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## From the Dean

**A**t Chase, we build lawyers. In this issue of *NKU Chase Lawyer*, you will read about some of them. And you will notice several themes common to their success: embracing technology, utilizing resources, building relationships, being business-ready, and prioritizing.

Every day I meet or speak with a number of our alumni. And every day I am impressed, but not surprised, by their career achievements. I hear stories about how law school would not have been an option for some of them, were it not for Chase's evening program or affordable tuition. Many speak of overcoming obstacles and hardship to make their way to Chase — and then using their degrees to excel in their chosen fields. Some speak of Chase faculty, classmates, or friends of the law school as critical to their success. I appreciate all of these stories, and I often ask the alumni if I might share them with our current students. I want Chase students to know that they are part of a special history, and that those who have gone before them have represented us well.

With another academic year soon coming to a close, and commencement upon us, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on the people who have helped you succeed in your career. A new group of Chase graduates will soon join your ranks, and they will be ready to carry on the Chase tradition of excellence. I know they will have great Chase stories to tell one day, and I look forward to hearing them.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Standen  
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# WE BUILD LAWYERS

*Since 1893, Chase has educated individuals who make immediate contributions to the legal profession and their communities. Featured here are a few of the many successful graduates who are carrying on the Chase tradition of excellence in their chosen fields.*

## Lessons Learned Stephen D. Little '78

**I**n 2002, the predecessor to *NKU Chase Lawyer* magazine featured a short report on Stephen Little '78. The article highlighted Little's commitment to hard work and professionalism. Twelve years later, these are still hallmarks of Little's recipe for success. "The older I get, the more value I place on these basic principles," said Little.

named chairman of the board. Little still serves in these positions today.

Like many industries, river transportation is impacted by advancing technology and market globalization. Despite the frequency of change in today's business environment, Little's faith in the importance of ethics and hard work endures. He noted that student effort, engagement, and curiosity will help set the stage for future success. "Students should immerse themselves in the subjects they are studying in law school," he said. "They should be interested in everything, because much of what they are studying will be relevant at some point in their careers. I have been blessed to know and work with many exceptional people during my career, and included in that group are some Chase professors who were great mentors for my classmates and me."

Little added that the skills he learned at Chase have helped him in all stages of his career. "Think and write

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After graduating from Chase, Little worked for five years as counsel to the Merchant Marine Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives, in Washington, D.C. This experience paved the way for his next endeavor in the river industry. In 1984, he joined Crouse Corporation, a barge line headquartered in his hometown of Paducah, Kentucky. After serving in various roles with Crouse, Little became the company's president and CEO in 2002 and was later

like a lawyer in all you do – whether or not you are practicing," advised Little. "And remember the importance of developing professional relationships based on trust and fairness," he added. "I continue to collaborate with colleagues I met during those years in D.C." Little also emphasized the importance of knowing your business, following your instincts, and analyzing information to make good decisions.

Good advice in 2002, and good advice in 2014. ■

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## Always Reaching Out Heather L. Crabbe '07

**H**eather Crabbe’s biography is one of a classic over-achiever. The Chase graduate has an impressive history of professional and academic success, and now she is Chase College of Law’s new outreach officer. In this role, Heather is working with the Admissions and Career Development offices traveling the region and the nation to increase Chase’s profile, or as Heather puts it, “to tell people how great Chase is.”

Heather attended Chase as a Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity (KLEO) scholar. She was actively involved in the Black Law Students Association, the Legal Association of Women, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, and the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Team. Heather recognizes that Chase’s student organizations gave her a solid foundation when it came time for her to embark on her legal career. After graduation, she accepted a position as an assistant public advocate with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy. “Through my work with the mock trial team, I felt I was as prepared as any graduate could be,” she said.

Heather also praises her fellow Chase graduates as important to her early success. “Not only did our mock trial team have the support of the school, but also the dedicated alumni who volunteered their time and energy to coach us,” said Heather. “Chase alumni are very committed to mentoring the next generation of attorneys, and this is a valuable resource for our students and newer graduates.”

Heather utilized the skills she developed at Chase early in her career. With just three months of practice under her belt, she was called upon to draft, file, and argue a writ of habeas corpus. She knew she had to be flawless in her preparation, which included reaching out to friends and colleagues for tips in appearing before the judge, and understanding the customs in a county which was outside of the jurisdiction her office usually served. After the argument, Heather was invited by the judge into his chambers where he complimented her work. He was shocked to discover she had been practicing only a few months.

During her tenure with the DPA, Heather also served as a mentor for law students interested in public interest law and taught as an adjunct faculty member at a local college. She is confident her varied professional experiences will benefit her in her new position at Chase. “The time I spent as a public defender was one of great personal growth. But I always knew I would be involved with helping to prepare the next generation of lawyers. I understand and appreciate the value of developing practical skills and networking,” she said. “This will be part of my message to prospective and current students alike.” Chase is proud to welcome Heather back home. ■

## Cross-Trained Lawyer Glenn D. Denton '95

**G**lenn Denton is not a “punch a time clock and check out at 5:00” type of worker. He is the “always connected, multi-hat-wearing, mentor, boss, board member, need-to-know-a-little-something-about-everything” type of worker. Having more than a dozen trials to verdict under his belt, he is a business lawyer, litigator, counselor, and advocate.

Denton is a partner at Denton & Keuler LLP, a 15-member law firm in Paducah, Kentucky. He attributes his ability to manage a broad practice to organization, prioritization, and collaboration – skills he began developing while in law school. Add to that the ability to embrace emerging technology, and you have a recipe for success.

“The workload I encountered at Chase taught me how to multi-task, something I do every day as a lawyer,” Denton noted. Learning to organize and prioritize a high volume of work in a limited time is something all law students must address. Denton did it by figuring out the best way to complete the reading assignments, understand the concepts, and collaborate with others. “This formula gave me a leg up in my practice,” he stated. “And never underestimate the importance of a law student debate over beers at Applebee’s,” he added.

Denton also understands the importance of collaboration and building lasting relationships. “At our firm, we work best when we work as a team,” said Denton. “And my classmates, my collaborators back then, are still my friends today,” he said. “It’s nice to be able to call one

with a question, or to refer business,” he added. Although there are times when lawyers encounter difficult people and have to manage a variety of personalities, ultimately “we are in the business of providing legal advice and services to people, so you’d better have good people skills.”

Denton notes how client communication has shifted from the days of letters and faxes to e-mails and texts. “Today’s legal landscape is based on almost-immediate communication,” he said. “I have witnessed a remarkable transition in the legal industry over the last 19 years. Today, I have clients who prefer to communicate only via text, and I challenge anyone to try to submit a paper filing in federal court. You have to be willing to adapt to changing technology, or your business will not be successful.”

When asked about the most rewarding and the most challenging aspect of his practice, Denton points to the same thing: human nature. “Working collaboratively to achieve a successful conclusion is a wonderful experience,” he said. “On the other hand, if you deal with disagreeable and combative people, it slows down the process and it’s frustrating,” said Denton. “It is indeed a very small world,” he added. “If you cannot find a way to get along with someone, you can bet that person will one day be a judge you face in court. It’s important to invest in building strong and positive relationships in all you do,” said Denton. ■

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## Effectively Using Your Resources

### Alan J. Hartman '78

**A**lan J. Hartman '78 heads DBL Law's technology law practice group, and he is partner-in-charge of the firm's Cincinnati office. He provides a broad range of legal services to technology companies and other businesses. Hartman's motto is "taking the business approach to legal issues, not the legal approach to business issues," a theme that is critical to today's ever-changing practice of law.

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Hartman was serving as in-house counsel for a software company years ago when the CFO complimented him on his business approach to problem solving. "Young lawyers in particular can get bogged down with legal issues that are not relevant. Of course, as lawyers, we have to complete the legal analysis, but we also need to evaluate the economics related to the client's objectives," said Hartman. "Young associates need to learn to achieve that balance and avoid 'over-lawyering.'"

Hartman has long been a supporter of the Chase Transactional Law Practice Center. Through programs offered by the center, he has interacted with students and has been impressed with their level of business analysis. "Students who participate in the center and the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic will have an edge when they graduate because they are exposed to real-world issues," said Hartman. "They can apply what they learn in the classroom, which will help them in their careers."

In addition to establishing a practical edge, students need to develop a technological edge, as technology is constantly changing the way lawyers practice. "It can be difficult to keep up with the latest developments," said Hartman, "but we all need to be aware of what's going on in the industry and cherry-pick the things that make us more efficient in delivering legal services. We owe it to our clients to keep costs down, and technology is one tool that helps us be better, more efficient lawyers."



Today's lawyers have educational and technological resources that were not available to previous generations. Hartman believes it is important for students to embrace opportunities such as the unique curriculum offered by the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology, and the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute. "Chase has long been focused on preparing students for the challenges ahead," said Hartman. "My own career is evidence of that."

