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Recognition and Professionalism Strengthen the Identity of Chase

A NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON INNOVATION AND AN ENDOWED CHAIR IN ETHICS
AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY HIGHLIGHT PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS

Greetings Chase Alumni and Friends,

Sending warmest wishes to our community around the region and across the nation. Since our last issue of this publication, Chase has earned national recognition for our program of legal education, while continuing to expand opportunities for our students' success in law school and throughout their career paths. In February 2023, Bloomberg Law named Chase a top law school in the nation for business and innovation, highlighting the high-level curricular and networking programming we offer through our W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology. The Lunsford Academy is part of a comprehensive effort to facilitate and encourage our law students to develop their professional identity at Chase, so that they continue to learn, grow, and serve throughout their legal careers.

This issue of the Chase magazine focuses on the concept and operationalization of professional identity formation in the legal profession. The American Bar Association requires all accredited law schools to "provide substantial opportunities to students for ... the development of a professional identity." In defining this requirement, the ABA explains that, "[p]rofessional identity focuses on what it means to be a lawyer and the special obligations lawyers have to their clients and society. The development of professional identity should involve an intentional exploration of the values, guiding principles and well-being practices considered foundational to successful legal practice." Throughout the curriculum, Chase embeds opportunities for professional identity formation, beginning at orientation and continuing through commencement.

Our efforts at student professional identity formation were recognized and considerably aided by a gift from David Wolf (Class of 1965) and Nancy Wolf, who established the Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity in September 2022. Their \$1 million gift endows a faculty chair in ethics and professional identity – and I was extremely pleased to appoint Professor Jack Harrison to this inaugural role. In addition, the Wolf gift supports programming and public interest service, enabling Chase to remain a leader in this space. As the only law school in the commonwealth to require graduates to complete 30 hours of pro bono service, we are proud of our legacy of service and grateful to the Wolfs for adding such high value to this mission.

The Wolf program is already thriving. In September 2023, we partnered with the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center, housed in the Cincinnati Museum Center, to sponsor the first annual Wolf Lectureship. A sold-out audience was treated to a presentation by E.

Randol Schoenberg, a lawyer who successfully represented a Holocaust survivor in her quest for return of artwork looted by the Nazis during World War II. This spring, we are welcoming an author-in-residence, Walter Stahr, whose recent biography of Salmon P. Chase discusses our school's namesake's abolitionist advocacy during his years of public and private service.

The need for law schools to redouble our efforts to instill values of ethical service to clients and the rule of law could not be more urgent. A recent poll found only one-third of adult Americans have trust in lawyers. One-third said they have no trust, while one-third replied they were unsure. Given our unique and privileged skill set as legal professionals, we must work together to build greater trust by adhering to the highest ethical and professional standards. A lawyer's journey begins in law school and continues with each client, each matter, each professional encounter. Thank you for engaging in this vital process and for mentoring others along the way. Nothing could be more important to our Chase community.

I hope our paths will cross very soon.

With warmest wishes,



Judith Daar

AMBASSADOR PATRICIA L. HERBOLD DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW



The entering day Class of 2026 and part-time Class of 2027 with Dean Judith Daar, center, on Professionalism Day.



Professionalism Day is Entry to Legal Community

For first-year students who have now completed a full semester of classes at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, the year holds more than learning the fundamentals of torts and contract law. Their entry into the legal community started this past August 17 with the Chase tradition of Professionalism Day (and a group photo).

As is the tradition (and similar to being sworn into practice), they promised to uphold professional standards and the Chase Honor Code, received a small pin as a physical reminder of their commitment, and heard about what it means to be a lawyer. This year, Chase alumna and Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Susanne Cetrulo

spoke and administered the Chase professionalism oath. Afterward: a group photo of members of the full-time Class of 2026 and the part-time Class of 2027.

Dean Judith Daar pins a Chase professionalism pin on the suit lapel of first-year student Kavian McMillan.



Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge and Chase alumna Susanne Cetrulo speaks to entering students on Professionalism Day.



Alumna Wilhite Joins Staff for Student Success

Rachel Wilhite knows exactly what students need to know to succeed at Salmon P. Chase College of Law and to pass a bar examination. That is because she is a Chase graduate who practices in Northern Kentucky and is now assistant director of academic support and bar preparation at Chase.

"As a student, I greatly benefited from the Foundations class offered as a jumpstart on bar preparation. I was able to refresh myself on subjects I took two years prior and to get together a better game plan of what I needed to focus on more after I graduated and began studying full-time.

"Now, as a practicing attorney, I am able to better explain to students certain rules and areas of the law, with real-world examples from my experience in and out of the courtroom. I find that an example really helps students wrap their heads around the many concepts they are learning."

Ms. Wilhite, who practices as Wilhite Law with a focus in family law, criminal law and estate planning in Covington, graduated from Chase in 2020.

Being licensed, as every lawyer knows, means having passed a bar examination. With her recent perspective on the exam,



Rachel Wilhite

Ms. Wilhite has a ready answer for students on what they need to think about throughout law school to prepare for it: "Multiple choice questions. You may be able to recite the rule, but until you are tested on the application of it, you will not fully understand how to apply it."

Lunsford Academy Gets National Recognition

Bloomberg Law, a national provider of legal analysis and analytics, told its subscribers and users in early 2023 what Chase students and alumni already knew: The W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology at Chase is one of the best law school programs for innovation and business in the nation. The rating was in its listing of law school programs that offer new approaches to instruction and use of legal technology.

"For over a decade, the academy has been delivering innovative law, business and technology programming to our students who are emerging as leaders in the field. Our talented faculty and staff are devoted to our students' success as the next generation of tech-savvy legal professionals," Dean Judith Daar said of the rating.

The academy is a classroom and experiential-learning program for practical legal, business and technology training. It was created in 2013 with a \$1 million gift from

alumnus W. Bruce Lunsford, which he further backed in 2022 with a \$3 million gift. Among its specialized courses are Essential Quantitative Skills for Lawyers, Law Practice Technology, and Law, Technology + Entrepreneurship. Student projects have included creation of Clark the Clerk, a software program to search clerk of courts' document forms nationwide and a later adaptation of that software technology to search for online Covid-19 economic assistance and resources.

In another recognition for Chase, an analysis of U.S. News & World Report law school rankings by Pepperdine-Caruso School of Law Dean Paul Caron on his blog found that Chase had the greatest gain in its peer reputation score among all 196 schools in rankings released this past year. The score represents an opinion of overall quality among law school deans, associate deans and professors who responded to the solicited U.S. News survey.

Evening Division Adds More Online Flexibility

For 130 years, Chase students have had the flexibility of extending their studies over up to four years in an evening program. Now, largely through the flexibility afforded by technology, they have even more flexibility in an evening division, with a name change that reflects it.

The Chase evening division is now the Flex-Place Evening Program, named for the message of inviting students to "Flex your future at a place with history." But it is more than a name change. Flex-Place has shifted instruction from primarily in-person to adding more online classes, while maintaining the benefits of relationship-building at the core of the legal profession.



New Writing Center Teaches by Example

Chase has long taught courses in clear and effective writing, and now it has expanded students' access to seeing what good writing reads like.

Early this spring semester, Chase introduced the Chase Law Writing Resource Center, an internal online repository of examples of effective briefs, analyses and letters, and a virtual meeting place for first-year students to get guidance from upper-level students in such matters as writing application letters for internships and clerkships.

Professor of Legal Writing and Center Director Marcia Ziegler coordinated the creation and contents of the center in consultation with students and faculty members. As with many online resources, the number of examples housed digitally within it - written by lawyers, professors and students - will grow over time.



Family Law Certificate is New Concentration

Chase is offering a new certificate of concentration in child and family law. The Child and Family Law Concentration is a course of study and experiences designed to elevate a student's familiarity with child and family law matters, and to develop professional skills and contacts in the legal community.

Earning the certificate, which is akin to an undergraduate major and is noted on an academic transcript, requires:

- At least 15 credit hours of courses within the program, with a minimum grade of 2.5 in each.
- A minimum of 15 hours of community service at a child- or family-serving agency and at least 20 hours in a child or family law-related leadership activity, such as writing an article for a bar journal or sitting on the board of a legal nonprofit.
- At least two hours of observation in a domestic relations or family court and completing a reflection on it.
- Attending twice-a-year cohort meetings and advising sessions and annual networking opportunities.

The certificate program is coordinated by Professor and Associate Dean Amy Halbrook, who is also director of the Children's Law Center Clinic at Chase.

Court of Appeals Comes to Chase



Chase students at the Kentucky Court of Appeals oral arguments on the Northern Kentucky University campus.

Chase students experienced this past January 31 what it is like to be in court with judges of the second-highest court in Kentucky when a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals convened at Northern Kentucky University for oral arguments in litigated cases.

The 14-member court, with commonwealth-wide jurisdiction, typically sits in panels throughout Kentucky, sometimes utilizing law school courtrooms in a program to provide greater public access and understanding of the judicial system. Among judges on the panel was Chief Judge

Larry E. Thompson, one of four Chase graduates on the full court.

The session at NKU was in an ad hoc courtroom in the Governance Room of the Votruba Student Union because the Chase courtroom is closed during repairs and construction throughout Nunn Hall that have moved classes and most offices to other campus locations. That work, expected to be completed by fall semester, will result in new study rooms, new restrooms, improved heating and air-conditioning, updated Wi-Fi service, and, by late 2024 or early 2025, a state-of-the-art courtroom to replace the existing courtroom that is technologically outdated and has limited space for court-related functions. (A story about the new courtroom is on Page 5.)

Alumni Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Practice



These 23 alumni were sworn in March 15 to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in a group admission for alumni of Salmon P. Chase College of Law:

Cheryl Borland, Griesing Mazzeo Law, Cincinnati; **Robert Cetrulo**, Cetrulo Law, Edgewood, Kentucky; **Kenneth Collier**, Collier Intellectual Property Consulting, St. Paul, Minnesota; **Scott Collins**, Elder Law Practice of Scott E. Collins, Richmond, Kentucky; **Heather Crabbe**, Crabbe Legal Counsel, Covington, Kentucky;

Kalisa Davis, Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Lexington, Kentucky; **Tammy Ensslin**, Ephraim McDowell Health, Danville, Kentucky; **Elizabeth Favret**, Favret Law, Cincinnati; **John Garvey III**, Garvey

Shearer Nordstrom, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky; **Christina Guggenberger**, Christina Frith Guggenberger Esq., Montgomery, Ohio; **Penny Hendy**, Hendy Johnson Vaugh Emery, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky;

Ruth Jackson, Jackson Family Law, Crestview Hills, Kentucky; **Sara Kelley**, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; **Helen Kyrios**, Cincinnati Insurance Co., Fairfield, Ohio; **Jeannine Lambert**, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, Kentucky; **Jeana Lawson**, Social Security Administration, Cincinnati; **Sara May**, Jones and Jones, Pikeville, Kentucky;

Christine Mayhew, Bonenfant & Mayhew, Newport, Kentucky; **Michael Morgan**, Morgan Smith Porter, Covington, Kentucky;

Julie Myers, City of Cincinnati; **Desirae Sanders**, San Diego (California) Office of the Primary Public Defender; **Lisa Schreihart**, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, Washington, D.C.; **Maria Williams**, Reisenfeld & Associates, Cincinnati.

The group admission was the 10th time Chase has participated in the Supreme Court program for law schools and the first since the previous planned admission was cancelled because of the global pandemic. The motion to admit the alumni was made by Dean Judith Daar. You can see a photo gallery of admitted alumni on the Chase website, at chaselaw.nku.edu, under the Alumni dropdown.

A New Courtroom is in Order for Chase

THE LEAD DONATION OF THE CHASE COLLEGE FOUNDATION IS BEING COMPLEMENTED BY A CAMPAIGN FOR ALUMNI TO HELP FUND ELEMENTS OF THE MODERN COURTROOM THAT CAN BETTER PREPARE STUDENTS FOR PRACTICE

A major commitment by a foundation that predates the merger of Salmon P. Chase College of Law with Northern Kentucky University and donations by alumni who span the law school's eras are funding a new, state-of-the-art courtroom for the college.

Major funding for the courtroom being constructed on the first floor of Nunn Hall is being provided by the Chase College Foundation, which was established in 1954 when Chase was an independent law school in Cincinnati and which continues to support the college through the 70-year-old legacy fund it manages. Funding for specific features of the courtroom, such as the judicial bench, counsel tables and jury room, is being provided by alumni and friends of the college through an ongoing designated giving campaign.

When the courtroom is completed in late 2024 or early 2025, it will be known as the Chase College Foundation Courtroom. Individuals' designated donations will be acknowledged on a donor recognition panel.

"Chase students will benefit from a new, state-of-the-art courtroom because the students will now have had the opportunity to take a trial advocacy class or participate in a mock trial program where the type of technology available in many 21st century courtrooms will be available to them," says Professor Jack Harrison, director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. "Also, with a modern, sophisticated courtroom available, the law school will be able to host actual trials where judges are willing to do a trial setting in the new courtroom."

In addition to use by students, the courtroom will be available for traveling sessions of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, the Kentucky Court of Appeals, commonwealth and federal trial and appellate courts and community groups.



Artist's renderings show the proposed exterior and interior of the Chase College Foundation Courtroom being constructed on the first floor of Nunn Hall.



While the existing courtroom in Nunn Hall (with limited and outdated technology and assembly spaces) was closed because of infrastructure repairs and construction throughout the building, the Kentucky Court of Appeals this past January had to adapt the Governance Room of the Northern Kentucky University Votruba Student Union for oral arguments, part of its initiative for public accessibility. In that ad hoc courtroom, black-cloth-skirted tables on a raised dais served as the bench for the three-judge panel and temporary counsel tables flanked a lectern.

The new courtroom will have all the technology, ancillary spaces and furnishings of a modern courtroom. Most of it will be funded by contributions from alumni and friends of the college. Among the designated gift opportunities are funding for each of 100 gallery chairs (\$1,000 individually), 12 jurors chairs (\$10,000 each), the jury box (\$100,000) and the judicial bench (\$250,000). The full list of sponsorship opportunities is at chaselaw.nku.edu/about/courtroom.html.

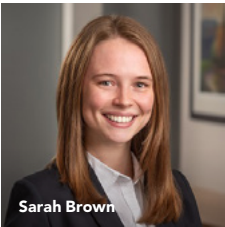
Questions about giving opportunities can be directed to David MacKnight, associate dean for advancement, at (859) 572-5276 or macknightd1@nku.edu.

Lessons from a Symposium

THE MODERN POLICING AND THE LAW SYMPOSIUM OF THE *NORTHERN KENTUCKY LAW REVIEW* OFFERED INSIGHTS INTO EMERGING ISSUES, AND GAVE STUDENT ORGANIZERS EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE CARRIED INTO PRACTICE FOR SOME OF THEM



Tristan Riley



Sarah Brown

As students, they were heavily involved in organizing the *Northern Kentucky Law Review* symposium, “Modern Policing and the Law.” Now, as associates in Cincinnati law firms, they see their work with the symposium and law review as another experience at Salmon P. Chase College of Law that has made them lawyers.

“As a litigation associate at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, I appreciate the law review and the symposium for the skills and knowledge it has given me to be a successful litigator,” says Tristan Riley, who was law review executive editor during the past academic year for the March 2023 symposium on the Northern Kentucky University campus.

The retrospective is similar for Sarah Brown, then the law review symposium editor, now an associate with Kohnen & Patton. “Communication and interpersonal skills are of paramount importance to legal practitioners, and I am incredibly lucky that I was able to develop those skills through the process of planning our symposium. A sense of timing, as it relates to project management, is also important, and is something that every attorney must employ.” Her hands-on work also included reviewing symposium notes and articles by associate editors and invited authors, and coordinating with speakers for publication.

For Mr. Riley, Ms. Brown and other law review members, the symposium was an opportunity to strategize, organize and to showcase Chase through

a series of panels with professors from 12 law schools, including Chase, and three jurists, including alumna Justice Michelle M. Keller of the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

Among the panelist on the four separate panels was Chase Professor Michael Mannheimer, author of the book *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*. (Three other professors, Jennifer Kinsley, Alex Kreit and David Singleton, were panel moderators.)

“I argued [on the Police Use of Force panel] that the Supreme Court’s recognition of a Fourth Amendment constraint on police use of violence is problematic, in large part because courts have mistakenly used that standard in criminal actions against the police officer, where the substantive state law on defenses should apply instead,” Professor Mannheimer says. “The result is a watering down of what should be stringent standards on self-defense, defense of others, and the public authority defense. I argue that it would be far simpler, and far more consistent with the text of and history behind the Fourteenth Amendment’s Due Process Clause, to simply ask whether the officer’s use of violence violated state law.”

Other panels focused on how new technologies in policing might affect constitutional rights, what impacts limits on police officers’ discretion might have in perceived inequities in race and status, and consequences in balancing the issues of policing in a democratic society, democratic control of policing and police accountability.

From out of the symposium preparation and panelists’ discussions there were lessons learned.

“Policing is an area rich in constitutional and practical publication and debate,” Ms. Brown says. “In classes like Criminal Law and Constitutional Law, we, of course, touched on the area of policing, where applicable. And while seeing how the Constitution impacts the law, and how those impacts consequently play out in real life through case law was interesting from an intellectual approach, it can feel antiquated and limited in scope.”

