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'ON THE BRINK OF SOMETHING GREAT'

Statue of young Lincoln predicts future of Chase students

A new sculpture of President Abraham Lincoln now stands on the lawn in front of Nunn Hall. The bronze sculpture, which features a young Lincoln holding an ax in one hand and a book in the other, was a gift made possible through the generosity of Oakley and Eva G. Farris.

The unveiling and dedication ceremony, held in late November, was prefaced by remarks from Chase Dean Dennis R. Honabach, NKU President James C. Votruba, Chase professor and Lincoln scholar Roger Billings, benefactor Oakley Farris and sculptor Matt Langford.

Lincoln and Salmon P. Chase shared a long history that included Lincoln's

appointing Chase Secretary of the Treasury of the United States in 1861 and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1864. A quote Lincoln made regarding Salmon P. Chase is at the foot of the sculpture: "Of all the great men I have ever known, [Salmon P.] Chase is equal to about one and a half of the best of them."

NKU President James Votruba remarked that it is fitting that the sculpture of a young Abraham Lincoln should be positioned in front of the law school where, like young Lincoln looking to the future, Chase students "are on the brink of something great."



PRESIDENT JAMES VOTRUBA AND CHASE DEAN DENNIS HONABACH, AT LEFT, JOIN BENEFACTOR OAKLEY FARRIS, U.S. CONGRESSMAN GEOFF DAVIS, AND CHASE PROFESSOR AND LINCOLN SCHOLAR ROGER BILLINGS, AT RIGHT, IN APPLAUSE AT THE UNVEILING OF THE LINCOLN SCULPTURE IN FRONT OF NUNN HALL.

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DEAN HONABACH DELIVERS A WARM WELCOME TO INCOMING CHASE STUDENTS AT THE RECEPTION FOR NEW STUDENTS THAT IS HOSTED EACH YEAR BY THE CHASE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.



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FROM GOOD TO GREAT

NEW DEAN SHARES VISION OF CHASE'S NEXT PHASE

Q What is your vision for Chase in terms of the direction it should be heading to keep pace with the changes occurring in both the field of legal education and the actual practice of law?

A We want NKU Chase to become the law school of choice in the region. That's a lofty goal. To achieve it we need to recognize that the legal profession is changing and that legal education in turn must change as well. And we must do more than simply keep pace with that change; NKU Chase Law must be a leader in that change.

Good law schools have always prided themselves in teaching law students "how to think like a lawyer." Great law schools have provided their students with more than just the basic analytical tools, however; they have made sure that their students have left law school with both substantive knowledge and a solid grounding in theory. The advent of the Internet may have lessened the importance of acquiring knowledge, but the

DEAN HONABACH, CENTER, SHAKES HANDS WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN GEOFF DAVIS. STANDING BESIDE DAVIS ARE ROGER BILLINGS, CHASE PROFESSOR, AND MATT LANGFORD, LINCOLN STATUE SCULPTOR. TO THE LEFT ARE OAKLEY FARRIS, NKU BENEFACTOR, AND NKU PRESIDENT JAMES VOTRUBA.



LAVERNE MULLIGAN OF THE CHASE LIBRARY STAFF TALKS WITH DEAN HONABACH AT THE STAFF-DEAN LUNCHEON THAT WAS HELD TO INTRODUCE THE NEW DEAN TO STAFF MEMBERS SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.

importance of providing law students with a broad base of basic lawyering skills – the ability to draft, to negotiate, and to counsel, just to name a few – has grown exponentially.

The great schools of tomorrow will equip their students with those skills. They will, to paraphrase Professor Richard Danzig, teach their students both to soar with the eagles ... and to pay cash! Theory and knowledge without sound judgment and legal skills are of little help to our graduates or to their clients.

Bringing the kind of change we need to legal education will not be easy. Many of the traditions that we law school professors hold dear may no longer be appropriate in the education environment we face. We need to recognize that today's law students learn differently. They arrive at our doors with different life experiences, different talents and different needs. It's our job to meet those needs. That is not to say we should simply become consumer-driven providers of legal "stuff" who pander to students. Our students come to us with no real idea of what it takes to become a lawyer. They look to us for our expertise and guidance. We must fashion a program that prepares tomorrow's NKU Chase grads for entry into the legal profession.

My goal is to ensure that NKU Chase provides our students an environment characterized by excellence – excellence in teaching, excellence in learning and excellence in professionalism. I want

the next generation of our graduates to be as proud to have attended Chase as are our current alumni.

Q How do you envision NKU Chase's role evolving as it moves into the next phase of its development?

A Let's be honest. It took an enormous amount of energy, talent and dedication on the part of alumni, students, faculty and staff to make this program succeed for the nearly three-quarters of a century that Chase was part of the YMCA in downtown Cincinnati.

Making the transition to being a part of Northern Kentucky University and adding a full-time day division – becoming a dual-division school – required the Chase community to develop a new culture, a new tradition. That development required a different kind of talent and more hard work and dedication. The NKU Chase family met that challenge as well.

And look how many great lawyers we have educated in the process!

Now, we are entering the next phase. Our graduates will enter a professional environment that is more competitive, one that requires more skills. They will find a legal field in which narrow areas of expertise have developed within the law. While our students need to have mastered the fundamentals before



graduation, they must also acquire the practice skills that will enable them to succeed in the rapidly changing legal profession they will enter. They will need to be as practice-ready as possible. And they will need to have learned how to learn. The profession they will face will continue to evolve at breakneck speeds.

At the same time, we must focus our efforts. The “plain vanilla” approach to legal education in which law schools try to provide everything for everybody no longer serves the professional needs of law students. We will face the need to make hard choices. I think the future of legal education lies in improving the skills training of law students. It is not enough that today’s law students learn to think like lawyers; they need to learn to act like lawyers. I think that taking on that challenge is a natural extension of NKU Chase’s tradition of being “the lawyers’ law school.”

Q What are the prospects for achieving your goal for positioning NKU Chase as one of the 21st century’s leading law schools?

A While the challenges are daunting for any law school, I am very confident that we can achieve our goal. We have the team to do it; we have the right people on the bus. Our faculty members understand the challenges facing our students, and they are willing to do whatever it takes to make NKU Chase the law school of choice for a large number of students. You can see their commitment in the classrooms, in their scholarship and in their involvement in the community. Our staff members are amazing. They are committed to the success of our students, not because that is their nine-to-five jobs but because they genuinely take pride in our students’ success. The university leadership is squarely behind us. President Votruba and Provost Wells appreciate the importance of the law school to the university and to the region. Finally – and most importantly – both our alumni and the northern Kentucky/greater Cincinnati legal profession stand behind us, ready to support our efforts.

That broad-based commitment to our future is what makes being a part of the NKU Chase family so exciting. Our challenge will be to harness that energy and those resources to create a program of legal education that will make us a premier law school in the region.

Q What are your plans for expanding alumni involvement in the College of Law?

A While we already enjoy solid support from our graduates in the tri-state region, we must find ways to broaden the base of alumni participation to include graduates who reside outside of the tri-state area. We must develop more opportunities for our alumni from throughout the nation to participate in our program. Alumni support is critical to the success of any great law school. Our alumni have been generous in their financial support; I hope that support will grow as we provide our alumni with new programs in which to invest. Financial support alone is not sufficient. We need our alumni to

lend their help in counseling and mentoring our students. We need our alumni to demonstrate the importance of leadership to our students. We need them to bring their practice skills and their insights into our program. And we need them to open doors for students, to introduce them to the profession. Legal education is much too important a task to leave it solely in the hands of we law professors. By forming a partnership between the professoriate and the practicing bar, we can give our students the best possible educational experience.

One of the challenges I face is finding the time to meet with alumni who are scattered throughout 47 states. I have already met with a number of alumni in the Washington, D.C., area, along the west coast of Florida, and closer to home in Louisville, Lexington, Frankfort, Bowling Green and Indianapolis. But those trips are just the beginning of what I hope will become a tradition of alumni gatherings across the nation.

Let me share a fact. Meeting with our alumni is one of the best parts of being a dean. Our alumni want NKU Chase to continue to develop, and they support the law school in so many ways, providing the basis for even broader alumni involvement. Because of the varied positions and offices they occupy in the bar, in the judiciary, in corporate leadership and in public service, they bring to the table many exciting ideas to exchange and insights to share with our students. I am confident that kind of influence and interaction just makes our students better prepared to go out and make their marks. I think it will energize our students; I know it does me.

Q Did you always intend to become a lawyer?

A To be honest, no. I grew up in a small coal-mining town in Pennsylvania. Like many of our NKU Chase alumni, I was the first member of my family to graduate from college. There are no lawyers in my family. I am not even sure I fully understood what lawyers did when I first thought about sitting for the LSAT. My mentors encouraged me to give law school a shot. I have never been sorry I did. I consider my time in law school to be three of the most enjoyable years in my life.

Q What prompted you to become an educator?

A While I came to consider law as a career only after I entered college, I always felt the tug of being an educator. I love the classroom and students. Teaching must be one of the most rewarding careers in life. Teaching permits you to use the gifts you have to help others develop their own talents. As a teacher, you draw your lifeblood from your students. Watching your students transform from confused entering law students into confident, thoughtful graduates and then later into successful lawyers, judges, legislators and leaders in all fields is a source of real pride. To play a small role in someone’s success is the best reward anyone can ask or hope for.

Even though I enjoy the challenges of the dean’s office, I cannot

imagine totally abandoning the classroom. I continue to teach, in part – I tell myself – because I do not believe a dean can really understand how a law school runs without that connection to the classroom. The real reason I teach, however, is that I love interacting with students. This past semester I filled in for one of my colleagues in Torts II and I am loving it! My students are incredibly talented. Working with them makes my day.

Q Of your move from Washburn University School of Law in Kansas to NKU Chase in Kentucky, have there been any surprises you were not anticipating since arriving at NKU Chase?

A Not really. I came here hoping to find a university community committed to excellence. I haven't been disappointed. Anyone who has crossed paths with President Votruba knows he will not settle for anything less than excellence. He constantly reminds all of us at the university that we are here because we are talented and that we work hard but that there are still horizons we have not reached. That's the spirit that makes this institution work. My wife, Carol, and I take great joy in becoming a part of both an institution and a community that are building and growing from a base of strength.

When my friends have asked me about northern Kentucky, I have encouraged them to come see for themselves the energy and growth in the region. Indeed I have joked that northern Kentucky is booming so much that perhaps the construction crane should be named the regional bird.

Let me share a story that captures a bit of the feeling around campus. One evening last December after the staff had already left for the day, I encountered a law student just outside our offices with her infant child and her young son. The little boy had told his mother he wanted to see what was going on at the student center construction site adjacent to the law school. He wanted to see all of the construction equipment and activity outside my window. I invited them in and turned the office lights out so that he could see without the reflection of the windows. I think that little guy could have stood there for hours just watching. I wonder whether he will someday stand out in the completed center and tell a fellow student that he can remember watching that new building rising before his eyes. If he can, he will join thousands of others who will be able to share their stories about the time when Northern Kentucky University blossomed on the hill.

Q What are some things you would like to see change over time?

A In addition to the kinds of curriculum changes I've discussed above, I will continue to lobby for a new building. While Nunn Hall remains functional, it will not fully meet the future needs of our program. We will need more rooms suitable for skills training and more spaces for interactive study. Most importantly, we must create more opportunities for spontaneous interaction between faculty and students. The current configuration separates students and faculty. We are on the fifth floor; students



DEAN DENNIS HONABACH GREET'S ANN SCHOEN '94, LEFT, BERNIE MCKAY '94 AND CHRIS VISSMAN '85 AT THE DEAN'S CIRCLE LUNCHEON.



CHASE PROFESSOR JOHN BICKERS, AT LEFT, IS SEEN HERE TALKING WITH DEAN HONABACH AND CHASE ALUMNUS DAN MEYER '67 AT THE DEAN'S CIRCLE LUNCHEON.

occupy the second, third and fourth floors. They rarely venture to the fifth floor unless they have a very specific reason for doing so, such as keeping an appointment with a faculty member or transacting some kind of business related to their attendance or coursework. Yet, I believe, the most valuable student-faculty interaction often occurs over a cup of coffee or a can of cola when students and faculty members can go beyond the classroom discussion. Moreover, as our alumni become more of an integral part of our program, we will need a comfortable, inviting space in which they, too, can interact with both faculty and students. The funding and construction of a new law school building could do much to create the kind of scholarly, professional community we need.

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local government law center is here to serve

Of the many programs and services about which Chase College of Law can boast, one that has a particularly long and welcome reach is its Local Government Law Center. The center serves local governments throughout the commonwealth and beyond, and it is one of only three such centers based at law schools in the country whose focus is largely on local government law.

According to director and Chase professor Phillip M. Sparkes, the other two centers are the Government Law Center at Albany Law School in Albany, N.Y., and the Municipal Law Center at Pace Law School in White Plains, N.Y.

“We are unique in our region and insofar as I know the only center of its kind that is based at a public law school,” Sparkes notes. “There are a couple of states that have centers like this in a public university, but they aren’t law-school based.”

Local government is pervasive in people’s lives, Sparkes points out. Birth and death certificates, report cards, driver’s and marriage licenses, traffic tickets, and tax bills, for example, are evidence of the fact that almost every aspect of a person’s life brings him or her into contact with local government.

