’s members.

One of her sorority sisters was a young woman whom she had known since her undergraduate days at Mather College, Eileen Byrne ‘55. An attorney, George Maxwell, allowed them to ‘borrow’ his office in the Fidelity Building every evening. So the two alumnae proceeded from night law school into a nighttime law practice. Fortunately, night law school had accustomed them both to working long hours after the sun had set. “By then I was used to not sleeping,” she says. And there they remained until Eileen married and gave up her career.

Irene moved out of the Fidelity Building, bought a house on 76th and Lorain and converted the living room into an office. A few days a week she worked as a bookkeeper “so I would have an income” and the rest of the week she worked on building up her practice. “When you have an office like that you take what comes in the door,” she says. “I had a lot of friends and a large family so they made a beginning market for me.”

Twice Irene tried going into law firms with men, but “It just didn’t work out with me. They didn’t seem to want to loosen the reins. I felt I was in danger of losing the ability to make decisions on my own. If you don’t have belief in yourself, you are not going to convey it to your client.”

Though Irene feels indebted to her law teachers, all of whom were male, and to attorneys like Paul Mancino, Sr. ’31, who assisted her in cloudy probate issues, she also remembers less collegial dealings with men in the profession. “Oh there were often little snubs,” she recalls. “The first time I went to Cleveland Municipal Court on a matter, the judge asked me where the lawyer was.” And once, a male attorney told her point blank, “I have no use for women lawyers.”

In her house in Parma where she moved in 1970 and still lives today surrounded by family photos and memorabilia of many trips to Europe and the cities and spas of the Slovak Republic, I think perhaps it was a fortunate client who called on an attorney in a home office. A greeting at the front door is surely more reassuring than an elevator ride 20 floors up a steel and glass building.

Irene Kotulic’s family is large and important in her life: five nieces and nephews, 20 great nieces and nephews and 10 great, great nieces and nephews. Slovakia also remains an important part of her life. She has traveled there many times - sometimes taking a niece or nephew with her - and is trying to re-learn the language she first spoke. Moreover, she was active for many years in the Ohio State Bar Association, serving on its Council of Delegates, and she is still a member of its Family Law Committee. And then there is the sorority which has been so important in her life and in the Cleveland-Marshall history, both in the past and in the present. Over the years, Kappa Beta Pi’s Alpha Alpha chapter has repeatedly contributed to the College of Law; the members’ most recent contribution was a donation to purchase books for the new law library.

“There is a nucleus of us left. We meet several times a year,” say Irene who is the chapter’s treasurer. The ‘nucleus’ membership of Kappa Beta Pi’s Alpha Alpha chapter includes: the Honorable Annmarie Dyke ’68, the Honorable Francine Bruening ’71, Linda C. Beebe ‘82, Alfia Miano Bourne ’55, Susan B. Brooks ’81, Marian Brumbaugh ’83, Nancy F. Canary ’68, Elaine Columbro Chimo ’62, Bessie Marino Cassaro ’65, Loretta A. Coyne ’70, Veronica Dever ’70, Katherine C. Feller ’44, Alice K. Henry ’65, Lyndall James ’71, Robin Lane, Serena T. Maun ’28, Shirley Mackey ’55, Ramona Mesi, Bonnie...
Direnfeld Michael '83, Dr. Bernice Miller '51, Edna C. Shalala '52, Beverly Sylvester '66, Irene G. Svet '70, Patricia Walker '81, and Ann F. Wenneman '81.

In the manner of relationships that are built on mutual need and interests, Kappa Beta Pi nurtured several generations of enduring and supportive law school friendships. That there is no longer a chapter at Cleveland-Marshall does not seem to trouble Irene. "Because there are so many women studying and practicing law now, there is no longer such a need," she explains. And there is no longer such a need because the sorority and its members' conviction of the rightfulness of women's place in the profession helped smooth the path for succeeding generations of women students:

LEON PLEVIN, CLASS OF 1957

The trouble with interviewing Leon Plevin, alumnus of the class of 1957 and one of the law school's most accomplished graduates, is that it is very hard to get him to talk about Leon Plevin.

Instead, he speaks with reverence about the men who taught him law: about Dean Wilson Stapleton, "such a compassionate man, a brilliant scholar; he spoke six languages, the single most important person in the history of the law school"; about Abe Dudnik '27, "the greatest trial lawyer this city ever had"; about Ellis Rippner '25, "If he thought you were falling behind, he said 'Come to my house on Saturday or Sunday.'" And about other Cleveland-Marshall faculty: William Marsteller, "A great lawyer, he became chief trial lawyer at Baker & Hostetler"; Vic DeMarco, "He was the county's chief criminal prosecutor before Jones Day hired him, and we were fortunate to have him teaching us criminal law"; Norman Miller, "He taught evidence and he was magnificent"; Bill Gardner, "a charming man who taught pleading and practice"; and Joe Artl '23, "Think of it: We learned trial practice from a Common Pleas Judge, a future Ohio Appellate Court Judge."

These men live in the memory of Leon Plevin as vividly as if the 40 years that have passed since his graduation were moments ago, as if outside his office in the Standard Building, he might this very day find one or all of them strolling toward the courthouse, as if he might hear the irrepressible Dudnik hailing him, "Hey, kid, come over here."

To those of us listening to this ebullient and genial graduate of the class of 1957, he brings these former Cleveland-Marshall faculty members to life and introduces them to our memory, but for Leon Plevin they were instrumental not just as the persons from whom he learned law but as the men who literally launched his career.

Take Abe Dudnik, for instance. Abe Dudnik was not an incidental presence in Leon's life. In 1955 when their paths first crossed, Leon was a young man from Weirton, West Virginia, with an undergraduate degree from West Virginia University. He had transferred to Cleveland-Marshall from George Washington University at the urging of 12 of his boyhood friends who were working in Cleveland at the time. "We were boyhood pals. We rented three furnished homes in Cleveland Heights: four in one house, five in another and four in the third house. We ate dinner together and always had a lot of fun. I was the only law student. The others mostly worked in retail. Eventually each started his own business. There are seven of us left. We have dinner now every Wednesday night." But that is getting ahead of our story, the story of Leon Plevin.

