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Letter from the President

It has been an honor to lead a board that does more for its stakeholders than any board I have ever served. The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Board of Trustees is a cohesive, dedicated and productive group of men and women, whose involvement in their law alma mater has lasted far longer than their student years. As mentors, they have given our newest students encouragement and sound counsel. As adjuncts and Moot Court Team coaches, they bring a world of practical advice to their classrooms and teams. As volunteers for our law school, they are models of the profession’s duty to serve the public interest. And in their personal generosity, they have demonstrated to all our students the importance of supporting the school that is preparing them for their future careers in law, business and public service.

It has also been an honor to work together with Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns, CMLAA Executive Director Mary Walton McKenna, my fellow graduates, and our faculty and staff on our joint fundraising efforts. I wish to thank CMLAA President-Elect Stacey L. McKinley ’97 for the splendid job she did in the November 2008 “Then and Now” benefit, which helped build our Life Member Scholarship Fund resources. And I would like to thank all of our alumni and the Cleveland legal community for their continuing support of the Association’s Annual Recognition Luncheon, insuring that each year it is the premier legal event in all of Ohio.

In troubled times, it is good to remember how important our public law school is, and always will be, to the economy of Northeast Ohio. Despite devastating downturns and the loss of major talent, the legal profession in Cleveland remains a viable economic machine. And Cleveland-Marshall graduates in every law firm and in every major corporation are fueling the engine. As long as we continue to attract outstanding students and outstanding men and women to teach them, and as long as our alumni continue to support the law school that means so much to this region, we will remain a school of excellence and opportunity—not part of the region’s brain-drain, but part of its brain-gain.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association, and I thank you for your dedication to our law school and our city.

Sincerely,

Gary Adams ’83
Jennie Jones was born in Denver, Colorado. She attended the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Colorado Springs Fine Art Center, and was graduated from Northwestern University with a BA in art history. She has lived and worked in Milwaukee, Chicago, Boston, and finally Detroit, where she established her own photographic studio in 1983. She published two books of her work on Cleveland in 1986 and 1991. Recent projects include Paradise in the City: Cleveland Botanical Garden (2005), A Place Apart: Braitman, Ohio (2007), and Surgeon - Craftsmen: Laurence Knight Groves, M.D. (2008). Her images have appeared in World Architecture, Inland Architect, Forbes and Fortune Magazine as well as local publications. She has participated in many group and one-person shows and was juried into the 1993 May Show. Her work is in numerous private and corporate collections, including Progressive and The Cleveland Clinic. In 2003 she received the Golden Achievement Award for the Arts from the Golden Age Centers; in 2006 she received an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from Cleveland State University. Her current work includes black and white silver gelatin images of Cleveland at night and digital black and white infrared photography. In 2008 she will donate her entire collection of Cleveland images to the Cleveland State University Library, Special Collections.
At the end of this academic year, President Michael Schwartz will retire as President of Cleveland State University. Under his leadership, this University and our law school have been transformed.

President Schwartz has transformed the physical appearance of our campus. During his tenure, the plaza outside of Rhodes Tower has been reconfigured, the main classroom building has been substantially renovated, Fenn Tower has been restored as a dormitory, a new recreation center has been built, and a new administration building complex has been constructed.

The master plan that President Schwartz commissioned also includes two new buildings that are presently under construction: a new student center and a new building for the College of Education.

President Schwartz was also instrumental in inspiring Mrs. Iris Wolstein to donate $5 million to fund the renovations of our law building. As a result of President Schwartz's persuasion and Mrs. Wolstein's generosity, we now enjoy a facility that includes excellent offices for our law clinics, new offices for our student organizations, new seminar rooms, and a beautiful new entrance on the corner of East 18th Street and Euclid Avenue.

President Schwartz has also led a programmatic transformation of the University. At his insistence, the University has increased its admissions standards. As a result of his creative, strategic thinking, the University has created a new undergraduate Honors Program, which has helped us retain some of this community's most talented young citizens. These initiatives, and many other new or enhanced programs, have increased the University's reputation and its positive impact on our community.

At our law school, President Schwartz was also instrumental in starting the process that led to the development and implementation of our bar passage plan. This plan has helped many more of our law graduates pass the Ohio bar examination on their first attempt. This success has generated great recognition for our law school, enhancing our regional and national reputation.

On a personal note, President Schwartz has changed my life. I first met him more than four years ago, when I was interviewing to be the dean. At that time, I was a practicing lawyer. But the search committee seriously considered my application because President Schwartz had encouraged the committee to consider non-traditional candidates – or, as he likes to say, "civilians.”

When I interviewed with President Schwartz, I was quickly impressed. He was warm and engaging, but modest and soft-spoken.

I was even more impressed by his capacity to understand what we lawyers value – service and justice. Though he is not a lawyer, President Schwartz made it clear that he shared these fundamental values. Once he did so, I knew that I wanted to work for him.

I am very grateful that he gave me this opportunity to serve. And all of the members of the University community are grateful for his service to the institution and the region.

We will miss his leadership and his commitment to service and justice.
The Honorable Joan Synenberg ‘87

Joan Synenberg is one of the few graduates I have interviewed over the years who has not immediately told me, “I always wanted to be a lawyer, even as a child.” And yet, there she is—an accomplished lawyer who practiced criminal defense for 16 years before improbably becoming a judge, first in the Cleveland Municipal Court and now in the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas.

So, I would like to start writing about her by saying that in her life there are only surprises; nothing has been predictable. There was, she says, a vague theme meandering through her consciousness, however. “Whatever I chose to do, I knew it had to be something that helped people.”

She grew up in the eastern suburbs of Cleveland. She is one of the four children of her parents’ arranged marriage. Mary

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Michael E. Gibbons ‘81

When he was growing up in Parma, the only businessman Michael Gibbons ever knew was a man whose family owned a chain of car wash businesses. “I knew firemen, policemen and teachers—like my dad. Those were our neighbors and our community.”

Yet, by anyone’s standards, Michael Gibbons is an extraordinary businessman, the Senior Managing Director of Brown Gibbons Lang & Company, LLC, an independent investment bank that he co-founded in 1989. Two decades after its founding, BGL’s influence is virtually borderless. As difficult as it is to grasp the complexity of this single company’s global dealings, at its core, according to Michael, is a simple concept: “We bring people together; we create relationships.” The relationships BGL forges are between and among companies that need

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Coletta and Albert Lehmann were Italian immigrants, and, as the Judge says, “Our household was Italian, Catholic and traditional.” So perhaps it is Italy in her bones that accounts for her spontaneity and daring.

For instance, Joan Lehmann had finished her first year of college at Bowling Green State University when she daringly decided to take an entire year off to join the Up with People group, a world-touring singing-and-dancing troupe, founded in 1968 as a non-profit, interdenominational, peace-making organization that sends American youth all over the world in the hope of “building bridges of understanding” among many cultures. “I couldn’t sing but I love to dance,” she says. Six weeks of training at the University of Arizona and 100 cities and 40 countries later, she was back in Cleveland, back in her family’s home and back at college, this time at Cleveland State University majoring in Communications.

“The Up with People experience was formative,” she explains. “We traveled exhaustively, but I learned so much: how others live, what their lives are like, what they believe—people in so many settings, from jungles to large metropolitan cities—people of all ages, little kids, grandparents. And everyone loved us. Loved us!”

Her undergraduate years at CSU were also formative. “After the year I spent traveling with the Up with People group, I began to look for a ‘helping’ profession, and I thought about public administration. I spoke to one of my CSU Professors, Jim Kweder. When I suggested public administration, he shook his head and said, ‘No. If you want to help people, go to law school.’ And so I did.”

She went from her undergraduate school straight into law school, working part time and going to school part time.

Perhaps her most unusual law school job was with the Creative Services department for a radio station that Rolling Stone had, for several years, named the best rock-and-roll station in the country: WMMS, whose un-gainly logo, the WMMS Buzzard, was plastered on windshields and t-shirts and on roadside signs throughout the county. The station was at its peak during Joan’s years, and she worked closely with a pair of d-jays dear to Clevelanders of the era: “Jeff and Flash.” Their real names were Ed Ferenc and Jeff Kinzbach, and from the late 1970s through the early 90s, their raucous, upbeat exchanges consumed the morning drive-time airwaves. “They were wildly popular,” The Judge recalls. She wrote publicity for the pair and gathered the best of their “token” jokes into a book. “We always knew she was brilliant,” remembers Flash Ferenc, “and gorgeous, but we still thought of her as one of the guys.”

Joan’s other law school job was as a social worker in precisely the place where a friendly ear is most scarce, where help is most needed and least available: the county jail. As it turned out, her jailhouse job was readiness-training, sensitizing her to the people and problems she would be dealing with throughout her career.

Following her graduation from law school, she set up her own criminal defense practice in the Leader Building and began representing The People.

“I took any case that came my way,” and mostly the work came from the city’s poor, including cases involving men and women accused of domestic violence, theft and murder. According to her mentor, criminal defense attorney Gerald Gold, “These were not cases that got her name in the paper. They were people [who] had had more troubles than assets.”

Often Joan found herself in the same courtroom with another Cleveland-Mar-

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shall graduate, Roger Synenberg ’77, “the best lawyer I ever met.” In 1999, Joan Lehmann married the best lawyer she ever met, and today she calls him “the best friend she has ever had as well.

Alone and together, the Synenbergs have handled clients whose notoriety did make the papers, even sometimes the national media. Together they represented Cleveland’s own Bernie Madoff: stockbroker Frank Gruttadauria, who scammed and fleeced his mostly elderly clients of millions. The pair represented a suburban mayor in a fall-from-grace drama that had played out in the media for months. And then there was the murder–by-bagel case, one of the strangest ever heard in an Ohio court. Gerald Gold and Joan Synenberg took on the defense of a caretaker accused of causing the death by choking of her multiple sclerosis patient by feeding her a bagel she couldn’t swallow. The national media relished that story, too.

The Synenbergs practiced side by side for a few years and then decided to incorporate their legal partnership into the firm of Synenberg & Synenberg. They rented offices in the Warehouse District, redecorated and had just had thousands of pieces of Synenberg & Synenberg
Regarding the Honorable Joan Synenberg, we have learned to stay tuned, expect the unexpected, and, about her career, be always hopeful.

The best lawyer in Cleveland advised against it: “You’ll be sworn-in in January and you’ll have to run for election in November. You’ll lose.”

Roger’s reasoning was entirely sound: She had never run for public office; her name, neither Irish nor Italian, was “wrong,” at least in Cleveland, and on a ballot, totally unrecognizable. Moreover, in our city, as a judicial candidate, she had two liabilities: She’s a woman and she’s a Republican.

I am sure she listened and agreed with everything her husband said. He was absolutely correct; nevertheless, within months, the new stationery was on its way to the recycling bin. She accepted the Governor’s appointment, joined the MUNY court in January, ran for election in November, toppled four other candidates, and in January 2006, she became the second Republican woman elected to a seat on the Cleveland Municipal Court Bench since 1969. As I mentioned, in her life, there are only surprises.

“I loved the MUNY bench. Larry Jones (the then-presiding judge) is a personal hero. And I felt I was really getting into the community, into community redevelopment, and I was meeting, and coming closer to, the people and their problems in a way I couldn’t have imagined.” Unpredictably, a bit of her past trailed her to the court. Flash Ferene had been working for MUNY as its public relations advisor since 2000. “I was thrilled when she was appointed. She was great in front of the bench, so I knew she’d be great on the bench,” he says. “And she hasn’t let anybody down. I doubt she ever will.”

In August 2006, the Judge took a half-day off on her birthday. She and her husband were strolling through Little Italy when a call came in on her cell phone from Robert Frost, Chair of the Cuyahoga County Republican Party. She remembers thinking how nice that he remembered her birthday.

Mr. Frost had something besides her birthday in mind: He wanted her to run for the Court of Common Pleas. “I had been on the MUNY bench for a year and eight months, I was just hitting my stride on the court, and I was happy as a clam. I would have to stand for election in three months.” Her husband weighed-in on the issue, “You can’t win; you have to run.”

This time, she took his advice and prepared, in her inimitable style, to beat the odds. Her opponent was a woman and a Democrat whose surname seven judges and a county official shared; in heavily Democratic Cuyahoga County, her opponent was considered the favorite.

