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A New Year Carries on Traditions and Opens Doors

THIS YEAR MARKS TWO MILESTONES IN OUR JOURNEY – 130 YEARS SINCE OUR FOUNDING AND THE SECOND DECADE FOR THE W. BRUCE LUNSFORD ACADEMY FOR LAW, BUSINESS + TECHNOLOGY – THAT HIGHLIGHT HOW CHASE IS BUILDING ON ITS PAST WHILE PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURES

Greetings Chase Community,

The year 2023 marks the 130th anniversary of our beloved law school's founding. We were established in downtown Cincinnati as the nation's third night law school, with a mission to provide opportunity to a broad range of students who previously lacked access to legal education. For over a century and a quarter, Chase has been home to talented faculty, motivated students, dedicated staff and accomplished alumni who continue to advance the vision for access to an outstanding career path.

This issue of the alumni magazine celebrates those in our community who have made recent and extraordinary contributions to the Chase legacy. Our cover story spotlights the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology and its visionary founder. Thanks to W. Bruce Lunsford (Class of 1974), the academy approaches its second decade amid renewed support and heightened interest in the intersection of law and technology. In 2012, the ABA adopted a "duty of technology competence" in its Model Rules of Professional Conduct, formally integrating law and technology as core competencies in the legal profession. The Lunsford Academy has delivered and will continue to deliver this high-level, specialized training at Chase, preparing tomorrow's tech-savvy legal leaders.



Surveys of our alumni who graduated over the past 10 years indicate a full one-quarter hold positions in business and industry – outside the traditional practice of law. To me as a dean, this speaks to the value a law degree adds to careers in which analytical thinking and strategic decision-making are essential. We take pride in preparing our students for whatever professional journey they choose to pursue. Throughout that journey, I know they will be glad they chose Chase.

Thank you for staying in touch and continuing to instill Chase pride in all of us.

With warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Judith Daar

AMBASSADOR PATRICIA L. HERBOLD DEAN
AND PROFESSOR OF LAW

First-Year Students Commit to Professional Standards



Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton '08 administers the Chase Professionalism Oath to first-year students in the ballroom of the Votruba Student Union at Northern Kentucky University.

For first-year students at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, classes begin the same way each year – with a promise. It is a promise to uphold the professionalism standards of Chase and the legal profession.

This past August 18, Hamilton County (Ohio) Municipal Court Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton spoke to the incoming 1L students during what is known as Professionalism Day and administered the Chase Professionalism Oath. Her message: Don't be like *that* lawyer on television shows, be the type of lawyer (beginning as a student) who succeeds through honesty, integrity and kindness.

The oath and a small pin each student received are reminders of their ethical responsibilities both now, as students, and in the future, as lawyers, Dean Judith Daar explained.

Judge Bratton graduated from Chase in 2008. She was elected to Municipal Court, in a special election in November 2019, to a term that ends January 2, 2024. Previously, she had practiced in the area of civil rights in the Cincinnati law firm of Gerhardstein & Branch.

Judge Bratton is serving during 2022-23 as vice chair of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Alumni Council that organizes alumni events.



Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton

Professor Bickers Adds Associate Dean Role to Teaching Duties



Associate Dean and Professor John Bickers

With his additional role as associate dean for faculty development at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Professor John Bickers is working to showcase faculty scholarship both in print and in person.

"It is the role of the associate dean for faculty development to help Chase professors become better scholars, and to promote the work of Chase to the legal community throughout the United States," he says. "The primary duty of faculty is teaching, of course. But to be

the best teachers that we can be, and to share the influence of Chase beyond our walls, professors must also be scholars. In recent years our faculty members have produced remarkable and insightful legal works on subjects ranging from family law to free speech to criminal procedure."

But their scholarship cannot stay bound in journals. "So I help arrange for schools from other places – a list that so far this year ranges from Nebraska to Florida – to host presentations by Chase faculty. Our professors go to law schools in those states to present their work. The feedback they receive from a new audience makes them better teachers and scholars," Associate Dean Bickers says.

It also helps raise the visibility of Chase among law schools. "I also fully intend for those schools to have the opportunity to recognize just how extraordinary Chase professors are," he adds.

His own scholarship interests – in addition to teaching Constitutional Law – focus on constitutional history. His most recent law review article is *Greenbacks, Consent, and Unwritten Amendments*, in the *Arkansas Law Review* in 2021.

Prior to joining the Chase faculty in 2006, Associate Dean Bickers had taught law classes at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and had been a lawyer and law office manager in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.



Alumna Lindsay Lawrence is Leading the Alumni Council

For Lindsay Lawrence, being chair this academic year of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Alumni Council is personal, and she wants all alumni to make participating in alumni events personal, too.

“It’s crucial for alumni to stay connected to Chase,” says Ms. Lawrence, who graduated in 2009 and chairs the council that coordinates events for the Chase Alumni Association, to which all alumni automatically belong. “Having alumni who are engaged and supportive is crucial to Chase’s success. Alumni who stay active learn about what is going on at the law school and have future connections and important networking opportunities,” she says.

For her, those types of connections have paid off personally and professionally. “I have gained a lot of friendships through the Alumni Council that have allowed me to widen my professional network,” she says.

Ms. Lawrence practices in the Cincinnati law firm of Rittgers & Rittgers, where her focus is medical malpractice, birth injuries, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury and paralysis, wrongful death and personal injury.

Joining her in leadership is Hamilton County (Ohio) Municipal Court Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton as vice chair. The immediate past chair is Judge J.R. Schrand of the Kentucky Circuit Court for Boone and Gallatin counties in Northern Kentucky.

The council this year will sponsor several alumni gatherings, including a summer alumni welcome for incoming students and the annual October alumni awards luncheon.

Students Argue in U.S. Appeals Court, Take on Real-Law Tasks

Being a student at Salmon P. Chase College of Law can involve a lot more than being in a classroom. It can involve making an oral argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, drafting commercial agreements and depositing a high-ranking state official. Those – and a few more – are among recent experiences of Chase students:

TJ Roberts argued an appeal involving evidentiary and constitutional issues to a three-judge panel of the Sixth Circuit, and had the backing of Chase professors and students all the way. “I prepared for my argument by reading the transcript, focusing on the relevant exhibits, researching the cases cited in the government’s brief and doing moot courts with classmates from the Sixth Circuit Clinic and Chase faculty, like professors Danielle Lewis, Ken Katkin and Lawrence Rosenthal.”



Student TJ Roberts, who argued in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Jessica Lowe represented clients of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy in Boone County in Northern Kentucky. She interviewed them and appeared in court on probation violation hearings, sentencing and guilty pleas. “Many of my professors emphasized a need to explain things in plain language to clients and peers to make interviews and communications less stressful.”

Katie Nelson worked with in-house counsel at a commercial real estate brokerage. “I prepared commercial leases, property management agreements and purchase contracts by conducting research on deeds, easements, environmental concerns and zoning ordinances. Chase’s entrepreneurial curriculum helped me interact confidently with commercial clients, investors and brokers to facilitate multi-million-dollar transactions.”

Jamila Batchelor deposed the medical director of Ohio prisons in a federal lawsuit through the Chase Constitutional Litigation Clinic on behalf of a prisoner alleging denial of medical treatment. “From filing interrogatories, getting discovery and preparing to depose the Ohio prison medical director, the Constitutional Litigation Clinic has allowed me to get real-world experience I would not have in a classroom.”

Chase Hosts, Professors Teach Kentucky Law School Program

The journey into law school this summer for 15 Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity Scholars at three different law schools began with Chase professors at Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

The Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity program, best known as KLEO, is an initiative of commonwealth law schools to provide scholarships and academic support for students with backgrounds underrepresented in the legal profession. For this year’s first-year students – five at each college – their introduction to law school classes and professors was in a week-long summer session hosted by Chase and taught by four Chase professors: Jack Harrison on an introduction to torts, Anthony Chavez on civil procedure, Danielle Lewis on legal writing and Dani Ingram-Farris on skills training.

Beyond the classroom, the week included a lunch with law school deans – notable as a first for all three deans being women, Mary Davis at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Melanie Jacobs at the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law and Judith Daar at Chase. The July 9 through 17 introductory program was supported by a grant from the Kentucky Bar Foundation.



In a first – and with a first-time meeting at a Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity lunch at Chase – deans of all Kentucky law schools are women. From left, they are Mary Davis of the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Judith Daar of Chase and Melanie Jacobs of the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

Children's Law Clinic Has a Birthday

HAVING CLIENT-CENTERED EXPERIENCES REMAINS THE 'ICING ON THE CAKE' FOR GRADUATES THROUGH THE YEARS

In people years, the now 10-year-old Children's Law Center Clinic at Salmon P. Chase College of Law is still a youngster. In years of professional development for students, it is a seasoned attorney.

In the years since the clinic took in its first clients, in September 2012, a lot has changed, and a lot hasn't. For students, the clinic has changed perspectives and opened career paths. For the clinic, it has hewed to its original concept and strategies.

"We do a boot camp at the beginning of the year, in which students learn the basics of juvenile and family law, as well as some information about how courts work," says Professor Amy Halbrook, the first and only director of the clinic. "Over the course of the year, we teach interviewing, counseling, motion practice, openings, closings, witness exams, experts and other skills."

From there, students are involved in preparing and presenting cases involving children and teenagers in such matters as education rights, delinquency, custody and access to social services. Sometimes conversation and negotiation straightens out issues; sometimes it takes a trial.



Professor Amy Halbrook

The cases Ms. McCabe and Ms. Hunter handled in the clinic were typical for students. "We primarily take custody and school cases because of the client need in those areas," Professor Halbrook says, "and juvenile justice cases because they help students learn transferrable trial skills."

The clinic has operated from its beginning in tandem with the Children's Law Center in Covington, Kentucky, a not-for-profit law firm Chase graduate Kim Brooks Tandy created in 1989 to meld her social work experience and law degree in representing children and juveniles in matters involving social and educational services, family issues and juvenile offenses. In addition to Ms. Tandy, Chase graduates involved with the law center include staff attorney Howard Tankersley, former executive director Acena Beck, now Kenton County (Kentucky) Family Court judge, and current board members David Bender, Jennifer Leonard, Brian Morris, Rhonda Schechter, Alethea Teh Busken and Lauren Wells.

"Our relationship with the law center remains strong. We are lucky that there have been so many Chase alumni on the staff and board. They have been devoted to the clinic as an integral program of both the law school and the center," Professor Halbrook says.

It is that foundation of life and law that underpins the clinic – and helps build the framework for eventual practice.

"Students come into the clinic thinking like students and finish thinking like lawyers," Professor Halbrook says. "They learn that taking initiative, being dependable, communicating effectively, being prepared, paying attention to detail, developing positive working relationships, and being ethical are as important to the practice of law as being familiar with black-letter law."

They also learn to understand some of the issues in clients' lives that sent them to the clinic in the first place. "Students are encouraged to develop thoughtful strategies for solving clients' problems. Some of them are legal strategies and some are practical," Professor Halbrook says. "Students learn about clients' lives, families, living situations, communities and the challenges they face."

All of it is what graduates Ms. McCabe and Ms. Hunter experienced as clinic students, and now practice as lawyers.



Holly McCabe and Sharonda Hunter

Altogether, it is the type of experience that through the years has prepared clinic graduates, such as Holly McCabe and Sharonda Hunter, for practice, and allowed students to display before judges, such as Campbell County (Kentucky) Family Court Judge Richard Woeste, a depth of preparation for the courtroom.

"The clinic is a good program that introduces clinic students to real-life custody proceedings in Family Court," says Judge Woeste, a Chase graduate. "Students have always been prepared and very professional when they have appeared before me. In some cases, students have provided valuable input and insight on custodial issues. Where appropriate, it is always helpful to have such input in cases to provide for the best interests of the children we serve."

The hands-on experience is what makes students – and later lawyers – practice-ready.

"I pursued law school with the hope of advocating for children and families, and these opportunities allowed me to experience first-hand what it's like to be an attorney practicing client-focused family and juvenile law," says Ms. McCabe, who graduated in 2021 and practices in Cincinnati as McCabe Law.

For Ms. Hunter, a 2017 graduate now a staff attorney with the Hamilton County (Ohio) Public Defender, clinic experience also carried into practice. "My experience in the clinic taught me how to be client-centered. It also taught me how to be on my client's side," she says.

Advocacy Programs Make Case for Success

OPEN COMPETITIONS ARE HELPING STUDENTS GROW PERSONALLY AND IDENTIFYING TALENT FOR TEAMS

Professors Jack Harrison and Danielle Lewis are making the case at Salmon P. Chase College of Law that mock advocacy helps students be better students and expands their horizons.

With Professor Harrison as director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and Professor Lewis as director of trial and appellate advocacy programs, they are arranging and expanding programs and competitions within and outside the college that require students not only to think like a lawyer, but also to speak and persuade like one.

In an approach similar to an opening statement outline, they explain:

► *Throughout the academic year, internal and external competitions will show students at all class levels that they can put into practice what they are learning in classes.*

"There are numerous opportunities for students to hone their advocacy skills at Chase," Professor Lewis explains. Those opportunities begin with an intra-Chase opening statement competition for first-year students, an oral argument competition for first-year/rising second-year students and a penultimate closing argument competition for all students who are not members of a competitively selected competition team.

Those competitively selected teams are the National Trial Team, on which students compete against other law schools in mock trial formats of opening statements, examination of witnesses and closing arguments, and the Moot Court Board, for inter-school appellate advocacy competitions. "We intend to send at least three teams to external moot court competitions this year," Professor Lewis says.

► *Individual competitions and teams this year will show students how to develop practice skills and how to recognize or strengthen personal traits.*

"All of these competitions provide students with opportunities to develop trial skills, but, more importantly, to develop confidence in their abilities," Professor Harrison says. "A significant percentage of our student population is first-generation students, who often have much self-doubt – 'Are my abilities equal to others'? Do I even belong here?' These developmental opportunities allow students to try out skills that are different from the doctrinal classroom and to see that, yes, they do belong."

That type of personal realization often expands horizons. "The benefits of participating in the 1L Oral Argument Competition [as rising second-year students], for example, include gaining experience competing in a moot court competition and the ability to answer complicated and nuanced questions from a panel of faculty and practitioners serving as judges," Professor Lewis says. "This past competition, it also meant an invitation to join the Moot Court Board for several students who demonstrated excellent oral advocacy skills."

► *Students in any competition will experience courtroom realities in controlled environments.*

"The 1L Oral Argument Competition actually existed for many years, prior to Covid. As a 1L student, I competed in this competition," Professor Lewis says. "The format has always been the same: Legal Writing professors nominate students who demonstrate excellence in oral advocacy during oral arguments that take place toward the end of spring semester, and those students are invited to participate in the competition. The competition is an appellate argument, with students presenting an oral

argument based on the appellate brief they wrote for Legal Writing. The students argue before a panel of four judges who question them on legal and factual points throughout the argument."

► *This academic year will show students an expanded moot court program.*

"Chase has a long and proud moot court history, having competed in, and won, many prestigious national competitions," Professor Lewis says. "As a student, I benefited immeasurably from this program. The opportunity to help shape and expand the trial advocacy and moot court programs, along with arbitration programs, was one of the things that excited me most about coming back to Chase as a faculty member.

► *At the conclusion of this year, and as evidence is presented, we think students will find that Professors Harrison and Lewis have been successful in arranging opportunities for them to compete and to grow into becoming lawyers.*



Professors Danielle Lewis and Jack Harrison in the Chase courtroom

The Chase Connection

FOR STUDENTS WHO
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Margaret Bruns, who graduated this past May, with alumnus Louis Kelly, commonwealth's attorney for Boone and Gallatin counties, at the Boone County Justice Center.