Regardless of a student's career path, and despite changing market conditions, new curriculum, new technology, and all of the things that go into building a successful practice, Hartman noted that there is one common element that transcends generations: relationship building. "Delivery of exceptional legal services is important, whether you practice with a firm, as a solo practitioner, in-house, or elsewhere," said Hartman. "But ultimately, a successful practice is about relationships. And building those relationships starts in law school." ■

## Practice-Ready Means Business-Ready

Richard L. Grant '82

“Years ago, having a college degree put you ahead of the game,” said Grant. “Now, you have to have an advanced degree, and a law degree opens so many doors. Although it’s hard for students to know exactly what they will be doing after they graduate, they should try to identify an area of interest while in law school.” In today’s

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**H**ow many lawyers have attended law school because they were inspired by Atticus Finch? Or more accurately, how many lawyers have attended law school because they were inspired by Gregory Peck’s portrayal of Atticus Finch? Rick Grant is one of them. Like many lawyers, Grant loved *To Kill a Mockingbird*—the book and the movie—both of which made a lifelong impression on him. Unlike most people, however, Grant had the opportunity to shake hands with Atticus Finch himself, upon a chance meeting in Washington, D.C., years ago. “Mr. Peck,” said Grant, “I just want to tell you that *To Kill a Mockingbird* is my favorite movie of all time.” Peck replied, “Mine too.”

Although the idea of law school and practice often stems from images of lengthy legal analysis and riveting courtroom scenes à la Finch, Perry Mason, and others, today, being “practice-ready” really means being “business-ready.” Grant wholeheartedly agrees with this sentiment. With an undergraduate degree in engineering and a J.D., Grant is a double-threat. He has made his career running energy companies (and sometimes practicing law), and he also happens to own a golf course.

global economy, however, this might include something other than the practice of law. “Be open to using your degree in ways you had not anticipated,” advised Grant.

Grant worked full-time as an engineer while attending Chase in the evenings. This helped him understand the importance of time management and efficiency. “If you are working full-time and going to school at night, you are not doing it for kicks,” said Grant. “Successful people know the ‘nuts and bolts’ of their business and how to maximize their resources to get things done,” he said. “Whether you are practicing law or doing something else, you have to attend to the details and realize that sometimes it’s more efficient to do something yourself than to delegate,” he added.

Grant also recognizes the importance of teamwork – whether your career path includes the courtroom or the boardroom. “To be successful, you need to surround yourself with exceptional people you can learn from every day. Don’t be afraid to hire people who are smarter than you.”

“And remember life sometimes unfolds unexpectedly. You can try your best to plan for opportunities, but recognize that sometimes things do not go as planned. Occasionally, you might find yourself in a career you had not imagined.”

Or find yourself face-to-face with one of your idols. ■



## Life is Too Short

### Kevin L. Murphy '81

**M**any people casually invoke the phrase, “life’s too short.” Kevin Murphy ’81, however, has first-hand knowledge of how meaningful these words can be. He has endured the devastating cancer diagnosis of his former spouse, a diagnosis that endangered the life of his first child. And he survived the emotional and financial after-effects of the diagnosis. His book *Surviving Cancer after Surviving Cancer* tells the story of Murphy’s journey towards some much-needed perspective.

Murphy is of counsel with Graydon Head and focuses his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, product liability, patents/trademark torts, contracts, corporate, and sports law. Like many lawyers, Murphy knew coming out of law school that the profession demands long hours and hard work. He is no stranger to these things. As a child, and an adult, he has overcome a variety of financial struggles. By age 15, he was working in a deli in a rough New York neighborhood.

Paying for college and law school was difficult for Murphy. During his time at Chase, he took a \$49 flight to Newark, NJ on weekends to drive a newspaper truck to make enough to cover tuition. With one semester remaining before graduation, he ran out of money. Through the efforts of the Chase dean, a Cincinnati widow (who never revealed her identity to Murphy) saw to it that he completed his studies. Her conditions were that he would have his best semester yet (he did), and that once he became successful, he would help others (he has).

Murphy is thankful for the anonymous act of kindness that helped shape his future and outlook on life. And he has paid it forward over the years through a variety of charitable endeavors. “One of the best things about a law degree is that you have the opportunity to help people. Not just in the courtroom, but with your presence, your charity work, and your ability to solve problems,” he said. “Lawyers have so many demands on their time and energy, but if you follow your heart, you cannot go wrong.” And he added, “The time to do good things with your degree is now. Yesterday I was 35, and today I am 60. We only get one chance at life.”

Murphy recently successfully litigated a high-profile case which included a demanding seven-week trial. But he approached this case differently than he would have in earlier years. “I achieved a positive result with the help of my colleagues, my treadmill, several late-night dinners with my daughters, and a lot of prayer,” he said. Murphy of course found joy in winning the case. But he also found joy in working with a team focused on a common goal, while keeping priorities in check. “Too much work of any kind will eat you up if you let it. It’s hard to find that balance between work and life, and it took me a very long time to achieve it. But I did.” ■

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## NKU Chase Hosts Scribes, the American Society of Legal Writers

Scribes, the American Society of Legal Writers, held its annual board meeting at Chase on Saturday, March 1, 2014. The following Scribes board members attended the meeting:

**Darby Dickerson**, Scribes president and Dean of Texas Tech University School of Law and Scribes president;

**Joseph Kimble**, professor of law, Thomas M. Cooley Law School;

**Judge Mark P. Painter**, former judge, Ohio Court of Appeals and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;

**Judge Michael B. Hyman**, Cook County Circuit Court and president-elect of Scribes;

**John R. Wierzbicki**, director, Legal Editorial Operations, Thomson Reuters and secretary of Scribes;

**Mark E. Wojcik**, professor of law, The John Marshall Law School and treasurer of Scribes;

**Norman E. Plate**, professor of law, Thomas M. Cooley Law School and executive director of Scribes;

**Mark Cooney**, professor of law, Thomas M. Cooley Law School and editor of the *Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*;

**Steven R. Smith**, professor of law and former dean, California Western School of Law and past president of Scribes;

**Beth D. Cohen**, professor of law and associate dean for academic affairs, Western New England University School of Law;

**Judge Kevin G. Ross**, Minnesota Court of Appeals;

**Charles D. Cole, Jr.**, Newman Myers Kreines Gross Harris, P.C. in New York;

**Ann Taylor Schwing**, Best Best & Krieger LLP in Sacramento;

**Raymond P. Ward**, Adams and Reese LLP in New Orleans; and

**Christopher G. Wren**, Assistant Attorney General, Wisconsin Department of Justice.



In conjunction with the board meeting, Chase professor and associate dean for academics, Lawrence D. Rosenthal, organized a Friday afternoon writing seminar for Chase students. The seminar was well-attended, and featured Dean Dickerson, Professor Kimble, and Judge Painter, all of whom emphasized the importance of clear and precise legal writing. Dean Dickerson opened her remarks by reminding the audience that a team of Chase students won the prestigious Scribes Best Brief of the Year award in 2013. "This was a great opportunity for our students to learn from three of the most accomplished and well-respected experts in the field of legal writing," said Dean Rosenthal. Added Dean Dickerson, "We were thrilled by the turnout and level of engagement by Chase students. It was one of the best groups we've presented to."

During their visit to campus, members of the Scribes board also met with a group of Chase students to discuss ideas for increasing student participation in Scribes.

Scribes was founded in 1953 to honor legal writers and encourage a "clear, succinct, and forceful style in legal writing." Members seek to promote better writing throughout the legal community — in courthouses, law offices, publishing houses, and law schools. "We want to ensure that young attorneys benefit from and contribute to the work of Scribes. It is important for us to hear from students about what sources they rely on for information about legal topics, and the benefits they expect to receive if they join a membership organization. Their insights were invaluable, and we've already generated specific projects and ideas based on their feedback," said Dean Dickerson.



Photo courtesy of Mark Wojcik

Professor Joseph Kimble, Judge Mark Painter, Dean Darby Dickerson, and Dean Lawrence Rosenthal at the Scribes writing seminar.

# NKU Chase Partners to Develop National Internet Privacy Program for Middle School Students

NKU Chase College of Law, through the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute, has partnered with Fordham Law School's Center for Law and Information Policy and select other law schools to develop a new Internet privacy education program for middle school students.

Using the curriculum developed by Fordham, Chase student volunteers are teaching this semester at Beechwood Independent Schools in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. The program addresses the many privacy issues faced by teens as their use of technology skyrockets. The program will also be taught in middle schools across the United States by law students from 14 other schools including Harvard, Yale, U.C. Berkeley, Princeton, and Georgetown.



“The online environment is part of our lives beginning at a very early age,” said Jon Garon, a professor at Chase and founding director of the Law + Informatics Institute. “As educators, we must help prepare students to make good choices when online, and to fully understand the online environment. This program helps teachers, parents, and their students manage the Internet and mobile devices.”

Session topics include how to deal with passwords and behavioral ads; navigating social media and tricky situations; understanding mobile, Wi-Fi,

and facial recognition; and managing a digital reputation.