The truth is the Judge loves running for election. She loves the mingling, the fanfare, the clamor, the parades, the suburban city council meetings, the ethnic community meetings, coffees in the churches, even the door-to-door treks. Most of all, she loves the people she meets. And the people love her. In the summer before the November election, TV cameras tracked her every move, and she was the frequent subject of admiring blog entries and local newspaper and magazine articles. Every bar association in town rated her an “excellent” candidate, The Plain Dealer endorsed her, and she was the choice of dozens of union locals.

Ten weeks after launching her campaign, the surprising and improbable latecomer had garnered 58 percent of the vote, easily winning the election.

According to just about everyone, the Judge is good at what she does. Though she is a Republican, she doesn’t particularly remember how she became one (“I think I liked Ronald Reagan,” she told Cleveland Magazine in an April 2006 issue). She refers to herself as a “social liberal,” and by all accounts, it shows in her courtroom. The Judge is respectful, compassionate, and encouraging—even and especially to the defendants who find themselves standing before her bench.

“She brings spark to the court,” says her old friend Flash Ferenc. More than that, she brings an expansive and welcoming presence, not the stern stereotypical judicial profile at all, but such a presence as makes the rendering of justice seem more dignified, and, well, more just.

No one (except perhaps the Judge) seems to think that this is the last government office that she will hold. (“The new face of the Republican Party,” says one admirer.) But then she has not been good at anticipating her future. And I know of one awed Democrat who would like to see her in higher office.

That is only one vote, of course, but then her elections have always begun with one vote: her own.

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capital and companies, banks or individuals that have capital; between a company that wants to sell a part or all of itself and one or an alliance of many that agree to purchase it. Through creative financing, BGL aids both growing companies and overgrown companies, most often through mutually beneficial mergers and acquisitions. What all its clients have in common is that they are middle-market companies, those with enterprise value between the $50 and $100 million range. And they all need advice.

If you ask Michael how all this happened, he will tell you it was “luck.”

He had a great deal more than luck on his side. Great role models, for one, and a stable home life for another. His father, Eugene Gibbons, taught the science curriculum at Cleveland’s John Marshall High School and was the school’s hall-of-fame wrestling coach. Elizabeth, his wife, was a homemaker and, later in life, an elementary school administrator. Their son was brainy, studious and, Michael says, “tall, lanky and a little shy.”

“In grade school, I was really into the sciences,” he recalls. “I made good grades and I guess I was a pretty nerdy kid. One day, my father took me outside and began teaching me how to play football. He thought it would get me out of myself, and it did.”

On the day his father taught him how to throw a football, football became, and remains, a passion.

Michael played football for St. Ignatius, Cleveland’s all-boys Jesuit preparatory school as famed for its athletics as for its academics. “I really worked hard at becoming good at football. Eventually, I liked football better than science. Virtually better than anything.”

Three NCAA football team. In fact, he was on the football team, the wrestling team and the championship La Crosse team, and he didn’t shy away from tough academic courses either. “Kenyon was perfect for me,” he says. He graduated with honors in 1974 with a double major in economics and political science and went straight to Case Western Reserve University on a full scholarship that paid “even for my books.”

Fourteen months and “22 hours later,” he graduated from Case with a master’s degree in management.

He had had an internship at McDonald & Company Securities during those 14 months, and after graduation he went to work for the company full time. His formal education was not over, however. He knew that if he was going to be successful, if he wanted to master the complex interrelatedness of global financial dealings and, most important, if he wanted to serve his clients as fully as possible, he needed to be a lawyer, too.

“I went to school part-time—at night—at Cleveland-Marshall, and I worked full time for McDonald & Company. I wasn’t the best law student. But I was really busy. Really busy!”

In truth, he was doing major work and traveling the country for the securities company. By the time he graduated from Cleveland-Marshall in 1981, he was already a McDonald partner—perhaps the youngest in the company’s history, and when he left a decade later, he was its Senior Vice President and served on the operating management committee. Michael had found a new job in Houston with a leading regional securities and investment banking firm, Underwood, Neuhaus & Company. He was Underwood’s CEO and President when, in 1989, he resigned and returned to Cleveland.

He was 35 years old and he had formed a partnership with another young man and friend from the west side of Cleveland: Kevin Brown. A month-and-a-half later, Michael lost his close friend and new partner. Kevin, a national powerboat racing champion, died instantly in the crash of his catamaran speedboat during a racing competition in the stormy waters off Atlantic City. “No one will ever remove his name from this business,” says Michael.

Scott Lang arrived in 1996 from a large Chicago capital investment firm, where he was executive vice president and managing director of investment banking and Brown Gibbons was renamed; in 2007, Scott retired from the company and returned to Chicago, where he is now Managing Director of City Capital Advisors, LLC.

BGL celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. Its success has been remarkable—an independent investment bank that flourishes in a region whose once strong economy has suffered stunning declines for almost as long as the bank as been in business. There are sound reasons for BGL’s accomplishments. “Law has been indispensable to me,” Michael says. “I could not have done the transactions I have needed to do without
knowing law."

Moreover, as Michael told Plain Dealer reporter Mary Vanac, "Most Wall Street firms don't pay attention to midmarket companies," and large investment brokers and megabanks can't make enough money off mid-market companies to make dealing with them worth their while. He believes that his bank's independence has made it more versatile and better able to respond to market changes. "Also," he continues, "we're not arrogant. We work personally and we work hard for our clients and their managers. Big banks can't give mid-market companies the comfort or expertise of senior-level leadership that we offer. We're a kind of Midwest Wall Street for the middle market." BGL has found its niche in the topsy-turvy unpredictable and complex world of corporate finance.

That world has found BGL and Michael Gibbons, as well. In 2001, BGL became the first American company invited into Global M&A, a European-based consortium of mergers-and-acquisitions firms with offices in 30 countries.
Celebrating Success:
We Thank Mrs. Iris Wolstein, Our Graduates and Friends

Today we are a 112-year-old law school in a 21st century law school building, thanks in large part to the generosity of one woman, Mrs. Iris S. Wolstein. In 2004, Mrs. Wolstein announced a $5 million gift to renovate our 1970s building in memory of her husband, the late Bert L. Wolstein '53. Mrs. Wolstein also issued a challenge to all of us to support the Bert L. and Iris S. Wolstein Scholarship Endowment, pledging to match every dollar donated to the fund—up to $1.25 million. We reached that goal last spring, and on September 24, the Cleveland-Marshall community—students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends—invited the public to a reception in the handsome building, now called the Bert L. Wolstein Hall, to say thank you to Mrs. Wolstein and to more than 1,000 donors who helped us meet the match. The $2.5 million Wolstein Fund is our law school's largest student scholarship resource. It was built on the good wishes of many individuals, law firms and businesses to our law school and to our students and their future.
Looking Ahead:
the Fund for Excellence
and the Trial Courtroom

We are grateful to three alumni for helping us formulate our next development initiative, the Fund for Excellence: Steven W. Percy '79, James A. Thomas '63 and P. Kelly Tompkins '81. Mr. Percy is the retired CEO of BP America Inc.; Mr. Thomas is the Chair, President and CEO of the Thomas Properties Group; and Mr. Tompkins is the Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer of RPM International. The three graduates have launched the Fund for Excellence with a substantial pledge toward a goal of $1 million by June 30, 2012. The Fund for Excellence will enrich the elements of legal education that make one law school stand apart from others: support for student scholarships, faculty research, academic centers, marketing and advancement projects and the dean's discretionary fund. The Fund envisions a future in which our law school's reputation will grow nationally and our students and faculty will compete successfully with the students and faculty of the best public law schools in the country.

The Trial Courtroom is yet another exciting project that has already enlisted the support of many members of the bench and bar. Located in the former clinic offices, the new technologically sophisticated courtroom will provide a setting for the school's and the city's moot court teams to prepare for competitions and for the city's trial attorneys to rehearse their arguments in a venue that simulates an actual courtroom - complete with judge's bench and chambers, jury box and deliberation room, witness stand, a visitors' gallery and all the features of modern trial presentation technology. It will also be a place where new lawyers and judges can prepare for 21st century litigation. Surrounding the wall of the new courtroom will be photographic portraits of alumni members of the Ohio judiciary, past and present - all to remind us of the strength of our school's alumni and our history in educating the Ohio judiciary.

The Trial Courtroom has three especially strong advocates in Tom Scanlon '63, founding partner of Collins & Scanlon, Leon Weiss of the Reminger Co. LPA, and Irene A. Hoyt Rennillo '83, founding partner of Rennillo Deposition and Discovery.

In November, Mr. Scanlon and Mr. Weiss honored retiring Cuyahoga County Probate Judges, the Honorable John E. Corrigan '68 and the Honorable John J. Donnelly '69. The event, held in the Silver Grill in Tower City, paid tribute to the judges' contributions to the legal profession and to the Judiciary of Ohio. The event was a fund-raiser as well, with proceeds going to help build the Trial Courtroom, where portraits of the two judges will be among the first lining the walls of the new court.

Ms. Rennillo immediately grasped the trial courtroom's potential to serve both future lawyers and established lawyers. And, consequently, as Co-Chair of the Ohio Women's Bar Association "Leading With Style" fundraising event, Ms. Rennillo earmarked a portion of the proceeds to support the Trial Courtroom. Always entrepreneurial, she was able to convince an Italian landlord to donate his magnificent villa in Umbria for a raffle during the benefit.

The Fund for Excellence and the Trial Courtroom are ambitious projects. Thanks to the generosity of our graduates and our friends in the community, we're good at challenges and good at transforming them into reality.
Stand Up for CLEVELAND:
The Urban Development Law Clinic and Three Projects to Save the City

Confronting the Foreclosure Crisis:
The Cuyahoga County Land Bank

Neighborhoods are the building blocks of great cities. Across America, the foreclosure crisis has left a trail of boarded-up houses and vacant lots, but homes and businesses are not all that are lost. Intangible assets of our culture are lost as well: confidence in the rule of law, for instance, or trust in the government to set things right. Moreover, in striking the older, more vulnerable parts of a city, foreclosures often eradicate the visible traces of a region's history.

In Cleveland, the crisis is classless, sparing neither the poor nor the well-to-do—not the inner city neighborhoods or the solidly middle-class inner-ring suburbs of Lakewood and Shaker Heights.

All have been hard hit by what Cleveland-Marshall Professor Kathleen C. Engel has called the "foreclosure virus," the socio-economic blight that has destroyed whole neighborhoods, demoralized their residents, eroded the county tax base and sent thousands into bankruptcy.

In the past year, faculty, students and staff of the Urban Development Law Clinic (UDLC), in alliance with Neighborhood Progress Inc. (NPI) and its subsidiary, the Cleveland Housing Renewal Project (CHRP), have taken steps to intervene on behalf of the city's troubled neighborhoods, bringing with them an arsenal of legal approaches to resolving Northeast Ohio's housing problems and restoring its economic vitality.
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The Cuyahoga County Land Bank
In February, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland visited CSU’s Levin College of Urban Affairs to sign into law a bill establishing the Cuyahoga County Land Bank. The new legislation allows the County to buy vacant and abandoned, tax-delinquent property and to sell it to responsible citizens or developers and non-profit organizations for redevelopment. Land banks are not new to our country, but as an effort to thwart the purchase of abandoned and foreclosed property by unscrupulous speculators, land banks may prove to be an enterprising and powerful tool. According to the Governor and Cuyahoga County Treasurer James Rokakis ’83, the ingenuity of the project and the crafting of the legislation owe much to UDLC Professor Kermit Lind ’84. Funding from Neighborhood Progress Inc. allowed the Clinic to hire Cleveland-Marshall graduates Nathalie Dibo ’08 and Keesha Christoph ’08 to work on the project under Professor Lind’s supervision. According to Professor Lind, they were indispensable. He credits Ms. Dibo with creating a power-point presentation that Mr. Rokakis used in successfully promoting the project to influential constituents.

Taking on the Banks
As an authority on foreclosed and abandoned property, Professor Lind has been a leader in efforts locally and nationally to reclaim endangered neighborhoods. Recently he has participated in lawsuits against metropolitan America’s greatest assailants: the mega banks. Professor Lind is serving as co-counsel with Thomas C. Wagner ’84 of the Cleveland law firm of Van Deusen and Wagner on two law suits filed in Cleveland Housing Court on behalf of the Cleveland Housing Renewal Project (CHRP) against global banking giants Deutsche Bank and Wells Fargo, two of the area’s largest holders of subprime mortgages and purchasers of foreclosed and dilapidated properties.