Alex Cantrill

Sometimes, Alex Cantrill can look around the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office for Boone and Gallatin counties in Northern Kentucky and think he never left Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Mr. Cantrill, an assistant commonwealth's attorney and Chase alumnus, is the internship coordinator for the office where Commonwealth's Attorney Louis Kelly is also a Chase graduate. And like other alumni with Chase students working in their offices as interns (without academic credit) or as externs (for credit), the shared school ties of alumni and students can be deep and beneficial – for both.

“As a Chase alumnus, who graduated in 2018, I still have a bit in common with the current students. Most of the faculty remains from my time at Chase (so they tell me), allowing us to debate our favorite professors and classes,” Mr. Cantrill says. “Whenever you have taken the same class with the same professor, it quickly creates a common connection.”

While the office takes interns from any law school, there can definitely be a sense of camaraderie for students and lawyers from the same school, Mr. Kelly says.

That was the case for Margaret Bruns, a 2022 graduate who worked in Mr. Kelly's office her final semester. “I had the privilege of working with several Chase alumni at the office,” she says. “It was great because they all remembered being in the situation I was in, ready to graduate. They all gave me the best advice, whether it was how to pass a particularly hard class they had also taken or what to say in the courtroom. The Chase network is something I hope all Chase students have the opportunity to tap into.”

That network connected Ms. Bruns professionally to Mr. Kelly in preparing for a felony drug trial in which she would be the lead prosecutor. “Margaret was trying a case involving a charge of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, and wanton endangerment, first degree,” Mr. Kelly says.

“I worked with her as her supervising attorney. We started by determining who would be called as a witness and what exhibits we wanted to introduce. We worked on direct and cross-examination outlines to make sure we knew what information each witness would be providing. We then met with each witness to make sure they knew what questions would be asked. We went over our strat-

egy for jury selection and trial objections that we could anticipate.”

After all their preparation, the defendant failed to appear for trial, and subsequently pleaded guilty. “Even without trying the case, the experience I got preparing for that trial was immeasurable,” Ms. Bruns says. For other cases, though, her preparation ended according to plan.

“I handled the probation revocation docket under Louis Kelly’s supervision. Every week, I talked to probation officers and defense attorneys, and appeared in court every Thursday for hearings, which sometimes appeared to be mini bench trials.”

Two counties south of Boone and Gallatin counties, in Harrison County, alumna Laura Fitzer is directing attorney of the Department of Public Advocacy office at Cynthiana, and has a pretty good idea of what Chase students will bring to a law office and a courtroom.

“My career with the Department of Public Advocacy started with an internship,” she recalls. “I did two summers, a full-year academic externship and a semester-long externship with my practice license, all with DPA.”

From that perspective: “When a Chase student interns, I know what classes they have taken and what I do not have to teach them,” Ms. Fitzer says. “For instance, with a rising 2L intern from Chase, I know they have been taught the appropriate research skills, and I can trust them to research competently on their first day.”

For Kendra Stewart, who was an extern with Ms. Fitzer before her graduation this past May, the experience was part of an educational continuum. “Chase taught me what I needed to know about the law, but to be able to extern with Laura and have this real world experience was very valuable. I conducted a plethora of research and writing assignments, including proposed orders, motions for bond reduction, suppression memos, jury instructions and voir dire. One suppression motion I wrote was granted by a Circuit Court judge, who ruled that the facts constituted an unlawful seizure, and suppressed the evidence.”



Laura Fitzer



Kendra Stewart

For alumnus Spencer Merk, managing partner of Merk & Gile in Newport, Kentucky, (where Eric Gile and Lisa Hampton are also Chase graduates), having a Chase intern has the twin benefits of paying back and paying off. “When I was at Chase, I made sure to network to find an internship or law clerk position. From those experiences, I found that Chase does a tremendous job helping students network and find opportunities to grow, and I wanted to repay the favor and provide a great experience from my experience from Chase.”

Even though he is eight years removed from that experience, he is still learning from the program, as a lawyer. “Chase has helped me gain an insight as to what characteristics we look for in an employee, and how other employees can better themselves. This is a huge benefit, especially for someone like me who manages the firm as well as practices law.”

In an example of “lesson learned,” Lori Singleton, who interned at the firm prior to her graduation this past May, accepted a position there after passing the bar exam. “One of the main reasons I felt my work with Spencer was always a natural, easy-going experience was because we initially bonded over being NKU graduates, and from that point on kept identifying shared interests or experiences we’ve had,” she says. “Spencer was always open to giving me advice on how to navigate classes I was taking, and was always understanding of my schedule and allowed me time off when I needed it to study for finals.”

At the Lawrence Firm in Covington, Kentucky, Nathan Sparks, who graduated this past May, worked with alumna Kara Harp, and would join the firm as an associate.

“Kara and I often discussed different courses we took at Chase, and I used the advice she shared to structure my class schedule in a way that maximized my law school experience. For example, I knew civil litigation was an area I wanted to pursue following law school, so I used the insight I gained from those conversations for taking courses that helped me gather practical experience and skills geared toward this type of practice. I felt welcomed at the firm from the start, and knowing that others within the firm had the Chase experience (also including Jennifer Lawrence, Patrick Beirne, Anne Gilday, Michael Gilday and Logan English) enhanced that sentiment.”

At a time when every internship or externship is helpful in preparing for a career, some internships with Chase alumni may be just a little more helpful.



Spencer Merk



Lori Singleton



Nathan Sparks

Entrepreneurship Center is Making Introductions

It's a song from another era – “Getting to Know You” from the 1950s musical “The King and I” – but its lyrics – “Getting to know you, getting to know all about you.” – would be perfect theme music for the modern work of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Center for Law and Entrepreneurship to help students get to know the world of startups and venture capital.

This past year it could have played on a trip to Nashville to meet with executives of an online startup backed by Queen City Angels, a group of Cincinnati business leaders and investors that includes Center Director Jack Wyant, who is founder and managing director of Blue Chip Venture Company in Cincinnati. For law students, most of whom have little business-related experience, the Nashville meeting and others have been foundations for understanding needs and perspectives of the entrepreneurs and investors they might later engage with as lawyers.

On the Nashville trip in March 2022, 14 students explored what it takes to manage a startup with the chief executive and chief financial officer of Plankk, an online platform for fitness-related busi-

nesses to develop their own mobile applications. For look-back perspectives on “having been there,” they spent three hours with female entrepreneurs for insights on lessons they learned in ventures that launched in the 1980s and '90s.

Closer to home, students have met with the chief executive of Alloy Development Company to understand its work as a Cincinnati nonprofit economic development organization, participated in Start-upCincy Week in educational programs for startups, networked with Queen City Angels members and begun collaborating with the Xavier University Sedler Center for Experiential Learning, a student-led entrepreneurship center.

It's all about getting to know what might lie ahead.



Jack Wyant, Center for Law and Entrepreneurship director, talks to students during a trip to Nashville.

A Tax-Filing Program Pays Off Two Ways

Salmon P. Chase College of Law students are again honing their income tax preparation skills by helping low-income taxpayers put money back in their pockets.

The students, who are trained by Professor Ljubomir Nacev, participate for either externship course credit or pro-bono service credit for graduation in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program through the Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington, Kentucky.

“The six students who participated in the VITA program during the spring 2022 filing season were successful in filing about 100 returns. The average refund for low-income returns is about \$2,000,” Professor Nacev says. Those refunds, he says, pay dividends far beyond the amount of

a check or a direct deposit.

“Assisting low-income taxpayers in real time (refunds are usually received within two weeks of the e-filing of the return) to secure \$200,000 in tax refunds helps these taxpayers overcome economic anxiety and stresses that, if unaddressed, otherwise contribute to negative outcomes, such as diminished prospects for children and families in need,” he says.

For students who have participated or will participate in the program the payoff occurs in learning about taxation, learning about tax-filing software, encountering public policy questions involving children, families and work, and in dealing with people as clients.

Classroom training begins in autumn

and continues into spring tax season. The fall course – Tax-Work, Family, Poverty – covers taxation of low- to moderate-income individuals, and provides an introduction to anti-poverty safety net programs that utilize tax credits. “In the spring course, students will be exposed to the practical side of this public policy approach: how to deliver these support programs via the filing of tax returns,” Professor Nacev says. His work, though, isn’t finished.

“I participate in the spring filing season by being present during the 10- to 11-week filing season to work with students on issues that develop and to engage them in conversations about their tax return filing experience, including decisions made on a tax return position,” he says.

Into the Future

A LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EXPLORES THE UNKNOWN AND PROMPTS STUDENT EDITORS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY COULD ENCOUNTER IN PRACTICE

Like the opening title sequence of the original “Star Trek” series that once seemed so incredible – “Space: the final frontier ... to boldly go where no man has gone before” – the Salmon P. Chase College of Law *Northern Kentucky Law Review* has gone where no human has gone before, but where humans appear to be going with uncertainty and confusion: Artificial Intelligence.

Grounded in the reality of the Northern Kentucky University campus, the Artificial Intelligence and the Law symposium boldly went where computer scientists, ethicists and lawyers are beginning to venture: to explore the promises (and fears) of artificial intelligence and the impact of it on the law and the law on it.

While law regulates what humans do in society, artificial intelligence looms as a way for computers or machines controlled by computers to take on many of their activities and decisions involved in them, such as driving a car or, for lawyers, reviewing a contract, without human intervention.

Developing the Artificial Intelligence and the Law symposium, though, was solely the human work of student law review editors.

Charting the course: “A law review symposium topic needs to be cutting-edge, engaging and helpful to the legal profession. Artificial Intelligence fit the bill,” says Sarah Benedict, law review editor-in-chief for the completed 2021-22 academic year. “After listening to talks and reading various articles, the symposium committee soon realized the broad intersection of AI and the law: ‘Should we ban robot judges?’ ‘Should we utilize AI to edit contracts?’ ‘How do we regulate an autonomous machine?’”

To frame that discussion for the March 25, 2022, symposium, law review editors searched the literature and scanned the technical and legal landscape for panelists. What emerged was eight panelists from eight institutions, including the Northern Kentucky University College of Informatics, and two Chase law review student authors of notes for a forthcoming issue that amplifies the symposium.

Focusing on topic specifics: “Although Artificial Intelligence and the law is an emerging field, there is an overwhelming amount of literature and resources on the topic,” says Caroline Krill, the law review editor for the symposium. “Ultimately, we selected our panelists based on their unique areas of expertise, innovative theories and contributions to the field.”

Those panelists – from law schools at University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Pepperdine University, University of California Hastings, Nova Southeastern University, Faulkner University and University of Cincinnati – ventured into topics involving potential uses and future of Artificial Intelligence and law, and threats it poses.



Sarah Benedict, left, and Holli Thomas at the symposium.

Selecting the panelists: “What made our group of presenters so special was the diverse backgrounds each brought, which fueled creative discussion relating to AI and how it will impact not only the legal field but society in general,” says Holli Thomas, law review executive editor for the past academic year.

For each of the student editors, the symposium was an opportunity to think about the impact artificial intelligence could have during careers they are beginning.

Sarah Benedict, now a law clerk for United States District Court Judge Danny Reeves of the Eastern District of Kentucky:

“Artificial intelligence will likely continue to expand, becoming

more ingrained in our everyday lives. Companies are endeavoring to build fully autonomous self-driving cars, individuals are using AI to manipulate videos and governments are utilizing Artificial Intelligence for facial recognition. However, the law regarding AI is in its infancy. As technology develops, society must determine how to implement this technology safely.”

Holli Thomas, now an associate with Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati:

“I think we can expect to see more organizations implement machine-learning into their daily operations. The key will be to determine to what extent we need ‘humans in the loops’ to ensure these algorithms make the right decisions. As far as its impact on the law, I think we can expect to see more lawyers using Artificial Intelligence for contract review, discovery proceedings and other tasks that require repetitive decision-making.”

Caroline Krill, now an associate with Reminger Co. in Louisville: “While Artificial Intelligence offers us many conveniences, there are great risks if it is not properly regulated. We will likely see comprehensive regulation of AI through legislation and rules of professional conduct in the near future.”

In the meantime, thinking about law and the next “final” frontier is underway.

With a \$3 Million Gift, Alumnus W. Bruce Lunsford is Expanding the Trailblazing Chase Law, Business and Technology Academy that Bears His Name

W. Bruce Lunsford believes in investing in opportunities and going where they lead. He invested four years in Salmon P. Chase College of Law evening classes, and joined a Cincinnati law firm.

A former college roommate asked him to invest time in the campaign of a Kentucky gubernatorial candidate, and he later became a cabinet secretary.

A pair of entrepreneurs approached him with an idea but little money, and he developed financing that helped spearhead the launch of his Louisville-based health care company.

A good friend partnered with him in buying horses at claiming-stakes races, and he subsequently grew his stable into owning and racing thoroughbreds at legendary racetracks.

Then, as a Chase graduate, came the legacy opportunity of a lifetime: to invest in creating the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology honors program at Chase College of Law.

Mr. Lunsford, who donated an initial \$1 million in 2013 to launch the classroom and experiential-learning program that links practical legal, business and technology training, was so impressed with the results generated in the first 10 years that he recently donated an additional \$3 million to Chase to continue the program for another decade. His \$3 million gift, the largest in Chase history, will increase opportunities for students both in and outside of the classroom, which he believes will expand the horizon for their futures.

“I think that you’re going to see some students come out of this academy wind up in areas that they didn’t go to law school for, and find out, ‘I got interested in this; I like this.’ I think that’s especially true in the technology side, but it’s also true in the accounting side. There’s a natural flow of the three [law, business and technology], because technology has changed the world,” he says.

“When I was going to law school and started practicing law [in the 1970s], we had the original ‘whatever.’ The calculator went from one of those 12-inch things to a little thing that can be about the size of your palm. At the same time, books went from hard books to Lexis and all that occurred after it. I think it’s been a natural flow since.”

For Mr. Lunsford, a flow of opportunities – and a confidence to take them – paralleled and followed his years at Chase, from 1970 to 1974.

“I think every opportunity opens the door, and usually it’s the adage of when one door closes another opens. That’s kind of what happened to me for the first 15 years of my career,” he recounts.

“I worked full-time for a public accounting firm, I spent four years in law school, six years in the military reserve, and I’d come off growing up on a farm [in Northern Kentucky] where I had raised tobacco and hay, and fed cattle and pigs, and all those things together kind of formed the person I became at 25 or 26 years old. You never really know what your next move is going to be, and I was very fortunate that Keating, Muething & Klekamp offered me a job.”

W. Bruce Lunsford, alumnus and thoroughbred owner, at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2022.





W. Bruce Lunsford, center, in 1983 with William T. Young, a Kentucky business and thoroughbred owner, left, and Kentucky Governor John Y. Brown.

It was during that job as an associate that opportunity opened a door into politics and government through the ultimately successful gubernatorial campaign of John Y. Brown Jr., in 1979.

“Ron Geary, who was my roommate in college at the University of Kentucky, was the treasurer for the campaign. He asked me if I could have a fundraiser, and we raised like \$25,000 in about two days. I was pretty young, in my 20s. The campaign manager, Larry Townsend, and I stayed in touch, and when John Y. won the primary, they asked me to be treasurer of the Democratic Party. So from nowhere in politics, a few months later, I was in it with both feet. I had a good relationship with John Muething, the law firm partner, and he said it’d be a good experience for me, to go on and do it, and so I did, and the rest is history.”

That history began early in 1980, as deputy secretary in the Development Cabinet of the Brown administration and then as secretary of commerce, from 1980 to 1983. “At the age of 30, I got an offer to join his administration, and by the time I was 32, I was the youngest cabinet secretary. That opened up a whole other level of activity,” Mr. Lunsford says.