"I was the first person in my family to go to law school. Without Cleveland-Marshall I would not be a lawyer today. My folks didn't have the wherewithal to send me to law school, so I had to work to earn tuition." That he had to work turned out to be a blessing in disguise. "When I first came to Cleveland, I worked at a credit bureau. After I had been here for about six months, I went to Dean Stapleton and told him I wanted to work in a law firm so I could get to know lawyers and judges. Dean Stapleton was a great dean, a class by himself - brilliant but down to earth. Stapleton said he'd keep me in mind. A few days later he told me to go talk with Abe Dudnik. 'If you can get a job with him, take it.' Whatever Dean Stapleton said, I did."

By 1955, Dudnik was already a figure of legendary proportions on the Cleveland legal scene, a personal injury lawyer renowned for winning massive awards for his clients. His office was cluttered with plastic body parts that he trotted out before juries, and, it was said, his huge voice could be heard trumpeting from his office on the seventh floor of the Engineers Building.
all the way to the courthouse.

"Tell me why I should hire you," Dudnik demanded of the law student. "Every lawyer in town is asking me to hire his son. I don't even know you."

"I'm not a clock watcher," Leon replied weakly. And then he struck a deal. "Please. Just try me for three months."

He got his three months, signing on for $70 a week — $60 for room and board and $10 saved each week toward his tuition. Three months into the job, Dudnik passed him in the hall and pulled him aside. "Hey, kid, come over here. I'm giving you a $5 a week raise." From then on Leon's future was set. "I worked from early in the morning till six when classes began. I took two classes each semester. I would grab a cheese sandwich, grab my books, and head over to Ontario Street. The only trouble was I didn't get home till ten." During his final year in law school, his scheduling problems were compounded. By then he had met a young woman working at the old Sterling Lindner department store and studying art in Cleveland: Gloria Rosenthal, his future wife and a West Virginian also. "I didn't have a car so when I got home at ten, I had to walk a mile and a half to see Gloria, then back home another mile and a half."

Shortly before graduation, Mr. Dudnik once again pulled the Plevin kid aside and this time asked him to stay on with the firm. The job that began with three months probation fixed Leon on a course that now finds him at the helm of one of the city's most prestigious law firms: the direct descendant of the firm A. H. Dudnik founded in 1928: Nurenberg, Plevin, Heller & McCarthy. Like its predecessor, it is devoted almost exclusively to handling personal injury claims, and Leon, like his mentor, Abe Dudnik, is the firm's managing partner.

For many years the firm remained in the suite that Abe Dudnik & Associates had occupied. When the Engineers Building was razed to build the Society Bank complex, the firm moved to the Standard Building. Today the firm employs 25 attorneys, many of whom are graduates of Cleveland-Marshall, three full-time investigators and four registered nurses. In addition to an outstanding roster of lawyers, there are two other notable features of the firm.

First Notable Feature
One day in the mid 70s Leon surveyed the firm's collection of reproduction artwork and, as a Nurenberg Plevin brochure describes the event, "decided that only the framer had been enriched by the choices of the last decorator." Shortly thereafter, Leon and Gloria Plevin, supported by the firm's partners, began selecting original works from Cleveland's rich community of visual artists. In the past 20 years Nurenberg Plevin Heller & McCarthy has acquired one of the city's finest regional art collections, over 140 works created by 32 contemporary Cleveland artists, mostly depicting scenes of the city and surrounding suburbs: Phyllis Seltzer's vivid heat transfer prints of the warehouse district and flats; Moses Pearl's lively depictions of downtown river life; David Buttram's oil paintings of Cleveland's African American neighborhood; Lawrence Channing's uncannily real charcoal city scenes, and many, many more. The collection is a tribute to the firm's commitment to the community and to the city's cultural resources.

Second Notable Feature
Over the years, the Nurenberg, Plevin, Heller & McCarthy firm has built a scholarship fund at Cleveland-Marshall that each year relieves the financial burden of students who, like Abe Dudnik and Leon Plevin, had to earn their tuition. "Cleveland-Marshall was a place of opportunity for me and for many others. In our class there were persons from every walk of life: World War II veterans, Korean War veterans, FBI agents, IRS agents, firemen, policemen, all kinds of government people. There were women and minorities in every class." He reflects for a moment. "Minorities from the first days of the school.
Can you imagine a better graduate than Louis Stokes? The 50s were rich in legal talent. Most did well. "You know Abe did his part. During all the years he taught at the Cleveland-Marshall, he never accepted a penny from the law school. Instead, he created a scholarship in memory of his mother. Githa Dudnik was a young widow when she came to America with Abe from Kiev, Russia. He was about nine then. They had nothing. She borrowed money and set herself up as a seamstress to support them."

Abe Dudnik would be proud of this particular legacy to his protege. Leon, together with his partners, has done his part and more to preserve the law school as a place of opportunity.

In fact, he is doing his part throughout the city and country. He is active in the city, county and state bars, the American Bar Association, the Cleveland Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and many others.

He is a former member of the Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, currently serves on the Board of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, and is Vice President of the Board of the Cleveland Artists Foundation. He is a member of the Cleveland-Marshall Visiting Committee and a Life Member and Past-President of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. Mind you, Leon told me none of this himself. I read it in his resume.

Fortunately, Richard Koblentz '72 was able to speak with authority about the man he clerked for as a student and who remains a good friend.

"Leon's incredibly resourceful. When you're a trial lawyer, you have to be resourceful; you have to sell yourself to a jury and be able to relate to all sorts of people from all walks of life. Leon is very powerful in getting ideas across, very convincing in breaking down complex data and making it accessible. He has a way with people. Simply put, he likes people." Rich's words have resonance: They remind me of descriptions I have read of Abe Dudnik, of his success in convincingly pleading his client's case before a jury, of his appeal to the common man.

In a 1959 article in the Cleveland Press, Winsor French noted, "Other than talking and exercising Abe has no hobbies, would never dream of exercising, and so hates walking that he will literally take a cab to cross Public Square. People, however, he loves."

Forty years have passed since Leon Plevin graduated from the Cleveland-Marshall Law School and began his life as an attorney, practicing with the teacher and lawyer he admired above all others. In 1997 he seems much like his mentor: big-hearted and expansive. And a lawyer from the marrow out.

Leaving his office I receive Leon's parting words: "And don't forget to write, 'Above everyone else the greatest of all was Abe Dudnik.'" And so I do: ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE THE GREATEST OF ALL WAS ABE DUDNIK.