The CHRP attorneys have taken a novel approach to the problem of banks purchasing foreclosed and abandoned properties at bargain-basement prices and reselling them in “as is” condition. Mr. Wagner and Professor Lind allege that the banks violate local nuisance laws and seek to prevent them from selling, without repairing, 36 city properties acquired on the cheap at sheriff’s auction. The suits demand that the banks either renovate their properties before selling them or demolish them altogether. NPI provided funding to support the work of Nathalie Dibo and Jennifer Porter Grasso ’06. They, along with Professor Lind’s research assistant Matthew Yourkvitch, are researching the law, drafting pleadings and motions, and, in general, assisting with the litigation.

Housing Court Judge Raymond L. Pianka ’77 heard the cases in mid-December, granted a request for a temporary restraining order that would stop the banks from selling the homes for at least two weeks and scheduled a hearing later in the month to determine whether to make the order permanent. But the banks, realizing that this Judge might just be leveling the playing field, had the cases removed to federal court, a ploy they hoped would discourage a community organization with limited funds at their disposal. But money and might don’t always win the day, and the federal courts have now remanded the cases to the Housing Court, where they are pending.

If the County Land Bank thrives and the CHRP law suits succeed, these measures to resolve our region’s economic crisis will have implications for the rest of the country, and though these measures alone will
Langston Hughes Center 2009

not restore lost neighborhoods, they may restore the confidence of Americans in the ability of the law to hold powerful institutions accountable for their misdeeds. In other words, the power of the law to effect good.

Saving and Renovating an Historic Cleveland Landmark and Reminding the City of a Great African-American Poet

It was a common inner-city sight: an abandoned, dilapidated, boarded-up yellow brick building. But the building on east 79th and Quincy in the Fairfax neighborhood on Cleveland’s east side was far from common. Erected in 1914, it was one of 1,600 libraries across America funded by industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. In 1973, the library with its handsome neo-classical facade was renamed in honor of Langston Hughes, the famed African-American poet and playwright whose high school years were spent in Cleveland. Four years later, perhaps amid the social strife criss-crossing our major cities, the library closed. In 2006, Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation (FRDC) acquired the by-now dilapidated building and, over time, purchased adjacent properties and made plans for renovating the original building and erecting a new, two-story wing. FRDC did not plan or accomplish all of this single-handedly. The Corporation sought assistance from its long-time partner in community redevelopment, the Cleveland-Marshall Urban Development Law Clinic.

In December 2008, the neglected and forgotten library with the poet’s name few residents remembered was reborn as the Langston Hughes Center, the home of Senior Outreach Services Inc. and Cleveland Clinic’s Community Health & Education Center. Senior Outreach provides community-based and culturally competent support services to elderly residents of the surrounding community, serves 400 meals daily and offers respite for caregivers and friendship to isolated seniors. At the Clinic’s Community Health & Education Center, Clinic doctors and nurses offer free preventive care and nutritional education as well as basic health screening services to neighborhood residents who are uninsured or underinsured.

The $5.5 million, 25,000 square feet renovation and addition, was a valuable opportunity for UDLC students to gain valuable legal experience. Clinic Professor Carole O. Heyward ‘93 led a team of students who assisted with site acquisition, participated in nuisance abatement actions, negotiated and drafted architectural services and construction contracts, handled construction and contractual disputes and drafted utility easements. Because the Langston Hughes Center is “green” construction, students also learned about the legal issues relating to building “green.” Today, the building that taught our students so much is a candidate for Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, an organization that encourages and supports green enterprise.

Cleveland-Marshall Professor of Law and Urban Studies Alan Weinstein is Director of the UDLC; Kermit Lind ’84 is Associate Director and Clinical Professor; Pamela Daiker-Middaugh ’87 and Carole O. Heyward ’93 are Clinical Professors of Law.
The Future of the Forensic Sciences: A Cleveland-Marshall Criminal Justice Symposium

In January 2007, the United States Congress authorized the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on the future of the forensic sciences in America. On February 18, 2009, NAS released the report of the Committee on Identifying the Needs of the Forensics Community. In March, the law school held the first symposium in the country to review the committee’s conclusions.

The Committee’s report cited major problems in the forensic science community and in the medical examiner system. It also listed 13 recommendations to secure the just conviction of criminals and protect the wrongfully accused.

Among numerous failings the report cited in the nation’s crime labs were underfunding and understaffing; absence of uniform standards, training and oversight; and unreliable methodology in the interpretation of forensic evidence, even in such traditional forensic techniques as hair analysis, bite marks, fiber and firearm analysis, and fingerprinting. The Committee also found that advances in DNA technology gave promise of greater accuracy in identifying criminals. The Committee’s recommendations included a proposal that Congress establish a National Institute of Forensic Sciences to ensure uniform methodology and to assure that forensic investigations are independent from the investigations of law enforcement agencies.

Cleveland-Marshall Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns was a member of the NAS Committee, and on March 19th the law school held the first conference in the country to respond to the Committee’s report and discuss the Committee’s conclusions and recommendations. Dean Mearns organized the Symposium and moderated the full-day round of panels.

Seventeen multi-disciplinary experts in law, medicine, and the forensic sciences, including members of the NAS Committee, took part in the Symposium. Among the guest experts were Anne-Marie Mazza, Director of the NAS Committee on Science, Technology and the Law; Marcella Farinelli Fierro, MD, former Chief Medical Examiner of the Commonwealth of Virginia; Valerie Caproni, FBI General Counsel; Kenneth Martin, Detective Lieutenant and Commanding Officer of the Crime Scene Section of the Massachusetts State Police; Criminal Defense Attorney Terry H. Gilbert ’73 of the Friedman & Gilbert firm; University of Akron Professor of Law Jane Campbell Moriarty, and Dr. Robert Shaler, who, as a forensic scientist in Office of the New York City Medical Examiner, was charged with identifying the bodies of the 9/11 victims.

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Steven L. Wasserman ’78 is a founding partner of Chernett Wasserman Yarger, LLC where his practice focuses on corporate, real estate and finance matters. He is licensed to practice law in Ohio and Florida and is a member of the Certified Grievance Committee of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Mr. Wasserman has served on the board of directors and audit committee of a publicly traded telecommunication company and is a member of the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section and a past chair of its Trial Techniques Committee. Mr. Wasserman is married to Joni Handler Wasserman and is the father of Dana and Matthew. Matthew practices law in Chicago, Illinois.

Carl Stern ’66 (magna cum laude) retired in 2007 as J. B. & Maurice C. Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and was elected Professor Emeritus. After 33 years at NBC News – 26 as law correspondent covering the U.S. Supreme Court and Justice Department – he served as Public Affairs Director of the Justice Department 1993-96. Mr. Stern received an individual Peabody Award for exceptional journalistic enterprise in 1974, the same year he was honored by the American Bar Association as the pioneer in broadcast reporting of the legal beat.

Mr. Stern is a member of the Ohio, D.C. and U.S. Supreme Court bars, a member of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law National Advisory Committee, and holds several honorary degrees, including one from Cleveland-Marshall in 1975.

As a student at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Nathan Wills ’04 served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Law and Health, was a member of the 2003-04 Moot Court Team, and was Treasurer of Delta Theta Phi International Law Fraternity. He is a trial attorney with Dennis Seaman & Associates Co. L.P.A., where his practice is focused on nursing home negligence, motor vehicle torts and personal injury.

Mr. Wills is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the New Lawyers Council, the Ohio Association for Justice, and the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys.

A panel of three African American Judges from Ohio’s 8th District Court of Appeals—the Honorable Patricia A. Blackmon ’75, the Honorable Melody J. Stewart ’88 and the Honorable Larry Jones—presided over a session of the court held at the law school on February 19 during the country’s annual observance of Black History Month.

The Bartunek Moot Court quickly filled with alumni and students as attorneys spoke on behalf of their clients in three cases on appeal before the court.

The event marked the first time in the history of Ohio’s courts that an all-African American panel of judges has served together in an appellate hearing.

The event is significant in the history of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law as well. There have been only six African American judges on the Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals, and three have been our graduates. In addition to Judges Blackmon and Stewart, Judge Leo Jackson (1920-96) a 1950 alumnus of our law school, was also a Judge on the Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals.

Black History in the Making: Three African American Appellate Judges hear cases at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
In recent years, lawyers and legal educators have taken a good look at themselves and their workplaces and decided there was a racial and gender sameness that was good for no one: neither for the country nor for the future of law. Many law schools throughout the country are doing something about it through “pipeline” initiatives—programs that work with educators from pre-K through undergraduate and post-grad schools to strengthen and widen the pipelines to success for students in minority or underserved communities. Due primarily to the contributions of Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey ’81; Professor Pamela Daiker-Middaugh ’88, Director of the law school’s Pro Bono Program; Gary R. Williams ’84, Director of the law school’s Academic Excellence Program; Inga Laurent ’05, Manager of Student Affairs, and Sandra English ’03, Coordinator of Law Admissions and Multicultural Recruitment, our school is in the forefront of the national pipeline movement.

The Law & Leadership Summer Institute

Last summer, Willie Hornsby, an eighth grader in Cleveland’s Robert Jamison Middle School, competed for and was accepted into the law school’s Law & Leadership Institute, an intensive five-week program for students about to enter the ninth grade. The Summer Law & Leadership Institute is one of the many pipeline initiatives the law school has undertaken to encourage minority students to consider—and pursue—careers in law.

Something happened during those five weeks that changed Willie’s life: He found his future. Today, Willie, a student in the Early College Program at Cleveland’s John Hay School, aspires to be a lawyer. So do Summer Institute participants Diamond Donald, also a student at John Hay, and David Boone, a student in the city’s new MC² Science, Technology and Engineering School. The inspiration they found in the program has stayed with them throughout the school year, and,
recently on a cold Saturday morning, the three returned to attend a session on competing in the city-wide Mock Trial Program, a pipeline initiative sponsored by the Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Anita Laster Mays ’92, the office of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson ’83, and in the classrooms of the law school. Law faculty and practitioners taught from a comprehensive curriculum created by Harvard Law graduate James O’Neal, co-founder and director of Legal Outreach, a New York City non-profit organization involved in motivating teens to strive for academic excellence. Students also staged a mock trial before real judges. And, as David Boone noted with awe, “We even had a Supreme Court Justice talk to us about being a lawyer!” That Ohio Supreme Court Justice was Maureen O’Connor ’80. The students had kind words as well for “Dean Dempsey,” “Ms. Laurent,” “Professor Williams,” and for second-year law student “Ms. Stephenson”—April Stephenson, chosen to teach in the Summer Institute, along with Akron University College of Law student Kate Marrero-Patterson and University of Cincinnati Law School Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey ’81 wins national pipeline award

There is something amiss when an American profession has only a 10 percent minority representation, especially when that profession is the legal profession—the very one charged with safeguarding the freedoms of all our citizens. In 2004, an alliance of pre-school through college educators, law faculty and administrators, and members of the bench and bar met in Racine, Wisconsin, to create the “Wingspread Consortium.” Wingspread, whose primary locations are on college campuses, works to inspire students from diverse populations to seek and attain careers in law. The program takes its name from the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Wingspread Conference Center of the Johnson Foundation in Racine. What Wingspread’s lawyers and educators are teaching our country’s minority youngsters is that a legal career is within their reach. Or, quite simply, “Spread your wings and fly free.” Each year, Wingspread pays tribute to an educator whose work embodies the Wingspread mission. The 2008 recipient was Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey ’81. Dean Dempsey is a long-time member of the Board of the Cleveland Municipal School District and a dedicated administrator. According to Franklin Pierce Law Center Professor Sarah Redfield, a Wingspread co-founder, Dean Dempsey is one of the organization’s “founding mothers. Without her commitment and Cleveland-Marshall’s to Wingspread it would probably not exist today; certainly it would not exist with the strength it does. Louise’s unique position at the dean level and as a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan District School Board has made it possible for her not only to nurture Wingspread nationally but also to nurture Cleveland’s own pipeline programs ... and thus provide models for other parts of the country.”
student Alexander Caron.

This year, the Ohio Supreme Court, in partnership with the Ohio State Bar Association Foundation and the Center for Law-Related Education, has expanded the Law & Leadership Summer Institute to include all Ohio law schools. The 2009 Institute begins on July 6 and concludes on August 7.

