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Dear Alumni and Friends:

“Wow – what are they doing over at Cleveland-Marshall?” That was the question posed to me recently by a law school classmate. My friend had not visited Cleveland-Marshall in several years and was impressed by its recent transformation. As President of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association, I admitted a slight bias. Nonetheless, I was not hesitant to brag about recent events. Although several months have passed since we celebrated the major renovation of our law school building, now known as Wolstein Hall, many are still discovering our new law school home, along with its improved classrooms, offices and clinic areas. Soon, our new technologically advanced trial courtroom will be unveiled – thanks to the continued generosity of the Cleveland-Marshall community.

In addition to bragging about the physical transformation of our law school building, I also boasted of a new sense of pride and a renewed energy at the law school. We are proud of our improved bar passage rates, continued fund-raising success, and other student and faculty achievements too numerous to mention here. My year as president of the Law Alumni Association has given me the unique opportunity to witness numerous examples of this renewed energy: the alumni association’s effort to establish a new fund to help students defray the cost of preparing for and taking the bar exam in addition to its continued efforts to provide scholarship dollars, graduation class fund-raising challenges, and stepped-up efforts to provide employment opportunities, to name a few. I have always been proud to be a Cleveland-Marshall graduate. I am grateful that Cleveland-Marshall continually strives to provide new reasons to renew that pride.

Sincerely,

Stacey McKinley, Class of 1997
Opal watercolor (gouache) was a favorite medium of August Biehle's while he was attending Henry Keller's summer school in Berlin Heights, Ohio. Keller and his students—who also included Frank Wilcox, Clara Deike, and Grace Kelly—would have been surrounded by scenes such as that in Hillside in Berlin Heights. The expressive, bold color (notably in the bright blue used to define shapes and render shadows) that characterizes the painting is a result of the influence of Keller, who was at the time heavily inspired by Fauvism and Post-impressionism. The son of German immigrants, August Biehle was a lifelong Clevelandite. He apprenticed with his father and studied in Munich, Germany, as well as with Cleveland School masters. During the days of the WPA he was awarded many public commissions, some of which are still on display at the Cleveland Public Library.

Cleveland Artists Foundation was founded in 1984 by Cleveland-based artists, patrons, and collectors who recognized the need to establish an organization that would preserve, research, collect, and exhibit the most significant visual art of the Northeast Ohio region. CAF has become the premier center for the art of Northeast Ohio—owing both to its significant collecting initiative, and to its commitment to creative exhibition planning and educational outreach.

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Geoffrey S. Mearns is the Interim Provost of Cleveland State University

Geoffrey S. Mearns joined the University on July 11, 2005, as the 13th Dean of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. On January 28, 2010, CSU President Ronald M. Berkman announced Dean Mearns’s appointment as the University’s Interim Provost.

In 2005, two immediate challenges confronted the new dean: supervising the renovation of the 30-year-old law school building and meeting the terms of the Wolstein scholarship challenge grant. In 2004, Mrs. Iris S. Wolstein donated $5 million to the law school in honor of her husband, the late Bert L. Wolstein ’53. The $5 million gift would support the restoration of the aging law school building—a gift appropriate to the memory of one of the region’s most successful real estate developers. Mrs. Wolstein’s generosity did not end with the $5 million gift. She also offered to match every dollar, up to $1,250,000, donated to the law school’s Bert L. Wolstein and Iris S. Wolstein Scholarship Fund. Over the next four years, 22,000 square feet of the old library space were reconfigured and renovated to create new clinic offices, new classrooms and a handsome faculty presentation room, while 4,700 square feet were added to the Euclid Avenue façade to create a new front entrance, the new Jones Day conference room and three light-filled floors of reception and study space. By 2008, over a thousand alumni, friends, law firms and corporate supporters had donated funds necessary to match Mrs. Wolstein’s challenge. The Wolstein Scholarship Fund is a resource for generations of law students to come.

Dean Mearns also helped strengthen the law schools externship program, established its Center for Health Law and Policy and the Community Health Advocacy Law Clinic, encouraged faculty and student multicultural recruitment, supported programs that increased our students’ bar passage rates, supervised the development of innovative marketing materials, and initiated a review of the curriculum to assure the law school continues to meet the demands of contemporary lawyering. A successful and enterprising development officer, last year he inaugurated the law school’s newest fund-raising campaigns: the creation of a state-of-the-art Trial Courtroom that will open in the fall of 2011 and the ambitious million dollar Fund for Excellence, which will support faculty research and scholarship, increase student scholarship funds, create additional academic centers of excellence and enhance the reputation and prestige of the law school.

In his role as Professor of Law, Geoffrey Mearns has been a popular and respected faculty member, teaching courses in Criminal Law and White Collar Crime. In his role as Dean, he has sought students’ insights and counsel on a number of law school projects.

In addition, he has fully understood the implications of serving as head of a public law school and has been an effective exponent of the law school’s importance to the legal profession in Northeast Ohio. He spoke often to our students of the lawyer’s responsibility to serve the public and encouraged participation in the law school’s Pro Bono Program projects.

Geoffrey Mearns will serve as Interim Provost until a permanent Provost is appointed. In the meantime, he will be as winning and persuasive an advocate for the University as he has been for the law school. And that will be good for the University, the law school and the City of Cleveland.
Phyllis L. Crocker is the Interim Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

During my tenure as Interim Dean I will work to ensure that we continue to exemplify Learn Law. Live Justice. We will continue to attract academically strong and diverse students, to expand opportunities for our students to become ready to practice, to support our faculty’s scholarly pursuits and commitment to rigorous education of our students, to engage our graduates—in short to be part of the legal community. I look forward to working with all of you in these endeavors.

—Interim Dean Phyllis L. Crocker, March 2010 Gavel column

On March 1, Cleveland State University President Ronald M. Berkman announced his appointment of Associate Dean Phyllis L. Crocker as Interim Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Dean Crocker replaces Dean Geoffrey S. Means who will serve as Cleveland State’s Interim Provost until a permanent Provost is appointed.

Dean Crocker is a graduate of Yale University and Northeastern University School of Law. Following her law school graduation, she clerked for the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and was subsequently an associate in a small Chicago law firm specializing in complex federal litigation.

From 1989 until 1994, Dean Crocker worked as a staff attorney in the federally funded Texas Resource Center in Austin, Texas, where she personally represented and joined with other attorneys across the country in representing death row inmates in state and federal post-conviction appeals. During those years, she served as co-counsel in Herrera v. Collins, 506 U.S. 390 (1993). Her work on behalf of incarcerated persons and her subsequent scholarship reflect her personal commitment to assuring the rights of those accused of and convicted of criminal acts.

A member of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty since 1994, she is the author of numerous articles examining constitutional issues surrounding capital punishment and the racial and cultural factors often implicated in capital convictions and sentencing. In 2004, the ABA named her chair of the Ohio Death Penalty Assessment Team, part of an eight-state study to assess impartiality in the administration of the death sentence. The project report, issued in 2007, disclosed serious inequities in the way the state’s death penalty is administered, addressed these failings with specific recommendations and called for a temporary suspension of executions. Dean Crocker is co-author of the widely respected Katz & Giannelli, BALDWIN’S OHIO PRACTICE: CRIMINAL LAW (3rd ed., 2009) and is a frequent guest lecturer on capital punishment.

As Associate Dean since 2006, Dean Crocker has been instrumental in building a strong adjunct faculty, increasing diversity in student and faculty recruitment, and creating new opportunities in career development. She has also been involved in faculty efforts to strengthen the curriculum and maintain our students’ high bar passage rates.

Dean Crocker has brought a high level of integrity and competency to her service as teacher, scholar, public servant and administrator. The faculty, staff and students of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law congratulate her on her appointment as Interim Dean and express their confidence in her leadership as we continue to build a law school where students learn law and live justice.

Dean Crocker lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, with her husband, Jeff Coryell, and their two Golden Retrievers.

Cleveland-Marshall's Pioneer Women Faculty

Our law school employed the first woman law faculty member in Ohio, Grace Doering McCard, Class of 1932. Three decades later, in 1968, the late Anne Aldrich joined the law faculty and became one of the first tenured women law faculty members in Ohio. Professor Aldrich created the Moot Court Program and the LCOP Program. In 1980, she left teaching to become the first woman appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. In the 1970s, Professors Joan Baker, Elizabeth A. Moody and Jane M. Picker joined the faculty. Professors Moody and Picker founded the Women's Law Fund in 1973. Professor Picker founded the Gender Discrimination in Employment Clinic in 1972 (now the Employment Law Clinic) and, during the late 1980s, the Summer Institute for Law Students in St. Petersburg, Russia. Professor Picker, now Professor Emerita, retired from teaching in 2002 and founded RUSLEF, a nonprofit organization sponsoring Russian law students studying in America. In 1986, Professor Moody was named the first woman Interim Dean of the law school and was elected the first woman President of the Cleveland Bar Association. In 1994, she left our law school to head Stetson University College of Law, where she is now Distinguished Professor of Law and Dean Emerita. She has been honored throughout the profession for her service as a lawyer and her advocacy of women in the profession. Professor Baker retired in 1995, a revered teacher who, as Professor Emerita, has continued to tutor students for the Ohio Bar Exam. The contributions of these pioneer faculty members enriched the law school curriculum and, ultimately, helped diversity the legal profession in Northeast Ohio. Today there are 23 women teaching law at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.
Congratulations to the 2010 Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Honorees:

The Honorable Frank G. Jackson '83 Mayor of Cleveland and Gary S. Adams '83 Past President of the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers' Association
Frank Jackson has one of the most difficult jobs in America: He is the Mayor of the City of Cleveland. It is a city that he knows like the palm of his hand.

The son of an interracial, intercultural marriage between an Italian mother and an African American father, the Mayor lives today on the street in the Central City area where he was raised—a cluster of streets that, nowadays, demographers would label an “inner city” neighborhood. He attended Cleveland elementary schools, graduated from Max Hayes High School and then enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Returning to his home town, he enrolled in Cuyahoga Community College, received an associate degree and completed his bachelor’s degree at Cleveland State University. But he was not satisfied that his education was complete: He earned a Master of Public Administration degree at CSU’s Levin College of Urban Affairs and, afterwards, while working as a night clerk in the Cleveland municipal court, studied law at Cleveland-Marshall. He has been married to Edwina Jackson since 1975 and is stepfather and step-grandfather to Mrs. Jackson’s daughter and grandchildren.

The Mayor is a Cleveland story: ethnic, working class, publically educated. Not just a resident, however. He is a Cleveland citizen, as deep-rooted and solidly grounded as any landmark. He has not left his city, has not moved to the suburbs and has not sought work outside the geographic area of Northeast Ohio. In his case, we spell Citizen with a capital C.

A Public Citizen, that is. A man meant to serve the public—one whom barriers of class or race could not deter. Following his graduation from law school, he worked as a City of Cleveland Assistant Prosecutor. In 1989, he won a seat on the Cleveland City Council representing his fellow residents in Ward 5, an area as hard hit by the financial downturns of the just-closing Reagan era as any area in America. Low-keyed and taciturn, he surprised his fellow councilpersons with his doggedness. And doggedness paid off. On the Council, he delivered close to one-half billion dollars of economic and community investment to his ward, which supported projects like Arbor Park Place and renovations of the low-income properties operated by the Metropolitan Housing Authority. His service was not confined to his own ward, however. As Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, he worked to renew the city’s downtown and neighborhoods, he was instrumental in bringing millions of dollars in new investments from the Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Gary S. Adams is an enthusiast, an expansive hard-driving, hard-working man who it is good to have on your team. The law school and its students have been fortunate in his advocacy and friendship.

And, as we shall see, so have thousands of employees of the automobile industry.

Gary was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. Pete Adams, his father, worked in the aerospace industry for many years, and his mother, Pinky, remained at home raising Gary and his brother, Terry. Pete Adams died in 1972; Mrs. Adams lives in Florida and is a healthy 89-year-old.

A graduate of Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Gary earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from Mount Union College, in Alliance, Ohio, where he participated in NCAA football and golf. And, sometime during his college years, this Jesuitically educated former altar boy from the Midwest learned to play and love an inscrutable, quintessentially British sport: Rugby, a game of labyrinthine rules with its own strange vocabulary, as difficult and physically challenging as any game on the face of the earth. It is a rough game, wonderful to win—as beloved by boys on the fields of Eton as it is by the sons of Welsh coalminers, and now becoming beloved in the home state and hometown of Gary Adams, a former president of the Cleveland Rugby Club and Ohio Rugby Union. Today, he is part of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission’s bidding effort to host the 2012 Rugby Golden Oldies tournament, a week-long international festival that will bring 120 teams from around the globe to our city. Under normal circumstances, selling a tournament of competing “oldies” playing a foreign football game in Cleveland, a basketball-crazed town dominated by 20-year-old athletes, would not seem a winning proposal. You have to know Gary, or as they say down at the Q, sit back and “witness.”

Because, the truth of the matter is that Gary Adams is a handful. Perhaps it is because he began working when he was ten and hasn’t stopped since, or perhaps it is because the Jesuits taught him discipline and perseverance. Whatever the culture that created him, any cause he embraces has a splendidly good chance of succeeding.

Following his graduation from Mount Union in 1975, Gary went to work for the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers’ Association. GCADA is an old establishment, founded in 1915, the year Henry Ford’s company rolled a million Model Ts off the line in 1913.
Frank Jackson from pg. 5

the federal government and private sector to neighborhoods throughout the city.

His successes persuaded his fellow Council members to elect him Council President in 2001. During his tenure, City Council worked to retain jobs, encourage new businesses and growth in the city, and improve the quality of life for people in Cleveland. But all was not well.

The relationships between Cleveland’s Mayors and City Council Presidents have often been contentious, fabled even, and always open to the public. So too, Council city used to be. “We have a long and rich history,” he reminded his supporters in his first inaugural address as Mayor. He remembers the factories, the iron ore boats, the steel mills, the town’s vibrant ethnic culture and schools that were among the finest in the nation. And, again, perhaps because he remembers what his city used to be. He remembers the struggles of black workers for job equity, the inner-city schools that were among the worst in the nation and the riots that erupted in the 1970s following decades of racial tension.

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President Jackson increasingly found himself in disagreement with the mayor. In April 2005, he announced his candidacy for Mayor of Cleveland; in the following November, he won the mayorality with 55 percent of the vote. He is the 56th Mayor of Cleveland, the first City Council President to be elected Mayor since 1867, the city’s third African American mayor and the fourth Cleveland-Marshall College of Law graduate to serve as Cleveland Mayor. He was preceded by our alumni Edward Blythin ’16, Frank Lausche ’21, and Carl B. Stokes ’56.

He has much to keep him busy. Like most of America’s large metropolitan areas, Cleveland is a troubled city, plagued by crime, homelessness, foreclosures, the erosion of its industrial foundations, loss of jobs, a plummeting economy and poverty. Its population is declining, its schools in trouble, and it is a scramble to hold on to one problem long enough to fix it before another rears its head.

Why does a person take a job like that? Perhaps because he remembers what his

“...city that has lost hope,” he told the crowds of clergy, politicians, and supporters on January 2, 2006, the day he was sworn into office, not in the great atrium of Cleveland’s majestic City Hall but—symbolically—in the gymnasium of East Technical High School, a school in need and at risk.

The Mayor spoke then, and speaks now, of the city he envisions: “I have seen this city knocked flat on its back, and I have seen it struggle to its feet again—courageous in the face of adversity, determined when confronted with challenges, resolute in its refusal never to give up. If we are going to make Cleveland great again, we must show our love and passion for Cleveland. We must show our heart and be willing to sacrifice for our future.”