“For our students, then, there is little that we teach in law school that doesn’t come into play in some aspect of dealing with local government, either in the representation of local government or assisting private individuals in their dealings with local government,” he says. “For me, one of the delights of being an attorney who works in this field is that I get to be a generalist and a specialist at the same time.”

The evolution of a center

Sparkes confides that as a kid growing up his grand ambition was to be a physicist. But he opted for chemistry as a major instead when he acknowledged that he “did not have a facility for the kind of math needed to do the physics I wanted to do.” Studying chemistry as an undergraduate, Sparkes says he took an interest in what he describes as “the interplay between science and law.”

“This was the heyday of environmental legislation in Congress – the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act – and so I became interested in the way that law and science interacted in the development of public policy,” he explains.

Upon graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he took a job as an environmental chemist, where he worked on air and water pollution control and also industrial hygiene (evaluating chemical safety in the workplace). Having lawyers and regulators visiting his lab with fair frequency, he found it sometimes difficult to communicate with them.

“And so I thought to enhance my chemistry career I would go to law school and learn to speak the lingo and discovered in law school that I was in fact a better lawyer than I was a chemist,” he says. He attributes much of his subsequent professional success to the ability he acquired to translate among scientists, regulators, lawyers and the public.

Though Sparkes enrolled in DePaul University College of Law without the intention to practice law, he changed his mind in the course of his studies, then landed a job as an intern in an agency

doing land-use work while preparing to take the bar exam. That was his introduction to local government law. During his stint there, he was offered the position as counsel to the Office of Fire Prevention and Control in the New York Department of State and ultimately became the managing attorney for the department.

After taking a leave of absence to obtain an LL.M. in international and comparative law from Notre Dame Law School's London Law Centre, Sparkes returned to work at the New York Department of State before landing his position at Chase.

"The decision to come to Chase was pretty easy," comments Sparkes of his first foray into teaching. "Chase has a reputation for turning out lawyers who work with people in ways that affect their lives directly. These are the typical problems that need a lawyer's help, and Chase lawyers are good at dealing with that. Because local government is so pervasive a part of that process, the fact that there was a local government law center here meshes nicely with educating those lawyers who are going to have that kind of impact on the lives of ordinary people. Here was a chance to do both the kind of law that I enjoy doing and at the same time have an opportunity to influence the training of good lawyers."

The Local Government Law Center began in 1987 as the Kentucky Municipal Law Center. While housed in Nunn Hall, it was not a component of the College of Law. Ten years later it was reorganized, renamed the Local Government Law Center and folded into the law school. Sparkes joined the program in 1999. Kathleen Gormley Johnson serves as the assistant director.

A stool with four legs

Sparkes describes the center as a stool with four legs: a resource that provides technical support to local government, a locus for some of the clinical programs at Chase, a place from which to teach substantive courses in state and local government and a vehicle that serves the university's outreach and public engagement mission.

Support for local government

As a provider of research, training and technical support to local governments, the center provides services to a variety of individuals who work with them.

"The spectrum of lawyers who have an interest in local government law includes four groups: lawyers who don't necessarily practice law but who are active in politics or who hold elective or appointive office in their own right; lawyers who are primarily full-time government lawyers; lawyers who are primarily private lawyers but who have governmental clients such as cities or agencies; and lawyers whose practice is almost exclusively private but aspects of whose practice affect the way that government shapes the lives of the people they represent," Sparkes says.

"The kinds of questions that I get cover literally the alphabet from administrative law on one end to zoning at the other end and almost everything in between. There are a lot of questions about powers and duties of government and powers and duties of government officials. There are lots of questions about open meetings and open records and other procedural aspects of governmental work both internal such as discipline of a government employee and external such as their procedures and local government decision making. There are often some highly technical questions that might come up."

Sparkes points out that although the Local Government Law Center has the word "law" in its title and is part of the College of Law, it serves a clientele that is not limited to attorneys.



CHASE STUDENT JOHN CAUSEY IS DOING AN EXTERNSHIP THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW CENTER, WORKING WITH MIKE HAMMONS, PRESIDENT OF VISION 2015.

He hears quite regularly from city and county clerks, for instance, who tend to be the officials who are in the city and county offices on a more regular basis. In addition, he hears from other elected officials, as well.

"The questions callers ask can be basically the same, although the way I answer the questions is different if I have an appreciation for the position that person occupies," he explains. "If the person is simply reporting back to someone else, the answer I give is fairly short and direct so that it doesn't get lost in translation."

If I know that the caller is someone involved in the formulation of policy, our discussion might have a wider range and explore a series of options. If I know that the caller is an attorney, I might alert him or her to some areas where the law is unsettled or where the law is changing so that that attorney is in a better position to advise his or her client about the relative risks when considering a particular course of action.

“Now, in all three instances the caller might be calling about the same subject matter, but my response is tailored to the individual that is calling.”

The center also houses what is, to Sparkes’ knowledge, the largest collection anywhere of ordinances of Kentucky cities and counties. The collection is a research tool for students, for example, who are writing papers on matters pertaining to state and local government. It is also a reservoir of samples for practitioners looking for help with a problem. Sparkes says that having these materials available at the center in addition to the books in its collection, the College of Law Library or the university’s Steely Library is a very cost-effective way of allowing local government officials to have access to specialized information about local government. This information would otherwise be prohibitively expensive to reproduce even regionally, let alone at the level of every local government throughout the state.

While other entities exist to assist those dealing with state and local government issues such as the Governor’s Office for Local Development, the Kentucky League of Cities and Kentucky Association of Counties, and the Office of the Attorney General, Chase Local Government Law Center fills a niche that enables it to complement these other sources.

“We have no regulatory stake, no reason to favor one form of local government over another, no official position, and I have the luxury of speaking from the perspective of an academic without a bias toward a particular ideology or outcome,” says Sparkes.

Instructional and clinical components

Both teaching and clinical experience form the instructional component of the center. The clinical experience uses a model in which students are placed with state and local government agencies in a substantive area of interest in which they think they might like to practice. Over the years, the center has placed students in the governor’s office, with the state legislature, with county government, with city government, with state agencies and even sometimes with federal agencies. Students are given academic credit for these externships, which also have a classroom component associated with them. Students not only share their experiences working in their respective settings but also get a chance to hear from practitioners who are working in yet other areas of state and local government. Internships are also available for students to work at the center and help to provide services to local governments.

“On the more formal side of teaching we equip our students to deal with the kinds of transactions they will encounter in practice whether their client is a governmental client or whether their client is an ordinary citizen who has a dealing with local government for which they need a lawyer’s help,” Sparkes says.

All the courses taught under the umbrella of local government law are elective, but Sparkes recommends that students consider taking the survey course in state and local government before they leave law school as a way to tie together some threads that were



PROFESSOR PHILLIP SPARKES TEACHING CLASS. BOTH TEACHING AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FORM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COMPONENT OF THE CENTER.

picked up in other courses and think about them in a way that is a little different than at the time they encountered them originally.

“For example, dealing with an issue of constitutional law like separation of powers – separation of powers plays itself out differently at the state and local government level than it does at the federal level, which is where we study it in constitutional law,” Sparkes says. “It gives students a chance to explore differences between ideas that they’ve seen before, but the context is a little different.

Outreach

“Speaking and training and public awareness and public education are the fourth leg of the stool that I described earlier. I have provided training and education to local government officials in a local-government training context and to attorneys in a CLE context. I participate in a variety of public forums where the members of the public are invited to participate. I’ve also been involved in projects like Vision 2015, the long-range planning exercise in northern Kentucky a year ago. Our website also offers a variety of research links to sources of information and we have a newsletter – *Local Government Law News* – that is distributed widely throughout the commonwealth and is also online, so people with an interest in local government generally can avail themselves of these different opportunities to acquire more knowledge about the way local government and communities interact.”

For Sparkes, one of the many interesting aspects of his work at the center is watching how solutions to problems evolve.

“While problems are rarely new – somebody somewhere has probably encountered the same problem before – successful solutions to the problems always have a local quality,” he adds. “What worked in one place never gets perfectly reproduced someplace else, and seeing what makes it work in its new setting is tremendously satisfying.”

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alumni – movers, shakers and policy makers



JIM PARSONS IS NOW OF COUNSEL WITH TAFT, STETTINIUS AND HOLLISTER IN ITS NORTHERN KENTUCKY OFFICE.

It was not necessarily an entirely direct route from point A to point B that led Jim Parsons '80 into a long-term career in local government. An undergraduate internship for his urban studies degree from NKU resulted in his being hired by Boone County at the conclusion of that program.

"I continued to work for Boone County while I attended the evening division at Chase," Parsons recalls.

After leaving Boone County, Parsons became assistant city solicitor for the city of Newport. During his 17-year tenure there, he also held the positions of assistant law director, law director and eventually city manager.

"I was very involved in a number of developments in Newport, including the Newport Aquarium and Newport on the Levee," he adds.

The route that initially led him to Boone County came full circle when he returned there in 1999 to serve as the Boone County administrator.

In his experiences of working for both a city and a county government, Parsons says he utilized the services and resources of the Local Government Law Center. He believes that having a state-recognized center here at Chase "has raised the stature of the region."

"The center complements NKU's efforts to expand its involvement in local public policy development," he points out. "The center is a great resource for the bar relating to municipal issues."

Parsons encourages young practitioners who may be contemplating a career in local government law by citing the many opportunities that are available and saying simply – "Get involved."

"Understand the intricacies of municipal government law," he advises. "Much of what you learn in law school regarding contracts, etc., has been modified in the government area."

For him, being a part of the growth of northern Kentucky has been the most rewarding aspect of the positions he has held.

"In local government, you are more directly involved and can see directly the impact of your work," he explains.

Upon retiring after 27 years in the local government law arena, Parsons is now of counsel with Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP in its Kentucky office, where he is a member of the firm's business and finance department and the public law and public finance practice groups.

Parsons is married to Gayle Hoffman '80, and they have two daughters, Audrey and Claire.



COVINGTON CITY MANAGER JAY FOSSETT TAKES OBVIOUS PRIDE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT THAT ABOUNDS IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON.

Covington's current city manager, Jay Fossett '87, says he never anticipated a career in local government, although he did a lot of municipal and zoning litigation in private practice.

"Ironically, the job at the city of Covington came about from my work as an adjunct professor at Chase," he explains. "In one of my trial advocacy classes, I had a student named Alex Edmondson '00, who shortly after graduating from Chase was elected as a Covington city commissioner. He approached me about working as the city's first full-time city solicitor. After rejecting this offer on at least two occasions, Commissioner Edmondson persistently encouraged me to take the job, which I did."

The Ft. Thomas resident, who has been a trial attorney and journalist, grew up in Latonia and graduated from Holmes High School. He earned his undergraduate degree in journalism and political science from the University of Kentucky, where he served as editor of UK's newspaper, *The Kentucky Kernel*, an independent daily. Following graduation, Fossett worked for *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and *The Louisville Courier-Journal* as a reporter and at *The Kentucky Post* as a reporter and copyeditor.

While attending Chase, Fossett was editor-in-chief of the *Northern Kentucky Law Review* and founder and editor-in-chief

of *The Paper Chase*, the law school's student newspaper at the time.

"I have utilized the Local Government Law Center at Chase and found its services to be invaluable. It is a fabulous resource for municipalities in Kentucky. I also hired Chase graduate Farrah Vaughn '03 in the city solicitor's office after receiving a referral from the center."

Fossett says he would urge new practitioners looking to work in the field of local government law "to try to get an internship with a municipal legal department or a law firm that practices municipal law to see if you like the practice."

Fossett has found the most satisfying part of his job as a local government lawyer to be drafting legislation and helping put together development plans that have made a difference in the city of Covington, such as eliminating criminal activity and blighted properties or paving the way for the development of the Arts District, loft condos and new businesses in downtown, as a few examples.

"It's a very exciting time to be working in city government in Covington," Fossett says, citing \$110 million in residential development projects under construction in the downtown area and the establishment of many new businesses located in the city.

Fossett is married to attorney Barb Arnzen '89, and they are the parents of three children: Meredith, Alyson and John Jay "Jack" Jr.

Clint Harris '86



Clint Harris '86 did not anticipate working in local government when he graduated from law school, but when a job offer from Chase alumnus Clay Bishop '82 came his way, he accepted the position as assistant Clay County attorney. Ten years ago, he found himself following in the footsteps of yet another Chase graduate, Gary Gregory '81, who left his post as attorney for Manchester, Ky., when he became Commonwealth's Attorney. Harris was offered the position as city attorney by the mayor and council.

In his work for the city of Manchester, Harris relied on the services and resources of the Local Government Law Center on numerous occasions.

"Seems like anytime I need quick information, a call to the Chase Local Government Law Center is the best course of action," Harris says. "My opinion is that the services provided by Phil Sparkes and his staff are priceless to our city. I can't imagine how a city of such a size as Manchester could ask for any better source for information and problem solving. I can't recall a request that has not been handled quickly and professionally; in fact, I don't know what I would do without them.

"The Local Government Law Center at Chase may be my most used resource for help with issues that come up. Any city attorney that does not use the available services is really looking over a resource that can make his or her job a whole lot easier."