Among that activity, as secretary of commerce, was involvement in negotiations that led to UPS opening an air cargo hub at Louisville International Airport and Delta Air Lines opening a passenger hub at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

At one point early in his work with the new administration he was asked by a newspaper reporter why he had accepted a position that required 18-hour days, being away from his home in Northern Kentucky and leaving his law practice. His answer apparently did not anticipate opportunities that would open to him more than 25 years later: “I have no political ambitions. I just want John Y. Brown to be the best governor Kentucky has ever had,” he said. In 2007, Mr. Lunsford finished second in a seven-candidate primary for the Democratic nomination for governor and in the 2008 general election lost a competitive bid to become a United States Senator from Kentucky.

With doors to politics closed, Mr. Lunsford returned to concentrating on business interests he had launched after the Brown administration ended in 1983 (when Kentucky governors could not succeed themselves).

“I think of things as an opportunity, if I see them. That’s how I got into the business early with Vencor,” Mr. Lunsford says of the venture to provide long-term care for ventilator patients in specialized hospitals that he helped launch and run by developing initial financing for it.

“Two guys came to see me, and they had this idea in Rockcastle County [Kentucky], and I thought a lot about it. I didn’t know a lot about health care,” he says. But the idea sounded good. In 1983, he and a respiratory therapist who had brought him the idea incorporated Vencare, later renamed Vencor, and purchased a money-losing, 62-bed hospital in northern Indiana to test their concept for efficiencies in a hospital that would emphasize care for long-term ventilator patients.

During the 15 years Mr. Lunsford was chairman, president and chief executive of Louisville-based Vencor the company became a Fortune 500 health care company and grew into being the largest full-service, long-term health care provider – for more than ventilator patients, too – in the nation. It operated 61 long-term, acute-care hospitals, 293 skilled nursing centers and had more than 65,000 employees. Following the sale of Vencor, the company became Kindred Healthcare, and remained based in Louisville. In 2021, Kindred was acquired by LifePoint Health, a Brentwood, Tennessee-based, health care company that operates in 25 states.

From a beginning in which he acknowledges he did not know a lot about the health care sector he was entering, Mr. Lunsford has guided his Lunsford Capital firm, of which he is chairman and chief executive, heavily into the health care field, while also branching into movie production and investment in an amusement park.

In addition to Vencor and Lunsford Capital, his resume includes:

Assisted living, as founder and former chairman of Atria Communities, now owned by global investment firm Lazard.

Health care, as a board member and chairman of WellView, a care management company for individuals with chronic conditions, and then a board member of its successor, Edumedics; former chairman of Valor Healthcare, then an operator of outpatient clinics for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and former chairman of Deyta, a care satisfaction management and clinical quality-improvement service.

Real estate, as chairman of Arcadia Communities, a developer of senior living communities, and former chairman and chief executive of Ventas, a New York Stock Exchange-listed health care real estate investment company.

Technology, as a former board member of Zirmed, a medical technology company, and a former board member of Vita-Stat, a health care software and device company.

Entertainment, as co-founder of Hart-Lunsford Pictures, a feature-film production company that has screened movies at the Sundance, Tribeca and Toronto film festivals; an investor in Kentucky Kingdom theme park at Louisville and a board member of GoWild, a social media platform for outdoor enthusiasts.

"I've broadened into a lot of things, but the one thing about healthcare is, it's not going anywhere, and it is kind of recession proof," he says of his core venture.

"I think of all the businesses I've been in, I like the assisted living business best. If you get good managers who really care about the people who are there, and are really locally connected – they know the daughter of one of the residents, they know the brother, or their husband or their wife – that really makes for a community project, which I like, and so I don't look at that as much as an investment in health care as I do good real estate and good managers."

His full litany of opportunities ultimately sprang from investing in one opportunity – studying at Chase.

"When you go to work as a lawyer, you never really know what your next move is going to be. It might be in politics, it might be in business law, it might even be to start your own business, and it's a pretty good background. Like for me, I can see the traps of what might legally be an issue or what might be an accounting issue, because I understand both of them," says Mr. Lunsford, who is also a certified public accountant.

And maybe having a little down-on-the-farm experience in rural Kenton County, 20 miles south of Cincinnati, can help, too.

"Because I had to run my dad's farm I think I always had a pretty good management skill set that just came naturally to me. I didn't go up the ranks of a corporation and learn management. I learned management as an entrepreneur, and I think the one thing that I've learned over the years is there's a certain temperament that people can have. If I like the person and I think they're capable of doing what they say they're going to do, then I get interested."

His approach to working with others dovetails with his confidence in following his own opportunities. "He has an amazing ability to spot talented individuals, and he doesn't let their education or experience limit his vision for their potential," says Mary Ewing, executive vice president of Lunsford Capital, who has worked with Mr. Lunsford in his businesses for more than 30 years. "He can assess a situation or opportunity in short order, and he is willing to trust his instincts and take the necessary risk to allow a project to fully develop and come to fruition. When presented with an obstacle, his intellect and insights, combined with his decisiveness, enable him to turn on a dime, and his tenacity through adversity is exemplary. His loyalty to his friends and colleagues is inspiring."

Having the type of judgment to spot and ride out winning ideas and individuals in business also works for Mr. Lunsford as a thoroughbred racehorse owner and breeder.

"When I went to UK, one of my best friend's dad raced horses, and we used to go to the track together. I got to know several of the people in the industry, and I said, 'You know, one day I'd like to own



W. Bruce Lunsford at Kenneland, Lexington, Kentucky, in 2005.

The W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology Experience

Specialized course examples: Essential Quantitative Skills for Lawyers; Law Practice Technology; Law, Technology + Entrepreneurship; Intellectual Property and Other Intangible Assets.

Lunsford Fellows externship examples: Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Gravity Diagnostics, Paycor.

Notable student projects: Clark the Clerk, a software program to provide searches for clerk of courts' document forms nationwide, later duplicated to search for online Covid-19 economic assistance and resources.

Typical number of total Lunsford Scholars each academic year: 25.

Dean Judith Daar on the gift

For Chase College of Law Dean Judith Daar, the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology is part of the present that leads to the future:

"The Lunsford Academy provides our students with unique and innovative instruction and experiential opportunities that prepare them for exciting career paths," she says. "Mr. Lunsford's vision, generosity and friendship have helped us build a top-notch, state-of-the-art program of legal education that prepares tomorrow's lawyers to tackle the complexities of an ever-changing societal landscape. We are exceedingly grateful to our inspirational alumnus whose lifetime engagement with Chase will transform the law school and the lives of our students for many years to come."



W. Bruce Lunsford with his thoroughbred Art Collector at Churchill Downs.

racehorses.’ Then, maybe 15 years later, my good friend Greg Hudson, whose dad was in the business, and I claimed a couple of horses and started racing, and it was a lot of fun.”

The fun that started at claiming races, in which horses at the bottom of the racing hierarchy are all for sale, ultimately led to such fabled racecourses as Churchill Downs, Kenneland and Saratoga Springs, and being a member of the board of directors of the Breeders’ Cup Limited and a former board member of Churchill Downs. His thoroughbred stable has included Vision and Verse, who finished second in both the 1999 Belmont Stakes and the Travers Stakes, and First Samurai, considered to be a contender for the 2006 Triple Crown, prior to a starting gate injury. Among his current thoroughbreds is home-bred Art Collector (classified as bred and raced by the owner, instead of purchased), who finished sixth in the 2021 Breeders’ Cup Classic.

“Art Collector probably is the most fun horse I’ve had, because we ran in big races,” Mr. Lunsford says. “We would have been a co-favorite in the [2020] Kentucky Derby, but he had a little bit of a foot issue, not a bad one, but just bad enough to keep him from running. We moved back on his plan until the next year, and he won some races. We won the Bluegrass Stakes at Lexington, which was one of the four or five races I always wanted to win, because I went to college there. And then we also won a [highest race level] Grade I up in New York and a couple of others. He’s run some nice races for me.”

Art Collector and Mr. Lunsford’s other thoroughbreds are a long way from his initial run with

claiming races. “I was just dabbling with the claiming horses, and then I got a call one day from Seth Hancock [owner of the storied Claiborne Farm facility near Paris, Kentucky], and he said, ‘Would you like to become a client of Claiborne?’, and I said, ‘Yeah, absolutely.’ Then I took it from there and started gradually investing a little more in the business, and I got very lucky early.

“Two horses I’ve had were champions in Canada, and in 2004 to 2005 I had a superb filly named Madcap Escapade. She was probably the quickest in the country and was undefeated going into the Kentucky Oaks, where she ran third on a sloppy track.”

Like his positions in horse racing and business that grew from initial investments, so, too, did his total \$4 million funding of the Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology begin with a first step a decade ago.

“I put up money for 10 years and said, ‘Okay, if it works, we’ll do more,’ and it obviously has worked. It’s been very effective and efficient. I think it’s not only bolstered education and the reputation of the law school, I think it’s also helped bolster Northern Kentucky University. It’s a real pillar for the college and the university.”

The first few years of the academy, like any startup, Mr. Lunsford says, formed a foundation. Then, as a new era of law practice evolved, the academy evolved with it and, in some respects, spurred ahead. “I think a lot of it is leadership. The first three or four years had to be slow, but it was pretty effective because it drew a lot of people who’ve become ambassadors for it.” From there, Mr. Lunsford points to the embrace of the academy by Chase Dean Judith Daar and then-Northern Kentucky University President Ashish Vaidya. “Since Judy and Ashish arrived, they really put more of a jet stream into the program,” he says.

While other law schools have followed with programs or elements similar to the academy, the opportunity Chase took 10 years ago has planted it firmly in the present and future of law practice. “The school was in on the ground floor, and I think it has been known for that. It has received well-deserved recognition, and I have every confidence that they will utilize the additional funding in a myriad of positive ways.”

Most immediately this academic year, the \$3 million gift allows the academy to increase Lunsford Fellowships for students working in the technology sector, broaden their entrepreneurial opportunities and expand geographically the networking and placement opportunities for students and graduates. Other initiatives are being planned for further expansion.

For students, those are opportunities worth taking. For Mr. Lunsford, those and others are opportunities worth providing.

Where Some of the First Lunsford Scholars are Now

Along with core classes all Chase College of Law students take, students in the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology have opportunities to develop expertise in emerging aspects of traditional fields, in applications of law in areas that amount to first-impression and in applications of technology to improve law practices.

For some of them in the first class of Lunsford Scholars, who graduated in 2017 and have had five years in which to establish themselves in careers, this is how the academy helped get them where they are:

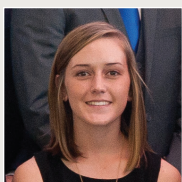


Andrea Sager

Founder and chief executive of Legalpreneur Inc., a Texas-based online provider of legal resources and services for business owners, and founder of Andrea Sager Law.

"Going through the Lunsford Academy we were constantly being told the practice of law was changing and that we needed to think outside the box. I've constantly done that in my practice, and now with Legalpreneur.

"I had a conversation with [then-academy director] Professor Chris Gulinello, and he told me it didn't make sense to charge small businesses \$500-plus an hour, or hourly at all, because their budgets are so tight, and the work for most small businesses can be set at a flat rate because it's normally not that complicated. When I had my law firm, I was exclusively working with small businesses and only charged flat fees. Most attorneys said they didn't understand how it could be done, but I started making over \$1 million in my second year of business, and every year after that."



Katelyn Abrams

Senior counsel with Great American Insurance Group, Cincinnati, involved in matters such as mergers and acquisitions, holding-company issues and reinsurance transactions.

"To build credibility in-house you need to have a sincere interest in the business side of your role and constantly increase your knowledge about how your company operates. The various 'business-for-lawyers' classes and my undergrad minor [in economics] have been invaluable in helping me. Being able to talk through the balance sheet has helped me keep up with our finance team when working through the financials of large transactions."



Drew Chalfant

Managing partner of Roda Chalfant, a Cincinnati boutique firm with clients that want to franchise their business models.

"The Lunsford Academy courses provided practical, technical skills I use every day as I build and scale a 21st century law practice. The Lunsford Academy exposed me to business and accounting concepts that I had never received, coming from a liberal arts undergraduate background, practical tools that are used every day working in the business."



Chuck Rust

Lawyer with Flagel & Papakirk, Cincinnati, focusing on business litigation and risk mitigation.

"Business attorneys are often in the unique position where we are expected to know the law and our clients' businesses better than they do. The academy provided me the opportunity to acquire key skills in basic accounting, technological competency and business thinking, which has allowed me to better understand my clients and their goals."



Shelbie Harvey

Managing associate with Thompson Hine, Cincinnati, in the Securities Practice Group, involved with mergers and acquisitions and general corporate matters.

"Accounting for Lawyers taught me a basic understanding of accounting and finance concepts, which has been valuable when drafting purchase agreements and handling the due-diligence process associated with business transactions. The law practice technology class was helpful for understanding billing and other common law firm software."

A Reason to Celebrate

W. Bruce Lunsford called on Broadway talent to help sing praises of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law program he has backed through \$4 million in donations.

Mr. Lunsford sponsored “An Evening with Renée Elise Goldsberry,” the Tony Award-winner who originated the role of Angelica Schuyler in the Broadway production of “Hamilton,” as a celebration for graduates and students in the success of the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology.

The celebration April 8, 2022, at the Cincinnati Hilton Netherland Plaza Hall of Mirrors reunited graduated Lunsford Scholars and gathered current students, Chase deans and academy professors, along with Mr. Lunsford and his family, business associates and Northern Kentucky University leaders.

“I couldn’t be more excited about the leadership and the quality of the students in the program, and I look forward to the continuing evolution of the Lunsford Academy at Chase,” Mr. Lunsford says.

While Ms. Goldsberry is best known for her 2016 Tony Award-winning performance in “Hamilton,” as a Colonial socialite and sister-in-law of Alexander Hamilton, she also holds a place in the pop culture of law through a recurring role in the legal comedy-drama “Ally McBeal,” from 1997 to 2002.

These are some of the memories of the event, in photos.



Renée Elise Goldsberry performing in the Hall of Mirrors.



W. Bruce and Eleanor Lunsford at the academy celebration.



Lunsford Scholars, above, and the gathering, below.



DOUBLE HONORS

In one calendar year, Salmon P. Chase College of Law presented two years' worth of alumni awards. While the presentations occurred at separate alumni luncheons, both were in the Hall of Mirrors of the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza.

On October 7, the college presented awards for 2022 to:

- OLESJA L. CORMNEY**, *Class of 2013*
- JUDGE KAREN A. THOMAS**, *Class of 1985*
- JACK H. WYANT**, *Class of 1977*
- NORMAN E. ZOLLER**, *Class of 1974*



Lindsay Lawrence, 2022-23 Alumni Council chair, who presented awards at the October luncheon.



At the 2022 awards presentation in October, from left, Ashish Vaidya, then-Northern Kentucky University president, Olesja L. Cormney, Distinguished Alumna of the Past Decade Award, Jack H. Wyant, Distinguished Alumnus Award, Norman E. Zoller, Distinguished Alumnus Award, Judge Karen A. Thomas, Distinguished Alumna Award, and Chase College of Law Dean Judith Daar.

Seven months earlier, on March 18, the college presented awards for 2021 that had been delayed by a global pandemic to:

- ANDREA D. COSTA**, *Class of 2012*
- DEBRA K. CRANE**, *Class of 1996*
- JUDGE WENDE C. CROSS**, *Class of 1992*
- SUSAN CROSS LIPNICKEY**, *Class of 1991*

On the pages that follow are the first-time profiles of the 2022 awards recipients and remarks from the October luncheon and luncheon remarks by the 2021 awards recipients, whose profiles appeared in the issue of CHASE prior to presentation of their awards – and, of course, photos from both luncheons.