Lofty words aside, the new Mayor began like a good steward with the basics: He urged City Hall to tighten belts and cut waste; he forged bonds with the police department and its chief and worked to improve the department’s public relations; he committed his administration to restoring neighborhoods through projects like the Detroit Avenue Streetscape Project, the Treadway Creek Greenway Restoration & Trail project and new recreation centers in urban neighborhoods. He solicited the aid of the city’s business leaders and the support of suburban mayors in developing a plan for regionalism. He pledged to make Cleveland a model “green” city and instituted a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan to rebuild the city’s crumbling infrastructure, its parks, playgrounds, and city streets. He presided over the stunning ren-

ovations along the Euclid Corridor, supported the Medical Mart proposals and began a campaign, “Art in Everything,” to call attention to the city’s rich artistic and cultural resources: from the Cleveland Orchestra to the Cleveland Museum of Art to the city’s ethnic celebrations and its many fine examples of public and domestic architecture.

And that’s not all: As the Mayor noted in his 2006 inaugural address, “Everything begins with education.” According to Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey ’81, Vice-chair of the Board of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, when it comes to schools, the Mayor is “a workaholic,” the earnest advocate of our city’s youngest citizens. One of his first acts in office was to appoint an Education Chief to be a liaison between his office and the School Board and its CEO. He instituted and enforced a zero-tolerance policy against violent acts, and, announcing that there were no “throwaway” children, he pushed through a generous college scholarship program for graduates of the city.
schools, even those whose performances had not always been promising. He has been persuasive in eliciting the support of businesses and the medical industry in developing onsite apprenticeships for students. He has stayed close to the school board and participates in the recent plans for restoring the integrity of our school system. And he has been on hand when internal troubles threatened to demoralize the students and their teachers.

Yet, while the Mayor moved imperceptibly from one trouble spot to another throughout the city—always reassuring and optimistic, as if there were nothing that could not be made right—across the country a severe recession was at hand. And Cleveland was hard hit.

In the wake of the collapse of the subprime mortgage industry, our city became the country’s foreclosure capital, the epicenter of the national crisis with thousands of homes lost, families displaced and dislocated and neighborhoods transformed—foreclosed house by foreclosed house—into desolate patches of urban ruin, the prey of thieves and drug hustlers. The Mayor is often characterized as soft-spoken and placid. But, according to Dean Dempsey, sometimes his mother’s Italian spirit breaks out and speaks with passion. "He has a level of integrity."

Throughout 2008 and 2009, the city’s problems did not abate: troubles with closing the deal for the much-anticipated Medical Mart, with escalating unemployment, with companies pulling out of the very city where they had been founded, and with an ongoing media exposure of unprecedented corruption within the county government. And yet, in 2009, the intrepid Mayor announced his intention to seek a second term. With the backing of the city’s major players—from the Plain Dealer to Congressional Representatives and Senators—he was returned to office in November and sworn in for the second time as Mayor of Cleveland.

Kevin J. Kelley ’04, Cleveland City Council Majority Whip, who has served the Ward 13 community since April 2005, remarked of the Mayor, “He has always had great command of the issues. He knows how to manage a storm.” Recently, managing the storm has paid off handsomely. In January, the city, in an alliance with the County Land Reutilization Corporation, Cuyahoga County and the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, received $40.8 million in federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Four hundred cities competed for the awards. Only 56 were successful. The funds will be used in 20 county neighborhoods to rehabilitate homes for resale to low-to-middle-income families, to restore foreclosed and abandoned housing, to demolish structures that cannot feasibly be rehabilitated, and to expand the Re-Imagining Cleveland pilot program.

The award was encouraging. The prospect of stimulus monies from the federal government is encouraging. The proposed reformation of the city school district is encouraging. The prospect of a new Inner Belt bridge, the Opportunity Corridor, the West Shoreway, the restructured county government—all are encouraging. But the most encouraging news of all is the Mayor himself.

With so many political figures nationally and locally compromising the public trust, it is good to have a leader who chooses as his campaign motto: “It is what it is.” That is to say, a leader to stare down the darkness and deal with the realities that present themselves, no matter how disheartening. According to Mr. Triozzi, “The Mayor believes in the future of Cleveland. He is committed to this city like no other public officeholder I’ve ever known. As a lawyer, it is wonderful to have a client who you can trust to come out on the right side of issues. A man with his level of integrity.”

The city, with all its multiple problems, is what it is, and the Mayor of Cleveland is what he is: not flashy, not grandiose, not carried away by power. An exemplary citizen and public servant. A Clevelander. Just what we need to take hold and set things right.

On January 2000, he was sworn into office, not in the great atrium of Cleveland’s majestic City Hall but—symbolically—in the gymnasium of East Technical High School, a school in need and at risk.
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its assembly line, and Americans began to view the automobile as perhaps more than a novelty. Today, the organization represents 250 franchised motor vehicle dealers, including new-car, truck, motorcycle and RV dealers in a 21-county region of northern Ohio stretching along the Lake Erie shore and beyond.

Gary has been a “car guy” since childhood. He remembers the excitement of going downtown with his parents every fall to watch as car dealers pulled down the papers covering their showcase windows to reveal the lineup of new cars. “It was a night of entertainment for us,” he recalls, “like a holiday!”

He began his GCADA career as a floor manager at the auto show and began moving up through the ranks. By 1979, though he was on the executive tract, Gary realized that his education was not over. The complexities of the job, the legal and regulatory issues, and, in human terms, the challenges of dealing with the concerns of over 4,000 employees convinced him that he needed a law degree. “The company president encouraged me to go to law school,” he notes. “I chose Cleveland-Marshall.

“I enrolled in the night school. It was a great experience. I admired my fellow students—men and women who worked all day and studied law in the evening.”

He graduated from Cleveland-Marshall in 1983, and two years later, he married Connie Glaski, whom he had met at a party during Cleveland’s Grand Prix. At the time, Connie was working in radio; today, she handles communications, advertising and public relations for the Cleveland Auto Show. Gary and Connie have two children: Peter, a 2009 Georgetown University graduate, now an investment banker in Washington, DC, and Katie, a junior at the University of Michigan and a member of the Wolverines Field Hockey team. In 1987, Gary was named President of the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers’ Association. He has done well by GCADA, shepherding the association through regulatory compliance audits, developing better employee screening policies, creating in-house educational programs, providing managerial assistance to the association’s dealerships and transforming the annual Cleveland Auto Show into the gala, celebrity-packed production that it is today. In 2003, he implemented a project unique to GCADA and prescient in our times. Under his direction, GCADA created its own human resources management program. It is a comprehensive program that offers in-house legal services, an automotive advertising review program, sales training and workshops and its own workers and unemployment compensation program. Its dimensions and sweep are truly remarkable. Moreover, while the rest of the country wrestles with health care reform, GCADA has developed its own generous self-insured group health plan.

The automobile industry that entered the new century, though weakened by rising oil prices, was still healthy and thriving. By 2007, however, this home-bred industry that had fed and clothed generations of Americans had entered danger waters, and by the close of the year, the series of crises now known as the Great Recession was in full gear. Triggered by an insolvent and unscrupulous investment-banking system, the recession reached deep into the pockets of ordinary workers and homeowners, and the automobile industry was not spared.

As Gary explains, “It wasn’t just the manufacturing side of the industry that suffered. When the banks pulled the rug out from under the credit market, car sales plummeted, and throughout this part of the country, dealerships—some that had been owned by families for generations—were forced to close their doors. And it wasn’t just the guys who own dealerships or who sell cars or staff the dealerships who suffered. It was everyone, from the people who sell coffee machines to the mechanics who repair cars and the guys who insure cars, sell tires, car radios and sound systems.”

Gary got the picture: “For us, the recession was as devastating as it was to the building trades and housing industry or any other institution in America”—a vast landscape of the unemployed who couldn’t pay their bills, who lost their homes, their savings, their children’s college funds, their hopes for retirement. “One in every four Americans has some workplace attachment to the automobile industry,” he says. Beyond what you couldn’t buy or keep, the recession took an emotional toll on Americans. The decline of the industry that was as endemic to this country as baseball seemed to broadcast doomsday for “the American dream.”
The intrepid President of the GCADA began to speak out and did not stop until the dust had begun to settle in late 2009. There were weeks when you could not open a paper or turn on a radio or TV without seeing his face or hearing his voice demanding relief for auto workers and hammering away at members of the U.S. Congress and the General Assembly. His was, of course, not the only voice but, in Northeast Ohio, his was the loudest, one of the most persuasive and certainly one of the most authoritative.

Though the battle for the country’s financial stability is far from over, at the close of 2009 there was brightening on the horizon for the automobile industry, thanks to government interventions, bailouts, drastic measures taken on the parts of GM and Chrysler and basic reforms within the industry. And thanks also to men and women like Gary Adams advocating on behalf of thousands of American citizens, the so-called “little people,” on whose shoulders the industry had flourished for almost a century.

In February of 2009, Gary announced that he would retire at the end of the year as GCADA President, but he would stay on as President of the auto show. For the public, that means an even glitzier show, more celebrities, and more big-time entertainment. By the time Gary retires, the Cleveland Auto Show is bound to be the Super Star of All Auto Shows—because for Gary the auto show is not just selling cars. GCADA has a charitable arm—the Auto Show Charities—and in the past few years it has raised over $1 million for local organizations such as the Epilepsy Foundation, the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, Harvest for Hunger, the Crawford Auto Museum and University Hospitals’ Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital and its Ireland Cancer Center Diana Hyland Miracle Fund. The good work accomplished by the annual Cleveland Auto Show reaches far into the local community, even into the lives of families who may never visit the show or realize its influence in their lives.

Gary Adams is one of the most persuasive fund-raisers in the city. From 2004 until 2008—years in which law school funding increased substantially—he chaired the law school’s Development Council and was instrumental in aiding the law school to raise over $1,250,000 dollars to match Mrs. Iris Wolstein’s challenge grant of the same amount. The Bert L. and Iris S. Wolstein Scholarship Fund is today the law school’s largest scholarship resource.

“Much of my fundraising is from GCADA,” he says. “Our dealers have determined to give or invest in educational institutions that attract and keep people in our region.” That means his undergraduate college, Mount Union, and the community colleges in Cuyahoga, Lake and Stark Counties.

And it means our law school and our Law Alumni Association as well. In 2008-2009, Gary was President of the CMLAA Board of Trustees. “Where,” he asks, “would this city be without our law school? Think of it. Other schools suffer brain drains. Our graduates stay; they build communities; they generate income; Cleveland-Marshall is as big a part of the region’s economic rebirth as the Cleveland Clinic. I owe Cleveland-Marshall for whatever success I have had.”

As a private citizen, Gary has had a long involvement with some of Greater Cleveland’s most imposing cultural institutions: He is a past-Chair of the Board of the Western Reserve Historical Society’s Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum (GCADA is an historic supporter of the Crawford Museum); a member of the Advisory Board of the Cleveland Institute of Art; a Trustee and Executive Committee member of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission; the founder and former director of the National Association of Dealership Counsel and the Association Health Care Coalition; a past board member of the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation; a past board member of the National Automobile Dealers Association Retirement Trust; founding Director of the Cleveland Auto Show Charities; a member of the Board of Directors of Mount Union College; a member of the American Society of Association Executives; past President of the National Automotive Trade Association Executives; a member of the American Bar Association and a former member of the Harvest for Hunger Corporate Cabinet. In recognition of his service to the law school and the community, in 2009 CSU’s Alumni Association honored him with its George B. Davis Award for Public Service.

In a word, the irrepressible Gary Adams gets around and gives a lot. And he takes as much of the world along with him as he can. We have been fortunate to have been along for the ride, which was, of course, always in the fast lane.
Every year the law school awards a limited number of Public Interest Summer Fellowships to law students who have developed summer projects in public service or nonprofit organizations. Often a Fellowship grant makes the difference between envisioning a worthwhile project and actually completing it. In the summer of 2009, 11 students competed successfully for fellowship-funding in a variety of legal settings: from the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to the Office for Civil Rights in the United States Department of Education to the Fort Hall Law and Order Commission of the Shoshone-Bannock Indian tribe on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho.
Two of our 2009 Summer Fellows recorded their experiences for Law Notes.

Wittenberg University graduate Erika Franz '12 is a student in the law school's and the Levin College's dual JD/MPA degree program. Last summer she spent ten weeks as a volunteer in Tanzania with the Kilimanjaro Women Information Exchange and Consultancy Organization in Moshi, Tanzania. It was her second trip to East Africa as a volunteer for a social service organization.

Maya Simek '10 earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from John Carroll University and a Masters of Applied Social Sciences from Case Western Reserve University. She is a former social worker and has twice been awarded Summer Fellowships from the law school. Both were in public interest law firms; the first, in 2008, was in New York City and the second, in 2009, was in San Francisco. This fall, the law school presented Maya with its Outstanding Pro Bono Student Award in recognition of her many hours of volunteer service.

The Kilimanjaro Women's Information and Consultancy Organization by Erika Franz

It takes a village to raise a child. You may have heard this traditional African saying from time to time. Throughout my experiences in Africa, I have come to understand and respect this concept and its many meanings. Whether it is a mama who takes in parentless children, neighbors spending their weekends helping to fix another's house, or local teenagers spending their free time teaching in nursery schools, the meaning of community is all around you. This is one of the reasons I have found myself drawn back to Tanzania, East Africa, on my eternal journey of self-discovery.

In March 2008, after just enough experience in the working world to know that I still needed to find a passion, I signed up for Cross Cultural Solutions, an international volunteer program. With donations from family and friends, along with my own savings, I traveled to Moshi, Tanzania, in April. The days were filled with heart-wrenching stories from the boys I worked with in the juvenile detention home, stories of courage from the women fighting to provide for their families, and stories of hope and promise from the school children. I saw first-hand the broken justice system, the societal failures facing the Tanzanian people, all in a setting of...
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absolute beauty. It was clear to me that Tanzania and its people had captured my heart, and I vowed to return.

I had heard about the Kilimanjaro Women’s Information Exchange and Consultancy Organization (KWIECO). Once I found the organization, I began the search to fund my return. Soon after arriving at Cleveland-Marshall, I read about the Public Interest Summer Fellowship. Knowing right away that KWIECO might be a good fit, I worked up a proposal and waited…and waited…and waited. Of course, most students may not have been ready to submit a proposal early in September! When the application came out shortly after spring break, I eagerly handed my application in and after a few anxious weeks, I received the good news. I had received the fellowship and, combined with my savings, I was on my way back to Moshi.

Serving the 1.2 million people living on and around the slopes of breathtaking Mt. Kilimanjaro, the dedicated lawyers and staff of KWIECO aim to fill the growing demand for legal services for the marginalized population of the region. Located in the capital of the region, KWIECO has developed a reputation for its work in women’s rights, children’s rights, and property and inheritance rights.

My fellowship was a once in a lifetime experience. I broadened my perspective, explored the legal systems and practices of a developing country, worked side by side with Tanzanians improving life for other Tanzanians, and observed the challenges facing the people of Kilimanjaro. Some of the most common problems were the conflicting legal systems (tribal, statutory, and religious), lack of awareness of rights, lack of means to obtain legal support, and inheritance issues for widowed women. One of my most memorable experiences was a legal aid camp in Siha, a district in the region about 45 minutes from Moshi. We spent the entire day raising awareness of KWIECO’s work and counseling the people of the region. Working in a soccer field, under the hot Tanzania sun, complete with a Maasai herdsman in the backdrop with his cattle, four of our lawyers sat for hours providing free advice to over 90 men and women.