While Harris points out that a career in local government law "is not a path to monetary riches," he nonetheless derived much fulfillment in his work with the city of Manchester, explaining that he has watched as roads were surfaced and water treatment plants and sewer treatment plants were expanded and updated to meet the needs of the city's growing community.

"I have had the opportunity to be on the front line as sewer lines were taken to areas in need of their disposal abilities," he recalls. "I have participated in seeing miles and miles of water lines run through Clay County to the point that in our very rural area, the city of Manchester is providing fresh clean water to almost every home in the county – some of which have never had running water and if they did the quality was so bad that about all you could say about the water is that it was wet. I guess the rewards are not always counted in dollars and cents but in how much help you can be for those in the community."

Glenn Denton '95



Glenn Denton '95 has always known what path he would follow in life, and that quite literally mimicked the one his father walked before him.

"I fall into the category of a son who followed in his father's footsteps," Denton says. "My father, W. David Denton, has been the attorney for the city of Paducah for a very long time. Since I was a little boy, I knew I wanted to be an attorney, and more specifically, a city attorney. I now represent cities, counties, city boards, county boards and other local government entities."

According to Denton, Chase's Local

Government Law Center does "an excellent job serving as a repository for the information needed to assist local governments with solving problems, avoiding problems, fulfilling responsibilities and improving communities throughout Kentucky.

"I have used it to obtain templates and research for ordinances and fiscal court orders and for the review of local government issues," he explains.

Denton cited the Local Government Law Center's newsletter as perhaps the best example of its impact on the state and its various regions.



Amy (Hale) Milliken '96

Amy (Hale) Milliken '96, county attorney for Warren County (Ky.), also followed in family footsteps in obtaining her current position to which she was appointed in April 2004 to fill an unexpired term. She was subsequently elected in November of that same year and re-elected to a four-year term two years later. Prior to this, she served as an assistant county attorney from 1996 to 2004.

"My grandfather was a local magistrate, and I remember as a child going to town with my grandparents on Fridays so that my grandfather could attend fiscal court," she recalls. "Even after he was no longer a magistrate, I can't remember many meetings that he missed. It was truly a social affair.

"In addition, my uncle was jailer of Warren County for many years. I remember the summer campaigning – chili suppers and pancake breakfasts. In fact, I can't remember not campaigning. Campaigning must be in my blood, too.

"As I grew older, every summer during high school and college I worked for the Warren County judge-executive. Judge-Executive Basil Griffin served Warren County for well over 30 years. He allowed me to experience all aspects of county government – from the operations of the parks and recreation department to issuing building permits, to preparing resolutions for fiscal court, to riding in the dump truck with our road crew. I experienced almost every aspect of county government. He always encouraged me to learn it from the ground up so that I would have a good working knowledge when I came back from law school. He always knew I would go to law school and return to serve the citizens of Warren County."

Upon graduating from Chase, Milliken started working with the county attorney as an assistant. She worked mainly with the fiscal court and the various departments of county government.

"Knowing that I had a passion for local government law, I wanted to focus my field of study on issues pertaining to this field," she adds. "Chase offered many classes that helped me prepare for my future career."

Like her colleagues in the field, Milliken regards Chase's Local Government Law Center as an excellent resource for the attorneys who practice local government law, finding its newsletters particularly enlightening.

"They are very helpful to me and keep me updated on the issues that really concern my practice," she says. Additionally, she says Chase has the only Local Government Law Center in the state, and she adds it "is widely recognized and respected."

"I truly think the impact is immeasurable. It is a great relief to know that I can pick up the phone and discuss issues or get the support that I need. Having a center that is specialized – in such a specialized field – that is just a phone call or e-mail away is so valuable to me."

Milliken encourages those thinking about local government as a practice area to attend the meetings of their local government and get to know their elected officials and department heads.

"Let them know you are there to help and are willing to assist them at any time, and they will start including you when they need a problem solved," she advises.

"The most rewarding part of my fiscal court/local government-related work is being able to help our citizens," she adds. "I enjoy receiving the calls from the public and working with the different departments in order to solve their problems. I enjoy reviewing the law to understand what we can do and should do in order to assist. I feel a great deal of satisfaction solving problems and working with people."

Milliken credits Chase Professor Caryl Yzenbaard with fueling her knowledge and love of property issues that surround some of the problems she sees on a daily basis.

A 1993 graduate of Western Kentucky University, Milliken is married to Chase graduate Wesley Milliken '94 and is partner in Milliken Law Firm in Bowling Green. They are the parents of two daughters, Abby, 9, and Chloe, 5.

"Good and great ideas are frequently copied after you hear how another local government has done something," he points out. "When the Chase Local Government Law Center spreads the word on any given issue, solution or pitfall, it is making a difference throughout Kentucky for local governments of every kind."

Meeting the people involved in local government at every level is what Denton regards as the most gratifying aspect of his job.

"Public officials take great pride in their city or county or board," he says. "They are

constantly trying to figure out how to improve or better something. This outlook frequently filters down to managers, administrators, department heads and employees. It is rewarding to see individuals collectively working toward positive goals for the benefit of a community, or even more frequently now, for an entire region."

In advising future or new practitioners entering the arena of local government law, Denton says they need to know and understand who their client is.

"You do not work for any one mayor, judge-executive, commissioner or member.

You work for the local government entity. Elected officials come and go. Cities, counties, boards remain. The hardest concept for a new practitioner is to provide honest, ethical, straightforward legal advice and representation that is in the best interest of the entity, not any one person."

Denton is a partner with the Paducah law firm of Denton & Keuler and is married to Heather Hallmark Denton, also a 1995 Chase graduate. They have two children, Will and Grace.

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TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

JOHN M. BICKERS



Law Center, he became a constitutional law professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

He is a member of the bar of Virginia. At Chase, he teaches Constitutional Law, Professional Responsibility and National Security Law.

Last June, U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens favorably cited an article by Bickers in his plurality opinion in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*. In a portion of the opinion joined by Justices David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer, Justice Stevens adopted Bickers' view that the term "military commission" actually had been used to refer to three distinct types of tribunals: those empowered to act as surrogates for civilian courts during times of martial law; those employed to try civilians in occupied territories, as part of a military government; and those empowered to try violations of the laws of war. The opinion cites Bickers' article for the important point that the type of commission involved in *Hamdan* – a "law-of-war" commission – is "utterly different" from the other two."

In a footnote, the plurality opinion also agreed with Bickers that courts and commentators have sometimes unjustifiably ignored the distinctions among the three types of commissions.

Chase Assistant Professor Michael J. Z. Mannheimer noted that the citation to Bickers' article is particularly significant because "it appears to be the first time the Court has recognized the tripartite meaning of 'military commission' that John has advocated" and also because "the Court has heeded John's wise counsel against citing precedents involving one type of commission in cases involving the other types."

"It is an honor to have the opportunity

to teach at Chase," Bickers says. "My students are thoughtful and challenging and are well on the way to being a remarkable group of attorneys."

Barbara McFarland, acting director of academic support and assistant professor of law, came to Chase after more than 20 years as a legal research and writing professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She teaches Basic Legal Skills-Writing and counsels students on how to succeed in law school and beyond. McFarland is enjoying the friendly and collegial atmosphere at Chase. When asked what she likes best here, she invariably answers, "The students – they are bright, motivated and engaged in their learning." With the small class size, McFarland believes she can "give every student the time and attention each needs or wants."

McFarland, who received her B.S. in education from the University of Virginia, earned her J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she taught the Academic Success seminar, the Judicial Extern course, Civil Procedure II and a senior seminar in Legal Drafting. Additionally, she coached numerous moot court teams and is a member of the Order of Barristers.

She also clerks part-time for federal Magistrate Judge J. Gregory Wehrman of the Eastern District of Kentucky at Covington, where she specializes in criminal motions and prisoner petitions. McFarland previously clerked for the late senior district court judge Timothy S. Hogan of the Southern District of Ohio.

McFarland is a member of the Ohio and federal bars, the Association of Legal Writing Directors, the Legal Writing Institute and the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court. Her free time is spent with her two children or engaging in her favorite hobbies, photography and reading.



BARBARA MCFARLAND

John M. Bickers, assistant professor of law, retired from the U.S. Army in 2006 and joined the faculty at Chase.

Bickers earned an A.B. in history from Cornell University. After serving as an armor officer in the First Cavalry Division, he attended the University of Michigan Law School.

Upon graduation, he served the remainder of his career in the Army as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. His experience as an Army lawyer was wide-ranging; he was a prosecutor, a defense counsel, an administrative lawyer and the manager of a law office in Germany. He has participated in hearings and trials in Somalia and Haiti as well as the United States and was a trial observer at a murder trial of Americans in Germany. He returned to the United States from Europe to serve at Army Headquarters. Following duty at the Pentagon and earning an LL.M. from the Georgetown University

CHASE ASSOCIATE DEAN EARNS 'ARTICLE OF THE YEAR' AWARD; CO-AUTHORS BOOK



ASSOCIATE DEAN MICHAEL WHITEMAN RECEIVES HIS AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES FOR THE 2006 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR.

The American Association of Law Libraries presented its 2006 Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award to Chase's Associate Dean for Law Library Services and Information Technology Michael Whiteman. He was honored for his "outstanding achievement in research and writing" in his article, "Appellate Court Briefs on the Web: Electronic Dynamos or Legal Quagmire?" 97 *Law Libr. J.* 467 (2005).

CHASE ADJUNCT PROFESSOR RECEIVES AWARDS



DAVID SINGLETON WAS HONORED WITH THE WASSERSTEIN FELLOWSHIP FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AND AN EMERGING LEADER AWARD, PART OF THE MCCRACKIN AWARDS, PRESENTED ANNUALLY BY THE COMMUNITY SHARES OF GREATER CINCINNATI. HE IS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT CHASE AND SERVES AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO JUSTICE AND POLICY CENTER.

David Singleton, visiting professor at Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law and executive director of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center in Cincinnati, was chosen to receive an Emerging Leader Award, one of the McCrackin Awards presented annually by Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati.

Through the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, Singleton oversees the Second Chance Community Legal Clinic, providing legal representation to former offenders; the Human Rights in Prison Project, remedying abuses within Ohio prisons; the Race and Justice Project, working to eliminate racism in the criminal justice and public education systems; and the Democracy Project, protecting voting rights of former felons.

In addition, Singleton supervised eight Chase students as part of the Chase Clinic at the OJPC last year. Under Singleton's supervision, these students represent the most marginalized and despised members of the community, litigating trials in state and federal courts. Singleton and two of the Chase Clinic students recently won the right to life-saving medical care for an Ohio prisoner.

According to Community Shares, the Emerging Leader Award is presented to

someone who "has recently emerged as a leader in building social equity, economic equity or a healthy environment, has outstanding skills which are generously given and serves as a role model for the next generation of community activists."

The McCrackin Awards were presented in January at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Harvard Law School selected Singleton as a Wasserstein Fellow for the 2006-07 academic year. The Wasserstein Fellowship Program recognizes exemplary lawyers who have distinguished themselves in public interest work.

After graduating from Harvard Law School cum laude in 1991, Singleton received a Skadden Fellowship to work as a staff attorney with the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City. He then worked for seven years as a public defender, first with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and then with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. After a brief time in private practice with Thompson Hine, a Cincinnati law firm, Singleton became the executive director of the Cincinnati-based Ohio Justice and Policy Center in 2002. OJPC provides legal help to formerly incarcerated

individuals and brings civil rights lawsuits to remedy unlawful and dangerous conditions of confinement in Ohio prisons.

Upon learning the news of his selection for the fellowship, Singleton expressed his gratitude for the recognition. "I am honored and humbled by this recognition," Singleton said. "I hope to inspire Harvard Law School students to give voice to those members of their communities who are marginalized and underrepresented."

The Wasserstein Fellowship, established in 1990 with a gift from the Wasserstein family, brings outstanding public-interest attorneys to Harvard Law School to counsel students about careers in public interest law. Each Wasserstein Fellow spends one to two days on campus meeting individually with Harvard law students to advise them about public-interest career options. Fellows are chosen by a committee appointed by the dean of the law school. Previous Fellows have included Neal Kravitz, principal deputy Democratic special counsel to the Senate Whitewater investigation; Victor Bolden, NAACP Legal Defense Fund assistant counsel; and Sally Goldfarb, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund senior staff attorney.

According to AALL president Claire M. Germain, the AALL awards program was established to "publicly recognize the achievements of law librarians based on service to the profession and contributions to legal literature and materials." All of the AALL awards were presented at the association's annual meeting in St. Louis last July.

"It is always nice to have one's peers recognize the quality and importance of

your work," Whiteman said of his award. "This is just another example of how the work we do at Chase affects not just the local community, but has an impact on the national legal scene as well."

Whiteman is also a co-author of the newly published book celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Judicial Article, which created the Kentucky Court of Justice and gave rise to the modern judicial system in Kentucky. The book, titled *United at Last:*

The Judicial Article and the Struggle to Reform Kentucky's Courts, is written by Whiteman; Kurt X. Metzmeier, associate director of the Louisville School of Law Library; and Jason Nemes, acting director of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In addition to his administrative work and legal scholarship, Whiteman teaches classes in Advanced Legal Research and Basic Legal Skills-Research as a professor of law at Chase.

