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Dear Alumni and Friends,

America’s law schools have been facing tough skepticism these days. The value of a legal education in today’s world is being questioned, with numerous articles asking whether law schools charge too much and deliver too little in a challenged job market, leaving students with debts they can ill afford. The values that drive legal education are being drawn into question as well, with allegations that law schools chase for national rankings at the expense of their students and their integrity, resorting to sharp practices and, worse, outright falsehoods.

Value and values. I want to say a few words about both.

About value: To be sure, these are trying economic times for lawyers, whether new or experienced, just as they are for men and women from all walks of life. It reaffirms our College’s determination to keep tuition as low as we can — advantageously lower than schools of comparable strength and stature. It underscores why raising scholarship funds to support our students, and opening new pathways to their employment, are top priorities and a daily mission. It confirms our efforts to enrich the curriculum to better ready students for practice on day one. Simply put, we strive to provide a top quality professional education that is affordable — that leaves our graduates freer from financial debt than their peers from other schools, and freer to chase and achieve their dreams.

About values: Lawyers serve. We maintain our civil society and its respect for the rule of law, securing the conditions that allow people to better their lives and maximize their potential. We force the observance of our society’s fundamental principles — fairness, equality, honesty, integrity, reason — in a world that can be too quick to ignore them. Ours is a calling, a noble and essential one, and strong law schools that believe in that calling are critical to its fulfillment. Law schools must stand for that calling. We must be the first to defend its importance, and the last to waver from the values our profession and society hold high.

The American legal profession knows no equal anywhere in the world. Our system of legal education similarly knows no peer worldwide, and a law degree remains one of the most powerful assets that a man or woman can acquire in our nation. These facts are by no means cause for complacency. They charge us with great responsibilities. To preserve. To improve. To embody our ideals.

With all best wishes,

Louis D. Bilionis
Dean and Nippert Professor of Law
Harvey Cohen: Taking A Road Less Traveled

The Midwest might seem like a tough place to embark on an international legal career. But for Harvey Cohen ’87, the road less traveled has been a very rewarding one. A partner in the Corporate Department and chair of the International Business Practice Group at Dinsmore & Shohl, Cohen began with the firm in Cincinnati after graduating in 1987 and has since spent his career there.

“Everyone said, ‘Harvey, you have to go to New York. Get started and then come back.’ It would have been a great career path and it would have worked. Staying here and doing it from the beginning was a harder path…It’s changed the way my career has developed — many good things and a few bad things. But it’s absolutely possible. You just have to work really hard at it.”

From the time he was an undergraduate at Georgetown University, Cohen was interested in global affairs. He immersed himself in international business and economics courses and learned to speak French fluently. His junior year, he spent a semester abroad at the University of Sussex in Brighton, England, where his interests broadened to include African and Asian studies.

As Cohen pursued his master’s degree in international affairs at Columbia University, his interest in Africa continued to grow. He then received a Rotary scholarship that allowed him to spend a year studying in Cameroon and the Ivory Coast, where he truly honed his language skills and affirmed his calling in international affairs.

“You may study a particular field, but until you live it and do it, you never really know what you are getting into. The experience was tremendous,” he says.

Cohen’s work in private international legal transactions doesn’t differ dramatically from the work done by his colleagues who practice domestic law, he says. The international aspect “may add a layer of complexity,” but the hardest parts of the job are those typical for partners in larger firms: obtaining and dealing with clients, handling multiple projects at once, working with colleagues, etc.

Bridging cultural divides, which might sound difficult, is actually “the best thing about what I do,” Cohen says.

“I’ve made so many great friends. Really smart, interesting people who look at the world differently and come from a different culture.”

How Technology Changed International Law

In the decades since Cohen began, technology has changed the way law is practiced and significantly reduced the amount of travel involved.

“The travel for actual transactions is not that great because I can participate by phone, even if the hours are off. I tend to travel more for conferences.”

There are also very few physical closings any more.

“Even five years ago we had more physical closings,” he says.

Cohen says he thinks that for a young lawyer who is interested in practicing private transactional international law in Cincinnati or a similar-sized city, opportunities will continue to improve.
“We see more and more willingness by the business community to use a top-line Midwest company to meet their needs than to go to a firm in New York… We’re partially growing because we can exceed New York on responsiveness. And when it comes down to cost, we’ll clearly win that argument.”

Additionally, most companies today have an international component, be it their software engineers or their customer service center. More in-house legal departments reflect that reality.

“Almost any company big enough to have in-house counsel will now have an international component because they will have foreign issues.”