AARON JACOBSON, CLASS OF 1959

innocence is / no one's friend,
has never told one decent story
knows only its own / tough skin

-Bonnie Jacobson
from STOPPING FOR TIME

Aaron Jacobson, alumnus of the class of 1959, was born in Dayton, the son of a Latvian cobbler and his Canadian wife. One June day, many, many turbulent years after Aaron left Dayton, went to war, returned to Ohio State, went to law school, described to me a gentle upbringing, a close family reared in a household without dissension. "My Dad was trained as a cobbler. He was a cobbler in Latvia, a shoe merchant in Dayton. Cobbler, it seems to me, are by nature honest people. Dad was an honest man, an extraordinary man, beloved in his community. He took care of all the crippled children, would redesign their shoes. Mother was Canadian, a pretty redhead. She had five or six sisters and one brother, mostly all redheads. If you see a redhead in Toronto today, it's probably a relative of mine. My father was very strict, but there were never arguments or shouting in my house. If my parents had any disagreements, we would never hear of them. I was the second youngest of four children, the only boy. We were very close. My sisters and I - two of them are redheads - are still close today. I look after them. That's what Dad would expect of me." Aaron did well by his upbringing. It was perhaps the last time the world would seem so gentle, so
serenely accommodating.

Aaron enlisted in the U.S. Army early in 1942 and was put into reserve status. He was in his third year at Ohio State when his unit was called up. During the war, the Army ran a Specialized Training Program (ASTP) for the country’s bright young men; by virtue of an IQ test, Aaron qualified for the program. After basic infantry training, these young men were transferred to colleges around the country. Aaron was sent to study German at New York City’s Fordham University to prepare for the Allied occupation of Germany. Six months after entering Fordham, the Army desperately needed troops, the programs were cancelled, and the young soldiers were sent across the Atlantic onto the battlefields of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

“The college guys were terrible fighters. They were not the rough and tumble sort. They had soft hands. They weren’t trained properly for war. Many of the kids were killed or maimed. It was pathetic.

“I was a combat medic. A medic in an infantry rifle company is a horrible job. You had to expose yourself daily to enemy fire; when somebody’s hit, you have to go and rescue the wounded. It would be impossible to write about it,” he recalls, “impossible to recreate. The worst part of war—outside of the imminent fear of death—is the elements. You live in foxholes. It rains on you; it snows on you. I went through the Holland campaign. If you dug down three feet, there was water; in cold weather the water froze and your feet froze. The men got trench foot, gangrene, had to have their toes or feet cut off. Circulation was sometimes impaired for life.”

After the war, Aaron returned to Ohio State and applied to medical school. When medical school turned him down, he enrolled in optometry school, and 10 weeks before he was to graduate, he daringly withdrew from the program. When quizzed by his puzzled faculty advisors, he explained the obvious: “I told them I wanted to be sure I’d never spend the rest of my life as an optometrist.” And, indeed, the idea of Aaron Jacobson wearing out his remaining youth grinding eye glass lenses is unthinkable.

Back to Dayton then and a job writing obits for the Dayton Daily News for $25 a week; then to Cleveland where he was hired by the old Cleveland News. Aaron was a gutsy reporter and the News was a daily that regularly took on the other two larger papers in town, the Plain Dealer and the Cleveland Press. It was a great fit for a while. But hard times were at hand.

According to Aaron, the lawyering world of the 50s and 60s was a little like Dodge City in the 1800s.

“YOU HAD TO PROVE YOU WEREN’T AFRAID TO TRY A CASE.”

In 1955 Aaron was writing for the paper and selling real estate on the weekends. He was married by then with one child and another on the way. “I was poor, terribly poor,” he recalls, but he had a major scoop over the other two papers, and he was hopeful his exclusive would move the editor to give him a raise.

“I was covering the county government. The first reappraisal of buildings, houses, factories, in 30, 40, maybe 50 years was about to be published. Everybody was waiting for the auditor’s reappraisal. The County Auditor John Carney and his brother Jim were frequent targets of the Press and the PD. One day John called me, ‘Here it is, the reappraisal. It’s yours.’ I asked him if he was giving the story to the other papers, and he said, ‘Hell, no! You’re the only guy who’s ever given me and my brother a fair shake. I’m giving you an exclusive.’ So the reappraisal story ran for 16 days straight. At the end of the series I went to the editor and asked for a $5 raise, but he turned me down, claiming the paper could not afford raises above the Newspaper Guild minimums. I was so mad, so frustrated.”

Aaron had been a Cleveland reporter for a over a decade and was well known about the courts. “In the early 50s the judges were outstanding,” he tells me. “Felix Matia ‘14, Joe Arlt ’23, Edward Blythin ’16, Donald Lybarger, Sam Silbert ’07, Ben Nicola. Judge Nicola was anathema to the prosecutors: He never wanted to send anyone to jail.

“Well, all those years I was covering the courts, the judges kept telling me, ‘Aaron, you should go to law school.’ I dreaded the idea of more school. I already had seven or eight years of college.” After being turned down by his editor for a raise, however, “I went across the street to the law school. I knew Dean Stapleton well. I told him I wanted to go to law school, and without losing a beat, he said, ‘You’re admitted. Not only that, classes started two weeks ago. You’re starting tonight.’ And that is how Aaron Jacobson enrolled in law school. But first, he went back to his editor’s office and gave him notice that in three-and-a-half years he was quitting the paper.

Thirty-eight years later Aaron Jacobson, one of Cleveland’s celebrated trial lawyers, tells me, “I wasn’t much of a student, but I had picked up so much covering the courts that a lot of it just came naturally.” In fact, in law school, he was Associate Editor of the Law Review and in 1959 graduated cum laude, 15th from the top.

Graduation did not end his association with the law school. Years later he became a Life Member and President of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. The
Association named him its Distinguished Alumnus in 1990.

"After graduation, I worked for a while with the Sindell firm, then with Abe Dudnik '27, a great trial lawyer. He had a nose like a hawk, he was dark — a very dramatic face — a great voice; juries loved him; women found him irresistible. Listening to him was a thrilling experience. I learned so much from him." One of the things Aaron learned from Abe was a fool-proof way of passing the bar. "When he heard that the late Ed Lucey '59, who covered the courts for the Cleveland Press, and I were on our way to Columbus to take the bar, he told us to find a blind beggar and give him a dollar. The morning of the bar, a blind beggar was waiting outside the door of our hotel. We each gave him a dollar and we both passed the bar. Abe probably hired someone to stand outside and wait for us. I stayed with Abe's firm after his death." Eventually, the firm was Nurenberg, Plevin, Jacobson, Heller & McCarthy.