LAW REVIEW HOSTS SYMPOSIA



▲ TONY HANDMAKER, NORTHERN KENTUCKY LAW REVIEW EDITOR, AND FAITH ISENATH, SPRING SYMPOSIUM EDITOR FOR THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY LAW REVIEW, ATTEND THE SPRING SYMPOSIUM.



◀ FALL LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM EDITOR JODI HENRY, LEFT; TONY HANDMAKER, LAW REVIEW EDITOR, CENTER; AND KATHERINE SIERVELD, WHO HELPED COORDINATE THE FALL SYMPOSIUM.

Re-envisioning the Role of the Juvenile Court in the 21st Century

More than 100 local attorneys joined Chase students, faculty and staff at the Northern Kentucky Law Review’s fall symposium, “Re-envisioning the Role of the Juvenile Court in the 21st Century,” on Friday, September 29 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington. The symposium was sponsored by Chase College of Law, the Children’s Law Center, Inc., and the Kentucky Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.

Speakers included James Bell, executive director of the W. Haywood Burns Institute; Howard Davidson, director of the ABA Center on Children and the Law; Professor Steven Drizin of Northwestern University School of Law; Professor Barry Feld of the University of Minnesota Law School; and Professor Randy Otto of the University of South Florida. Professor Emily Buss of the University of Chicago Law School served as

discussion moderator. Kim Brooks Tandy, executive director of the Children’s Law Center, Inc., moderated a panel discussion on “The Juvenile Court in Kentucky,” featuring panelists Rebecca DiLoreto of the Department of Public Advocacy; Susan Stokley Clary, clerk of the Kentucky Supreme Court; and Patrick Yewell of the Administrative Office of the Courts. “It was a successful event,” said Chase student Katherine Sierveveld, who helped organize the symposium. “I think those who work in the field were excited to see so many prominent people in juvenile justice in the room, and several presenters also remarked on how pleased they were to be a part of it.”

An opening program and reception was held the evening before the symposium at NKU’s University Center, featuring a re-enactment and discussion of *In re Gault* and artwork and poetry from children currently involved in the juvenile court system. Jodi Henry served as the fall symposium editor.



▶ PANEL OF JUDGES PRESIDES IN THE ROLE OF JUSTICES DURING THE RE-ENACTMENT OF *IN RE GAULT* AT THE FALL SYMPOSIUM AS CHASE STUDENT LORELEI BOLOHAN ARGUES AT THE PODIUM. CHASE STUDENT LYNNE O'CONNOR, SEATED AT FAR RIGHT, SERVES AS OPPOSING COUNSEL.

▶ MEMBERS OF THE LAW REVIEW AND THE PANEL OF JUDGES.



▶ THE SPRING SYMPOSIUM "LOOKING BACK ON THE LEGACY OF THE DRED SCOTT DECISION" ADDRESSES THE IMPACT THAT CASE HAS HAD ON AMERICAN LAW, HISTORY, SOCIETY AND RACE RELATIONS.

◀ "RE-ENVISIONING THE ROLE OF THE JUVENILE COURT IN THE 21ST CENTURY" IS THE TITLE OF THE FALL 2006 SYMPOSIUM.



Looking Back: the Legacy of the Dred Scott Decision

The Northern Kentucky Law Review hosted its spring symposium, "Looking Back: the Legacy of the Dred Scott Decision," Friday, March 2, 2007. No case that the Supreme Court of the United States has ever decided has had a greater effect on American law, history, society and race relations than its 1856 decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*. This decision, denying citizenship to African Americans and overruling the exclusion of slavery from the free territories, was a major cause of the Civil War, and its consequences did not end there. The symposium looked back at the legacy of this important case over the time that has passed up to the present day along legal, historical, political and social dimensions. It was co-hosted with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati and was held at the Freedom Center's Harriet Tubman Theater.

Five panelists were featured, including Dr. Roberta

Alexander, former professor and director of the pre-law program at the University of Dayton; Professor Mark Graber of the University of Maryland School of Law; the Honorable Nathaniel Jones, former judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; Chase adjunct professor David Singleton, executive director of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center; and Chase professor John Valauri, symposium advisor. Each panelist focused on a different aspect of the Dred Scott decision.

Judge Jones discussed the case in general and historical and contemporary implications. Alexander addressed historical implications on politics at the time of the decision, and Singleton touched on the contemporary problems with the Cincinnati school system. Graber and Valauri focused on constitutional interpretations.

Faith C. Isenath served as the spring symposium editor for the Northern Kentucky Law Review.



ANDREW J. SCHIERBERG

CHASE STUDENT ELECTED ABA/LSD CIRCUIT GOVERNOR

Andrew J. Schierberg, a second-year student at Chase College of Law and 2002 graduate of Northern Kentucky University, has been elected governor of the American Bar Association Law Student Division's Sixth Circuit for 2007.

Schierberg, a patrol officer for Kenton County Police Department, also served as Chase's Student Bar Association vice president, evening division, last year and will be treasurer for 2007. He replaces Carrie Tenschert, a third-year Chase student, who was elected governor just last year.

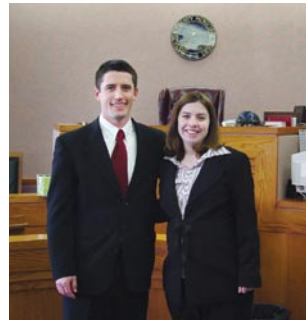
"My election to this position certainly means a lot to me," Schierberg said. "Since I began my law school career, I have been interested in representing the concerns of my peers. With the Sixth Circuit governor office, I have an opportunity to do that on a much larger scale, and I hope to be able to have a positive impact."

The American Bar Association Law Student Division provides Chase students with access to a nationwide network of students, faculty, practitioners and judges to stay informed on the latest developments in the law and in the legal community.

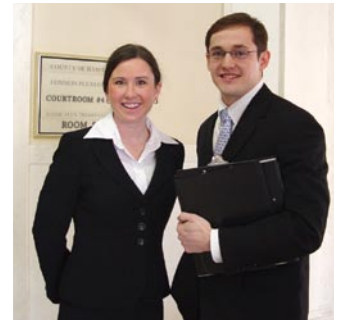
Student representatives from Chase and other law schools in Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan elect a governor who appoints several lieutenant governors annually to oversee the ABA/LSD activities at every ABA-approved law school in the LSD's Sixth Circuit. Of the students representing the 18 law schools that comprise the Sixth Circuit, Chase students have held the governor position three times since 2001 and the lieutenant governor position twice since 2004.

Schierberg says he is looking forward to a productive year focusing on issues that are important to the ABA/LSD and to the legal community as a whole. He plans to address issues such as increasing diversity within law schools and the legal community, expanding networking opportunities available to students in the Sixth Circuit through the use of technology, and examining health insurance plans available to ABA/LSD members.

In his capacity as governor, Schierberg also will be serving on the Law School Division Board of Governors, attending meetings and traveling on behalf of the division.



KYLE MURRAY AND KELLY GINDELE



BRYAN BUTLER AND ANNE BENNETT COOK

CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW TRIAL TEAM ADVANCES TO NATIONAL COMPETITION

Chase College of Law continued its tradition of providing high-quality education in trial advocacy skills as demonstrated by its most recent first-place finish in the Sixth Circuit Regionals of the National Trial Competition held February 9 through 11 in Covington, Ky., and Cincinnati.

The Chase team and a team from the University of Kentucky College of Law earned the right to advance to the finals of the National Trial Competition in Houston, Texas, in March, making it one of only 26 teams in the nation to earn this right. Chase team members competing were Bryan Butler, Anne Bennett Cook, Kelly Gindele, Lesley Heagan, Carrie Masters, Kyle Murray, Dustin Riddle and Larry Shelton. Gindele and Murray won the right to compete in Texas. Professor Kathleen Gormley Johnson serves as faculty advisor to the Chase National Trial Team. Hughes, Bob Sanders, Linda A. Smith '94 and Tifanie McMillan coach the team.

This year, Chase College of Law was the host school for the regionals during which teams from 13 law schools from Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia competed. Thirty-six members of the American College of Trial Lawyers from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee served as judges.

Chase started its trial advocacy program in 1999, and the team has achieved first or second place in numerous state, regional and national competitions since its inception. The program is supported by Reminger & Reminger, The Lawrence Firm, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Kentucky Association of Justice and the Kentucky District Judges Association. John Dunn '04 and Emily Kirtley Hanna '03 also coach competition teams.

MOOT COURT TEAMS COMPETE SUCCESSFULLY IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law's moot court teams have had great success in the past year, winning a national championship, two national finalist awards and three Best Brief awards.

Out of 18 teams from law schools around the nation, the Chase Tax Moot Court Team of Robert Cassity and Carrie Masters won the overall competition and Best Brief honors at the 2007 Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the State University of New York's University of Buffalo Law School.

In a field of 42 teams at the Robert F. Wagner Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition in New York City, Chase's team of Tim Davis, Marci Palmieri and Tiffany Yahr finished in second place in the nation and won the award for Best Respondent Brief.

At the National Adoption and Child Welfare Law Moot Court Competition in Columbus, Ohio, Chase's team of Ashley Baird, Megan Maxfield and Scott Van Nice took second place in the nation, behind Seton Hall University, and they tied Seton Hall for the Best Brief Award. Van Nice also won the award for Best Preliminary Round Oralist. Chase's other team of Tressa Milburn and Acena Smith, coached by Emily Janoski '05, advanced to the quarter-final round. In a field of more than 60 students, Milburn was also recognized as third-best oral advocate in the preliminary rounds.

Chase's moot court teams are coached by Chase professor Lawrence Rosenthal, and the Tax Moot Court Team is coached by Chase professor Ljubomir Nacev.



CARRIE MASTERS AND
ROBERT CASSITY



SCOTT VAN NICE,
ASHLEY BAIRD AND
MEGAN MAXFIELD

TIFFANY YAHR, TIM
DAVIS AND MARCI
PALMIERI



TRESSA MILBURN
AND ACENA SMITH



STUDENT APPEARS ON NATIONAL MORNING NEWS SHOW



Margie Slagle, May '07 graduate who as a third-year full-time student participated in Chase's Constitutional Litigation Clinic at the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, appeared on CBS' nationally broadcast *The Early Show* March 7 as part of a piece on sex-offender laws.

Slagle was a stay-at-home mom for 11 years before enrolling at Chase, and

she said that she lived near enough to a school to believe that the law that sex offenders cannot live within 1,000 feet of a school was a good thing. It wasn't until last year when she began representing sex offenders in the area through the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, a nonprofit, public-interest law office in Cincinnati, that she came to believe that the law was "misguided."

"I realized that these laws did not make our children safer and actually make them less safe," Slagle said.

Slagle first represented a client from Piqua, Ohio, who had committed the offense of having consensual sex with a teenager too young to consent.

"He was kicked out of the home he

lived in with his two young daughters and their mother," Slagle said. "He then moved to his current home, which is within 1,000 feet of a school field 'as the crow flies,' but the Great Miami River separates his home from the school property, and he cannot swim."

Slagle and the OJPC are arguing that the measurement should be based on a "reasonably navigable path" rather than "as the crow flies."

"The state just took a father away from his children when he has never harmed a child," Slagle said. "He cannot find a job because the entire town knows he is a sex offender because there has been tremendous local media publicity about his case."

STUDENTS WIN RIGHT TO LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL CARE FOR OHIO PRISONER

When an Ohio prisoner learned that he had hepatitis C and was denied treatment by the state, putting him on the verge of irreversible, life-threatening liver disease, two students at Chase College of Law took the case. Chase students Margie Slagle and Tom Ewing won that case, and today their client is receiving the treatment he needs.

Slagle and Ewing contended in their motion, which was filed with the monitor overseeing the settlement in *Fussel v. Wilkinson*, a federal prison healthcare class action, that the state's failure to treat their client constituted deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs, in violation of the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution. Although the state had known for years about the prisoner's condition, it only recently acknowledged his need for treatment; however, it refused to provide that treatment because he was due to be released in January.

Now, thanks to the students' efforts, the state will also arrange for their client

to complete his treatment, free of charge, once he is released.

Slagle and Ewing received the opportunity to represent their client through the Chase Clinic at the Ohio Justice and Policy Center in downtown Cincinnati. Through this unique program, third-year

law students at Chase have the chance to litigate trials in state and federal courts.

"This is a very important and potentially life-saving victory," said David Singleton, executive director of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center. "I am very proud of the work Margie and Tom have done."



STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CHASE CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION CLINIC EXTERNSHIP THROUGH THE OHIO JUSTICE AND POLICY CENTER.



STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS



1. LEFT TO RIGHT: JANAYA TROTTER, JUDGE TIMOTHY S. BLACK '83, AND KENYATTA MICKLES (NOT PICTURED: HEATHER HOWARD). BLACK WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE DISTINGUISHED HONOREE BY THE BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI AT THE ORGANIZATION'S FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS BANQUET IN APRIL FOR HIS "UNPARALLELED EFFORTS, BOTH PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL, TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WITHIN THE CINCINNATI LEGAL COMMUNITY."