“You have a different view of the risks that are out there,” he notes. “You have a broad strategic view of the organization and its businesses. And you have a broad view of the people in the organization as well as its culture.”

**Blending Two Cultures**

Culture plays an important role at Bridgestone Americas. It’s part of a corporate family that blends the heritage of two companies in two very different countries: The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., founded in Akron, Ohio, in 1900 by Harvey Firestone, and Bridgestone Tire Company Ltd., started in Japan in 1931 by Shojiro Ishibashi (whose last name translates in English to “stone bridge”).

Bridgestone Corporation purchased Firestone in 1988, forming the world’s largest tire and rubber company. Preserving the heritage of both companies “is something we take very, very seriously,” Garfield asserts. While blending two different global and corporate cultures may present special challenges, he also sees these differences as a real competitive advantage.

“If we can combine the strengths of these two cultures,” he says, “then we’ve really got something to talk about. That’s what we’re trying to do.”

Garfield travels frequently to the company’s sites in Canada and throughout Latin America. About four times a year, he makes visits to the parent company’s headquarters in Tokyo. He says he wasn’t surprised to see how well Japan pulled together in the aftermath of the March earthquake and tsunami. Nor was he surprised to hear there was virtually no looting; he’d often seen Japanese commuters leave bicycles laden with shopping bags on the street all day.

**Gary Garfield: Taking the Helm at International Giant Bridgestone Americas, Inc.**

When Gary Garfield ’81 was studying philosophy as an undergraduate and later working as a lawyer in private practice, he didn’t guess he would one day lead a large international corporation with nearly 50,000 employees.

“I tell people — my kids, my colleagues and others — that you need to pursue your dreams and your plans. But you also need to have an element of flexibility because you never know where life is going to take you,” he says.

Since March 2010, Garfield has been CEO and president of Bridgestone Americas, Inc., in Nashville, having spent three years as vice president and general counsel. He first joined what was then Bridgestone-Firestone Inc. in 1991 as senior counsel and continued to be promoted through the legal department.

Most people expect a CEO to emerge from a background in business. Garfield’s own path may not be typical, but it’s become more common in recent years, he says. While he initially had to learn about the customers and the intricacies of the business, his own experience has given him the benefit of a broader perspective.
returning later to find them untouched. “It’s something that every place in the world could learn from,” he says.

Col. Linda Strite Murnane: How a Passion for Human Rights Led to an International Legal Career

Col. Linda Strite Murnane’s work in human rights began when she was 16.

“I’d been taking Spanish, French and Latin in high school and wanted to go abroad for a semester, but my family couldn’t afford it,” she says.

Instead, through an extension of the VISTA program, she spent a summer teaching literacy skills in Spanish to impoverished children living in farm camps in Mexico. The experience helped set the course of her life, she says.

It was also just the first of many places work would take her, both in the Air Force and after she retired from active duty in 2004. As chief circuit judge in Europe, she presided over the first criminal trials for Air Force personnel during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, deploying to the Persian Gulf region during hostilities. She taught courses as part of military assistance teams in the Congo, Latvia, Argentina, and Papua New Guinea and was among the teams to go to Rwanda following the genocide.

In 2006, she presided in The Hague over the United Nations trials of three alleged war criminals from the former Yugoslavia and handled the pre-trial phase of several others, including the Bosnian Serb politician Radovan Karadzic. She left the International Criminal Tribunal in 2008, then returned in 2009 in her current role as the chief of court management and support services, where she supervises daily operations of the war crimes trials, oversees maintenance of more than 2 million court documents in various languages, and trains court professionals in the Balkans.

Military Opens Door to Incredible Experiences

The military might seem like an odd choice for someone passionate about human rights; for Murnane, the choice was driven by financial necessity. From the time she was 12, she knew she wanted to be a lawyer. But her family had four children and few resources.

“My parents could only afford to send two kids to college so they sent my brothers, as was the custom of the day,” she says. “My sister and I were left to fend for ourselves.”

Murnane spent three years working full-time while she took college classes before running out of money. She decided to join the Air Force in 1974 as an airman basic to finance her last year of college and her dream of law school. She soon finished her bachelor’s degree in political science and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

While on assignment at Keeler Air Force Base in Mississippi, she enrolled in law school at Loyola University, taking night classes after finishing her full-time military duties during the day. She continued to make the commute — 100 miles each way — through the time she delivered the first of two children she had during law school.

Looking back on the experience, she laughs now. “I’d say I was possessed.”