The need for this type of education is highlighted by recent reports from the Pew Research Center that 93% of teens ages 12-17 go online, 53% of teens post their email address online, 20% post their cell phone number, and 33% are connected online to people they have never met.

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*To learn more about the program, visit: <http://chaselaw.nku.edu/chase-news/internetprivacymiddleschool.html>*



Griffin Hall, home of the NKU College of Informatics



## NKU Chase College of Law Launches W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology

In January, Chase announced the approval of new curriculum for the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology, with the first courses being offered in the 2014-2015 academic year.

The Academy offers students an honors immersion program operated by the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute. The program develops “Renaissance Lawyers” for the Information Age. The program’s five specialty courses enhance the comprehensive legal education provided by Chase by emphasizing legal technology, business, finance, leadership, and other skills critical to the future of the practice of law and business.

Through the program’s technology-focused, skills-based curriculum, students acquire the fundamental skills that make them more productive for their clients, more attractive to employers, and better prepared to practice law upon graduation. Many of the courses developed for the

honors program are available to other students enrolled at Chase. Students are also encouraged to expand their skills training with full-time field placements, which provide students with professional, live-client experience while in law school.

The Lunsford Academy curriculum combines quantitative analysis and research, high-level legal analysis, and best business practices to manage the constant change at the heart of modern legal practice. “This program will become an integral part of our curriculum and will provide Chase students with a dynamic environment in which to learn the skills they need to succeed in a technology-driven world,” said Chase Dean Jeffrey A. Standen.

The announcement has received a warm reception. The E-Lawyering Task Force of the ABA’s Law Practice Management Section named Chase as one of “13 Top Law Schools Teaching Law Practice Technology.” With the approval

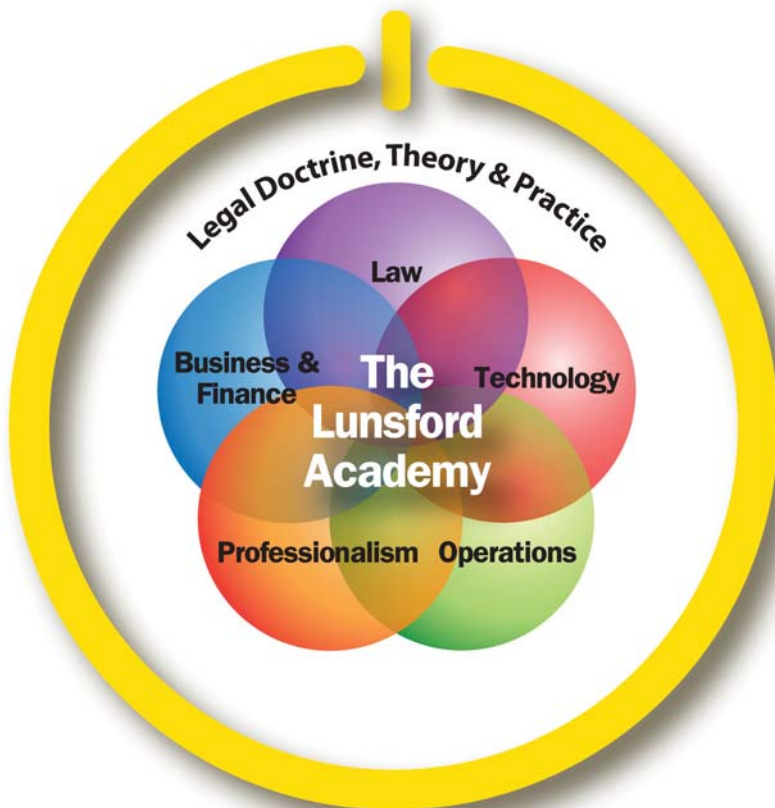
of courses specifically designed to implement the Lunsford Academy’s approach to preparing “Renaissance Lawyers,” Chase is at the forefront in the transformation of legal education for the 21st Century.

Lunsford, a 1974 Chase graduate, is chairman and CEO of Lunsford Capital, LLC, a private investment company headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. In September 2013, the NKU Board of Regents approved the name of the new program as the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology, in recognition of Lunsford’s ten-year, \$1 million commitment to the program.

“I am thrilled with the way Chase has embraced and implemented this program to provide students with such a broad-based curriculum,” Lunsford said. “While working full-time as a CPA during the day, I attended law school at Chase in the evenings. I was fortunate to build my career upon the strong foundation Chase provided to me, and I am hopeful that this program will allow Chase students to be fully prepared for the opportunities that will be presented to them in the years ahead.”

In addition to taking the program’s required and elective law and informatics courses, students may earn one of three joint degrees. Chase partners with the NKU College of Informatics to offer a Juris Doctor/Master of Business Informatics and a Juris Doctor/Master of Health Informatics, and with the NKU Haile/US Bank College of Business to offer a Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration.

Professor Jon Garon, director of the Law + Informatics Institute, explained that “all lawyers need business education, information technology and intellectual property knowledge, and law practice management experience to compete in today’s global marketplace. The Lunsford Academy is the first law school curriculum in the United States to focus on this new core of professional education.”



## Faculty News



**ERIC ALDEN**

*Blocking the Ax: Shielding Corporate Counsel from Retaliation as an Alternative to White Collar Hypercriminalization*, 36 U. HAW. L. REV. 95 (forthcoming)



**DONNA BENNETT**

*Staying Up-To-Date: Kentucky Business, Legislative, and Legal News*, LEX LOCI (Northern Kentucky Bar Association (December 2013)



**JOHN BICKERS**

Presenter, *Using a Wok: How Non-Bar Tested Electives Can Teach Lawyering*, LegalED Conference on Igniting Law Teaching, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (April 2014)

2013 Faculty Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching, Northern Kentucky University



**SHARLENE BOLTZ**

Featured Speaker, *Denial Is Not A Safety Plan II*, 15th Annual Ending Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Conference, Lexington, KY (December 2013)

Selected as a member of the board of directors for the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence



**ANTHONY CHAVEZ**

*A Napoleonic Approach to Climate Change: The Geoengineering Branch*, 5 WASH. & LEE J. ENERGY, CLIMATE, AND THE ENV'T I (2013)



**URSULA DOYLE**

Presenter, *Killing Them With Kindness: Why U.S. Courts Should Solicit Input from the Most Interested Country before Denying Jurisdiction over Corporate Human Rights Abuse Cases on the Basis of International Comity*, International Law Association's British Branch Spring Conference, King's College, London, UK (May 2014)



**JON GARON**

*Entertainment Law & Practice* (Carolina Academic Press, January 2005) (with Teacher's Manual) (2nd ed. anticipated 2014)

*The Band - Artistic, legal and financial structures which shape modern music*, in MUSIC AND LAW (Mathieu Deflem ed., Emerald Group Publishing, 2013)

*Legal Issues for Database Protection in the US and Abroad*, in BIOINFORMATICS LAW: LEGAL ISSUES FOR COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY IN THE POST-GENOME ERA (Jorge Contreras ed., American Bar Association, 2013)

*Copyright, Trademark, Trade Secret and Publicity Rights Concerns*, in EMERGING LEGAL ISSUES IN RFID AND OTHER CONTACTLESS DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEMS: WHAT

LAWYERS SHOULD KNOW (Sarah Jane Hughes ed., American Bar Association, 2012)

*Commercializing the Digital Canvas: Renewing Rights of Attribution for Artists in the Networked Economy*, Tex. A&M Law. Rev. (forthcoming)

*To Promote the Progress: Incentives, Exclusives, and Values to Build a More Perfect Creative Culture*, OHIO N.U. L. REV. (forthcoming)

*Tidying up the Internet: Take Down of Unauthorized Content under Copyright, Trademark and Defamation Law*, 41 Capital U. L. Rev. 513 (2013)

*Digital Hollywood 2.0: Reimagining Film, Music, Television and Publishing Distribution as a Global Artist Collaborative*, 21 MICH. ST. INT'L L. REV. 563 (2013)

Presenter, *Where does law enter into the study of informatics?* Informatics Showcase, NKU College of Informatics, Highland Heights, KY (January 2014)

Moderator and Panelist, *A Primer on IP Issues in Higher Education*, National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions, 41st Annual National Conference, New York, NY (April 2014)

Moderator, *Reaching our Part-Time Students - Flipped, MOOC'd or Blended: Developing strategies to engage the part-time curriculum*, AALS Section on Part-Time Division Programs, Assoc. of American Law Schools, Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 2014)

Executive Board Member, Association of American Law Schools, Section of Part-Time Legal Education

Executive Board Member, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Post-Graduate Legal Education

## Faculty News



**AMY HALBROOK**

*Kentucky Supreme Court Examines the Role of the Guardian ad Litem in Child Custody Matters*, KENTUCKY BENCH & BAR

(Kentucky Bar Association) (December 2013) (with J. Crabtree)

Presenter, *Direct Examination and Juvenile Disposition*, 2014 Ohio Juvenile Public Defender Leadership Summit, Columbus, OH (April 2014)