According to Aaron, the lawyering world of the 50s and 60s was a little like Dodge City in the 1800s. "You had to prove you weren't afraid to try a case. It was a crazy time. There was no discovery. In the middle of a case your opponent might bring in a surprise witness. That's the way it was. You never knew what would happen next. Guns did not go off in courtrooms exactly, but opposing lawyers fired harsh words across the court at each other and indulged in bitter confrontations afterwards. "The climate was truly adversarial. There wasn't a lot of give and take."

In this arena, Aaron had something going for him that other lawyers didn't always have. Someone who's dodged enemy fire to tend to or rescue a wounded soldier is not going to find much left on this earth that can intimidate him. He could match fierceness with fierceness, and seldom in a courtroom, did anyone get the better of him.

Until the mid 70s, according to Aaron, "Medical malpractice cases were always pretty rare. Then, all of a sudden, there was a surge of malpractice suits: the major insurance companies were not prepared for so many suits, and many pulled out of the market. Doctors were left without insurance."

The plight of doctors suddenly without insurance and a world of indignant former patients gave Aaron an idea. In 1974 Aaron took his idea to the Ohio Department of Insurance in Columbus. He had found an obscure statute that permitted a person or persons to create a reciprocal insuring entity with 75 insurers and only a small amount of money. Though the statute had historically been applied only to farmers insuring one another against wind and fire and other natural disasters, Aaron was not put off. "I hired a knowledgeable Columbus attorney and we were able to convince the Department that we had a sound idea for providing malpractice insurance for physicians." The Physicians Insuring Exchange or PIE Mutual, the company Aaron created 23 years ago with a handful of attorneys, now employs 86 lawyers, insures 15,000 doctors, clinics, and hospitals, and has offices in ten states. It has never been duplicated.

Ten years after starting PIE Mutual, Aaron started his own law firm. Today Jacobson, Maynard, Tuschman, & Kalur is one of the state's top medical malpractice defense firms.

Aaron is now retired from PIE Mutual and has stepped down as managing partner of the firm. He is President Emeritus of the company and Of Counsel to the firm. These days he is keeping a promise he made to himself long ago. "I always had in the back of my mind the desire to write at least one novel in my life — an old, old desire that goes way back, and that's what I've been doing for the last two years."

Aaron Jacobson is a born story-teller and a man with a rich personal history. What will the novel he writes be about? The story I write about him is not the whole story. It is not the part I hear when the temperature of the narrative rises and he tells me to turn off the tape recorder. The novel he writes will be the rest, the parts he left out, the stories locked away for a lifetime — perhaps the dark fable of his own times.

For the road he followed was full of twists and turns and unexpected reversals. In his novel he will surely pry loose the secrets of the dark corners and deny the world its innocence. The novel won't work otherwise; that's what his wife, poet Bonnie Jacobson, has already told him: "innocence has never told one decent story."

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In acknowledgement of the College’s Centennial, Justice Douglas, a legal historian, reminded the graduates of the great accomplishments made by the law and lawyers during the 100 years that have passed since the law school opened in 1897. He specifically reminded the graduates of the contributions the present College of Law and its predecessor schools have made to the community and the profession, a legacy of "involvement, interest, and caring." Justice Douglas welcomed the Class of 1997 into this "select group" of Cleveland-Marshall attorneys. Quoting Louis Brandeis who urged lawyers to "do good while doing well," Douglas admonished the new graduates to "be sure the Cleveland-Marshall heritage is not tarnished on your watch."

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that, at best, you are nothing more than a small cog in a large machine, it need not be so. Permit and in fact require yourself to dare to dream boldly."

Following the ceremony, graduates and their families attended a reception in the atrium of the law school. LFM

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Dean Steven H. Steinglass
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS LEND A HAND TO LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM

Cleveland-Marshall's Legal Writing Program was well-served by a number of attorneys who volunteered to be judges for the first-year students' moot court oral arguments. In addition to judging the oral arguments, the judges read each student's individual briefs. We extend our thanks to the following people for volunteering their time:

Karen Hamilton '95
Anna Faraglia '89
Sean Beckstrom '95
Joseph DeRosa '79
Lola Johnson '94
Les Evan Rockmael '95
Melody Stewart '88
Mark Wiseman '92
Schuyler Cook '87
Ellen Quinn '96
Daniel Urban '96
Sonja Rowan '91
Linda Johnson '96
Valerie Arbie '93
Warren McClelland
Joshua Marks '96
Terrence P. Sullivan '86
Ian Frank '96
Thomas Condasta '86
Alice Friedman
Matthew King '96
Donald Green
Karen Rubin '85
William Soukup
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Jean Gallagher '86
Arthur Elkins '93
Jeffrey Coryell

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Friday, September 26, 1997
4:00 pm: Dedication of the New Law Library, Reception and Library Tours

Saturday, September 27, 1997
12 Noon: Luncheon and Class Reunions
7:30 pm-Midnight: Gala Centennial Celebration
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Tuesday, October 7, 1997
5:00 pm: Baker & Hostetler Lecture
Professor Paul Finkelman
Joseph C. Hostetler - Baker & Hostetler Visiting Professor
"Baseball and the Rule of Law"

Thursday, October 23, 1997
5:00 pm: Sixty-Fifth Cleveland-Marshall Visiting Scholar Lecture Professor John A. Robertson
Vinson & Elkins Chair
The University of Texas School of Law
"Respect for Human Life in Bioethical Decisions"

Friday, October 24, 1997
6:30 pm: Judge Charles Fleming Benefit - Clam Bake, Landerhaven

Wednesday, November 5, 1997
9:00 am: Ohio Supreme Court Oral Arguments

Wednesday, November 12, 1997
7:00 pm: Moot Court Night

Tuesday, November 18, 1997
5:00 pm: Forrest B. Weinberg Memorial Lecture
Professor James J. White
Robert A. Sullivan Professor of Law
The University of Michigan
"Legal Consequences of the Proposed Cigarette Settlement on the Rights of Prospective Plaintiffs"

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The Journal of Law and Health is pleased to announce that Volume 11, issues 1 and 2 (1996-97) will be published in early fall. The volume is dedicated to the Centennial of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law which coincides with the second decade of Journal publication. In order to highlight the Centennial year, this volume is devoted solely to articles authored by members of the Cleveland-Marshall community, including Professors Dena S. Davis, Joel J. Finer, Karin Mika, Susan O. Scheutzow, Alan C. Weinstein, Stephen J. Werber, and our friend and former colleague, Sam Gorovitz, Baker & Hostetler Visiting Professor of Law.