2. LINDSEY L. JAEGER

3. HEATHER HOWARD

Kenyatta Mickles, who graduated this May, was presented with the Jack Sherman, Jr., Scholarship from the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati at the organization's 15th annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet in April.

She also was awarded the Minority Bar Exam Scholarship from the Northern Kentucky Branch of the NAACP, in conjunction with the Northern Kentucky Bar Foundation.

The award provided a \$1,000 scholarship to cover the expense of the bar exam and was presented to her at the fifth annual NAACP Lawyers Luncheon last fall.

Heather Howard, who received her J.D. this May, received the Gerald C. Sims, Jr., Memorial Award from the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati this spring. She also was awarded a "Just the Beginning Foundation" scholarship at the gala concluding the foundation's biennial conference last fall. She was the recipient of the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones

scholarship, given in honor of Judge Jones, who served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for 23 years.

Janaya Trotter, who will be entering her third year of law school as a full-time student this fall, was the recipient of a "Leaders for the Future" award from the Images of Excellence Reaching for the Stars Program at the 2007 Leaders for the Future Recognition Luncheon in March. Recipients of this award are emerging leaders in the African-American community who "exemplify the traditions of excellence celebrated during Black History Month." She also received the William A. McClain Scholarship from the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati this spring.

Trotter also was awarded a "Just the Beginning Foundation" scholarship. She received the Honorable Constance Baker Motley Scholarship, given in memory of Judge Motley, who was the first African-American woman elected to the New York state senate, the first African-American

woman on the federal bench and the first African-American woman to serve as chief judge.

In addition, she was honored with the Franklin County Children's Services Volunteer Award and the Federal Bar Association's Jack Sherman, Jr., Scholarship.

Lindsey L. Jaeger, who just completed her law degree in May, won second place and a \$5,000 scholarship in a national writing competition sponsored by the National Rifle Association Civil Rights Defense Fund. To enter the competition, law students submitted unpublished articles on the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Jaeger wrote her article, "Second Amendment Misinformation: Misfire or Bull's Eye?" during an independent study course directed by Professor David Short. She is a member of the NRA and competed on the NKU Skeet and Trap Team. Jaeger plans to launch a career in intellectual property and patent law to take advantage of her interests in art, biology and chemistry.

STUDENT GALLERY



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1. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, HANNAH SCHROCK, CHASE STUDENT; LISA MOORE '98, DIRECTOR OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT; CHASE PROFESSOR JENNIFER KREDER; AND CHASE STUDENT JULIE HUFFMAN AT THE PROGRAM ON "RETRIBUTION AND REHABILITATION" PRESENTED BY THE SALMON P. CHASE LEGAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN. (PHOTO COURTESY OF CHASE PROFESSOR BARBARA MCFARLAND) **2.** KENTUCKY SECRETARY OF STATE TREY GRAYSON VISITED CHASE RECENTLY TO ADDRESS CHASE'S CLINICAL STUDENTS ON ELECTION LAW, AS WELL AS OTHER NEW LAWS IN FRANKFORT. CHASE STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS ATTENDED THE PRESENTATION. **3.** FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, THE CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (BLSA) PAST PRESIDENT DESIRAE SANDERS, PRISCILLA JOHNSON, BLSA TREASURER HEATHER HOWARD, GAIL KING, BLSA MEMBER WILLIAM DUPREE, JUDGE JOHN ANDREW WEST, BLSA PRESIDENT JANAYA TROTTER AND JUDGE TIMOTHY S. BLACK AT BLSA'S FIFTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY GALA HELD AT THE PHOENIX IN CINCINNATI. **4.** INCOMING SBA PRESIDENT WIL SCHRÖDER AND OUTGOING SBA PRESIDENT LINDSAY HUNTER ARE PICTURED WITH KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE MICHELLE KELLER '90 AND HER HUSBAND, JIM, AT THE BARRISTER'S BALL. JUDGE KELLER WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE SBA'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. **5.** THE INTERNATIONAL LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (ILSA) AND BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (BLSA) CO-SPONSORED A TASTE OF DIVERSITY LUNCHEON. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE SAMANTHA VICTORA, DESIRAE SANDERS, WILLIAM DUPREE, HEATHER HOWARD, JOSEPH MILLS AND PAULYNN LORENZO.



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6. PAIGE ELLERMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, PRESENTS AN AWARD TO SECOND-YEAR STUDENT RHONDA SCHECHTER. 7. STUDENTS WHO MADE THE DEAN'S LIST FOR THE FALL '06 SEMESTER GATHERED FOR A GROUP PHOTO AT THE RECEPTION RECOGNIZING THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE. 8. STUDENTS ATTEND THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION'S BARRISTERS BALL HELD AT TURFWAY PARK IN MARCH. 9. HAVING THEIR LOCKS SHORN TO HELP FUND A CURE FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER AS PART OF ST. BALDRICK'S DAY ARE, STANDING, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, ROB VONCKX, BRIAN RECKERS, KYLE RUST, JENNY WAGNER AND ASSOCIATE DEAN MIKE WHITEMAN, AND SEATED, WIL SCHRODER AND DUSTIN RIDDLE. 10. INCOMING STUDENTS ATTEND A WELCOME RECEPTION SPONSORED BY THE CHASE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LAST AUGUST TO MEET CHASE FACULTY, STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS AND ALUMNI.

STUDENT PUBLISHES NOVEL

Chase graduate Ray Atkinson '07 wrote a book, *The Black Tea Experiments*, which was published in 2006 by Bedside Books, an imprint of American Book Publishing, Salt Lake City, Utah. The foreword, written by Chase Professor Rick Bales, refers to Atkinson's description of the short mystery as an "airplane novel" because it can be read in its entirety during a single average airline flight unlike the majority of bestsellers sold at airport bookstores or kiosks.

"I think he's on to something," wrote Bales. "*The Black Tea Experiments* offers a flight-sized opportunity to relax and lose oneself in a good novel. I suspect that Atkinson has created more than a book – he's created a genre."

Atkinson dedicated his first literary effort to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. He is a former musician who spent nearly two decades playing in local bands in nightclubs in southern Ohio. He graduated cum laude from Thomas More College with a degree in business administration and also continued his studies, earning an M.B.A. there.

CHASE ALUMNI SWORN IN AT THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

above left: GATHERED OUTSIDE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT ARE, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, KATHLEEN AND LOUIS WILLE '90, BART WAGER '92, STEVE O'CONNOR '86 AND ASSOCIATE DEAN DAVID MACKNIGHT. *above right:* TERRI MOHAN '00, AT RIGHT, AND HER SISTER, MARY-KATHLEEN MOHAN, LEFT, POSE FOR A PHOTO DURING THE RECEPTION THAT WAS HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL. *right:* MEMBERS OF CHASE'S CLASS OF 1980 GATHER FOR A GROUP PHOTO. THEY ARE, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, JIM PARSONS AND HIS WIFE, GAYLE HOFFMAN; TONY FROHLICH; DONALD MOORE; MARGO GRUBBS; AND CHARLES LESTER PICTURED BELOW THE PORTRAIT OF SALMON P. CHASE IN THE COURT'S EAST CONFERENCE ROOM.



Forty-eight Chase alumni were sworn in as members of the Supreme Court Bar on Monday, October 2, 2006, in the courtroom before Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justices John Paul Stevens, Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, David Souter, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito. This marked the third annual Chase Alumni Association Group Admission Ceremony at the Supreme Court.

On hand to witness the ceremony were family members, guests and Chase representatives, and the entire Chase group of about 120 people gathered at a reception afterward that was sponsored by the Chase Alumni Association. Justice Clarence Thomas met with the group at the reception and posed for photographs. The

reception was held in the Court's East Conference Room, where the portrait of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase is displayed.

Prior to the ceremony on Monday, most of the Chase group members participated in a variety of weekend sightseeing activities around Washington. Chase held a reception and dinner for the entire group Sunday evening at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill.

Congratulations to these newly admitted members of the Supreme Court Bar: David Bender '79, Louise Caskey '79, Suzanne Cassidy '93, Jocelyn Chess '93, Henry Curry '85, Jay D'Angelo '02, Holly Daugherty '89, Celeste Davis '86, Monica Dias '01, John Dosker '87, Kevin Dreyer '87, Brian Ellerman '01, Roderick



left: BRIAN ELLERMAN '01 WITH JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS. *below left:* BRIAN ELLERMAN '01, BILL PUTHOFF, CHASE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT PAIGE ELLERMAN '99 AND TRACEY PUTHOFF '95 ENJOY PRE-DINNER CONVERSATION AT THE RECEPTION HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL ON CAPITOL HILL THE EVENING PRECEDING THE GROUP ADMISSION CEREMONY.



above: DEAN HONABACH ADDRESSES THE GROUP GATHERED AT THE DINNER. THE BANQUET ROOM OFFERED A SPECTACULAR VIEW OF THE LIGHTED CAPITOL DOME. *left:* WILLIAM SUTER, CLERK OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, TALKS WITH CHASE ALUMNUS BRIGHAM McCOWN '97.



left: JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS WITH CHASE PROFESSOR CARYL YZENBAARD. *right:* LEFT TO RIGHT ARE CINCINNATI MAYOR MARK MALLORY; HIS BROTHER, DWANE MALLORY '97; JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS; AND THE MALLORY'S PARENTS, FANNIE AND WILLIAM MALLORY.



Fillinger '89, Rose Ann Fleming '88, Thomas French '87, Kimberly Gilliam '85, Margo Grubbs '80, Gayle Hoffman '80, Jeff Kenney '91, Kevin King '88, Charles Lester '80, Rob Linneman '01, Timothy Loudermilk '90, Dwane Mallory '97, Brigham McCown '97, Karen McCracken '93, Todd McIntosh '93, Perry Meadows '01, Terri Mohan '00, Donald Moore '80, Chris Nordloh '94, Steve O'Connor '86, Laura Oldfield '93, Karl Price '89, Tracey Puthoff '95, Ernie Ramos '77, Robert Raper '98, James Redwine '84, Sandra Reeves '00, William Roberts '99, Susan Schneider '92, Diane St. Onge '02, Patrick Thompson '77, Michelle Turner '91, Rosalie van Nuis '85, Bart Wager '92, Louis Wille '90 and Andrew Wood '93.

Chase College of Law and Alumni Association representatives participating in the events were: Dean Dennis Honabach, Professor Caryl Yzenbaard (who made the motion for admission), Alumni Association President Paige Ellerman, President-elect Judge Tony Frohlich, Committee Chair Gary Goldman, Washington, D.C.-area alumni Mac Riley and Jan Oliver, Associate Dean David MacKnight, and Megan McCarty and Karen Young from the Chase advancement office.

The next U.S. Supreme Court Group Admission Ceremony for Chase alumni at which 50 Chase alumni will be sworn in is slated for Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

CHASE ALUMNI ELECTED TO KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS

Judge Michelle M. Keller '90 was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, Sixth District, Division I, Judge James H. Lambert '76 to the Third District, Division II, in November of 2006, and Judge Joy A. Moore '96 to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, Sixth District, Division II.

MICHELLE M. KELLER

Keller obtained her undergraduate education at Xavier University and Northern Kentucky University. She has been a licensed registered nurse in Kentucky since 1982. While working as an R.N. in critical care, Keller earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1985.

Her legal experience is varied and includes serving as an assistant county prosecutor and criminal defense attorney. She also has practiced civil litigation including family law and medical negligence defense. Keller is experienced in administrative law, serving as a certified hearing officer for the Kentucky Personnel Board and has represented various clients before state regulatory boards.

She is proud of her lifelong commitment to public service through her work on various nonprofit agency boards as well as the local and state bar associations. Keller was recently elected by her peers as the Court of Appeals representative to the Judicial Conduct Committee. She is continuing her position as an adjunct professor at Xavier University.

A lifelong resident of northern Kentucky, she has been married to her husband, Jim, for 20 years. They are the parents of two teenage daughters, Brenna and Olivia.

"I am very grateful for the legal education I received at Chase," Keller says. "My life circumstances at the time would have probably precluded me from attending law school if it weren't for Chase. I made lifelong friends there with many of my classmates, and I also owe a debt of gratitude to many of the faculty and administrative staff that were so good to me."



JUDGE MICHELLE KELLER AT HER INVESTITURE WITH HUSBAND, JIM, AND DAUGHTERS, OLIVIA, AT LEFT, AND BRENNNA, AT RIGHT.

"I received a quality education that prepared me to serve the public through legal and community service. I try to give back to the law school whenever I can. I have been lucky enough in my practice to work with and try cases against some of the best attorneys in Kentucky, if not nationally. Due to Chase, I was prepared to practice and compete among the best.

"I now face new challenges as a newly elected judge to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. I take my job seriously and feel ready for the challenges before me. I'm looking hopefully forward to a long tenure of public service on the bench."

JAMES H. LAMBERT

Lambert earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University. He graduated from Chase in 1976 and says that he enjoyed his time at the College of Law.

"I felt I received a good legal education at Chase and am always proud to tell people that I attended and graduated from Chase College of Law," he says.

After passing the bar in 1976, he entered private practice with Lambert & Lambert in Mt. Vernon, Ky., and practiced there until 1981.