Presenter, *Ethical and Age-Appropriate Client Interviews*, Missouri Juvenile Public Defender Conference, St. Louis, MO (February 2014)

Panelist, *The GAL's Role in Kentucky Family Law Matters*, UK/CLE Biennial Family Law Institute, Lexington, KY (May 2014)

Trainer of Trainers, JTIP Train-the-Trainers Program, National Juvenile Defender Center Conference – Ohio (May 2014)

2013 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Northern Kentucky University



**JENNIFER JOLLY-RYAN**

*The Last Taboo: Breaking Law Students with Mental Illnesses and Disabilities Out of the Stigma Straitjacket*, UMKC L. REV. (forthcoming)

Presenter, *Taming the Grammar Monster in the Evolving Legal Writing Classroom* (with Professor Phillip Sparkes), Legal Writing Institute Workshop, University of Kentucky School of Law, Lexington, KY (December 2013)



**JENNIFER KINSLEY**

*First Amendment Sexual Privacy: Adult Sexting and Federal Age-Verification Legislation*, N.M. L. REV. (forthcoming)

*Amicus curiae* brief to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association in *Susan B. Anthony List v. Driehaus*, No. 13-193 (March 2014)

Presenter, *2257 and Personal Privacy*, First Amendment Lawyers Association Winter Meeting, Honolulu, HI (February 2014)

Presenter, *United States Supreme Court and Ohio Supreme Court Case Law Update*, Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Annual Seminar, University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, OH (January 2014)

Presenter, *2013 Supreme Court Case Law Update*, Lawyers Club of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH (January 2014)

Panelist, *Challenges and Benefits of Distance Learning in Experiential Placements*, Externships 7 Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO (February 2014)

Quoted in, *Carden 'Gets the Art of the Possible': Ethics Probe, Residency, Lack of Other Candidates Raise Concerns for Some*, CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, (December 3, 2013), <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20131202/NEWS0108/312030005/>

Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*®, First Amendment (2014 ed.)



**JENNIFER KREYER**

Presenter, *Museums and Collectors: The AAMD 1970 Rule, Web-based Databases and*

*Quiet Title, Reform of U.S. Cultural Property Policy: Accountability, Transparency, and Legal Certainty* Symposium, Committee for Cultural Policy, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (April 2014)

Presenter, *Nazi-era Art Litigation*, Art Law & Culture Society, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY (November 2013)



**MICHAEL MANNHEIMER**

*Harmelin's Faulty Originalism*, 14 NEV. L.J. (forthcoming)

*The Contingent Fourth*

*Amendment*, 64 EMORY L.J. (forthcoming)



**LJUBOMIR NACEV**

2013 Faculty Award for Sustained Excellence in Outreach and Public

Engagement, Northern Kentucky University



**LAWRENCE ROSENTHAL**

*To File (again) or Not to File (again): The Post-Morgan Circuit Split over the Duty to File an Amended or Second EEOC Charge for*

*Claims of Post-charge Employer Retaliation*, \_\_ BAYLOR L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2014)



**DAVID SINGLETON**

Presenter, *Residence Restrictions, Monitoring, and Supervision Issues*, National

Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, New Orleans, LA (March 2014)

Presenter, *Reverse Debate on the Death Penalty* (with Joseph Deters), Beyond Civility Series, Cincinnati Bar Association, Cincinnati, OH (February 2014)

Presenter, *Incorporating Interest Convergence Theory into Advocacy*, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (February 2014)

Moderator, *Gideon's Army: the Film*, Arkansas Bar Association Criminal Law Section, University of Arkansas and the National Park Central High Historic District, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR (December 2013)



**PHILLIP SPARKES**

"Reverse" *Open Records: Lawson v. Office of Attorney General*, LEX LOCI (Northern Kentucky Bar

Association) (March 2014)

*Let's Not, Shall We?*, KENTUCKY BENCH & BAR (Kentucky Bar Association) (March 2014)

Presenter, *Writing Administrative Decisions*, Administrative Hearings Before State Boards and Agencies, Frankfort, KY (June 2014)

Presenter, *Legal Ethics for County Attorneys*, Kentucky County Attorneys Association, Lexington, KY (February 2014)

Presenter, *Legal Models for Social Enterprise*, Social Enterprise Alliance, Cincinnati Chapter, Covington, KY (January 2014)

Presenter, *Taming the Grammar Monster in the Evolving Legal Writing Classroom* (with Professor Jennifer Jolly-Ryan), Legal Writing Institute workshop, University of Kentucky School of Law, Lexington, KY (December 2013)

Panelist, *Alternative Forms of Government in Kentucky*, Owen County Chamber of Commerce, Owenton, KY (March 2014)

Panelist, *Rethinking Local Government*, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY (March 2014)

Awarded 2013 William I. Thornton, Jr. Faculty Award by International Municipal Lawyers Association



**JEFFREY STANDEN**

*Foot Faults in Crunch Time: Temporal Variance in Sports Penalties*, 41 PEPP. L. REV. 349 (2014)

*The Demise of the African-American Baseball Player*, LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. (forthcoming)

*The Next Labor Market in Collegiate Sports*, OR. L. REV. (forthcoming)

Quoted in, *Five Former N.F.L. Players Sue the Chiefs Over Head Injuries*, THE NEW YORK TIMES, (December 3, 2013), [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/04/sports/football/five-former-nfl-players-sue-the-kansas-city-chiefs-over-head-injuries.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/04/sports/football/five-former-nfl-players-sue-the-kansas-city-chiefs-over-head-injuries.html?_r=0)



**BARBARA WAGNER**

Panelist, *Bringing Business Law Down to Earth*, Small Business Essentials Series, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blue Ash,

OH (March 2014)



**MICHAEL WHITEMAN**

*A Light in the Darkness: ABA Publication for Solo or Small Practice*, LEX LOCI (Northern Kentucky Bar Association, NKBA), February 2014

*Book Burning in the Twenty-First Century: ABA Standard 606 and the Future of Academic Law Libraries as the Smoke Clears*, 106 LAW LIBR. J. 11 (2014)

*Free and Fee-Based Appellate Court Briefs Online*, Supplemental Content to the article *Nontraditional Legal Research: Appellate Briefs*, 37 ONLINE SEARCHER 38 (Nov./Dec. 2013)

Presenter, *ABA Standard 606: Reliable Access as the New Model* (with Ed Hart UNT-Dallas), SEAALL Annual Meeting, Knoxville, TN (April 3-5, 2014)

President, Children's Law Center Board of Directors

Member-at-Large, Campbell County Public Library Board of Trustees

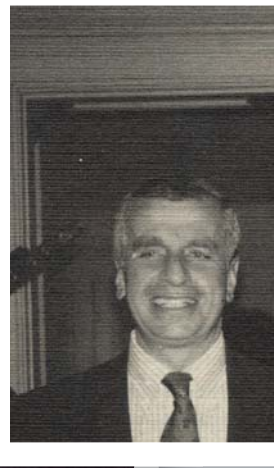


**CARYL YZENBAARD**

THE LAW OF TRUSTS AND TRUSTEES, §§ 471-510 (West 2009 & Supp. 2014) (with George Bogert)

Selected for Presentation, *Property Distribution at Death*, 2013 Modern Studies in Property Law Conference, The University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK (April 2014)