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There was a time when the practice of law was kinder, gentler, simpler — when the way the law was practiced was not so technologically dependent and attorneys' attitudes were less aggressive... the days when lawyers used White-Out.

For those of you not familiar with the White-Out days of the 1970s, a short trip to the past may be in order. White-Out (also known by the brand name “Liquid Paper”) is a semi-liquid, paint-type substance which one would use to correct typographical errors. My experience usually went something like this:

Upon finding a typo, I would reach into my desk and pull out my small bottle of White-Out, more often than not finding that someone (maybe even I) had failed to fully tighten the cap and the contents had dried up. (Another likely scenario was that someone else in the office who had failed to properly cap his/her bottle had borrowed mine and had replaced it with a useless bottle.)

I would then run to my secretary's desk and would ask to borrow her bottle. Recognizing the value of a good bottle of White-Out, she would respond (sometimes even truthfully) that either 1) her bottle had been borrowed by someone else; 2) she was in the process of using it and could not spare it for an hour or two; and/or 3) her bottle had also dried out and would I mind finding her a good bottle while I was at it.

In that other attorneys and secretaries had stockpiled their own hidden stashes of White-Out, thus leaving the supply cabinet empty, I would dash from office to office, begging, until somehow I purloined a bottle which I had no real intention of returning until forced to do so.

A useable bottle of White-Out in hand made practicing law in the 70s less demanding. For example: A client would call and state that he needed a lease for his commercial building and would respectfully request that “If you could get to it within the next week, I would really appreciate it since I expect the new tenant to take occupancy in thirty days.” After attending to more pressing matters, I would make my way to the firm's form files where various pre-printed forms were filed away (often without any real rhyme or reason).

Ultimately a form lease would be selected which would involve the most minimal amount of typing and had a sufficient amount of blank space to insert an additional clause or two without having to type the lease from scratch.

Since computers did not exist (except those huge machines that NASA used to launch space missions), my
secretary only had her trusty electronic typewriter and a useable bottle of White-Out ready to correct my/her errors.

Upon completing my draft, I would most respectfully state that "I would really appreciate it if you could get this done in the next few days."

A few days later, the lease came back with a few typographical errors; I had made a mistake in my drafting; and/or the client had called in the interim and requested a change or two. Faced with the likelihood that a full re-type would affect even more so my secretary's workload, out came the White-Out (note scenario above) and, ever so strategically, I would labor over finding a substitute word or phrase which would somehow fit into the limited space between two other words so my secretary would not have to re-type the lease.

The client would ultimately receive the document by ordinary mail about a week after his request and, after strongly suggesting that we should wait to hear from the other attorney before making any other changes, I would send the lease by ordinary mail to the tenant's attorney about two weeks after the client's original request.

The other attorney would review the draft at his/her leisure and, during the course of very respectful telephone discussions and negotiations as to modifications (the other attorney, of course, also was living in the White-Out Days and recognized that a re-type of the entire document would be very imposing), we would laboriously negotiate changes to the lease which would allow for a minimal amount of re-typing while also serving the best interests of our respective clients.

The final lease would be placed in the mail and we and our support staff would go home at a reasonable hour with the satisfaction of knowing we had served our client well.

The lease would ultimately be signed before the tenant moved in, and, if the landlord and tenant had any subsequent disputes, they would (more often than not) work them out without the benefit of attorney intervention.

In the early-to-mid-1980s, however, practicing law changed, technologically and otherwise. Thanks to IBM's introduction of the "Personal Computer," the White-Out days began to fade as well as the "friendly" approach to practicing law.

Rather: A client would call and state that he needed a commercial lease within the next few days, adding that "now that you have a computer, you should be able to prepare it for me pretty quickly." Before the end of the conversation, the client would add, "Please send it next-day delivery (thanks, Federal Express). The tenant is supposed to take occupancy in two weeks."

Rather than drifting toward the firm's form files, I would instead find myself standing behind my secretary, asking her to scroll through her grouping of computer files to jog my memory as to what previously-prepared form I might adapt to meet my client's request. Because previous lease forms were often assigned unidentifiable numeric code names, the task of finding a computer form which would work was often more daunting than attempting to find a form in the firm's still unorganized form files.

Finally, a form which my firm had borrowed from another firm which it had borrowed from another firm, etc., etc. would be selected, though that document usually ran about ten pages in length, including clauses which I would not have imagined or would have been incapable of drafting only five to ten years earlier, and the re-drafting began.

"While I stood, FedEx envelope in hand, peering over my secretary's shoulder a couple of days later, the last modifications would be made, often only a few minutes prior to the support staff's quitting time. A final review would be given after my secretary left and, if only a minor typo or two existed, out came the bottle of White-Out; the change was made on the firm's electric typewriter; and I would then high-tail it to the main post office so that the client would receive the draft within the three-day period "requested."

After my client's review and a few more modifications, the final pre-negotiation draft would then be sent out next-day delivery to the tenant's counsel.

The other attorney would review the draft rather quickly in that there was only a week until his/her client was scheduled to move into the space and would find that there certainly were a lot of terms and conditions that the attorney and the client had not anticipated but would come to the conclusion that his/her good negotiating skills would likely result in a final product which would be more "realistic" of the standard landlord/tenant relationship. Of course, since the lease was computer-generated, modifications could be made relatively simply without any real imposition.

After two or three cordial phone conversations, the
The final draft would be circulated before the initial lease commencement date. No one would miss dinner with the kids or spouses, and the clients would sign the lease before the tenant was scheduled to move in.

If an issue came up later regarding a lease clause which neither client originally thought was particularly important and/or which neither particularly understood, we attorneys would be involved once more, though litigation usually would not be filed.

Flash forward to today when just about everyone is using computers, and, of course, everyone has a fax machine. All too often (but fortunately not every day), my experience with the 1990's way of practicing law goes something like this:

My client calls from a car phone, stating rather casually (though, in reality, frantically) that he needs a lease right away and "would you please fax me a copy so I might review it this afternoon and, by the way, the tenant is supposed to move in within two days."

While on the phone with my client, I simultaneously scan my word processing file subdirectory entitled "Leases," trying to find a lease that will most easily be adaptable and pull up as many versions of previously-prepared leases as might fit the particular lease terms which I have scribbled on a yellow legal pad while searching the dozens of forms available.