In 1978, the Air Force selected her for one of only seven slots for active duty service members and through this program she transferred back to her hometown of Cincinnati and enrolled at UC Law as one of the first six fellows at the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights. She graduated in 1981.

There were actually only five slots available, she recalls. Because she was in the military, Murnane wasn’t able to accept any fellowship money so she asked Professor Bert Lockwood to admit her to the program since it wouldn’t cost anything. She says she’s very grateful to Professor Lockwood for not assuming her military service should exclude her from human rights work.

“I think we all ought to keep in mind that we really do want our military officers to be human rights experts.”

–Col. Linda Strite Murnane ’81
Thomas O’Donnell: How a College Professor Became an International Tax Attorney

A partner at Baker & McKenzie Zurich, Thomas O’Donnell ’83 has been practicing multinational tax law for more than two decades. He’s an expert on corporate restructuring, commercial transactions and international investments, and has written extensively on international taxation. Given his success, it’s a little surprising then that he started out with no real ambition for law or business.

“I’d love to say that I planned this all out,” he laughs, “but I kind of fell into it.”

One thing O’Donnell has always had a passion for is international affairs. After earning his doctorate in international politics from Rutgers University, he began teaching political science at the University of Cincinnati in 1979. He decided he wanted to add a section on human rights law to his class, so he approached Professor Bert Lockwood, who that same year had established the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights at the College of Law.

“I got in touch with Bert and he talked to my class. Since I was without a job for the following year, he started recruiting me for the law school.”

Initially, O’Donnell said he wasn’t interested in becoming a lawyer. But Lockwood persisted. With no teaching prospects in sight, a law degree began to look like a practical path to O’Donnell and so he entered UC Law as an Urban Morgan fellow.

“I was just a person who needed to support himself, and eventually his family,” he says.

Tax Experience Becomes a Turning Point

His tax expertise also arose from a practical need. As a professor, he needed to do his taxes so he bought a book and taught himself. He did a good enough job that not only was he due a refund, but he endured an audit by the IRS with no changes.

“My wife said, ’Why don’t you take an H&R Block course and you can make a little money on the side preparing taxes?’ So I did.”

When O’Donnell was later interviewing with law firms in Washington for a summer job, he was asked what he’d like to do. He replied he’d like something with “an international dimension.”

“So at one place, a guy sees that I’d prepared tax returns and says, OK. You’re an international tax lawyer.”

He spent that summer on Capitol Hill learning the intricacies of international tax law. When he interviewed in the fall with Baker & McKenzie, the head partner in tax had a lot of clients who were interested in taking advantage of a new tax break for companies doing business in Puerto Rico.

“I was the only third year student they’d seen who knew anything about this tax break, so I got this job,” O’Donnell says.

While it may not have been a path that was planned in advance, O’Donnell says his work has been immensely satisfying. “It’s intellectually challenging and it follows my international interest. I’ve made friends all over the world — wonderful people of every skin color, every religion, every creed.”

Interestingly, the work is not entirely out of step with his study of human rights law. He recalls serving on a commission in the late 1980s to discuss ways to help end apartheid in South Africa. “I was the only one in the room who practiced commercial tax law,” he notes. “Everyone else was involved in human rights work.”

When the group members asked him what kind of impact he thought international sanctions would have, he told them it would be minimal. What would make a difference, he explained, was a little amendment that Congressman Charles Rangel of New York had recently slipped into a bill in the House Ways and Means Committee that ended foreign tax credits to companies doing business in South Africa, “raising their taxes 120 percent.”

“Taxes rule the world.”
— Thomas O’Donnell ’83
It proved to be one of the most effective tools in ending apartheid, he notes. It also reaffirmed one of his axioms: “Taxes rule the world.”

**Sohaib Qadar: Law School Course Leads to International Career in Energy Law**

In law school, one course can sometimes help chart an entire career. Such was the case for Sohaib Qadar. In 1988, he signed up for a class on energy law introduced that year by Professor Joseph Tomain. “He was such a wonderful teacher and the subject really captured my interest,” Qadar says.

A paper he did on certain legal issues concerning offshore petroleum operations in Gulf of Mexico and offshore California as part of his coursework proved to be his first step toward a future in the petroleum industry.

After graduating UC Law in 1989, Qadar began working for Occidental Petroleum Corporation in Bakersfield, Calif., and later his native home in Islamabad, Pakistan. In 1994, he was part of a government-industry team that helped draft Pakistan’s petroleum policy. He then moved to Occidental’s Middle East office in Qatar in 1995, spending the next four years providing support for companies working and developing business in Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

In 1999, Qadar moved back to Islamabad and founded his own firm, providing legal advisory work to clients such as BP. He was excited to be back home, but the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks and the war in Afghanistan soon made life much more difficult. While his business continued to thrive, the security situation grew unstable; attacks by Taliban sympathizers on ordinary citizens became commonplace.