The Mock Trial Program

The law school’s Mock Trial Program, held every spring, is perhaps our oldest pipeline initiative and one of our most successful. Law students volunteering in the Pro Bono Program teach trial strategies to Cleveland high school students competing in the citywide Mock Trial Competition, sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. In the competition, passions run high as opposing counsel face off against one another in a final hectic, high-spirited round of mock trials adjudicated by judges of the Cleveland Municipal Court and witnessed by enthusiastic teachers, friends and family of the aspiring young lawyers.

The 3Rs Program

Every month during the school year, a number of Cleveland lawyers, judges, law faculty and law students leave their offices, courtrooms and classrooms to teach Cleveland high-school students the fundamentals of Constitutional Law. The visiting “faculty,” many of whom left their school books behind years ago, are taking part in the three-year-old 3Rs Program, a nationally recognized, award-winning pipeline project sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and the Cleveland Municipal School District. Its goal is to make sure every 10th grader in Cleveland passes the social studies portion of the state-mandated graduation test. Our own law faculty and students participate as volunteer teachers through the law school’s Pro Bono Program. The 3Rs Program teaches the rights, responsibilities and realities of conscientious citizenship. Implicit in those lessons is respect for the rule of law. But the city’s lawyers and law students are also demonstrating, in word and deed, that law is a helping and a welcoming profession as well.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Little Buddies

They march from the school bus every other Friday with increasing confidence: 24 children in the tidy uniforms of the Cleveland Municipal School District—nine and ten-years-olds from the city’s George Washington Carver Elementary School. They are taking part in the law school’s Big Brothers, Big Sisters program, an initiative supported by a gift from the Sisters of Charity to the law school’s Pro Bono Program. Right now, the third-graders are our youngest pipeliners, but we have large expectations for their futures. On those Friday afternoons, our law students become big brothers and sisters to this group of inner-city children who have taken eagerly to their new, older siblings. Right now, they are play-

The Summer Legal Academy

The law school has partnered with the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and Case Western Reserve University School of Law for several years in a program that brings seniors in local high schools to campus for a two-week program that mirrors the Law & Leadership Summer Institute in its simulation of the law school experience. Students compete for a place in the program and the chance to study the fundamentals of law, hear lectures by law faculty and practicing attorneys, and prepare for and participate in a mock trial. Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Ronald B. Adrine ’73 was a founding member of the Academy and remains one of its principal advocates. The 2009 Academy begins on June 15 and ends on June 26.

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As a high school student in Cincinnati, Aja Brooks spent every summer working at law firms, making her way, year by year, toward college and the career in law she had imagined for herself since childhood. Later, as an undergraduate student at Miami University of Ohio majoring in philosophy and political science, she met attorney James Johnson, who was working in the Office of the Cincinnati Solicitor. In 1988, Mr. Johnson, founded SWEL, the Summer Work Experience in Law, a multi-faceted program for inner-city youth, who, often against many odds, aspire to a career in law. One of SWEL’s projects is to take high school and college students on a tour of every law school in Ohio. Our law school supports SWEL and hosts SWEL students’ visits to Cleveland-Marshall. Aja Brooks was one of those students who visited our law school and was convinced she belonged here. Today, Aja is a regional officer and member of the Black Law Students Association and a student appointee to the Admissions Committee. Next year she will be President of the law school’s BLSA chapter. For us, she is an example of the strength of a pipeline program to guide minority students into careers in law.
What One Law Firm and One Lawyer Have Done for Our City's Youngsters

Perhaps it is because he was a teacher in his first career. Or perhaps it is because in his second career as a lawyer he takes to heart the obligation of the legal profession to serve the community. Or maybe he's just a good citizen. Whatever the reason, Tucker Ellis & West environmental attorney Carter Strang '84 is doing his part to coax Cleveland high school students through the pipeline into the legal profession, and his firm is right there with him.

In the 2006-07 school year, Mr. Strang, along with two other TEW attorneys, was a volunteer in the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's 3Rs Program. The goal of the program is to teach basic Constitutional Law to every 10th grader in the Cleveland Municipal School District in order to make sure they pass the Social Studies portion of the Ohio Graduation Test. He and his colleagues taught in the Early College program at Cleveland's John Hay High School. Everything and everyone involved in the 3Rs Program impressed him.

The lawyer side of him and the teacher side were reunited, and he became an avid supporter. Last year and again this year, he chaired the CMBA's 3Rs Program, which won the 2008 Ohio State Bar Foundation's Outstanding Program Award.

In his classes, he had been particularly impressed by the John Hay Early College students—so impressed that he approached his colleagues at TEW and urged them to forge a more durable bond with the school and its students. As a result, last year, nine TEW lawyers volunteered in the program, and 18 TEW lawyers coached John Hay's first-ever Mock Trial team. In May 2008, the John Hay team competed against 39 teams from Cleveland and its suburbs to win first place in competition. This year, 31 of the firm's lawyers are 3Rs volunteers.

The firm's bond with the Cleveland city schools does not end with the summer break. For the past two years, the firm has sponsored John Hay students in summer internships in its Cleveland offices and plans to continue the internships in summer 2009.

In April 2008, Robert C. Tucker, one of the firm's founding partners, announced that he was stepping down as the firm's managing partner. The firm said “thank you” to Mr. Tucker by creating a $5000 annual scholarship at our law school for an undergraduate student aspiring to a career in law. The scholarship has one very specific stipulation: The Robert C. Tucker Scholarship will only be awarded to students who graduate from high schools in the Cleveland Municipal School District.

According to Cleveland-Marshall Assistant Dean and Cleveland Municipal School Board member, Louise P. Dempsey, “Tucker Ellis & West has set the gold standard for pipeline programs.” You can see how well the TEW lawyers teaching and the students learning work together by the looks on their faces in the picture below.

News Flash: The John Hay Early College TEW-coached team has won the Mock Trial Championship for the second consecutive year.
The Law School's Community Health Advocacy Law Clinic

For the poor, finding adequate medical care is often complicated by legal problems. But, for Cleveland's low-income citizens, help is on the way. It will come from students enrolled in the law school's new Community Health Advocacy Law Clinic, set to open its doors in the fall of 2009. Professor Pamela Daiker-Middaugh '88, the founder and director of our Pro Bono Program, has developed the CHALC curriculum and will be its director as well. The new clinic's offices and classrooms will share space with the law school's Urban Development Law Clinic and Employment Law Clinic in the renovated ground floor of the law school.

CHALC combines the expertise and talents of three public institutions with strong commitments to community service: our law school, the MetroHealth System and the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. CHALC's mission is to help our most vulnerable citizens resolve legal problems that may place their health and healthcare at risk. Students will join with lawyers, physicians, nurses and social workers in their efforts to resolve problems relating to special education law, public benefits, disability law, housing law, and immigration law. CHALC will also serve men and women returning to the community from jail or prison.

Cleveland-Marshall Law Student Patrick Charles Wins Prestigious Legal Writing Award

Third-year Cleveland-Marshall law student Patrick Charles is the winner of the $10,000 Judge John R. Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing from the John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation in Houston, Texas. His essay, *Bearing Arms in the Ohio Constitution: A Historical and Legal Analysis of Article I Section 4*, was the judges' unanimous choice. In addition to his stipend, Charles's essay will be expanded into a book, *FOUNDING GUNS: THE SECOND AMENDMENT, THE SUPREME COURT AND UNDERSTANDING THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS IN STATE CONSTITUTIONS*, which is forthcoming from McFarland Publishing.

A native of South Bend, Indiana, Patrick served in the U.S. Marines Corp from 1997-2002 as a sergeant in the Marine Security Guard. His undergraduate degree in history and international affairs, with honors, is from George Washington University. *FOUNDING GUNS* is not his first book: It is his third. His first, *WASHINGTON'S DECISION: THE STORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S DECISION TO REACCEPT BLACK ENLISTMENTS IN THE CONTINENTAL ARMY, DECEMBER 31, 1775* was published in 2005 by Booksurge. His second book, which he wrote in his first year of law school, *IRRECONCILABLE GRIEVANCES: THE EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE*, was published this year by Heritage Books.

*Congratulations to Patrick!!!*
Art Matters

During the past two years, the law school has acquired a number of works of art. Many were purchased with funds designated for art in the budget for the building renovations; others were donated as gifts-in-kind by faculty, staff, friends and alumni. One of the new pieces, not yet framed and mounted, is the large 40” by 40” silver gelatin photograph, “West 6th Street,” on the cover of this issue of Law Notes. Ms. Jones has also donated two other large photographs now on display in the clinic area and in the new addition on the front of the law school, outside the Jones Day Conference Room.

An ad hoc art committee proposes acquisitions and submits them to Dean Geoffrey S. Mears for his approval; a University Art Committee must also approve their purchase. The committee follows general guidelines in its proposals. The work should reflect the city of Cleveland or its history; law or legal history. Recent acquisitions include the work of these Cleveland artists: Gloria Plevin, Bonnie Dolin, Bruce McCombs, Kathleen Hammett, Abe Frajndlich, Martin Linsley, Jeff Coryell, Douglas Lucak and the late Viktor Schreckengost. The University recently approved the purchase of a large pastel by CSU Professor of Art George Mauersberger, “Lake Erie: Dreaming of San Carlos I,” now hanging in the new addition, and a signed trial print by Andy Warhol of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis.

Associate Dean Patricia J. Falk heads the committee. Other members include Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey ’81, Professor Brian Glassman, also a member of the University Art Committee, Professor Carole O. Heyward ’93 and student representative Maurice Perdreau ’09. LFM
Three Cleveland-Marshall students spend their winter break volunteering in Israel.
Second-year law student Caryn Gross, first-year student Allison Shapero and I, now on the brink of graduation, were among the law students who spent our winter break in Israel.

To many, Israel has one of two faces. One is the face the media gives Israel: a place of perpetual war, of militarized borders and political conflict. The other is the face of tourism, a land filled with historical and Biblical sites, museums, markets and beaches that, last year, attracted over three million tourists. But on neither face will you see the Darfuran refugees hoping to find asylum and peace, or newly released prisoners struggling to find their place in society, or men, women and children with physical and mental handicaps trying to lead normal lives.

The media may ignore them and they do not make it on any top ten sights to see in Israel, but these refugees are a very real part of Israeli society, and numerous Israeli organizations exist to provide aid, educate the public, lobby for change and advocate on their behalf.

In developing the program, Hillel believed that Jewish graduate students might have the potential to become future leaders in the Jewish community. Hillel planned our trip well. In addition to service work with various organizations, we heard lectures and discussions with Israeli leaders of industry, with policy makers, and other experts. Together, we toured the Israeli Supreme Court and the Knesset. Hillel helped us to gain insight into the country’s social, legal and political landscape.

Law students and MBA students volunteered with one of six non-profit or socially responsible organizations. We did not participate in any of the business students’ programs, though we saw them frequently and had Shabbat together.

Caryn, Allie and I volunteered in two of the programs: Caryn worked for Mesila, an absorption center for refugees from Darfur and other African regions. Allie and I worked with Rashut, Israel’s Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority.

Mesila is an absorption center, but unlike the other absorption centers in Israel that aid those who have made aliya,[2] this center is specifically for young refugees from the war-torn regions of Darfur, Eritrea and the Ivory Coast. There are thousands of refugees, most of them children, who have trekked across Africa and through the Sinai Desert to reach the borders of Israel where they will be welcomed and find political asylum. Of the thousands, approximately 50 teenagers currently reside at the center. A minimal staff attempts to provide basic education, teach life skills, and, if possible, find foster families or even permanent homes for the youngsters.

The city of Jaffa, located on the south side of Tel Aviv, donated a school building, rent-free but in need of renovation. Each day, the volunteers worked side-by-side with these teenagers, helping to paint classrooms, plant gardens and build a soccer field, while simultaneously befriending the teens and listening to stories of their journey and survival.

Volunteers also spent a fun day at the Jerusalem Science Museum with the teens. There, we became acutely aware of how unprepared these young immigrants were to be on their own. And some of us, as we explained elementary scientific properties, realized that the basic education that North Americans often take for granted was never even an option for these young immigrants.

There is a Russian proverb which tells us that you live as long as you are remembered. The generation of survivors will soon be gone, but in sharing their stories with the generations that follow, their memories and the memory of what happened will live on. But there are others who would like to obliterate the memory of their recent history—such as the men at Rashut, the Israeli Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority, where Allie and I worked. Rashut helps former prisoners reintegrate into society. The program begins while the men are still incarcerated. And that is where we and other volunteers began our service: in prison. We visited a minimal security facility to gain a better understanding of how the Israeli prison system works. Here, inmates are responsible for their own meals and laundry. There is an on-site factory, where prisoners may earn minimal wages or they may take classes to learn a skill or trade. But to be considered for an early release, the men must voluntarily meet and work with social workers to prove that once they are freed from prison they will join society as law-abiding citizens.