Focused on making a career in international law and international development, I am planning to return to Moshi this summer. I will be studying the impact of short-term volunteer programs on the local organizations that accept international volunteers. I realize my choices are a bit off the beaten path. Saving all year to spend my time and money living in a third world country can sound a bit crazy. But when I step off the plane and onto the African soil at the Kilimanjaro International Airport, I am surrounded with a feeling of home. Taking in a deep breath of warm East African air has become as refreshing as the cold air that accompanies our Cleveland winter.

I have been fortunate enough to experience support of the greater community in my personal life as well. In my travels to volunteer, intern, and research in Moshi, it has been the constant support of my family and friends, both emotionally and financially, that has allowed me to take risks. Without the Public Interest Fellowship from Cleveland-Marshall, I would not have been able to fund my summer experience with KWIECO. As I continue to develop my interest in international development and human rights, I am grateful for the support of Cleveland-Marshall and look forward to sharing my experiences with fellow students and the faculty. It certainly does take a village to raise a child and that is true everywhere in the world.

Postscript: Erika has been approved for a second Fellowship with KWIECO!
The New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and the Equal Rights Advocates by Maya Simek

Every law student should be afforded the opportunity to clerk or intern. Not only will he or she experience the application of the law, but she may be able to recognize, reconstruct, and develop the shape of her future path. With the help of the Cleveland-Marshall Summer Fellowship Program, I have been lucky enough to have two of the most memorable experiences of my law school career.

During the summer between my first and second year, I was chosen as an intern for New York Lawyers for the Public Interest. NYLPI is a nonprofit, civil rights law firm that strives for social justice and advocates for underserved, underrepresented communities. In the belief that communities know best their own needs and challenges, NYLPI relies heavily on a Community Lawyering Model for effecting positive change. Community Lawyering brings together lawyers, community advocates, and social workers in a systemic effort to address all of the needs of the community members. Moreover, the model is such that ideally the agency is in the neighborhood it is assisting, so that there is a visible “store-front” presence, and the agency is in tune and aware of the needs specific to the area.

Focusing on environmental issues, disability advocacy, access to health care, NYLPI afforded me the opportunity to delve into a variety of legal and social issues. Furthermore, the Community Lawyering Model allowed me to explore the importance of the intersection and interconnection between social service agencies and the law. I was personally afforded the ability to help with a class action lawsuit, work on administrative hearings for children whose individualized education plans were not being followed, complete studies on the current vernacular used for minority groups in the media, conduct Americans with Disabilities compliance checks, and complete fascinating research projects such as a study of New York’s Access-a-Ride Program and a study of the liability of employers with regard to hiring, firing, and retention in connection with social networking sites.

During the 2009 summer I was privileged to be a clerk for Equal Rights Advocates in San Francisco, California. Equal Rights Advocates is a non-profit employment law firm that deals with discrimination issues in the work place, focusing specifically on women’s issues. As an intern, every week under the guidance of our attorneys we accepted phone calls on a national hotline. Callers from across the country would share problems they had experienced in employment, and it was my job to explore the issues and analyze the pathways for that person based on the laws and resources in his or her particular area. Moreover, I gained experience researching and helping to outline the Ninth District’s development of Title IX cases. I taught Sexual Harassment Workshops within the community, performed deposition summation for the agency’s cases, and conducted client interviews for the largest class action lawsuit in the history of the nation.

In addition to the amazing legal and professional experiences at both NYLPI and ERA, both firms were committed to providing additional educational activities for interns, including brown bag lunches, either in-house or at other firms, with discussions of various areas of the law. There were numerous social events, such as network nights at other firms or agencies and a non-profit lawyers’ softball league. Further, I received valuable lessons about fundraising at each organization’s yearly fundraiser, etiquette lessons from a golf outing, and a heightened understanding of the ever-present wonder and beauty of collaboration between and among lawyers and law firms.

Without a doubt, these experiences have changed my life. As a licensed social worker, I knew since the start of my law career that I wanted to combine law and social work in a non-profit setting. Even so, were it not for the opportunity afforded to me through Cleveland-Marshall’s Fellowship Program, I never would have had the exposure to as many legal areas, fields of thought, and work models within the public interest spectrum. The experience has helped me define my career path. I have found mentors and friends who have nurtured my academic, experiential and personal growth. These people and experiences have not only reaffirmed my commitment to public interest work, but have, quite honestly, shaped not only the lawyer, but the person I have become in the past three years. For all that I have become and will become, I will be forever indebted to NYLPI, ERA, and the Cleveland-Marshall Public Interest Fellowship Program.

Maya standing far right.
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"The life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

This fall, the law school opened with a greatly enlarged Externship Program, thanks in large part to the hard work of our Manager of Student Affairs Inga Laurent '05, who together with Interim Dean Phyllis L. Crocker, has taken hold of the law school’s Externship Program and greatly expanded the opportunities for studying law beyond the four walls of the building on the corner of East 18th Street and Euclid Avenue.

Today, Cleveland-Marshall student externs are earning academic credit in state, county and federal government agencies; in the offices of legal counsel; in the courtrooms of judges on every level of the state and federal judiciary, and in a variety of other legal venues: from the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals to the U.S. Department of Justice’s Immigration Court, to the Federal Trade Commission and the IRS. And, in the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and in the offices of the Federal and county public defenders, they are helping to bring justice to our poorest citizens.

Two thousand and nine, the year Jennifer Blaga '94 joined the law school staff as its new Director of Career Planning, was not a good year for placement directors. The economy was in steep decline, and lawyers were being laid off throughout the state. Still, Ms. Blaga was undeterred and entrepreneurial. She approached then-Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns with two ideas for improving our students’ employment opportunities. First, the law school should strengthen relationships with the small and mid-sized firms in town. Then, reasoning that in-house opportunities rarely exist for recent law school graduates, she proposed reaching into the corporate world to develop externships. Externships would provide our students with in-house experience and establish relationships that could help them find employment in the future. Over the past six Mays, Dean Mearns and Ms. Blaga have worked together to create these opportunities, and their efforts are meeting success: Today, the law school has established externships with the Parker-Hannifin Corporation; Matrix Pointe Software, LLC; Developers Diversified Realty Corporation, and Medical Mutual of Ohio, and more sites are pending. For our law school (and for any law school), creating externships in the private sector is a trail-blazing initiative, one
Externship Program

that Ms. Blaga anticipates will be a trend of the future in law school placement.
For Inga Laurent, when it comes to externships, the past is prologue. "Externships mimic the apprenticeships that aspiring lawyers held in the early days of the legal profession when law schools were scarce and students learned their trade 'reading law' in the offices of veteran lawyers." That's how Jefferson and Lincoln and Myra Bradwell learned the law. It was a good idea then, and it's good now.

These student externs are living the life of the law as prescribed by Justice Holmes.

Benjamin Beckman externed for the Honorable Solomon Oliver in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. "I was able to participate fully in the activities of the Judge's chambers and was encouraged to write the first draft of a few opinions on various Motions to Dismiss. My federal externship was very rigorous and very rewarding."

Aleksandra Stankovic externed with the Honorable Karen Nelson Moore of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. "During my eight weeks with the Sixth Circuit, I worked on five very different cases, with topics ranging from immigration marriage fraud to the Family Medical Leave Act. Today, I am a far better student of the law because of my externship."

Charissa Walker served as an extern in the United States District Court of the Honorable Solomon Oliver. "Working as a judicial extern was one of my best learning experiences in law school. It enriched my understanding of judicial procedure and the challenges of achieving and preserving justice."

Eman Dughy's externship in the office of the Federal Public Defender was "phenomenal. I was involved in cases that tested me mentally and emotionally, beyond anything I could read or learn about in a classroom. The experience gave me new perspectives in this area of the law and direction on how to apply what I had learned in my own career."

Scott Parry's externship with the National Labor Relations Board broadened his legal training. "As a JD/MPA Dual Degree student, my Externship placement at the National Labor Relations Board was the ideal bridge linking law school's theoretical studies with the realities of this public service agency. I was given a full and challenging case-load, from intake to final disposition and was able to expand upon the legal practitioner's skills that I developed in the Employment Law Clinic."
Cy Pres: a legal principle as old as the Norman Conquest. Though not generally known or used, it is experiencing a second life in the hands of lawyers in the Cleveland-area law firm of Dworken & Bernstein. Cy pres arose from the French/English common law tradition and applied to the use of monies left over from a trust or settlement when it became impossible or illegal to disperse the funds according to the wishes of the trustee or litigant. A classic example of cy pres, often cited, involves a trust set up in the 19th century to fund efforts to abolish slavery. When the 13th Amendment ended slavery, the court, under the law of cy pres, allowed the monies remaining to be dispersed to impoverished African Americans.

Dworken & Bernstein's offices are in Painesville, Ohio, and in downtown Cleveland. Its 22 attorneys represent businesses, individuals, and families in litigation and transactions across a wide spectrum of legal practice. The firm's lawyers—including six CMU Law graduates—also handle a large number of class action suits and have successfully advocated for groups of citizens of considerable attainment, one of fewer than one percent of the lawyers in Ohio who have been certified as employment law specialists, but it is his work representing groups in class actions that draws the legal world's attention—and perhaps strikes fear in the board rooms of the large corporations and banks against whose suspect activities he begins to build his case.

It is in the nature of class actions to linger long in the courtrooms of America, sometimes for years. For the losing defendants, the very length of the actions may be a comfort: Plaintiffs may die or move or for other reasons be difficult to locate. When that happens, their portion of the settlement will ordinarily be returned to the defendant. Not, however, when Patrick Perotti is involved.

Years ago, Mr. Perotti settled a multi-million dollar law suit against an insurance company. When $14 million of the settlement went unclaimed, Mr. Perotti evoked the doctrine of cy pres and, with the agreement of the judge and the insurance company, the unclaimed monies were distributed to charities. It was the largest cy pres settlement of its kind in the country at that time.
According to an article by Brenda Craig* posted on the firm’s web site, what began as Mr. Perotti’s somewhat unorthodox gesture has now become a guiding principle of the Dworken law firm. Today, Dworken lawyers will not accept a class action suit without first receiving assurances from all parties that unclaimed funds will be dispersed to community organizations or charitable foundations. Their efforts have paid off bountifully. Monies negotiated by the Dworken firm in cy pres agreements have brought $18 million to organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Habitat for Humanity, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, MADD, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Legal Aid Society, Leukemia Society, Boys and Girls Clubs and homeless shelters. This astounding achievement is the work of a single law firm. Imagine the good that would come if others followed its example. In a genuine and earnest effort to serve justice, the firm has established Ohio Lawyers Give Back, an organization that encourages lawyers everywhere to follow its lead in the use of cy pres in class action settlements. Were they to do so, millions and millions of dollars would become available to worthy organizations—organizations that salvage lives, fund medical research, restore dignity to the poor and may transform entire communities.

Though it is a tribute to the enduring traditions of the common law that a doctrine that predates the discovery of America has retained its power to effect social good on so large a scale in our own times, Mr. Perotti traces its influence in his own life, not to the Middle Ages where cy pres was first recorded, but to the words of his own Irish Catholic mother who told him, “Always do the right thing.” *

*Craig, Brenda, Patrick Perotti — THE GOOD LAWYER NEWS, April 16, 2009

Spotlight on:

Nicole A. Lester,
Class of 2011
Recipient of an American Bar Association
CLEO Scholarship

In April, Nicole Lester traveled to Denver, Colorado, to attend the American Bar Association’s Section of Business Law Spring Meeting, where, as one of a handful of law students being honored as CLEO Fellow Scholars, she received an ABA scholarship. CLEO, the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, is a non-profit project of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education, dedicated to diversifying the legal profession. CLEO Fellow Scholarships are highly competitive. The four or five students who receive them annually must submit a winning essay and demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in business law.

Ms. Lester earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Master of Public Administration degree, with distinction, from the American University in Washington, DC.

Prior to law school, she spent nine years working in Washington, DC area agencies, first as a Program Manager in Youth Services for the National Crime Prevention Council, and afterwards as an Assistant Director of Programs for the National Center on Nonprofit Enterprise in Arlington, Virginia. From 2004 until 2008, she worked in the Housing and Community Development Division of Fannie Mae as a Senior Business Development Manager for Public Entity Finance.

She is President of the C|M|LAW Women Law Students Association, an Associate Member of the Cleveland-Marshall Moot Court Team, a member of the C|M|LAW Business Law Students Association, an Associate of the American Bar Association’s Council on Legal Education Opportunity, a frequent Pro Bono Program volunteer, and a law student member of the American Bar Association and of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. During the past year, she has worked as a law clerk in the Cleveland office of Walter & Haverfield, LLP.
Two New Faculty Members Contribute Expertise in Vital Areas of Legal Study: Health Care Law and Tax Law.

New students and new faculty invigorate the law school, bringing new insights and new enthusiasm to the community of teachers and learners they are joining. In late summer, as the entering class of 2010 begins to assemble in the atrium and Moot Court Room, we will also welcome two new Cleveland-Marshall faculty members: Professors Gwendolyn Roberts Majette and John T. Plecnik. Professor Majette will become an important contributor to the development of the law school's new Center for Health Law and Policy, and Professor Plecnik will greatly enrich our students' opportunities to study and master the law of Taxation and Estate Planning.

**Gwendolyn Roberts Majette**'s undergraduate degree is from Emory University (1989); her JD is from George Washington University School of Law (1993), where she was a Dean's Fellow, and her LLM, with distinction in Global Health, is from Georgetown University Law Center (2009).

Professor Majette has had a decade-and-a-half of experience teaching various courses in the health law curriculum—from introduction to International Health, Human Rights and Public Health to Health Care Law and Policy. She was a Lecturer in the American University Washington College of Law's Health Law and Policy Institute in 2009, an Assistant Professor of Law at the Florida Coastal School of Law from 2005 until 2007, and an Assistant Visiting Professor of Law at Campbell University School of Law from 2004 until 2005. Professor Majette was a member of the Howard University School of Law's legal writing faculty from 1995 until 2006, and from 1996 until 1997, she was an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Howard's School of Medicine teaching Health Care Ethics to students through a multi-disciplinary approach.

Professor Majette has also had considerable Capitol Hill experience. During a six-month period in 2008 and 2009, she was a Legislative Fellow in the Office of U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, where she worked on MEDICARE, MEDICAID, CHIP and Health Care Reform Policy. In 2007 and 2008, she spent another sixth-month period as a Fellow on the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, Health Subcommittee, where she analyzed proposed legislation on issues related to medical research and health care policy. In addition, she served as a member of then-Senator Barack Obama's volunteer Health Policy Committee.

She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association and the American Society of Law Medicine and Ethics, as well as several other health-law-related organizations. She lectures and consults on issues of health care reform. A recent article, *From Concierge Medicine to Patient-Centered Medical Homes: International Lessons and the Search for a Better Way to Deliver Primary Health Care in the U.S.*, was published in the *American Journal of Law and Medicine* (2009).

At C|M|LAW, Professor Majette will teach Contracts in the fall and spring and Health Care Law in the spring.

**John T. Plecnik** earned a BA, *summa cum laude*, in Accounting with a minor in Mythology from Belmont Abbey College, where he graduated co-valedictorian in 2003. He earned his JD, *cum laude*, from Duke University School of Law in 2006. While at Duke, he was one of six inaugural executive board members to co-found the *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy*. He also served as an editor on *Law & Contemporary Problems* and received the Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Taxation & Estate Planning. Professor Plecnik earned his LLM in Taxation from New York University School of Law in 2009. While at NYU, he served as Executive Editor of the *NYU Review of Law & Social Change* and was the first part-time student to be selected as a member of that review. In addition, Professor Plecnik was awarded the Certificate in Business Excellence and alumni status by
Columbia Business School for completing a number of Executive Education programs in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Following his graduation from law school, Professor Plecnik joined the Wall Street law firm of Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP as an ERISA associate. He currently serves as a law clerk to the Honorable David Gustafson of the United States Tax Court in Washington, DC. Since 2009, he has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches Tax Penalties & Tax Crimes.