And for Mr. Riley: “Personally, I learned that many state constitutions, in fact, protect our constitutional rights even more strictly than the U.S. Constitution.”

In the year since the symposium, Professor Mannheimer has been teaching in his classroom, and Mr. Riley and Ms. Brown have been launching careers built on their experiences at Chase.

Professor Michael Mannheimer speaking.



The Center for Law and Entrepreneurship puts Students in the Center of Business

A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS OFFER GATEWAYS TO STRATEGIES AND NETWORKING

These are busy times for Salmon P. Chase College of Law students who participate in programs of the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship. Consider this schedule of activities the past year with center director Jack Wyant, who is founder and managing partner of the Cincinnati investment firm Blue Chip Venture Co. and a Chase graduate:

- No-Code Workshop, to learn how to create websites and apps without using computer coding.
- Lunch with the Angels, for discussion and networking with Queen City Angels, a coalition of Cincinnati-area entrepreneurs and investors.
- The business behind the Cincinnati Reds, an introduction at Great American Ball Park to the legal and business side of the team (of which Mr. Wyant is a part-owner).
- Data and Tech CEO Panel, to hear from chief executives of Cincinnati digital firms Navistone, InfoTrust and Digital Factory.
- StartupCincy Week at Cintrifuse, for programs and networking with entrepreneurs and investors in the public-private partnership for launching startups.

And then there were other events in which students were able to participate:

- A Kentucky Intellectual Property Association reception, for networking with IP lawyers.
- The Generative Artificial Intelligence Summit, sponsored by Ellevate, a Cincinnati women's networking group, to learn about business uses of artificial intelligence.

For these students, full calendars prove there is more to learn in law school than black-letter law:



Participants in the business behind the Cincinnati Reds program of the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship listen to center director Jack Wyant at the Reds Hall of Fame at Great American Ball Park.

Carley Weinberg, third-year student

“The StartupCincy reception is a great opportunity to meet entrepreneurs. Expanding my network that way is priceless, whether the contacts I make at the event turn into clients, potential job opportunities, colleagues or friends.

“The Ellevate Generative AI Summit was an informational panel where I learned so many ways to use AI to become more efficient. Access to events like these makes the entrepreneurship program such a highlight of my law school career.”

Matthew Carlin, second-year student

“At Tech CEO Panel, four CEOs shared stories of how they started and grew their businesses. I valued hearing each of them discuss their interaction with their customers. I know that lawyering also depends on delivering a service to customers (or clients), and hearing the CEOs perspective helped enhance my own as I enter the marketplace of legal services. Building a successful practice, to me is like building a business, and what better perspective to have than from successful CEOs?”

“In a conversation with one CEO after the panel, we discussed the nature of legal customer service, and I got to hear his mind on the type of lawyer he wishes to hire - and the type he wants to avoid. That conversation will help shape my future decisions and interactions with people who seek to hire and work with me.”

Jacob Williams, first-year student

“I attended the Gener8tor Business Showcase as a part of StartupCincy Week. The showcase provided a platform for startup companies to present their business models and long-term goals to a diverse audience of potential donors, investors and startup enthusiasts.

“As a member of Chase’s Center for Law and Entrepreneurship, attending events like the Gener8tor Showcase is invaluable. It offers an opportunity to engage with the local business community, gain insights into emerging industries and explore potential legal implications for innovative startups.”

Is it Real or Artificial?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
INTRODUCES OPPORTUNITIES AND
CONCERNS FOR LAW CURRICULA



Danielle Lewis

It is the best of technology. It is the worst of technology. It is Artificial Intelligence, and it is more than a topic of conversation in law schools, law firms and courthouses. Already, it is being embraced, anticipated ... and feared.

The discussion of Artificial Intelligence, or AI, at Salmon P. Chase College of Law arose more than a year ago. On the best side of the discussion: a pioneering course, the Law and Artificial Intelligence, with other courses being developed. On the worst: concerns that AI machine-learning could write and answer for some students what they could not do themselves.

Whether good or bad, like most historic and recent technologies, AI is here to stay, and law students and lawyers need to understand it.

"The arrival and inevitable growth of AI in law schools and the legal profession warrants careful planning coupled with humble agility," Dean Judith Daar explains. "A core service that lawyers deliver is the accumulation, analysis and presentation of information, tasks arguably performed by generative artificial intelligence systems. Now is the time for law schools to embrace these large learning models for their power to increase access to justice, improve efficiency in the profession and expand connections within the rule of law. We must educate our students in the optimal ethical use of these powerful tools so they can serve tomorrow's clients with distinction."

For law students, the ethical issues actually underpin their substantive knowledge.

"There are several ethical implications surrounding a lawyer's use of AI, which is why it is crucial that students learn to be responsible and ethical consumers of AI (after they learn the foundational skills necessary to practice law, such as legal analysis and legal writing, without relying upon AI)," says Danielle Lewis, director of trial and appellate advocacy programs, who has written and spoken on AI issues in practice. "Law students should be aware and wary of the limitations of generative AI, including its ability to 'hallucinate,' or to provide false information. There are also significant confidentiality concerns involved with sharing any client information with an AI program."

Both the initial AI-related course at Chase and another next academic year delve into the core issue of usage and underlying issue of ethics.

In Law and Artificial Intelligence, students explored the impact of AI in such areas as criminal justice, torts and commerce, and in the general practice of law. There was attention to understanding the ethical, legal and technological challenges ahead when they enter practice and AI is more prevalent.

In a course being developed for next academic year, Artificial Intelligence, Technology and Social Justice, students will learn how to use AI to benefit social justice and access to justice, and how to avoid traps of racial, gender and other biases that can be learned into AI.

On the worst side of the use of AI in law schools is a concern that some students could use it to cheat on papers and tests.

"One concern is that law students will be tempted to rely upon generative AI programs to assist them with fundamental lawyering skills, such as reading, writing and legal analysis, instead of learning to perform those crucial skills without assistance," Ms. Lewis says. "Without developing those skills independently of generative AI programs, law students will not be fully prepared to enter the practice of law."

In an early attempt to thwart any temptation to cheat, the Chase faculty this past year strengthened the student honor code prohibitions on plagiarism and academic dishonesty to specifically prohibit use of AI, unless allowed by a professor for a legitimate purpose.

"After one professor in a faculty meeting raised his concerns about how some students might try to pass off AI-generated work as their own, faculty members started thinking seriously about the potential for abuse in a technology that at that time had not fully entered the mainstream conversations," says Associate Dean and Professor Lawrence Rosenthal, who oversees academic programs and honor code compliance. "As a result, the faculty looked at our policies on academic integrity and decided that while they would apply to AI just as much as cutting-and-pasting from the Internet would, the potential for AI to go beyond 'borrowing' a paragraph here and there made it important to specifically address the issue."

Now, for both good and bad, AI has joined such standbys as torts and contracts in the curriculum.



Lunsford Academy is More than What's in a Name

THE SPECIALIZED HONORS PROGRAM IS ALSO A COMMUNITY THAT LINKS STUDENTS AND STUDENTS WITH ALUMNI

In classrooms, the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology is all about, well, law, businesses and technology. In its extended classroom, it is a community of students and alumni for shared interests and professional pursuits.

For students, the camaraderie begins with sharing ideas and analyses in courses such as intellectual property and financial analysis, and is nurtured through gatherings such as an annual dinner with alumnus and academy benefactor W. Bruce Lunsford and events with academy alumni.

Both in and out of a classroom, the academy has personal impacts. For example, for:



**Devin Rogers,
Class of 2026**

"Being a part of the Lunsford Academy has significantly bolstered my academic journey by fostering a pro-

found sense of self-assurance and intellectual confidence. The academy has encouraged me to challenge myself, take risks and embrace my capabilities.

"The various panel discussions this year have shown me how to navigate complexity and adapt to different situations in the legal field. Through my experiences, I have received personalized feedback and encouragement, which has helped build my confidence in my academic pursuit.

"The networking events, guest lectures and mentorship programs facilitate connections with professionals in the legal field. Participating in these activities has allowed me to expand my professional network, gain insights into various legal career paths and learn from experienced professionals.

"Interacting with fellow students has enabled me to forge connections with



future colleagues and potential collaborators, laying the groundwork for future professional relationships. Sharing common interests, goals, and experiences with classmates has created a supportive and inclusive community where I feel valued, understood and encouraged to be my authentic self."



**Katherine Shearer,
Class of 2025**

"The Lunsford Academy has allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of how intertwined the legal

profession is within the business and technological fields. Through supplementing the traditional law school curriculum, I have been afforded the opportunity to become a well-rounded law student with an eye geared toward problem solving outside the typical law school setting.

"The academy has afforded me access to networking opportunities in law, business and technological fields. I have

Alumnus W. Bruce Lunsford, center with Dean Judith Daar, and scholars of the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology this past year at a dinner at Hotel Covington, in Covington, Kentucky.

developed lasting relationships and friendships with mentors who not only care about my future, but take the time to guide me toward a successful future.

"The academy's networking opportunities have prepared me to speak to clients and other practitioners in the legal, business and technological fields, so I am able to continue to make lasting relationships."



Students and alumni at a mixer in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine.

ESTABLISHING AN IDENTITY

The newly endowed David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity is helping Chase students experience what it means to be a lawyer

David Wolf has carried with him a confidence in Salmon P. Chase College of Law that spans the decades since his graduation in 1965.

It has been with him for the Ohio bar exam and admission to practice, through a long career in real estate development in Greater Cincinnati, and now in a \$1 million gift he and his wife, Nancy Wolf, have made to establish at Chase the David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity.

At the heart of his certainty about Chase: “My experience at Chase gives me confidence our gift will help educate and inspire generations of attorneys to embrace the highest ethical standards in their professional endeavors.”

What the gift is doing - and will continue doing - is supporting education and programming at Chase in ways that unify law school accrediting standards of the American Bar Association and similar ideals Mr. and Mrs. Wolf have demonstrated through their philanthropy in Cincinnati. For students - and, in some instances, the general public - that means opportunities for involvement in issues of ethics, professionalism, social justice and understanding of diversity and inclusivity, pro bono work and public-interest service, and personal well-being. Collectively, they comprise a concept of professional identity - what it means to be a lawyer, the obligations of lawyers to clients and society, and maintaining a life balance to be able to carry it all out.

“The Wolf program emerged from David and Nancy Wolf’s belief that the legal profession can and should be leaders and role models for upstanding public service,” Dean Judith Daar explains. “With their support, our students can delve deeply into their professional identity formation journey, exploring how to best care for their clients and themselves in this high-stakes career path. Programming that exposes students to examples of ethical lawyering, both historic and current, is underway and has been very well-received. We look forward to continuing to expand the Wolf program’s impact on our students and by extension the legal profession.”

To help coordinate that, Professor Jack Harrison was appointed to the David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity (while continuing as director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and as a classroom professor).

“At a time when it appears that our democracy is being stretched to its breaking point, with people apparently being unable to agree upon what are even the basic precepts of a functioning democratic and pluralistic society, the development of a strong and coherent professional identity is crucial for the attorney,” Professor Harrison says of the underlying role of the Wolf Chair in legal education.



Alumnus David Wolf and Nancy Wolf, both center, attended the inaugural public lecture of the David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity by lawyer E. Randol Schoenberg, left of Mr. Wolf, this past September. With them at a reception following the lecture at the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center in Cincinnati are, from left, Phyllis Jackson, center board chair, Dean Judith Daar and center interim chief executive David Wise.

“Attorneys, who will serve influential and important roles in determining the direction of a rapidly changing society, must be trained to have the ability to adapt, work and manage successfully in new and unfamiliar cultural settings. Law schools in general, and Chase in particular, are well-positioned to provide guidance, inspiration and instruction to enable future lawyers in the development of an ethical and professional view of their role in society in serving justice, fairness and truth throughout their legal careers,” Professor Harrison says.

The Wolfs’ gift reflects a similar commitment to justice and fairness in their lives. Their philanthropic impact is broadly evident in Cincinnati, as benefactors of the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center at the Cincinnati Museum Center (where the Chase Wolf program co-sponsored with the Holocaust center its first public event this past September), in Cincinnati public schools, at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, and the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and the Jewish Community Center.

In the first public lecture of the Wolf program, Chase partnered with the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center for a presentation by Los Angeles lawyer E. Randol Schoenberg on his successful legal pursuit of artwork stolen during the Holocaust that became the basis for the 2015 movie “Woman in Gold,” and a follow-up conversation with Professor Harrison. (Mr. Schoenberg, by coincidence, is married to Cincinnati native Pamela Mayers-Schoenberg, a documentary and art photographer, and is a Princeton University undergraduate classmate of Chase Professor Kenneth Katkin.)

Mr. Schoenberg, a grandson of Austrian-American composer Arnold Schoenberg, who fled Nazi persecution prior to World War II, took on the challenge of recovering for a family friend six paintings by Gustav Klimt held by an Austrian state museum that ultimately were valued at more than \$325 million. Among them was “Golden Lady,” an early 20th century portrait utilizing application of gold leaf, that gave name to the movie “Woman in Gold.”

Mr. Schoenberg successfully argued to the Supreme Court of the United States that his client, Maria Altman, from whose family the paintings had been stolen in 1938 in Nazi-aligned Austria, could sue Austria for their return. He subsequently prevailed in a 2006 arbitration in Austria, receiving an order that the paintings be returned to Ms. Altman, who had fled Austria following Nazi Germany’s unopposed annexation of the country.

While his fight to recover artworks stolen decades ago was an unrelenting pursuit of justice, his conversation with Professor Harrison was a human side of a lawyer’s personal perspective on it. At one point, Professor Harrison asked, “Thinking back, as a young lawyer making the decision to take this case on, as you look at it now, is that something you would have done had you been more senior?”

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Professor Jack Harrison,
David and Nancy Wolf Chair
in Ethics and Professional
Identity



Mr. Schoenberg: “Oh, probably not. I think when you are at that stage in your life you are more willing to take risks; you have less to lose. Maria Altman was such a close family friend; it was such an interesting and fascinating, and personally meaningful case to me. I didn’t talk [in the lecture] about my own family [history], but my grandfather left his family behind, his father was murdered in Treblinka [the World War II Nazi death camp in Poland], and so the idea that I could help someone like Maria Altman, of course, it was attractive to me.”

The Wolf program lecture series continued this spring when Walter Stahr, author of the 2023 biography *Salmon P. Chase: Lincoln’s Vital Rival*, spoke and met with students, faculty, staff and alumni.

“In his book, Mr. Stahr discusses how Salmon P. Chase is best remembered as a rival of Lincoln’s for the Republican nomination in 1860, but starting in the early 1840s, long before Lincoln was speaking out against slavery, Chase was forming and leading antislavery parties. He represented fugitive slaves so often in his law practice in Cincinnati that he was known as the attorney general for runaway slaves,” Professor Harrison says.

“Through this discussion of Chase’s life as a lawyer, students can be introduced to the type of ethical choices he had to make in order to develop his own identity as a lawyer.”

For students, the historic Salmon P. Chase is more than a name of a law school. For them, aspects of Chase’s life are at the core of understanding lawyers’ ethical obligations and professional responsibilities - centerpieces of the Wolf Chair.

This past academic year, Professor Jennifer Kinsley taught the inaugural course of Shedding Shackles: The Life & Legacy of Salmon P. Chase.

“The entire course was built around the concept of lawyers’ obligations to society,” she says. “We discussed the historical work Chase did in that capacity and what shape that takes for lawyers in our community today. The class took field trips to learn more about these concepts and welcomed a range of guest speakers on a wide variety of topics, including those from CAIR-Ohio, the Citizen Complaint Authority, Legal Aid’s housing division, an equity microloan agency and the public defender’s office. One field trip was to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center



Professor Jennifer Kinsley

in downtown Cincinnati, a few blocks from where Chase had his law office. Every class addressed a different dimension of the work that lawyers do to make society better.”

Through courses and programming, Chase has embraced ABA accreditation standards that require law schools to provide substantial opportunities for students to understand how the concept of professional identity and the ability to work in unfamiliar cultural settings are fundamental to success as a lawyer.

“What seems clear is that the ABA sees professional identity formation, including cross-cultural competence, as being inextricably linked to the doctrinal development of lawyers,” Professor Harrison says. “In other words, in the ABA’s eyes, the core values of the profession require both doctrinal competence and an awareness of the responsibility of the lawyer to others. This responsibility includes a commitment to the rule of law, to equality and to a concern for the marginalized. The Wolf Chair allows Chase to respond to both this ABA requirement and the larger societal need. As a result of this gift, Chase is positioned to offer and to continually expand education in the areas of ethical conduct and social justice by developing opportunities for students related to ethics and professionalism.”

In the area of ethics and professionalism, Chase has long required the foundational course of Professional Responsibility, focused on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, as a framework for first-year students to understand how everything they learn and do subsequently fits into what it means to be a lawyer, both personally and in society.

“The model rules, adopted with some minor alterations by all of our local jurisdictions, provide a real guide to being a conscientious lawyer,” says Professor John Bickers, who teaches the course. “At one level, they set a minimum standard for competence. At another level, they provide a genuine guide to a successful practice.

“I teach the course with a constant eye to the here and now. One cannot consider the behavior of lawyers without taking account of the background - corporate practice, criminal law, intellectual property or personal injury case in which the lawyer was operating. The class discussion is usually a real-time role-play in which students have to make decisions that are ideally as challenging as the ones faced by the lawyers in the reading.”