If granted an early release, prisoners are required to live up to a year in a halfway house where they are supported with psychological services and career services as they plan on rejoining society. Hillel volunteers visited three different halfway houses.

Gittel Chaiko, Allison Shapero, Caryn Gross at the Western Wall
where they met and worked with ex-prisoners and juvenile offenders convicted of drug-related and violent crimes. We painted murals on the dreary walls, were taught how to cook Israeli food, played basketball and soccer and enjoyed other activities. Often they were men who once had wives and children—friends, families and jobs—all to be destroyed by violence and drug abuse.

For many of them, however, the rehabilitation system seems to be working. I spoke at length with one parolee who had been imprisoned for domestic violence. He explained that he had grown up never knowing any other way to express his emotions than with his fists; now he has learned to communicate openly and express himself in a positive way. And though he could not forget his past, he now had a future to look forward to.

Another former prisoner told me how grateful he was to have the opportunity to spend the day with us. He told me it was like a single sunny day among cloudy ones. Rashut had never worked with volunteers in the past, but once they saw what a positive effect it has had, the organization has committed to engaging and working with volunteers to enhance and expand the services it offers.

We also met Attorney Gil Harish, who, with his wife, Sharona, founded the halfway house in 1988. Mr. Harish bought the building in a business deal for less than $500 and then convinced a friend who was refurbishing a hotel to donate the hotel’s old furniture. Mr. Harish’s “business deal” has now grown to three homeless shelters and one halfway house that have helped hundreds of thousands of desperate people over the years. But this is not Mr. Harish’s daytime job. He is a practicing attorney focusing on areas that are anything but social advocacy. His story of being able to balance a career with socially responsible enterprises was inspiring.

In addition to the hands-on volunteering, participants had the opportunity to hear lectures and hold discussions with various organizations such as the Bina Center and Access First.

Volunteers visited the Bina Center, the first and probably only secular yeshiva located in Tel Aviv. The Bina Center’s goal is to create a new Israeli leadership of pluralistic, secular scholars, both men and women, who are versed in traditional Jewish learning from a humanist perspective. Students come from all over the world to study and volunteer alongside Israelis. The Bina Center provides two programs, one focused on Tikkum Olam and the other on Israeli-Arab co-existence. Though similar in their community service mission, the co-existence track focuses on community centers and organizations that promote Arab-Israeli coexistence and understanding with study sessions exploring the background of Israeli-Arab relations and coexistence—all while living in the co-habited city of Jaffa.

We also spent an afternoon with Access First, a non-profit that advocates for those with physical handicaps. Access First says that the biggest problem for those with physical handicaps is accessibility. Volunteers were asked to navigate Bat Yam, a coastal city south of Tel Aviv, in a wheelchair. Ten years ago, Israel passed the initial version of the Equal Rights for People with Disabilities Law and recently signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Representatives of Access First explain the benefits of this legislation will take one or two generations before they filter down to the man on the street, changing society’s attitudes and allowing the disabled public to enjoy mobility.

Somewhere in the midst of backbreaking work and late night lectures and meetings, we were given the opportunity to enjoy Israel’s beauty. We spent Shabbat on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, with the mountains surrounding us and the sparkling sea before us. It was the first time that week that all 120 volunteers had come together as a whole to reflect on what had brought us to Israel from all over the world—from the United States, Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Israel, Russia, Ukraine, and Uruguay. For many, this diversity introduced a powerful sense of Jewish peoplehood into the experience. “One might think that communicating amongst ourselves would be an issue,” said an American participant and Santa Clara University MBA graduate student, “Not for a second - we were the most unified group I have ever been a part of. Our unity stemmed from our roots - our Jewish roots... Knowing that regardless of the various countries that we were from and the different languages we spoke, we are all connected through Judaism.”

It was this sense of connectedness and solidarity that created even a third layer to this trip. When I and many other volunteer decided to go on this trip, “Alternative Break” stood for working with underprivileged communities and non-profit organizations while learning about social justice and advocacy; however, as we waited for our flight to Tel Aviv, Israeli ground troops entered the Gaza Strip. And as the war in Gaza wore on, and missiles began to hit closer and closer, some landing just 15 miles South of Tel Aviv, “Alternative Break” began to stand for something more. It began to stand for true commitment, not just towards social justice, but specifically commitment to Israel and her people. We experienced something that most Israeli citizens learned long ago: that to live in fear is not to live. So, as each of us chose to visit Israel, “alternative” began to mean choice, the choice to fight and advocate for social justice and to stand in solidarity with our fellow humans. And it meant not to choose a life unaffected by what is around and surrounds us.

Gittel Chiako '09 earned her BA from Miami University in International Relations and Russian. She spent a year in Israel, working with non-profits. She wishes to thank Hillel’s Gary Coleman, Regional Director; Allison Peterson, Graduate Director and Nina Ravick, Senior Associate at Hillel International, who organized Alternate Break trip.

1 Deuteronomy 16: 18-20
2 A person of Jewish Descent who immigrates to Israel. Literally meaning “to go up”
3 http://www.bina.org.il/english/proj_yeshiva.htm
4 Traditional yeshivas do not accept yeshiva
5 http://www.aisrael.org/Eng/
Leon M. Plevin
Class of 1957 (1932-2008)

Though Leon Plevin died in October of 2008, even now, it is difficult to imagine him as "the late Leon Plevin." He is still so very present in our school: in the Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Endowed Professorship, in the Nurenberg, Plevin, Heller & McCarthy scholarship and in work carried out daily by the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association. As President of the Alumni Association in 1984-85, he brought new life to the organization and created one of its most valuable resources: the Life Members' Scholarship Fund. Today, a large number of our life members will tell you that they couldn’t leave his office, a restaurant or a meeting with Leon without first promising to become a life member.

He was like that about everything: irresistible in his enthusiasms. And not only our law school but the art community benefited from his passions.

A native of Weirton, West Virginia, and a graduate of the University of West Virginia, he was the first person in his family to go to college. He moved to Cleveland in 1955 to study law at Cleveland-Marshall.

Cleveland was good for him. As a law student, he convinced famed trial attorney Abe Dudnik ’27 to hire him as his clerk, and in Cleveland he met the love of his life, Gloria Rosenthal, whom he married in 1956. After graduation, Mr. Dudnik offered Leon a full-time job at Abe Dudnik & Associates that, over time, became Nurenberg, Plevin, Heller & McCarthy. Leon served as its managing partner for over 35 years. He had a simple work ethic: hard work and long hours. He once told a reporter, “I have always practiced law, I never played tennis, never played golf. I practiced law.”

In 2005, Leon joined with Frank Gallucci III ‘00 to form the Plevin & Gallucci firm. Frank was not just another young and promising lawyer: He was the son of one of Leon’s best friends, the late Frank Gallucci Jr. ’70, and though many years separated the two new law partners, they had the bond of two generations of friendship.

Gloria Plevin is today one of the region’s premier painters and printmakers. She recently told a gathering of friends and graduates at the law school that she would not be the artist she is today had she not had the support and encouragement of her husband. “Leon made my career possible. From the minute I told him I wanted to study art, he was at my side.”

The entire Cleveland art community might well say the same. Leon and Gloria assembled one of the city’s finest collections of regional art for the Nurenberg Plevin firm and built an outstanding collection for their own home and family as well. They mentored and promoted a number of young artists and veteran artists whose work had been overlooked. Leon was a founder and long-time president of the Cleveland Artists Foundation, and, in 2008, the Cleveland Museum of Art named him an honorary trustee.

At the law school, we are grateful to have been one of Leon Plevin’s abiding enthusiasms.
Alumni Happenings

1970
Hon. Ted Klammer received the Independent Living Award for Local Government by The Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.

1974
Dennis Eckart joined the Lake-Geauga Fund Advisory Committee of the Cleveland Foundation. Mr. Eckart heads the consulting firm of North Shore Associates.

1975
James Aussem joined the Cleveland law firm of Cavitch Familo Durkin & Fruktin as a partner. He was also elected Vice President of the Cleveland Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals, a multidisciplinary network of credentialed financial professionals committed to continuing education and a rigorous code of ethics.

1977
Kevin Irwin, a partner with Keating Muething & Klekamp in Cincinnati, was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc., in the area of bankruptcy. Mr. Irwin’s practice is focused on the representation of parties in large mass tort bankruptcy proceedings.

1979
Peter Brodhead, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

1980
Mary Balazs was named a partner in the Cleveland firm of Cowden & Humphrey. Ms. Balazs has over 25 years of experience in all aspects of labor, employment and workplace law.

1981
Woodrow Ban was elected secretary of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel-America.

Robert Poklar joined the Cleveland firm of Schneider Smeltz Rankey & LaFond as of counsel. Mr. Poklar focuses his practice on business and consumer defense litigation and on acquisitions and divestitures.

1984
Brian Hagan is a judge of the Rocky River Municipal Court.

1978
Thomas Colaluca was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress. His practice focuses on labor, employment, business, and environmental law and complex litigation, with special emphasis on traditional labor representation involving union matters and collective bargaining in both the private and public sectors.

1980
Susan Gragel announced the opening of her new practice, Golstein Gragel, which represents labor unions, employee benefit trusts, families and individuals.

William Hawal, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

1981
Woodrow Ban was elected secretary of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel-America.

Former Common Pleas Judge Kenneth Callahan joined the Cleveland office of Buckley King as a partner in the Advocacy & Litigation Group, where he will specialize in white collar criminal defense, business litigation and mediation.

Brian Hagan is a judge of the Rocky River Municipal Court.
Dennis Lansdowne, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc., and was named one of the Top 50 Cleveland, Ohio Super Lawyers by Northern Ohio Live magazine.

Thomas Peterson is an attorney with Merchant & Gould in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Peterson counsels clients in a wide range of intellectual property law matters, including patent and trademark prosecution, litigation, unfair competition, licensing and related antitrust and trade matters.

P. Kelly Tompkins, executive vice president and chief administrative officer of RPM International, assumed the additional duties of chief financial officer. As chief financial officer, Mr. Tompkins has responsibility for all of RPM’s financial, legal and communication functions, including investor relations.

1982
Karen Lawson is a judge in the Juvenile Division of Lake County’s Court of Common Pleas.

Ronald Margolis joined the Cleveland firm of Becker & Mishkind, where the focus of his trial practice is representing the plaintiff in medical malpractice, wrongful death, catastrophic injury and consumer fraud class action cases.

Suzanne Nigro announced the opening of her new law office in Cleveland Heights where her practice is focused on employment discrimination and employee rights.

Diana Thimmig, a partner in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress, was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

1983
John Habat became the Public Policy Director for The Center for Community Solutions, where he directs the activities of the Public Policy and Advocacy team. The team is responsible for fulfilling Community Solutions’ role as one of Ohio’s leading advocates for sound tax, education, health, and social service policies.

1984
Georgia Froelich is the Senior Vice President and Senior Relations Manager for Sterling Trust.

John Moran was named to the board of directors and elected treasurer of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel-America.

Carter Strang, a partner with Tucker Ellis & West in Cleveland, is President-Elect of the Northern District of Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, which advances the science of jurisprudence and promotes the welfare, interests, education and professional growth and development of the members of the Federal legal profession. Mr. Strang is also serving his second year as Chair of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association’s 3Rs Committee, and is coordinator of TFW’s “pipeline initiatives,” which focuses on increasing the number of minorities practicing law.

1986
Jonathan Cooper, a partner with Tucker Ellis & West in Cleveland, was elected a member of the Alliance for the Great Lakes Board of Trustees. The Alliance works to conserve and restore the world’s largest freshwater resource through policy, education and local efforts aimed at preserving the Great Lakes region as a national treasure. Mr. Cooper’s practice focuses on the defense of product manufacturers including the national and regional defense of manufacturers of material handling, automation, and electrical products.

Robert Hanna was elected to the board of directors of the Women’s Center of Greater Cleveland. Mr. Hanna is a partner with the law firm of Tucker Ellis & West.

Charles Pona was elected a returning member of the Management Committee of Welman, Weinberg & Reis. Mr. Pona is a partner in the firm’s Brooklyn Heights office.