Professor Plecnik is licensed to practice in New York and in the United States Tax Court. He also holds the NASBITE Certified Global Business Professional designation, which provides a benchmark for competence in global commerce.

Professor Plecnik is the author of *Equal Access to Public Education: An Examination of the State Constitutional & Statutory Rights of Nonpublic Students to Participate in Public School Programs on a Part-Time Basis in North Carolina & Across the Nation* in the *Texas Journal on Civil Liberties & Civil Rights* (2007). He is currently at work on an article entitled *Abolish the Inflation Tax on the Poor and Middle Class*, which proposes a refundable tax credit to mitigate the effect of inflation on cash, cash equivalents, and interest-bearing instruments. The article will also analyze the impact of inflation during the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s and 1990s and the potential impact of inflation during today’s credit crisis.

At C|M|Law, Professor Plecnik will teach Estates and Trusts in the fall and Tax Law I and Wealth Transfer Tax in the spring.

We welcome Professors Majette and Plecnik to the law school and look forward to a long and productive association as the law school continues to build its programs in Health Care Law and Tax Law.
In March, the Moot Court team of Chelsea Mikula ’10, Christopher St. Marie ’10, and David Sporar ’10, placed in the top eight in the country in the Association of the Bar of New York National Moot Court Competition in New York.

Our ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition team of Samantha Vajskop ’11, Mike Jagunic ’11, and Kevin Marchaza ’11 competing in the regional rounds in Miami received the award for Best Brief and was the number one seed throughout the event, finishing 5-0. The team advanced to the final round of the National Competition in Chicago in April but lost their quarterfinal round—but by only one point!

Sarah Kovit ’10, Jillian Snyder ’10, Nicol Higdon ’11, Andy Trout ’10 and Anna Brown ’12 participated in the Jessup International Moot Court Super Regional Championship in February. The team argued four rounds and performed admirably. Though the team did not advance to the quarterfinals this year, they received good scores for briefs and oral arguments.

The team of April Stephenson ’10, Mona Ma ’11, and Chance Douglas ’11 summarily conquered all teams they argued against in the preliminary rounds at the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition at the University of Maryland in Baltimore and made it into the final-four semi-finals in Florida.

The eight-member CMLAW American Association for Justice National Trial Competition team of Udochi Onwubiko ’11, Luisa Taddeo ’10, Judy Santora ’12, Chris Pantoja ’12, Justin Rudin ’10, Anthony Rich ’10, Ashley Jones ’11 and Susanna Ratsavong ’12 performed outstandingly well during this year’s AJA competition. Reminger attorneys David A. Valent ’08 and Adam J. Davis ’08 coached the team.

Our BLSA team of Eman Dughly ’10 and Teirra Ndegwa ’10 competed in the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition and advanced from the regional to the national competition, where Ms. Ndegwa, in an outstanding performance, argued both the petitioner’s and respondent’s appeals and was named Best Oralist.

Thanks to all our students and their coaches: Professors Stephen Gard, Janice Aitken ’96, and Browne Lewis and Assistant Director of Admissions and Multicultural Recruitment Sandra L. English ’03.

The 2009-10 school year has been a year of stellar achievements for the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Moot Court teams.
A Class Action: the Top Hat, Dancing Shoes, 2010 Graduation Challenge Gala Group

The law school class that graduated in May 2010 was certainly among the most gifted academically. They were also among the most inventive and entrepreneurial. And their imaginative and creative energies were on shining display during the annual Graduation Challenge campaign.

Each year the graduating class raises money for a gift to present to the law school. The Class of 2010 chose to put their Graduation Challenge efforts into a campaign to build the law school’s scholarship resources. And, noting that their Class of 2010 was chock full of artistic and performance talent, the GC organizers chose as their theme, “Learn Law. Live Justice. Love Art.”

First, they began raising money through a series of small and unobtrusive events. And then, on April 16, a group of high-spirited musicians, choristers, dancers, and comic actors gave the law school a look at itself in a boisterous and gala final fund-raising event in the auditorium of CSU’s Main Classroom building. “Party 2010: A Class Action” began with a silent auction of student artwork and then proceeded to have a bit of fun at the expense of the law school through a series of impersonations, skits and a video, “A Hastily Made Prospective Tour Video,” that for wit and over-the-top slapstick was pretty unbeatable.

Many law students took part in the program, but hats off especially to emcee Matthew Hebebrand, who did a winning impersonation of Professor Michael Borden, and to vocalists and members of the CMJLAW “Arbitrators” band, Zach Germaniuk and Chris Gray on guitar, Eric Becker on bass and Joey Scale on drums. Kudos to video actors Margaret Sweeney as a long-suffering student marooned in an endless line of cars waiting for a place in the parking garage, to Laura Kolat playing a gullible law school applicant, to her “student recruiter” Emily White, to Derek Kohanski as an inappropriate questioner, to Thomas Bruce as Professor Kevin O’Neill, David Sparor as Justice Scalia, Nick Costaras as American Idol finalist Adam Lambert, April Stephenson as cable host Nancy Grace, and a dozen other actors who had scene-stealing walk-on parts.

These video actors played themselves and acquitted themselves admirably: Professor Stephen Lazarus, Assistant Dean Christopher Lucek, Assistant Admissions Director Amy Miller, Career Planning Director Jennifer Blaga ’94, Student Services Center Receptionist Israel Peyton, and Interim Dean Phyllis L. Crocker.

Congratulations to the two Graduation Challenge Chairs Lindsay Wasko and Alana Jochum, and the amazing Graduation Challenge team of Margaret Sweeney, Sarah Kovit, Eric Becker, Christopher St. Marie, April Stephenson, Emily White and Susan Vitaz. A wild round of applause to Sarah Kovit and April Stephenson, who composed scripts for the skits and video and to Anna Woods, who choreographed the dance numbers. And a standing ovation to Margaret Sweeney, Alana Jochum and Christopher St. Marie who directed the video!

(Note to students: Are you sure you want to practice law?)
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Dayna M. DePerro Milligan '04

Ms. DePerro-Milligan joined Kelley & Ferraro in 2004 as an associate. Previously, she worked for a law firm handling personal injury cases. She graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 2004 and Miami University in 2001 with a BA in Speech and Organizational Communications. In 2008, she was named one of Ohio's Super Lawyers. Ms. DePerro-Milligan is on the membership committee of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Association in 2009.

Welcome New Life Members

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Spotlight on:

Lindsay J. Wasko
2010 C|M|LAW Alumna
C|M|LAW Student Bar Association President

Lindsey Wasko is a magna cum laude graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, where she majored in Criminal Justice and Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. In college as in law school, she has had an impressive record of student achievement: At Baldwin-Wallace, she was on the dean's list for six semesters, she was a member of the International Honors Society in Social Science, and she received a Baldwin-Wallace Scholarship Award and was named "Outstanding Criminal Justice Major" by the Cuyahoga County Chiefs of Police Association.

At C|M|LAW, she has been a spectacularly successful student leader. As President of the Student Bar Association, she has put to good use her organizational skills and her background in business and accounting. The SBA is an umbrella organization with fiduciary responsibilities for all recognized law student organizations. SBA also plans relevant social and educational programs throughout the year, oversees student elections, raises funds to support itself, and supports an ad hoc committee to address issues raised by part-time students. One of SBA's major assignments is to plan the annual Graduation Challenge fund-raising campaign in support of C|M|LAW. As Graduation Challenge co-chair, she spearheaded one of the most spirited and successful fund-raisers in years.

In addition to her SBA work, Ms. Wasko has served as treasurer of the Justinian Forum and is a student member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association.

After graduation, she plans to study for the bar and seek employment in a small or mid-sized law firm, where she hopes to focus on family law, bankruptcy law or labor law.

The SBA provides many services to our students and administrators. Its success requires the good will of an entrepreneurial and efficient leader. In Lindsay Wasko, we have had just such a leader, and we thank her for her work and service on behalf our law school.
Kevin Francis O’Neill
Associate Professor of Law
any students come to law school in search of the kind of career Kevin Francis O’Neill has had and in the hope of learning law from the kind of teacher he has become. Widely respected among our students, Professor O’Neill has taught full time at the law school for the past 15 years, and in nine of those years the Cleveland-Marshall students have voted him “Professor of the Year.” In 2004, the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association presented him with the Stapleton Award for Excellence in Teaching. Before joining the faculty of the law school, he had an outstanding career as a litigator, principally as Legal Director of the Ohio chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, scoring repeated courtroom and settlement victories, often on behalf of the region’s most vulnerable citizens.

Home Movies

Kevin O’Neill grew up in University Heights, Ohio, the son of a prominent trial attorney, Mark O’Neill, and the grandson of CLEVELAND NEWS editor, Frank O’Neill. Yet, as a youngsters, he did not envision a career in law or journalism or teaching. He had something else in mind. He wanted to make movies. Kevin was wild about movies—from Charlie Chaplin to the great Russian directors of the early 20th century to the achingly intellectual films of Ingmar Bergman. His parents indulged him because, he says, though he was also a great sports fan, “They knew no athletic scholarship was coming my way, and, by the time I was a teenager, they were grateful I had an avid interest in something, anything.” He began his career with crime and monster films, shooting scenes on an old super-eight millimeter camera, eventually producing a send-up of a monster movie through onto a greater stage. Moreover, as hard as it was to get into the industry itself, it was even more difficult to get into the union. “I was reduced to working on low-budget, non-union or sound recording where he might have found a crack to crawl into the industry itself, it was even more difficult to get into the union. “I was reduced to working on low-budget, non-union productions.” Once, however, he landed a bit-part acting in one of those low budget films: a movie called “Foes,” which he describes as “the single worst sci-fi film ever made.”

Kevin’s safari film was different: a documentary tour of our region’s lawn ornaments: little kissing Dutch people, elves, flamingoes, saints of many martyrdoms, and, above all, the ubiquitous chrome balls glittering in the neat front yards of the city’s suburbs. He wished, he explains, to unlock the mysteries of the chrome balls, their inscrutable allure. Why were they everywhere? Like his hero Ingmar Bergman, Kevin wrote, directed, produced and narrated the film. “Chrome Balls” is still available, locked up in a desk drawer in room 151 of the law school. “It has probably turned to dust by now,” notes its creator, 33 years after its debut.

“Foes”

Following his graduation in 1977, he moved to Los Angeles, hoping to break into the movie industry. That was not easy. His emphasis in school had been on directing, not on lighting or sound recording where he might have found a crack to crawl through onto a greater stage. Moreover, as hard as it was to get into the industry itself, it was even more difficult to get into the union. “I was reduced to working on low-budget, non-union productions.” Once, however, he landed a bit-part acting in one of those low budget films: a movie called “Foes,” which he describes as “the single worst sci-fi film ever made.”

“I spent 12 hours a day in orange face paint turning the knobs of an earth-destroying machine. It was boring and exasperating work.” But, as Emerson says, there is balance in all of life—eternal recompense—and it came to Kevin by way of a dark-cloaked hulk of a man hunched over a European editing machine in an obscure back lot of the studio: the Great Orson Welles, editing a documentary about magic. In between takes of “Foes,” the sci-fi actor with the orange face rushed to the back lot to try to catch another glimpse of the radio actor who, in 1938, informed the world that Martians had arrived to de-
Kevin Francis O'Neill

discovered. "I tried to write screen plays and supplemented my income with a bit part here or there, a job as a tour guide at Universal and sometimes writing film reviews for raggedy publications." Recalling the three years he spent trying to break into the movie industry, he says modestly, "I learned a lot, but I didn't think I had the talent or the ability to network into a significant job."

Dateline Los Angeles: Grandson of Frank O'Neil Joins Hearst Syndicate

Though it was time to surrender that youthful dream, it was not yet time to leave California. California of the mid-1970s and early 80s was a state in turmoil. Ronald Reagan had twice served as its Governor and had twice failed to win the Republican nomination for President. His success in 1980 issued in a conservative resurgence that in California (and elsewhere) often translated into aggressive and unseemly politics. The war in Vietnam that spawned the counterculture movements of the 60s and 70s had ended. Right and left-wing media now confronted one another over Proposition 13, illegal immigration, bilingual education, women's rights, gay rights, workers' rights and a cornucopia of isms: environmentalism, sexism, racism. The President proposed constructing a missile base deep in space, its armaments aimed toward the Soviet Union, whose faltering empire was already under attack from within. Religious fundamentalism asserted itself as an abiding political presence. Harvey Milk was assassinated.

"A streak of liberalism awakened in me," Kevin reports, and in 1980, he found a job on the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner. Founded by William Randolph Hearst in 1902 as a union-friendly "American newspaper for the American home," at its height THE HERALD was one of the largest, most influential newspapers in the country, cranking out a million copies a day. At the dawn of the 80s, though diminished by a lengthy strike, the paper still carried a punch. It had a tabloid vitality and the kind of screaming headlines that strike fear in the hearts of politicians.

"I arrived in the newsroom every morning at 5:00 a.m., rushed into work, sifted through the releases that had arrived overnight by wire, retrieved any substantial news items and delivered them to the editorial staff. By the time I left in 1981, I had worked my way up from clerk to writing a twice-weekly consumer affairs column. It was a kind of Dear Abby for people victimized by some sham, often fly-by-night businesses that had opened under one name, raked in buyers, cashed their checks, closed and moved to a new location with a new name." It was sometimes exciting work involving the investigatory arm of the U.S. Postal Service, but mostly it was pedestrian fare.

Still, the 20 months he spent on THE HERALD were formative. Though he did not know it at the time, eventually the experience would lead him to a career in law. He had come out of college with, as he says, "an undisciplined writing style. A churlish cigar-chomping city editor beat me into clarity using traditional pedagogical methods: fear and intimidation. He would take my head off, but he taught me well—how to find the meat in an argument, how to determine what's important for the reader to know and distill from that what you put down on paper." As it turns out, he was learning essential brief-writing skills.

Kevin had his eye on the editorial page. Fired up by the local culture and politics, he would spend his free days researching and writing a feature story, but he could never get the editors to read what he wrote. "I was thought of as a kid who worked his way up from a copy clerk, who helped the sports guys on the weekend and who could do a competent job as a consumer affairs writer, but they wouldn't let me advance further."

And then he had a revelation. The people his age whom the paper chose to cover politics and the courts were new law school graduates. It was clear that if he wanted a career in journalism that, absent a degree in journalism, he should go to law school.

Son of 'Whispering Death' Studies Law

"I was accepted by a number of California law schools, but I came back to Cleveland and enrolled at Case," where he fell under the influence of famed law scholars Peter Junger, a gentle Buddhist, who taught Property Law, and, above all, the man who taught him Criminal Proce-
dure, Lewis Katz, "the best teacher I had a CWRU." And then there was the teacher at home. Due to his gentle and disarming manner while demolishing opposing counsel's arguments, Kevin's father was widely (and affectionately) known in the courtrooms of the Northern District of Ohio as "Whispering Death."

"I admired the way my father practiced law. I admired his courtroom demeanor, ever courteous and collegial. Winning or losing, he was always a gentleman lawyer. I have tried to model myself after him."