And just as the first Wolf lecture by Mr. Schoenberg brought the celebrity of a Hollywood movie (among its stars were Hellen Mirren as Ms. Altman and Ryan Reynolds as Mr. Schoenberg), so does Professor Bickers’ Professional Responsibility class sometimes build on celebrity. “In recent years, we have included exercises in which students negotiate as lawyers in a settlement conference with a variety of ethical minefields or determine how to

proceed in a dispute when their own interests and that of their clients may differ. And sometimes, of course, I adopt some legal hypotheticals created by Hollywood.”

While some courses can teach from the hypothetical, others depend on the real. That is what occurs in the hands-on immersion of students in social justice issues through clinics and the unfolding opportunities and dangers of Artificial Intelligence.

On the clinical front, “The Children’s Law Center Clinic does case work and policy work on children’s issues, through direct representation and community education and policy projects. We have two Chase students who are on the board of Community and Restorative Justice-Covington [a social justice organization for equity, safety and community health],” says Professor Amy Halbrook, clinic director.

In the Kentucky Innocence Project, Chase students have pursued justice for individuals who, for various reasons, ended up being wrongfully convicted in a system that promises justice for all. In one application for clemency, students took on the case of a man who had no appellate reviews because of what amounted to ineffective counsel. His wrongful conviction and life sentence, the Innocence Project argues, was the result of systemic failures within the system, and no fault of his own.

In the classroom, Chase is offering a new course to prepare students to utilize technology in the pursuit of justice: Artificial Intelligence, Technology and Social Justice. “It is designed to help students evaluate ways we can use AI and other technological tools to help to improve social justice and access-to-justice issues,” says Professor Michelle Browning Coughlin, who designed and teaches the course. “Additionally, the rise of AI tools is going to necessitate that lawyers create and follow policies and rules that will address the many areas where AI has the potential to create harm. For instance, AI tools are known to have racial, gender and other biases that may harm individuals.”

Woven within ABA standards and Wolf Chair emphases is a need for students – and ultimately as lawyers – to be able to understand, relate to and empathize with individuals from backgrounds different than their own in order to be broadly successful. There, too, Chase provides opportunities in what it means to be a lawyer.

“Having cross-cultural skills is important for lawyers not only to be able to relate successfully with clients from different backgrounds, but also to be able to work toward eliminating discrimination and inequities in the law itself,” says Maria Llambi, assistant director of admissions and inclusion initiatives.

For students, having that type of understanding can occur from both institutionalized and “grass-

roots” settings. Institutionally, the Chase Inclusion Committee of faculty, students and staff is empowered to make recommendations on policies, collect information to improve inclusion efforts and to be a forum to launch conversations on topics involving inclusion and equity.

Some conversations that occur at the college are actual conversations, such as an annual Student Bar Association-developed and -sponsored symposium on diversity and inclusivity – this year’s was “Chasing Diversity in the Law” – and also in student organizations. Others are through simply being part of initiatives, such as Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity and Chase All Rise, designed to allow students from diverse ethnic, racial and economic backgrounds to flourish within the student body.

While ABA standards and the Wolf Chair are the platforms for bringing together the multiple building blocks of the concept of professional identity, there is one that without it, all would collapse – maintaining a personal sense of well-being to be able to do the things that go into being a lawyer.

“Well-being is an overall satisfaction and happiness with one’s life,” says Ashley Siemer, director of student affairs and enrollment management. “Well-being is achieved by incorporating wellness practices to all areas of an individual’s life, in areas such as one’s emotional, mental, financial, spiritual and physical well-being. The world, including the practice of law, will throw us curveballs, obstacles and stressors, but if one practices well-being, then one becomes more resilient and can effectively manage these things without being undone by them.”

To help students develop personal practices to cope with the pressures of law school (“*I am still trying to remember the Rule in Shelley’s Case!*”) and to prepare for those in practice (“*That filing is due in 45 minutes!*”), Chase has created the Equilibrium student organization focused on wellness, which sponsors an annual wellness week at the college, created a well-being webpage on the college’s website, affiliated with Northern Kentucky University in areas such as counseling, food security and personal identity, and in sharing of Northern Kentucky Bar Association Wellness Wednesday messages with students.

For Chase students, the message of the college’s embrace of ABA standards and Wolf chair opportunities is both simple and complex ... There is more to being a lawyer than just knowing the law.



Professor John Bickers, who teaches Professional Responsibility

Chase Works to Open Doors

Even with an enrollment of about 370 students, it takes only three words to describe the spirit of Salmon P. Chase College of Law: Inclusive. Excellence. Equity.

Together they form an overarching principle of “Inclusive Excellence and Equity” that guides initiatives and programs for students, in and out of classrooms.

“At Chase, and at Northern Kentucky University generally, inclusion efforts are being undertaken in a comprehensive manner,” says Maria Llambi, Chase assistant director of admissions and inclusion initiatives. “In addition to historically protected classes, we are also undertaking efforts to support our entire community. Regardless of race, disability, religion, LGBTQA+ identification, veteran status, and/or socio-economic status, we aim for an environment where everyone in our community feels safe and heard.”

Beginning with the expansion of her staff role two years ago to incorporate inclusivity initiatives, Ms. Llambi, who is a Chase graduate, explains the past, present and future of Inclusive Excellence and Equity programs at Chase.

Why an expanded role?

“Dedicating staff support toward inclusivity initiatives reinforces the college’s ongoing commitment to inclusion and continues the legacy established at Chase Law’s founding. Chase is doing an excellent job in continuing the commitment to providing access to legal education to individuals who otherwise would not be able to enter the legal field.

“Another thing we do well at Chase is evolve as our population evolves. We continue to respond to the changing needs of our community. One thing I believe Chase is doing particularly well is a focus on wellness. Chase has set aside physical space and engaged in programming for all students’ senses of overall well-being in law school.”



Maria Llambi

And the relationship between student admissions and ongoing inclusion?

“My work in admissions makes the importance of inclusion in higher education apparent. In admissions, we are usually the first impression an individual has of the Chase community. It is important that individuals can see themselves being comfortable here, as that will impact their future success. We have increased inclusion in our marketing, to ensure the message is that all individuals belong in the legal profession.

“I have also seen the importance of making sure that potential students have the tools they need to be competitive applicants. We have done work to build relationships with our undergraduate partners to ensure that their students are getting the information they need as early as freshman year to ensure they will be competitive law school applicants. This has largely centered around the LSAT, for which we have created a study group to keep pre-law students on track until they reach their test date.”

Once in law school, the American Bar Association, as the national accrediting body, requires that all first-year students have exposure to inclusion programming.

“The ABA requires that students take part in bias, cross-cultural competency and identification of racism training. This training should lead to the development of cross-cultural skills. Having cross-cultural skills will not only enable these future lawyers to better serve their clients and communities, but will also provide them with the tools to work toward eliminating discrimination and inequities in the law.”

How is Chase approaching all of that, and weaving inclusion throughout its fabric?

“A symposium on inclusion this past year [and a second this year] was an entirely student-led initiative, sponsored by the Student Bar Association. This successful event not only celebrated visible and invisible diversity, but also was a platform for difficult conversations around how inclusion specifically impacts the profession and legal professionals as individuals.

“There are many other useful and informative ways we are incorporating inclusion into the Chase Law experience. Students, faculty and staff can increase their cultural competence by attending training regarding allyship, individuals with disabilities and microaggressions. We have worked to make it easier for students of all religions to observe their specific holidays.

“Chase has continued to support matriculated students through the Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity program to prepare low-income, minority and disadvantaged students for law school before classes start, and through the Chase All Rise program, which supports those same types of students throughout their law school experience. Our Office of Student Affairs has done a wonderful job providing self-care practices to all Chase Law students.” ▶

For Student Leah Nadine, Inclusion is Life

For third-year student Leah Nadine, promoting Inclusive Excellence and Equity initiatives at Salmon P. Chase College of Law has been as important as studying for Torts or Contracts.

Her leadership has been deep and long: chair of the Student Bar Association Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee; member of the Chase Dean's Advisory Council on Inclusive Excellence; Chase liaison to the Cincinnati Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Diversity and Inclusion Committee; vice president of internal affairs for the Chase LGBTQIA+ Outlaw student organization; Student Bar Association representative to the American Bar Association and vice president of the Student Bar Association.

This is her story, as she tells it:

"I was elected twice to serve on the Student Bar Association Executive Board – my 2L year as the ABA representative and my 3L year as vice president. Both years I ran with the intention to establish and ingrain Diversity Equity and Inclusion efforts within Chase's framework and student body that had the potential to last at Chase long after my graduation. I also wanted to assist future incoming diverse students who, like me, desperately needed more support and encouragement to thrive in law school.

"When I entered law school, I quickly came to understand the need to highlight experiences that diverse law students often have inside and outside of the law school classroom and legal community.

And along with targeted programming?

"The Chase Inclusion Committee consists of faculty, students and staff with an interest in furthering inclusion efforts at Chase. The committee as a group makes recommendations for policy changes as needed, conducts information gathering to improve inclusion efforts at Chase Law, and is a forum to start difficult conversations."

"The legal profession is a profession based on service. As budding legal professionals, I believe an integral part of one's law school experience should be learning how to serve our full range of clients, our communities, our colleagues, our peers, our future possible students and ourselves within our own careers.

"I have fully committed my three years at Chase to serving, supporting, promoting, celebrating and actively including all Chase students who walk through Chase's doors, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, social class or disability.

"In my first year on the SBA Executive Board, I spearheaded and organized Chase's first Diversity Equity and Inclusion Symposium that welcomed diverse legal professionals in the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati region to speak to students, faculty and staff on their wide range of experiences in law practice,

"I created Chase's first student-led Student Bar Association Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee, and served as the committee's first chair. I served on the dean's first Advisory Council on Inclusive Excellence, and



Leah Nadine

on the Cincinnati Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Diversity and Inclusion Committee, as Chase's liaison. And I diligently worked alongside Dean Judith Daar and Chase faculty and staff to ingrain best practices regarding incident reporting processes and inclusion efforts.

"This academic year, I was involved in planning the Student Bar Association's second DEI Symposium, with assistance of Student Affairs Director Ashley Siemer and the SBA DEI Committee.

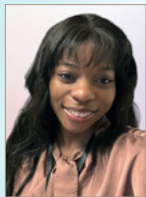
"In my three years at Chase, Dean Daar, faculty and staff have been open to working alongside students to further DEI related initiatives. I am hopeful to see where Chase is going to go with its inclusivity efforts, and I am excited to help and support any way possible after I graduate."



Panelists at the Student Bar Association-developed symposium

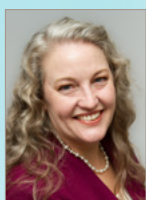
Summertime, and the Learning Goes On

FOR MANY SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENTS, SUMMER BREAK BETWEEN SEMESTERS IS NEVER A BREAK FROM LEARNING. CONSIDER HOW THESE STUDENTS SPENT THEIR PAST SUMMER.



Maiya Lane was one of about 150 law school students nationwide selected as a 2023 Stevens Fellow of the John Paul Stevens Foundation. The foundation, named for the late United States Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens who served from 1975 to 2010 and which was created by some of his former law clerks, supports students to work during the summer in unpaid public interest law internships.

For her: “I chose to spend my summer with The Capital Appeals Project in New Orleans. The project is a non-profit law office that provides representation to people on Louisiana’s death row. Professor Michael Mannheimer’s Death Penalty Seminar course was extremely helpful in providing me with knowledge of the statutory and constitutional rules regarding the implementation of the death penalty.”

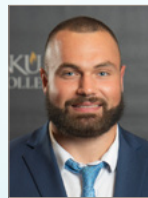


Carrie Stambaugh helped unsuspecting victims of a massive Social Security scam, many of them Eastern Kentucky coal miners and truck drivers, recover

disability benefits they lost because, without their knowledge, falsified evidence had been submitted on their behalf. She worked with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky through the Equal Justice Works Rural Summer Legal Corps to draft appeals and help clients request waivers of their now-declared overpayments of benefits. She also helped victims of the July 2022 catastrophic flooding in Eastern Kentucky obtain benefits from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

For her: “The emphasis at Chase on developing solid research and legal writing skills was the most valuable way Chase prepared me. Class discussions and role-playing exercises also prepared me to be a compassionate advocate, who can listen and react with appropriate

empathy to my clients while being honest and forthright about potential outcomes.”



Ethan Sheppard had an internship with the Army Judge Advocate General Corps at Fort Knox, Kentucky, that resulted in being selected for an early commission offer that assures a position as a staff lawyer after graduation. He was involved with motion drafting and trial preparation for court martial proceedings and assisting in administrative law legal reviews.

For him: “Chase faculty and alumni who were JAGs went out of their way to help me with advice. Their willingness to help me succeed with my career aspirations is something I have never experienced before, and I will be forever grateful to be part of this family.”



Derrick Reedus helped children through the Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights in New Orleans by doing legal research, investigation, drafting, and preparing

for hearings and litigation when they were facing life without parole.

For him: “Chase prepared me for this position by giving me a strong foundation in legal writing and research. Both are skills that I utilized heavily and expanded on in my day-to-day tasks.”



Kamaya Henderson had a first-hand look at second chances during an internship with the Ohio Justice & Policy Center in Cincinnati in programs to allow previously

convicted individuals to start over. She assisted lawyers in preparing incarcerated clients for hearings before the parole board.

For her: “Giving clients tools necessary for success at their hearing has been extremely rewarding. Additionally, I helped with the Second Chance clinic to

help many Hamilton County residents apply to have their records expunged.”



Logan Sparks hopes a summer position with GE Aerospace in Cincinnati will help his career take off after graduation. He was a law clerk, assisting with existing contracts for commercial jet engines and working in the labor and employment department.

For him: “I hope to work at a firm where I can utilize skills I’ve developed at GE, while also experiencing other areas of law that I have not had the opportunity to work in yet.”



Jessie Greive had a dual perspective on the law, in a litigation firm and in a prosecutor’s office. She was a law clerk at The Lawrence Firm in Covington, Kentucky, and an intern with the Jefferson County (Louisville) Commonwealth’s Attorney.

For her: “At The Lawrence Firm, I drafted memorandums, motions and proposed orders, checked citations and researched legal issues arising under Kentucky and Ohio law. At the commonwealth’s attorney, I had a limited license to practice under supervision of office attorneys. I prepared a case as the lead prosecutor for trial in July.”



Matt Carlin made the leap from classroom to federal courtroom, working in Cincinnati with United States District Court Chief Magistrate Judge Karen

Litkovitz. He assisted full-time clerks with legal research and editing and proofreading court documents, and drafted orders.

For him: “I shadowed the judge in many tasks, such as settlement negotiations, status updates, criminal arraignments, plea hearings and naturalization ceremonies, to name a few.”

Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic is Opening for Business throughout Kentucky

AN ONLINE PROJECT WILL MAKE CONNECTIONS TO BUSINESS PLANNING AND LEGAL ADVICE AVAILABLE ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

The newest project of the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic at Salmon P. Chase College of Law is into its build-out phase, something akin to construction after permits have been issued and work is underway: There is a foundation, construction has gone vertical from the ground up, and topping out with a building name across a roofline is ahead.

This project is to build and maintain an online portal to provide legal advice to small businesses throughout Kentucky, and the “construction manager” is clinic director Chris Muzzo.

From blueprint to an eventual opening for business, his walkthrough of the job site flows like this:

The concept phase: “Representatives of Kentucky Commercialization Ventures [a higher-education collaborative, including Northern Kentucky University, for moving ideas and research into development] and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development came to me to see if there was a way for us to collaborate to get legal help to small businesses throughout the commonwealth. Students in the Law, Technology & Entrepreneurship class I taught during the pandemic built an online navigator for finding pandemic-related economic assistance, so I suggested that concept as a base for a way to collaborate. They liked the idea, so we ran with it.”

The foundation: “Clinic students this past 2022-2023 academic year provided research for the content of the site. The Law, Technology & Entrepreneurship class that past spring designed and built the actual site, using no-code tools that enable people to create website and apps by using drag-and-drop interfaces instead of having to know how to write computer code. Clinic students this 2023-24 academic year will add to the content and create some online forms for the site.”

Where construction is going: “We are planning to roll out the navigator, at least in a pilot version, very soon.”

“The platform has two parts. First is a self-help section divided into areas of law, and subdivided to specific topics. Users will be able to navigate that part of the site for general legal information and some do-it-yourself forms. For example, a user starting a new business could click on the “I am starting a new business” button to be taken to a menu with seven categories, including entity selection, tax compliance and employee compliance.

“A user who clicks on “entity selection,” for example, would be taken to a page with a brief description of what it means to select an entity type, and links to learn more about four common business entities. A user who clicks through the links eventually would be taken to a page with links to forms and other resources to create the chosen type of entity. Other categories would function similarly.



Chris Muzzo is director of the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic and coordinator of its online project for small business owners.

“The second part of the platform will be a request for further assistance. Users will submit a question or request, which is automatically logged in our database. Then I will assign it to a student-and-attorney team to respond to the user. Email messages will go back and forth until the question is answered or the issue resolved.”