1987
Timothy Trainer spoke at the USPTO/APEC Supply Chain Integrity Conference in Hong Kong in January, and spoke on the issue of global product counterfeiting at the World Retail Congress in Barcelona in April. Mr. Trainer also conducted a two-week assessment of Ethiopia’s intellectual property system in Addis Ababa on behalf of the World Bank and conducted a series of intellectual property enforcement workshops in October in Kazakhstan for various government agency officials as the country works toward access into the World Trade Organization. Mr. Trainer is president of the Global Intellectual Property Strategy Center in Washington, D.C.

1988
Douglas Leak, a partner in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress, was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Beth Rosenbaum joined the Cleveland office of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff as Of Counsel in the firm’s Health Care Practice Group. Ms. Rosenbaum focuses her practice on health care matters, including assisting clients in
licensure and certification, state and federal regulatory compliance and commercial business transactions.

1989
Lawrence English was promoted to deputy director of law for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Timothy Fitzgerald was selected a Fellow of the Litigation Council of America, an invitation-only trial lawyer honor society established to reflect the new face of the American bar. Mr. Fitzgerald is the Appellate Practice Group Manager and a partner at Gallagher Sharp in Cleveland.

1991
Daniel Levin of Associated Talent Management will coordinate the production and distribution of a reality competition show being developed by Billboard and Fluid Music called “Billboard Next.”

1992
Laura Faust, a partner in the Akron office of Roetzel & Andress, was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Tamara O’Brien was elected to serve as a member of the Ohio Board of Education, representing Summit, Portage, Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties. Ms. O’Brien is a partner with Roderick Linton Belfance in Akron.

1993
Peter Shelton, a partner and China Group Co-Chair with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff, relocated from Cleveland to the Peoples Republic of China to continue his practice in the firm’s Shanghai office. Mr. Shelton works with clients making investments in China by way of acquisitions, joint ventures and building greenfield operations. He also assists clients with matters pertaining to doing business in China and working with Chinese suppliers and customers.

Andrew J. Dorman joined Reminger Co. as a partner in the firm’s Cleveland office. Mr. Dorman’s legal practice will include a wide range of civil defense litigation primarily focused on professional liability defense.

David Gunning, a partner in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress, was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Michael Haas joined the Cleveland office of Jones Day as a partner. Mr. Haas has worked on a wide range of real estate equity ventures and debt financings in all asset categories. He also counsels clients on real estate acquisitions and dispositions, commercial and retail leasing, and office and industrial transactions, and advises on organizational and regulatory issues regarding venture capital funds, hedge funds, and funds of funds.

Andrew Kabat joined Haber Polk as an equity partner. Mr. Kabat has spent 13 years focusing solely on trial work, handling almost every specialty area involving professionals, commercial litigation, employment litigation, and intellectual property matters.

Jon Oebker joined Tucker Ellis & West as counsel in the firm’s trial department. Mr. Oebker focuses his practice on appellate and issues.

Michael Spisak joined the Cleveland law firm of Walter & Haverfield as a partner and member of the workers’ compensation defense group. Mr. Spisak focuses his practice in the areas of workers’ compensation, business litigation and employment law.

1994

1995
Cynthia Binns was named to the board of directors of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel-America.

Joseph Crimaldi was named partner in the Akron office of Roetzel & Andress. Mr. Crimaldi focuses his practice on the area of intellectual property.

Benita Pearson is a United States Magistrate Judge of the Northern District of Ohio in Akron.

1996

Kelly Adelman was named a partner in the Cleveland firm of Fanger & Adelman. Ms. Adelman practices extensively in the areas of estate planning, probate, real estate, business representation and contracts. She also handles business formation, non-profit representation, corporate litigation, intellectual property, and personal injury issues.

Donna Andrew was named a Member at Pepple and Waggoner in Cleveland.
Christine Faranda was named an assistant vice president in the Avon office of Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista. Ms. Faranda focuses her practice on employment law and workers’ compensation, and litigation.

Mamie Mitchell was appointed to Cleveland City Council, Ward 6. As councilwoman, she has been appointed to Council’s Aviation and Transportation Committee, its Health and Human Services Committee and its Public Safety Committee.

Joseph Simms was promoted to the position Of Counsel at the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne, where he focuses his practice on complex business and commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

Jennifer Stueber is an associate with Tucker Ellis & West in Cleveland. Ms. Stueber focuses her practice in the areas of real estate lending and business transactions, rental and leasing services, and corporate law.

Thompson Hine elected Robin Wilson to the firm’s partnership. Ms. Wilson is a member of the Business Litigation and Real Estate practice groups in the Cleveland office and focuses her practice on business and commercial contract disputes, governmental land use matters including eminent domain and zoning, and real estate-based litigation.

Ronald Yingling was elected a member of the Cleveland firm of Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper. His principal practice areas include business, employment, product liability and professional liability litigation.

1997

Leslye Huff was appointed to the HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) State Plan Committee to revise and update the State of Ohio’s required compliance with the Federal Act. Also, the Ohio Democratic Executive Committee elected Ms. Huff to be an at-large Delegate to the National Democratic Convention that was held in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Huff is a sole practitioner in Cleveland.

Susan Petersen was named to the 2008 Class of “Forty under 40” by Crain’s Cleveland Business Magazine. In November, Ms. Petersen was selected as one of eight female lawyers from across the country to be a guest on the American Airlines Radio Network and Sky Radio Network’s “Salute to Women in Leadership” Show, which was spotlighted in the November 10, 2008, edition of Time Magazine. Ms. Petersen is Of Counsel to Petersen & Ibold in Geauga County, where she focuses her practice in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, automobile crashes, nursing home negligence, product liability, and employment discrimination.

1998

Geraldine Butler, was named a 2009 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Joseph Rodgers was named a principal in the Cleveland office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. Mr. Rodgers’s practice is focused on general corporate and commercial litigation and related advocacy matters.

Heidi Brauer Ruchala was named a partner at Damon & Morey in Buffalo, New York. Ms. Ruchala devotes a substantial portion of her practice to the defense of personal injury, products liability, toxic substance, sports and recreation liability and trucking litigation in both state and federal courts.

2000

Matthew Cox was named Counsel in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West in the firm’s Cleveland office. Mr. Cox is a member of the firm’s business department, where he focuses primarily on real estate, administrative and public law, and legislative and executive lobbying.

Thompson Hine elected Gregory Gawlik to the firm’s partnership. Mr. Gawlik is a member of the tax practice group in the Cleveland office and focuses his practice on federal and state tax controversies.

Jennifer Mingus Mountcastle, a member of the Product Liability Litigation and Business Litigation practice groups in the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine, was elected to the firm’s partnership. Ms. Mountcastle regularly appears in trial and appellate courts and has extensive experience defending manufacturers and distributors of commercial and consumer products against claims of injury to persons and property. Ms. Mountcastle also welcomed her second daughter, Colette Catherine, in October.

Gary Norman was accepted as a Member of the Fulbright Scholar, Senior Specialist, Candidate Roster. This spring he will also be inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame of Brunswick High School and will receive the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Wright State University.

Jon Pinney was named a hiring partner in the Cleveland office of Kohrman, Jackson & Krantz, where he represents corporations, government entities, foundations, franchises, and non-profit entities.
**Alumni Happenings**

**Eric Weiss** is an associate with the Cleveland firm of Cavitch, Familo, Durkin & Frutkin and practices in the areas of employment, securities, real estate and zoning, professional liability, financial institutions and corporate law.

**Mari Zacharyasz** joined Roetzel & Andress as an associate in the Employment Practice Group, School Law division in Akron.

**2001**

**Kelly Burgan** was named a partner at Baker Hostetler in Cleveland. Ms. Burgan is a member of the Business Group and concentrates her practice in bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors’ rights.

**Nicholas DiCello**, an associate in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Libor, was named a 2009 Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

**Thomas Green** was named a shareholder in Kastner Westman & Wilkins in Hudson, where he represents and advises both public and private sector employers in all aspects of workplace law, defends employers in employment-related litigation and administrative agency proceedings, and represents employers in collective bargaining negotiations with labor organizations.

**Chad A. Hester** is an associate with Tiffany & Bosco in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Roman A. Kostenko** is an associate in the Phoenix, Arizona, office of Cheifetz Iannitelli Marcolini.

**Beth Judge** is Principal of The Judge Law Firm, with offices in Cleveland and Akron, where her practice is focused on medical malpractice litigation, birth injury, catastrophic injury, wrongful death and nursing home litigation. Ms. Judge is also Of Counsel to Djordjevic, Casey & Marmaros Co.

**Una Lauricia** was named a partner at the intellectual property law firm of Pearne & Gordon.

**Caitlin Magner** is pleased to announce the birth of Beau Oliver Magner, born in June 2008.

**Weldon Rice** and his wife, Joy are the proud parents of Alexis Katherine Rice born in February.

**Tracy Turoff**, an associate in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress, was named a 2009 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

**Jane Warner** is an associate with Tucker Ellis & West in Cleveland. Ms. Warner has extensive experience defending doctors, nurses and long-term care hospitals, participating in general litigation, negotiation, and settlement matters for malpractice suits. She also studies how tort reform statutes are applied to malpractice laws, hoping to improve the quality of medical service for providers and patients alike in the long-term.

**2003**

**Bradley Barmen** joined Haber Polk as an associate. His practice includes representing clients in complex commercial, labor and employment, and real estate litigation.

**Amy Baughman** is an attorney with Joseph W. Diemert & Associates in Mayfield Heights.

**Gina Bevack** is an associate with Ziegler, Metzger & Miller. Her practice areas include estate planning, probate and trust administration, and guardianships.

**Brian Block** was named a partner in the Cleveland firm of Javitch Block & Rathbone. Mr. Block is an attorney manager of the firm’s retail client relationship management department.

**Amy DeLuca** joined Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista as an associate in the firm’s Litigation Department. Ms. DeLuca specializes in labor and employment relations, as well as commercial litigation.

**Gregg Peugeot** was recognized for the second time as a Rising Star in the area of medical malpractice defense by Ohio Super Lawyers. Mr. Peugeot is a member of the law firm of Hanna, Campbell and Powell in Akron, where his practice focuses primarily on the defense of doctors and hospitals throughout the state of Ohio. He also defends products liability and general personal injury cases.

**Steven Solomon** was named a partner at the intellectual property law firm of Pearne & Gordon.

**John Yirga** was named a partner at the patent boutique firm of Tarolli, Sundheim, Covell & Tummino. Mr. Yirga focuses his practice in the areas of intellectual property, patent, copyright, and trademark law.

**2004**

**Cynthia Bayer**, an associate in the Akron office of Roetzel & Andress, was named a 2009 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

**Alicia Hathcock** was named a partner in the law firm of Lesiak, Hensal & Haicock, in Medina, where her practice focuses on estate planning and probate, guardianship, and civil litigation. Ms. Hathcock is also vice president of the Medina County Bar Association.
Alumni Happenings

2005

Joseph DiGiorgio became an associate at Weltman, Weinberg & Reis in the collection services department in Grove City.

Nobuhiko Sukenaga is an associate at the intellectual property law firm of Pearne & Gordon.

2006

Kevin Burns joined Tucker Ellis & West as an associate in the Cleveland office. Mr. Burns is a member of the firm’s business department, where he focuses on employee benefits and executive compensation matters.

Kelly A. Hedberg is an associate with the Phoenix, Arizona, firm of Rai & Barone.

Milan Kubat joined Weltman, Weinberg & Reis as an associate in the bankruptcy department of the firm’s Brooklyn Heights office.

Norman Schroth was hired in the criminal division of the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office.

2007

Halli Brownfield is an associate with Subash, Wildermuth & Dinkler in Dayton.

Nada Faddoul joined the Akron law firm of Stark & Knoll in the litigation and employment department, where she will focus on business litigation, immigration issues and counseling clients on employment matters.

Scott Kuboff is an attorney with Goldberg & Murner in Cleveland.

Jessica Kunevicius opened her own firm in Denver, Colorado, where she practices immigration and nationality law.

Risto Prihbitsch joined the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne where he focuses his practice on the preparation and prosecution of domestic and international patents in the mechanical, electromechanical, polymer and software arts.

2008

Kesha Cristoph is an associate with McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman in Cleveland. Her practice areas include real estate, banking and business law.

Andrej Cuturic joined Brouse McDowell’s Cleveland office as an associate focusing in the area of environmental law.