"I succeeded my father as Rockcastle County attorney in 1982, having been elected to that office in my first political campaign and served three terms," Lambert relates.

He returned to full-time private practice in 1994 until January of this year when he assumed the office of judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He also had served as trial commissioner for



JAMES H. LAMBERT

the Rockcastle County District Court from 2002 to 2005 and as an administrative law judge for the Kentucky State Department of Corrections.

He resides near Mt. Vernon with his wife, Brenda. His daughter, Lora Lambert Boyd, also lives in Rockcastle County.

JOY A. MOORE

Graduating number one in her class at Chase, Moore was a member of the Northern Kentucky Law Review and a student member of the Salmon P. Chase American Inn of Court. She was the recipient of the Chase Excellence Scholarship, the Rebecca Bloom Bettman and John G. Carlisle Memorial Award, the Judge Charles S. Bell Memorial Award, and the Lange, Quill & Powers, P.S.C. Scholarship. She also received the American Jurisprudence Awards for highest grades in Federal Trial Practice Seminar, Constitutional Law II, Wills and Trusts, Secured Transactions, Family Law and Introduction to Kentucky Juvenile Law. Moore served as a student intern for the Children's Law Center and for Honorable William O. Bertelsman, United States District Judge.

Prior to her election to the bench, Moore spent six years as chief law clerk for Federal Judge Bertelsman, and she worked as a staff attorney to Kentucky Court of Appeals Judges Honorable Daniel Guidugli and Honorable Robert Dyche, III. She practiced law in the litigation department of Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing, PLLC, primarily focusing on civil rights defense work, and she worked with Hoffman, Hoffman & Grubbs doing general litigation. Moore was a summer associate at Dinsmore & Shohl,



JUDGE JOY MOORE AT HER INVESTITURE WITH HUSBAND, GARY, AND FAMILY MEMBERS, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, DAUGHTER BRANDI MOORE LIST AND SON-IN-LAW JASON LIST, MOTHER WANDA BREWER, SISTER-IN-LAW ROBIN BREWER, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW ERIKKA MOORE WITH GRANDDAUGHTER PEYTTON, AND SON SCOTT WITH GRANDDAUGHTER KENDELL.

LLP, during law school.

She is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, the Northern Kentucky Bar Association and the Salmon P. Chase American Inn of Court. Her civic activities include serving on the St. Elizabeth Hospice Committee and the executive committee of Every Child Succeeds. Moore is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Northern Kentucky and serves on its government committee. She is a former member of the Kentucky Personnel Board, the Post Secondary Education Nominating Commission and the Boone County CASA Board.

Moore completed her undergraduate work at Morehead State University, where she graduated magna cum laude and also earned a master's degree and Rank I teaching certificate. She taught special education for seven years before attending Chase.

A native of Menifee County, Moore currently resides in Florence and is a member of Florence Baptist Church. She and her husband, Gary, are the parents of two children, Brandi Moore List and Scott Moore.

A self-described "ambassador" of Chase, Moore attributes her successes in the legal field to the excellent education she received as a student there. She believes that Chase prepared her well for her role as a judge.

"Chase College of Law gave me everything I was looking for in a law school – a first-rate education in an institution intimate enough where the faculty and staff know each student by name, and professors who push for excellence and inspire a passion for justice," says Moore.

TOYOTA FUNDS DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc., has announced the establishment of a scholarship designed to increase diversity among the students attending Chase College of Law.

“We are very pleased that Toyota has taken this leadership role to help us increase diversity within our law school and within the legal profession,” said Dennis Honabach, dean of Chase College of Law. “Greater diversity among our law students will enrich the legal education for all of our students through greater exposure to multicultural ideas, values and experiences.”

Patrick Nepute, vice president and general counsel at Toyota, guided the development of the scholarship. “Support of education has been one of Toyota’s highest priorities since we started operations in North America,” Nepute stated. “Diversity and inclusion have also always been among our top business priorities and key to our success in North America. We are proud to partner



with Northern Kentucky University as it enhances the quality of its law program through this scholarship.”

The scholarship addresses a nationwide need. The American Bar Association’s Presidential Advisory Council on Diversity in the Profession issued a report last year noting the lack of diversity in law schools. As a result, membership in the legal profession is not keeping pace with the increasing diversity of the population.

“The high cost of obtaining a legal education also has an adverse effect on diversity at law schools,” Honabach said. “The Toyota Diversity Scholarship will provide valuable financial support to help deserving students obtain a legal education, graduate and bring much-needed diversity into the legal profession.”

In addition to receiving financial support during law school, each recipient of the Toyota Diversity Scholarship also will have an opportunity to work as a summer law clerk at Toyota’s manufacturing headquarters in Erlanger after the student’s first year of law school.

“We are committed to continuing our long tradition of providing access to legal education to students from all backgrounds and experiences,” Honabach said.

WARREN SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED



JUDGE FREDERICK M. WARREN, SR.

The late Frederick M. Warren, Jr., a former member of the Northern Kentucky University Foundation Board of Directors, left a bequest to Chase College of Law to establish the Judge Frederick M. Warren Scholarship in memory of his father.

Frederick M. Warren, Sr., lived in Fort Thomas, Ky., and was a circuit court judge in Campbell County from 1963 to 1977. He was a practicing attorney for 46 years and also served as a city solicitor, police judge, county administrative judge and past-president of the Campbell County Bar Association. He was an advocate for the establishment and expansion of Northern Kentucky University and the merger of Chase College of Law. He received an honorary doctorate of law degree from NKU in 1973.

During World War II, Warren, Sr., was a second lieutenant in command of an armored group in Europe and was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star medals. After the war, Warren was in the Army Reserve, where he served as commander of the 100th Airborne Division from 1948 to 1958. Warren finished his military career serving five years as the Army’s Chief of Army Reserve and ROTC Affairs. He retired in 1963 with the rank of major general.

Frederick M. Warren, Jr., lived in Fort Thomas, Ky., and owned and operated printing businesses for 40 years. He is survived by his sons Dale, Drew, Greg, Jeffrey and Keith, and four grandchildren.

BENTON SCHOLARSHIP CREATED

The family and friends of the late Edwin Benton, Jr., established an annual scholarship to advance diversity among the students at Chase College of Law. Benton, who passed away in October, attended the former Chase College of Commerce in the early 1960s, and he had several friends who attended Chase College of Law. Benton was not able to complete his education at Chase, but he always stressed the importance of education to his children. In his memory, his family and friends established this scholarship to help Chase students with their education expenses. Benton is survived by his three daughters, Sylvia Waldon, Kim Benton and Stacy Benton.



KIM BENTON (SECOND FROM LEFT), DAUGHTER OF EDWIN BENTON, WITH OFFICERS OF THE BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, FROM LEFT, DESIRAE SANDERS, HEATHER HOWARD AND JANAYA TROTTER.

CHASE ALUMNUS HONORED BY NKU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Michael C. Murray '89 was presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at the NKU Alumni Association annual alumni awards banquet in January.

While attending Chase, Murray was a member of Moot Court and served on the Student Bar Association. He was the recipient of the Maislin Family Law School Award as well as the Darby Memorial Award.

Before he attended Chase, he worked as criminal investigator for the federal government during the Reagan administration, investigating organized crime and corruption in labor unions.

After graduating from Chase, Murray was a solo practitioner specializing in labor, employment and criminal defense before serving nine years as vice president and general counsel for R&L Carriers in Wilmington, Ohio. He is now the deputy CEO and general counsel of FirstGroup America, Inc., and is president of First Transit, one of the company's three operating divisions. FirstGroup America is a \$1.6 billion U.S. subsidiary of U.K.-based FirstGroup, PLC, a worldwide passenger transportation company with 74,000 employees who specialize in school bus, public transit and passenger rail service in the U.K., Canada and the U.S.

Murray is admitted to practice in the state of Ohio, Federal District Court, the Southern District of Ohio, the Sixth U.S. District Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, a 1990 graduate of Chase and formerly a partner with Santen & Hughes, live in Cincinnati and are the parents of three children, ages 3, 6 and 9.



PINALES NAMED PRESIDENT OF NACDL

Chase alumnus Martin S. Pinales '68 was named president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the nation's largest criminal defense organization. After joining the NACDL in 1977 and serving as first vice president, second vice president, treasurer and secretary, Pinales will now lead the organization of more than 12,500 members that includes – among others – public defenders, private criminal defense lawyers and active U.S. military defense counsel.

Pinales is a criminal defense lawyer with the Cincinnati law firm of Sirkin, Pinales, Mezibov & Schwartz LLP. He has delivered lectures nationwide and published in the area of criminal defense in addition to serving as co-chair of the NACDL's Lawyer's Assistance Strike Force and as a CJA panel advisor for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. The NACDL's Lawyer's Assistance Strike Force provides emergency representation for criminal defense lawyers threatened with contempt of court for zealous representation of their clients. He also served as the NACDL representative to the U.S. Judicial Conference Defender Services Committee.

Pinales is co-founder of the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Association and is also practitioner-advisor to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. He is a member of the National Criminal Defense College faculty and has served as an adjunct instructor at Chase and other colleges of law.



CAIN BECOMES CHAIR OF N. KY. CHAMBER BOARD



John S. Cain '93 was installed as chair of the board of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's annual dinner at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center last September. Cain is currently the president of Wiseway Supply, a family-owned and -operated business providing plumbing and electrical supplies with five locations throughout the northern Kentucky/greater Cincinnati area. He will serve as chair for a one-year term.

Cain earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky in business administration with a triple major in finance, accounting and German in 1986.

He has served on various committees of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Tri-County Economic Development Corporation and was part of the Leadership Kentucky Class of 2002. Other activities include his serving on the Covington Latin School Board of Directors and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Board of Directors, where he is vice president of corporate relations. He was named to the *Cincinnati Business Courier's* "Forty under 40" list in 2002. Cain is a former trustee of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees.

'FORTY UNDER 40'

WILLIAM
D.G. BALDWIN
'97



BERNARD L.
McKAY '94



Two Chase alumni, William D.G. Baldwin '97 and Bernard L. McKay '94, have been selected as members of the *Cincinnati Business Courier's* "Forty Under 40" class of 2006.

In addition to this recent recognition, both Baldwin and McKay boast impressive résumés.

Baldwin, a partner at the Cincinnati office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, focuses his practice on real estate and commercial transactions, with a specialty in multifamily housing finance, elderly care finance and HUD/FHA programs. He has experience in various aspects of commercial real estate development and management, including land acquisition, leasing and sales activities. A significant portion of Baldwin's practice involves representing owners, developers and contractors in the preparation and negotiation of construction contract documentation. He is also an active member of the American and Cincinnati bar associations.

McKay, a member at the Cincinnati office of Frost Brown Todd, concentrates his practice on estate planning, probate and trust administration matters as well as issues faced by family-owned businesses. He is a member of Frost Brown Todd's probate and trust litigation subgroup and vice chair of the personal planning and family business department, and he has made numerous presentations on estate planning, particularly for nontraditional couples. He is a member of many professional organizations, including serving as chairman of the Hamilton County Probate Court Local Rules Committee; he is active in a variety of civic and charitable organizations, and he was named to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for 2005-06 and an "Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star" in 2005 and 2006. McKay is also an active member of the Chase Alumni Association Board of Governors and is the immediate past president of the board.

Baldwin and McKay were selected from 250 nominations by a seven-member panel of "Forty Under 40" alumni and were honored at an awards luncheon last fall.

JUDGE VORIS RECEIVES 'BEST PRACTICES AWARD'

County Domestic Relations Court Judge Michael J. Voris '67 received a "Best Practices Award" from the Ohio Family Support Association and Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency Directors' Association for the court's implementation of an innovative alternative sentencing program. The program was launched earlier this year in cooperation with the Beech Acres Parenting Center, the University of Cincinnati, the Department of Social Work, and the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services' division of Child Support Enforcement.

Providing educational services as an alternative to incarceration, the program's six-week course is designed to help fathers who come before Domestic Relations Court for failure to make regular child support payments develop a positive action plan to make regular payments and ultimately "get involved" with their children.

"I am honored to have been selected for this award," said Judge Voris. "This has been a very successful collaborative effort between agencies that will greatly benefit the children of Clermont County."

Judge Voris was presented with the award at the annual joint conference of the Ohio Family Support Association and the Ohio Child Support Enforcement Directors' Association last October in Worthington, Ohio.



NEW STAFF MEMBERS JOIN CHASE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

Megan McCarty is the communications coordinator for the Office of Advancement. Prior to coming to Chase, she worked as a proofreader for Landor Associates in downtown Cincinnati. She received her M.A. and B.S.J. from Ohio University, where she also served as an assistant editor for the Office of Communications and Marketing and as an associate editor for *Southeast Ohio Magazine*.

Karen Young is administrative assistant in the Office of Advancement. She came to Chase after working at McAlpin's/Dillard's for 15 years as a department coordinator and at Macy's for two years as a department manager.