Qadar closed his practice, which had been recognized as the top oil and gas law practice in Pakistan by the Asia Pacific edition of Legal 500. In 2006, the Austrian oil company OMV offered him a position in Romania, and then later Vienna, where he became a principal negotiator for business in Russia and the Caspian Region and served on the board of directors for one of OMV’s affiliate companies in Kazakhstan.

**Work Leads to the Middle East... and Beyond**

Qadar’s work has led him beyond the Middle Eastern region familiar to most experts in the petroleum industry. Over the last 22 years, he’s traveled to more than 40 countries.

“I’m quite comfortable traveling and adapting to new situations,” Qadar says. He relies on a fairly simple strategy for addressing cultural barriers: “If you smile at people, people smile back at you. It seems to work all over the world.”

One obstacle Qadar couldn’t have anticipated, though, was the tightened restrictions he would face traveling as a Pakistani citizen in the decade following Sept. 11, 2001. He had long hoped to return to the U.S. to work and was delighted when he was offered a job last year by a law firm based in Dallas. But soon he learned that being a Pakistani national, he could not become a U.S. permanent resident immediately, and his work visa had to be renewed every year. In addition, his travel visas for other countries would still take at least two or three weeks to process – an impractical situation for him.

Qadar chose instead to again start his own company, this time in Calgary, Alberta where he was able to become a Canadian permanent resident. His firm, Canadian Rockies Energy Inc, provides consulting services for buyers and sellers of oil and gas assets in Canada, Eastern Europe, Central and South Asia and the Middle East.

Alberta is estimated to sit on the world’s second-largest oil reserves, and new technologies are making the oil more accessible. “Calgary feels a little like Houston 20 years ago,” Qadar notes. “It’s an exciting time.”

—if you smile at people, people smile back at you. It seems to work all over the world.—

—Sohaib Qadar ’89
The University of Cincinnati College of Law is grateful to have the support of so many alumni and friends.

The college has recently received a number of gifts, which have allowed us to advance the strategic mission of the school. In the near future, we look forward to telling you more about the following gifts and what they have done for the college, and share the impact that they have had on our students, faculty, and our community.

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This summer the University of Cincinnati College of Law launched the inaugural program of its new Institute for the Global Practice of Law, an intensive four-week program for attorneys from other countries interested in U.S. law and international business transactions. In planning for over a year, the Institute aims to bring international attorneys to the tri-state to learn about the U.S. legal system and how to better represent global companies. This year’s class included attorneys from China: Shiyuan (Henry) Huan, Nan Hu, Yonglan (Rosa) Li and Xiao Song.

As explained by Walter Spiegel, Vice President and General Counsel of Standard Textile Co., Inc. and chair of the Institute’s Advisory Board, “U.S. companies today are looking for growth not just locally but around the world. When doing business abroad, companies need to be able to consult with legal counsel who understand how U.S. companies think and operate and who can provide strategic advice on complex transactions. The Institute’s goal is to provide international practitioners with training that will enhance their abilities to serve effectively in this capacity.”

Over the course of a month the Chinese participants learned about nearly every major aspect of practicing in a global business environment. They were immersed in the legal system through in-class work, panel discussions, practical exercises, and interactions with the legal and business communities.

According to Professor Felix Chang, the Director of the Institute, “the benefits to participants were immeasurable — the Institute introduced participants to nearly every major aspect of practicing business law in the United States. The Institute also connected participants with the leaders of the business and legal communities in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. These legal communities also benefit from the extensive contacts that the participants have in their home countries. At its most ambitious, however, the Institute aims to play a role in shaping the rule of law in sometimes nascent legal systems.”

Program participants spent many days at various locations to give them a well-rounded perspective on the law. Participating law firms included Baker and Daniels, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP; Frost Brown Todd LLC; Graydon Head; Greenebaum, Doll, and McDonald PLLC; Jackson Lewis LLP; Jones Day; Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP; Thompson Hine LLP; and Wood, Herron & Evans L.L.P.