Christopher Demas is an associate at the intellectual property law firm of Pearne & Gordon.

Catherine Donnelly is an associate with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, where her practice focuses on public finance matters.

William Ferry is engaged in the general practice of law, serving the west shore suburbs of Cleveland and Lorain County.

Christine Flanagan joined the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress as an associate. Ms. Flanagan’s practices in the area of intellectual property, with an emphasis on software/information technology.

Edward Gecovich joined the Cleveland office of Tucker, Ellis & West as an associate and member of the firm’s business department. Mr. Gecovich’s practice concentrates on intellectual property, with an emphasis on patent prosecution.

Mark Guidetti is working in the Mayfield Heights law offices of Joseph W. Diemert and Associates.

Leslie J. Hines joined Hahn Loeser & Parks in Cleveland as an associate in the litigation department.

Susan Hughes joined the Cleveland office of Baker Hostetler as an associate.

Margan Keramati joined the Cleveland firm of Mannion & Gray as an associate, where she will concentrate her practice in general liability and employment law litigation.
Bozana Lazic is an associate with Roetzel & Andress in Cleveland. Ms. Lazic's practice is focused in the area of environmental, health and safety law.

Drew Legando is an associate with Landskroner Grieco Madden in Cleveland.

Katheryn McFadden is an associate with Gallagher Sharp and a member of the firm's professional liability and appellate practice groups.

Molly McNally is an associate with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey where she practices corporate law.

Alexis Osburn joined the Cleveland office of Baker Hostetler as an associate.

Fred Papalardo joined the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., practicing in the areas of construction liability, trucking and transportation litigation, commercial litigation, general liability and real estate law.

Jessica Simon is an associate with McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman in Cleveland.

Benjamin Wiborg joined the Cleveland law firm of Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy as an associate, where his practice is concentrated on workers' compensation cases.

Did you know:
Edward Kramer, Cleveland-Marshall Adjunct Professor of Law and Director of the Fair Housing Law Clinic, was selected to receive the Leonard Weinglass “Defense of Civil Liberties” award by the American Association for Justice, formerly known as the American Trial Lawyers Association. The award is intended to honor outstanding lawyers who actively demonstrate a commitment to defending and advancing civil rights for all citizens.

Did you know:
Students this year voted Professor Kevin F. O'Neill the Best Professor of the Year and voted Library Media Technical Assistant Jessica Matthewson the Best Administrator of the Year. Professor O'Neill has received the faculty award eight times, and Ms. Matthewson has received the administrative five times!

Cleveland-Marshall students will launch the law school’s third academic journal in 2010: THE GLOBAL BUSINESS LAW REVIEW will hold its inaugural symposium in October. The symposium will focus on issues related to International Business Finance in the Current Financial Market.

Reginald Russell ’10 is the new publication’s editor-in-chief, Justin Zucker ’10 is the publications editor, Charles Prihoda ’10 is the business and blog editor, and Andrew Trout ’10 is the symposium editor. Professors Milena Ste- rino and Mark Sundahl are the new journal’s advisors.

Did You Know about Our Nationally Acclaimed Pro Bono Program?
The November issue of The National Jurist listed Cleveland-Marshall among the “Best Public Interest Law Schools in the Country.”

OBITUARIES
Donald Pritchard ’49
Wayne Duff ’51
Edward Hawkins ’54
William Sweeney ’54
Marvin Hersch ’54
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Richard Fink ’57
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Peter Garson ’65
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Karen Ondrick ’82
Louis Adelstein ’86
Norman Ganz ’87
Charles Lattanz ’93
Richard Zielinski ’95
Ashlee McLaughlin ’06
Victor Nolan ’06
David Barnhizer
Professor Emeritus of Law
- published The “Delicately Constituted Fiction” of the Rule of Law in RULE OF LAW IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM: CHANGING SCENARIO (K. Padma, ed. 2008);
- forthcoming: MYTH, MAGIC AND MYSTERY: THE HIDDEN ORDER OF THE RULE OF LAW, (coauthored with his son Professor David Barnhizer, Michigan State University College of Law), Vandeplas Publishing.

Susan J. Becker
The Charles R. Emrick Jr.-Caféee Halter & Griswold Professor of Law
- completed her sixth and final year of service on the Ohio Supreme Court’s Commission on Rules of Practice and Procedure on December 31, 2009. During the last three years on the Commission Professor Becker chaired the Civil Rules Committee which initiated numerous amendments to the civil rules including extensive revisions to the discovery rules to accommodate discovery of electronically stored data and information. Prior to her work on the Rules Commission Professor Becker spent three years as an Advisory Council Member of the Ohio Supreme Court’s Futures Commission.

Michael Borden
Assistant Professor of Law
- spoke on “The Promissory Character of Adequate Assurances of Performance” at the Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop at the University of Dayton School of Law (June 2008).

Phyllis L. Crocker
Associate Dean and Professor of Law
- is co-author of the new edition of KATZ & GIANNELLI, CRIMINAL LAW (2d ed. 2009), which is part of Baldwin’s Ohio Practice Series. Dean Crocker’s co-authors are CWRU Law Professors Lewis Katz, Paul Giannelli, and Judith Lipton;
- spoke on “Fairness and the Ohio Death Penalty” at the City Club of Cleveland;
- appointed a Regional Member of the Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel for the Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court, February 2009.

Dena S. Davis
Professor of Law
- published Religion, Genetics, and Sexual Orientation: The Jewish Tradition in KENNEDY INSTITUTE OF ETHICS JOURNAL (2008);
- published The Parental Investment Factor and the Child’s Right to an Open Future in the HASTINGS CENTER REPORT, March-April 2009;
- forthcoming: GENETIC DILEMMAS: REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY, PARENTAL CHOICES AND CHILDREN’S FUTURES, Oxford University Press;
- forthcoming: HOW GENES TELL STORIES, Oxford University Press;
- spoke on “Ethical Issues in Interpretation of Genetic Risk: Perspectives of a REVEAL Participant,” “Changing Issues in ‘Misattributed Paternity,’” and “Collective Rights and Individual Autonomy” at Case Western Reserve University;
- spoke on “Rational Suicide and Genetic Testing for Diseases of Dementia” at the Fifth International Symposium of the Definition of Death Network, in Varadero Beach, Cuba, (May 2008);
- spoke on “Male and Female Genital Alteration,” Law and Society Association, Montreal Canada (May 2008);
- organized and participated in a panel on a recent Oregon Supreme Court custody case involving circumcision of a 12-year-old boy and co-presented a paper entitled “Common Ground on Stem Cell Research” the 10th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities in Cleveland in October;
- joined the Central Institutional Review Board of the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

Kathleen C. Engel
The Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Professor of Law
- published The Impact of Predatory Lending Laws: Policy Implications and Insights (with R. Bostic, P. McCoy, A. Pennington-Cross, S. Wachter) in BORROWING TO LIVE: CONSUMER AND MORTGAGE CREDIT VISITED (Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University and Brookings Institution Press) (2008);
- published From Credit Denial to Predatory Lending: the Challenge of Sustainable Minority Homeownership (with P. McCoy) in SEGREGATION: THE RISING COSTS FOR AMERICA (Routledge) (2008);
- forthcoming: THE FORECLOSURE VIRUS (with Connecticut University Professor of Law Patricia A. McCoy), Oxford University Press;
- commented on “MOODY and POOR: The Rating Agencies and the Subprime Fiasco,” Case Western Reserve University Center for Policy Studies, (September 2008);
- spoke on “Insult and Injury: Race and Subprime Lending,” at the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Boston University (September 2008);
- commented on “Mortgaging Retirement: a Preliminary Analysis of the Role of Homeowner Race in Reverse Mortgage Transactions” Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Boston University (September 2008);
- spoke on “The Impact of State Anti-Predatory Lending Laws: Policy Implications and Insights” at the Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell University (September 2008);
- spoke on “The Origins of the Subprime Market and Crisis” at the NACA 2008
Mortgage Lending Litigation Conference in Cleveland (September 2008);

• spoke on “When Regulation Fails: Municipal and State Actions against the Financial Services Industry” at the 18th Annual Fair Lending Conference in Cleveland (November 2008);

• spoke on “Liability at the Top of the Subprime Lending Food Chain” at Hofstra Law School (December 2008);

• spoke on “The Impact of State Anti-Predatory Lending Laws: Policy Implications and Insights” at Suffolk University Law School (January 2009);

• was quoted in the September 21 issue of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE in an article by David Greising, “Greenspan’s Folly: The former Fed chief’s culpability in Wall Street’s woes”;

• was quoted in an article by Michael Hirsh in the September 17 issue of NEWSWEEK, “Greenspan’s Folly: The former Fed chief’s culpability in Wall Street’s woes”;

• was quoted in an article by Debra Cassens Weiss, in the September 2008 issue of the ABA JOURNAL, “A Lesson Unlearned: Sixteen Years after Watershed Case, Lawyers May Yet be Subprime Targets.”

Patricia J. Falk
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

• is completing a three-year term as Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Student Achievement and will resume her full-time teaching and writing responsibilities in the fall of 2009.

David Forte
Professor of Law

• received Cleveland State University’s Award for Excellence in Teaching during the University’s October 2008 convocation ceremony;

• appointed Senior Visiting Fellow at the Witherspoon Institute’s Center on Religion and the Constitution, in Princeton, New Jersey


• appointed to the Ohio State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights;

• provided expert testimony on religious persecution in support of a Petition for Political Asylum in Ohio in the Federal Immigration Court in Cleveland in July;

• spoke on “The Ten Commandments and the Constitution” at the University of Missouri School of Law (October 1, 2008);

• spoke on “Islam and Democracy” at the St. Louis University Law School (October 1, 2008);

• spoke on “Interpreting the Constitution: The Founders and Today” during a conference on The Presidency and the Courts, co-sponsored by The Cincinnati Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society and The Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland University.

Stephen W. Gard
Professor of Law

• published Bearing False Witness: Perjured Affidavits and the Fourth Amendment in SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (2008).

Deborah A. Geier
Professor of Law

• published Loose Appreciation of Depreciation Doctrine in Volume 20 of TAX NOTES (2008);

• published a letter to the editor in the WALL STREET JOURNAL, “The Complexities of Indexing Gains” (September 12, 2008).

Sheldon Gelman
The Joseph C. Hostetler-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law

• received Cleveland State University’s highest award for Public Service in acknowledgment of his contributions to the University during two terms as President of the CSU Faculty Senate.

Matthew Green
Assistant Professor

• described his research on the constitutionality of historically black colleges and universities under United States v. Fordice during the 13th Annual LatCrit Conference at the Seattle University School of Law (October 2008).

Carole O. Heyward
Clinical Professor of Law

• published Hope for Homeowners: Too Little, Too Late in THE JOURNAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAW (Fall 2008);

• spoke on “Ask the Experts: Tools for Community Development” on a panel at the Ohio Planning Conference in November.

S. Candice Hoke
Associate Professor of Law

• published Voting and Registration Technology Issues: Lessons from 2008 in the Supplement to AMERICA VOTES! A GUIDE TO MODERN ELECTION LAW AND VOTING RIGHTS 2008 (with David Jefferson) in B. E. Griffith, ed. (2008);

• published an op-ed in the CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, “Recouping AIG bonuses: avenues for proactive public protection” (March 22, 2009).

• reappointed to the Advisory Commission of the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Election Law;

• spoke on “Trustworthy Elections? The Way Forward” at the Chautauqua Institution (July 2008);

• spoke on “Technical Monitoring of Elections” at the Electronic Voting Technology workshop/conference, in San Jose, California (August 2008);

• spoke on “Voting Technology Litigation” to a panel on “The Devolution of Voting Technology,” sponsored by the Adminis-
Associate Professor of Law

• spoke on “Voting Technology Regulation and Litigation” at a meeting of the ABA Section on State & Local Government Law (September 2008);
• spoke on “Lawyers’ Roles in Elections” at the COGEL (Council on Government Ethics Laws) Annual meeting in Chicago (December 2008);
• testified before the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, in Washington, DC, on “Tracking Voting System Performance” and submitted written testimony that is published on the EAC website;
• contributed to a panel on “Voting Technology, the Statewide Voter Registration Database, and Auditing Elections” during the Ohio Secretary of State’s Election Summit (December 2008);
• testified before the Ohio House Committee on State Government and Elections regarding pending SB 380 (December 2008);
• appeared throughout November on several local and national media speaking on various aspects of the Presidential election.