What users can expect when construction is completed:

“There will be basic transactional business work, much like we do in the clinic. There will be advice on business formation, bylaws and operating agreements, tax registration, and so forth. We don’t do litigation or other disputes. We have ideas about moving users who need more help to our volunteer attorneys, either as paying clients or pro bono clients, but that has yet to be worked out.”

The ongoing student work: “Students will be involved in providing the content and forms for the self-help portion of the website. They also will be responsible for responding to the requests, supervised by me or one of our volunteer attorneys. Part of the work we are doing during the 2023-2024 school year involves identifying additional attorneys to help with the supervision.

“Part of the portal will allow businesses to submit questions and requests for help to the site. Clinic students will be involved in answering those questions and providing that help, under supervision of myself and our volunteer attorneys. There will be no real-time contact with clients in the first iteration of the site, just asynchronous messaging.”

A name to put on top: “The working name we have been using is the Kentucky Small Business Law Navigator, but we will pick a permanent name.”

With that, the name of the Chase Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic will be flashing across the commonwealth.

For Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton, Leadership began at Chase

HER CURRENT 'FIRSTS' ARE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE CINCINNATI BAR ASSOCIATION, CHAIR OF THE CHASE ALUMNI COUNCIL AND A PERSONAL FIRST IN WINNING A FULL-TERM JUDICIAL ELECTION

It took Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton two moves to find her right undergraduate college - first, Miami (Ohio) University, then The Ohio State University - but just one for the right law school - Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Then, fifteen years after graduation in 2008, the numbers two and one appeared for her again: two leadership positions simultaneously in the 2023-24 organization year as chair of the Chase Alumni Council and as president of the Cincinnati Bar Association, and, for the number one, being the first Black woman in each position.

Her decision to attend Chase, though, followed a single influence: her uncle, George Fred Crawford, who graduated from Chase in 1978.

“My uncle told me that Chase had a stellar legal program, that I would be able to meet local attorneys and build relationships with them, if I decided to practice locally, and that there was a significant number of Chase grads in the community who were always willing to help fellow graduates,” Judge Bratton recalls of the advice that began her journey through Chase and into the Cincinnati legal profession.

Her journey among lawyers to being elected to Hamilton County (Cincinnati) Municipal Court in 2019 began before graduation, continued in private and public-service practice, and included various bar association and law-related organization roles ... again, starting at Chase.

“As a student in the Indigent Defense Clinic at Chase, Judge Bratton approached her clients with compassion and their legal issues with tenacity,” Professor Jennifer Kinsley recalls. “She easily put into practice the lessons she learned from Professor David Singleton and others at Chase that put the client at the center of all we do as legal professionals. As a judge, she continues to bring this people-first spirit to the bench by treating everyone who comes before her with dignity and respect.”

Following graduation, she joined the City of Cincinnati legal department as a prosecutor. From there, she had her own practice from 2011 to 2016, was a lawyer in the Cincinnati civil rights firm of Gerhardstein & Branch from 2016 to 2019, and then easily won elections in 2019 to an unexpired Municipal Court term and in 2023 to a full term.



Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton

Looking back to the beginning, Judge Bratton recalls in an electronic conversation the central role Chase holds in her journey from student to judge:

You had a lot of involvement beyond the classroom at Chase. How did all of it — the Indigent Defense Clinic, Chase Public Interest Group, Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Team and experiential programs with the General Electric Minority Corporate Counsel Program and the U.S. Attorney’s Office — shape your career path and practice as a lawyer?

“All of those experiences helped me to meet local attorneys who have been instrumental in my career progression. The Indigent Defense Clinic, specifically, helped me to land my first legal job at the city prosecutor’s office, as I had actually practiced in court under the supervision of an attorney while in law school.

“I learned what I was supposed to do, how to try a case, what the judges liked and did not like, how to handle clients, and much more. When I was in competition for the position with other new graduates, the fact that I had actual experience in the same court went a long way.

“Also, I met David Singleton through the Indigent Defense Clinic when it was housed at the Ohio Justice & Policy Center. Through that relationship, years after I graduated, he asked me to serve on the OJPC board, which helped me build relationships as I entered my civil rights practice.

“The mock trial team gave me confidence when it came time to practice in a real court setting. Mock trial is also important in learning how to prepare and defend a case. If you are going to be a litigator, the experience is invaluable.”

What in your experience as president of the Black Law Students Association became a foundation for your involvement in leadership in the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati (which is popularly known by the initials BLAC), as a vice president, and the Cincinnati Bar Association, as a trustee and now president?

“Bar associations are so important in building and maintaining relationships in the field, networking and career growth.

“The Black Law Students Association helped develop my leadership skills and helped me learn to advocate on behalf of others I represented through my leadership. It taught me to have the tough but necessary conversations with administration and others in power on behalf of those I represent. BLSA also helped me to meet and network with others outside Chase, and work with the University of Cincinnati BLSA chapter, which helped me build my legal network.

“Because of my positive experience in BLSA and the opportunity BLSA provided to meet attorneys in Cincinnati, I naturally progressed to the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Bar Association. Many of the leaders in those organizations have known me since law school and took a vested interest in my success.

“Networking and displaying your leadership skills while still in law school opens up so many opportunities for you to be top-of-mind when those in the profession are identifying young lawyers who they see as the next leaders to recruit, and to promote their advancement in the profession. All of these experiences and relationships through the years have been instrumental in my becoming president of the Cincinnati Bar Association.”

What was there from the classroom to becoming a judge that has had a significant impact on your development?

“Black women in the legal profession are grossly underrepresented. Coming from an undergraduate experience that was more diverse to a law school experience that was not taught me to operate out of my comfort zone, to build relationships with others who look and think differently than me, and to advocate for more Black people to be welcomed into legal spaces as their authentic selves.

“The ability to thrive in environments where I am not completely comfortable has had such a positive impact on my development as a lawyer. It has pushed me to take chances, to go into spaces that I otherwise would shy away from, and to have hard conversations that lead to opportunities to educate and be educated by my peers.

“Also realizing the underrepresentation, and having personal knowledge of how it impacts ones’ experience in a profession, has helped me to advocate for others to increase their representation in our legal profession. This advocacy has turned into my having been tapped for leadership positions in organizations and employment opportunities. There is still a long way to go in creating a legal community representative of society, but my experience has strengthened my resolve to make this a reality.”

As chair of the Alumni Council and president of the CBA, is there anything in common in your approaches or styles at each, and how do the two complement each other?

“My common approach is to get input from all stakeholders – students, professors, administration and community to see how we can improve.

“My Cincinnati Bar Association theme for the year is ‘Our Bar.’ My goal is to make everyone feel as if they are part of and have a space to be themselves in the bar association. I want Chase students and alumni to feel the same.

“I want to help answer the question of, how do we get and keep people involved in our organizations? We benefit so much personally and professionally by building relationships, and I want to create friendly spaces where these relationships are fostered. My style is collaboration and I plan on working with everyone to leave Chase and the Cincinnati Bar Association better than when I found it.”

Leading two organizations of lawyers, presiding in court, running for re-election this past year, still having a life is a pretty full schedule. What is your secret of time management?

“Still working on that! Follow up after this year and I will tell you if I mastered it. Seriously, I try to make the most of my time during the day so that I can leave work at work. If I know that I am going to have more to do than what I have time for in the workday, I prioritize doing what needs my undivided attention, like a writing project, to finish during the day. I will then do projects, like reading and responding to emails while I have my downtime watching my favorite TV shows.

“I maintain a calendar and give myself an extra half-hour before and after commitments so I do not feel rushed, and can give the proper attention to the specific task or responsibility at its given time. I have also learned to say no to extra things that I know I don’t have time to do.

“I give myself time to rest so that I don’t get burned out and end up not having joy in the commitments that are important to me. So very important is to work with amazing people who make your load lighter. My bailiff (who is more like my boss), Shawnise Lewis, helps me stay organized and focused, and I trust her to delegate some of my work, and I know she will do a stellar job. Finally, I try to only commit to things that are important to me so that they don’t feel like chores but are things that I really want to do.”

And for Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton, that started with wanting to be at Chase.



Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton, as a student in 2006, with Director of Career Development Lisa Moore.

The Chase Network

From the Northern Kentucky University campus to cities across the region and beyond, Salmon P. Chase College of Law alumni have gathered with Dean Judith Daar and staff members in regional dinners, at special events for members of the Dean's Circle who have donated \$1,000 or more to the Chase Annual Fund, and in other get-togethers that keep Chase connections alive. If you spend the winter in Florida, please let us know and we will invite you to our Florida alumni gatherings next year. Contact Associate Dean David MacKnight at macknighd1@nku.edu.

Alumni in Florida



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Commencement Ends One Chapter, Begins Others

Behind the numbers of 109 Juris Doctor degrees and 19 Master of Legal Studies degrees awarded this past May 5 at the 128th commencement of Salmon P. Chase College of Law are singular stories: A mother who had dinner ready for her children every evening before heading to class, a student who took on additional pro bono work in order to help people she had never met, a son or daughter who followed a parent's path through Chase, and, of course, everyone who now numbers among the legion of Chase alumni. Here, in words and photos, are some of the memories members of the Class of 2023 are carrying with them.



Commencement, 2023

On Meeting Challenges

John Gaffin ▶

Evening division valedictorian

“Most of our evening students are working professionals, with families. The academic challenges of law school are rigorous, and they don’t happen in a vacuum. That means the sacrifices we’ve made have also been made by the people sitting in the stands tonight. They are spouses, partners, children, parents, in-laws, and many more people than I can mention.”



On the Road Ahead

◀ Paul Slater

Full-time division valedictorian

“We have chosen a unique field where we must do our part to make the world more just. This will be no small task. ... People with low incomes struggle to access the legal system with effective representation, and the public has lost faith in our institutions, from the municipal court to the Supreme Court. For this reason, I challenge you to do justice every day. We all have the opportunity and obligation to do so, no matter what jobs we are performing after graduation.”



▼ Shelby Adams received the Salmon P. Chase Award as the graduating student whose law-related volunteer work best represented the spirit of advocacy Salmon P. Chase displayed as a lawyer before his political and judicial careers. Among her efforts: work with the Children’s Law Center in Covington, Kentucky, the Hamilton County Public Defender in Cincinnati and the Chase Constitutional Litigation Clinic.



On a Chase Education

◀ Bonita Brown

Interim president of Northern Kentucky University

“Chase provides many opportunities for students to hone practice skills firsthand by participating in externships, regionally and globally, and through clinics ... The W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology was recognized this year as a top program in the nation for innovation and business, according to Bloomberg Law. It is this kind of recognition that is no surprise if you look at the 130 years of Chase’s history of teaching students to use justice and law to help others and to shape society.”



New graduates celebrate the day.

Newest Chase Alumni

On the Obligation of Lawyers

► Dean Judith Daar

The Patricia L. Herbold Dean of Chase College of Law

“At its heart, law is a service profession. We serve others in pursuit of justice, fairness, equity, and during your time at Chase you have already joined this journey in many ways. ... We have the ability through our licensure to uplift lives in many arenas, whether it be access to health care, safe and affordable housing, securing government and military benefits, addressing and preventing domestic violence and in so many more areas where law can make an impact. Your degree provides you an opportunity to do well while doing good.”



On Facing the Future

◀ Aftab Pureval

Mayor of Cincinnati

Commencement speaker and honorary Doctor of Laws recipient

“The transition from school to your next profession can be severe, and it can be challenging in a way you weren’t necessarily prepared for. ... If I have two pieces of very brief advice, it’s this: In your career and in your life, you will fail. We all fail. But we are defined by how we respond to that failure, how we learn from it, how we get back up and how we try again. In addition to this lesson and understanding that we will all fail, what I hope that you’ll take from that is to not run away from risk. I hope in your career and in your life that you lean into risk, that you bet on yourself.”



◀ When Ron Major graduated from Chase in 1974, he could not be there. He was recovering in a hospital from retina surgery. For the 2023 commencement, standing with Dean Judith Daar, and the 2022 commencement, he has been there on the platform committee as a representative of the Chase College Foundation.

... For the Class of 2024

Commencement will be May 3 in Truist Arena on the Northern Kentucky University campus



A TRADITION WITH DISTINCTION

Standing in distinguished company, four alumni of Salmon P. Chase College of Law this past October joined the roll of alumni the college has recognized with awards of distinction since initiating the honors in 1986.

On October 6, the college presented awards during an annual alumni luncheon in the Hall of Mirrors of the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza to:

AARON M. MONK, Class of 2014, Outstanding Alumnus of the Past Decade Award

LORA J. SPENCER, Class of 2012, Distinguished Alumna Award

AMY HALE MILLIKEN, Class of 1996, Distinguished Alumna Award

WILLIAM E. "BILL" HESCH, Class of 1980, Distinguished Alumnus Award

On the pages that follow are profiles and comments of these newest awardees, who bring the number of honored alumni to 122, and photos of alumni and others at the luncheon to recognize them.



Dean Judith Daar, Amy Hale Milliken, Aaron M. Monk, William E. "Bill" Hesch, Lora J. Spencer, Northern Kentucky University President Cady Short-Thompson, Alumni Council Chair Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton

CHASE ALUMNI AWARDS



AARON M. MONK

Class of 2014

Partner in the Cincinnati law firm of Kohnen & Patton

Outstanding Alumnus of the Past Decade Award

Mr. Monk does more than practice law as a partner in Kohnen & Patton. He also chairs the firm's Business and Transactions Practice Group and serves on the firm's hiring committee and attorney development committee. In his practice, he focuses in mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, securities offerings, joint ventures, equity incentive plans, company formation, corporate governance and business succession planning.

In the community: Mr. Monk is both a leader and a mentor. In his leadership roles, he is a board member of the Cincinnati chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth and of Elder High School in Cincinnati, also serving as secretary and chair of the governance committee. As an Elder graduate, he co-founded the Elder Young Alumni Impact Board, and was founding chair during 2015-2017. He is a graduate of C-Change, the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce leadership program, and a member of Vistage, an executive leadership organization. Among his previous board memberships are Greater Cincinnati Venture Association and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur,

Partners-In-Action Steering Committee. As a mentor, he has worked with startup accelerator programs, such as Cintrifuse, a Cincinnati network to connect business startups with mentors and capital sources, where he has been legal adviser since 2014, and Brandery-Gener8tor, also an investment-support source for entrepreneurs.

At Chase: He has followed a path from being a student to serving as a guest lecturer for the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic, where he was involved as a student, and mentoring current students through the Office of Career Development.

From his comments at the awards luncheon: "I would like to extend my gratitude to the faculty and staff at Chase. Becoming a lawyer has been one of the most fulfilling accomplishments of my life. The faculty always took time with me to make sure I fully understood a case, provided assistance with the interview process and made various introductions in every legal community. Chase prides itself on being The Lawyer's School, and with good reason. The opportunities I received in the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic were invaluable."



LORA J. SPENCER

Class of 2012

Principal global litigation and investigations counsel for Medtronic, a maker of medical devices

Distinguished Alumna Award

Ms. Spencer manages litigation, oversees investigations and provides business-related counsel for Medtronic in matters involving its cardiovascular, medical surgical and neuroscience portfolios. She is lead investigations counsel for Latin America on Artificial Intelligence-related matters and robotic surgical technologies. She is also a steering committee member of the Legal Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Committee and of the outside counsel network.

Her professional recognitions and activity:

Ms. Spencer has been recognized for her work corporately and nationally. She was a Medtronic Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow for 2023, a Corporate Counsel Women, Influence and Power in Law honoree for 2022 and 2023 and a National Bar Association President's Award recipient in 2022. She is a mentor in the National Bar Association Associate Advancement Academy. Following graduation from Chase, she was a Presidential Management Fellow at the federal National Institutes of Health and a lawyer in a Philadelphia law firm, where her focus was defense of life-science companies in product liability and

commercial matters. She is invited frequently to serve as a chair, co-chair or speaker at industry conferences in the United States and abroad.

In the community: She serves on the Austin, Texas, Community Police Review Commission; is a mentor for Dress for Success Path to Employment, a career development program for women; and an advisory board member of the Cameron Champ Foundation, a developmental program for youths from underserved and underrepresented communities.

At Chase: She mentors students through the Office of Career Development.

From her comments at the awards luncheon: "I stand here today alongside just a sampling of the brightest legal scholars who graduated from Chase. If you look back on prior year honorees and those who graduated before they structured this award, you will find a host of men and women in the upper echelons of the legal profession, from judges, to esteemed professors, to partners of law firms, to general counsel in some of the top companies in the world."



AMY HALE MILLIKEN

Class of 1996

County Attorney of
Warren County,
Kentucky

**Distinguished
Alumna Award**

Ms. Milliken began her journey to becoming county attorney of Warren County (Bowling Green), Kentucky, immediately upon graduation from Chase, as an assistant county attorney. Eight years later, in April 2004, she was appointed county attorney (as the first woman in the position) and the following November was elected to her first of multiple subsequent terms. She has also served as a Warren County Family Court prosecutor and a Warren County District Court lead prosecutor.

Her government and civic involvement: Ms. Milliken is immediate past-president of the Kentucky Association of Counties, an association for elected officials such as county attorneys, judge executives and commonwealth’s attorneys. She has served by gubernatorial appointments on the Kentucky Criminal Justice Policy Assessment Council to review criminal justice reform in Kentucky and, since 2010, on the Kentucky Juvenile Advisory Board. She was instrumental in development of a Victim Impact Panel in Warren County, which persons convicted of DUI there must attend to hear the impact their offense has on victims.