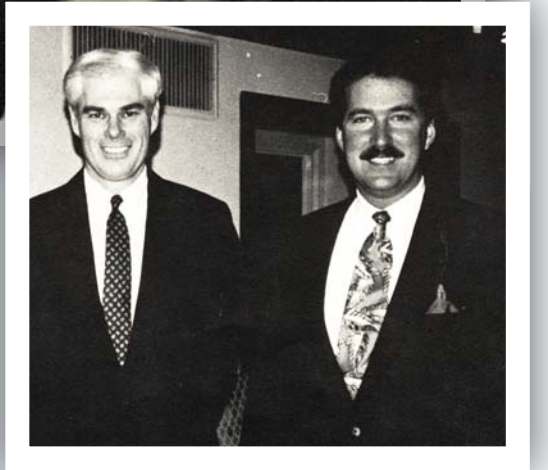
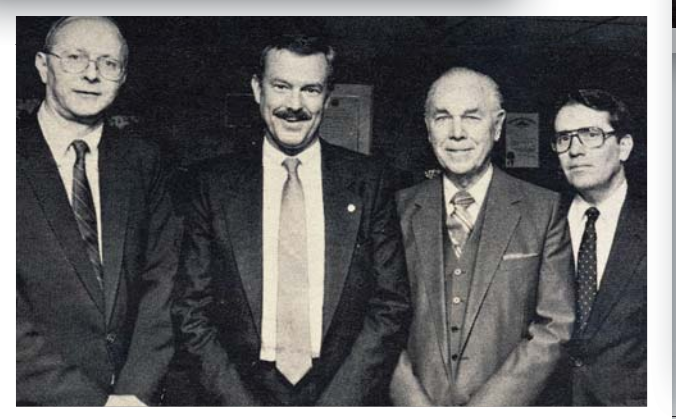
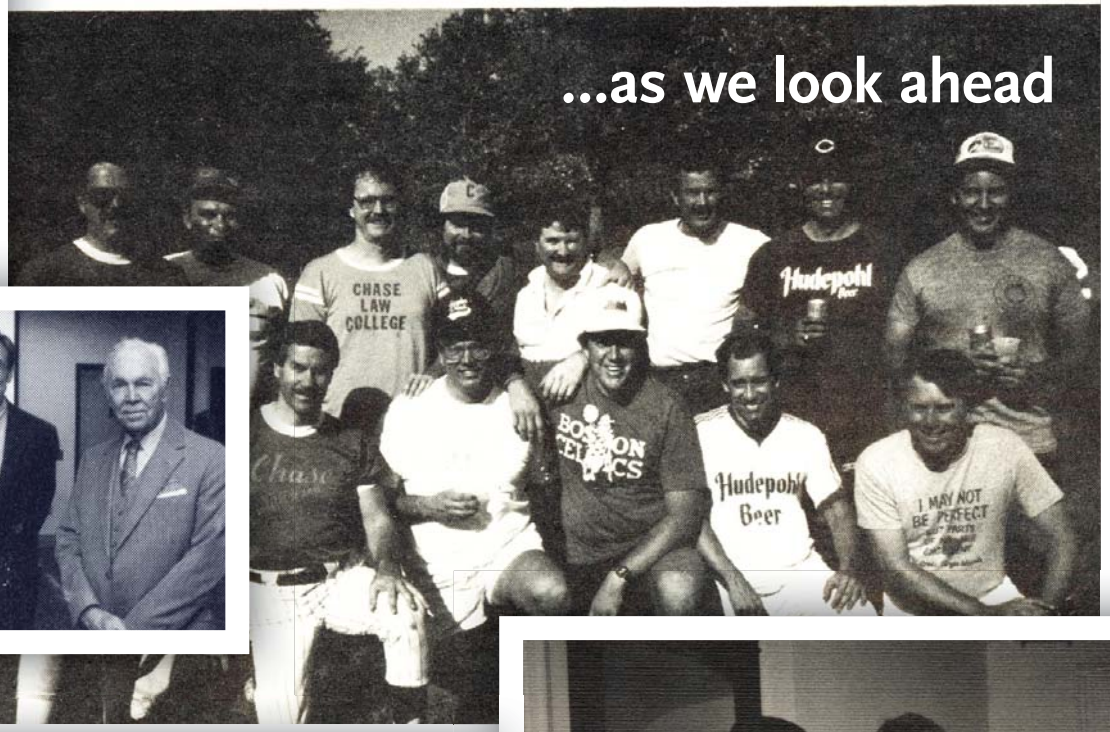
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A look back...



...as we look ahead



# Chase Alumni Association Gatherings



Reception for recent alumni at Molly Malone's Tavern in Covington, KY (above and below right)



Alumni lunch at Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg, KY



Alumni reception at Ryan's Tavern in Hamilton, OH





Alumni reception at the Downtown Marriott in Louisville, KY



Alumni luncheon at the Bank of Kentucky Center on NKU's campus



Alumni reception at Western Hills Country Club, Cincinnati, OH



## 2013 Chase Alumni Luncheon

The Chase Alumni Association held its annual luncheon on October 9, 2013 at the Bank of Kentucky Center on Northern Kentucky University's campus. More than 300 Chase alumni and friends attended the luncheon, which featured the presentation of the annual alumni awards. Alumni Association President Julie A. Schoepf '05 served as emcee. The luncheon sponsor was Turner Construction Company, and the program sponsor was Reminger Co., LPA. The table sponsors were: Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing PLLC; NKU Chase College of Law; Cors & Bassett LLC; Dinsmore & Shohl LLP; Dressman, Benzinger & LaVelle PSC; John M. Dunn '03; Timothy E. Eble '81; The Farrish Law Firm; Frost Brown Todd LLC; Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss LPA; Edward J. McTigue '78; NKU Alumni Programs; NKU Foundation; Reminger Co., LPA; Ann G. Schoen '94; Schuh & Goldberg LLP; Gabrielle A. Summe '00; Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP; and Turner Construction Company.

Emcee Julie Schoepf '05 and John Dunn at the 2013 annual luncheon



John M. Dunn

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### JOHN M. DUNN '03

2013 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE PAST DECADE

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Dunn served as an active duty Army officer prior to attending Chase. While at Chase, he clerked for the Kentucky Court of Appeals, worked in the NKU Office of Legal Affairs, served as the interim risk manager for the university, and served as president of the Student Bar Association. During his third year of law school, he took a leave of absence to serve as an Army officer in combat overseas during the initial invasion of Iraq.

Dunn currently serves as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He recently left battalion command of the 2/398 Cavalry Squadron and now serves as the brigade operations officer for the 3rd Brigade, 95th Division in Lexington, Kentucky. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Since graduating from Chase, he has served the community, as well as the country. A 2004 cancer survivor, Dunn became active in the American Cancer Society and served on the ACS Southern Ohio board of directors for six years. In 2012, he was recognized by the Northern Kentucky Chapter of the ACS as the outstanding volunteer of the year.



Gabrielle A. Summe

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### GABRIELLE A. SUMME '00

2013 EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

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Gabrielle A. Summe made history in 2010 when she was elected Kenton County Clerk. She is the first woman to serve in this position, and the first attorney to serve as a county clerk in the Commonwealth. She is a member of the legislative committee for the Kentucky Clerk's Association, and she was appointed to the Secretary of State's task force on elections.

While attending Chase, Summe worked for the Kenton County Child Support office. Upon graduation, she continued working with the CSO as an assistant attorney with the Kenton County Attorney's Office, and also worked with her brother, Pete Summe, as a part-time associate in the areas of bankruptcy, real estate, and probate.

While at Chase, Summe received the Judge Judy West scholarship, which is awarded to a female Chase student in her last year of study. Summe has also chaired the annual event which raises money for the scholarship.

Summe is actively involved with a number of charitable endeavors including the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Welcome House Outreach, the Kenton County Governance study group, the Fort Wright Ethics Board, Split Rock Conservation Park, and Redwood Express. She has also volunteered with the Credit Abuse Resistance Education program, Kids Voting, and often speaks



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Ann G. Schoen

at area schools and with community groups about elections.

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### ANN G. SCHOEN '94

2013 PROFESSIONAL  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Ann G. Schoen is a member of Frost Brown Todd LLC, where she is chair of the intellectual property law practice group, which is composed of over 50 professionals, including attorneys, registered patent attorneys, and specialized paralegals. Schoen is a registered patent attorney, and she practices in the areas of patent, trademark, trade secret and copyright litigation, patent prosecution, intellectual property licensing, and intellectual property portfolio management (both domestic and international).

Schoen attended the Chase evening program while working full-time at GE. After graduation in 1994, she worked in-house for GE's Corporate Research Center as a patent attorney. She returned home to Cincinnati in 1995 to join Frost & Jacobs. Her first matter was working for fellow Chase graduate, David E. Schmit '75, on the landmark patent infringement case, *Hilton Davis Chemical Co. v. Warner Jenkinson, Inc.* before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Schoen teaches patent law as an adjunct professor at Chase. She is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council and the Transactional Law Practice Center board of advisors. Schoen is also a



Timothy E. Eble

member of the board of directors for the Cincinnati Opera. She was recognized in *Chambers USA* for patent law in 2011-2013, and *Best Lawyers in America®* for patent litigation in 2013 and 2014.

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### TIMOTHY E. EBLE '81

2013 LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Timothy E. Eble graduated from NKU Chase in 1981, and was admitted to practice in Ohio, Kentucky, and South Carolina. He began his practice with the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, worked as an associate with a defense firm in Covington, Kentucky, and in 1986, moved to South Carolina to practice law with Ness, Motley, Loadholt, Richardson & Poole. He founded his own firm in 2000.

During his career, Eble tried cases to verdict for hundreds of personal injury clients in the state and federal courts of 10 jurisdictions. His trial experience resulted in numerous multimillion dollar verdicts for the clients he represented. He also settled cases for thousands of clients through class-action litigation cases filed in several states. His class-action practice included claims arising from pesticide exposure, deceptive financial practices, bankruptcy fraud, and defective products. He also participated as counsel in tobacco litigation that ultimately resulted in a national settlement.

For a full profile of Eble, see page 14 of the fall 2012 issue of *NKU Chase Lawyer*.



Susan J. Court

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### SUSAN J. COURT '80

NKU OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS  
AWARD CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

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Susan J. Court was presented with the NKU Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award for NKU Chase College of Law. The award was presented on March 21, 2013 during the association's annual awards presentation.

For the full feature story of Susan and her award, see page 15 of the fall 2013 issue of *NKU Chase Lawyer*.