Finally, three or four forms are selected from the computer screen, and applicable clauses copied to a working copy, often including particularly lengthy and onerous clauses which another attorney had attempted to burden one of my clients with before and which had been included in our system for future use should the opportunity arise. The first draft out of the computer normally ends up being about 30 to 40 pages, including a fair number of terms which a reasonably prudent man would never sign. With the client's time demands in mind, a typical but necessary request is made to my secretary to please get it back within a few hours since the client needs it today.

The faxed pre-negotiation draft ultimately makes it out around 3 p.m., give or take and hour or two, dependent upon whether another attorney is tying up my fax machine with another 30 or 40 page draft of another document for my review. (Of course, somewhere in the middle of the transmission, the client's fax machine runs out of paper or my fax machine beeps to advise me that there was a transmission error of some sort, necessitating the re-faxing of the lease.)

Time being of the essence, the client stands by the fax machine, attempting to read each page as it is printed and then gets on the phone prior to receiving the full transmission with suggested changes, usually suggesting clauses which would never allow the tenant to "peaceably enjoy" the occupancy of the leased premises. While our firm's entire support staff is finishing dinner, final modifications are made and the lease is then faxed to the tenant's counsel that evening for immediate review the next morning.

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back from the tenant's attorney, I often receive instead a 30 to 40 page fax back from the other counsel, usually a heavily marked-up copy of my draft faxed the evening before, though (they have computers too) I may receive the tenant's attorney's own, totally tenant-oriented lease which bears no resemblance whatsoever to my draft.

Faxes then pass back and forth all day and phone conversations are kept to a minimum. (Perhaps lawyers nowadays refuse to speak on the phone when they can fax instead so that they do not have to support orally their positions?) With the tenant scheduled to be moving in the next day, we ultimately have no choice but to speak to each other and, after a considerable amount of posturing and chest-beating about our clients' rights and after grudging concessions or the insertion of "weasel language," terms which can be interpreted in more than one way), the final 40-or-so page draft is printed and faxed, usually as the support staff is telling bedtime stories to their children. The clients that evening each sign fax copies and we attorneys leave our offices with the noise of the office cleaning crew's vacuum in the background.

It all too regularly seems that, within a relatively short period of time, the proper interpretation of the terms of the lease becomes an issue, and we drafting attorneys become adversaries again—but this time in court. The judge assigned to the case usually has even less interest in reading the lease in its entirety than we do, but we must now support our drafting efforts.

Fortunately, the last scenario doesn't happen every day but more often than I would like to admit and certainly more regularly than I like. While I am not able to comment upon the way attorneys will practice law from a "professional" standpoint in the future, I would suggest that, from a technological standpoint, essentially all attorneys will have no choice but to join the ranks of the computer literate, be it voluntarily or dragged kicking and screaming into the techno world. Here's what I think you will see in the not-too-distant future:

A. With most lawyers using computers more wisely and effectively, you will have to try to keep up by purchasing a new computer system and/or by significantly upgrading your existing computer system.

B. Your new system will probably be a networked system, i.e. one which is administered through a main "network server," which, in turn, is connected to each of the office's individual computers in order to allow you to access any number of your firm's law office programs. By way of example, it is likely your firm's network software will include: Continued on page 57
1952
Life Member Hon. Thomas D. Lambros, special counsel to the law firm of Bricker & Eckler and Chief Judge Emeritus of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, was the recipient of the National Public Service Award from The Ohio State University School of Public Policy and Management. Judge Lambros was chosen by the faculty of the School of Public Policy and Management for his work in mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

1958
Etole Kahan, cover artist for the Spring 1997 Law Notes Volume 5, Issue 2, is the wife of Life Member Julian Kahan.

1960
Life Member Don C. Iler was honored twice this spring when he was presented a Distinguished Service Award by the President of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers and an Outstanding Service Award by the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys.

1968
Cleveland Heights Police Chief Martin Lentz was the subject of a Plain Dealer article regarding a chief who stresses the importance of higher education and the city of Cleveland Heights's tuition reimbursement program. Chief Lentz lobbied Cleveland Heights city officials to implement reimbursement to officers for higher education. The program began in the early 1980s.

1974
Stuart A. Saferin has become Of Counsel to the law firm of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Haiman Co., L.P.A.

1975
Langston C. Davis was promoted to Associate General Counsel with the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), headquartered in Washington, D.C.

1976
Tim Russert, Washington Bureau Chief for NBC News, moderator of “Meet the Press”, and political analyst for the “Today” program, received an honorary degree at the Loyola College Undergraduate Commencement Exercises in Baltimore in May. He was also chosen to write the foreword to MEET THE PRESS: 50 YEARS OF HISTORY IN THE MAKING, a commemorative book to be published by McGraw-Hill in November.

1977
Charles J. French III has joined Baker Hostetler as a partner in its Cleveland office where he will concentrate his practice in employment, insurance and general litigation.

1978
Douglas J. Wolinsky of Saxer, Anderson, Wolinsky & Sunshine in Burlington, Vermont, was listed in THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA, 1997-1998. Mr. Wolinsky was one of 55 Vermont attorneys chosen for the publication, representing approximately 2% of lawyers licensed to practice in the state. His practice concentrates on bankruptcy law.

1979
C-M Adjunct Faculty Member Richard G. Lillie, the attorney representing Lashawn Chambers v. former Cleveland Indians slugger Albert Belle, was the subject of a feature story in Cleveland Magazine.

1980
Jeffrey L. Dean recently presented a talk on “Association Trends and Legal Issues” to the European Society of Association Executives in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Dean is CEO and General Counsel for the International Society of Explosives Engineers headquartered in Cleveland.

1981
Michael V. Kelley and James L. Ferraro announce their partnership and new firm, Kelley & Ferraro, LLP, concentrating on toxic torts, asbestos and personal injury litigation. The firm is based in the Bond Court Building.

Patricia A. Walker and Ralph E. Jocke are contributing authors in the recently published book PRACTICAL LEGAL ETHICS: PERSPECTIVES FROM OHIO LAWYERS.

1984
Carol Rogers Hilliard has been elected President of the National Alumnae Board of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana for 1997-1999.

Betty Klaric has retired as trial attorney for the Office of the Solicitor of Labor in the U.S. Department of Labor.

1985
Michael J. Russo of Ulmer & Berne served as regional editor for an ABA publication on homeowners insurance. He has also been a guest lecturer at seminars on insurance fraud.
1986
Jerome W. Cook has joined the litigation department of the law firm of McDonald Hopkins Burke & Haber Co., L.P.A.