In the community: She has received the Athena Award, presented by the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, for furthering workplace opportunities for women, and the William H. Natcher Award of the Barren River Area Development District in 2013. Her board positions include First Bank, Family Enrichment Center, Barren River Child Advocacy, CASA, Arts of Southern Kentucky and the Western Kentucky University Alumni Association. In 2013, she was inducted into the first Warren County Public Schools Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

Her professional recognitions: Ms. Milliken was Kentucky Young Lawyer of the Year in 2003, County Attorney of the Year in 2009, and recipient of the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association Gwyneth Davis Award in 2014.

At Chase: She offers internships in her office and promotes Chase to prospective students.

From her comments at the awards luncheon: “You [Chase] set my career in motion. I am certainly honored to receive this award today, but I feel like I should honor Chase, for everything you gave me, for every opportunity ... You have positively and significantly changed my life.”



WILLIAM E. "BILL" HESCH

Class of 1980

Founder and manager of
William E. Hesch Law Firm
and William E. Hesch CPAs

**Distinguished
Alumnus Award**

As a lawyer and a certified public accountant, Mr. Hesch founded and oversees two distinct practices - an extension from his student years in the evening division when he worked as an audit/tax manager for an accounting firm. His law practice focuses in trust and estate matters and Medicaid planning. He has also worked with family businesses in matters such as management consulting, budgeting and taxes. In his certified public accountant practice, he holds a personal financial specialist certification to offer financial planning and wealth management services.

In the community: Mr. Hesch has served on boards of the Fort Thomas, Kentucky, chapter of Optimist International, Cincinnati Chapter of the Ohio Society of CPAs, Redwood Rehabilitation Center, Gateway Community and Technical College Foundation Board, Dear Hero and Foxfire Foundation.

His professional recognition: He has been recognized by *Cincy Magazine* for 18 years as a leading lawyer in the area of trust and estates.

At Chase: As an adjunct professor, he taught Accounting for Lawyers for 30 years and also Business Basics for Lawyers. He has been a guest lecturer in Law Practice Management. He was a founding member of the Transactional Law Practice Center, now the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship. He has been a member of the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel for the dean, since 2015. He has served on the Alumni Council, and was president for the 1999-2000 organization year. He recently endowed the William E. Hesch Endowed Scholarship for Chase students studying tax law and estate planning. His commitment to Chase is also apparent in his law practice, in which he has hired law clerks from the college as full-time associates.

From his comments at the awards luncheon: “A special thanks to Chase for my tax and estate planning education. My professors taught me how to think. ... My law firm and my CPA firm both have the greatest group of professionals; I’m very proud of them. The bottom line is to live life with passion, engage and care for others, with the right attitude. ... Be happy. Life is good. Count your blessings.”

CHASE ALUMNI AWARDS

Memories of a Distinguished Alumni Luncheon



Northern Kentucky University President Cady Short-Thompson and alumnus Tim Timmel



Alumnus Art Rabourn, Dean Judith Daar and Alumni Council Chair Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton



Alumni Tracey Puthoff and Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Michelle Keller



Alumni Bill Hawkins, Jim Frooman, Rick Rothfuss and Kelly Farrish



Alumni Colby Cowherd, John Dunn, Matt Carlin and Katie Nelson



Alumni Judge Susanne Cetrulo, Gwen Nalls and Judge Sylvia Hendon

James Parsons and Gayle Hoffman

James Parsons and Gayle Hoffman Endow Scholarship

James Parsons and Gayle Hoffman met as students at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, graduated in 1980, began practices, married, and together have endowed the James E. Parsons and M. Gayle Hoffman Endowed Scholarship at Chase.

The scholarship will be awarded to recruit and retain students who demonstrate high academic promise. Together, they believe it is important to support Chase financially to ensure that the college continues to be an important part of the legal landscape in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

Mr. Parsons is a partner in the Cincinnati law firm of Keating, Muething & Klekamp, and practices in the real estate group, with a focus in public law, public finance and tax incentives for business development. He is a past chair of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and a past board member of the Tri-County Economic Development Corp. and of the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky. At Chase, he is a member of the Board of Visitors and a past member of the Alumni Council.

Until her recent retirement, Ms. Hoffman was the owner of The Hoffman Firm in Elsmere, Kentucky, where she practiced with her father and others. For more than 40 years she focused in family law, probate and estate planning. In



October 2009, she was appointed to an unexpired term as judge of the Campbell County (Kentucky) Family Court, and served through 2010. Ms. Hoffman is a founding member of Northern Kentucky Collaborative Professionals and was a chair of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Family Law Section.



George Fletcher

George Fletcher Endows Scholarship

George Fletcher has enjoyed his legal career since the day he graduated in 1987 from Salmon P. Chase College of Law: practicing in Lexington, Kentucky, with

a focus in financial and estate planning, business services, probate law and real estate, as assistant county attorney for five years and as general counsel of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for one year.

Now, by endowing the George Fletcher Endowed Scholarship to recruit and retain students who demonstrate high academic promise, ideally from Eastern Kentucky where he grew up, he wants to ensure that future Chase students can enter careers to enjoy.

“I am extremely fortunate to have a career I thoroughly enjoy, and I am indebted to Chase for that,” Mr. Fletcher says. “For me, paying it forward is the

best way to show my appreciation. Law school is substantially more expensive than it used to be. I want to help those bright, dedicated students who may not have the resources without the ‘leg up’ of financial assistance that does not have to be paid back.”

In addition to his law practice, Mr. Fletcher has been president, chief executive and a director of Farmers & Traders Bank in Campton, Kentucky, a director and chairman of Citizens Bank & Trust Co. in Jackson, Kentucky, and a director of Hyden Citizens Bank in Hyden, Kentucky, Farmers State Bank in Booneville, Kentucky, and Middlefork Financial Group in Hyden and Middlefork Insurance Agency.

Chase College Foundation Endows Scholarship

The late Judge Norbert Nadel was more than a graduate of Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He was an advocate for it. He was especially an advocate of the evening program from which he graduated in 1965, when Chase was an independent night law school in downtown Cincinnati

Among his work on behalf of Chase was his longtime service as a board member and chair of the Chase College Foundation, created in 1954 to accept and administer gifts to the independent law school and

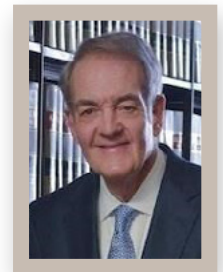
which continues as a legacy foundation, separate from Northern Kentucky University, since the merger of Chase and NKU in 1972. In memory of his service, the Chase College Foundation has endowed the Judge Norbert A. Nadel Endowed Scholarship to recruit and retain evening division students of high academic promise.

“The scholarship was established to recognize and honor Judge Norbert Nadel, a longtime member of and former chairman of the Chase College Foundation. The intent is to assist students to afford and to attend Chase,” says William Cussen, president of the foundation and a Chase alumnus.

Judge Norbert Nadel

Judge Nadel, who died in 2021, was a judge in Hamilton County, Ohio, for 40 years, serving in three different courts - Municipal, Domestic Relations and Common Pleas, General Division. After retirement from the bench in 2014, he was elected in 2016 as Hamilton County Recorder and served through 2020.

Prior to his judicial service, Judge Nadel was a Cincinnati assistant city prosecutor and later First Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio.



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1973



Jim Kruer received the Justice for All Award of Northern Kentucky Volunteer

Lawyers for 2022. He has served on boards of directors of Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, Children's Law Center and Northern Kentucky Bar Foundation.

1974



Ronald D. Major was sworn in as president of the Cincinnati chapter of the American Board

of Trial Advocates, an organization that advocates to protect a right to trial by jury in civil cases.

1976



David B. Sloan, a partner in O'Hara, Taylor, Sloan, Cassidy, Beck in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, was

reappointed to the Kentucky Public Advocacy Commission by Gov. Andy Beshear. His term continues through July 15, 2026.

1979



Joe Meyer, mayor of Covington, Kentucky, was appointed to a one-year term on the board of

directors of BE NKY Growth Partnership, a Northern Kentucky economic development company in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties. Mr. Meyer, who was first elected mayor in 2006, will retire as mayor when his current term ends December 31. Prior to being elected mayor, he had served in both the Kentucky House of Representatives and the Kentucky Senate.

1980



LaJuana S. Wilcher, a partner in English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, Bowling Green, Kentucky, spoke

at an American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources panel on the federal Clean Air Act.

1984



Phillip L. Little, a lawyer with McMurry & Livingston, Paducah, Kentucky, became a fellow

of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, recognizing his contributions and support for the foundation that furthers public understanding of the judicial system and legal profession through programs and philanthropic partnerships.

1985



Dan Boaz is retiring as McCracken County (Kentucky) Commonwealth's

Attorney at the completion of his term. He was appointed initially in 2009.

1989



Steve Rawlings was elected to a first term in the Kentucky House of Representatives from District 66 in part of Boone County, Northern Kentucky, in 2022 for a full term of January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025. He serves on the Education Committee, Judiciary Committee, State Government Committee, Interim Joint Judiciary Committee, Interim Joint Education Committee and Interim Joint State Government Committee. He is owner of My Father's Design in Northern Kentucky.

1990



Justice Michelle M. Keller of the Supreme Court of Kentucky administered the oaths of

office to Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear and Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman during the commonwealth's inauguration ceremony December 12 at the capitol in Frankfort.



Judge Amy L. Searcy of Hamilton County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas was appointed

to the Conservancy Court of the Miami Conservancy District, in southwest Ohio. The Conservancy Court is composed of a common pleas judge from each of the nine counties in the

district. The court exercises administrative oversight but does not have judicial authority. She was also selected as an inaugural member of the William Henry Harrison High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, in Harrison, Ohio, in western metro Cincinnati.

1992



Judge Wendie C. Cross of Hamilton County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas was elected by

other judges of the court to serve as presiding and administrative judge during 2024. In that role, she oversees judicial administration of the 16-judge court. She is also a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association Board of Trustees for the 2023-24 association year. In 2021, she was the recipient of the Chase College of Law Professional Achievement Award.

1993



Thomas F. Glassman, a shareholder in the Cincinnati office of Bonezzi Switzer Plito & Hupp, taught a

seminar on American tort law through a Fulbright grant at Baku State University, Baku, Azerbaijan, in March 2023.

1986



Judge Larry Thompson is serving a four-year term as chief judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals following his election by other judges of the court. Voters in the Seventh Appellate District of 33 eastern counties elected him in 2022 to an eight-year term on the court, which has commonwealth-wide

jurisdiction. He had been appointed in 2018 to complete an unexpired term. Prior to his appointment, he was a Circuit Court judge, Family Division, in Pike County, from 2000 to 2018, and served a term as chief judge of the full court. He was president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association from 2009 to 2011.

1994



Stephanie A. Dietz was elected to a first term in the

Kentucky House of Representatives from District 65 in Kenton County, Northern Kentucky, in 2022 for a full term of January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025. She serves on the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee, Families and Children Committee, Judiciary Committee, Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Interim Joint Judiciary Committee, Interim Joint Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee and Interim Joint Families and Children Committee. She practices as Dietz Family Law, in Edgewood, Kentucky.

1995



Bradley C. Arnett joined German American Bancorp, Jasper, Indiana, as senior vice

president, chief legal officer and corporate secretary. He previously was a partner in Dentons Bingham Greenbaum, Cincinnati.



Alexander P. Brackett was elected a partner in Dinsmore & Shohl, Louisville, Kentucky. He is

a registered patent attorney.

1996



Denise M. Motta was elected a partner in Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani,

Louisville, Kentucky. Her focus is construction litigation representation of steel fabricators in large construction projects.

1998



Rob Sanders, commonwealth's attorney for Kenton County, Kentucky, received the

Outstanding Kentucky Prosecutor Award of the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorneys Association at its 2023 annual conference in Lexington. He was president of the association during its 2015-2016 organization year. He has been Kenton County Commonwealth's Attorney since 2007.

1999



Kimberley L. Schwoeppe was promoted to vice president and general counsel of the Kentucky

Hospital Association, a Louisville-based organization of hospitals and related health-care providers focused on access and affordability. She had been associate general counsel for 12 years.



Carey K. Steffen was elected a partner in Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt, Cincinnati. Her

focus is residential and commercial real estate, title insurance defense, litigation and foreclosure.

2002



Shawn C. Conley joined Kinkead & Stilz, Lexington, Kentucky, as a member. His focus is medical and insurance defense, and personal injury claims.

2003



Meghan K. Beringer joined Myers Industries, an Akron, Ohio-based maker of polymer

products used in tires and other vehicle applications, as senior director of investor relations. She previously was executive director for energy transition and growth strategy of FirstEnergy, an electric utility in Akron.



Lindsay S. Rump became an equity partner in Cetrulo, Mowery & Hicks,

Edgewood, Kentucky. She joined the firm in 2015.

2004



Emily C. Robinson joined The Law Office of M. Erin Wilkins, Newport, Kentucky, as an

associate. Her focus is family law. She previously was a family law lawyer with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Covington.

2005



Bryan Berger was elected a partner in Dressman Benzinger Lavelle,

Covington. His focus is business and transactional matters, real estate, litigation and conflict resolution.



Chrissy Dunn Dutton was elected a shareholder in Buechner Haffer Meyers & Koenig, Cincinnati. Her focus is domestic relations, family law, juvenile matters and general civil litigation.

2006



Brent E. Dye was elected a partner in O'Bryan, Brown & Toner, Louisville, Kentucky. He

has practiced exclusively in the area of workers' compensation, and from January 2017 to July 2020 he was a worker's compensation administrative law judge.



Chesley "Lee" Riddle, founder of Riddle Legal Group, in Madisonville, Kentucky, opened a

second office in Calhoun, Kentucky. He is also county attorney for Hopkins County.

2007



Michael B. Baker received the Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award of Northern Kentucky

Volunteer Lawyers for 2022. He practices as The Baker Firm in Covington, Kentucky.

Kip C. Mathis, a member in Johnson & Mathis, Benton, Kentucky, became a fellow of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, recognizing his contributions and support for the foundation that furthers public understanding of the judicial system and legal profession through programs and philanthropic partnerships.

Class Action



Adam Russell received the Nick of Time Award of Northern Kentucky Volunteer

Lawyers for 2022. He practices in Russell+Ireland Law Group, Covington, Kentucky, and focuses in civil litigation, personal injury, product liability and criminal defense.



Sophia N. Stevenson joined Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, Louisville, Kentucky, as an

associate. Her focus is construction, commercial litigation, insurance, professional and general liability defense, and employment law.



Faith C. Whittaker, a partner in Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati, is president-elect

of the Cincinnati Bar Association for the 2024-25 association year. In 2016, she was the recipient of the Chase College of Law Outstanding Alumna of the Past Decade Award.

2008



Elizabeth D. Cadiz was appointed chief public defender in the Aurora, Colorado, Public Defender's

Office. She previously was chief deputy public defender. She joined the office in 2012, after practicing in the area of criminal defense in Cincinnati.



Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton of Hamilton County (Ohio) Municipal Court is president of the Cincinnati

Bar Association for the 2023-24 association year. She is also

chair of the Chase Alumni Council. (A story about Judge Bratton is on Page 18.)



Megan Butler rejoined Dressman Benzinger Lavelle, Covington, as an associate.

She first joined the firm in 2008, moved to Chicago in 2012 and in 2021 returned with her family to Northern Kentucky. Her focus is commercial finance and real estate.

2009



Lindsay A. Lawrence, a lawyer with Rittgers Nakajima, Cincinnati, is a member of the

Cincinnati Bar Association Board of Trustees for the 2023-24 association year. She was chair of the Chase Alumni Council for the 2022-23 organization year.



Stephanie Tew Campbell was appointed a member of Embry Merritt Womack Nance, Lexington,

Kentucky. Her focus is family law, civil litigation and estate planning and administration.

2010



Brett Renzenbrink joined the corporate practice group of Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati. He is

a board of trustees member of Whiskey and Wishes, a fundraiser for Cincinnati-area youth organizations.



Karsten Ritter joined Dentons Bingham Greenbaum, Cincinnati, as senior managing

associate. Her focus is energy law, including energy development, renewables and oil and gas law.



Meagan Tate was elected a partner in Lawrence & Associates, Cincinnati. Her focus is

personal injury and workers' compensation.



John D. Wagner joined Cors & Bassett, Cincinnati, as a member.

His focus is litigation, business formation, contracts, mergers and acquisitions, and general business operations.

2011



Kristin Walker Collins was appointed chief executive of Foundation for Appalachian

Kentucky, a Hazard-based foundation for community and economic development and investment in the Appalachian region of Kentucky. She had been chief operating officer.



Patrick Crotty joined Faruki, Cincinnati, where his focus includes commercial matters, data

privacy and litigation management.



Alan S. Henderson joined Ulmer & Berne, Cincinnati, as an associate in the real estate

practice group. His focus is commercial property.



Lawrence Hilton joined Fisher Phillips, Charlotte, North Carolina, as an associate. His focus is

employer dispute representation and advising on employment matters. He previously was an assistant attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana



Carson A. Rothfuss joined Robbins, Kelly, Patterson & Tucker, Cincinnati, in the real estate

practice group. His focus is commercial and residential matters.