They also met with in-house counsel and business leaders from major tri-state corporations, including Convergys, Fifth Third Bank, First Financial Bancorp, GE Aviation,
The Institute was formed last year, with China chosen as the first country to target. Cincinnati law firms and businesses — which have been tremendously supportive of the Institute — have deep connections with China. In addition, the College of Law has also cultivated relationships with Renmin University, Shandong University, Beijing Normal University, and Zhongnan University. The Institute was developed by College of Law Dean Louis Bilionis; Felix Chang, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at the College; Walter Spiegel, Vice President and General Counsel, Standard Textile; and Mark Stall ’88, General Counsel, xpedx division of International Paper. They are supported by an advisory board which includes representatives from Standard Textile Co., International Paper, and the following law firms: Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Frost Brown Todd LLC, Jones Day, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, and Thompson Hine LLP.

Thank you to all of the participating law firms and corporations, as well as the IGPL Advisory Board. Plans are now being made for the 2012 Summer Institute.
The Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (ECDC) is the law school’s first transactional legal clinic. Officially opened this year, ECDC provided third-year law students with “hands on” experience representing local small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs.

“Perhaps more significantly, it allowed students to recognize the value that they bring to their clients in being able to relate to and connect with them while helping them solve their legal problems,” said Lew Goldfarb, director of the clinic.

The ECDC functioned as a law firm, with law students serving as lawyers for the clinic’s clients, assisting them with business transactions such as forming a business entity, reviewing and preparing contracts, advising on copyright and trademark issues, and providing needed legal counsel on other issues confronting the clinic’s clients. Clients are small business owners, both for-profit and nonprofit, who are confronting legal issues but are unable to afford private attorneys. “Their chances for success improve with legal services,” said Goldfarb.

Goldfarb also indicated that, especially in difficult economic times, many people turn to starting their own businesses as a way to support themselves and their families. “Our services are especially important in today’s economic climate. The business owners want to spend their money on revenue-producing activities, not attorneys,” said Goldfarb, “and this clinic allows them to do that while still receiving legal assistance.” Goldfarb’s hope is that, as these businesses succeed and grow, they will be able to not only afford private legal counsel but also to hire additional employees, thus benefiting the entire community. “In this way,” he said, “this clinic can make a real difference in Cincinnati.”

Learning How Lawyers Work
In its first few months of operation, the six clinic fellows worked individually and in teams to assist nine local businesses on 31 different legal matters. Those businesses ranged from janitorial services to business consultants to product
Designers to health care providers to web-based service providers, For the students, it was an amazing experience. 

“I had almost no experience interacting with clients, so the opportunity to meet (and work with) them was novel,” said Michael Hurley ’11. “This process gave me perspective about the wider picture of being a counselor-at-law to clients.” Sean Graves, another 2011 graduate, concurred. “I actually feel, for the first-time, that I’m able to add value as a business planning attorney.”

Small business owners, like Lincoln Smith, president of 2D-2-3D Conversions, benefited from the experience too. 2D-2-3D Conversions is an engineering service provider that turns two-dimensional drawings of machines or equipment into computerized three-dimensional versions. These computerized versions, “virtual models,” can then be used to create real-life prototypes.

In business for just two years, small business owner Smith could not afford necessary legal counsel. “I spoke with several attorneys about representing me and their cost was way beyond my reach,” he said. “So, I had to operate without legal assistance and watch my back all the time.”

Through the services of ECDC Smith was able to get appropriate legal assistance — at no cost — from students working under the direction and guidance of Goldfarb. (In order to work with clients the students obtained legal intern certificates from the Supreme Court of Ohio.)

“My experience with the ECDC has been a great one. I am gaining a wealth of knowledge that will help me be the most effective counsel that I can be.” —Destiny Moore ’11, about her experience as a legal intern in the inaugural class of the ECDC

Reaching out to the Legal Community

In addition to clinic work, Goldfarb also reached out to members of the private bar to recruit local lawyers for pro bono commitments. “Local attorneys can act as clinic advisors, consulting with me and the students on various issues as they arise, particularly in nuanced legal areas in which their particular experiences may make them better equipped to provide the best learning experience for the students,” said Goldfarb. “Ideally,” he said, “I’d like for this clinic to be both a student program and a pro bono assistance program so that we don’t end up having to turn away businesses that are otherwise eligible to receive assistance from the clinic.”

Counseling clients was one part of the clinic. The students and Goldfarb arranged public education opportunities to train up-and-coming entrepreneurs and other business owners on various legal aspects of owning and operating a business.

After their semester long experience with the clinic, the graduating students uniformly felt they learned a great deal. “The clinic experience taught me useful techniques in identifying issues as clients delivered their story,” said Hurley. “It also taught me to think creatively about providing solutions to problems rather than simply providing a legal analysis of the situation.”