1987
Michael F. Dadisman practices in Parma where he concentrates on family and personal injury law. He holds a seat on the County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio Arbitration Board. Mr. Dadisman and his wife, Connie, and their children, Evan and Alexandra, live in Parma.

Ronald E. Hurst

Ronald E. Hurst has been elected partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, where his practice emphasizes toxic tort, products liability, medical malpractice, professional liability, general civil litigation, environmental and OSHA law.

1988
Dr. Lynn Remly has been promoted to Associate Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology at the Federal Communications Commission. In her new position, Dr. Remly works directly with the Chief Engineer to maintain information flows between the Office and Congress, industry groups, and representatives of foreign government bodies on telecommunications technology issues. Dr. Remly will have two of her travel articles published in The Washington Post and Conquistador magazine. She most recently traveled to Bulgaria and Uzbekistan and is planning a return to Greece to finish two articles on Athens for Historic Traveler magazine.

Richard A. Vadnal has joined the firm of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A. He has been a member of the Euclid City Council since 1993.

1989
Robert A. Kish was sworn in as Vermilion, Ohio's Chief of Police, a department with 17 full-time and nine part-time officers. He is also a practicing attorney, focusing on family court matters and bankruptcies.

Life Member Anthony A. Logue has been elected Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Criminal Law Section, which is comprised of approximately 1,000 members.

Richard A. Rabb has become a principal in the law firm of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Haiman Co., L.P.A.

Laurie G. Steiner

Laurie G. Steiner has been elected a member of the law firm of Budish & Solomon, Ltd. and will serve as Chair of its estate planning, probate and Medicaid areas. Ms. Steiner is a frequent speaker on Medicaid planning, asset preservation and estate planning topics.

1991
Sharon L. Toerek and Rosemary A. Macedonio announce the merger of their law practices and the formation of their new firm and partnership, Macedonio & Toerek, L.L.P., with offices at 29525 Chagrin Blvd.

1992
Cleveland Heights police officer Geoffrey Barnard was featured in a Plain Dealer article regarding Cleveland Heights's tuition reimbursement program for higher education.

Y. Marie Paratto has become associated with Ernst & Young LLP in its health care tax consulting group.

Michael C. Pophel, a member of the Medina law firm of Walker & Jocke, is a contributing author in the recently published PRACTICAL LEGAL ETHICS: PERSPECTIVES

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Jennifer E. Peck has joined the law firm of Budish & Solomon, Ltd., as an associate, concentrating in estate planning and probate, including estate and trust income taxation.

Elizabeth A. Stein is in private practice in Highland Heights where she is an active Rotary Member. Her husband, Chuck, is training to run another marathon, while her son, Andy, is a U.S. Air Force Airman stationed in England. Her stepson, Adam, is an accounting major at Penn State and stepson, Dan, is a University Circle Police Officer, husband and father.

Robert Crane is an associate in the commercial law department of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA.

K. Maura Mueller has joined the law firm of Javitch, Block, Eisen & Rathbone as an associate.

Thomas L. Dettelbach has become Of Counsel to Elk & Elk Co., L.P.A. and has been re-elected President of Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation.

Joshua B. Nathanson has become an associate practicing in the area of litigation in the law firm of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Haiman Co., L.P.A.

Douglas M. Nelson, II has become an associate in the firm of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Haiman Co., L.P.A., where he will practice in the area of taxation and estate planning.

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.

Anthony Gallucci is an associate at Kelley & Ferraro LLP, concentrating on toxic torts, asbestos and personal injury litigation.

Cleveland Heights police officer Brad Sudyk was featured in a Plain Dealer article regarding Cleveland Heights's tuition reimbursement program for higher education.

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- Your photocopier will become a photocopier/fax/scanner/laser printer tied to your network. Rather than walk to the copier to make a half dozen copies, six original, laser-quality copies will be printed from your desk, properly collated and stapled with envelopes pre-printed. (There is no word out yet about a machine which will stamp and lick the envelopes and take them to the post office.)
- E-mail will become a practical necessity. No longer will you have to leave a post-it note for your secretary or other staff member but, rather, you will be able to e-mail a comprehensive (and legible) message from your desk and, if you wish, attach to the e-mail message a copy of the draft you might wish another attorney or staff member to review or re-draft, all the while moving toward a "paperless office" environment. In the same sense, e-mail rather than formal, mailed correspondence will become more acceptable and, in many instances, the preferred way many attorneys will communicate with each other in shorter or less formal written communications.

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What I have outlined above may seem wishful thinking but essentially all of the software programs and hardware components referenced can be purchased and incorporated within your law office today with rather minimal outside technical support (if at all) and at market prices which continue to drop precipitously by the month, not by the year.

Only time will tell how many more technical enhancements will become available to attorneys who commit themselves and their firms to sophisticated computer support systems. One thing is certain, however, from both a technological and day-to-day practice: The simpler, easier and more gentle days of White-Out are long gone and I often miss that time of my practice.

Joseph B. Jerome '75 is the principal of Joseph B. Jerome and Associates, a Cleveland firm practicing primarily in the areas of construction, commercial and real estate, transactional and litigation law. Mr. Jerome is also the Chairman of the upcoming November 1, 1997 CMLAA-CLE Seminar entitled "Computer Power" which will more thoroughly address the use of computer hardware and software in the law office environment.
Cleveland-Marshall and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation co-sponsored the Eighth Annual Medical Institute for Law Faculty from May 28 through June 5 on the Clinic campus. Steven H. Steinglass and Louise P. Dempsey co-directed the program along with Clinic physicians and staff members. Participants came from a wide range of law schools including the University of Hawaii as well as the Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.

In April, Gerald P. Lopez, Professor of Law at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, delivered the Sixty-Fourth Cleveland-Marshall Fund Lecture, “The American Dream April 1997.”

Professor Andrew P. Morris of CWRU Law School delivered a presentation on “Miners, Ranchers and Vigilantes: Overcoming Free Rider Problems in the Private Provision of Law” at a joint Faculty Seminar with Cleveland-Marshall, Akron and CWRU law schools. This seminar was held at the Akron campus in April.

Linda Ammons was appointed to the Ohio Futures Commission by the Ohio Supreme Court.


Susan J. Becker ’83, who served a one-year term as Interim Associate Dean at the law school, was appointed permanently to the position. Assc. Dean Becker published an article on “Child Sexual Abuse Allegations Against a Lesbian or Gay Parent in a Custody or Visitation Dispute: Battling the Overt and Insidious Bias of Experts and Judges” in the Denver University Law Review.