2012



Colby Cowherd, a partner in O'Hara, Taylor, Sloan, Cassidy, Beck, in Crestview Hills,

Kentucky, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the

2012



Steven Doan was elected to a first term in the Kentucky

House of Representatives from District 69 in parts of Boone and Kenton counties, Northern Kentucky, in 2022 for a full term of January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025. He is a member of the Education Committee, Judiciary Committee, Local Government Committee and Interim Joint Local Government Committee. He maintains a solo practice in Erlanger, Kentucky.

Kentucky Bar Association Client Security Fund. His practice focus is personal injury and civil litigation.



Zach Peterson was elected a partner in Keating Muething & Klekamp, Cincinnati. His focus is corporate matters, including business formation, mergers, acquisitions and divestures.



Adam J. Turer was promoted to an equity partner in Robbins, Kelly, Patterson & Tucker,

Cincinnati. His focus is real property, contracts and business litigation.

2013



Cory D. Britt was elected a partner in Robbins, Kelly, Patterson & Tucker, Cincinnati. His

focus is personal injury litigation.



Andrew J. Ferguson was elected a partner in Keating Muething & Klekamp,

Cincinnati. His focus is real estate, including development of residential, retail, commercial and mixed-use properties, and transactional matters.

2014



John F. Bennett joined Frost Brown Todd, Cincinnati. His focus is intellectual property. He is

co-chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association Intellectual Property Litigation Committee.



Scott E. Collins, founder and owner of Elder Law Guidance, Richmond, Kentucky, was

selected as a *Super Lawyers* 2023 Kentucky Rising Star for a third consecutive year. He has served as chair and vice chair of the Kentucky Bar Association Elder Law Section and as chair of the Small Law Firm Section.

2016



Colleen Fausz was promoted to chief financial officer, chief administrative officer and general

counsel of KLH Engineers, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where she oversees financial operations, accounting and benefits, contracts and dispute resolution, and is involved in strategic planning.



Charles E. Rust joined Robbins, Kelly, Patterson & Kelly, Cincinnati, as an associate in the litigation

practice group. His focus includes general litigation, business disputes, real estate and employment.

2018



Stephanie L. Brockman joined Cors & Bassett, Cincinnati, as an associate. Her focus is general

litigation, labor and employment and workers' compensation. She previously was a staff attorney for Kenton County (Kentucky) Circuit Court Judge Kate Molloy, a Chase graduate.

2020



Tyler Lloyd joined Stites & Harbison, Louisville, Kentucky, as a lawyer. His focus is all phases of construction projects.



Elizabeth Mitchell Albrecht joined Dressman Benzinger Lavelle as an associate in the

firm's Cincinnati office. Her focus is banking and commercial matters, real estate, construction and business and transactional matters. She previously practiced as The Rose Law Firm in Cincinnati.

2021



Keegan Facemire, an associate in Lawrence & Associates, Cincinnati, assumed

responsibility for overseeing consultations with potential new clients of the firm. She practices in the Fort Mitchell office.

2014



Samuel R. Flynn was appointed by Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear as executive director of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program and special adviser to the governor. He oversees the creation, design and implementation of the program that

allows the use of prescribed cannabis for relief from severe chronic pain in serious medical conditions, beginning January 1, 2025. He previously was chief of staff and general counsel of the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.



Aaren E. Meehan was elected a partner in Adams Law, Covington, Kentucky. Her

focus is school and special education law, and domestic relations.



Tressa Root Hamilton joined Elder Law Guidance, Richmond, Kentucky, as an associate. She

previously was an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Lexington, Kentucky.

2015



Jonathan T. Deters was appointed fiscal officer of Sycamore Township, in suburban

Cincinnati. He is an associate with Markovits Stock DeMarco, Cincinnati, where his focus is civil litigation, personal injury, class action litigation and sports and entertainment matters.

2017



Megan L. Adkins joined Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, Lexington, Kentucky, in the

tort and insurance practice group. She previously practiced as a civil defense lawyer in Louisville, Kentucky, and had been a judicial clerk to Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Samuel T. Wright III.



Katie Jagers, an associate in Lawrence & Associates, Cincinnati, was licensed

in Kentucky to expand her focus in civil litigation from her original bar admission in Ohio. She practices in the firm's Cincinnati office.



Jordan Olinger opened the Olinger Law Firm in Hazard, Kentucky. His

focus is estate planning and administration, and business matters.

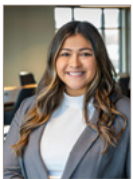
2022

Alli Cooper, an associate with Lawrence & Associates, Cincinnati, was licensed in Kentucky. Her focus is personal injury, motor vehicle accidents, slip-and-fall claims and Social Security.



Jacqueline L. Stubbers joined The Family Law & Fertility Law Group, Cincinnati, as

an associate. Her focus is family law.



Alexis Switzer joined Dressman Benzing Lavelle, Covington,

Kentucky, as an associate. Her focus is employment and labor, litigation and dispute resolution. She was previously a summer associate with the firm.



Hannah B. Webb joined Ulmer & Berne, Cincinnati, as a staff attorney. Her

real estate focus includes commercial development and leasing.

2023



Shelby Sanford joined Lawrence & Associates, Cincinnati, as an associate

in the Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, office. Her focus is personal injury litigation. She previously was as a law clerk with the firm. At Chase, she is a coach of the National Trial Team.

2024



Sierra Bailey received the Law Student of the Year Award of Northern Kentucky

Volunteer Lawyers for 2022. She was a summer law clerk with Legal Aid of the Bluegrass and has been a law clerk with Kruger & Hodges, Hamilton, Ohio.

IN MEMORIAM

1959

Thomas J. Blank
May 3, 2023

Mr. Blank was a partner in Westheimer & Co. and a senior executive in Hayden, Stone and in Gradison & Co., all Cincinnati investment firms. He was an organizer of Blank, Conger & Sena, a municipal bond firm in Cincinnati.

John R. Elfers
February 18, 2024

Mr. Elfers was the Covington, Kentucky, city attorney and prosecutor from 1961 to 1965 and subsequently the Kenton County (Kentucky) attorney for 28 years. He practiced for 55 years.

1961

Robert Laufman
March 1, 2024

Mr. Laufman was president of the Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati from 1978 to 1982. His private practice focus was in civil rights.

1962

Norman R. Smith
January 28, 2023

Mr. Smith held various executive positions with Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble Co., and a patent for its Mr. Clean all-purpose cleaner. He was also a vice president of specialty chemicals maker Stepan Co., a vice president and general manager of tire maker BFGoodrich and a president and chief executive of Catalytica Advanced Technologies.

1965

Frank H. Mayfield
October 31, 2023

Mr. Mayfield was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from the Cincinnati area from 1967 to 1976. He later founded and operated Marine Brokerage Service Co., a marine insurance brokerage, and subsequently founded and operated StarForce National Corp., a transportation provider for the Department of Defense.

1966

Kenneth J. Schneider
November 3, 2022

Mr. Schneider practiced in Wood & Lamping, Cincinnati, and was a law director of the suburban Cincinnati communities of Mason, Springdale, St. Bernard and Sycamore Township.

David L. Swift
August 6, 2023

Mr. Swift was a lawyer with Toledo Scale and Reliance Electric, and president, chief executive and chairman of Acme-Cleveland Corp., a manufacturer of industrial metalworking, telecommunications and electronics products. He retired in 1996.

1967

James R. Marlow
April 30, 2023

Mr. Marlow practiced in the Cincinnati firms of Cors, Hair & Hartsock; Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur; and Marlow and Gay.

Judge Michael J. Voris
September 24, 2023

Judge Voris was judge of Clermont County (Ohio) Domestic Relations Court from 1986 to 2010, when he reached mandatory retirement age. He previously practiced and was a part-time County Court judge.

1968

Judge Harvey J. Bressler
March 13, 2023

Judge Bressler was a retired judge of the Butler County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas and the Ohio 12th District Court of Appeals, in southwest Ohio. He was elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 1997 and to the Court of Appeals in 2004.

1970

Ronald G. Grimmer
April 15, 2023

Mr. Grimmer was retired from the Internal Revenue Service, where he was appellate division chief of appeals.

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1971

Judge Matthew J. Crehan
January 24, 2023

Judge Crehan was elected to the Butler County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas in 1988 and served until he retired in January 2007. He previously was senior trial and management attorney in Baden, Jones, Schepher & Crehan, Hamilton, Ohio.

1972

Michael S. Buschbacher
December 21, 2022

Mr. Buschbacher focused his practice in matters involving juveniles and juvenile law.

1975

Patricia L. Ladrigan
October 13, 2022

Ms. Ladrigan was a systems engineer and marketing representative for IBM and practiced law with her husband, Terrence Ladrigan, also a member of the Class of 1975.

Theodore Nemeth
February 10, 2024

Mr. Nemeth retired from the Internal Revenue Service in 2001, after 30 years with the agency.

1976

Patrick A. Binns
August 31, 2022

Mr. Binns was a retired magistrate of Middletown (Ohio) Municipal Court. He previously was in private practice and was city attorney for Trenton, Ohio, in southwest Ohio.

1977

Dwight A. Packard
February 10, 2024

Mr. Packard was a magistrate in the Butler County (Ohio) Area Court and practiced in the county until he retired in 2007.

1978

Rory T. Clear
May 30, 2022

David D. Schul
September 7, 2023

Mr. Schul retired as a trust officer with First Financial Bank.

1979

Jayne A. Thompson
November 16, 2021

Ms. Thompson was a past president of the Lawyers' Club of Cincinnati.

1981

Robert K. Claycomb
November 17, 2021

Mr. Claycomb practiced in Hodgenville, Kentucky.

Daniel T. Mistler
February 17, 2022

Mr. Mistler practiced in Northern Kentucky. In 2010, he received the Nick of Time Award of Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers for assisting three disabled clients who had been victims of a real estate scheme.

1986

Philip J. Schworer
May 14, 2023

Mr. Schworer was president of the Cincinnati Bar Association during the 2008-09 organization year. He was commencement speaker for Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 2009 and received an honorary Doctor of Laws in recognition of his leadership in the legal community and commitment to equal opportunity in the profession. He practiced in the Cincinnati firms of Goldenberg Schneider; Frost Brown Todd; Greenebaum Doll & McDonald; and Dinsmore & Shohl. His focus was environmental law.

1987

Margaret K. Drees
January 12, 2023

Ms. Drees focused her practice in matters involving children and families.

1988

Michael W. Lyons
January 17, 2023

Mr. Lyons practiced in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

Harold E. Parker
September 8, 2022

Mr. Parker worked at various times for the University of Cincinnati College of Law law library, the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine medical library and a Cincinnati law firm.

1989

Sallee M. Fry
May 29, 2022

Ms. Fry was a partner in Santen & Hughes, Cincinnati, where she focused in family law. In 2002, she argued successfully before the Supreme Court of Ohio in a case that Ohio courts have cited extensively for a right of parents to rear children free from state interference.

1991

Kearny Neagle
May 22, 2023

Ms. Neagle was a public defender and maintained a private practice in Cincinnati. She moved to Maine in 2013 and served on committees of the town of South Thomaston.

1992

Monica L. Borne
August 21, 2022

Christine Anglin Carter
May 19, 2023

Ms. Carter was a member of the Kentucky Bar Association.

Marianne Pressman
September 1, 2021

Ms. Pressman was a mayor and a member of Amberley City Council, in suburban Cincinnati, and an Ohio Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division.

1993

Debbie S. Feldmann
August 24, 2022

Ms. Feldmann practiced in Northern Kentucky.

Stephen L. Richey
July 28, 2023

Mr. Richey was senior counsel, focused in labor and employment law, with Thompson Hine, Cincinnati, and immediate past president of the Cincinnati Bar Association.

Steve Vidmer
February 17, 2024

Mr. Vidmer maintained a solo practice in western Kentucky.

2001

Jenny L. Jones
January 3, 2023

Ms. Jones was a partner in Jones Law Firm, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and a former administrative law judge.

2006

Joseph A. Bott
September 4, 2023

Mr. Bott was a partner in Bertram, Cox & Miller, Campbellsville, Kentucky, and previously an assistant commonwealth's attorney.

2012

Bijaya Shrestha
December 20, 2022

Ms. Shrestha was a drinking water policy coordinator for the Great Lakes Regional Center of the National Wildlife Federation.

2016

Anthony D. Romeo
December 26, 2022

Mr. Romeo practiced in Northern Kentucky.

FACULTY

Robert Furnier
January 26, 2024

Mr. Furnier was most recently director of the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology, and previously was director of the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic. He also taught in the academy and the Master of Legal Studies degree program. He joined Chase in 2017 as an adjunct professor. In the profession, he was a member of American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and the ABA-sponsored Women of Legal Tech Summit. Mr. Furnier practiced in Cincinnati as a partner in the Furnier Muzzo Group.

Professor Steve Stephens Retires with a Lasting Impact for Chase

THROUGH MULTIPLE ROLES, HE HAS BEEN A HELPER FOR STUDENTS AND A GUIDE FOR THE COLLEGE

For all of his time on the Salmon P. Chase College of Law faculty – as professor, associate dean, interim dean, dean – there are plenty of reasons to remember the impact Professor Henry L. “Steve” Stephens Jr. has had on the college: creating scholarships, establishing a still-operating dean’s advisory panel, mentoring students and as the face of the college in a myriad of professional activities.



Professor Steve Stephens talking with alumni at the Chase Alumni Luncheon, October 11, 2019, in the Hall of Mirrors of the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza.

Professor Stephens, who joined the faculty in 1979, is retiring at the conclusion of the current academic year. While he is leaving Chase, he is hardly leaving the profession, planning to continue the mediation work that has gained him national recognition. “My lifelong role, personally and professionally, has been that of a fixer. Mediation practice was simply a natural progression,” he says.

At Chase, that role as a “fixer” has been apparent in teaching Alternative Dispute Resolution, among other courses, and in his concerns for students.

“My most satisfying experiences at Chase have come from helping students master the coursework. I always felt that if I could do it [as a student], anyone could. I remember one particular experience in which a former college athlete had been dismissed from the law school after the first semester, with a 1.3 GPA. The next spring, we met on Saturday mornings, during which we converted the subject of contracts to a football game, where the offense tried to sustain the contract and the defense sought to defeat it. He re-enrolled the next fall and graduated, and passed the bar exam.”

The attention he gave another student, now more than 40 years ago, proved to be so foundational that it is memorialized in a plaque outside a conference room on the fifth floor of Nunn Hall.

H. McGuire “Mac” Riley, who graduated in 1986 and has been a deputy assistant secretary of the Army and president of an electronic intelligence firm, donated to the college to name the conference room where Professor Stephens inspired him to pursue his dreams as the Henry L. “Steve” Stephens Jr. Faculty Conference Room. The naming ceremony in 2014 recalled how Professor Stephens’ words “fueled” Mr. Riley’s dreams as a student and subsequently fueled his pursuit of other dreams.

As a mediator, Professor Stephens has been recognized continuously in national publications and ratings for his work in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. “In 1996, I served as chairman of the Center for the Resolution of Disputes in Cincinnati, run by Jerry Lawson [a lawyer who practiced in the field]. Jerry encouraged me to get mediation training. I took that training at Harvard in the fall of 1997 and worked with the Center for the Resolution of Disputes through 2001, when I decided to pursue mediation individually.”

While that work is continuing, so is his legacy at Chase. As dean, he created 13 scholarships and the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel of alumni and other lawyers that serves as a two-way street between classroom and practice for connecting the needs of both. As a professor, former students think of him as someone who cared about them. Numerous times, graduating classes selected him as their Professor of the Year.

After joining the Chase faculty in 1979, Professor Stephens served as associate dean from 1981 to 1985, interim dean for the 1985-86 academic year and dean from 1986 to 1992, before electing to focus entirely on teaching.

During all of his time at Chase, he has been a visible representative for the college. He has been a member of the Evidence Rules Review Commission of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, a member of the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission, a commissioner of the Uniform Law Commission, a member of the Kentucky Bar Association Board of Governors and a member of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation Board of Directors.



In one of his more strategic roles, he developed a successful plan on behalf of Chase that solved a financial dilemma of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education and led to its abandonment of a cost-cutting scheme that could have ultimately reduced the number of law schools in the commonwealth from three to two and the number of dental schools from two to one.

After consultations with others, then-dean Stephens spearheaded a plan for the council to consider that could allow it to resolve financial concerns without taking the Draconian step of reducing access to public education in Kentucky. “As it turns out, we gave the Council on Higher Education a way out of the dilemma it was in, because it had been charged with coming up with a mechanism to save the state money on the professional schools.”

Even as he approaches retirement, he is still thinking about students.

“If I could give prospective law students any advice, it would be to take a wide variety of jobs to garner as much experience as possible in dealing with people and situations.

“From my selling apples out of a red wagon, to mowing yards, to working at McDonald’s, to selling automobiles, S&H Green Stamps [an early type of customer rewards program] and pest control services and, finally, driving a long-haul truck, I

learned to deal with all walks of life, which was so helpful in relating to potential clients, other lawyers and the courts,” says Professor Stephens, who began his practice in Kentucky after graduation in 1975 from the University of Kentucky David Rosenberg College of Law and joining Chase - now leaving the college better for having been part of it for 45 years.

Tributes to Professor Stephens and photos from a reception this spring celebrating his service to Chase will appear in the next issue of CHASE.