At the 2021 awards presentation in March, from left, Ashish Vaidya, then-Northern Kentucky University president, Judge Wendie C. Cross, Professional Achievement Award, Susan Cross Lipnickey, Distinguished Service Award, Andrea D. Costa, Outstanding Alumna of the Past Decade Award, Debra K. Crane, Lifetime Achievement Award, Chase College of Law Dean Judith Daar and 2021-22 Chase Alumni Council Chair Judge J.R. Schrand, who presented awards in March.

CHASE ALUMNI AWARDS



OLESJA L. CORMNEY

Class of 2013

Managing Counsel in the Labor and Employment Group of Toyota Motor North America, Plano, Texas

Outstanding Alumna of the Past Decade Award, 2022

Ms. Cormney can trace a global arc to where she is now as a lawyer with Toyota Motor North America. She was born in Latvia, went to college, graduate school and law school in Kentucky and now lives and works in Texas, where she is also heavily involved in bar association leadership in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Her career: At Toyota, she both advises and trains on labor and employment law issues, and oversees defense of employment matters. She has companywide responsibility for immigration and global mobility and nonemployee employment issues. Her portfolio also includes labor and employment matters at two manufacturing facilities in the United States and for Toyota Connected North America.

Bar association and other activities: Like her educational and career arc, her involvement begins in Kentucky with First Generation Women Achievers of the Bluegrass and continues on to Texas. She is first vice president of the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, serves on the Dallas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees, Dallas Bar Association

Community Service Fund and Dallas SPARK! She co-chaired the Dallas Bar Association's Equal Access to Justice Campaign for free civil legal services. The National Association of Women Lawyers recognized her on its 2021 Rising List for her work in advancing women under the law, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Outstanding Corporate Counsel Awards Ceremony recognized her for her pro bono work and public service. She received the 2022 Association of Corporate Counsel Top 10 30-Something Award.

Her memories of Chase: "Little did I know that coming to Chase would be one of the very best decisions I made in my life. ... I started law school at the age of 28. My first child was born four days before the start of my 2L year, so I was a young mother and a law student. And despite all these challenges I had to face, I never felt like I was not welcomed at Chase. I was supported, I was seen. A lot of the [law-related] passions I have today emerged through my time at Chase. ... I wear my Chase alumni badge with great honor everywhere I go."



JUDGE KAREN A. THOMAS

Class of 1985

Retired Campbell County (Kentucky) District Court Judge and Chief Regional District Judge for the Northern Region of Kentucky

Distinguished Alumna Award, 2022

Judge Thomas is also known as Professor Thomas when she is in Nunn Hall, teaching the practice-related courses she has taught for more than 30 years as an adjunct professor.

As a judge: Judge Thomas was appointed to the District Court in October 1996. She served as chief regional judge since 2001. Within the judiciary, she has been elected president of the Kentucky District Judges Association, and has chaired its Education Committee since 2002 and its Legislative Committee since 2009. In 2015, judges elected her to serve on the Kentucky Judicial Conduct Commission, which has disciplinary authority for judges and judicial commissioners. She has received the Kentucky Chief Justice's Special Service Award and the Judge Robert W. Heaton Award for judicial leadership. She has made presentations at local, state and national conferences on numerous topics, including pre-trial justice, juvenile justice reform and bail reform.

As a professor: Judge Thomas began teaching at Chase in 1989. She has taught Trial Advocacy, Evidence and Pre-Trial Litigation. At Northern Kentucky University, she has

taught law-related courses in the Haile College of Business and has been an instructor for the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad, and expanded the class to include Chase students.

At Chase and NKU: Judge Thomas has been vice president and president of the Chase Alumni Council, the governing body of the Chase Alumni Association. As council president in 2017, she made the motion to the Supreme Court of the United States for alumni in a group admission ceremony to be admitted to practice before the court. She has received the Chase Student Bar Association Award of Excellence, NKU Alumni Professional Achievement Award and NKU and NKU Haile College of Business Outstanding Adjunct Faculty awards.

Her memories of Chase: "I will always love the Chase system of one big tent. Chase actually teaches people how to practice law. I tried a case the day after I was sworn in. Chase taught me how to do it. With the clinics Chase has, as well as the internships and externships Chase offers, Chase is making a difference."



JACK H. WYANT

Class of 1977

Founder and managing partner of Blue Chip Venture Company, a venture capital and private equity firm, a part-owner of the Cincinnati Reds and FC Cincinnati and director of the Chase College of Law Center for Law and Entrepreneurship

Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2022

Mr. Wyant has been expanding the portfolio of entrepreneurial investment and growth in Cincinnati for 25 years, and for the past three years, as director of the Chase Center for Law and Entrepreneurship, has opened those vistas to Chase students.

His career: Since his founding of Blue Chip Venture in 1996, the firm has raised and invested about \$800 million and helped create more than 200 companies. Before that, he had launched his own entrepreneurial venture in Blue Chip Broadcasting, a radio station group that sold for \$180 million. He was also chief executive of two venture-backed companies, Home Entertainment Network and Nutrition Technology Corporation. Over the years, Mr. Wyant and his firm have been major players in the regional growth of venture capital, climbing from one firm since he launched Blue Chip Venture to about 12, and from \$44 million to about \$2 billion. His investment in partial ownership of Cincinnati sports teams ranges from the 153-year-old Cincinnati Reds to the seven-year-old FC Cincinnati Major League Soccer team. The Cincinnati Association for Corporate Growth this past year recognized the scope of his work with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

At Chase: As director of the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship, he has brought to students the same nurturing and knowledge-sharing for which he is known among entrepreneurs, including creating access to networks and contacts to which they can turn in eventual careers.

His memories of Chase: "Without my legal education there wouldn't have been a Blue Chip Venture Company. Blue Chip has been my major career situation. All of my activity of the past half century has been heavily influenced by my education and experience as a Chase four-year night student. It has been a wonderful and rewarding surprise to have returned to Chase to attempt to influence the lives of today's students. Founding, directing and teaching in the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship has closed a half-century circle, enabling me to give back to others what was given to me. I hunted and pecked my way in an unproven, unconventional post-law school path in the unpredictable field of entrepreneurship. Today, many students arrive at Chase with a burning desire to follow such an alternative path, and it is most rewarding for me to help them in their journey."



NORMAN E. ZOLLER

Class of 1974

Circuit Executive for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit at Atlanta from 1983 to 2008 and previously Clerk of Court from 1981 to 1983

Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2022

Mr. Zoller built his career on service – military service and administrative governmental and judicial service – and continued his service after retirement by helping other military veterans.

His career: Mr. Zoller served 22 years with the Army, with almost seven years on active duty as a field artillery officer, including two combat tours in Vietnam. After graduation from Chase, he served 15 years in the National Guard and Army Reserves as a Judge Advocate General officer. He retired as a lieutenant colonel. Following active duty in the 1960s, he was principal administrative assistant to two Cincinnati mayors and then served for nine years as the first court administrator of the Hamilton County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas. He left Cincinnati in 1981 to become the first clerk of court for the then newly created U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals at Atlanta, and subsequently served for almost 25 years as circuit executive, until he retired in 2008.

His service to veterans: From 2009 to 2018, he helped develop and coordinated the State Bar of Georgia Military Legal Assistance Program that connected more than 2,200 veterans and service

members with lawyers. He recently co-edited two books focused on veterans: *I'm Ready to Talk: Vietnam Vets Preserve Their Stories* and *I'm Ready to Talk Two*.

At Chase: Mr. Zoller is a member of the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel to the dean.

His memories of Chase: "It's a life-affirming honor to receive this award and I stand here with much gratitude. Because of Chase, many in this room, and certainly I, would not have achieved what has happened during our careers. A major realization I had when I returned to Okinawa from Vietnam was that I needed more education. And so, after nearly seven years' active duty, I resigned from the Army, earned a graduate degree in public administration, and then began studies at Chase, which for two years was at the historic YMCA building. ... Through all [my] experiences, I say, 'but for Chase' I would not have achieved nor been blessed by the positions I was honored to hold, nor had the personal satisfaction of being able to devote my career to the judicial process, to military service and to the law."

Scenes from two luncheons in the Hall of Mirrors



NKU Interim President Bonita Brown, Paige Ellerman '99 and Joan Gates '00



Anna Korneeva '18, Bill Crouse '18, Jordan Dallas Turner '08 and Judge Tony Frohlich '80



Bethanie Mettling '08, Susan Cross Lipnickey '91, Stephanie Scott '17 and Judge Robert Peeler '82



Jenna Waymeyer '18, Chris Dutton '06, Justice Michelle Keller '90 and Greg Sizemore '92



Hank Menninger '77, Phyllis Bossin '77, Jack Wyant '77 and Pat Longo



Tim Timmel '76, Gwen Nalls '99 and Judge Tony Frohlich '80 (lower right)

What Honorees at the March Luncheon Said About Chase



ANDREA D. COSTA | Class of 2012

Outstanding Alumna of the Past Decade

“Chase has always been my home. I remember when I started at Chase, and our wonderful faculty, as well as the wonderful staff. They worked so hard to make sure that almost every Friday through my three years at Chase I had coffee with a practicing lawyer. If I had questions, they helped me make my way to practicing law.”



DEBRA K. CRANE | Class of 1996

Lifetime Achievement Award

“Three [now] lawyers sat with me in classes in four years of night school, and emotionally vented in the library of Nunn Hall. We told ourselves we were studying, but at times we didn’t cover much course material. What we studied, though, was just as important. It was how to keep the grit in our lives, while we and our families survived the law school experience, all the while maintaining our jobs.”



JUDGE WENDE C. CROSS | Class of 1992

Professional Achievement Award

“One thing I learned from my grandparents is that success is a decision, not necessarily a destination. My personal success began when I decided to attend Chase College of Law. I believe that the quality of our expectations determines the quality of our actions. And my experience at Chase Law raised my level of expectation.”



SUSAN CROSS LIPNICKEY | Class of 1991

Distinguished Service Award

“As I left college (a long time ago) and embarked on my first career in public school teaching, followed by careers in higher education and in law, I was so fortunate to be provided with such copious opportunities to give back to the community in which I was living, practicing. My institution, my profession, [I was] giving back to those entities that had given me so much.”

Lessons from Chase are Influencing a Law School Miles Away

ALUMNA AND FORMER ASSOCIATE LIBRARY DIRECTOR EMILY JANOSKI-HAEHLEN IS CALLING ON HER MEMORIES OF CHASE IN HER NEW ROLE AS AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW DEAN



The past is shaping the future for Emily Janoski-Haehlen.

She was a Salmon P. Chase College of Law student from 2002 to 2005. Then, from 2007 to 2011, an assistant professor of law library services and associate law library director. Now she is in her first year as dean of the University of Akron School of Law.

“I loved my time at Chase and loved the feeling of being part of a family during law school and while working there. I have carried that with me during my career and have sought out workplaces that generate the same feelings,” she says.

She has also carried with her a concept for law school education she experienced at Chase. “I received a very practical legal education at Chase, and value that very much. As the dean of Akron Law, I want to continue the tradition of producing practice-ready graduates that I first learned about at Chase.” And another lesson from Chase: “I learned how important it is to support students

from orientation through their careers from my time at Chase, and have carried that forward at Akron Law.”

Dean Janoski-Haehlen became dean of Akron School of Law in February 2022, after serving as associate dean of academic affairs and law technology, and as law library director. Since joining the faculty in 2017 she has taught Technology in Law, Social Media Law, Legal Drafting and Legal Research. Previously, from 2012 to 2017, she was Valparaiso University Law School associate dean for law library services and assistant professor of law.

Like anyone who has been associated with law schools the past 20 years, she can look back and note the changes that have occurred.

“Legal education has changed in many ways since I was a student. I never imagined that you could complete a law degree online or that we would be forced to move classes online so quickly during a pandemic. I’ve learned that legal education is adaptable and scalable.

“When I was in law school, I took notes with a pen and paper and I took the bar exam in paper. Now our students do everything electronically, and law schools have adapted well to this new way of life. I see law schools integrating more legal technology training into the curriculum to continue to prepare graduates for the practice of law in the technology driven world.

“But I also think many things have not changed about law school. We still teach doctrinal courses using the Socratic method, still focus on skills and support our students, from orientation to graduation to bar passage, until they become alumni and are out in the legal community, where we continue to support them,” she says.

Still, through the continuum of change and stability, law schools overall are encountering new complexities.

“I think all law schools face the challenges of enrollment and identity,” Dean Janoski-Haehlen says. “I often ask my faculty and alumni, ‘Why Akron Law? What makes us unique?’

“I think law schools have to identify their strengths and focus on those strengths. At Akron Law, similar to Chase, we produce practice-ready graduates who are going to affect the destiny of the Akron legal community and the nation. Law schools will need to focus on their strengths to recruit the talent we need for the future of the legal community.”

Those strengths sometimes are grounded deeply in the past.

“At Akron Law, I plan to reinvest in our strengths of intellectual property and advocacy. When I applied to be dean, I said I wanted to return us to our original mission statement from 100 years ago of ‘producing graduates who affect the destiny of Akron and the nation.’ I plan to do this.”

For Dean Janoski-Haehlen, the vision of the future of education at the Akron School of Law began 20 years ago at Chase College of Law.



Emily Janoski-Haehlen in the Chase library in 2011.

Tad Thomas Leads National Association



Tad Thomas literally got his start toward becoming president this year of the American Association of Justice, a national association of trial lawyers, while a student at Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

He wanted to participate in a mock trial competition the association – known then as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America – was sponsoring, but only student members were eligible. So, he joined.

His first round of competition put him in second place in Kentucky. The regional round was okay, but not strong enough for the national competition. Not to be deterred, following a year on the Chase mock trial team and graduation in 2000, his career and activity in the association rose steadily. Mr. Thomas is managing partner of Louisville, Kentucky-based Thomas Law Offices, with 13 lawyers in seven cities in Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois and Missouri, and the president of a professional association headquartered in Washington, D.C.

“I became actively involved after the 2005 annual convention in Toronto,” he recalls. “I went to the convention not knowing anyone in the organization, but I found the New Lawyers Division, and that became home for the next few years. The attorneys I met in the division were very inclusive and got me heavily involved in the association.”

That involvement includes numerous committees, task forces, education programs, continuing legal education presentations, executive committee membership, board of governors, parliamentarian, treasurer, secretary, vice president, president-elect, and, this past July at the annual convention in Seattle, becoming president.

“Involvement in AAJ is important to me because advocating for the right to jury trial and exercising that right on behalf of my clients has been the defining characteristic of my career. I always wanted to be someone who provided a benefit to society and help people,” says Mr. Thomas, whose practice focus is individual and business plaintiffs in civil litigation in areas such as vehicle accidents, professional malpractice, product liability and mass torts.

On the Bench

Five alumni won elections this past November to retain seats on the Supreme Court of Kentucky and the Kentucky Court of Appeals, and a professor won a first election to the Ohio Court of Appeals



**JUSTICE
MICHELLE M. KELLER**
SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY



**JUDGE
SUSANNE CETRULO**
KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS



Justice Michelle M. Keller, who was appointed to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in 2013 and elected in 2014 to a full eight-year term, was re-elected for another full term November 8 with about 55 percent of the vote. (Kentucky Supreme Court justices and Court of Appeals judges are elected by districts and serve commonwealth-wide. Justice Keller was re-elected from the Northern Kentucky Sixth District.)

Justice Keller began her judicial service when she was elected in 2006 to the Kentucky Court of Appeals from Northern Kentucky, serving until her appointment to the Supreme Court. As a Supreme Court justice, she chairs the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission and the Supreme Court Criminal Rules Committee. As a Court of Appeals judge, she was the court's representative on the Judicial Conduct Commission and chair of the Court of Justice Technology Governance Committee.

Her association with Northern Kentucky University began with earning an associate degree in nursing in 1980, then a Bachelor of Science degree in 1985 and continued as a student in the Salmon P. Chase College of Law evening division, while working as a registered nurse in critical care.