Kevin was a conscientious student and member of the editorial staff of the CASE WESTERN RESERVE LAW REVIEW, which published his first scholarly article. In 1984 when he graduated, he was well prepared for whatever the great world of lawyers and judges and clients held out to him. He no longer wanted to make movies or write feature articles. Yet he had chosen a story-telling profession as rife with drama as any on the silver screen, a profession in which lives often turned on the written word. Nothing in his school work or early work life had been wasted.

Kevin O'Neill, Corporate Attorney

Following his graduation, he joined, in succession, the law practices of two venerable Ohio law firms as an associate litigator. Those were his "big firm years," he says, years in which he cut his teeth on commercial and complex litigation in cases that dealt with a broad array of issues: from RICO to products liability to issues in admiralty law. It was exhausting and exhausting and often gratifying work, but "I always thought something was missing.

"We were essentially just fighting over money, and I didn't always feel good about some of the cases I dealt with. I wanted to do something that would advance a cause I cared about." In 1988, he found a cause that summoned all his passions: helping to save the Virgin River from commercial exploitation in an area of the country to which he continues to be drawn "like a salmon."

Every summer during his boyhood, his parents drove the family west across the country to visit Utah's magnificent Red Rocks country in Zion National Park. In the mid-80s, a coalition of private developers and local government officials proposed building a dam that would have reduced to a trickle the 260-mile-long Virgin River flowing southwesterly from the red rock canyons of Utah through Arizona until it joins the Colorado River in Nevada. A small and poorly staffed environmental group, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance in Salt Lake City, bent on saving the river and the surrounding wilderness, had filed a lawsuit opposing the dam. In 1988, Kevin, who had been protesting the venture through letters to Congress, decided to pitch himself directly into battle and signed on as a volunteer attorney. Today, the waters of the Virgin River flow deep and clear in its river bed, and Kevin has had the satisfaction of watching his own children play along the banks and in the river he helped save.

He had also done some pro bono work in the past on behalf of battered women seeking the protection of the court and asylum from their abusers. The courtroom confrontations were often intense: a desperate woman and an angry assailant. But, he says, "representing someone pro bono who had a terrible need for help felt good in my soul. Very different from the intellectual satisfaction I had working with paying clients."

Kevin O'Neill, Lawyer for the People

And thus began the second phase of his life as a lawyer. Seven years after earning his law degree, he left private practice to accept a job as Legal Director of the ACLU of Ohio, and for the next four years he and the organization represented plaintiffs in case after case that threatened the rule of law, bringing actions against the United States government, the State of Ohio, Ohio city governments, and local police forces for activities that challenged the constitutional protections of gay citizens, African Americans, women, the homeless and members of ethnic populations.
They fought attempts to arrest citizens who merely “appeared” to be under the influence of illegal drugs, fought to prevent the city of Cleveland from imposing tariffs that would inhibit distribution of street peddlers’ newspapers, fought to prevent unauthorized “sweeps” of men and women living on city streets in Cleveland and Columbus, and fought efforts to prohibit rival groups from protesting outside the house of an accused Nazi death camp guard. And, in one spectacular case that began like a cheap detective movie with an anonymous tip and ended like a morality play with justice triumphant, ACLU lawyers stopped the ruthless practice by Cleveland police, acting on orders from the Mayor’s office, of seizing homeless street people, forcing them into squad cars and abandoning them far from their downtown shelters and refuges—leaving them in distant suburbs, for instance, or in the wilds of the Metropolitan Park System or in the gravel pit of the city’s water treatment plant.

**Professor O’Neill at Home in the Law School in the City**

Professor O’Neill began teaching Constitutional Law at our law school as a member of the adjunct faculty in 1993 and immediately made his mark. Student surveys the following spring identified him as one of the law school’s three best teachers. He joined the full-time faculty in 1995, teaching Evidence, Civil Procedure, First Amendment Rights and Contracts.

Though Professor O’Neill learned law in another Cleveland law school (the one in the park), he is at home in the law school in the city, having already been something of a hero to so many of its residents. Teaching Constitutional Law in a public school seems just as right and fitting for him as his work on behalf of the American people’s Constitution.

A person reading through his student evaluations over the years would find identical themes running throughout: Students unfailingly remark on his kindesses, his respect for the students, his sense of humor, his classroom innovations and his genuine concern that they learn well. At the same time that they remark on his kindnesses, they also praise the rigor of his class assignments and the scrupulosity of his grading—even the students whose grades fall below their expectations. He is quite simply an extraordinary teacher and has shared his teaching philosophy and insights in Strategies and Techniques for Law School Teaching (with former CWRU Law faculty member Howard Katz) 2009.

Alana Jochum ’10 sent Law Notes an email in which she reminisced about her law school experience and the teachers she most admired. Kevin O’Neill led the list: “Professor O’Neill is one of those professors that you remember—not just what he taught you, but the way he taught you,” she wrote. “He is the most encouraging professor I have ever had. He believes in each of his students, and he pushes us beyond our self-doubts into mastery of our studies.”

In addition to his 2009 book on teaching strategies, he is the author of scholarly articles, editorials, book chapters, opeds and is always available to the media and in demand as a guest speaker. He has continued his service, pro bono, with the ACLU. In a 1999 case, *Trees v. Taft*, he successfully argued the First Amendment rights of prisoners on death row who were being denied the privilege of making a final statement in the moments before their executions. The case later informed his article *Muzzling Death Row Inmates: Applying the First Amendment to Regulations that Restrict a Condemned Prisoner’s Last Words*, which was published in the *Arizona State Law Journal* in 2001. In 2000, he served as third chair in a successful First Amendment challenge to federal regulations that criminalized exporting any materials discussing or employing cryptography, a case that must have been especially gratifying because the winning litigant was his former CWRU Law Professor, Peter Junger.

**Stardom**

As it turns out, though Kevin O’Neill never became a movie director or was allowed to write the feature article he wanted to write, in the courtroom and in the classroom, he has a stellar presence. An Oscar-winning presence, you might even say. Moreover, in 1988, Professor O’Neill married Sonia M. Winner, a lawyer with movie star good looks, who is now the Associate Dean for External Affairs at the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. They are parents of a son, Dylan, named for the great Welsh poet, and a daughter, who has the brazenly theatrical name of Katherine Scarlett. The family lives reasonably happily in Shaker Heights, Ohio, the leafy green and serene suburb where this story closes with a couplet from the family’s best loved poet:

*Time let me play and be / Golden in the mercy of his means.* Dylan Thomas
Alana C. Jochum stands out among the law school's most accomplished students: She is ranked third in her class and serves as editor-in-chief of the CLEVELAND STATE LAW REVIEW. Last year, as a member of the Moot Court Team, she won recognition as author of the "Best Brief" during the regional rounds of the ABA Nationals Moot Court competition. Her note, Pleading in Ohio After Bell Atlantic v. Twombly: Why Ohio Shouldn't "Notice" a Change, is forthcoming in the CSU LAW REVIEW.

Ms. Jochum is a 2005 summa cum laude alumna of Baldwin-Wallace College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. In addition to her academic accomplishments, Ms. Jochum has also been an outstanding student leader. In the fall, she co-chaired one of the law school's most successful public conferences, a symposium on "The State of LGBT Rights: Ohio, America, and the World." Co-sponsored by the ACLU of Ohio and the law school, the conference featured guest lecturers representing national and international organizations active in human rights campaigns on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens. And, as LAW NOTES goes to print, Ms. Jochum and Student Bar Association President Leslie Wasko '10 are co-chairing the Graduation Challenge committee. Graduation Challenge is an annual fund-raising initiative of the graduating class, and this year's committee is an especially entrepreneurial one. Its goal is to raise money for law school scholarships and other projects through an event showcasing the multiple artistic and performance talents of the class of 2010. "Party 2010: a Class Action," billed as an evening of "toastings and roasting," included music by a law school band, "The Arbitrators"; skits, a silent auction, and a video "mockumentary" that has a bit of fun at the expense of all of us.

This year, former Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns added a new feature to the graduation ceremony. He announced his intention to choose a student to speak at commencement who best exemplifies all that is implied in the law school's motto, Learn Law. Live Justice. That student, to no one's surprise except perhaps the honoree's, was Alana Jochum.
Did you know . . . .

C|M|LAW Pipeline Projects Continue to Thrive

In January, 55 Cleveland Municipal School District high school students attended the law school's second annual Jump Start Program, an initiative sponsored by the C|M|LAW Office of Admissions under the direction of Assistant Director of Admissions and Multicultural Recruitment Sandra English '03. Students from Maple Heights High School, the Cleveland Academy for Scholarship, Technology, and Leadership Enterprise (C.A.S.T.L.E.) High School, and Cuyahoga Community College's Upward Bound Program took their first steps toward college and possibly a future career in law in an inspiring half-day program. Students and their teachers toured the law school and met with law faculty, administrators, students, practicing attorneys from the Norma S. Minor Bar Association, the local affiliate of the National Bar Association. C|M|LAW's Jump Start Program is supported with funds from the Law School Admission Council through its DiscoverLaw.org initiative. DiscoverLaw.org was developed by the LSAC's Diversity Committee in an effort to increase the representation of students from racially and culturally diverse populations in colleges and graduate schools.

This summer, the Law & Leadership Institute begins its third year of offering a five-week simulated law school experience to area high school students in an effort to encourage them to pursue college, and, we hope, law school. The pipeline program that began in our law school and in Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law as a summer school is greatly expanded and will be held this summer on eight law schools campuses. C|M|LAW will host "graduates" from two previous classes, now entering tenth and eleventh grades as well as a new class of rising ninth graders.

Recently, a team of 12 Law & Leadership Institute students from various Cleveland Municipal School District high schools got a taste of courtroom glory when they walked away from the Cleveland Municipal Court on May 7th with the first-place trophy in the 2010 Citywide Mock Court Competition. C|M|LAW Manager of Student Affairs Inga Laurent '05, who administers the L&LI, and with law students Michael Ritz and Joanna Lopez, coached the team. In addition to the team's Best Team award, 9th grade team member Randall Richmond won the Best Attorney award.

The yearly event, sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, takes place in the Cleveland Municipal Court. The Cleveland-Marshall Law & Leadership students competed against 30 teams from area schools in a "trial" in which student attorneys debated whether a defendant was guilty of vehicular homicide due to possible negligence and violation of the texting-while-driving law.

Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey '81, Vice Chair of the Cleveland Municipal School Board, has been instrumental in creating and supporting the law school's pipeline programs for many years.
Edward T. Haggins graduated from our law school in 1966. Thirty years later, he was ordained as a minister. The two vocations have been entirely compatible. In both, he has had to be a strong advocate: in law, for the guilty and the innocent; in his ministry, for believers and non-believers.

As a pastor, Reverend Haggins has reached out to a class of men who, he believes, are easily forgotten: men of all ages incarcerated in Ohio prisons. In the mid-1990s he and his wife, Brenda, created the Matthew Prison Fellowship Association to minister to male inmates—even, and especially, those on death row. Now in his 80s, he continues to visit his prison flock regularly, often traveling among three or more prisons each week.

Reverend and Mrs. Haggins have also invested in the youth of Ohio through two charitable annuities at the Cleveland Foundation. The first, the Ruth Boaz Foundation, makes grants to a variety of charitable causes. The second, and larger, annuity is the Edward T. Haggins Charitable Gift Annuity, which will provide scholarship funds to minority students at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. In creating the scholarship, Reverend Haggins asked only one favor in return: that we exhibit, in a prominent location, the first-place award he received from The Saturday Review for writing "the most outstanding article appearing in a College Literary Magazine during the Academic Year 1965-66." His award for his article, "Right to Counsel in Criminal Cases," hangs outside the offices of the Cleveland State Law Review. Accompanying the citation is a letter of congratulations signed by famed American journalist and Saturday Review editor Norman Cousins.

At the law school, we are grateful for the example he has set for our students, as a lawyer, as a minister, as a humanitarian, and, now, as a generous alumnus of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Teirra Ndegwa, Class of 2010, C|MI|Law and the Levin College of Urban Affairs

C|MI|Law student Teirra Ndegwa ‘10 was named Best Oralist during the National Frederick Douglass Moot Clinic Court Competition held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in March. Ms. Ndegwa, a dual degree candidate in law and public administration, triumphed over students from Columbia University, Harvard Law School, Florida State University and Georgetown Law Center in a stunning performance in which she argued both the petitioner and respondent appeal!

Cleveland-Marshall Professor Browne Lewis and Sandra English ‘03, Assistant Director of Admissions and Multicultural Recruitment, helped prepare Ms. Ndegwa for the annual Douglass competition, which is sponsored the National Black Law Students Association. According to Professor Lewis, the competition director commended Ms. Ndegwa on her courage in arguing by herself, stating that her scores were commensurate with those of the top competitors in the recent history of the contest.

A native of Cleveland, Ms. Ndegwa earned her undergraduate degree in political science and sociology from Ohio University, where she held a four-year King/Chavez/Parks Scholarship and received numerous awards and academic honors. At Cleveland-Marshall, she is the recipient of a Cleveland-Marshall Scholarship, the Lillian W. Burke Scholarship, the Charles W. Flemming Scholarship, the Black Professionals Association Charitable Foundation Scholarship, a Housing Court Fellowship and the SBA Student Leadership Award, as well as two Pro Bono Community Service Awards. She has been active in the American Bar Association-Student Division, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association’s 3Rs Program, the National Council of Negro Women, and as an officer in the Black Law Students Association.

In addition to her studies in law and public administration, Ms. Ndegwa works as a legal intern for Dominion and is a first-time mother. She and her husband, Bernard Ndegwa, have a son, Everette, born shortly before she began preparing for the competition.
What will we do without Marie Rehmar and Gary Williams?

This summer, the law school will lose two colleagues who will be very difficult to replace: Marie Rehmar and Gary Williams will both retire on the last day of June.

**Marie Rehmar**, the Law Library's Head of Reference Services, earned her undergraduate degree from Cleveland State University, her Master of Library Science degree from Case Western Reserve University and her Master of Public Administration from the Levin College of Urban Affairs. She joined the reference staff of the law library in 1978.

In 1978 there was one LEXIS terminal and one OCLC terminal. There was no Internet at all; however, there was a valuable human resource: Marie Rehmar, pencil in hand, among the stacks, leafing through books, weaving her way through her own personal archive of boxed-up "really interesting stuff that someone will need one day. You just watch!" For over three decades, she has responded to the research requests of students, faculty, alumni and library guests with unfailing grace—this amazing colleague with the unerring gift of finding the needle in the haystack. And she is as successful researching online as she is combing through files of yellowing newspapers or searching through dusty archives.

I am sure there are books and articles that might never have been seen the light of day without the help Marie has provided to our faculty and administrators. Speaking of my own experience, I could not have done my job for the past 24 years without her willingness to help me—especially in the days before the Internet and other electronic resources.

Marie has worked for five Law Library Directors. In announcing her retirement, the law school's present Library Director, **Kristina Niedringhaus**, praised Marie's service and her impressive "wealth of knowledge." Add to that a truly remarkable memory. Former C|M|LAW Library Director **Michael Slinger**, hearing of Marie's retirement, recently wrote: "Marie is an institution, and her kind heart will be missed." We will also miss her welcoming presence. Congratulations, and thank you, Marie. From all of us. LFM

**Gary R. Williams**, the law school's Bar Passage Program Coordinator, earned his undergraduate degree from Cleveland State University and his law degree from our law school. Following his graduation, he worked in private practice and in the law departments of the City of Cleveland and the City of Shaker Heights and was on our adjunct faculty from 1994 until 2002, when he joined the C|M|LAW administration as an Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Minority Recruitment.