Professor Steve Stephens speaking at the Chase commencement ceremony May 8, 2011, one of numerous commencements at which the graduating class recognized him as Professor of the Year.



Professor Steve Stephens and alumnus H. McGuire “Mac” Riley at the naming ceremony for the Henry L. “Steve” Stephens Jr. Faculty Conference Room, for which Mr. Riley made a donation to Chase.

Professor Ziegler is Writing a New Chapter in Legal Writing at Chase

Professor Marcia Ziegler has a generational challenge in her role as the first director of a new legal writing program at Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

In her own student generation, she recalls – at any level up through law school – there was a distinction between informal spoken language and structured writing. Certainly, there were no texting abbreviations [LOL] and no emojis [😊]. Now it’s a blur.

“Sure, when I grew up, I used slang all the time – I remember what it was to ‘blow this Popsicle stand,’ for instance – but I never read those words in print, as it was before the days of both email and texting. Today, students come to law school having been bombarded with informal language, not only in speech, but in what they’ve read and written every day for years,” Professor Ziegler says.

For a new generation of law students, Chase has launched a writing program to help them evolve through not only thinking like a lawyer, but to communicating their thinking by writing like a lawyer.

Professor Ziegler joined the faculty this academic year as an assistant professor of legal writing to teach a Basic Legal Skills course and an elective, Serial Killers and High-Profile Cases, and to direct the new writing resource center. She brings with her a background as a county deputy prosecutor in Indiana, an assistant commonwealth’s attorney in Virginia, a visiting professor of lawyering skills at the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law and, most recently, chair of legal studies of Ivy Tech Community College, in Indiana. Her law degree is from Penn State Law.

As director of the writing program, the best way for her to explain it is in her own written words:

“The purpose of Chase’s new writing program is two-fold: one, to implement

teaching strategies in legal writing that have been proven effective nationwide, and two, to respond to the specific needs of Chase students in a cohesive and innovative manner.

“My experience with the national legal writing community has been a singularly positive one, where professors readily share successful techniques and pedagogy. Similarly, my experience with my fellow Chase professors has also been incredibly positive. Using the resources of our already outstanding faculty, this program allows us all to collaborate on problems and assessments through examining the pedagogy of other successful programs and applying what works for our unique student body.

“The program has been designed with input from students, faculty and outside stakeholders with an eye to what many other successful programs do. I am a member of the two main scholarly legal writing groups, the Association of Legal Writing Directors and the Legal Writing Institute, where I can access a veritable treasure trove of assessments, brief problems, and other materials from a whole host of experienced professors across the country.

“Through regular meetings with the Chase legal writing faculty, we have been collaborating on how best to utilize these tools with our students. In addition, the faculty as a whole has weighed in several times on the design of the program, and I will continue to seek their input as the program is built. Finally, I’ve been meeting with local practitioners and judges, many of whom are Chase grads, to discuss how we might respond to what the community would like to see from our graduates. The program is striving to include input from all of these groups as well as data on what works for our students and what could be improved upon.



Professor Marcia Ziegler is an assistant professor of legal writing and director of the newly created Chase Law Writing Resource Center.

“Students will see more cohesion across classes – several of the faculty have shared syllabi and presentation materials, and we have worked on a spring semester problem together. In addition, I had been developing the writing center along with two standout 3L students. This program matches 2L and 3L students with 1L students in an effort to revise their submitted fall memos for spring job, clerkship and externship applications. This will benefit both the 1L students in terms of writing assistance and provide the more experienced students with an opportunity for them to complete their required pro bono hours.

“In future years, we also hope to enhance the oral argument experience by bringing in outside judges and lawyers to assess students’ oral advocacy and to expand our upper-level writing requirement offerings. All of this is a team effort, of course. All faculty members have an individual impact on students, but the best programs are more collectively guided.”

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Professor Browning Coughlin Teaches from Intersection of Law and Life

Like every lawyer, Professor Michelle Browning Coughlin is an advocate. Her advocacy, though, extends beyond advocacy for clients to advocacy for use of technology in law practices and to advocacy for lawyers being able to balance needs of practice and family.

Professor Browning Coughlin joined the Salmon P. Chase College of Law faculty this academic year as an assistant professor of law and the fourth director of the 10-year-old W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology.

In practice, she focused in intellectual property and technology. At the intersection of practice and life, she founded MothersEsquire, a national online community for gender equity, motherhood and caregiver issues, served on the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession and co-chaired its report, "Legal Careers of Parents and Child Caregivers / Results and Best Practices from a National Study of the Legal Profession," released this past year.

In the classroom – teaching with a Juris Doctor from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, a Master of Social Work from Spalding University in Louisville and a Bachelor of Science from Western Kentucky University – her courses include Property and Trademark Law in a Social Media World. As director of the Lunsford Academy, she oversees a program that prepares students for practices that can unify substantive law, business concepts and an overarching application of technology.

With the Lunsford Academy as a focus, Professor Browning Coughlin looks ahead in this conversation conducted (how else?) via digital technology:

Clearly, you're settling in to multiple roles at Chase, but what do you envision for the Lunsford Academy?

"During the first year, I hope to look strategically and thoughtfully at our curriculum, looking for ways to expand offerings, as well as ways to provide more

'paths' for students curated to their particular interests, while maintaining the commitment to training all students in the business and technology fundamentals necessary to practice law.

"Building on the great foundation of the Lunsford program, I also hope to continue to expand on community relationships to provide new opportunities for students to engage in building professional networks and in experiential learning. I also hope to work closely with our alumni, whose engagement with the program is essential to helping us create a program that provides the most meaningful and educational opportunities possible for our students."

When the academy was created 10 years ago it was characterized as preparing students for the future practice of law. Maybe not on a 10-year horizon, but what do you see as the future of law that students entering Chase now will have to be prepared to encounter?

"When the program was created, the goal was to ensure students would be exposed to important business and entrepreneurial skills and knowledge, as well as the emerging ways in which technology was defining the practice of law. All of our students must have a solid grasp on how to use technology, not only to provide effective and efficient services to their clients, but also how to utilize technology – particularly Artificial Intelligence – in ways that will maintain and uphold their ethical obligations to their clients."

And speaking of AI ...

"AI is absolutely going to be an ongoing hot topic in law. Helping to prepare students for the impact AI will have on the practice of law is critical. Moreover, we have the opportunity to prepare students for the exciting opportunities that are likely to arise through AI, such as creating and using tools that improve access to justice."



Professor Michelle Browning Coughlin is an assistant professor of law and director of the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology.

What aspects of your own background do you see relating most directly to the role of the academy and for preparing students for practice?

"My work in founding MothersEsquire and helping it to grow into the successful advocacy group it is today, and my experiences serving on the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession and various other diversity-equity-and-inclusion-focused committees and groups has helped me build an incredible national network of lawyers I can utilize to help students to advance their interests and careers, and also a great hands-on entrepreneurial, research and social media and coalition-building experience I can share.

"Moreover, I think my career experiences combined with being a parent of students who are only a few years younger than my law students helps me to connect with my students and to think about their holistic development as lawyers."

Professor Jennifer Kreder Reflects on the Art of Teaching

SHE IS RETIRING AFTER 20 YEARS WITH CHASE THAT UTILIZED HER PRACTICE EXPERIENCE AND INVOLVED STUDENTS IN HER PURSUIT OF JUSTICE IN RESTORING LOOTED ARTWORK TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND HEIRS

For Professor Jennifer Kreder, a casebook is a place to begin. In the 20 years since she joined the faculty of Salmon P. Chase College of Law, in 2004, she has been a voice from experience for students on applying the law and a model for pursuing justice through it.

Professor Kreder, who has taught such courses as Civil Procedure, Deposition Strategies and Business Organization, and has engaged students in researching and writing pro bono amicus curiae briefs, often involving efforts to recover artwork looted during the Holocaust, is retiring at the end of the current academic year.

Her path to Chase began as a law clerk for Judge Harold Barefoot Sanders Jr. of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas and continued as a litigation associate with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York City, concentrating on Holocaust-era inter-governmental negotiation and property litigation issues, art disputes and class actions. It was with that background – and sets of her own briefs – that she entered the classroom.

“I have actively worked on a wide range of cases, in terms of subject matter, clientele, class actions, valuation and forum,” she recalls. “I often use real documents from my own cases and transactions in Civil Procedure, Property, Art Law, Remedies and Business Entities to demonstrate how things work in the real world. Because Civil Procedure, Property, Art Law and Remedies are not discrete subjects, teaching them requires a broad knowledge about many areas of law and how they intersect.”

More narrowly focused outside the classroom and equally broadly satisfying, she has involved students in the high-stakes research for amicus briefs in disputes involving family legacies and the weight of history.

“I worked with groups of students to file amicus briefs in Nazi-looted art cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, Second Circuit Court of Appeals and a few other courts,” she says. “The students worked so hard to organize the research and got a lot out of what goes into high-profile litigation, as well as the simple mechanics of how to do an appeal, work with co-counsel, direct the printer and e-file, including an understanding of costs. For the 20 or so students who have done this with me, I know it was one of the more memorable notes on their resumes to discuss during interviews for some time to come.”



Professor Jennifer Kreder

In one recent amicus brief she filed involving a California man who was attempting to recover a masterpiece painting by French impressionist Camille Pissarro that had been stolen from his great-grandmother in Nazi Germany, the Supreme Court of the United States agreed with her argument in the conflict of law issue involved. The property law of California, not Spain, where the painting was in a museum, should apply, the court ruled in the narrow procedural issue. “If this case had gone the other way, it would have been really bad news for these cases. They’re hanging on by a thread at this point,” Professor Kreder said at the time.

Outside of Chase, she has participated in State Department efforts to create a Nazi-looted art commission and has served as chair of the American Society of International Law Cultural Heritage and the Arts Interest Group, and arts-related groups of the American Bar Association and Association of American Law Schools.

With her retirement, Professor Kreder is returning to her pre-Chase professional and geographic roots, as a litigator with Rottenberg Lipman Rich in New York City and maintaining a solo practice in Florida, as co-counsel for clients in the state where she attended college.

For Professor Kreder, though, a new beginning echoes of 20 years at Chase. “I still have an academic heart and love when I get the chance to encourage courts and arbitrators to be thoughtful about applying doctrine in accordance with its purpose, grounded in its historical development. The novel, cutting-edge cases without clear answers are the ones I enjoy the most intellectually, but the best part is helping clients efficiently resolve legal issues – and preventing problems from arising.”



Eric Alden
Professor of Law

PUBLICATION
The Death of Promissory Estoppel: The Rebirth of Contract, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS (FORTHCOMING 2024).



John Bickers
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

PUBLICATION
The Cartoon Physics of the Court-Martial, W. VA. L. REV. (FORTHCOMING).

COLLEGE
Selected, Class of 2023 Professor of the Year and commencement grand marshal.



Tan Boston
Assistant Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
The NIL Glass Ceiling, 57 U. RICH. L. REV. 1107 (2023).

NIL Data Transparency, 83 LA. L. REV. 905 (2023).

Labor and Employment Law May Soon Catch Up with the Changing Landscape of Intercollegiate Athletics, ABA Labor and Employment Law News, Fall 2022.

PRESENTATIONS
“Anti-NIL Legislation,” Lutie-Langston Midwest Writing Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, December 1, 2023.

“Game Changer: NIL and the Re-invention of College Sports,” Northern Kentucky University Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement Six@Six lecture series, Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame, Great American Ball Park, September 18, 2023.

“Intercollegiate Name, Image & Likeness (NIL): Data Transparency,” State Government Bar Association of Kentucky continuing legal education, July 2023.

“Is NIL Woke?” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop & Writing Retreat, June 24, 2023.

“The NIL Glass Ceiling,” Iowa College of Law Spring 2023 Speaker Series - Name, Image & Likeness: College Athletes and the Law, Iowa City, Iowa, April 7, 2023.

“Athletics, Antiracism & Antitrust,” Sports and Recreation Law Association annual conference, February 23, 2023.

Moderator, “To DEI, or not to DEI, that is the Question,” Sports and Recreation Law Association annual conference, February 23, 2023.

“The Future of the NCAA – Is the Sky Really Falling?,” Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, January 6, 2023.

“Law and Sports Works-in-Progress: *NIL, Antitrust and Race*,” Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, January 5, 2023.

MEDIA
Recognized, *The NIL Glass Ceiling*, 57 U. RICH. L. REV. 1107 (2023) cited on academic website JOTWELL - The Journal of Things We Like (Lots) for explanatory writing and insights on Name, Image and Likeness rights of collegiate athletes.

UNIVERSITY
Appointed, Northern Kentucky University Athletics Council.



Michelle Browning Coughlin

Assistant Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL
Co-chair, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession recently completed report “Legal Careers of Parents and Child Caregivers / Results and Best Practices from a National Study of the Legal Profession.”

MEDIA
Podcast, ABA Journal Modern Law Library/ Legal Talk Network on her book, *My Mom, the Lawyer*, exploring work and personal lives through the eyes of their children, June 21, 2023.



Anthony Chavez
Professor of Law

PUBLICATION
MUSY Takes Flight: Multiple-Use: Regulation of Climate Intervention, 62 WASHBURN L.J. 25 (2022-23).



Judith Daar

Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean and Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
Where Does Life Begin? Discerning the Impact of Dobbs on Assisted Reproductive Technologies, Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics, Fall 2023.

The Impact of Dobbs on Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Does it Matter Where Life Begins? Harvard Law School Petrie-Flam Center Bill of Health, May 2023.

Book chapter, “Basic Legal Principles in Fertility Medicine: Regulating Into the Void,” *Case Studies in the Ethics of Assisted Reproduction*, Springer Publications, forthcoming 2024.

The Impact of Shifting Legal and Scientific Landscapes on IVF Litigation (with Dr. Sigal Klipstein, 119(4) Fertility & Sterility 581 (2023).

PRESENTATIONS
As expert adviser to the Framework for Advances in Reproductive Ethics & Regulation (FAIRER), Cleveland Clinic, November 13, 2023.

“Infertility Care and the Demise of *Roe v. Wade*,” American Society for Reproductive Medicine annual meeting, Kenneth J. Ryan Ethics Symposium, New Orleans, October 15, 2023.

“Gestational Surrogacy Agreements: A View from Medicine, Law and Psychiatry,” American Bar Association Section of Family Law annual meeting, Louisville, October 12, 2023.

Yale Law School Health Information and Accountability panel, the Regulation of Gamete Provision, September 29, 2023.

“My Body, My Choice: The Impact of *Dobbs* on Birth Control and Fertility Care,” Cincinnati Bar Association continuing legal education, September 26, 2023.

Polygenic Embryo Screening Conference, panel on legal implications of emerging predictive genetic assessments, Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 12, 2023.

Faculty Scholarship & Activities

“The Status of Reproductive Rights in the U.S. After *Dobbs*,” Thomas More University American Legal and Constitutional History class, March 28, 2023.

Welcome, Modern Policing and the Law Symposium, *Northern Kentucky Law Review*, March 24, 2023.

“Applying an Equality Lens to Disclosure Laws for Donor-Conceived Persons,” Yale Law School Convening on the Regulation of Gamete Provision, New Haven Connecticut, February 10, 2023.

Boston University School of Law symposium, “After *Roe* and *Dobbs*: Seeking Reproductive Justice in the Next 50 Years,” January 26, 2023.

Impact of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* on military personnel and their families, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences symposium, Bethesda, Maryland.

Grand Rounds of St. Elizabeth Hospital Critical Care Department on legal aspects of end-of-life decision-making.

University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Northern Kentucky University campus, American Medical Association student organization on legal aspects of delivering medical care.

MEDIA

Interviewed, profile on use of IVF and preimplantation genetic testing for intellectual aptitude, *Slate*.

Interviewed, on pregnancy loss management following

Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, Associated Press.

Interviewed, *The Washington Post* for report on regulation and accountability in the fertility industry.

Interviewed, *Newsweek* for report on known sperm donors by women of color, as well as the selection of gamete donors based on phenotypic characteristics.

Quoted, “Democrats Unveil Legislation Outlining Plan for Right to Fertility Treatments,” *The Hill*, December 15, 2022

Interviewed, *ScienceLine*, on prenatal genetic testing following *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*.

PROFESSIONAL

Appointed, Kentucky Bar Association Task Force on Artificial Intelligence.



Sharlene Graham
Professor of Law

MEDIA

Quoted, “Court Filings Show Extensive Money Problems for Owner of Used Car Dealership,” *WLWT* (Channel 5, Cincinnati), May 11, 2023.

Interviewed, “Greater Cincinnati Residents Sued for Old Car Debt; Discrepancies Found in Lawsuits,” *WLWT* (Channel 5, Cincinnati), November 21, 2022.



Amy Halbrook
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL

Lead trainer, Theory and Techniques for the Advocate and Mediator, Northern Kentucky University Alternative Dispute Resolution Center virtual training.

Partnered with the youth defense project director of the Michigan Appellate Defender Office to teach street law to youths participating in a community service program of Highland Park, Michigan.

MEDIA

Quoted, “Free Litigation Training for Attorneys who Represent Domestic Violence Survivors is Available Through the ABA,” *ABA Journal*, July 19, 2023.



Jack Harrison
David and Nancy Wolf Chair Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

Is a Green Tie Enough? – Truth and Lies In The Courtroom, 75 *OKLA. L. REV.* 687 (2023).