Justice Keller has remained deeply involved with Chase since her graduation in 1990. She has been a member of the Board of Visitors, an advisory panel for deans, and was the recipient of the Chase Excellence Award for 2007 and the Chase Exceptional Service Award for 2011. In 2014, she was commencement speaker and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Prior to her election to the Court of Appeals, she practiced law for 17 years in Northern Kentucky, including as a Kenton County assistant county attorney. Her private practice was concentrated in medical negligence and product liability defense, personal injury, family law, criminal defense and administrative law. She also was a chair, member and hearing officer of the Kentucky Personnel Board.

Her involvement and recognition with the legal profession reaches from the local level to the national. She received the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Richard D. Lawrence Lifetime Achievement Award for 2013 and in 2017 became the first woman to receive the association's Distinguished Lawyer of the Year Award. In 2009, she received the Kentucky Bar Association Donated Legal Services Award for her commitment to pro bono work and support of legal services organizations, and in 2020 its Distinguished Judge Award. She is a master of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court, and was president during 2012-13. She is a fellow of both the American Bar Association Foundation and the Kentucky Bar Foundation. The Kentucky House of Representatives twice recognized her for service to the commonwealth.



Judge Susanne Cetrulo was elected to the Court of Appeals from the Northern Kentucky Sixth District with about 55 percent of the vote. She had been appointed in 2021 to complete an unexpired term that ended January 1, 2023. (Her position on the court, by coincidence, is part of a line of Chase alumna that began with Judge Judy West, who in 1987 became the first woman on the Court of Appeals, followed by now-Supreme Court Justice Keller and then Judge Joy Kramer, who retired in 2021.)

Judge Cetrulo began her law career as a court of appeals staff attorney, first for Chief Judge Charles Lester and then for Judge West. She later practiced in Kohnen, Patton & Hunt, in Cincinnati, and became a partner in Ware, Bryson, West & Kummer, in Edgewood, Kentucky. In 2000, with her husband Bob Cetrulo, who is also a Chase graduate, she founded Cetrulo, Mowery & Hicks, in Edgewood. During more than 30 years in practice she litigated business disputes, handled insurance and vehicle accident cases, medical malpractice and wrongful death claims, employment cases and finalized more than 350 adoptions of children. She is also a certified mediator.

In 2021, she received the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Distinguished Lawyer of the Year Award. Judge Cetrulo is a member of the selection committee for the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Judge Judy M. West Scholarship, awarded annually to a female Chase student in honor of the late Judge West. Judge Cetrulo has been a board member and volunteer for the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Section of Women Lawyers.



Judge James Lambert was re-elected, without opposition, to the Kentucky Court of Appeals from the south-central Third District that stretches from the Ohio River to the Kentucky-Tennessee line. He was first elected in November 2006, and in 2014 won a contested election with 70 percent of the vote.

Judge Lambert began his law career in private practice with Lambert & Lambert, in Mount Vernon, Kentucky. In 1981, he was elected to his first of three terms as Rockcastle County Attorney. In 1994, he resumed a full-time private practice. From 2002 to 2005 he was trial commissioner for Rockcastle County District Court and an administrative law judge for the Kentucky State Department of Corrections.



**JUDGE
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OHIO COURT OF APPEALS



Judge J. Christopher McNeill was re-elected, without opposition, to the Kentucky Court of Appeals from the western First District, bounded by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and the Kentucky-Tennessee line. He was appointed to the court in early 2020 and elected in a special election that November to complete the unexpired term.

During more than 20 years of practice, he was in private practice, a staff attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals and directing attorney for the McCracken County Public Defender's Office, where he was involved in or supervised more than 70,000 cases in multiple counties. In 2012, the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy recognized him with its Professionalism and Excellence Award.

Judge McNeill is a past president of the McCracken County Bar Association. He served on the McCracken County Specialty Court Board (formerly Drug Court) from its inception in 2005 until his judicial appointment in 2020. While he was a student in the Salmon P. Chase College of Law evening division he worked for the Kentucky Office of the Inspector General.



Judge Larry Thompson was elected, without opposition, to the Kentucky Court of Appeals from the eastern Seventh District that touches Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia. He has served on the court since he won a contested election in November 2018.

Prior to his election to the Court of Appeals, he had been a judge since 1999 of the Pike Circuit Court for the Family Court Division. During 19 years on the Circuit Court, he was chief circuit judge for a period of time and president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association for two years.

Judge Thompson began his judicial service in 1995, when he was appointed to a vacancy on the Pike County District Court, and subsequently was elected. While on the district bench, he was chief district judge for a period of time. Prior to his appointment, he had been in private practice since 1987.

Prior to the general election, in which he was uncontested, appeals court judges elected Judge Thompson to a four-year term as chief judge, responsible for administrative oversight of the court.



Judge Jennifer Kinsley, who joined the Salmon P. Chase College of Law faculty as a professor in 2012, was elected as a first-time candidate to the Ohio First District Court of Appeals for Cincinnati and surrounding Hamilton County with about 52 percent of the vote.

Judge Kinsley, who at Chase has taught Constitutional Law and other courses and has been associate dean for professional development and director of the field placement program, has also taught by example through extensive pro bono trial and appellate work. This past year, she argued successfully to the court of appeals to which she was subsequently elected that conviction of operating a vehicle with excessively tinted windows requires scientific evidence of translucence, and visual determination is inadequate.

In another case, she devoted six years – including review by the Supreme Court of Ohio – to representing a woman who as a juvenile had pleaded guilty in adult court to charges related to the murder of her trafficker, but who had not been allowed the protection in juvenile court of a law designed for children whose crimes are related to being trafficking victims. Her advocacy in the case concluded in a gubernatorial grant of clemency. More extensively, the Ohio General Assembly this past year recognized her in a joint resolution for advocacy on behalf of human trafficking survivors.

A significant portion of her pro bono work and scholarship has involved freedom of speech issues. Among her casework was a successful argument to the Supreme Court of Ohio that held a police officer could not anonymously sue for defamation a woman who had alleged in a formal, public complaint that he had made a white supremacist gesture outside a Cincinnati City Council meeting. In a suit in federal court, she challenged whether an Ohio law on stalking and telecommunications harassment was being used in Dayton, Ohio, to stifle political dissent. She has written and spoken on free speech matters in numerous law review articles and at conferences.

Judge Kinsley, who had moved several years ago from Kentucky to Ohio, has been a member of the Kentucky Public Advocacy Commission, which oversees the Kentucky public defender system and was a fellow in the 2020 Bluegrass Leadership Academy, a program to develop institutional leadership skills at colleges and universities. At Chase, she has served on numerous college committees. Graduating students most recently chose her as Professor of the Year this past academic year. At Northern Kentucky University, she has been a member of the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Benefits Committee.

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The Chase Network

From the Northern Kentucky University campus to cities throughout the commonwealth, Salmon P. Chase College of Law alumni have gathered with Dean Judith Daar and staff members in regional dinners, at a special event for members of the Dean's Circle who have donated \$1,000 or more to the Chase Annual Fund, and in events recognizing adjunct professors, new students and other get-togethers that keep Chase connections alive.

In Dinners Around the Commonwealth



Alumni also gathered for a dinner in London and alumni in the Owensboro area were invited to a reception at the 2022 Kentucky Bar Association convention in Owensboro.

At the Dean's Circle



For members of the Chase Annual Fund Dean's Circle, activities at a social event in Augusta included the Kentucky bourbon tradition of a visit there to one of the more than 95 distilleries in the commonwealth.

Gathering with Students



Alumni in the Nashville area joined students in the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship this past year at a dinner that was part of a center-sponsored trip to the Tennessee capital to meet with Cincinnati-backed entrepreneurs and others there.

Chase is Co-Hosting Law Firm Lunches for Alumni



Among Chase alumni at Taft Stettinius & Hollister with Dean Judith Daar, second left, are Cathy Howard '03, Tracey Puthoff '95, Julie Tarvin '02 and Evan T. Priestle '12.

Salmon P. Chase College of Law is offering to co-host lunch at law firms for the Chase alumni working at those firms. During these lunches, which are being held in law firm conference rooms, the alumni are sharing memoirs of Chase and Dean Judith Daar is giving an update about the law school.

This program started with two law firms in fall 2019, and then was interrupted by the pandemic. The program started again this past May, and to date Chase has co-hosted eight more lunches.

The first 10 firms to participate have been Adams Law; DBL Law; Dinsmore & Shohl; Frost Brown Todd; Graydon Head & Ritchey; The Lawrence Firm; Strauss Troy; Taft Stettinius & Hollister; Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease; and Ziegler & Schneider.

If you would like Chase to co-host a lunch at your firm for your firm's Chase alumni, please contact Associate Dean David MacKnight at macknightd1@nku.edu or (859) 572-5276.



Adjunct Professor Recognition

For both Salmon P. Chase College of Law alumni and graduates of other law schools who teach at the college as adjunct professors, the experience is the same: being back in a classroom, this time with years of professional experience to help frame their coursework.

This past year, Chase recognized the work of adjunct professors during a luncheon at Northern Kentucky University. Their tenures ranged from several years of teaching to more than a decade.

With one to five years of teaching, from left are Bill Tingley, Douglas Weigle, Judge John Nalbandian, Judge Wende Cross '92, Judge Acena Beck '07, Adam French, Whitney Wallace and Howard Tankersley '93, far right, with Associate Dean for Academics Lawrence Rosenthal, second from right.



Teaching six to 10 years are Judge Rob Lyons '80, Col Owens and Colter Paulson, with Associate Dean Rosenthal.



Teaching more than 10 years are Steven Ray, Frank Mungo '98, Judge Karen Thomas '85 and Steve Wirthlin '79, with Associate Dean Rosenthal.



At the Kentucky Bar Association Convention at Owensboro



Welcoming New Students at Professionalism Day

As part of Professionalism Day, first-year students received Chase T-shirts from alumni Judge Janaya Trotter Bratton, who spoke and administered the Chase Professionalism Oath, and Ed McTigue. A story about Professionalism Day is on Page 2.

For New Graduates, Commencement Feels Like Those Before

Something was different about the 2022 commencement ceremony for Salmon P. Chase College of Law from the year before. Unlike that year, there was no requirement for social distancing and masking. And yet the shadow of Covid-19 remained. It appeared in acknowledgements of how graduates had overcome obstacles the pandemic had imposed and in predictions of how their law practices might be shaped by responses to the pandemic.

For the 115 students awarded Juris Doctor degrees and 14 who received Master of Legal Studies degrees, though, one thing was the same as in every year: They had become Chase College of Law graduates.

In photos and speakers' words, this is some of what made the commencement ceremony of May 6, 2022, at Northern Kentucky University unique for everyone.



Commencement, 2022

Newest Chase Alumni

Supreme Court of Kentucky Greetings

Justice Michelle M. Keller '90 ▼

"Your journey has been impacted by the global pandemic of Covid-19, which has forced you to master new ways for legal education that has been the same for over many years. ... You have learned patience and persistence, and a new way of learning that will likely reshape the future of all higher education."



▲ Salmon P. Chase Award

For pro bono advocacy in the tradition of Salmon P. Chase who, as a Cincinnati lawyer, represented enslaved individuals seeking freedom prior to the Civil War

Graduating student **Aurielle March** received the award for work that included helping low-income individuals facing evictions navigate proceedings pro se, representing a teen in juvenile court and acting as a guardian ad litem in custody cases.



Class Valedictorian

Samuel Otis ▲

"The pandemic hit. The part-time graduating class had two-and-a-half regular semesters [in classrooms]. The full-time goes had one-and-a-half semesters of regular law school before the pandemic. For the next one-and-a-half years we had to adjust to Zoom law school, which is something no one signed up for, neither student nor professor."



Co-Professors of the Year ▲

As voted by the Class of 2022, Professor Jennifer Kinsley, right, with Dean Judith Daar, and Professor Dennis Honabach, who was unable to attend.

► Commencement is a time for photographing memories, including these six graduates in a graduating class of 115.

▼ Graduate Logan Woolums receives her degree from Dean Judith Daar.



**Commencement Speaker and
Recipient of Honorary Doctor of Laws**
► **Judge John Nalbandian**

*United States Court of Appeals for the
Sixth Circuit*

“The real focus today is on our graduates, and it is safe to say that this particular group has faced challenges that none of us ... had to face in law school. With the Covid pandemic that started in the fall of 2019, you may have had two or one-and-a-half semesters of relative normalcy, and that’s certainly not what you were expecting when you signed up for Contracts or Torts on that first day. ... In some ways more than ever, we need your youth and creativity to help us emerge from this Covid conundrum ...

“Take care of this place, your alma mater, Chase Law. You should care about the success of this law school. Give back, and I don’t mean only by your treasure, but hire a Chase grad, refer business to your classmate, take care of each other and take care of the law school. The Chase name and your name are now forever linked.”



Northern Kentucky University
▲ **Then-President
Ashish Vaidya**

“I have had numerous occasions to meet with Chase students and alumni, and there is a recurring theme each time: Their pride in their alma mater. And they should be proud. ... For nearly 130 years now, Chase College of Law has been committed to teaching students to help others and to shape society. Chase has offered opportunities for deserving students to become practice-ready lawyers.”

Chase College of Law
▲ **Dean Judith Daar**

“Your presence here today is a testament to your hard work, your resilience and your ability to adapt to new environments. ... Each of you, no matter what path you pursue in your legal career, is going to do some path of your career at a distance. Distance from your clients, judges and colleagues. What we are learning is this delivery is good. The delivery of legal services has become more efficient, more fair and more accessible.”

1967

Bruce R. Duggar was recognized by the Florida Bar at its 50-Year Member and Senior Counselor Recognition Luncheon.

1971

David A. Steves was recognized by the Florida Bar at its 50-Year Member and Senior Counselor Recognition Luncheon.

1972

Calvin R. Rosen was recognized by the Florida Bar at its 50-Year Member and Senior Counselor Recognition Luncheon.

1974



Norman Zoller, retired circuit executive of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

at Atlanta, received the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2022. (A story about him and other alumni award recipients begins on Page 17.)

1977



Jack Wyant, founder and managing partner of Blue Chip Venture Company, Cincinnati,

received the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2022. (A story about him and other alumni award recipients begins on Page 17.)

1978



Darris Russell was appointed judge of Kentucky District Court for the Forty-Fifth Judicial District

of McLean and Muhlenberg counties. He was previously Muhlenberg County attorney.

1978



Karen Meyers, an assistant clinical professor in business legal studies and first-year integrated core at Miami (Ohio) University, received the university's Richard K. Smucker Teaching Excellence Award for outstanding teaching by a clinical professor or lecturer. She is known among Miami students for her enthusiasm incorporating her

legal experience and current events into classes and her commitment to students. At Salmon P. Chase College of Law, she received the Professional of the Year Award for 2015 and in 2018 was a distinguished guest professor.

Ms. Meyers began her career as a lawyer with Ohio Casualty Group. She maintains a practice as K.D. Meyers & Associates, with a focus on support for class action, catastrophic injury settlement, Medicaid-Medicare integration and probate matters.

1980



LaJuana Wilcher, a partner in English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, Bowling Green, Kentucky, has

been recognized by Best Lawyers in America for 2023 in the areas of environmental law and litigation-environmental. She is a fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and chair of the board of directors of the Federal Agriculture Mortgage Corporation.

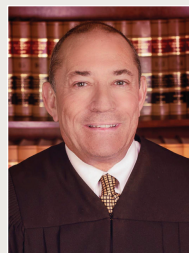
1984



Robert Jenkins joined Casey, Bailey & Maines, Lexington, Kentucky, focusing

primarily in insurance defense. He previously held a variety of positions with the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission and had maintained a private practice.