## 2012 Chase Alumni Luncheon

The Chase Alumni Association held its annual luncheon on October 5, 2012 at the Bank of Kentucky Center on Northern Kentucky University's campus. Approximately 275 Chase alumni and friends attended the luncheon, which featured the presentation of the annual alumni awards. Alumni Association President Kenneth H. Kinder, II '00 served as emcee. The luncheon sponsor was Turner Construction Company, and the program sponsor was Reminger Co., LPA. The table sponsors were: Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing PLLC; NKU Chase College of Law; Sterling W. Colvin '95; Cors & Bassett LLC; Dinsmore & Shohl LLP; Dressman, Benzinger & LaVelle PSC; The Farrish Law Firm; The Honorable Anthony W. Frohlich '80; Frost Brown Todd LLC; Garvey Shearer; The Lawrence Firm; Mary A. Lepper '99; Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss LPA; Edward J. McTigue '78; NKU Alumni Programs; NKU Foundation; Reminger Co., LPA; Schuh & Goldberg; David M. Spaulding '06; Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP; and Turner Construction Company.

The alumni award recipients and Chase Alumni Association President Ken Kinder '00 pose for a photo at the conclusion of the luncheon.



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### DAVID M. SPAULDING '06

#### 2012 OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

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David M. Spaulding is director of business development & legal affairs at Turner Construction Company. During his tenure at Turner, Spaulding has drafted, negotiated, and executed over a billion dollars in contracts including notable local projects such as the NKU College of Informatics Griffin Hall, the Kenton County Detention Center, the Mercy Westside Replacement Hospital, the Great American Tower at Queen City Square, the restoration of Washington Park in Cincinnati, the Children's Hospital medical office building, and most recently, the corporate headquarters for Dunnhumby USA, at Fifth and Race. Prior to Spaulding's career at Turner, he was a solo practitioner with a caseload primarily focused on litigation.

In 2011, Spaulding was appointed commissioner of the NKY Water District by the judge executive of Kenton County, and in 2012, he was elected treasurer. During his term as treasurer, the board strategically restructured outstanding debt, saving the water district approximately \$12,600,000 over the next 16 years.

Spaulding also serves on the Chase College Foundation board of trustees, the Chase Alumni Association board of governors, the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce board of advisors, the St. Elizabeth Healthcare foundation committee, and the American Inn of Court.

Spaulding's community activities at Turner include the United Way committee, the Fine Arts Fund committee, the Learning for Life planning committee, the Salvation Army, and The Point/ARC of Northern Kentucky. Spaulding also



David M. Spaulding

teaches classes at the Turner School of Construction Management for emerging minority- and women-owned businesses, and lectures at the University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University.

Spaulding is a lifelong Northern Kentucky resident. He graduated cum laude from Marshall University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business and a minor in economics. While at Chase, he was awarded the dean's scholarship. Spaulding resides in Fort Wright, Kentucky, with his wife, Kelly, and their three young children, Ava, Cole, and Eli.

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### MARY A. LEPPER '99

#### 2012 EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

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Mary A. Lepper joined the Northern Kentucky University administration in 1994 after 21 years as an administrator at the Cincinnati Automobile Club. Since joining NKU, she has served as a graduate assistant in institutional research, associate director of curriculum and planning, and currently serves as director of curriculum, accreditation, and assessment. She is a long-standing member of the NKU curriculum committee and has served on numerous other university committees. While at Chase, she became involved in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. As the program grew, she took a leadership role in expanding services and helping to add new VITA locations.



Mary A. Lepper

Lepper continues to volunteer at two VITA sites today. She also served as director of the NKU asset building coalition until 2010. In 1999, Lepper and Chase professor Ljubomir Nacev established the NKU Low Income Taxpayer Clinic with grant funding from the Internal Revenue Service. Lepper serves as director of the clinic, which annually assists over 200 low-income taxpayers with federal and state tax issues. Her work with the community has been recognized with *IRS Community Service Awards* in 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2009. She also received the *Alma Latina Leadership Award for Excellence* from Centro de Amistad in 2006 for her work serving the Hispanic community.

An important aspect of Lepper's life is family – Gerald, her husband of 43 years, and one son, Jerry. She has travelled widely, and she enjoys living in northern Kentucky and reading.

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**STERLING W. COLVIN '95**

2012 PROFESSIONAL  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Sterling W. Colvin is general counsel for Enerfab, Inc., a Cincinnati-based company providing construction, specialty fabrication, and maintenance services in the power, industrial, and process industries across the country. Prior to joining Enerfab, Colvin was a partner in the corporate department of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati, where she practiced for over 16 years. She has been



Sterling W. Colvin

recognized by her peers as a leader in commercial real estate law by *The Best Lawyers in America®* and *Ohio Super Lawyers®*. She is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and was selected for the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers. She currently sits on the board for The Carnegie Visual and Performing Arts Center. She is a lifelong Kentucky resident and lives in Edgewood with her daughter, Caroline, and her husband, Richard Colvin, a partner at the law firm of Strauss & Troy LPA.

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**THE HONORABLE  
ANTHONY W. FROHLICH '80**

2012 LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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The Honorable Anthony W. Frohlich serves as circuit judge for Kentucky's 54th Circuit. He practiced law for 24 years prior to taking the bench, and served as master commissioner, domestic relations commissioner, and an assistant commonwealth attorney. He graduated from Northern Kentucky University *summa cum laude* in 1976, and graduated first in his class at Chase in 1980.

Judge Frohlich has held numerous civic and legal positions. He has served as president of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court and the Chase Alumni Association. He is a founding partner and current member of the board of advisors of Chase's Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Chase College



Anthony W. Frohlich

Foundation. Felony mediation dockets originated by Judge Frohlich have been adopted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and other jurisdictions. A long-time soccer enthusiast, Judge Frohlich's accomplishments include coaching the USA men's team in the DHL World Championship in 1999 and 2000 in Belgium. He holds national licenses from the United States Soccer Foundation and National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Judge Frohlich has received numerous awards and honors including the Boone County Historic Preservation Board's *Adaptation Preservation Award*, the *Anne Fitzgerald Research Award*, the Boy Scouts of America's *Award of Merit and Leadership*, the NKU Alumni Association's *Outstanding Alumnus Award*, and *Judge of the Year* presented by the Kentucky Justice Association. He has authored a number of publications in the areas of law, history, and soccer. He is a frequent lecturer, and has served as a visiting law professor. Later this year, Judge Frohlich is scheduled to receive the *Judge of the Year* award presented by the Kentucky Bar Association.

Judge Frohlich is a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, and he had the honor of making the motion for admission before the Court during the 2007 Chase admission ceremony.

Judge Frohlich and his wife, Candace, reside in Union, Kentucky, and have two children and two grandchildren.



## YOUR GUIDE TO GIVING IN SUPPORT OF CHASE

A meaningful charitable gift is very often the result of timing; of uniting a donor's desire to give something back with some triggering life event that either invites or requires the donor to allocate certain assets in response to that life event.

### LIFE EVENT:

*You receive a financial windfall or a significant inheritance.*

### GIFT MOTIVATION:

*To make a transformative contribution — a gift large enough to have a lasting impact on a program that matters to the donor.*

### A GIFT STRATEGY TO CONSIDER:

#### **Charitable Lead Trust**

A charitable lead trust is designed to provide charitable gifts while transferring wealth to the donor's heirs at a greatly reduced gift and estate tax cost, in effect increasing the size of their inheritances. The donor's heirs may actually receive a larger inheritance through a CLT than they would through a gift provided for them by will or living trust. The donor transfers assets such as cash, stock, bonds, income-producing real estate, or a combination of these into a trust. The trust pays an income to the school, usually for a term of years.

After this time, the assets are transferred to the donor's named heirs with a decreased or eliminated gift or estate tax. In this way, a CLT provides both a great financial benefit to the donor and the donor's heirs, plus a very generous gift to NKU Chase.

#### **The CLT is a versatile gift planning instrument.**

The donor may choose:

- a gift-to-charity percentage (unitrust; must be a 5% minimum);
- a fixed amount (annuity trust; equal to 5% minimum) within prescribed parameters;
- the duration of the trust's payments to charity;
- which charity/ies will benefit;
- who serves as trustee and how the trust is invested, all toward meeting donor's planning goals; and
- the lives who will receive the corpus at the end of the trust term.

**Questions?** To discuss your interest in providing for the future of Chase, please contact the Chase Development Office at (859) 572-1461 or at [supportchase@nku.edu](mailto:supportchase@nku.edu).



## Dean's Circle Fall Reception *Welcoming Dean Standen*

Chase alumni and friends gathered on August 29, 2013 for the Dean's Circle fall event. Members of the Dean's Circle and Chase's leadership boards attended a special welcome reception on campus for Dean Jeffrey Standen. Annual donors of \$1,000 or more annually enjoy periodic Dean's Circle recognition events. Past activities include theatre performances and an evening at Elk Creek Winery.