Phyllis Crocker delivered a presentation on “Concepts of Culpability: The Difference between Guilt and Punishment” at a Faculty Seminar at the law school in March.

Dena S. Davis attended a conference on “Constitutional Transitions” in Hong Kong, where she delivered a paper entitled “Protection of Religious Minorities: What Does That Mean?” with Professor Vivian-Lee Nyitray of U.C. Riverside. Professor Davis presented a paper on “Implications of Genetic Testing for Huntington Disease and Alzheimer Disease” at the IXth Annual Bioethics Summer Retreat. Professor Davis attended a conference on Introducing Innovation Into Practice: Technical and Ethical Analyses of Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis and Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection Technologies at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, where she spoke on the legal and public policy implications of these new techniques. Professor Davis lectured on “The Human Genome Project and the Child’s Right to an Open Future” at Albany Law School in April, and her article on “Genetic Dilemmas and the Child’s Right to an Open Future” was published in the Hastings Center Report.

Louise P. Dempsey was a speaker at the ABA Annual Meeting’s Section of Business Law in Boston in April, where she addressed the Nonprofit Law Group on the role of a board of trustees. Asst. Dean Dempsey attended a conference with Dean Steinglass on “Law School Capital Campaigns: Soup to Nuts” in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in June. She was appointed to the Program Committee for the Health Trustee Institute, which is affiliated with the Greater Cleveland Hospital Association.

Joel J. Finer lectured on “Professional Liability Issues in Suits by Patients and Family Generated by Incest-Survivor Therapy: Toward a Psychotherapeutic Standard of Care” at the 22nd Congress of the International Society of Law and Mental Health in Montreal, Canada, in June.

David F. Forte was the recipient of CSU’s 1997 Distinguished Faculty Award for Service and has been appointed a member of the Board of Directors of the American Journal of Comparative Law. Professor Forte was elected President of the Ohio Association of Scholars for the coming academic term, and he gave two addresses in June: “Positive Rights, Judicial Wrongs, and the Equity Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts” at the U.S. Congress House and Senate Staff Luncheon; and “The Religion-Friendly First Amendment” at the Heritage Foundation’s Salvatori Colloquium on the American Founding.

Deborah Geier, Joseph M. Dodge of the University of Texas, and J. Clifton Fleming, Jr., of Brigham Young University published a “1997 Update” to their textbook, FEDERAL INCOME TAX: DOCTRINE, STRUCTURE AND POLICY. Professor Geier also published a “Viewpoint” entitled “A Brilliant Instance of Flabby Thinking” in Tax Notes.

Sheldon Gelman and Dennis Keating spoke on their respective experiences with academic publishers at a Faculty Seminar at the law school in March.

Mark Gooch appeared on Channel 5’s evening newscast, where he was interviewed as an expert guide to the WEB by News Anchor Ted Henry, who came to the Law Library to do an Internet story.

Sandra Kerber delivered a presentation on “The Importance of Style in Scholarly Writing” at the Cleveland State Law Review Annual Recognition Ceremony.


Tayyab Mahmud has been appointed to the Board of Editors of the American Journal of Comparative Law of the American Society of Comparative Law.

Karin Mika published an article on “Innovative Teaching Methods and Practical Uses of Literature in Legal Education” in the Whittier Law Review, and she co-authored two articles with Aaron J. Reber — “Democratic Excess in the Use of Zoning Referenda,” which was published in The Urban Lawyer, and “Commercial Exploitation or Protected Use? Stern v. Delphi Internet Services Corp and the Erosion of the Right of Publicity,” which was published in the Touro Law Review.

Kevin F. O’Neill delivered a speech on “First Amendment Protection for Anonymous Speech in Cyberspace” to the Computer Law Section of the Michigan State Bar Association at a seminar on Privacy and Free Expression on the Internet.

Beverly B. Pyle published “Pro Bono Profile: My Texas Journey” in the Ohio Lawyer.

Alan Miles Ruben chaired the Conference on Business and Legal Opportunities in the Emerging China Marketplace, sponsored by the Ohio Continuing Legal Education Institute and the Ohio-China Transnational Law Exchange Project. Participants included justices of the Shanghai High People’s Court, representatives of the Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Commission, and practicing lawyers and professors from Fudan University Law School.

Michael J. Slinger was appointed to the Committee on Libraries of the ABA Section on Legal Education.

Steven H. Steinglass delivered the commencement address in May to the graduating class of the Cleveland Heights Police Academy.

Melody J. Stewart accepted a two-year appointment to the CSU Minority Affairs Committee. In April, Professor Stewart delivered a presentation on “Making Illegal the Failure to Rescue Fails to Rescue” at the Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference. Later that month, she spoke on the same work-in-progress at a Faculty Seminar at the law school.


Alan Weinstein was invited to be the keynote speaker at the Conference on the Contribution of Religious Institutions to American Life: The "Church" and the City, which was held at the Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland in April. Professor Weinstein’s speech was entitled “A Legal and Policy Analysis of Landmark Preservation of Churches: Can We Preserve Both the ‘House’ and the ‘Worship?’”

Stephen J. Werber published an article on “Ohio Tort Reform Versus the Ohio Constitution” in the Temple Law Review.

Frederic White was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admission Council. Associate Dean White presented testimony in support of House Bills 365 and 366 before the Ohio House of Representatives Civil and Commercial Law Committee at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus in May; the companion house bills generally increased the maximum value of a decedent’s estate that can be relieved

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Associate Dean White served as a panelist at CSU's first Urban Community Forum on "Health, Education and Economic Well-Being of the African American Community" in April; the Forum was sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs and Human Relations. In May, the Cleveland Bar Association sponsored a program called the People's Law School, at which Dean White delivered a presentation on "New Developments in Landlord Tenant Law." In July, he lectured on Wills and Trusts for the West Bar Review courses in Cleveland and Columbus.

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The Moot Court Board of Governors is pleased to announce that the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law will host the Forty-Seventh Annual National Moot Court competition (Region VI) this fall. The competition will provide the College of Law with the opportunity to showcase the new law library to numerous judges, attorney, faculty and students. In order to preserve the integrity of the competition, a special committee of students, chaired by Rachel Kabb, with the aid of Professor Stephen J. Werber, will bear primary responsibility for administering the competition. Professor Kevin O'Neill will advise the C-M teams which will, once again, have the opportunity to exhibit the dedication and talent of our students.

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