COPELAND RECEIVES AWARD

William Copeland, managing member of the Law Office of William Mack

Copeland, LLC, received the American College of Healthcare Executives Senior-Level Executive Regent's Award March 12, 2007. The Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award recognizes affiliates who are experienced in the field and have significantly contributed toward the advancement of healthcare management excellence and the achievement of the goals of ACHE. In addition to his duties as managing member of his firm, Copeland was chairman, president and CEO of

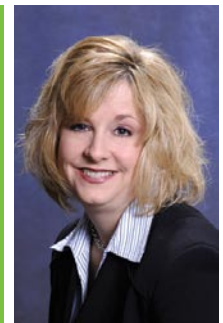
Copeland & Brown, LPA, a Cincinnati law firm serving healthcare clients, from 1992 to 2000. He was the first president and CEO of St. Francis-St. George Hospital, now Mercy Hospital Western Hills, serving from 1978 to 1986. He left that position to become chairman of the Health Care Group at Frost & Jacobs (now Frost Brown Todd), a Cincinnati law firm. He is also a former adjunct faculty member at both Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati. He received his bachelor's degree in business from Colorado State University in 1965, his master's degree in management from the University of Colorado in 1969, and his doctorate in healthcare management from Century University in New Mexico in 1992.



MEGAN
McCARTY



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GATHERINGS



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1. INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING NKU AND CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW ATTEND THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY'S HENRY CLAY DINNER HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., LAST FALL. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: JOE WIND, VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS; BRANDEN KIELY, NKU STUDENT WHO WAS AN INTERN AT THE WHITE HOUSE LAST SEMESTER; PAIGE ELLERMAN '99, CHASE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT; PROVOST GAIL WELLS; GERRY ST. AMAND, VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT AND FORMER CHASE DEAN; DAVID BENDER '79, NKU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT; DENNIS HONABACH, DEAN OF CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW; DEIDRA FAJACK, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI PROGRAMS; AND DAVID MACKNIGHT, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ADVANCEMENT AT CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW. **2.** MEMBERS OF THE CHASE BOARD OF ADVISORS (CLOCKWISE) JAN OLIVER, GARY COHEN, PAT NEPUTE, CHAIR MIKE MURRAY, DEAN DENNIS HONABACH, DAVID HAUSRATH AND DICK LAWRENCE. **3.** NKU AND CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW HOSTED A JOINT RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA ON THE EVENING AFTER THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY'S HENRY CLAY DINNER, PICTURED ARE: DEIDRA FAJACK, DENNIS HONABACH, BRIGHAM McCOWN '97, GAIL WELLS, RALPH MILLER '83, BILL SANDERS '79, MAC RILEY '86, DAVID BENDER '79, JAN OLIVER '91, MARIA LONGI '93, RYAN BREITENBACH '03, GERARD ST. AMAND, DAVID MACKNIGHT. **4.** BILL KNAPP '79 AND HIS WIFE, MICKEY, LEFT, SPEND SOME TIME WITH JOHN LUCAS '79, AND HIS WIFE, BONNIE, ON THE NKU CRUISE DURING TALL STACKS LAST OCTOBER. **5.** MARY RAY '95, LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE E. W. SCRIPPS COMPANY, DISCUSSES CAREER



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OPTIONS WITH CHASE STUDENTS. LINDSAY HUNTER, CHASE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, IS SEEN AT LEFT. **6.** ON JANUARY 14, THE CHASE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CO-HOSTED A RECEPTION AT THE VINEYARDS COUNTRY CLUB IN NAPLES, FLA. CHASE AND NKU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS FROM NAPLES, MARCO ISLAND, FT. MYERS, BONITA SPRINGS, PORT CHARLOTTE, SARASOTA AND SURROUNDING AREAS WERE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EVENT. GUESTS AT THE RECEPTION HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH NKU PRESIDENT JAMES VOTRUBA, NKU VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT GERARD ST. AMAND AND CHASE DEAN DENNIS HONABACH. **7.** PRESIDENT VOTRUBA POSES WITH DAN MEYER '67 AND KAY FRENCH ON THE DECK OF THE BOAT DURING THE NKU TALL STACKS DINNER CRUISE. **8.** IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SENIOR COUNSELOR LUNCHEON, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE W. JACK GROSSE '62, FORMER DEAN AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS; ROBERT (BOB) BRATTON, PROFESSOR EMERITUS; SENIOR COUNSELOR INDUCTEES ROBERT M. BLATT '64 AND GENE I. MESH '64; CHASE DEAN DENNIS R. HONABACH; AND WILLIAM (BILL) JONES, PROFESSOR AND FORMER DEAN. **9.** DAN MEYER '67, CENTER, GREET'S JUDGE RAYMOND E. LAPE '68 AT THE DEAN'S CIRCLE LUNCHEON AS ASSOCIATE DEAN DAVID MACKNIGHT, RIGHT, AND PROFESSOR JOHN BICKERS, LEFT, LOOK ON. **10.** CLEMENT H. LUKEN, JR. '86, PARTNER AT WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, TALKS TO A GROUP OF CHASE STUDENTS ABOUT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW DURING THE LUNCH/DINNER WITH A LAWYER PROGRAM.

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1976

The Honorable William Wehr was honored, along with six other judges and two attorneys, by the Northern Kentucky Bar Association at its gala/dinner dance last December.

1978

James J. Carroll was elected a member of the law firm of Cors & Bassett, LLC. Formerly of counsel with the firm, Carroll practices in the fields of real estate, general business and government affairs. He also serves as director of accounting and finance for the firm as well as president for Sawyer Point Title. Carroll is a member of the American Bar Association. He is a certified public accountant (inactive) and has been nominated to serve on the executive board of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants. His current community involvement includes chairing the city of Cincinnati's Lunken Airport Oversight Authority Board. He earned his B.B.A. in accounting from the University of Cincinnati.

Beatrice Wolper of Chester, Willcox & Saxbe, LLP, was featured on Sky Radio Network's America's Most Influential Women program, where she discussed family business issues. She was featured alongside other influential women, including Mercedes Colwin, legal analyst for Fox News; Anne Sweeney, president, Disney-ABC Television Group; and Patricia

Salas Pineda, general counsel and senior vice president, Toyota Motors North America, Inc.

1980

William E. Hesch was recently recognized as "Leading Lawyer" in the trust and estate area by *Cincy Business* for 2007. This is the third consecutive year Hesch has received the coveted distinction, which is determined by the ballot of local attorneys. In private practice since 1993, Hesch is the CEO of William E. Hesch Law Firm and William E. Hesch CPAs, LLC. His legal practice focuses in the areas of tax and estate planning, Medicaid and elder law planning, probate, buy/sell agreements, and assisting clients in the formation, growth, and the buying and selling of their businesses. His CPA firm provides comprehensive tax services for individuals and businesses and includes Scott Champion, a CPA accredited in business valuation.

Robert M. Hoffer, a partner with the law firm of Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle, was selected as a member of the Leadership Northern Kentucky Class of 2007. He heads the firm's employment law division and represents the interests of his clients in medical negligence issues and probate matters in Kentucky and Ohio.

LaJuana S. Wilcher resumed her law practice as a partner with the Bowling Green law firm of English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley,

LLP, last October. She initially joined the firm in 2002 after having spent nearly 20 years in federal government and private practice in Washington, D.C. The following year, she was appointed by Governor Ernie Fletcher as the first secretary of Kentucky's Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. As a partner with English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, she will focus her practice in the area of environmental law.

1983

Elizabeth A. Horwitz of Wood & Lamping LLP was voted an Ohio Super Lawyer in 2006 and 2007. In 2005, Women's Business Cincinnati named her as one of the top 10 women attorneys in Cincinnati. She is a member of the firm's business practice group and has more than 20 years' experience representing businesses of all types and sizes, from start-up companies to publicly traded corporations. She is active in the community and with state and local bar associations.

1986

John K. Bush, an attorney with Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC, was one of several attorneys in the firm named by Chambers and Partners in the 2006 Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He was listed in litigation.

David Zerbe is of counsel with the firm of Cors & Bassett, LLC.

He has actively represented individuals and businesses in southeastern Indiana since 1986. Zerbe has represented the city of Lawrenceburg, the Lawrenceburg Conservancy District and the Lawrenceburg Bond Bank and has worked as deputy prosecuting attorney for Dearborn and Ohio counties as well as special prosecutor in Franklin, Fayette and Ripley counties. His family has been practicing law in southeastern Indiana for the last half century. Admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1986, he is affiliated with the Cincinnati Bar Association, Dearborn/Ohio County Bar Association and Indiana Trial Lawyers Association. He lives in Anderson Township with his wife, Beth, and six children.

1987

Greg E. Mitchell was a featured speaker in Beijing, China, at MULTILAW's Annual Meeting hosted by Jun He Law Offices. He presented "The Challenges for China as an Exporter – the U.S. Perspective."

1989

Colleen P. Lewis was selected to participate in the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber's WE Lead Leadership Program, a new leadership development program designed for women of any age who are established in their careers and are interested in growing their leadership

capabilities. She is a partner in the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

Katharine C. Weber of Cors & Bassett, LLC, was voted a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer. She practices in the areas of labor and employment, commercial litigation, general business, corporate finance/mergers and acquisitions, and real estate and zoning.

1993

John E. Christopher, Jr., an attorney with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was named a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer – Rising Star by *Law & Politics Media*.

James G. Hodge, Jr., was the 2006 winner of the Henrik L. Blum Award for Excellence in Health Policy from the community health planning and policy development section of the American Public Health Association. Hodge received the award at the APHA's national conference last November.

Norton B. Roberts, director of Common Pleas Alternative Dispute Resolution for Hamilton County and a member of the Chase Alumni Association's Board of Governors, was named a trustee of the Cincinnati Bar Association board. She began the mediation portion of CPADR in 1998, and she and her staff have mediated more than 3,000 cases since that date. Prior to joining Hamilton County, she worked as a field attorney for the National Labor Relations Board. She serves on both the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and as a past chair of the Women Lawyers Committee and is also active in the Dispute Resolution Committee of the American Bar Association. She has presented CLEs on mediation and teaches ADR in the University of Cincinnati

legal technology program. Roberts is a fellow of the CBA's Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers Class VII and serves as a tutor for the Great Oaks Institute of Technology in its adult basic literacy education program.

1994

Craig C. Dilger, a Louisville attorney, was elected to serve a second consecutive term as vice chair of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

1995

Alexander Brackett has been named a director at Middleton Reutlinger in Louisville. He practices in the intellectual property group, focusing on patent law, U.S. patent prosecution and international patent prosecution. Brackett is also the chair of the intellectual property section of the Louisville Bar Association.

Nicholas Ferrigno, Jr., a member of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC, Cincinnati and Covington offices, was named a 2007 Cincy Leading Lawyer by *Cincy Business* magazine. He also was recently elected to the board of directors of the Dan Beard Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Ferrigno is chair of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald's ERISA controversy team and concentrates his practice in employee benefits law and litigation.

Ann Toni Kereiakes was elected a member of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald and practices in the firm's Louisville office. She focuses her practice primarily on tort litigation, healthcare litigation and construction law.

1996

Kelli E. Brown has become a partner in the firm of English,

Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP, in Bowling Green, Ky. A native of Cincinnati, Brown's practice focuses exclusively in the area of trusts and estates, which includes estate planning, probate, estate administration and estate litigation. She earned her B.A. from the University of Dayton in 1993. She also received an LL.M. in estate planning from the University of Miami in Florida in 1997. Brown is admitted to practice before all federal and state courts of Kentucky as well as the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, she is admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court and in the states of Ohio and Tennessee. A member of the American Bar Association, she currently serves as the chair of the probate and trust law section of the Kentucky Bar Association. She is a frequent lecturer on trusts and estate topics.

Denise M. Smith was elected a partner in Ulmer & Berne LLP, an Ohio-based law firm. She practices in the firm's pharmaceutical, medical device and mass tort litigation, and product liability practice groups.

The Honorable Alexander M. Triantafilou, Hamilton County common pleas judge, was named a trustee of the Cincinnati Bar Association board. Triantafilou was administrator of the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts for two years and a Hamilton County assistant prosecutor for five years. He is a fellow of the CBA's Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers Class VI. He has served as a mock trial legal advisor for Oak Hills High School and as a mentor with the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Mentoring Program. Triantafilou also served

as president of the board of trustees of Core Behavioral Health Centers.

1997

Marc Collins has been elected to the Greater Cincinnati Mutual Fund Association board of trustees. Collins joined Ohio National Financial Services in 1999 and currently holds the position of second vice president and counsel.

John Reed was one of five members of the Louisville law firm of Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice PLLC listed in 2006 Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business. Reed is listed in general commercial litigation.

The Honorable J. R. Schrand was appointed to the new circuit judge position in Boone and Gallatin counties by Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher in February. He will serve until the seat, for which he is running, is filled in the general election in November. Schrand was elected Boone County attorney in 2002 and re-elected last year. He practiced law in Burlington with Jones, Dietz & Schrand.

1998

Brian C. Dunham is a member of the law firm of Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC. He received his B.A. from NKU in 1994 and earned his J.D./M.B.A. from Chase four years later. He concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate and business law, estate planning, and commercial and real estate transactions throughout Ohio and Kentucky.

Neal A. Frink, an attorney with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was named an Ohio Super Lawyer – Rising Star by *Law & Politics Media* last year.