1981



Alan C. Stout, chief judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky, was appointed to serve on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, a standing panel of federal bankruptcy judges appointed by the appellate court to hear appeals from certain bankruptcy cases under supervision of the circuit court.

He has been a federal bankruptcy judge since 2011 and chief judge since January 2020. He is member of the National Council of Bankruptcy Judges and serves on its legislative and trustee liaison committees.

Miriam Sheline received the Denis J. Murphy Award of the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation for 2021 for leadership and advocacy within Ohio legal aid associations. She is managing attorney of Pro Seniors, an advocacy and legal services agency for older persons in the Cincinnati area.

1985



Karen Thomas, retired judge of Campbell County (Kentucky) District Court, received the

Salmon P. Chase College of Law Distinguished Alumna Award for 2022. (A story about her and other alumni award recipients begins on Page 17.)

1986



Philip Schworer joined Goldenberg Schneider in Cincinnati, where his focus is environmental

and toxic chemical exposures, real estate transactions and environmental regulatory issues.

1994



Bernie McKay was named president and chief executive of the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile Jr.

Foundation, a family charitable foundation in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. He was previously a partner in Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati.

1996



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

selected as a 2022 Kentucky Super Lawyer.

Kelly Holden, a partner in Dressman Benziner Lavelle in Cincinnati, was appointed to the Southwest Ohio Regional Workforce Investment Board, a nonprofit workforce development organization.

1997



Karen O'Sullivan joined Foster & Motley, a Cincinnati financial planner and investment manager, as tax manager.

1998

Joan Germann joined Faruki as executive director, overseeing the Cincinnati firm's non-attorney support staff, technology, marketing and other functions.

1998

Sylvius von Saucken is vice president of the advisory group in the mass tort division of Epiq, a New York City-based provider of legal and business services to law firms, corporations and governments.



Zaki Ali received the Alumni Merit Award from the Southeast Missouri State University

Alumni Association. His practice in Indiana focuses on criminal defense, personal injury and immigration.

2000



Tad Thomas, founder and managing partner of Louisville, Kentucky-based Thomas Law

Offices, was sworn in as president of the American Association for Justice, a national association of trial lawyers. (A story about his involvement with the association is on Page 23.)

2001

Derek Humfleet joined McClelland and Associates, Lexington, Kentucky. His focus is elder law and estate planning.



Darran Winslow was installed as president of the Kings County (New York) Criminal Bar

Association during a ceremony at the Brooklyn Bar Association in New York City. His Brooklyn-based practice focuses on criminal defense and small business matters.

2003

Joe Shriver retired July 31 as Kenton County, Kentucky, administrator, following 24 years in public service. During that time he worked on numerous projects in Kentucky County, including relocation of multiple agencies within a new Kenton County Government Center and on cooperative projects with adjacent counties.

2004



Margie Cunningham was named a shareholder in Strauss Troy in Cincinnati. Her focus is

real estate law.

Robert L. Dawson joined Blank Rome as an associate in its Cincinnati office. His focus is financial institutions litigation and regulatory compliance

2005

Justin Lawrence, owner and manager of Lawrence & Associates, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, was named a 2022 Kentucky Super Lawyer in plaintiffs personal injury matters.

2006



Christopher Markus was selected for inclusion in Owners' Counsel of America, a

network of lawyers practicing in the area of eminent domain. He is a partner in Dressman Benzinger Lavelle in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, where his focus is property, real estate and land use matters.

2009



Andrew Schierberg retired as police chief of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, at the end of 2022 and

is focusing his law practice in elder law and estate planning. He served as Fort Mitchell acting city administrator in 2020.

Sara May was promoted to partner in Jones & Jones, Pikeville, Kentucky. Her focus is workers' compensation and insurance defense.

Dawn Danley-Nichols was appointed associate area counsel of the Internal Revenue Service Office of Chief Counsel, Large Business and International Division, responsible for Cincinnati-based lawyers who litigate cases in United States Tax Court and who serve as counsel to the Large Business and International Division.



Megan Mersch was promoted to partner in Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, Cincinnati. She is a board

member of the Federal Bar Association and a member of the Southern District of Ohio and Eastern District of Kentucky Criminal Justice Act Panel.



Lindsay Lawrence, attorney with Rittgers & Rittgers, Cincinnati, was sworn in as

treasurer of the Ohio Association for Justice, an association of trial lawyers. She is the current chair of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Alumni Council. Her practice focus is medical malpractice and personal injury.

2010



John D. Wagner joined Cors & Bassett, Cincinnati, as a member. His focus is general business law

and litigation.



Brett M. Renzenbrink joined Ulmer & Berne as a partner in the business law practice group

in the Cincinnati office. He is president of the Cincinnati Over-the-Rhine chapter of Business Network International and previously was vice chair of the board of directors of Emery Federal Credit Union.

Brooklyn Franklin was appointed solicitor general for State Court of Long County, Georgia. She was previously interim solicitor general and an assistant district attorney for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit of Georgia.



Justin W. Janes joined O'Bryan, Brown & Toner, Louisville, Kentucky, as an associate. His focus is medical

malpractice, legal malpractice and insurance defense. He was previously a prosecutor with the Jefferson County (Louisville) Commonwealth's Attorney.

2011



Alyse Bender Hoffer, a partner in Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati, is a Forty Under 40 selection of the *Cincinnati Business Courier*. Her practice focus is commercial real estate transactions.



Tyler Gossett was appointed area manager of Union Home Mortgage in Kentucky. He was previously an area sales manager for Fifth Third Bank and was president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of the Bluegrass.



Chris Payne was appointed to the Board of Education of the Southwest (Ohio) Local School District. He is co-owner and chief operating officer of Key Bridge Compliance in Covington, Kentucky, and Washington, D.C., a regulatory consultancy for investment advisers.

2012



Colby Cowherd, a partner in O'Hara, Taylor, Sloan, Cassidy, Beck in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, was selected as a Kentucky Super Lawyer Rising Star in the area of personal injury.



Zachary K. Peterson was elected partner in Keating, Muething & Klekamp, Cincinnati. His

focus includes corporate mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, other business and commercial matters.

2013



Jordan M. Maynard was appointed to a five-year term on the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by a statutorily required vote of the governor, attorney general and treasurer. He was chief secretary for Governor Charlie Baker and director of Boards and Commissions for the Office of the Governor from February 2019 to July 2022. During the Covid-19 pandemic he served from March to July 2020 as the Washington, D.C., director for the Office of the Governor to coordinate state agencies' interactions with the federal government. On the gaming commission, he fills a seat designated for an individual with experience in legal and policy issues related to gaming.

2013



Olesja Cormney, managing counsel in the Labor and Employment Group of Toyota

Motor North America, Plano, Texas, received the 2021 Pro Bono and Community Service Award of the Association of Corporate Counsel-Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter, the Association of Corporate Counsel Top 10 30-Somethings Award and the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Distinguished Alumna of the Past Decade Award for 2022. (A story about her and other alumni award recipients begins on Page 17.)

2014



Tiffany Smith joined the staff of the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law as

managing attorney for clinical and experiential programs. She has been a lawyer and pro bono coordinator for Legal Aid Services of Oregon, project manager for the Ohio Justice & Policy Center in Cincinnati and a lawyer with the Children's Law Center in Covington, Kentucky.

Sandra Eismann-Harpen was named a member of Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati. Her focus is commercial finance and

real estate. She was previously a vice president and finance manager of PNC Bank in Cincinnati.



Courtney Swim joined the Tennessee Department of Revenue as chief of staff. She was most recently

associate counsel for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and had previously been Tennessee Department of Revenue director of legislation.

2015



Michael Enzweiler, an associate with Dressman Benzing Lavelle in

Crestview Hills, Kentucky, was selected for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce 2022 Leadership Northern Kentucky class. His practice focus is medical malpractice and civil litigation.

Michael Gray joined the Ohio University Department of Athletics as assistant athletics director for compliance. He was previously Northern Kentucky University assistant athletics director for compliance.

Katherine Schulz has opened Katherine Schulz Law in Cold Spring, Kentucky, offering services in the areas of adoption and family law.

2016



Colleen Fausz was promoted to partner in Dressman Benzing Lavelle in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. Her focus is in business, estate planning and tax matters.

2020

Kati Massey is staff attorney for Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Susanne Cetrulo and a member of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association Gateway Committee and the Cincinnati Bar Association Membership Committee. She was previously an associate at Thompson Hine in Cincinnati.



Rebecca McDonough, an associate with Dressman Benzing Lavelle in

Crestview Hills, Kentucky, joined the board of Girl Scouts of Kentucky Wilderness Road. Her practice focus is commercial banking, real estate and construction.

Bryanna Barker joined Clark, Cornett and Smith, Lexington, Kentucky, where her focus is family law.

2021



Shanda Harris joined Northern Kentucky University as esports professor of practice in the Haile College of Business and director of NKU esports. Prior to joining NKU, she developed Game Day Esports, a Cincinnati esports organization for gamers.

Holly McCabe opened McCabe Law in Cincinnati, with a focus on family law and criminal defense.

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1960

Stanley J. Litz

November 5, 2021

Mr. Litz was a patent attorney.

1964

Gene Mesh

September 18, 2022

Mr. Mesh retired in 2005 from his practice in Gene Mesh & Associates, following a career that included representing shareholders, consumers, class action litigants and politicians in prominent cases in Cincinnati. Following the Beverly Hills Supper Club fire in Southgate, Kentucky, in May 1977, in which 165 persons died, he was a member of the plaintiffs lead counsel committee.

1968

John E. Butkovich

April 30, 2022

Mr. Butkovich retired in 2020 from the University of Notre Dame, where he was a lawyer in the development department. He practiced previously in Cincinnati in the area of workers' compensation.

1969

Thomas D. Massie

January 18, 2022

1970



Robert P. Ruwe

February 12, 2022

Judge Ruwe wrote hundreds of opinions

during the 33 years he was a judge on the United States Tax Court. In 2012, he received the court's J. Edgar Murdock Award for distinguished service – the court's highest honor it has bestowed only 13 times since it was created in 1973. Among his notable opinions were ones that held that the IRS was bound by its position in published guidance and that the IRS must account for all results of a transaction when seeking to re-characterize that transaction. President Ronald Reagan appointed him in 1987 to a 15-year term on the Tax

Court. He then served as a senior judge after his term ended in 2002, until his retirement in November 2020. Judge Ruwe was a "tax man" his entire 57-year career, beginning in 1963 as a special agent for the intelligence division of the Internal Revenue Service. Following graduation from Chase, he was an IRS trial attorney, director of the criminal tax division, deputy associate chief counsel and director of the tax litigation division prior to his appointment to the Tax Court.

1973

Peter Rosenwald

June 13, 2021

Mr. Rosenwald practiced in Cincinnati for more than 45 years and was active in the Cincinnati Bar Association. The Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association recognized him in 2018 as the first recipient of its Peter Rosenwald Professionalism Award.

John Boyd Caldwell

August 24, 2022

Mr. Caldwell practiced in West Union, Ohio, where he held various public offices.

Ronald M. Kabakoff

April 15, 2021

1976

Patrick Binns

August 31, 2022

Mr. Binns practiced for 43 years. He was an attorney for the city of Trenton, Ohio, and a magistrate in Middletown (Ohio) Municipal Court.

1978

Ralph D. Carter

September 21, 2021

Gary R. Lewis

December 6, 2021

Mr. Lewis practiced for more than 40 years, beginning as a prosecutor and then as a civil litigator.

1979

Thomas A. Mack

April 15, 2022

Mr. Mack practiced for 27 years and later taught high school.

1980

James A. Kidney

January 19, 2022

Mr. Kidney maintained a solo practice. He was the attorney for the city of Highland Heights, Kentucky, and a member of the Newport, Kentucky, Board of Education.

1981

Daniel T. Mistler

February 17, 2022

Mr. Mistler retired in 2013 as a partner in Dressman Benzinger Lavelle in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. In 2010, he received the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers Nick of Time Award for his pro bono emergency work for three individuals ensnared by a real estate scam.

1982

Michele A. Walters

November 25, 2021

Ms. Walters practiced for several years and then resumed her career as a teacher.

Leonard H. Brashear

September 8, 2021

Mr. Brashear practiced for almost 40 years. He was the attorney for the city of Hyden, Kentucky, the Leslie County, Kentucky, Public Library, a master commissioner and a domestic relations commissioner for the circuit courts in Leslie and Perry counties, Kentucky.

1986

Guy J. Hibbs

December 14, 2021

Mr. Hibbs practiced more than 35 years.

1987

Jay K. Stratton

February 19, 2022

Mr. Stratton was a commercial real estate broker and developer in Louisville, Kentucky.

1990

James D. Allen

August 21, 2021

Mr. Allen practiced in Kentucky in the firm of Stoll Keenon Ogden.

Stephen D. Lynn

August 22, 2022

Mr. Lynn practiced for 31 years and retired in 2021 as city attorney for the city of Owensboro, Kentucky.

1993

Debbie Feldmann

August 24, 2022

Ms. Feldmann maintained a solo practice.

1999

Adam F. Seibel

December 28, 2021

Mr. Seibel practiced with Jacobs, Kleinman, Seibel & McNally in Cincinnati.

2001

Cynthia R. Rowell

June 16, 2022

Ms. Rowell maintained a solo practice focused in family law.

2002

Timothy S. Kress

January 13, 2022

Mr. Kress was an obstetrician/gynecologist prior to practicing law.

2014

Cole W. Lanigan

February 28, 2022

Fred Rodgers

October 9, 2022

Mr. Rodgers practiced with Pohl & Aubrey in Lexington, Kentucky. He was a president of the Chase Student Bar Association.

2015

Jordan Morgan

February 22, 2022

Ms. Morgan practiced with Reminger in Lexington and had been an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Northern Kentucky.

Correcting the record

During genealogical research, the son of Philip R. Finkelmeier, Class of 1940, discovered that his father's first name was incorrect in the Spring 2009 alumni magazine In Memoriam. Philip R. Finkelmeier died December 16, 2007.

Professor Tan Boston is on a New Track at Chase



Professor Tan Boston

After a one year hiatus following teaching as a visiting professor at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Professor Tan Boston has returned to the faculty lineup this academic year as a tenure-track professor of law – and has brought with her leadership positions in two national sports law associations.

“I was trying to be an engaged general member when this past year the leadership of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Law & Sports and later the Sports and Recreation Law Association president asked me to run for offices,” she recalls. The result for this academic year: Along with teaching Sports Law and Property Law at Chase, she is taking the field as secretary of the AALS Section on Law & Sports and chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of the Sports and Recreation Law Association.

As a visiting professor during the 2020-21 academic year she taught Property and Uniform Commercial Code courses. For the following 2021-22 academic year she returned to the University of Dayton (Ohio) School of Law, where she had been an assistant professor of law and director of the Master of Law and Master in the Study of Law programs, to teach courses that were familiar or new. “I taught Secured Transactions, and it was

also my first time teaching Contracts I and Transactional Drafting.”

Then came the opportunity to return to Chase – one of six tenure-track positions she was offered – and to teach the property law courses she had taught before and to link her past, present and future in sports law.

Professor Boston was a lawyer with the National Collegiate Athletic Association following graduation from the University of Virginia School of Law. It was her first “wish-list” job. “It was an amazing place to start a career, and I was there just long enough to publish my first law review article and work on various projects in the NCAA’s governance and general counsel offices.”

At the University of Dayton and at Chase she has taught largely commerce-related courses. Her niche specialty, though, is sports law. But even there, commercial factors are in play.

“I have always been athletic and passionate about sports,” she says. “My scholarship focuses on the business of intercollegiate athletics, with an emphasis on intellectual property and athletes’ rights.