Gary's responsibilities also included creating a program for students experiencing academic difficulty and working with students who were preparing to take the Ohio Bar Exam. He was teacher and counselor and, eventually, supervisor of a staff that included teaching assistants and faculty lecturers. He managed that job so well that former Dean **Steven H. Steinglass** asked him to take an even more difficult one: In 2007, the ABA instituted a policy allowing law schools to offer academic credit to students who successfully completed a bar-preparation course. Gary was the obvious choice to head that program—except Gary had decided to retire; in fact, officially, he had retired. Still, a month later he reemerged as the law school's new Bar Passage Program Coordinator, creator of the Ohio Bar Strategies and Tactics Course. He returned, as he says, because "I'm a good soldier."

He is also an engaging personality, full of high spirits and merriment. In his new job, he became, almost at once, something of a local hero. The persuasive gifts that served him so well as a law school recruitment officer served him well in the classroom. Our students are passing the bar in greater and greater numbers, and we are often surpassing most of the law schools in Ohio. Just as LAW NOTES heads to the printer, we learned that 90 percent of our students taking the bar for the first time in February have triumphed. C|M|LAW was ranked second in the state.

At the law school, we will miss the good soldier, the local hero and the merriment of his ways! The man no one has ever seen frown or heard utter an unkind word. Congratulations, Gary Williams, and thank you. From all of us.
1953
Former U.S. Congressman Louis Stokes received the inaugural "Pillar of Justice Award" from Federal Bar Association Northern District of Ohio Chapter President Carter Strang '84, a partner in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West.

1963
Charles O'Toole is of counsel to the Cleveland firm of Cavitch Familo & Durkin.

1969
Marc Bloch was elected a general partner at the Cleveland firm of Walter Haverfield where his practice focuses on all aspects of labor relations for both private and public sector clients.

1970
Jeffry Weiler joined Tucker Ellis & West as a member of the firm's Trusts and Estates Practice Group in the Cleveland office.

1972
Michael Climaco is counsel in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West where he represents government entities in commercial, civil and administrative matters.

Judge Joseph Gibson was elected to serve a six-year term on the Lake County Court of Common Pleas bench.

1973
Richard Panza, principal with Wickens Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista in Avon and Sandusky, is President of the Board of Directors of Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

1974
Michael Hennenberg, of counsel to the firm of Dinn Hochman & Potter, was selected for inclusion in the 2009 Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine. Mr. Hennenberg is certified as a Criminal Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and is a Fellow in the American Board of Criminal Lawyers.

1975
James Aussem is a partner with the Cleveland firm of Cavitch Familo & Durkin where he focuses his practice primarily in succession planning, business, and estates and trusts.

F. Tyler Rich earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council. The award is reserved for "an individual who has had a distinguished career as a public prosecutor." Mr. Rich has been with the City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office since 1977.

1976
Warren Enders, an attorney in the Columbus office of Reminger Co., was named a 2010 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

M. Colette Gibbons, partner-in-charge of the Cleveland office of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, was invited to become a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, an invitation-only honorary association that honors exceptional professionals distinguished by their work, their contributions to the administration of justice, and their integrity.

1977
Carolyn Cappel, a resident in the Cleveland office of Weston Hurd, was re-elected as managing partner. She has been honored with selection for membership in the John Manos Inn of Court and the Cuyahoga County and Federal Court Mediation and Arbitration Panel. Ms. Cappel is listed in the 2010 edition of Best Lawyers in America for insurance law and product liability litigation.

Kevin Irwin was selected for inclusion in the 2010 Best Lawyers in America for bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law. Mr. Irwin is a partner with Keating Muething

Eugene Kratus joined the Ohio-based law firm of Weston Hurd as a partner in the Cleveland office. Mr. Kratus provides counsel to closely held businesses on taxation and estate planning matters.

John Simonetti was inducted into the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Volunteer Hall of Fame for 2009. Mr. Simonetti was selected for his outstanding volunteer support of the organization, for making a difference in the community, and for raising more than $100,000 in funds to provide for local programs and MS-related research efforts. Mr. Simonetti is an ombudsman for the Eaton Corporation.

Steven Slive was appointed chairman of the advisory board of the Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency. Mr. Slive is managing partner of Slive & Slive Co., where he specializes in family law.
& Klekamp in Cincinnati where his practice is concentrated on the representation of parties in large mass tort bankruptcy proceedings.

Angelo Lonardo was named the 2009 recipient of the John P. Butler Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Criminal Defense from the Cuyahoga Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. Mr. Lonardo is an attorney with Yelsky & Lonardo in Cleveland.

Robert Poklar is a partner at Weston Hurd in Cleveland where his practice consists of business law, commercial litigation, mergers, acquisitions and dispositions.

John Waldeck, Jr. was appointed chair of the Real Estate Specialty Board of the Ohio State Bar Association. Mr. Waldeck heads the real estate group in the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield.

Peter Brodhead, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was named among The Best Lawyers in America® in the personal injury practice area for 2010, named a 2010 Leading Lawyer by Inside Business magazine and named a 2010 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Paul Edwards joined the law firm of Day Ketterer as a finance attorney. Mr. Edwards will help lead growth initiatives for the firm's Cleveland office, as well as provide counsel to clients throughout Northeast Ohio seeking traditional and non-traditional financing.

Henry Perras, a partner in the Phoenix office of Quares & Brady, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010.

Thomas L. Peterson is of counsel to Brundidge & Stanger in Alexandria, Virginia, where he counsels clients in a wide range of intellectual property law matters.

Henry Reder was appointed to the national risk management committee of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Reder is an attorney with Bricker & Eckler in Cleveland.

Gregory Clifford, a Trustee of the East Cleveland Public Library, was honored with the 2009 Trustee Award of Achievement by the Ohio Library Council Awards and Honors committee. The award recognizes an individual that demonstrates distinguished service and leadership within the community or across Ohio. Mr. Clifford is the Cleveland Municipal Court Chief Magistrate and a member of the CMLAA Board of Trustees.

Carl Dyczek was named administrative partner for the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield. Mr. Dyczek is a member of the firm’s business group and concentrates his practice on finance and lending transactions and commercial real estate matters.

William Hawal, an attorney in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was named among The Best Lawyers in America® in the medical malpractice law area for 2010 and named a 2010 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Philip Korey was named a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Mr. Korey practices primarily in the area of criminal defense and representation of professionals before licensing boards.

Governor Ted Strickland named Christopher Royer to the Self Insured Employers Evaluation Board, which reviews complaints or allegations of misconduct against a self-insuring employer. Mr. Royer is manager of workers' compensation, disability plans and occupational health for the Timken Co.

Patricia Schraff, a partner in the firm of Schraff & King in Willoughby Hills, received the Benjamin Rose Institute Katz Advocacy for the Elderly Award by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. Ms. Schraff was recognized for working to improve public programs and policies to advance the health, independence and dignity of older adults.

Gary Zwick was named head of the tax and wealth management section at the Cleveland firm of Walter & Haverfield.

Former judge Kenneth Callahan is a partner and a member of the advocacy and litigation practice group at the Cleveland firm of Buckley King. His practice focuses on white collar criminal defense, business litigation and mediation. He is actively registered as a Private Judge under Ohio law.

Dennis Lansdowne, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was named among The Best Lawyers in America® in the Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice area for 2010, was named a 2010 Leading Lawyer by Inside Business magazine and a 2010 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

CMLAA Board of Trustees member P. Kelly Tompkins was appointed Executive Vice President for Legal, Government Affairs and Sustainability at Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc. in Cleveland.
Patricia Walker, a principal in the Medina firm of Walker & Jockey, was appointed to serve as chair of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the Ohio State Bar Association.

1983
Mary Cibella received the Ohio State Bar Association’s 2009 Nettie Cronis Lutes Award at the OSBA Annual Convention in Cleveland. The award, created by the OSBA Women in the Profession Section, recognizes women lawyers who have "improved the legal profession through their own high level of professionalism and have opened doors for other women and girls." Ms. Cibella is of counsel to the firm of McGinty, Hilow & Spellacy Co. in Cleveland and concentrates her practice in the area of professional responsibility including disciplinary matters, legal malpractice defense and preadmission licensure representation for law students.

Arthur Kaufman was listed in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for insurance law and in the 2009 edition of Ohio Super Lawyers by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Mr. Kaufman writes a monthly column for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal called, "My Life in 6-Minute Increments," which discusses the unique mental and physical challenges faced by attorneys.

Clifford Masch, an attorney in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was named a 2010 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Daniel Pollack co-authored an article on the topic of wrongful death of children in foster care, which was published by the University of La Verne Law Review. Mr. Pollack is a Professor at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University in New York, NY.

Donna Taylor-Kolis, a partner with Friedman, Domiano & Smith in Cleveland, was named an executive committee officer of Youth Challenge. The Westlake non-profit organization unites children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers to enrich each other’s lives through one-on-one participation in adapted sports and recreational activities.

Stephen Walters was named a 2010 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Mr. Walters is managing partner in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co.

1984
Amelia Bower was re-appointed to chair the Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association. Ms. Bower serves as managing partner for the Ohio office of Plunkett Cooney.

Carter Strang, a partner with Tucker Ellis & West in Cleveland, was sworn in as Chapter President of the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio chapter. Mr. Strang also received the 2009 Distinguished Contributions to the Community Award from the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys at its annual convention in Columbus.

1985
Jack Weisensell was inducted into the College of Wooster "W" Hall of Fame. Mr. Weisensell is a partner with Bernlohr Wertz in Akron. His areas of practice include commercial litigation, personal injury, medical malpractice and representation of professional athletes.

1987
James Crawford was appointed director of the Lakewood Public Library.

Richard Romanchik joined the Rochester, New York office of Hiscock & Barclay as counsel in the firm’s intellectual property & technology practice area.

Timothy Trainer conducted a series of intellectual property workshops in Croatia, Kosovo and Macedonia at the invitation of the U.S. State Department. He also conducted workshops for Serbian Government officials in Belgrade on copyright and trade secret/data protection issues and provided an assessment of Bosnia’s intellectual property system as part of a U.S. AID project. Mr. Trainer also taught an intellectual property enforcement course as an adjunct professor at American University’s college of law.

James Walther was elected to a six-year term as judge on the Domestic Relations Court for Lorain County.

1988
Shannon Fogarty Jerse joined the legal department of The Sisters of Charity Health System as general counsel to St. Vincent Charity Hospital. Ms. Jerse also serves as deputy general counsel for the health system.

Michelle Lafferty is corporate counsel at Hylant Group where she is responsible for the Group’s legal representation in all litigation and legal matters, and also serves as legal advisor to the Board of Directors.

Doug Leak, a partner in the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress, has been certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a specialist in appellate law. Mr. Leak’s practice focuses on medical malpractice issues, personal injury and declaratory judgment actions involving insurance carriers.

Michael Murray was elected President of the Lake County Bar Association. Mr. Murray is the legal counsel for the Madison Fire District and has been a magistrate for the Willoughby Municipal Court for over 13 years. Mr. Murray’s practice primarily focuses on personal injury, criminal law and civil litigation.
Rob Remington was identified as a “Notable Practitioner” in the construction field in the latest edition of *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*. Mr. Remington, a partner in the Cleveland office of Hahn Loeser and a member of the CMLAA Board of Trustees, serves as construction counsel to a wide range of owners, general contractors, and subcontractors, advising them on construction disputes, construction contracts, claims management and avoidance, and construction insurance issues.

Jeffrey Black established a partnership with Michael Murray ’88 creating the firm of Murray & Black, LTD in downtown Willoughby. Mr. Black has been a Councilman-at-Large in Willoughby since 2004.

Mary Biacsi was named one of the 2010 Top Women Business Owners of Northeast Ohio by the Cleveland Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. Ms. Biacsi is a principal with the family law firm of Zoller|Biacsi in Cleveland.

Frank Manning was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pathways, Inc., a non-profit, community-based outpatient facility dedicated to providing quality mental health and emergency services to adults in Lake County.

Larry Seman recently appeared in the Great Lakes Theatre Festival presentations of *Comedy of Errors* and *The Seagull*. He also appeared in *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom* at the Beck Center and in *Medea* at the Actors Summit.

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1995
Scott Ciocco was recognized for legal excellence by Real Estate New Jersey Magazine and was selected for the publication’s “Meet the Real Estate Lawyers” list. Mr. Ciocco is an attorney with Flaster Greenberg in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where he has worked extensively with major developers in both the residential and the commercial sectors.

Marilena DiSilvio, an attorney in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was named a 2010 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

1996
James Benedict, Jr. was named president of the University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center in Beachwood.

Leslie Jenny is a shareholder with Bonezzi Switzer Murphy Polito & Hupp in Cleveland. Ms. Jenny devotes her practice to the defense of physicians, hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare professionals.

Thomas Kilbane, an attorney in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was named a 2010 Ohio Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Jennifer Stueber was appointed to the board of trustees of Project: LEARN, a Cleveland non-profit founded in 1974 that has acquired a national reputation for its dedication to advancing adult literacy. Ms. Stueber is an associate with the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West in the firm’s business department where she practices in the areas of real estate development, finance, commercial leasing and general corporate law.

1997
Tracy Crandall joined RPM International Inc. in Medina, Ohio, as associate general counsel. Ms. Crandall will be responsible for a wide range of corporate and transactional legal matters. She also sits on the board of trustees of the YWCA of Greater Cleveland and the visiting committee for Cleveland-Marshall.

Walter (Scott) Lucas joined the Cleveland office of Weston Hurd as a partner. Mr. Lucas concentrates his practice on white collar criminal matters and other complex civil and criminal litigation in both state and federal courts throughout the state of Ohio.

Marietta Pavlidis is a partner in the Akron office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs where she concentrates her practice on litigation, employment and workers’ compensation, and family law.

Susan Petersen announced the opening of the law offices of Petersen & Petersen, Inc. in Chardon. Ms. Petersen represents victims of personal injuries across Ohio to include wrongful death, medical malpractice, product liability, automobile accidents, nursing home negligence and premises liability.

Anthony Petruzzi was elected a partner of the Cleveland-based firm of McLaughlin & McAffrey. Mr. Petruzzi focuses his practice on white-collar criminal defense, internal investigations, business litigation, product liability, and gambling law.

Theresa Richthammer was named a partner in the Cleveland firm of Gallagher Sharp. Ms. Richthammer, who is active in the firm’s professional liability practice group, defends professional negligence claims, primarily focusing on attorney and physician malpractice, and errors and omissions by real estate agents.

1998
Thomas Baker was elected a partner at Tucker Ellis & West in Cleveland. Mr. Baker represents product manufacturers and suppliers, corporations involved in business disputes and Great Lakes shipping carriers in maritime litigation.

Geraldine Butler opened her own law office in Cleveland.

Michele Friend is a partner in the Los Angeles, California, firm of Kneafsey & Friend. She represents a wide range of clients in the areas of business litigation, real estate, civil rights litigation, intellectual property, tort liability & employment litigation.

Amy Kullik has been promoted to partner and shareholder of the Cleveland firm of Mansour, Gavin, Gerlack & Manos where she practices labor and employment law.

Nicholas Miller is senior counsel and a member of Neal Gerber Eisenberg’s Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group.

Timothy Spirko was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs. His practice is focused on personal injury litigation and asbestos defense litigation, including conducting depositions, drafting pleadings, motions and discovery and preparing for trial, mediations, arbitrations and workers’ compensation hearings.

1999
Christopher Blake was elected to the board of directors of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. Mr. Blake is a partner in the Cleveland firm of Hahn Loeser & Parks.