“My experience with the ECDC has boosted my confidence in my ability to open my own practice — my ultimate goal,” said Christy Flanagan ’11. “I would also love to expand the number of clients the ECDC can serve at a time,” Goldfarb noted, “in order to enhance the impact on the local community.” He also indicated that he would like to see the clinic become multi-disciplinary at some point in the future, so that businesses could get various types of assistance — beyond legal services — in one place. “My vision for the future of the clinic will require collaboration among the UC College of Law, other colleges at UC, and the local legal and business communities, including an investment of time, money, and resources. I believe the impact on our students, local businesses, and the local economy will be well worth the investment.”

For more information about the clinic, visit www.law.uc.edu/institutes-centers/clinics/ecdc
“Sometimes, in prison, you had to force hope...” That’s according to Raymond Towler, University of Cincinnati College of Law’s 10th exoneree, about his time in prison.

Towler, imprisoned for almost three decades, Towler served the most time of any exonerated individual in Ohio’s history. He, along with 100+ exonerees from around the world, were special guests at the largest gathering of exonerees ever in one place: the 2011 Innocence Network Conference: An International Exploration of Wrongful Conviction. This extraordinary event, the first ever international innocence network gathering, was held in early April in Cincinnati. The event was hosted by the College of Law’s Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project (OIP) and held at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Unique to this conference was its focus on the global human rights problem of wrongful conviction. “This is the first conference bringing the world together to discuss this issue,” said conference organizer Mark Godsey, the Donald P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professor of Law and Director of the Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project, about the at-capacity event. International interest in the conference had been so great that attendee registration closed.

The four-day conference brought over 500 attendees to the city, including scholars, lawyers, and exonerees from around the world for substantive discussions, workshops, and keynote addresses on national and international trends on the issue of wrongful conviction. In addition to sharing information and providing a forum for learning, organizers hoped that the event would serve as a springboard for galvanizing the innocence movement into a unified, international human rights movement. To that end international attendees came from at least 20 countries, including Canada, Japan, China, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Chile, England, Ireland, Australia, Nigeria, Norway, South Africa, Czech Republic, Singapore, and Switzerland.
Key Events:

Opening Reception “Illustrated Truth: Expressions of Wrongful Conviction” Art Exhibit

The conference kicked off with the first-ever art exhibit featuring the work of exonerees and those still imprisoned. Thirty (30) exonerees, including OIP exonerees Raymond Towler (exonerated May 2010) and Clarence Elkins (exonerated December 2005), exhibited artwork, poetry, photos, letters, and other literary works. Students from the University of Cincinnati’s College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP) designed and curated the exhibit.

In addition, the exhibit is showcased in a special edition of the Freedom Center Journal, a joint scholarly publication of the College of Law and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (See accompanying story).

Richard and Lois Rosenthal

Hundreds of conference attendees viewed the art exhibit, which was open to the public until July 2011.

Guests at the Conference

Professor Margaret Drew taking a closer look of the art exhibit.
Over 100 exonerees from around the world attended the event. Many were introduced at the opening ceremony.

International Conference of Innocence Projects

Key Events:

Opening Ceremony
Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, co-founders and co-directors of the Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, opened the event on April 8, followed by the introduction of delegate countries and exonerees.

Keynote Event by Exonerees from Around the World
One of the most captivating components of the conference was the opportunity to hear first-hand from exonerees from the U.S. and around the world. Participants included exonerees from Japan (first DNA exoneree), Canada, England (Gerry Conlon, who was portrayed by Daniel Day Lewis in the film “In the Name of the Father”), Mexico, and Nicaragua who shared their stories.

From far right: Keith Findley (President of the Innocence Network), Barry Scheck, and exonerees from six different countries.
International Delegate Tour of DNA Diagnostics Center (DDC)

Attendees had the opportunity to tour DDC’s world-renowned DNA laboratory and attend a workshop on DNA testing in post-conviction cases. DDC has played a critical role in the work of the OIP, as well as other Innocence Projects across the United States, conducting forensic DNA testing and consultation that has resulted thus far in three exonerations. DDC’s Assistant Laboratory Director in Charge of Forensics, Dr. Julie Heinig, conducted the tour and workshop on DNA for delegates, providing valuable insight to the actual processes involved in post-conviction DNA analysis and consultation with IP lawyers and students. The highlight of the tour was the unveiling of the newly-named gene fragment analyzer instrument, “Hello Truth,” inspired by the story of Robert McClendon, the first Ohio Innocence Project exoneree whose case was processed by DDC Forensics in 2008.