## Class notes

### CLASS OF 1967



**Ronald A. Panioto** joined Droder & Miller Co. LPA as of counsel. Now retired, Panioto formerly served as a judge with the Hamilton County Court of Common

Pleas, domestic relations division. He is actively involved with Italian-American philanthropic organizations, including the Order of the Sons of Italy in America; the Da Vinci University Club, which provides scholarships to deserving students; Sacred Heart Italian Church; and Southern Ohio Dog and Game Protective Association.

### CLASS OF 1970



**David W. Peck**, a partner at Barron Peck Bennie & Schlemmer Co. LPA, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2014

for the practice areas of arbitration and mediation. He has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® for the past seven years. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals and active in a number of professional organizations focused on mediation and a collaborative approach to dispute resolution.

### CLASS OF 1975



**Howard L. Richshafer**, partner in charge of the tax controversy group at Wood & Lamping LLP, was named to *The Best Lawyers*® 2013 and as 2014 *Cincinnati Tax*

*Lawyer of the Year*, an award given to one attorney in each practice area in each community.

### CLASS OF 1977



**Patricia L. Herbold** has been inducted into the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans - Class of 2014. The award, presented in

Washington, D.C., is given annually to 12 prominent leaders who have demonstrated courage, fortitude, and character in pursuing personal and professional success, despite significant personal adversity in their lives. Herbold is the former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, and she currently serves as vice president and secretary of the Herbold Foundation. The foundation, established by Herbold and her husband, awards scholarships to students majoring in science, technology, math, or engineering.



**James R. Schwarz** joined AbM Engineering, Inc. as vice president, New Market Development. In this role, he is responsible for identifying business

opportunities for the company, adding processes to streamline operations, and cultivating relationships with new and existing customers. With experience at all levels of operations, including CEO, CFO, and president at manufacturing and consulting firms across a diverse set of industries, Schwarz will provide expert counsel to the AbM team. The company is located in Daytona Beach, Florida.

### CLASS OF 1978



**Jeffery K. Heinichen** was recognized by *Venue Magazine* with the *Civic Leadership Award*. The award recognizes individuals dedicated to

serving nonprofit organizations, either as a vocation or through their volunteer service. Heinichen is involved with the

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Partnership for Innovation in Education, the Advocacy Committee for Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Cincinnati Nature Center, and Girls on the Run.



**Beatrice Wolper** received the *Women Who Make a Difference Award* from the International Women's Forum. Wolper is co-founder, advisory board

member, and Women in Family Business peer group facilitator at the Conway Center for Family Business in Columbus, Ohio. She is a partner at Emens & Wolper Co. LPA in Columbus.

### CLASS OF 1980



**Stephen E. Gillen** was appointed to the role of chair of the Copyright and New Technology Committee for the American Bar Association

Intellectual Property Law Section at the ABA's annual meeting in San Francisco. Gillen is a partner at Wood Herron & Evans LLP, where he counsels clients in publishing and entertainment transactions and disputes, Internet issues, advertising law, computer law, copyrights, and related matters.

### CLASS OF 1981

**Daniel T. Mistler**, a partner at Dressman Benzinger & LaVelle PSC, was inducted into the Holmes High School Hall of Distinction, which honors distinguished graduates and friends of Covington schools in recognition of their achievements and contributions to society. A 1961 Holmes High School graduate, Mistler is president of the board of trustees of the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, where he and his siblings resided in the 1940s when it was an orphanage. He has served on several other boards, including Action Ministries, Inc., United Methodist Church, and Rosedale

Manor Nursing Home. He is a past recipient of the *Nick of Time Award* from the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers. He was also named a “hero of public housing” by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**CLASS OF 1982**



**Charleston K. Wang** was elected to serve as the president of the board of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission. He has served on the boards

of Bridges for a Just Community, the American Red Cross, Interethnic Council, Cincinnati Chinese American Association, and other community organizations. Wang maintains an active practice in U.S. immigration and nationality law, including the law of asylum.

**CLASS OF 1983**



**Michael R. Brinkman** has joined the Fort Wright, Kentucky office of Gerner & Kearns Co. L.P.A. as a senior associate in the firm’s litigation

department. Brinkman has nearly 30 years of experience practicing in the areas of foreclosure, eviction, real estate title, and creditors’ rights litigation.

**Kelly J. Brown** joined Ziegler & Schneider, P.S.C. His practice areas include creative contracts/business transactions, real property issues/litigation, resolution of governmental issues, estate planning/probate, and collections.

**CLASS OF 1984**



**James T. Redwine**, first assistant Kenton County Commonwealth’s attorney, was named the 2014 *Outstanding Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney*

by the Kentucky Commonwealth’s

Attorneys Association. The award was presented at the Commonwealth’s Attorneys winter conference on February 5.

**CLASS OF 1986**



**Phillip J. Schworer** has been elected to serve as chairman of the Kentucky Bar Association’s Energy and Environmental Law Section. A member of

Frost Brown Todd LLC, Schworer focuses on representation of business and industry in all aspects of environmental, health and safety, and toxic tort issues.



**Mary Denise Kuprionis** has become a National Association of Corporate Directors fellow, the highest level of credentialing for corporate

directors and corporate governance professionals. Kuprionis is president of the Governance Solutions Group, a local board advisory firm.

**CLASS OF 1987**



**Francine A. Wayman** is now of counsel with Braden and Associates, LLC. Wayman, who works in the firm’s Erlanger office, focuses her practice

in the areas of wills and trusts, and estate planning. Prior to working with Braden and Associates, Wayman was associated with Porter Wright in Cincinnati.

**CLASS OF 1989**



**Sherry L. Porter**, counsel with Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP, is one of Louisville Magazine’s “Top Lawyers” for 2014 in the area of employee benefits

law. Honorees were chosen based on the results of a survey of members of the Louisville Bar Association.

**CLASS OF 1990**



**Robert R. Sparks** joined Strauss Troy LPA’s Cincinnati office as a member in the firm’s litigation practice group. He focuses his practice on civil

trial and appellate practice in the areas of consumer class actions, consumer fraud, investment fraud, insurance litigation, and insurance and brokerage matters.

**CLASS OF 1993**



**Tamela J. White** was appointed to the board of the Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation. She is a member and senior litigator in Farrell, White &

Legg PLLC’s medical malpractice, health law, and product liability litigation practice groups. She has been recognized by *Chambers USA* as an outstanding litigator and is listed in *Best Lawyers*.®

**CLASS OF 1995**

**Robert S. Leggett** has been named a founding member of Golub Capital’s investor advisory board. Leggett is a former chief investment officer for the Kentucky Retirement Systems, and he has also served as the executive director for the New Hampshire Retirement System. Most recently, he served as the chief investment officer for the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana.

**CLASS OF 1996**



**Jennifer L. Lawrence**, an attorney with The Lawrence Firm, PSC, has been selected as co-chair of the American Association of Justice’s da Vinci Robotic

Surgical Litigation Group. Lawrence concentrates her practice in the areas of medical malpractice and products liability.

## Class notes



**Jill P. Meyer**, member-in-charge of Frost Brown Todd LLC's Cincinnati office, was the keynote speaker for *LEAD Magazine's* inaugural awards luncheon recognizing its 2013 award class. She was also the keynote speaker at Cincinnati Business Courier's Bizwomen Breakfast & Showcase on February 14, 2014.



**Jeffrey S. Rosenstiel** has joined Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP as a member of its commercial litigation and dispute resolution client service department and creditors' rights practice group. He previously served as counsel for a community bank and as a commercial litigation attorney with a Cincinnati law firm.

### CLASS OF 1997

**Christopher J. Arlinghaus** has joined Slovin & Associates Co. LPA as an associate. His practice is concentrated in the areas of civil litigation, business-to-business disputes, creditors' rights, and landlord-tenant matters.

### CLASS OF 1998

**Thomas E. Szurlinski** has joined Taliaferro Carran & Keys PLLC in the firm's Covington office. He will focus his practice on plaintiff's personal injury.

### CLASS OF 2000



**Andrew D. Atherton** joined McGuire, Wood & Bisette, P.A. as an associate with the firm's Asheville, North Carolina office. Atherton focuses his practice on elder and special-needs law.



**Stephanie M. Day** has been named partner with Santen & Hughes. She focuses her practice on litigation and dispute resolution, personal injury, and medical malpractice.

### CLASS OF 2001

**Michael C. Schmidt** joined Dressman Benzinger & LaVelle PSC as a partner in the firm's Cincinnati office. He will concentrate his practice on complex commercial transactions and corporate law.

### CLASS OF 2002



**Mary P. Burns** has been promoted to vice president of trust services and trust counsel at Johnson Trust Company, where she has served as trust counsel since 2007. Prior to joining the company, she worked at Adams Stepner Woltermann & Dusing PLLC. Burns currently serves as board chair for the Women's Crisis Center of Northern Kentucky and is a planned giving council member for the Mercantile Library. She is also immediate past president of the Cincinnati Estate Planning Council.



**Jay R. Vaughn** was named partner with Schachter, Hendy & Johnson, PSC. He focuses his practice on plaintiffs' personal injury, automobile/trucking litigation, nursing home neglect, and wrongful death.