“I chose to focus on this area because the issues that arise in sports tend to mirror those in American society. That keeps it exciting for me because almost every societal challenge and area of law is reflected under this one big umbrella. For example, the narrow topic of name, image and likeness rights for intercollegiate athletes [commonly referred to as NIL] raises issues of racial and gender equity, freedom of contract, rights of publicity and income tax, to name a few.”

Her larger focus – with its numerous subcategories – in effect, extends her academic field. “I am finding that writing about sports law allows me to engage with broader audiences in ways that are informative, yet still relatable to everyday life,” she says.

In addition to a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia, Professor Boston holds a Master of Laws from the University of Dayton School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University.

Professor Jolly-Ryan has New Waters to Navigate



Professor Emerita Jennifer Jolly-Ryan

Professor Jennifer Jolly-Ryan retired from Salmon P. Chase College of Law this past spring and needed to replace the exhilaration she had felt every late summer on the first day of a new academic year. She went kayaking on Lake Michigan.

"The first day of school was always special and exciting to me, so I scheduled something special, a Greenland [style] kayak rolling course on Lake Michigan," she says.

Learning to right a kayak in open water – Professor Jolly-Ryan is an expert whitewater kayaker – could even contribute to her legal thinking. Her two most recent law review articles – in the *University of San Francisco Law Review* and the *University of New Hampshire Law Review* – involved legal issues of kayaking and canoeing.

Professor Jolly-Ryan began teaching legal writing at Chase in 1991. It was also her return to Chase. After graduating in 1984 she was a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge S. Arthur Spiegel in the Southern District of Ohio and then was in private practice in Jolly & Blau in Northern Kentucky and Dinsmore & Shohl in Cincinnati.

"Like many of our students and graduates, I worked throughout law school, paid my way and had family obligations, so I understood my students' journey. What remained constant in my teaching was faith in my students to achieve great things, and respect for their diverse talents as they juggled so many responsibilities."

As a professor of legal writing, she (sadly) saw one change among some students. "It is easier for students to develop poor writing habits because of some technology, such as texting and quick communication. Combatting the grammar monster became more difficult in the last decade of my teaching."

Even so, technology opened opportunities. "The teaching tools at the disposal of legal educators provide opportunities to accommodate a variety of learning styles," she notes.

For Professor Jolly-Ryan now, the opportunity is to paddle as far as a river can take her.

Library Director Bredemeyer Closes the Book on her Chase Career

Think of the changes Carol Bredemeyer has seen at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, both for herself and for the college.

She joined the Chase staff in 1978 as a law library assistant, working on the Chase hilltop campus at the incorporation line between Covington and Park Hills, Kentucky.

She earned a Masters in Library Science in 1981, became a reference librarian and moved with Chase in 1981 to the Northern Kentucky University campus in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

She advanced through a succession of job duties and titles, including head of public services, assistant director of faculty services, and interim library director, culminating in law library director and professor law library services.

She retired this past July from Chase and a library that has evolved with her career.

"I started at the Covington campus, in what had been built as a temporary building and was showing its age. The only available food came from vending machines," she recalls.

Then came the move to the NKU main campus that coincided with the beginnings of explosive growth in online legal research – and the gradual decline in needed shelf space.

"Lexis and Westlaw were just getting started, and electronic access and our dependence on it and preference for it has been the biggest change in how legal research is done," Professor Bredemeyer says.

Two other changes followed her move to the main campus: involvement in college and university activities and professional organizations.

This past April, she received the American Association of Law Libraries Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award of 2022 for service to the legal information profession and contributions to legal literature. That service includes having served on the association's executive board, being chair of several association committees and serving as president of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries.

At NKU, she has been a president of the Faculty Senate, a member of numerous university committees and a member of the most recent dean search committee at Chase.

And after all of that, what does a retired librarian do? "I have stacks of books waiting to be read," she says, along with plans to travel.



Professor Emerita and Law Library Director Carol Bredemeyer

An Impactful Life

PROFESSOR EMERITUS MARK STAVSKY

NOVEMBER 9, 1951 – JUNE 15, 2022



Professor Mark Stavsky teaching in 2016.

To say that Professor Emeritus Mark Stavsky made an impact during the 37 years he taught at Salmon P. Chase College of Law would be an understatement.

As former students and professional colleagues learned of his death this past June 15, their remembrances echoed across social media: “Professor Stavsky was a very kind man and a great teacher. He always had time for a chat and was very engaging in class.” “I think of him often now that I work in federal prosecution. He had more input on how I work than I ever managed to tell him.” “He influenced my practice and life. He remained a friend until the end.”

From the beginning of his tenure at Chase in 1980 until his retirement in 2017, Professor Stavsky was fulfilling his dream of being a law professor. “Chase provided me that opportunity, and so much more,” he said at the time of his retirement. “I never expected to become actively involved in clinical legal education, as well as teaching in other countries.”

At Chase, he taught Criminal Procedure, Evidence, White Collar Crime, Trial Advocacy, and Comparative Law, and helped establish the Chase Constitutional Litigation Clinic, in which

students with limited law licenses represent prisoners and former offenders in alleged denials of rights by state officials. He was also a longtime faculty supervisor of the Kentucky Innocence Project, in which students investigate credible claims of wrongful convictions.

Beyond the structures of classrooms and clinical programs, his impact was as a person. “I knew Mark my entire time here at Chase,” Professor and Associate Dean Lawrence Rosenthal recalls. “From the time I started as a junior faculty member through the day he retired, Mark was an absolutely wonderful colleague. His relaxed demeanor always gave the impression that I was welcome in his office. I have spoken with many of my own former students who had the privilege of taking classes with Mark, and every one of them had so many positive things to say about him. Mark was just a great colleague and teacher.”

In addition to teaching at Chase, Professor Stavsky taught in Thailand about the United States legal system and lectured at universities in Japan on United States law, capital punishment, criminal procedure and the history of the Supreme Court of the United States.

A REMEMBRANCE OF MY FRIEND AND MENTOR, PROFESSOR MARK STAVSKY

BY JUDGE MICHAEL NEWMAN

United States District Court in the Southern District of Ohio and previously Chase College of Law Adjunct Professor

Professor Stavsky (“Mark” as I knew him) passed away this past June — months ago — and I am still in shock. Mark meant a great deal to me. I miss him, and will always be indebted to him.

We last spoke in the late winter/early spring of 2022, when Mark called about his son, Jacob, a Duke law student (whom he affectionately referred to as “Jake”). Jake is an only child, and was loved dearly by Mark and his wife, Victoria. Mark had worried about Jake entering law school during the Covid-19 pandemic, and was concerned that online learning, for a 1L, might not be effective. In the call to which I now refer, Mark wanted to be sure that Jake, close to finishing his 1L year, would have a summer internship that meant something to him, and that he would learn a great deal. (He ended up in the U.S. Attorney’s Office and, I’m told, had an enriching and formative experience.)

Lest you think Mark was a “mother hen” and worried too much about his adult child, he did the same for me. Over the 30-plus years that I knew him, Mark called me to ask about the car I was driving; whom I was dating; how my cases were doing at Dinsmore & Shohl; how much I was eating (and at what restaurant); whether I was being treated well by the legal community in Dayton and Cincinnati; if my caseload as a federal judge was manageable; how our triplet daughters were faring in life; and, literally, a hundred or more other concerns or issues. He did so because he cared. He cared and loved other people in a way that few do.

Behind his sometimes cynical laugh and his sly glances was a mensch – someone who cares deeply, and works hard, to make the world around him better, whether in his personal life, in the law school where he taught for many years or in the legal community.

I would not be a judge today were it not for Mark’s compassion and mentoring. In the early 1990s, he encouraged me to teach

with him at Chase in the evenings while I worked as a federal law clerk during the day. That teaching experience opened many doors for me. It also afforded me leadership opportunities at a time in the local legal community when law clerks were seen more as “back room” lawyers, not as leaders. Mark later suggested

that I write a law review article for the Chase *Northern Kentucky Law Review* – an article about United States magistrate judges that helped lead me, many years later, to be selected as a magistrate judge myself.

I learned a great deal about mentoring by simply watching Mark. Everything he did had a light touch; he had a gentle, self-deprecating laugh and he always made everyone around him feel special.

I watched how he interacted with his mentor, Judge Jack Sherman Jr., for whom I clerked. Judge Sherman, I’m told, was on the Chase hiring committee when Mark, fresh from receiving his LL.M. at New York University School of Law, applied to teach at Chase. Judge Sherman went to

bat for Mark, and urged that he be hired. Mark was hired, and he and the judge became inseparable friends.

I was honored when, while clerking for Judge Sherman straight out of law school, I was included in their friendship. Mark treated me like an equal, which I was not, and he sought out my opinions, which he certainly did not have to do. He and Judge Sherman created a unique prisoner civil rights clinic where Chase students spent two days a week in the federal court, and Mark and I taught them Section 1983 law in the evenings. It was an incredible learning experience, and such an effort has rarely been repeated in American legal education. He was decades ahead of his time.

Friends and mentors like Mark Stavsky rarely come along in our lives. I will never forget, and will be forever grateful for, the grace, friendship and compassion that Mark showed me.

Thank you, Mark. May you rest in peace.



Professor Emeritus Mark Stavsky, right, with Judge Michael Newman, center, and Judge Jack Sherman Jr. in 2019.

Faculty Scholarship & Activities



John Bickers
Associate Dean and
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

“The Cartoon Physics of the Court-Martial,” National Institute for Military Justice Colloquium, New York City (virtual), October 15.

Discussant, “Constitutional Rights in Post-Covid America,” Chase student chapter Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, September 16.



Tan Boston
Assistant Professor of
Law

PRESENTATIONS

“NIL: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly,” Association of American Law Schools, October 17.

“NIL Data Entry,” Association of American Law Schools Education Law Works-in-Progress workshop, September 16.

“The NIL Glass Ceiling” and “NIL Data Entry,” Marquette University Law School Junior Faculty Works-in-Progress program, September 9.

PUBLICATION

The NIL Glass Ceiling, University of Richmond Law Review, University of Richmond School of Law, forthcoming.



Carol Bredemeyer
Professor of Law Library
Services and Law
Library Director (retired
July 31)

PUBLICATION

Ask a Director: Adopting New Legal Technology, American Association of Law Libraries *Spectrum*, May-June.

PROFESSIONAL

Award, American Association of Law Libraries Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award for service to the legal information profession and contributions to legal literature, announced April 27.



Anthony Chavez
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

MUSY Takes Flight: Multiple-Use: Regulation of Climate Intervention, *Washburn Law Journal*, Washburn University School of Law, forthcoming.

Book chapter, “Using Renewable Energy Policies to Develop Carbon Dioxide Removal” in *Climate Geoengineering: Science, Law and Governance*.

PRESENTATIONS

Session chair and conference executive committee member, International Conference on Carbon Dioxide Utilization, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, June 30.

“Lessons from Renewable Energy Diffusion for Carbon Dioxide Removal Development,” Second International Conference on Negative CO2 Emissions, Gothenburg, Sweden, June 15.



Judith Daar
Ambassador Patricia L.
Herbold Dean and
Professor of Law

CASEBOOK

Reproductive Technologies and the Law, third edition, with co-authors I. Glenn Cohen of Harvard Law School, Seema Mohapatra of Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and Sonia Suter of George Washington University Law School, Carolina Academic Press. The third edition follows a 2013 second edition and 2006 publication of the then first, and to date only, casebook in the field of assisted reproductive technologies.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-author, *What Overturning Roe v. Wade May Mean for Assisted Reproductive Technologies in the U.S.*, with I. Glenn Cohen and Eli Adashi, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, June 6.

Co-author, *What the Supreme Court’s Abortion Reversal Means for In Vitro Fertilization*, with I. Glenn Cohen and Eli Adashi, *The Boston Globe*, June 30.

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “Impacts on Reproductive Care Post-Dobbs,” University of Cincinnati College of Law Jones Center 2022 Social Justice Colloquium: Reproductive Rights Post-Dobbs, October 28.

“Dilemmas at the End of Life: A View from Law,” St. Elizabeth Healthcare Medical Ethics Committee.

“How SCOTUS Decision on Abortion Impacts Fertility Treatment,” Healio, June 23.

Panelist discussing fertility treatment impact, “The Dobbs Decision, Potential Impact and Your Role in the Fight to Protect Reproductive Rights,” American Society for Reproductive Medicine, June 27.

“Wherefore ART? Ethics of, and Differential Access to, Assisted Reproductive Technologies,” Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics, with Dr. Eli Adashi, professor of medical science, Brown University medical school, March 11.

MEDIA

Panelist, “Reproductive Rights Post-Dobbs,” Cincinnati Edition, WVXU-FM, October 26.

Quoted, “This is the Whole Point of the Movement: Doctors Fear IVF will be the Next Target of GOP’s Abortion Crusade,” *Vanity Fair*, September 28.

Interviewed, *Vanity Fair*, on aftermath of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*.

Quoted, “As an Ohioan, I’m Scared.’ Will Life-at-Fertilization Laws Hurt In Vitro Practices?” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, July 28.

Quoted, “Embryonic Research Could Be the Next Target After *Roe*,” *WIRED*, July 28.

Interviewed, “Infertility Patients Fear Abortion Bans Could Affect Access to IVF Treatment,” NPR, July 21.

Interviewed, “Doctors and Patients are Concerned New Abortion Bans Could Restrict IVF,” Cincinnati Edition, WVXU-FM, July 21.

Interviewed, Quartz, for report on Colorado law eliminating anonymity in gamete donation, July 15.

Interviewed, “The Great Imposter and Me,” ESPN E60 documentary on Barry Bremen, who gained national visibility in the late 1970s and early 1980s as an imposter in major sports events, and was secretly the biological father through sperm donation of more than three dozen people, July 12.

Quoted, “Infertility Patients and Doctors fear Abortion Bans Could Restrict I.V.F.,” *The New York Times*, July 5.

Interviewed, Sky News, United Kingdom, to explain temporary restraining order delaying Kentucky so-called trigger law on abortion, July 1.

Quoted, “With Abortion Laws Shifting, In Vitro Fertilization Providers Wonder if They’re Next,” *Crain’s Chicago Business*, June 30.

Podcast, “Post-Roe Possibilities for Reproductive Medicine,” Law & Policy podcast, American Society for Reproductive Medicine, June 28.

Interviewed, CTV News, Canada, on fertility implications in overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, June 28.

Interviewed Q&A format, “The Impacts and Implications of Overturning *Roe v. Wade*,” *The Northerner*, June 24.

Quoted, “How does Overturning *Roe* affect IVF? Fertility Experts Sound Alarm over Supreme Court Decision,” CNNWire, June 24.

Quoted, “‘If You Can Move Them, Move Them’: Fertility Experts Say the End of *Roe* Raises Huge Questions about the Fate of Frozen Embryos in Red States,” *Fortune*, June 24.

Interviewed, Sky News, United Kingdom, on fertility implications in overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, June 24.

Interviewed, WLEX (Channel 18, Lexington), on fertility implications in overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, June 24.

Interviewed, *CityBeat*, on fertility implications in overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, June 24.

Interviewed, “*Roe v. Wade* Overturn will Impact Fertility Treatments,” Fox19 Morning Show (WXIX, Channel 19, Cincinnati), June 15.

Quoted, “If *Roe* is Overturned, the Ripples could affect IVF and Genetic Testing of Embryos, Experts Warn,” STAT, June 6.

Quoted, “Overturning *Roe* Could Have Major Repercussions for IVF Treatments, Fertility Experts Warn,” CNN online, May 11.

Interviewed, on significance of nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Spectrum News, March 22.

Podcast, EdUp Legal! on legal education, hosted by St. Mary’s University School of Law Dean Patricia Roberts, discussing the expanding presence of Chase in law, business and technology matters, and the \$3 million gift of alumnus W. Bruce Lunsford to expand the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology.