Lolita Buckner Inniss
Associate Professor of Law

• published Back to the Future: Is Form-Based Code an Efficacious Tool for Shaping Modern Civic Life? in the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law & Social Change (2007-2008);
• spoke on “The Façade of New Urbanism and the Form-Based Code” at the Property Rights Foundation of America’s 12th Annual National Conference on Private Property Rights, Albany, New York (October 2008);
• spoke on “Under Surveillance: Black Women in Leadership and Panoptic Power Regimes” during a meeting of the Section on Women in Legal Education during the AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (January 2009).

W. Dennis Keating
Levin College of Urban Affairs Professor and Distinguished Scholar Cleveland-Marshall Professor of Law and Urban Studies

• co-authored Greater Cleveland’s First Suburbs Consortium: Fighting Sprawl and Suburban Decline, Housing Policy Debate (November 2008);
• reviewed two books for Urban Affairs Review (2009); Robert Clifton Weaver and the American City: The Life and Times of an Urban Reformer by Wendell Pritchett (2008) and Segregation: The Rising Costs for America (J. H. Carr, N. K. Kutty, eds.) (2008), which includes a chapter coauthored by Professor Kathleen C. Engel;
• published The Irish in the Civil War in the Charger (Fall 2008);
• presented “Inclusionary Housing and Housing Trust Funds” at the Joint Congress of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and the Association of European Schools of Planning in Chicago (July 2008);
• participated in the World Forum of the International Sociological Association as President of its Research Council on Housing and the Built Environment in Barcelona, Spain (September 2008).

Sandra Kerber
Legal Writing Professor of Law

• attended a Lexis/Nexis Legal Research and Writing Summit held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, at the Inn of the Anasazi (May 2008).

Arthur Landever
Professor Emeritus of Law

• facilitated a “Great Stories and the Law” program on “National Security and Terrorism” (November 2008), a series he founded at the law school, which uses fiction as a fulcrum for a discussion of legal issues.

Stephen R. Lazarus
Professor of Law

• appointed by Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer to chair the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Commission on Professionalism for the year 2009;
• moderated a panel discussion on Mentor Orientation in the Ohio Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program at the Justice Center in Cleveland.

Browne Lewis
Assistant Professor of Law


Kermit Lind
Clinical Professor of Law

• published The Perfect Storm: An Eyewitness Report from Ground Zero in Cleveland’s Neighborhoods, ABA’s Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development (2008);
• chaired a panel discussion on “Code Enforcement Initiatives in a Time of Mortgage Disaster?” at the Ohio Vacant Properties Forum II in Columbus;
• spoke on “Policies and Programs to Deal with Abandoned Housing in the Mortgage Crisis” at the Ohio Housing Finance Agency and the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing conference in Columbus, Ohio (October 2008);
• spoke on “Policy Responses to the Mortgage Disaster in Ohio” at the opening plenary session of the National Conference of State Legislatures Professional Development Conference, Columbus, Ohio, (September 11, 2008);
• participated in a roundtable discussion of the federal foreclosure response in Washington, DC, at the Metropolitan Policy Program, the Brookings Institution (December 2008);
organized the inaugural meeting of The Cleveland Roundtable on Housing and Community Development Law at the law school (September 12, 2008);  
was interviewed by New York Times reporter Susan Saulny for an article on the houses abandoned by their owners and by the banks that hold their mortgages “In Foreclosures, a Rise in Banks Walking Away” (March 30, 2009).

**Kevin F. O’Neill**  
**Associate Professor of Law**  
- published four articles in the two-volume ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT (Congressional Quarterly Press): Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions; Viewpoint Discrimination; Prisons; and True Threats;
- published Occupiers of 51 Olivia Road v. City of Johannesburg: Enforcing the Right to Adequate Housing through “Engagement in the HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW (2008);
- spoke on “Understanding Engagement as a Mechanism for Enforcing Socioeconomic Rights” at the South Africa Reading Group at New York Law School;
- spoke on “Extending the Shadow of the Law Using Hybrid Mechanisms to Develop Constitutional Norms in Socioeconomic Rights Cases” at the New Voices in Human Rights panel during the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in San Diego (January 2009);
- spoke on “A Tale of Two Countries: Constitutions, Social Change and the Story of South Africa’s Civil Union Act” at The Global Arc of Justice: Sexual Orientation Law Around the World Conference at the UCLA School of Law’s Williams Institute (March 2009);
- spoke on “Current Issues in Socioeconomic Rights” as part of a panel on Comparative Approaches to Human Rights at the University of Stellenbosch Faculty of Law in Stellenbosch, South Africa (March 2009);
- was appointed an external referee on a law-related study for The Lancet.

**Brian Ray**  
**Assistant Professor of Law**  
- published Occupiers of 51 Olivia Road v. City of Johannesburg: Enforcing the Right to Adequate Housing through “Engagement in the HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW (2008);
- spoke on “Understanding Engagement as a Mechanism for Enforcing Socioeconomic Rights” at the South Africa Reading Group at New York Law School;
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- was appointed an external referee on a law-related study for The Lancet.

**Heidi Gorovitz Robertson**  
**Associate Professor of Law and Urban Studies**  
- spoke on “Public Access to Private Land: England’s CROW Act, Swe-
Alan Miles Ruben
Professor of Law Emeritus
- published the Supplement to Elkouri and Elkouri How Arbitration Works (sixth edition 2003). Professor Ruben in Editor-in-Chief of this volume considered an indispensable classic in its field.

Christopher Sagers
Associate Professor of Law
forthcoming: “Rarely Tried, and... Rarely Successful”: Theoretically Impossible
- Price Predation Among the Airlines in the JOURNAL OF AIR LAW & COMMERCE;
- forthcoming: Faith Based Financial Regulation: A Primer on Oversight of Credit Rating Organizations in the ADMINISTRATIVE LAW REVIEW (with T. Fitzpatrick) (2009);
- spoke on “Rules, Standards, and De Facto Immunity in Antitrust” at the Loyola Chicago Antitrust Colloquium in April;
- spoke on “Faith Based Financial Regulation: A Primer on Oversight of the Credit Rating Agencies” at the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting in Denver in May.

Lloyd Snyder
Professor of Law
- published Where to Get Answers to a Question about Legal Ethics in THE CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR JOURNAL (SEPTEMBER 2008).
- forthcoming: Remedies and the Supreme Court’s October 2007 Term in the CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR JOURNAL (September 2008);
- published the 2008-09 SUPPLEMENT FOR his treatise, SECTION 1983 LITIGATION IN STATE COURTS (Thompson West 2008);
- serves as Of Counsel with several other law professors on an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court in Haywood v. Drown.

Steven H. Steinglass
Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law
- published the Supplement to Elkouri and Elkouri How ARBITRATION WORKS, Third Conference in February and May;
- spoke on “Environmental Inconsistency and Resulting Environmental Injustice in the U.S.: Approaches Beyond Bush” at the Nordic Environmental Law, Governance, and Science Network Workshop at the University of Oslo, Norway in April 2009.

Milena Sterio
Assistant Professor of Law

Mark Sundahl
Associate Professor of Law
- coauthored the 2008 update to SECURED TRANSACTIONS IN CALIFORNIA UNDER REVISED ARTICLE 9 OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE;
- published THE LIVING CONSTITUTION OF ANCIENT ATHENS: A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE ON THE ORIGINALISM DEBATE, THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW (2008);
- forthcoming: Rescuing Space Tourists and Returning Private Spacecraft in THE JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW;
- appointed editor of the GLOBAL ACTION NEWSLETTER, a publication of the International Law Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

Alan Weinstein
Associate Professor of Law and Urban Studies
- published FEDERAL LAND USE LAW & LITIGATION (with B. Baesser), (Thomson/Reuters-West, 2009);
- published THE SUBPRIME MORTGAGE CRISIS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE CHALLENGES in MUNICIPAL LAWYER (May/June 2008);
- published CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT POSSIBLY BY THE HOUSING AND CRISIS (The Albany Government Law Review (2009);
- published Do “Off-Site” Adult Businesses Have Secondary Effects? Legal Doctrine, Social Theory, and Empirical Evidence (with R. McIlwee) in LAW AND POLICY (2009);
- published, RLUIPA CHALLENGES: AN Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure, in M. S. Galano & L. A. Lucey, eds., RLUIPA READER: RELIGIOUS LAND USES, ZONING, AND THE COURTS (ABA and APA 2009);
- spoke on “The American Experience with Affordable Housing Policies” during a faculty and PhD students seminar in the Department of City Planning at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa (July 2008);
- spoke on “Responding to the Foreclosure Crisis in Cuyahoga County” at the National Association of County Community and Economic Development Officials’ 33rd Annual Conference in Atlanta (September 2008);
- presented “Growth Management Regulations and Wetlands Protection” at the International Ohio Wetlands Conference in Cleveland (October 2008);
- spoke on “Signs, Sex, and God: Regulating Land Uses Protected by the First Amendment” at the Ohio Planning Conference/American Planning Association Zoning Workshop in Westlake, Ohio (October 2008).

Stephen J. Werber
Professor Emeritus of Law
- spoke on “Litigation and How to Avoid It” at the Beachwood Business Development Center in Beachwood.

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James G. Wilson
Professor of Law
organized a program at the law school on "Chaos and Crisis: The Ongoing Financial Crisis," featuring Cleveland-Marshall Professors Michael Borden, Thomas Buckley, Kathleen C. Engel, and Federal Reserve Bank Economist James Thomson, as well as Professor Wilson.

Legal Writing Professor Deborah Klein Is Retiring
Deborah Klein has decided to retire at the end of the school year. Professor Klein graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1980. Shortly afterwards, she began teaching legal writing at her law alma mater. For many years, she was the Legal Writing Department—the only full-time instructor supervising and coaching a dozen or so adjunct teachers who came and went from year to year, teaching a semester here and there, as their schedules permitted. The years of shifting colleagues were productive for Professor Klein and for the law school as well. During those early years, she was developing a dossier of teaching materials and creating a curriculum that would lay the foundation for what is today the law school's strong Legal Writing and Advocacy Program, with a full-time faculty of seven.

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We say goodbye to Professor Kathleen C. Engel and Professor Kunal Parker
We will begin the 2009-10 school year without two of our most productive faculty members: Kathleen C. Engel, the Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Professor of Law, and Kunal Parker, the James A. Thomas Distinguished Professor. Both have published widely in their areas of expertise, and both have represented our law school in conferences and symposia worldwide: Professor Engel as a scholar of mortgage finance and regulation, subprime and predatory lending, and housing discrimination; Professor Parker as a scholar of colonial Indian legal history and U.S. citizenship and immigration history and theory. Professor Engel will teach at Suffolk University Law School and Professor Parker at the University of Miami Law School.

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New Faculty: Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Jonathan Witmer-Rich is a graduate of Goshen College and a magna cum laude alumnus of the University of Michigan Law School, where he was a member of Order of the Coif and associate editor of the Michigan Law Review. He graduated in the top two percent of his law school class and was the recipient of awards for the highest grades in criminal law, contracts, labor law and legal ethics. Professor Witmer-Rich clerked for the Honorable M. Blane Michael on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and for the Honorable Joseph P. Goodwin of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. Previously, he was an associate in the trial practice of Jones Day in Cleveland; he is presently an attorney in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio, where he has represented Guantanamo Bay detainees and served as part of a four-lawyer trial team representing Toledo resident Mohammad Amawi on charges of conspiracy to aid the insurgency in Iraq and conspiracy to kill and maim Americans overseas.

In his first semester at Cleveland-Marshall, he will teach criminal procedure and legal approaches to terrorism; in the second semester he will teach criminal law and criminal procedure.

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Two-hundred-and-two members of the Cleveland-Marshall Class of 2009 will graduate from our law school during commencement exercises at the Allen Theater on May 17.
Faculty, staff and a contingent of alumni judges will lead the students into the theater.

The 2009 Commencement speaker will be Valerie E. Caproni, General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. CSU President Michael Schwartz, Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns, Stacey L. McKinley '97, Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association President-elect; and Student Bar Association President Elias H. Hazkia '09 will also address the Class of 2009, their friends and families.

During the ceremony, the University will grant an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree to retired Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Jean Murrell Copes, class of 1945, in acknowledgement of her service to the city and state as "teacher, lawyer, judge, civil libertarian and public citizen" and as a "torchbearer for all Americans" throughout her life.
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