Joseph Hatina was named a partner in the private equity group of Jones Day.
Pamela Houston was appointed a U.S. administrative law judge in Orlando, Florida.

John Lysenko was appointed to Barberton City Council, Ward 2.

Jeanne Mullin was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Ms. Mullin is an attorney in the Sandusky office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis.

Jennifer Whitney is an attorney in the Cleveland office of Frantz Ward. Ms. Whitney focuses her practice on civil litigation, with an emphasis on commercial litigation, business disputes and the representation of management in all phases of labor and employment litigation.

2000
William Joseph Baker is a partner in the Cleveland firm of Giffen & Kaminski where his commercial litigation practice focuses on securities litigation, broker-dealer arbitration and criminal defense.

L. William Erb joined the Cleveland firm of Cavitch Familo & Durkin as a partner. Mr. Erb’s practice focuses primarily on representing banks and financial institutions in commercial lending, loan restructuring and documentation matters.

Halle Hebert serves as claim counsel for The Travelers Companies, Inc. in Independence, Ohio.

Rita Kline is of counsel in the Cleveland firm of Tarolli, Sundheim, Covell & Tummino. Ms. Kline focuses her practice in the areas of trademark, patent and copyright matters.

Gary Norman was appointed by the governor of Maryland and confirmed by the Maryland Senate to the state’s Commission on Human Relations. He was also inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame of Brunswick High School, and received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Wright State University. Mr. Norman has established his own law and consulting firm in Baltimore, Maryland.

Matthew Senra, a partner with Cavitch Familo & Durkin in Cleveland, was elected to the Board of Trustees of Birchwood School and its Governance Committee. He was also selected as an Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

2001
Genesis Brown is an Industry Specialist with Hyland Software in Westlake.

Kelly Burgan was elected a partner in the Cleveland office of Baker Hostetler. Ms. Burgan’s practice focuses on bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors’ rights, commercial litigation, environmental and energy, product liability and toxic tort.

Oliver Dunford joined Hahn Loeser & Parks as an associate in the firm’s Cleveland office.

Erin Hess was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Ms. Hess is an attorney in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co.

Brian Penvose, President-Elect of CMLAA Board of Trustees, is a partner with Koblenz & Penvose in Cleveland.

Beth Ann Schenz was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Ms. Schenz is an associate with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis in Brooklyn Heights.

2002
Nicholas DiCello, an associate in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Tom Green is shareholder and vice president of Kastner Westman & Wilkins in Akron where he provides counsel to employers in all aspects of workplace law.

David Head was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Mr. Head is an associate with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis in Brooklyn Heights.

Jamie Nagle joined the Brooklyn Heights office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis as an associate in the bankruptcy department.

Victor Radel was named a partner in the Cleveland firm of Chernett Wasserman Yarger, where he practices commercial litigation.

Richard Schloss is counsel with Reeder, Lu & Green in Los Angeles, California, where he practices in the area of commercial real estate development and finance.

Robert Yallech was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Mr. Yallech is an attorney in the Youngstown office of Reminger Co.

Brian Zaber was elected partner in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co. Mr. Zaber’s practice is concentrated on the defense of transportation companies, their employers and their insurers.

2003
Manju Gupta joined the Cleveland office of McDonald Hopkins as an associate in the firm’s business restructuring and bankruptcy department. Ms. Gupta serves on the Executive Committee of the William K. Thomas Inn of Court and holds several leadership positions with the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

Karin Scholz Jenson was elected a partner in the Denver office of Baker Hostetler where she is a member of the firm’s litigation group and concentrates her practice in complex litigation.

Jason Rothman is an associate with Ogletree Deakins in Cleveland where he concentrates his practice on employee benefits.
Christopher Peer was elected to the board of directors of The Cleveland/ Northeast Ohio Market division of the American Diabetes Association. Mr. Peer is an associate with the Cleveland-based law firm of Hahn Loeser & Parks.

Brian Seitz joined the Akron firm of Stark & Knoll Co. in the firm's litigation and employment group. Mr. Seitz's experience includes construction litigation and management of complex cases, as well as representing clients in mediations, arbitrations, bench and jury trials and appellate advocacy.

2004

Julie DiBaggio, an associate with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis in Brooklyn Heights, was named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Brian Gannon was elected partner in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co. where his practice is concentrated on medical malpractice and healthcare law. Mr. Gannon was also named a 2010 Ohio Rising Star by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Patrick Milligan and Dayna DePerro Milligan are the proud parents of Patrick John Milligan, Jr., born in June.

Bryan Kostura rejoined Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, in Brooklyn Heights, as an associate in the bankruptcy department. Following an internship with WWR in 2005, Mr. Kostura was called to active duty in the U.S. Army, where he spent the last four years serving in the U.S. Army JAG Corp. as an officer in the 10th Mountain Light Infantry Division. While stationed in Ft. Drum, New York, he acted as the Prosecutor and Senior Legal Advisor for the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade and most recently acted as a Defense Counsel for the Army's Trial Defense Service.

Maria Pocei was married to Patrick Carney in Cleveland in September, 2009. Cleveland-Marshall alumni in attendance included Haddi Qasem '04, Dan Jacobson '04, Vincent Lombardo '81 and Ashleigh Elcesser '10. Ms. Carney is an attorney with the law firm of Cooksey, Tooten, Gage, Duffy & Woog in Las Vegas, Nevada.

2005

Christopher Adkins is an associate in the Cleveland office of Taft Stettinius & Hollister where he is a member of the firm's estate planning practice.

Robin Bravchok joined Phelps Dunbar in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as an associate in the firm's regional business practice group. Ms. Bravchok focuses her practice on health care and corporate law.

Monique McCarthy is the Assistant Dean of Admissions for Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida.

2006

Jennifer Armstrong is an associate with McDonald Hopkins in Cleveland. Ms. Armstrong concentrates her practice on white collar crime, antitrust litigation, securities litigation and labor and employment counseling and litigation.

Keller Blackburn, Assistant Athens County Prosecutor, was presented the 2009 Meritorious Service Award by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

Lindsay Nickolls joined the family law practice of Nichols, Sacks, Slank, Sendelbach & Butteweg, based in Ann Arbor and Brighton, Michigan.

Kari Balog Coniglio joined the Cleveland office of Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff as an associate in the firm’s business reorganization practice group.

Sara Hudacek Ryzner was promoted to site deployment manager for SureSite Consulting Group. Ms. Ryzner will provide leadership in developing and managing process standards, project deployment strategies and implementation.

Theresa Turk joined the Willoughby Hills firm of Schraff & King as an associate concentrating in the areas of estate planning, elder law & probate.

2007

Karl Borgquist is a title attorney with Trott & Trott in Farmington Hills, MI.

LaDavia Drane is the Legislative Counsel in the office of Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge '83 of Ohio's 11th Congressional District. Ms. Drane handles the Congresswoman’s judiciary, housing/community development, healthcare and rules issues.

Elizabeth Evans joined the Cleveland office of Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff as an associate in the firm’s corporate and securities practice group.

Jason Lorenzon joined Margaret W. Wong & Associates as senior attorney where he focuses primarily on assisting clients in immigration law.

Daniel Ari Sherwin joined the Westlake firm of Curatolo Sidoti Co. as an associate.

2008

Heather Heberlein is an associate with the Cleveland office of Buckley King. Ms. Heberlein is also a member of the business and financial services group concentrating on corporate law, commercial transactions and business reorganization.
Alumni Happenings

Adam Davis joined the Cleveland office of Reminger Co. where he practices in the areas of medical malpractice and transportation liability.

Susan Whittaker Hughes joined the Cleveland office of Baker Hostetler as an associate. Ms. Hughes concentrates her practice in the areas of employee benefits and compensation.

Lisa Botic Mach was appointed by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to the State Veterinary Medical Board. Ms. Mach is trained in both law and veterinary medicine.

Alexis Osburn joined the Cleveland office of Baker Hostetler as an associate. Ms. Osburn focuses her practice on creditors’ rights, business restructuring and commercial litigation.

Melanie Schaerban joined the Cleveland office of Weston Hurd as an associate concentrating on commercial and business litigation, insurance defense and insurance coverage matters.

David Valent joined the Cleveland office of Reminger Co. where his legal practice includes matters involving medical malpractice, health care law, trucking and commercial transportation litigation and commercial premises liability.

2009

Adam Fletcher joined the Cleveland office of Baker Hostetler as an associate.

Meghan Kilbane joined the Cleveland firm of Mansour, Gavin, Gerlack & Manos in the firm’s real estate, litigation and business services practice groups.

Katherine Knouff is an associate with Roetzel & Andress in Akron, practicing in the area of medical defense.

Megan Maurer is an associate with Cooper & Walinski in Toledo where her practice focuses on business litigation, employment and labor, and tort litigation.

Matthew Miller joined the Cleveland office of Weston Hurd as an associate. Mr. Miller focuses his practice on commercial and business litigation, business transactions and real estate matters.

Adam Saurwein is an associate in the business law department of McDonald Hopkins in Cleveland where he concentrates his practice on real estate and commercial finance.

Erika Imre Schindler is an associate with Ulmer & Berne in Cleveland, focusing on business litigation.

Brenda Sweet joined the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West as an associate in the Trial Department. Ms. Sweet focuses her practice on medical and pharmaceutical liability and mass tort and product liability.

Allan Sweet joined the Cleveland office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs as an associate where he will focus his practice on estate planning and probate.

MacCallister West joined the litigation section of Hahn Loeser & Parks as an associate in the firm’s Cleveland office.

Pratima Ungarala is the manager of intellectual property for Invacare Corporation in Elyria.

OBITUARIES

Irwin S. Haiman ’41
August Pryatel ’42
Wyatt C. Brownlee ’43
Louis R. Gaiduk ’43
Judge Dominic Olivito, Jr. ’49
George A. Cain ’50
James C. Cox ’52
Nelson G. Karl ’53
Robert F. Curry ’54
Steven R. Hritz ’54
Hon. Frank D. Celebrezze ’56
Albert A. Pottinger ’59
Henry A. Hentemann ’63
Kenneth E. Ramsey ’63
Steven G. Laver ’68
Kenneth B. Schumaker ’68
David M. Linick ’75
A. David Lafer ’77
Albert E. Chrow ’81
Frederick P. Roth ’81
James T. Steiner ’82
Rita D. Ciofani ’85
David B. Stern ’87
Jennifer W. Johnson ’92
Bernadette A. Marczely ’94
Margaret E. Baumgart ’95
Bruce E. Hodge ’95
Victor S. Nolan ’06
David Barnhizer
Professor Emeritus of Law
published_HYPOCRASY_AND_MYTH_THE_HIDDEN_ORDER_OF_THE_RULE_OF_LAW_with_his_7on_Michigan_State_University-Detroit_College_of_Law_Professor_Daniel_Barnhizer_(Vandeplas_Publishing_2009);
spoke_on_"Children_of_a_Lesser_God:_Lawyers,_Economics_and_the_Systemic_Corruption_of_the_Legal_Profession"_at_the_University_of_Toledo_Law_School's_Faculty_Forum_in_October.

Susan J. Becker
The Charles R. Emrick Sr.-Calfee Halter & Griswold Professor of Law and Lloyd Snyder
Associate Professor of Law

Gordon Beggs
Clinical Professor of Law, Employment Law Clinic
helped_organize_and_presented_at_the_Cleveland-Marshall_Christian_Legal_Society's_program_"Faith_and_Practice,_the_Legal_Journey,"_on_August_31,_which_featured_law_school_graduates,_former_state_senator_Jeff_Johnson_‘03,_former_11th_District_Court_of_Appeals_Judge_Bill_O'Neill_and_Cleveland_Municipal_Court_Judge_Anita_Laster_Mays_‘92;

Michael Borden
Associate Professor of Law;
was_elected_to_the_American_Law_Institute.

Carolyn Broering-Jacobs
Legal Writing Professor of Law; Director, Legal Writing, Research and Advocacy Program
spoke_at_the_Southeast_Regional_Legal_Writing_Conference_on_September_12,_2009_at_Stetson_University_College_of_Law_on_"Team_Teaching_with_a_Practitioner:_An_Experiment_in_Transactional_Drafting";
spoke_on_"The_Million-Dollar_Comma,_the_Unpopular_Insurance_Adjuster,_and_the_Irritated_Judge"_in_January_in_the_Cleveland_office_of_Cavitch,_Familo&_Durkin.

Phyllis L. Crocker
Interim Dean, and Professor of Law
presented_with_University_of_Akron_Law_Professor_Margery_Koosed_at_a_conference_on_the_ABA_Death_Penalty_Report,_Innocence_and_E-Discovery,_sponsored_by_the_Akron_Bar_Association_and_the_University_of_Akron_School_of_Law;
joined_Paul_Weiss_Rifkind_Wharton_Garrison_attorney_Beth_Wilkinson_in_a_discussion_in_October_of_"The_Future_of_the_Death_Penalty_Reform_Abortion_Status_Quo?"_during_the_law_school's_first_Criminal_Justice_Forum_of_the_school_year._Ms._Wilkinson,_a_former_Assistant_U.S._Attorney,_was_appointed_a_special_attorney_to_the_U.S._Attorney_General_in_U.S._v._McVeigh_and_Nichols_and_serves_as_co-chair_of_the_Constitution_Project's_Death_Penalty_Initiative._Dean_Crocker_chaired_the_committee_appointed_to_study_and_evaluate_the_administration_of_the_death_penalty_in_Ohio_as_part_of_the_ABA's_Death_Penalty_Moratorium_Implementation_Project_and_was_co-author_of_the_Ohio_committee's_report.

Dena S. Davis
Professor of Law
published_GENETIC_DILEMMAS:_REPRODUCTIVE_TECHNOLOGY,_PARENTAL_CHOICE_AND_CHILDREN'S_FUTURES_(Oxford_University_Press_(2009));
published_"Fathers,_Foreskins,_and_Family_Law"_in_July_as_a_guest_writer_for_the_legal_column_of_the_LAHY_CLINIC_NEWSLETTER;
published_an_"op-ed"_piece_on_embryo_research_and_the_Dickey-Wicker_Amendment_in_the_Society_Scholars_section_of_the_American_Society_of_Law,_Medicine_and_Ethics_website;
spoke_on_"direct-to-consumer_genetic_testing"_at_the_Mountain_States_Genetics_Conference_in_Denver_in_July;
spoke_on_"Cutting_to_the_Core:_Male_and_Female_Genital_Alteration"_as_the_Traub-Byfield_Fellow_at_University_of_Illinois_College_of_Medicine_on_October_10;
gave_the_Phillippa_Harris_Endowed_Lecture,_"Cancer,_Fertility,_and_Hope:_A_Bermuda_Triangle?"_at_Princess_Margarit_Hospital_in_Toronto,_Canada,_in_October;
attended_the_Annual_Meeting_of_the_American_Society_of_Bioethics_and_Humanities_and_moderated_a_panel_on_"New_Directions_in_Jewish_Bioethics,"_also_in_October;
organized_a_symposium_on_BOLDTV_BOLD,_a_family_law_case_involving_circumcision_of_a_12-year-old_boy_in_Oregon_and_wrote_the_Introduction_to_the_proceedings_published_in_the_JOURNAL_OF_CLINICAL_ETHICS_(2009);
is_one_of_nine_academics_appointed_to_the_National_Institutes_of_Health's_Working_Group_for_Human_Embryonic

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Stem Cell Eligibility Review, which will decide which human embryonic stem cell lines can be used in NIH-supported research;
- received the 2009 Cleveland State University's Faculty Research Award, the University's highest award for faculty research.