### CLASS OF 2003



**Lindsay A. Rump** was named partner at Smith Rolfes & Skavdahl Co. LPA. Rump joined the firm in 2005 after practicing in Northern Kentucky for two

years specializing in criminal and family law. She is active in the Kentucky Claims Association and serves as a committee member for the Lisa Rump Memorial Scholarship Program.

### CLASS OF 2004



**Jeffrey M. Busick** joined McCarthy Strategic Solutions, a government relations firm located in Frankfort, as a principal. He previously served as deputy general counsel and budget advisor to Kentucky's Senate President Office and members of the Majority Caucus and of counsel in the Lexington office of Jackson Kelly, PLLC.

### CLASS OF 2005



**Sharif A. Abdrabbo** opened the office of Sharif Abdrabbo, Attorney at Law, PLLC, in Florence, Kentucky. His practice will focus on criminal defense, consumer protection, and representation of members of the military.



**Jill M. Scherff** has been named partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. She is a member of the firm's corporate department and the estate and trust practice group.



**Julie A. Schoepf** has been named partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. She practices in the areas of commercial lending, real estate, and mergers and acquisitions.



**Timothy B. Spille** has joined the board of directors of the Mt. Lookout Community Council. Spille is an associate at Freund Freeze

& Arnold LPA, where he focuses his practice on litigation, insurance coverage, and representing small businesses.

#### CLASS OF 2006



**Lewis Diaz** has been named partner with Peck Shaffer & Williams LLP in the firm's Cincinnati office. He has also been elected vice chair of the board of the

Northern Kentucky Area Development District. Diaz was first appointed to the board in September 2007 and serves on the board's finance and administration committees. He has also served on the board of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission since January 2013.



**Lindsay A. Lawrence** was recently selected as a board member of the Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court and the Young Professionals Board of the Northern Kentucky

Women's Crisis Center. Lawrence also serves as a guest judge for mock trial competitions at Chase.



**Stacey M. Nienaber** has joined Sutton Law & Associates as an associate. Prior to joining the firm, she managed and operated her family business, Mando's

Optical. Her practice will focus on business law, litigation, estate planning and probate/estate administration, and family law.

#### CLASS OF 2007



**J. Aaron Byrd** has been appointed as a member of Frost Brown Todd LLC in the personal and succession planning group in the firm's Cincinnati office. A West

Point graduate, Byrd previously served as a field artillery officer in the U.S. Army, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for combat service in Iraq.



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## Class notes

### CLASS OF 2009



**Danielle L. Lorenz** is now of counsel with Reminger Co. LPA in the firm's Cincinnati office. She focuses her practice on commercial real estate, general business law, employment law, and creditors' rights.

### CLASS OF 2011



**Nathaniel J. Arnett** joined Cors & Bassett LLC as an associate. He concentrates his practice on estate planning, probate, business planning, and taxation.

**Jessica Biddle Zemanski** joined Louis T. Roth & Co. as a staff accountant advanced. Biddle graduated from Chase with a joint JD/MBA, and is currently pursuing her CPA designation. She was formerly a law clerk at Smith Rolfes & Skavdahl Co. LPA, and also clerked for the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Boone County Trial Office.



**Lauren E. Marley** has joined English Lucas Priest & Owsley LLP, as an associate in the firm's Bowling Green, Kentucky office. Marley also recently joined the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association board of directors. She is a graduate of Leadership Bowling Green, and is president of the board of directors of New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding.



**MyLinda K. Sims** joined the Children's Law Center as its Lexington staff attorney. She previously served as an assistant Fayette County attorney in the Division of Child Support Enforcement. Following law school, she clerked for Judge John P. Schrader in Fayette Family Court.



**Chris J. Wise** has joined Droder & Miller Co., LPA as an associate. His practice focuses on civil litigation, probate, personal injury, criminal defense, and family law. He previously worked as an associate for Barr, Jones & Associates, LLP. Wise is an active participant in the Over the Rhine Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Cincinnati Legal Aid Society's "Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor" program.

### CLASS OF 2012



**Colby B. Cowherd** joined Taliaferro Carran & Keys PLLC as an associate in the firm's Covington office. He focuses primarily on plaintiff's personal injury law.



**Heather M. Tackett** joined the Children's Law Center as the organization's Eastern Kentucky attorney. Previously, she worked as a staff attorney at Legal Aid of West Virginia.



**Deana M. Taylor-Battle** joined Envision as vice president of human resources. Prior to joining Envision, she served as director of human resources for Lighthouse Youth Services.

### CLASS OF 2013



**Douglas A. Gastright** has joined Frost Brown Todd LLC as an associate in the intellectual property practice group at the firm's Cincinnati office.



**Ian D. Mitchell** has joined Reminger Co., LPA in the firm's Cincinnati office, where he focuses on general liability, employment, and commercial and professional liability cases.



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## In memoriam

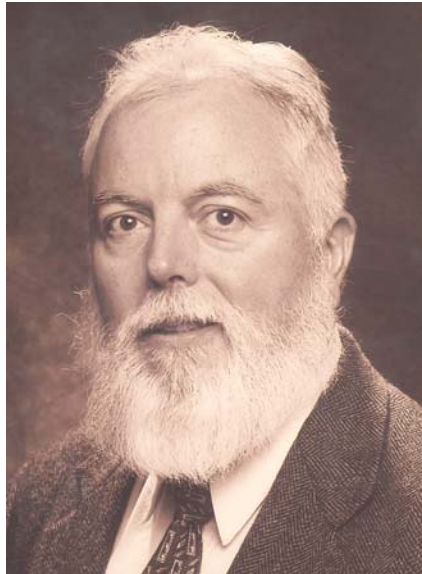


### Chase Remembers Former Dean David C. Short

Former Chase dean and professor David C. Short passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. Born in Harlan County, Kentucky, Professor Short served as dean from 1993-1999 and subsequently as professor of law until his retirement in 2005. Prior to joining Chase, Short served in a variety of positions, including: law professor and director of the Mineral Law Center at the UK College of Law; attorney with Stites, McElwain & Fowler; regional director for the Southeastern U.S. Office of Surface Mining, where he received a Presidential Award for Executive Distinction; and assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, where he served as the director of the Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Law. Short also worked as a senior attorney for the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund and was proud to be a founding member of the organization's board of directors.

Additionally, Short served as legislative counsel for the Pacific island of Truk, general counsel for the Kentucky Department of Health, and as a founding member of Northeast Legal Services Program, Inc., the first rural legal services program in Kentucky, and the second in the United States. He also served in the U.S. Army in West Germany, visited more than 30 countries as a merchant seaman, obtained a master's degree in international and comparative law at Virje Universiteit in Belgium, and was conversational in German, French, and Russian.

"If you think lawyers are not known for acts of humility and kindness, then you missed out on the opportunity to meet Dean Short," remembered Lindsey Jaeger '07, director of centers and institutes administration at Chase. "After guiding me through an independent study to a second-place victory in a national law student writing competition, you would have thought that he had won



the scholarship when I shared my good news with him. For a man named 'Short' he was a giant in my eyes," said Jaeger.

"David was extremely student-oriented, both as dean and later as a faculty member," said former Chase professor David Elder. "He spent an enormous amount of time with students and was always willing to provide wise counsel, make personal calls, or write letters on behalf of students. He felt a special bond with students from the mountains – and that bond was strongly reciprocated. He understood their culture, their love of the land and sense of community, their fierce individualism, and, more than occasionally, the deprived circumstances they had overcome."

"No one who talked with David could forget the twinkling in his eye as he tore into a favorite subject," said Chase professor Roger Billings. "He was entertaining, but much more, he was a good man."

Short is survived by his wife, Tere; his children, Carl, Samuel, and Rachel; his siblings, Lois and Jerry; his grandchildren, Samantha and Lukas; and a large extended family. A memorial service in his honor was held at NKU on April 7, 2014. ■

**1950**

**Thomas E. Bishop**  
July 28, 2013

**1951**

**John F. "Jack" Tharp**  
October 1, 2013

**1953**

**Peter F. Hunt**  
February 9, 2014

**Lowell "Joe"**

**Newberry**  
October 27, 2013

**1956**

**Robert E. Gifford**  
January 27, 2014

**1967**

**James F. Ogden**  
February 4, 2014

**1975**

**Michael W. Aiken**  
May 21, 2012

**Paul E. Lukey**

March 3, 2014

**1976**

**Thomas W. Bibus**  
October 15, 2013

**Robert N. Trainor**

February 16, 2014

**1978**

**Mark A. Gabis**  
November 12, 2012

**1981**

**James R. Runyons**  
January 16, 2014

**1982**

**Hon. Margaret Mary Ryan Huddleston**  
January 3, 2014

**1992**

**Matthew Paul Zerbe**  
April 2, 2013

**1996**

**Kathleen S. Eyl Hardy**  
June 8, 2013

**1999**

**Elizabeth "Eli" Kessler Mitchell**  
September 19, 2013