Champion of Justice Award

Ohio’s Chancellor Jim Petro, who has assisted the OIP with several cases, received the Innocence Network’s Champion of Justice Award. The conference also included general sessions on policy reform and discussions on how the Innocence Network can assist other countries looking to develop and/or expand their work.
Recognizing that “the pain and frustration of wrongful conviction and incarceration often manifests itself in incredibly meaningful forms of artistic expressions,” Professor Mark Godsey came to the Freedom Center Journal (FCJ) with the idea for FCJ to dedicate a future issue to the creative works of individuals who have been wrongfully convicted, in conjunction with the 2011 Innocence Network Conference. As a journal that prides itself on truly being interdisciplinary, FCJ welcomed the opportunity to work with the Ohio Innocence Project (OIP) while also bringing awareness to the social injustices experienced by those who have been wrongfully convicted.

The collaborations that made this special issue possible quickly expanded beyond the law school to multiple departments across UC’s campus. Students in Professor Stan Brod’s Fall 2010 Design Methodology Studio at UC’s School of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning were responsible for the graphic design of the project, designing the layout of the entire issue, as well as its cover. Assistant Professor Sean Hughes of the College of Arts and Sciences and his students photographed the works that appear in Part II of the issue. Drawing from her experience with art’s impact on politics, Professor Adrian Parr, who holds joint appointments in the Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and the School of Architecture and Interior Design, provided the introduction to the issue.

A Look Inside the Book
The issue is divided into three sections: Part I includes work from artist Dan Bolick’s “Resurrected” collection of portraits. Bolick’s paintings depict exonerees who were wrongfully convicted and sentenced to death or life in prison.

Part II of the issue consists of the creative expressions of 28 individuals who were also wrongfully convicted. The creative expressions include letters, poems, essays, artwork, and photographs of gifts made while incarcerated allowing the reader an insight into the reality of wrongful conviction.

Each individual’s work is accompanied by a case profile explaining what led to the wrongful conviction. Not all of the individuals included in this section have been exonerated. Some have been released from prison without an official recognition of wrongful conviction; some still remain incarcerated irrespective of their actual innocence. The case profiles were researched by OIP fellows and written by FCJ associate editors. The profiles were compiled from various newspaper articles, media transcripts, website sources, case opinion and other court documents, and personal knowledge provided by attorneys or others who personally have advocated on behalf of these individuals. Some stories were reprinted with permission of various innocence network organizations across the country.

Part III of the issue includes photographs by a world-renowned photographer who portrays individuals who were wrongfully convicted, incarcerated, and later exonerated through DNA evidence.

This special collaborative issue of the FCJ represents several months of hard work on the part of many students, faculty, and staff. It is particularly fitting that this issue is the first issue to be published since the October 2010 launch of the Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice at the College of Law of which FCJ is formally a part. By building coalitions with organizations locally, nationally, and globally, the Center seeks to identify the interconnectedness of what justice means across disciplines and communities. In helping to give voice to the wrongfully convicted, this collaboration does just that.

We are honored to be a part of OIP’s inspired work and to make this work available and accessible to a larger audience. Though a relatively small gesture, we hope that this
special issue, titled Illustrated Truth: Expressions of Wrongful Conviction, appropriately honors the convicted innocent for their great courage and humanity.

The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com or by contacting Jodi Shorr at 513-556-0752.
In a Mexican prison cell, Antonio Zuñiga hated sliding underneath a cabinet to sleep on the concrete floor every night. A rock-rigid bed was bad enough, but the bone-chilling coldness of the floor, having roaches crawl over his face and sharing the small cell with 20 inmates made it worse. Yet the utterly unbearable aspect was knowing that lies had put him there, serving a 20-year sentence for murdering a man he had never even seen.

Zuñiga and his current lawyer told their story of justice gone awry, as did guests from more than 20 different countries, at the first international conference of the Innocence Network, hosted by the University of Cincinnati’s College of Law, home of the Ohio Innocence Project. Lawyers, professors, students, human-rights activists, and more than 100 wrongfully convicted people who had been exonerated from prison attended the Freedom Center event, which ended up being the largest gathering of exonerees ever.

Although stories from countries such as China, Nigeria, and the U.S. differed from each other, they all shared the common element of misinformation taking the place of truth. In the Mexican case, the prosecution had only one witness, who did not accuse Zuñiga until his third statement. Furthermore, gunpowder-residue tests showed Zuñiga had not fired a gun, and several witnesses verified that the 26-year-old man was at work in Mexico City, far from the scene of the crime, at the time of the 2005 shooting.