Rosa M. DelVecchio
Administrative Secretary

Patricia J. Falk
Professor of Law

David Forte
Professor of Law
- spoke to the Intercollegiate Studies Institute on "Islam and the Prospects for Democracy" on June 27, in San Francisco;
- spoke to the Sovereign Military Hospitaler Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta (the Knights of Malta) on "The Roots of Islamic Law" in Cologne, Germany, in August;
- presented "The Crescent and My Country" at Liberty University Law School, Lynchburg, Virginia, also in August;
- spoke on "Religion and Democracy: Church and Islamic Traditions" at the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, in Cleveland in December;

Brian Glassman
Legal Writing Professor of Law
- spoke on "Religion and Democracy: Catholic and Islamic Traditions" at Northwestern University Law School in November;
- spoke on "Three Soldiers and the Negro" at the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, in Cleveland in December;

Carole O. Heyward
Clinical Professor of Law, Urban Development Law Clinic
- served as an expert witness for the Federal Trade Commission in an enforcement action relating to an alleged mortgage modification scam. The case is currently pending in the northern district of Ohio.

S. Candice Hoke
Associate Professor of Law
- participated in a panel presentation, "E-Voting and Forensics: Prying Open the Black Box," on August 10th at the 2009 Electronic Voting Technology Workshop/Workshop on Trustworthy Elections;
- presented "Internet Voting: Formulating Structural Governance Principles for Elections Cybersecurity" in September at the Second International Symposium on Global Information Governance (ISGIG) in Prague, the Czech Republic, in September. Her paper will be published in the proceedings of the meeting;
- filed testimony with the FCC in response to the agency's posted questions in which she discussed whether the FCC should move forward with Internet Voting;
- participated in the Winter Mid-Year meeting of the ABA Standing Committee on Election Law that reviewed federal election law (including the U.S. Supreme Court's new campaign finance decision) and proposals for uniform state election law;
- structured the program format and recruited speakers for an Internet Voting debate held in Munich, Germany, in March 2010;
- was interviewed on March 9 on National Public Radio by NPR reporter Pam Fessler about issues involved when one voting machine manufacturer holds a virtual monopoly on the electronic voting industry—issues that the Justice Department is reviewing. Justice Department investigators have consulted Professor Hoke on these issues.

Lolita Buckner Inniss
Associate Professor of Law
- will publish with co-author, Pace Law School Professor Bridget Crawford, OCTOMOM: SOCIAL FACTORING THE NUMBERS WITH ASSISTED REPRODUCTION, in a forthcoming issue of the TEXAS JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW;
- spoke on "Dirty, Sexy Money" at a fall
symposium sponsored by Women's Rights Law Reporter at the Rutgers School of Law-Newark in November.

Dennis Keating
Professor of Law and Urban Studies
Presented a paper on the re-use of vacant land resulting from foreclosures in Cleveland and was a keynote speaker on a panel on The International Credit Crisis at the conference of the Research Council on Housing and the Built Environment of the International Sociological Association in Glasgow, Scotland.

Kenneth Kowalski and Gordon Beggs
Clinical Professors of Law Employment Law Clinic
Joined with Anita Myerson of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in convening an unemployment law clinic on October 27 as part of National Pro Bono Week. The clinic served 14 clients in one evening.

Arthur Landever
Professor Emeritus of Law
Will publish these articles: Jurisprudence (and Basketball), an annotated Constitution, and an annotated Declaration of Independence in Essential Facts, forthcoming for school libraries from Lincoln Library Press; facilitated a session of Great Stories and the Law, entitled “Justice, Women, the Law and American Culture” at the law school in October; facilitated a session of Great Stories and Justice and Health Care featuring stories by Anton Checkov, Eudora Welty, Amy Bloom and John Updike in April.

Inga Laurent
Manager of Student Organizations
Co-authored with CWRU Law School’s Alyson Alber Law & Leadership Institute Expands Diversity Pipeline in the January 2010 issue of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, which describes the Law & Leadership Summer Institute hosted by C|M|LAW and Case.

Stephen Lazarus
Associate Professor of Law

Browne Lewis
Assistant Professor of Law
Published Two Fathers, One Dad: Allocating the Paternal Obligations Between the Men Involved in the Artificial Insemination Process, the Lewis & Clark Law Review; is appointed to the Cleveland State University Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Human Subjects; spoke at the 2010 Case Western Reserve Law Review Symposium on Reproductive Rights, Human Rights, and the Human Right to Health.

Kermit Lind
Clinical Professor of Law, Urban Development Law Clinic
Spoke on foreclosure procedure reform needed in Ohio to a meeting of the Compact with Ohio Cities Task Force of the Ohio House of Representatives, a group chaired by Representative Michael Foley ’94 whose charge is to create a common agenda of specific public policy action that will help Ohio’s cities. Professor Lind is assisting Ohio General Assembly Representative Dennis Murray drafting legislation that would significantly affect foreclosure proceedings by giving judges more information and clearer direction about foreclosures on distressed and abandoned properties.

Jessica Mathewson
Library Media Technical Assistant
Received the law students' 2009-10 award for Best Administrator for the sixth time!

Claire Robinson May
Legal Writing Professor of Law
Spoke at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference in September on “Fresh Air in the Academy: Why Legal Writing Professors Need Law Practice Sabbaticals”;
Completed a one-act play, “Mother Tongue,” which was performed at a stage reading at The Cleveland Public Theater to an enthusiastic and admiring audience on November 14;
Has been accepted into the North East Ohio Master of Fine Arts program, a collaborative program in the creative arts jointly sponsored by Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Youngstown State University, and the University of Akron. Professor May’s focus will be on playwriting.

Karin Mika
Legal Writing Professor of Law
Published The Benefits of Podcasting in The Second Draft (Spring 2009);
Spoke on “Games in the Legal Writing Classroom: Enhancing the Learning Experience” as the plenary session speaker at the Lone Star Legal Writing Conference Texas Tech Law School;
Published Games in the Law School Classroom: Enhancing the Learning Experience, the lead article in Perspectives, a West periodical devoted to discussion of teaching legal research and writing;
Spoke on “Creating Multiple Choice Quizzes with Feedback Using Powerpoint” at the Ohio State University Bar Association conference on March 5.
Faculty and Staff in the News

Kevin F. O'Neill
Associate Professor of Law

- published (with former Cleveland-Marshall Visiting Professor Howard Katz) STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES FOR LAW SCHOOL TEACHING (Aspen Publishers 2009), which has been positively received and was distributed to all new law faculty at the summer 2009 AALS Workshop for New Law Teachers;
- participated in a live 30-minute radio interview on WHK-1420 AM discussing Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the Supreme Court’s recent decision on campaign finance regulation.

Brian Ray
Associate Professor of Law

- published Policentrism, Political Mobilization, and the Promise of Socioeconomic Rights in the STANFORD JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2009);
- published Enforcement of Socioeconomic Constitutional Rights: Resolving Questions of Judicial Competence by Adopting an “Experimentalist” Standard of Review in the INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONALISM (2009);
- will publish Extending the Shadow of the Law: Using Hybrid Mechanisms to Establish Constitutional Norms in Socioeconomic Rights Cases in THE UTAH LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2009);
- will publish Engagement’s Possibilities and Limits as a Socioeconomic Rights Remedy in the WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY GLOBAL STUDIES LAW REVIEW, 2010;
- will publish Residents of Joe Slovo Community v. Thubelisha Homes and Others: The Two Faces of Engagement in the HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW, a peer-reviewed journal published by Oxford University Press.

Heidi Gorovitz Robertson
Associate Dean and Professor of Law and Urban Studies

- made the following presentations while teaching last spring in Sweden on a Fulbright grant:
  - “Environmental Inconsistency and Resulting Environmental Injustice in the U.S.: Approaches Beyond Bush” Nordic Environmental Law, Governance, and Science Network Workshop, University of Oslo, Norway, April 2009;
  - “An Introduction to Interdisciplinary Legal Education in Environmental Disciplines,” Uppsala University Faculty of Law, Uppsala, Sweden, May 14, 2009;
  - “Clinical Legal Education: Why it’s worth it and how we do it,” Uppsala University Faculty of Law, Uppsala, Sweden, May 15, 2009.

Alan Miles Ruben
Professor Emeritus of Law
Advisory Professor of Law, FuDan University, Shanghai, PRC

- spoke on “Labor Arbitration in a Recessionary Environment” on June 30 at the Officers and Business Agents Conference of Teamsters Joint Council 41 in Huron, Ohio;
- presented a program on “Federal Constitutional Issues in Ohio State Employee Labor Relations” on April 1, 2010, at a labor arbitration symposium jointly sponsored by the Ohio Office of Collective Bargaining, the Ohio State Employment Relations Board, the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, the Service Employees International Union, the State Council of Professional Educators, the Ohio State Troopers Association and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Christopher Sagers
Associate Professor of Law

- published Competition Come Full Circle? Pending Legislation to Repeal the U.S. Railroad Exemption in COMPARATIVE POLICY INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER, September 2009;

- published a short opinion piece Thoughts on the Waxman-Markey Bill” in the fall issue of AIR AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER;
an online publication of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law;
will publish *The Recurrent Crisis in Legal Romanticism* in the *Washington University Jurisprudence Review* in 2010;
will publish *Credit Rating Organizations, Their Role in the Current Calamity, and Future Prospects for Reform*, forthcoming in *Lessons from the Financial Crisis: Insights and Analysis from Today’s Leading Minds* (with Tom Fitzpatrick; J. Wiley & Sons, Robert Kolb, ed. 2009);
will publish *Much Ado About Probably Pretty Little: McCarran-Ferguson Repeal in the Pending Health Reform Legislation* in the *Yale Law and Policy Review* in 2010;
will publish *Understanding the Recurrent Crisis in Legal Romanticism: Two Criteria for Coherent Doubt* in the *Washington University Jurisprudence Review* in 2010;
has testified twice before the House Judiciary Committee on H.R. 3596, the Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009, which would repeal the current exemption from antitrust for insurance companies, as it applies to health and medical malpractice insurers;
was a panelist in an ABA Antitrust Section CLE Teleseminar, entitled “Petitioning and the Antitrust Laws: The Foundations of Petitioning Immunity and the Noerr-Pennington Doctrine”;
was named to the Advisory Board of the American Antitrust Institute, a non-profit think-tank based in the District of Columbia.

**Lloyd Snyder**  
Professor of Law  
published *Earned Upon Receipt Flat Fees and Non-Refundable Retainers* in the December issue of the *Bar Journal* of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association;
participated in a panel discussion in Toledo on the ethics of legal services practice in a program sponsored by Legal Aid of Western Ohio and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE);  

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**Facility and Staff in the News**

![Image of Milena Sterio](image)

**Milena Sterio**  
Associate Professor of Law  
presented “Ethical Issues on Appeal” during a Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Appellate Courts Committee program on October 22.

**Steven H. Steinglass**  
Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law  

**Mark Sundahl**  
Associate Professor of Law  
published *The Duty to Rescue Space Tourists and Return Private Spacecraft* in the *Journal of Space Law* (2009);
will publish *Space Tourism and Export Controls: A Prayer for Relief in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Air Law and Commerce*;
presented a paper entitled “Bigelow Aerospace’s Commodity Jurisdiction Request under ITAR and its Impact on the Future of Human Spaceflight” at the 2009 Astronautical Congress in Daejeon, South Korea;
spoke in February on “International Legal Issues when Exporting Goods” regarding the legal issues involved in exporting goods from Ohio at the Lorain Port Authority;
chaired the Ancient Law panel at the annual meeting of the American Society of Legal History in Dallas in November;
has been named a co-editor of *A Working Bibliography of Ancient Greek Law*, to be published by the Academy of Athens, an organization that is the modern reincarnation of Plato’s Academy;
has been named to a two-year term as the Assistant Executive Secretary of the International Institute of Space Law based in Leiden, the Netherlands.

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Alan Weinstein
Associate Professor of Law
presented “Religious Land Uses and Liability for Violating RLUIPA,” at the National League of Cities – Risk Information Sharing Consortium Spring Trustees Conference in Louisville, KY, on May 8, 2009;
presented “A Framework for On-Premise Sign Regulations at the National Signage Research and Education Conference” at the University of Cincinnati;
presented “Signs, Sex, and God: Regulating Land Uses Protected by the First Amendment” at the Northeast Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop in Mentor, Ohio in July;

Stephen J. Werber
Professor Emeritus of Law
spoke on “Effective Oral Advocacy” as part of the Annual Seminar presented by the Appellate Courts Committee of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association in October.

Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Assistant Professor of Law
was invited by U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Chief Judge James G. Carr to moderate “The Practitioner Panel” in a discussion of “The Military Commissions Act of 2009: Back to the Future or the Fix for a Flawed System?” at a University of Toledo School of Law symposium in February. The panel included prosecutors and defense attorneys from around the country who are engaged in federal terrorism trials, military commission proceedings, and habeas corpus proceedings for detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Did You Know That: Effective July 1, 2010
Professor of Law Mark Sundahl will become Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,
Professor of Law Dena S. Davis will become the James A. Thomas Distinguished Professor of Law,
Professor of Law Joan Flynn will become the Leon M. Plevin and Gloria Plevin Endowed Professor of Law,
Associate Professor of Law Lolita Buckner Inniss will become Professor of Law,
Assistant Professor Michael Borden will become an Associate Professor of Law and
Assistant Professor of Law Browne Lewis will become Associate Professor of Law?

Congratulations to all!

Special Mention

Did You Know that . . .
during the annual meeting of the AALS in January, LexisNexis recognized Legal Writing Professor Karin Mika as a “transformation leader” in legal education for her use of cutting-edge technology in the classroom and that . . .
Professor Mika will join with Legal Writing expert Terri LeClerq as co-author of a new edition of Professor LeClerq’s influential GUIDE TO LEGAL WRITING STYLE?

Did You Know that . . .
U.S. Senate Rules Committee Chairman Senator Charles Schumer quoted Professor Candice Hoke in a letter to the U.S. Department of Justice requesting full enforcement of the antitrust law and that Professor Hoke also facilitated and participated in the writing of a letter to U.S. Attorney General Holder, along with a group of election administrators, fair-voting advocates and computer experts. According to a February 25 NEW YORK TIMES, editorial, the letter warned that Election Systems and Software already has a bad record on open competition, including contract clauses that prevent jurisdictions that buy their machines from hiring other vendors to service them. The letter further warns of the dangers if its deal to purchase the elections division of Diebold closes.
This summer, the law school will embark on its newest renovation project when crews move in to begin construction on the new, million-dollar CMILAW Trial Courtroom on the ground floor of the law school. Due for completion in December 2010, the trial courtroom provides a simulation-based learning experience for students planning careers as litigators, for high school students preparing for mock trials and for members of the bench and bar. In addition to a judge’s bench and chambers, a witness stand, jury box and deliberation room, visitors' gallery, and state-of-the-art trial presentation technology, the courtroom will honor our history as a major educator of the judiciary with a wall of large photographic portraits of our alumni judges and smaller portraits of alumni trial attorneys.

The law school is close to reaching its fund-raising goal; however, many of the courtroom features are still available, including naming rights for the jury deliberation room, the defense table and for the courtroom itself. Space also remains for additional judges’ and trial attorneys’ portraits. To honor a judge by purchasing a portrait ($25,000) or to pay tribute to a litigator ($2,500), or to discuss gift options, please contact Assistant Dean Louise P. Dempsey (216) 687-2300 or louise.dempsey@law.csuohio.edu
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Friday, October 8, 2010
A 25 YEAR CELEBRATION!!!
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