PRESENTATION

“Supreme Court Overview and Emerging

Trends in LGBTQ+ Law,” Cincinnati Bar Association continuing legal education, October 11, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL

Award, Cincinnati Bar Association Gerhardstein and Branch LGBTQ+ Legal Advocacy Award, October 11, 2023.

PROGRAM

Conversation with lawyer E. Randol Schoenberg on his recovery of a family’s artwork stolen during the Holocaust, part of the inaugural lecture by Mr. Schoenberg of the David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity, Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center, Cincinnati Museum Center, September 27, 2023.

MEDIA

Interviewed, “Louisville Mayor Plans to Continue Defending Fairness Ordinance in Court,” *WFPL-FM* (Louisville, Kentucky, public radio), July 7, 2023.

Interviewed, “Local Opinion Split After Supreme Court Rules Colorado Business Owner Can Refuse Same-Sex Couples,” *WDRB-TV* (Channel 32, Louisville, Kentucky), June 30, 2023.

COLLEGE

Appointed, David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity, May 2023.



Kenneth Katkin
Professor of Law

MEDIA

Interviewed, “Gun Stolen from Sheriff McGuffey’s Vehicle in 2021 Was Used in Robbery, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office Says,” *WCPO* (Channel 9, Cincinnati), October 11, 2023.

Interviewed, “Federal Judge Sentences Former Council Member P.G. Sittenfeld to 16 Months,” *WKRC-TV* (Channel 12, Cincinnati), October 10, 2023.

Interviewed, “Ex-Cincinnati Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld Sentenced to 16 Months in Prison,” *WCPO* (Channel 9, Cincinnati), October 9, 2023.

Quoted, “Campus Reflects on Controversial Demonstration, Free Speech,” *The Northerner*, October 6, 2023.

Quoted, “Conflicting Rulings on Cincinnati Gun Laws Expected to be Reviewed by Ohio Supreme Court,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, October 4, 2023.

Interviewed, “NKU Professor Says Punishment Could be Serious for Bridge Hoax Calls Even if Threats are Unfounded,” *WLWT* (Channel 5, Cincinnati), September 20, 2023.

Quoted, “In Massacre Lawsuit, a Key Question: How Rich were the Wagners?” *The*

Cincinnati Enquirer, August 7, 2023.

Interviewed, “Explaining Ohio Issue 1: What It Would Change, How It Would Impact Residents,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), August 1, 2023.

Quoted, “Sentencing Set for PG Sittenfeld on Federal Corruption Charges,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, July 12, 2023.

Interviewed, “Jefferson County Attorney Booted from Case after Offering to ‘Help’ UofL Professor in Tenant Dispute,” WDRB-AM, Louisville, Kentucky, July 10, 2023.

Interviewed, “Judge Rules Louisville Can’t Jail People for Local Crimes. Legal Experts Say She’s ‘Plain Wrong,’” WFPL-FM (Louisville, Kentucky, public radio), July 6, 2023.

Interviewed, “Law Professor Explains SCOTUS Decision on Student Loan Debt,” WEHT-TV (Channel 25, Evansville, Indiana), July 1, 2023.

Interviewed, “Supreme ‘LGBTQ+ Ruling: Limiting Protections or Bolstering First Amendment Rights?,” WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), June 30, 2023.

Interviewed, “U.S. Labor Department Slaps Hefty Fines on Kentucky-based McDonald’s Franchisees,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), May 4, 2023.

Interviewed, “Can Cincinnati Recover from ‘Culture of Corruption’ Reputation While Bribery Cases Linger in Court System?” WCPO

(Channel 9, Cincinnati), April 26, 2023.

Interviewed, “Local Tire Shop Sues City, The Port, FC Cincinnati, Claiming Civil Rights Violation,” WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), April 7, 2023.

Interviewed, “‘You Took an Oath’: Woman at Center of Latest Judge Misconduct Case Speaks Out,” WKRC (Channel 12, Cincinnati), March 17, 2023.

Interviewed, “NKY Leaders Concerned After Kentucky Senate Passes Bill Limiting Drag Performances,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), March 12, 2023.

Interviewed, “Kentucky Bill Dealing with Expulsion in Schools Gains Traction,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), March 11, 2023.

Interviewed, “Jury Must Decide if Householder Sold Statehouse or Passed Bailout to Help Bob and Betty Buckeye Ohioans,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), March 7, 2023.

Interviewed, “‘I Don’t Have an Answer for You’: Householder Endures Scathing Cross-Examination in Historic Bribery Trial,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), March 2, 2023.

Interviewed, “New Anti-Hazing Bill Passes Kentucky Senate after UK Student Death,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), February 24, 2023.

Interviewed, “Sittenfeld and Householder Face Separate Public Corruption Charges, but FBI Reveals how Cases are Intertwined,”

WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati) February 15, 2023.

Interviewed, “Boone County Parents Fighting Decision as Student Returns to High School after Making Threats,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), January 31, 2023.

Interviewed, “How Did the FBI Build its Case against Householder? 250 Subpoenas for Bank, Phone, Email records,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), January 24, 2023.

Interviewed, “Abortion Bans Still Pending Before Revamped Ky. Supreme Court,” WPFL-FM (Louisville, Kentucky, public radio), January 12, 2023.

Quoted, “George Wagner IV will be Sentenced Monday in Pike County Murder Case,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, December 15, 2022.

Quoted, “Sources: Prosecutor Joe Deters a Finalist for Open Seat on Ohio Supreme Court,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), December 9, 2022.

Interviewed, “Kentucky Democratic Party Appeals Redistricting Ruling,” Kentucky Public Radio, December 2, 2022.

Quoted, “Jury Could Get Case this Week in Pike County Murder Trial,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, November 27, 2022.

Interviewed, “Law Professor Says He Thinks Courts Will Rule Against Biden Administration on Student Debt Forgiveness,” Spectrum News 1 (Louisville, Kentucky), November 15, 2022.

Interviewed, “What’s the Future of a Republican Ohio Supreme Court?” WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), November 9, 2022.

PRESENTATIONS

“Ohio Issue 1: Where it Came From, What it Would Do,” Cincinnati Bar Association, July 26, 2023.

Discussant, “Uncharted Waters: When Local Prosecutors Wade into National Politics,” Chase student chapter Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, April 17, 2023.

PROGRAM

Interviewer, questions-and-answers with lawyer E. Randol Schoenberg following showing of “Floretta,” a documentary on his journey through Europe in search of his family’s history, Mariemont Theatre, Mariemont, Ohio, September 28, 2023.

COLLEGE

Selected, Class of 2023 Professor of the Year and commencement grand marshal.



Jennifer Kinsley
Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

The Psychology of Censorship, CASE W. L. REV. (forthcoming).

PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, panel of Brazilian and Romanian scholars on use of technology to improve

access to justice, Sorbonne University Law School, November 7, 2023.

Panelist, United States, Hungarian and Australian scholars on social media regulation and free speech, Sorbonne University Law School, November 8, 2023.

Lecturer, “The Psychology of Censorship,” University of Cincinnati Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, September 27, 2023.

Panelist, on professional development and overcoming obstacles in legal careers for young Muslims, organized by CAIR-Ohio, the Committee on American Islamic Relations, for summer interns of Bricker Graydon statewide, June 20, 2023.

“The Psychology of Censorship,” Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas, April 7, and Chase faculty scholarship forum, April 20, 2023.

On appellate practice of brief-writing and oral argument strategy, Cincinnati Bar Association Appellate Practice Group, March 29, 2023.

Moderator, “Limiting Police Discretion,” Modern Policing and the Law Symposium, *Northern Kentucky Law Review*, March 24, 2023.

On affirmative action and the Supreme Court of the United States, Xavier University Take It On series, March 22, 2023.

Panelist, Chase Student Bar Association DEI Symposium, February 23, 2023.

Faculty Scholarship & Activities

Keynote speaker and seminar class leader, Seven Hills School Democracy Day, February 8, 2023.

University of Michigan Law School Human Trafficking Clinic, on experience representing incarcerated survivors of human trafficking, January 26, 2023.

Life as a lawyer and trying a criminal case to a jury, Northern Kentucky University College of Arts and Sciences class Careers in Criminal Justice, November 2, 2022.

COLLOQUIUM

Invited participant, Georgetown University Law Center Georgetown Center for the Constitution Tenth Annual Salmon P. Chase Lecture and Faculty Colloquium on the 150th anniversaries of *The Slaughterhouse Cases* [in which Chase dissented to a narrow reading of the Fourteenth Amendment] and *Bradwell v. Illinois* [in which an ill Chase dissented before he died three weeks later to the majority holding that the Fourteenth Amendment did not give a woman a right to practice law], and on Chase's contributions to civil rights, Georgetown, D.C., September 28 and 29, 2023.

JUDICIARY

Sworn in as judge of the Ohio First District Court of Appeals for Hamilton County, February 9, 2023

COMMUNITY

Award, NAACP Northern Kentucky Branch inaugural Civil and Human Rights Judicial Advocacy Award, February 9, 2023.

MEDIA

Profiled, "Caring from the Bench," *Cincinnati Magazine*, following election to Ohio First District Court of Appeals, February 2023.

Quoted, "'The Worst Thing You can be Called,' A Cincinnati Cop was in Court, Suing Those Who Called Him Racist," *The Cincinnati Enquirer* report on her representation of a defendant in the matter involving a police officer who allegedly made a white-supremacist gesture outside a public meeting, January 19, 2023.



Jennifer Kreder
Professor of Law

PRESENTATION

"Supply Chain Issues and International Contracts," Law and Technology of Tomorrow conference, Center for American Studies, November 19, 2022.

MEDIA

Discussant, "Nazis Stole Art from the Home of his Grandmother's Best Friend. Decades Later, he Helped Get it Back," with lawyer E. Randol Schoenberg and a Cincinnati Art Museum curator, broadcast prior to Mr. Schoenberg's inaugural lecture of the David and Nancy Wolf Chair in Ethics and Professional Identity, WVXU-FM, Cincinnati, September 21, 2023.

Discussant, "Seven Artworks by Egon Schiele are Returned to

Heirs of the Owner Killed by Nazis," All Things Considered, NPR, September 21, 2023.



Alex Kreit
Assistant Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

Federal Nonenforcement and State Drug Policy Reforms, OHIO ST. J. OF CRIM. L. (FORTHCOMING).

PRESENTATIONS

"The Controlled Substances Act: Reform or Abolish It?," Drug Policy Alliance Reform Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, October 21, 2023.

"Marijuana Rescheduling and the Future of the Controlled Substances Act," Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference, July 23, 2023.

"Federal Nonenforcement in the Face of State Drug Policy Reforms," Case Western Reserve University School of Law, April 3, 2023, and Chase faculty scholarship forum, April 5, 2023.

Moderator, "Policing and New Technologies," Modern Policing and the Law Symposium, *Northern Kentucky Law Review*, March 24, 2023.

"Federal Nonenforcement in the Face of State Drug Policy Reforms," Drugs and Public Safety Symposium, Arizona State University, March 15, 2023.

Speaker and organizer, "Assessing the Impact of President Biden's Marijuana Actions," Association of American Law Schools 2023 annual meeting, January 6, 2023.

Panelist, "Criminal Justice Roundtable," Vanderbilt Law School, November 5, 2022.

MEDIA

Quoted, "Oregon's First-in-the-Nation Drug Decriminalization Law is Facing Pushback Amid the Fentanyl Crisis," *The Associated Press*, November 19, 2023.

Interviewed, "Wisconsin Elections Leadership, Drug Decriminalization," Wisconsin Public Radio, September 1, 2023.

Quoted, "D.C. Legalized Weed. A Marijuana Delivery Service was Indicted Anyway," *The Washington Post*, May 23, 2023.

Interviewed, "Your Questions Answered About Kentucky's Medical Marijuana Executive Order," Cincinnati Edition, WVXU-FM, March 14, 2023.

Quoted, "How Treating Addiction as a Disability Could Transform Treatment," *Slate*, February 1, 2023.

Interviewed, "Republican Leaders Open the Door to Medical Marijuana in Wisconsin. How do Other States Handle the Issue?," Wisconsin Public Radio, January 16, 2023.

Interviewed, "Northern Kentucky Residents Will Still Struggle to Find Medical Marijuana Despite Governor's Order," WCPO

(Channel 9, Cincinnati), November 16, 2022.

Quoted, "Why Marijuana Had a Terrible Night in the 2022 Midterm Elections," *Time*, November 9, 2022.

Quoted, "Marijuana is Now Legal in 21 States. These Startups Want to be the 'Amazon of Weed,'" *Time*, November 9, 2022.

CITED

Making Sense of Facial and As-Applied Challenges, 18 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 657 (2010) in dissent from *Holmes v. Moore*, _ S.E.2D _ 2023 WL 3136531 (2023).

PROFESSIONAL

PRO BONO, appeal to California Fourth District Court of Appeals successful in reversing conviction of resisting arrest, December 22, 2022.



Danielle Lewis
Director of Trial and Appellate Advocacy Programs

PUBLICATIONS

Don't Zoom In: Virtual Scan of Student's Residence May Violate Fourth Amendment, in *Common Sense*, Winter/Spring 2023.

Hey Siri: Draft my Contract. May (or Should) Lawyers Use Artificial Intelligence in Legal Writing? Kentucky Bar Association *Bench & Bar*, March/April, 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

“Ethical Implications of Using AI in the Practice of Law,” Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court continuing legal education, November 14, 2023.

Panelist, “How the Law Influences Pop Culture,” University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, October 6, 2023.

“AI and the Practice of Law: Ethical Implications for Attorneys Using Generative AI,” Association of Corporate Counsel continuing legal education, Indianapolis.

“AI and the Practice of Law: Ethical Implications for Attorneys,” Kentucky Bar Association continuing legal education, July 25, 2023.

“AI and the Practice of Law: Ethical Implications for Transactional and Litigation Attorneys,” Kentucky Legislative Research Commission continuing legal education, June 14, 2023.

Advice for writing judicial opinions, co-presented with Professor Marcia Ziegler, workers’ compensations administrative law judges annual training, May 2, 2023.



Tobe Liebert

Assistant Professor of Law Library Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

Book chapter, “Ballot Measure Research,” *Henke’s California Law Guide*, William S. Hein & Co., 2023.

The Law of the Colorado River: A Legal Research Guide, Getzville; William S. Hein & Co., 2022.



Michael Mannheimer

Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Fugitives From Slavery and the Lost History of the Fourth Amendment, 25 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 527 (2023).

The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing (University of Michigan Press), 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

Book talk, University of Wisconsin Law School Federalist Society student chapter, November 7, 2023.

“Rethinking the Exclusionary Rule,” CrimFest! 2023, Brooklyn Law School, July 18, 2023.

“The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing,” Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court, April 25, 2023.

“New Books in Constitutional Law,” discussing his book, *The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing*, Association of America Law Schools Section on Constitutional Law, July 20, 2023.

“Police Use of Force and the Original Meaning of ‘Due Process of Law,’” Modern Policing and the Law Symposium, *Northern Kentucky Law Review*, March 24, 2023.

Moderator, “Policing and Democracy,” Modern Policing and the Law Symposium, *Northern Kentucky Law Review*, March 24, 2023.

Panelist, “Perception vs. Reality: How Evolving Understandings of Technology Influence Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence,” Association of American Law Schools 2023 annual meeting, January 6, 2023.

Panelist, “A Radical Prescription for America’s Criminal Justice System: Originalism,” Chase student chapter Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, November 3, 2022.

REVIEWER

Of Presumed Guilty: How the Supreme Court Empowered the Police and Subverted Civil Rights, by Erwin Chemerinsky, published online in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books of Rutgers University, March 2023.

MEDIA

Analysis, “The Original Understandings of the Fourth Amendment,” *The Academic Minute*, National Public Radio, November 7, 2022.



Chris Muzzo

Director of Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic

PUBLICATION

Navigating to Justice: Finding Free Legal Resources Through

Technology, American Bar Association *Law Practice Today*, December 6, 2022.

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “Ethics and AI,” American Bankruptcy Institute Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar, Cincinnati, September 27, 2023.

“Collaborating with Economic Development Organizations to Expand Transactional Clinic Reach,” Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Education, San Francisco, April 28, 2023.



Jeffrey Standen

Professor of Law

MEDIA

Quoted, “2023s Most Gambling-Addicted States,” *WalletHub*, April 25, 2023.



Steve Stephens

Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

Reprinted, *Kentucky’s Penalty for Evidence Spoliation: Proposals for Reform*, 48 N. KY. L. REV. 197 (2021) in *The Advocate*, May/June 2023.

PROFESSIONAL

Recognized, *The Best Lawyers in America*, arbitration and mediation.



Marcia Ziegler

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing

PUBLICATIONS

32 Shots in the Dark: How Local Governments Can Increase Police Accountability When States Refuse To, 74 MERCER L. REV. 1155 (2023).

Kentucky Personal Injury Law, Lexis+, initial five chapters.

Artificial Intelligence or Artificial Inelegance: The Truly Robotic Nature of AI in Legal Writing, Kentucky Bar Association *Bench & Bar*, September-October 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “How Pop Culture Influences the Law,” University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, October 6, 2023.

Advice for writing judicial opinions, co-presented with Director of Trial and Appellate Advocacy Programs Danielle Lewis, workers’ compensations administrative law judges annual training, May 2, 2023.



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