PROFESSIONAL

Invited to serve on advisory board for a National Institutes of Health-funded grant to develop a Framework for Advances in Reprogenomics Ethics and Regulation (FAIRER) as an ethical framework for researchers and institutional review boards in assessing reprotoxigenomics protocols.

Appointed to the board of directors of the Jewish Fertility Foundation, a nonprofit providing financial assistance, emotional support and educational programming to people with medical infertility.

COMMUNITY

Welcome remarks, town hall meeting of Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee to hear public comments, Northern Kentucky University, July 14.



Robert Fournier
W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology Director

PUBLICATION

Book chapter, “The State of Diversity in the Legal Industry,” *Running Legal Like a Business: The Fundamentals of Legal Operations for Law Departments*, PLI Press, 2021.



Amy Halbrook
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

Faculty, American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Four-Day Advanced Trial Skills Institute, June.

Faculty, American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence One-Day Advanced Program, June.

Presentation, Hamilton County (Ohio) Juvenile Defender’s Office, with Children’s Law Center social worker, June.

“Feeling Caught’ and Family Communication Patterns: Theory and Skills Training,” Association of Family and Conciliation Courts fall conference, Cincinnati, November 12.

PROFESSIONAL

Teaching, four-part advanced trial skills training of ABA Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence, focused on experts, evidentiary foundations and electronic evidence.



Jack Harrison
Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

Is a Green Tie Enough? – Truth and Lies in the Courtroom, *Oklahoma Law Review*, University of Oklahoma College of Law, forthcoming.

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “How Did We Get Here? *Casey*, *Roe* and *Dobbs*,” University of Cincinnati Jones Center 2022 Social Justice Colloquium: Reproductive Rights Post-*Dobbs*, October 28.

Panelist, “Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop: Screening Interview Demonstrations and Debriefings,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference, Destin, Florida, July 29.

Moderator, “Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop: Beating the Odds,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference, Destin, Florida, July 28.

Panelist, “Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop: Introduction to the Academy,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference, Destin, Florida, July 28.

“LGBTQ+ Rights in 2022 and in a (Possible) Post-*Roe* World: Intimations from Justice Alito’s Draft Opinion in *Dobbs*,” Cincinnati Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, June 23.

Faculty Scholarship & Activities

Panelist, “Mission Accomplished, or Standing at the Brink? The next 10 Years in Protecting LGBTQ+ Rights in Education and the Workplace,” Cincinnati Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, June 23.

PROFESSIONAL
Chair, Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference organizing committee for Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop series, and participant and adviser in workshop mock position interviews, July.



Dennis Honabach
Professor of Law

COLLEGE
Selected, Class of 2022 Professor of the Year and commencement grand marshal.



Kenneth Katkin
Professor of Law

PRESENTATION
Public forum, “Perspectives on *Dobbs*, Personhood and the 14th Amendment,” The Federalist Society of Northern Kentucky, February 22, 2022.

MEDIA

Interviewed, “Supreme Court to Hear Arguments about College Affirmative Action,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), October 31.

Interviewed, “Law Professor Explains What the Temporary Block of Biden’s Student Loan Forgiveness Means,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), October 22.

Quoted, “Kentucky Constitutional Amendment Would Give Legislature More Power,” WFPL (Louisville public radio), September 28.

Quoted, “U.S. Federal Court Refuses Request to Dig into Juror’s Cellphone,” *The Epoch Times*, September 27.

Quoted, “Pike County Killings: More Witnesses, More Tears to Come in Wagner IV Trial,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, September 19.

Quoted, “P.G. Sittenfeld Jury Issues go to Appeals Court,” WCPO.com, Cincinnati, August 16.

Quoted, “Emergency Order Sought for Ohio Juror’s Cellphone Data,” *The Epoch Times*.

Interviewed, “Northern Kentucky Supreme Court Race Pits Anti-Abortion Legislator Against Sitting Justice,” WFPL (Louisville public radio), July 21.

Interviewed, “Kentucky Politicians, Clinics, Activists Seek Action Following Judge’s Stay on Abortion Ban,” WKRC (Channel 12, Cincinnati), June 30.

Interviewed, “P.G. Sittenfeld Trial Delayed

due to Covid-19,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), June 30.

Interviewed, “Judge Won’t Dismiss P.G. Sittenfeld Crimes, Case goes to Jury,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), June 29.

Quoted, “Kentuckians Will Soon Vote on an Anti-Abortion Constitutional Amendment,” WFPL (Louisville public radio) website, June 29.

Interviewed, “Two FBI Agents in Sittenfeld Case also Probed ‘Other Investigations,’” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), June 27.

Quoted, “How a Few Pens May Cost a Longtime Northern Kentucky Commissioner His Seat,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, June 27.

Interviewed, “FBI Secretly Probed Corruption in Cincinnati Area since September 2017, Three Years before Sittenfeld Arrest,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), June 23.

Interviewed, “Jury Selection Underway in P.G. Sittenfeld’s Corruption Trial,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), June 21.

Interviewed, “Trial for P.G. Sittenfeld begins Tuesday,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), June 20.

Interviewed, “City Hall Corruption Trial May Turn into Cincinnati Soap Opera,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), June 20.

Quoted, “‘Our Country has been Invaded’: Judge Veers into Immigration Debate in Fatal Crash Case,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, June 8.

Interviewed, “What the Ending of Mask Mandates on Planes by a Judge Means for Future Presidents,” WKRC-TV (Channel 12, Cincinnati), April 18.

Interviewed, “Perspective on Proposed Changes to Ohio Bail Procedures,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), March 29.

Interviewed, “Bill Aims to Crack Down on Bail Reform Groups,” WLWT (Channel 5, Cincinnati), February 18, 2022.

Interviewed, “Supreme Court Blocks Vaccine-or-Test Mandate for U.S. Businesses,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), January 13, 2022.

Interviewed, “Supreme Court Hears Arguments on Biden’s Vaccine Mandate for Businesses,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), January 7, 2022.

Interviewed, “Retired NKY Couple Stuck with \$6K Repair Bill after City Water Main Break,” WCPO (Channel 9, Cincinnati), December 27, 2021.

COMMUNITY

Moderator, forum for Northern Kentucky district candidates for the Supreme Court of Kentucky and the Kentucky Court of Appeals, sponsored by Chase, Northern Kentucky League of Women Voters and Northern Kentucky Forum, October 18.

PROFESSIONAL
Litigation, Achieved settlement with Cincinnati Police Department to further provide and to preserve bodycam video of arrests during a Black Lives Matter demon-

stration Memorial Day 2020, under Ohio Public Records Act, March 29.



Jennifer Kinsley
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop: Beating the Odds,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference, Destin, Florida, July 28.

Workshop, “Prospective Law Teachers Workshop: Mock Job Talks,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference, Destin, Florida, July 29.

“United States Supreme Court Update,” Lawyers Club of Greater Cincinnati, May 19.

“Big Tech and Antitrust,” debate format, Chase student chapter Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, April 1.

“Survivorship Stories: How to Harness the Power of Ethical Storytelling,” 13th Annual Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Summit, sponsored by the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives, March 4.

Panelist, “Reimagining Justice: Preventing the Criminalization of Survivors,” Shared Hope International JUST Conference, Washington, D.C., November 17, 2021.

MEDIA

Quoted, “Am I Ever Going to Go Home? A Sex-Trafficking Survivor Calls for Support after Second Arrest,” *Jezebel*, September 24.

“State of Ohio vs. a Sex-Trafficked Teenager,” *The Washington Post*, reporting on her years’ long pro bono work on behalf of a client that led to a grant of clemency, June 8, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL

Pro bono, argued successfully before Ohio First District (Hamilton County) Court of Appeals for appellant in *State v. Scott* that conviction of operating a vehicle with excessively tinted windows requires scientific evidence of translucence, and visual determination is insufficient, August 31.

Oral argument, New York State Tax Appeals Tribunal, Albany, on whether New York can impose sales tax on gratuities paid service employees through credit card transactions, August 25.

Pro bono, legal services to Planned Parenthood Foundation of America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund for matters related to a May 14 “bans off our bodies” protest at Cincinnati Fountain Square in response to a leaked draft opinion by which the Supreme Court of the United States could reverse its holding in *Roe v. Wade*

Elected, Board of Directors of John W. Peck Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Recognized, joint resolution of Ohio General Assembly for advocacy on behalf of human trafficking survivors.

Distance-learning professor, “Commercial Litigation in English,” Center for American Studies for Polish and Ukrainian lawyers.

COLLEGE

Selected, Class of 2022 Professor of the Year and commencement grand marshal.

COMMUNITY

Elected, Judge of the Ohio First District Court of Appeals for Cincinnati and surrounding Hamilton County, November 8.

Award, Inaugural NAACP Northern Kentucky Branch Civil and Human Rights Judicial Advocacy Award for commitment and service to advancing civil and human rights in the courts and the community.



Jennifer Kreder
Professor of Law

PRESENTATION
Panelist, “Culture Wars and the Fight over Looted Artifacts,” Courthouse News Service “Sidebar” podcast, May 24.

CITED
Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, 20 Chapman L. Rev. 16 (2017) and *Historical Record: Nazi-Looted Art Litigation*, 61 Kansas L.

Rev. 100 (2002) in amicus curiae brief of Ambassador James D. Bindenagel to the Supreme Court of the United States in support of petitioner in *Zuckerman v. The Metropolitan Museum of Art* (certiorari denied).

MEDIA

Quoted, “New Law Requires NY Museums to Label Art Stolen by Nazis,” *The Jewish Voice*, September 16.

Quoted, “Blinders Off: Compulsory Labeling for Art Expropriated During the Nazi Era,” *Der Standard* (German language), September 16.

Quoted, “New York State Wants Museums to Label their Nazi-Looted Art. Will Anything Change?” *Forward*, August 26.

PROFESSIONAL
Amicus curiae, conflict-of-laws argument that California property law, not Spain’s, should be applied in determining ownership of impressionist masterpiece stolen by Nazi Germany adopted by Supreme Court of the United States, reversing lower courts, *Cassirer v. Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection Foundation*, April 21.

Appointed, advisory board of Center for Art Law, an independent organization for educational resources and programming.

Distance-learning professor, “International Sales Transactions and Commercial Contract Drafting,” Center For American Studies in Poland, February 25-27, 2022.



Alex Kreit
Assistant Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

“Covering Mass Incarceration in Criminal Law Courses,” CrimFest! 2022, Cardozo Law School, New York City, July 18.

Moderator and discussant, “Marijuana, Justice and Public Safety,” Cannabis, Criminal Justice & Clemency Symposium, United States Capitol Complex, Washington, D.C., July 20.

“Safe Injection Sites and Enforcement Discretion,” American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics annual health law professors conference at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, June 3.

Panelist, “Racial Equity and Cannabis,” National Interdisciplinary Cannabis Symposium, California Western School of Law, San Diego, May 21.

“Defending in Drug-Induced Death Cases,” Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey Forensic Science Summit, March 22.

Panelist, “Abolition, Pleasure, and Vice,” *UCLA Law Review* conference, “Toward an Abolitionist Future,” January 28, 2022.

CITED

Ensuring Marijuana Reform is Effective Criminal Justice Reform, 52 Ariz. St. L.J. 741 (2020), with Douglas A. Berman, in *Walcott v. Garland*, 21 F.4th 590, 600 (9th Cir. 2021).

MEDIA

Quoted, “Explainer: What will Change if Federal Marijuana Ban is Loosened?” Reuters, October 8.

Quoted, “Biden Quietly Making a Radical Shift in Opioid Policy,” Courthouse News Service, September 19.

Quoted, “Draft SCOTUS Abortion Ruling Argues that Letting *Roe* Stand Could Lead to Drug Legalization,” Marijuana Movement, May 5.

Interviewed, “What’s Going on with Marijuana Policy in Wisconsin, Other States, on the Federal Level” Wisconsin Public Radio, April 21.

GOVERNMENT

Appointed, by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear to 17-member Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee to study public sentiment on possible legalization of medical cannabis in certain medical treatments, June 14.

COMMUNITY

Committee member, Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee to hear public comments, Northern Kentucky University, July 14.

Faculty Scholarship & Activities



Danielle Lewis
Visiting Assistant
Professor and Director of
Trial and Appellate
Advocacy Programs

PUBLICATIONS

Effective Editing: Less is More, Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar, September/October.

From the Courtroom to the Classroom: Reflecting on the Transition from Practice to Professor, University of Oregon School of Law Proceedings, Spring 2022.

Knowing Your Purpose: Key Differences Between Objective and Persuasive

Writing and How to Do Both Well, Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar, March-April 2022.

PRESENTATION

“(Not) Just Visiting: Navigating Early Careers in Legal Writing,” University of Oregon School of Law, December 3, 2021.



Michael Mannheimer
Professor of Law

PUBLICATION

Fugitives From Slavery and the Lost History of the Fourth Amendment, 25 U. Pa. J. Const. L. ____ (forthcoming 2023).

PRESENTATIONS

“Perception vs. Reality: How Evolving Understandings of Technology Influence Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence,” Association of American Law Schools 2023 annual meeting panel sponsored by Section on Criminal Justice, January 6.

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

“Splitting the Exclusionary Rule,” CrimFest! 2022, Cardozo Law School, New York City, July 18.

Two chapters in his forthcoming book, *The Fourth Amendment:*

Original Understandings and Modern Policing, at Vanderbilt Law School Criminal Justice Roundtable, November 12 and 13, 2021.

CITED

Toward a Unified Theory of Testimonial Evidence Under the Fifth and Sixth Amendments, 80 Temp. L. Rev. 1135 (2007), Supreme Court of Connecticut in *State v. Patel* (March 2022).

MEDIA

Interviewed, The Academic Minute, National Public Radio, on his analysis of the original meaning of the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, November 2.

Quoted, “Why One Officer in the Breonna Taylor Case is Being Charged Twice,” *Insider*, August 6.



Lawrence Rosenthal
Associate Dean and
Professor of Legal
Writing

PUBLICATION

“You Don’t Bring Me Flowers Anymore”: President Clinton, Paula Jones, and Why Courts Should Expand the Definition of “Adverse Employment Action” Under Title VII’s Anti-Retaliation Provision, *St. John’s Law Review*, St. John’s University School of Law, forthcoming.

Professor Singleton Elected to American Law Institute

Professor David Singleton has become the fourth Salmon P. Chase College of Law faculty member elected to the American Law Institute, the highly regarded source of scholarly works on clarifying, modernizing and improving the law, widely known for its Restatements of the Law series.

Other elected members at Chase are Dean and Professor Judith Daar, Associate Dean and Professor Lawrence Rosenthal and Professor Michael Mannheimer.

Professor Singleton is the director of the Constitutional Litigation Clinic, in which students handle civil rights claims for incarcerated and former offenders, who has taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Complex Problem Solving and Voir Dire Strategies.

His law review publications include *Restoring Humanity by Forgetting the Past*, 81 Ohio St. L.J. 1011 (2020) and his seminar presentations include “Back-End Advocacy: Second Chances and Second Looks,” at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Presidential Summit & Sentencing Symposium, in conjunction with Georgetown University Law Center in October 2020.

His “second chance” advocacy for convicted offenders who have completed a significant portion of sentences and shown personal change centers on a project he launched in 2019, called Beyond Guilt. It pursues a seemingly counterintuitive strategy for seeking early releases: Ask prosecutors who convicted an inmate and family members of a victim to join him in petitioning for



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early release, followed by connections to mentoring and social services.

In addition to his clinic and teaching roles at Chase, Professor Singleton is executive director of the Ohio Justice & Policy Center, a non-profit law office that focuses on criminal justice and prison reform through representation or litigation of individuals’ cases.

The American Law Institute, with elected membership from among leading voices among judges, lawyers and professors, was founded in 1923. Among its incorporators was Cincinnati and Chief Justice of the United States and former President William Howard Taft.

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