CLASS NOTES



Left to right
 NEAL A. FRINK
 WILLIAM E. HESCH
 ROBERT M. HOFFER
 KENNETH H. KINDER II
 THE HONORABLE
 ALEXANDER M. TRIANTAFILOU
 LAJUANA S. WILCHER

1999

Paige Ellerman, president of the Chase Alumni Association Board of Governors and an attorney in the Cincinnati office of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP, has been appointed as secretary of the Young Lawyer's Section of the Cincinnati Bar Association.

William "Willie" Roberts, Rowan County attorney, was elected to the executive board of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association, Inc., for a two-year term beginning in January 2007. Roberts has served as Rowan County attorney since 2003 and was re-elected again in 2006. He was honored last year for his work in juvenile justice during the Kentucky County Attorneys Association's Winter Conference in Lexington. He was the only prosecutor in the state to be so honored by the KCAA. The awards committee took special note of Roberts' initiatives that include the Courtrooms to Classrooms program at the Rowan County Middle School. He serves on the state's Juvenile Justice Committee, which advises and sets policy for the commonwealth of Kentucky's Department of Juvenile Justice. Roberts also serves on the board of directors of Gateway Children's Advocacy Center.

Christopher T. Smedley has become a shareholder in the Lexington law firm of Stockwell & Associates, PSC, whose name

has been changed to Stockwell & Smedley, PSC.

2000

Vincent P. Antaki became a partner in Reminger & Reminger Co., LPA. His practice is focused on employment law, professional liability, real estate and construction defects, products liability, commercial liability and securities law. Antaki, who earned an M.B.A. from the University of Cincinnati in 1997, is admitted to practice law in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Michael A. Galasso has become a partner in the Cincinnati law firm of Robbins, Kelly, Patterson & Tucker. He practices primarily in the areas of civil litigation, commercial and consumer law, bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and labor and employment law. He is admitted to practice in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Kenneth H. Kinder II has been elected a member of the law firm of Cors & Bassett, LLC. He concentrates his practice in tax, estate planning and corporate law. He formerly practiced as a certified public accountant. Kinder is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, Northern Kentucky Bar Association, AICPA, and Kentucky Society of CPAs. He is a graduate of Transylvania University with a bachelor's degree in

accounting, economics and finance. Kinder is a member of the planned giving committee of the Wellness Community. He also serves as an attorney volunteer for the Cincinnati Paralegal Association's Wills for Heroes program.

Karlynn A. Schnapp, Ph.D., an associate with Frost Brown Todd LLC, was named a 2006 Ohio Super Lawyer – Rising Star by *Law & Politics Media*. Her area of concentration is patent prosecution, with her practice concentrated in the areas of chemistry, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. She also practices in the area of intellectual property licensing.

2002

Aimee N. Haupt joined Keating, Muething & Klekamp as an associate in the labor and employment group. She has experience counseling and assisting clients with various aspects of labor and employment law on a national level. Her experience also includes facilitating preventive labor-relations training seminars for employers, their management teams and persuader work. Haupt has assisted clients during union organizing campaigns and elections in the manufacturing, service, healthcare and communications industries. Prior to joining Keating, Muething & Klekamp, Haupt developed her consulting experience with a national management-consulting firm and has worked with employers from coast to

coast. Most recently, she was the attorney placement director with a national staffing company, where she was responsible for recruiting, interviewing, compliance and placement of a substantial attorney candidate pool and the business development of the attorney component of the office. She received her B.A. from the University of Kentucky in 1998. Haupt is currently admitted to practice in the state of Ohio.

2003

Nathan H. Blaske has joined Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP as an associate attorney. He works in the litigation and dispute resolution client service department, focusing primarily on bankruptcy, creditors' rights and commercial litigation. In private practice since 2003, he was chosen by his peers as a "Rising Star" in *Law & Politics Media* magazine in 2005 and 2006. Blaske received his B.B.A. in marketing and finance from the University of Kentucky in 2000. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association and Kentucky Bar Association.

2004

Rainbow Forbes joined Furnier, Flagel & Papakirk, LLC, as an associate in its Cincinnati office. She will concentrate her practice in commercial litigation and employment law. Forbes served as a law clerk to the Honorable

Scot B. Gonzales, special agent/operations, U.S. Department of Commerce/Bureau of Industry and Security, received the Gold Medal award from U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez. It is the highest award the department bestows. His team of four agents and a supervisor were honored.

2005

Christina M. Caravello has joined the Zoppoth Law Firm in Louisville as an associate. She is a cum laude graduate of the University of Kentucky. Caravello will concentrate her practice in the areas of commercial and business litigation.

Gregory L. Cecil, an associate of Keating, Muething & Klekamp since 2005, was recently admitted to practice law in Ohio. Already licensed in Kentucky, he practices in the firm's real estate group. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky in 2000. Cecil was previously a closing agent for Riverbend Commercial Title Agency.

Sharlott K. Thompson has joined the Paducah law firm of Whitlow, Roberts, Houston & Straub, PLLC, as an associate. She obtained her B.S. from Murray State University in 1993.

2006

John D. Dressman was hired as an attorney by Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. Dressman earned his M.Ed. (2002) and his B.S. in history (1994) from Xavier University. He practices in the litigation department.

Richard T. Farr has joined Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP as an associate in the firm's construction industry group. His practice involves all areas of construction law, including dispute resolution, insurance

matters, risk management and contract negotiation. Farr also has experience in the field of occupational and construction safety as well as dealing with various OSHA matters. Prior to joining the firm, Farr worked as a director of safety for a construction company as well as serving as a contracts manager. He is an active participant with Allied Construction Industries where he is a member of the safety committee. While a student at Chase, he served as an associate editor of the *Northern Kentucky Law Review*. Farr received his B.S. in fire and safety engineering from the University of Cincinnati in 1998.

Joshua J. Hudson has joined his father, W. Banks Hudson, in the general practice of law and formed Hudson & Hudson, PLLC, in Danville. Hudson earned his undergraduate degree from Wofford College in South Carolina in 2001.

M. Curt Lambert has joined Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP as an associate in the firm's intellectual property group in the Wilmington, Del., office. He earned his B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1991 and his M.S., also in chemical engineering, from North Carolina State University in 1994. Lambert is admitted to the Delaware Bar, and he is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Matthew T. Lockaby joined Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing PLLC as an associate. He will be practicing in the firm's litigation section.

Amy E. Pennekamp has joined the William E. Hesch Law Firm LLC, where she had clerked for the previous two years, as an

associate in the firm's Oakley office. She is admitted to practice law in Ohio and will practice in the areas of business planning and formation, estate planning, trust administration and probate administration. Pennekamp earned her B.S.B.A. in finance cum laude from Xavier University in 2003. She is admitted to practice law in Ohio and is a member of the Cincinnati, northern Kentucky, Ohio state and American bar associations. She actively volunteers through the Young Lawyer's Section of the Cincinnati Bar Association and her church.

Matthew A. Stinnett joined the Lexington office of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC. He will be practicing in the firm's litigation and dispute resolution practice group. Stinnett earned his undergraduate degree from Transylvania University.

THREE CHASE ALUMNI ARE CBA OFFICERS

Philip J. Schworer '86, Hon. **Julia A. Stautberg '94** and **Stanton H. Vollman '66** were elected officers of the Cincinnati Bar Association for 2006-07. Schworer is vice president, Stautberg is secretary and Vollman is treasurer.

THIRTY CHASE ALUMNI VOTED CINCY LEADING LAWYERS

The following Chase alumni were named Cincy Leading Lawyers

for 2006 and/or 2007 in *Cincy Business* magazine's second and third annual surveys, respectively, of the region's law profession. Colleagues were nominated by their peers in the legal community in northern Kentucky and greater Cincinnati. Nominees were voted on by registered attorneys. They include:

Perry Ancona '72
Phyllis G. Bossin '77
Roger N. Braden '84
Daniel Burke '77
R. Scott Crowell '74
Matthew L. Darpel '84
Ellen Essig '86
Nicholas W. Ferrigno, Jr. '95
W. Roger Fry '66
Stephen E. Gillen '80
Carl E. Grayson '90
Margo Grubbs '80
Alan Hartman '78
William Hesch '80
Martin J. Horwitz '78
Bea V. Larsen '69
Howard S. Levy '89
Mary Ellen Malas '91
Jeffrey C. Mando '83
Martin S. Pinales '68
Stephen Richey '93
Peter Rosenwald '73
Bradley N. Ruwe '96
James H. Scheper '68
Philip J. Schworer '86
Joseph W. Shea III '74
Tom Sweeney '79
Timothy B. Theissen '80
Joseph Thomas '88
Leonard A. Weakley, Jr. '77

in MEMORIAM



Yvette Simone Boykin '97 of Cincinnati died March 20, 2007. She was an assistant prosecutor for the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office. Boykin graduated with honors from Forest Park High School and the University of Cincinnati College of Business. She served on the board of the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Greater Cincinnati. She was a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar. She is survived by her mother, a sister, brother, former husband and two stepsons.

Charles Maxwell "Max" Dieffenbach, professor emeritus, died March 15, 2007. He taught courses in contracts and commercial transactions from 1957 to 1965 and from 1968 until 1979. At one time more than half of the sitting judges in Hamilton County were Dieffenbach's students. Valedictorian of the Kentucky Military Institute Class of 1929, he earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from the University of Alabama in 1934. A decorated veteran of World War II, he was discharged in 1946 with the rank of major. He went on to obtain a master's degree in economics from the University of Cincinnati in 1948 and received his J.D. from Ohio Northern University School of Law in 1957. He taught business administration at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and was a visiting professor at the Detroit College of Law. He, Jack Grosse, former dean of Chase College of Law, and the late Stanley E. Harper, Jr., also a former Chase professor, were co-authors of *The Lawyers' School: A Centennial History of Salmon P. Chase College of Law*. His wife of 59 years, Gladys Gray Dieffenbach, died in 1994. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom, Roxann, is a 1978 graduate of Chase, and a grandson.

The Honorable Edward Donnellon '51 of Cincinnati passed away December 15, 2006. He served for 14 years on the Hamilton County Municipal Court. Before serving on the bench, he was a practicing attorney for the county. He previously had a private practice and also served as attorney for Golf Manor and Elmwood Place. Donnellon also

was a candidate for prosecutor and state representative before being elected for three terms as judge. He was a World War II veteran. Married for 48 years to his late wife, Mary Margaret "Peggy," he is survived by three sons, two sisters, two brothers, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Anne Mielech '91 of Southgate, Ky., passed away November 12, 2006. She taught English at Holy Cross High School in Latonia, Ky., and also served as the faculty advisor to the school's Kentucky Youth Assembly Team. Mielech earned her undergraduate degree from Thomas More College. Prior to pursuing a career in teaching, she practiced law for a few years. She is survived by her father and mother and a brother.

Christine Panos '53 of Cincinnati passed away on October 10, 2006. She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Cincinnati. Panos was a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association and was retired from Panos and Panos law firm. Survivors include nieces and nephews.

The Honorable Donald Guy Montfort '51 of Cincinnati, who was Hamilton County's first public defender, passed away August 28, 2006. He practiced law for more than 50 years with more than 25 of those spent in elective or appointive office. Montfort served as general counsel for the Cincinnati Automobile Club and the Cincinnati Board of Realtors. He joined the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office in 1966 and served until appointed judge of the Municipal Court in 1971 by then-Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes. After not being reelected in 1973, he worked as a criminal lawyer with the firm of Latimer and Swing until 1977. That year, the Hamilton County Public Defender's Commission selected him to set up the public defender's office. Montfort was a World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gloria Greenwood Montfort, two daughters, a son and six grandchildren.

The Honorable James A. Dressman, Jr. '50 of Covington, Ky., former Kenton County judge-executive, passed away August 7, 2006. He was elected to the state legislature in 1952 and served two terms in Frankfort before his appointment as master commissioner of Kenton Circuit Court in 1956. Elected judge-executive six times, he retired in 1986 after serving 24 years in that office. Dressman continued to practice tax law until suffering a stroke in 1999. He is survived by his wife, Theresa Boone Dressman, six daughters, six sons, two brothers, seven sisters, 30 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dale G. Schmidt '65 of Cincinnati passed away in July 2006. He was a criminal defense attorney and Ohio lawmaker, who was elected to the Ohio Legislature as a state representative for the 66th District and served from 1968 to 1972. Schmidt had worked as an investigator in the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office and as a clerk of Cincinnati City Council. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served in Korea. He practiced law with Robert Ranz, Richard Schmidt, David Wagner and Darlene Smith. He is survived by a fiancée and two daughters.

Ralph F. Mitchell '51 of Cincinnati passed away March 29, 2006. A trial lawyer, he practiced with William H. Fry, and in 1962 he joined the firm of Rendigs Fry Kiely & Dennis. His clients included Ford Motor Company of America, Cincinnati Milacron, Delta Air Lines and the Beverly Hills Supper Club. Mitchell was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers and was given the John P. Kiely Award for Professionalism by the Cincinnati Bar Association. He is survived by three daughters, a son and 15 grandchildren.

Jerry Jung '62 of Cincinnati passed away February 13, 2006. He was a retired attorney in Cincinnati, where he practiced for 35 years. He also was a founder of the Chase College Foundation of which he served as trustee and secretary for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Elva, Jody Jung, and a sister.

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