Still the judge found him guilty. Conference participants learned that Mexico has no jury trials, police are rewarded for their number of arrests, and suspects are guilty until proven innocent.

"Just when I thought all hope was lost, my family and friends found this lawyer, Roberto, who is here with me," Zuñiga told the crowd through an interpreter. "He gave me a chance and listened to my story. That was the important part — to have someone listen to what you say."

Roberto Hernandez and his wife, Layda Negrete, were both lawyers who were also public-policy doctoral students at the University of California at Berkeley when they stumbled upon Zuñiga. Their intervention led to his exoneration through a video they filmed in the prison and in the courtroom. They subsequently turned the footage into a documentary titled “Presumed Guilty” (in English). The film is currently the highest grossing documentary ever shown in Mexico, much to the disdain of the judicial system, which tried to ban the film.

Highlighting the need for judicial reform, the film started receiving acclaim long ago at international film festivals, including the prestigious Toronto Film Festival and the Los Angeles Film Festival in 2009. In the United States, PBS aired the film in 2010, and the DVD is available for sale.

In Mexico, the temporary ban made viewings and purchases soar. The film gained further credibility when the Mexican Senate and Congress passed resolutions supporting it. Specifically, the senate applauded the film for revealing “the disaster and disgrace of our justice system.”

Film documentation of the criminal justice system has been effective. In 2008, the Mexican government actually started...
making judicial reforms, including constitutional amendments that Hernandez helped draft and which included a presumption of innocence clause. Those reforms are slated to go into effect in 2016.

“This film is changing the way Mexicans think about their government,” announced Mark Godsey, Ohio Innocence Project director and UC law professor, at a special conference viewing of the movie. After the 90-minute showing of the film, Zúñiga and Hernandez took part in a question-and-answer session.

“I did not want to see the movie tonight,” Zúñiga admitted to the audience. “It is always painful to me. But overall it has been a positive experience because I met wonderful people and had a great opportunity to expose things that happen frequently. I think it was worth it.”

Hernandez and Negrete joined Zúñiga’s cause because they were anxious to reform the Mexican judicial system. Since all criminal evidence is sealed to the public, the pair was determined to film the penal and justice system to document things that words could not express. Amazingly, they were granted permission.

First, they helped get a retrial for Zúñiga based upon the discovery that his original public defender had been practicing with a forged license. At the new trial, the prosecution’s sole witness finally admitted that he did not see the accused shoot the victim. Because that testimony is part of the not-for-profit film, audiences are always stunned to watch the court once again declare Zúñiga guilty.

Next, the grad-student couple appealed the case by showing that the videotapes of the hearing differed substantially from what the justices had read in print. At the appellate level, Zúñiga was exonerated in 2008.

Hernandez and his wife hope to get a law passed allowing every criminal trial to be filmed. “Film is essential for everyone to see what is going on,” Hernandez said. “What was unique in this case was not getting him out, but videotaping everything.”

In May, Mexican advocates for reform had an event “where officials were invited to ‘deconstruct’ the movie and to make sense of its implications for the reforms Mexico needs,” Hernandez told UC Magazine.

“I decided not to remain silent,” Zúñiga said. “The response has been surprising. They thank me for this. I wish more people would speak up.”

**In Mexico City:**

- 95 percent of defendants are convicted.
- 93 percent of defendants never see a warrant for arrest.
- 93 percent of defendants never see a judge.
- 92 percent of convictions occur without any physical evidence.
- 70 percent of all defendants have no access to a lawyer.
- 78 percent of prisoners are fed by their families.
- Evidence from cases is sealed from the public.

(according to data presented in the film “Presumed Guilty”)
Mark A. Godsey, Director of the Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project, has been appointed the Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professor of Law. Professor Godsey is a nationally recognized authority on wrongful convictions, one of his generation’s foremost scholars in the law relating to confessions and police interrogations, and an award-winning teacher.

Best known to the public for his work in founding and directing the Ohio Innocence Project and its umbrella, the Rosenthal Institute for Justice, Professor Godsey has worked to create and maintain one of the most prominent Innocence Projects in the country. In 2008 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Innocence Network, the organization representing Innocence Projects in the United States and around the world.

Under his leadership, the OIP has established a national reputation for excellence and serves as an exemplar for how to create, nurture, and sustain a comprehensive and effective clinical program directed at wrongful convictions. In addition to securing the freedom of eleven individuals to date, OIP students and staff attorneys under Professor Godsey’s guidance researched and helped draft legislation that resulted in Ohio’s groundbreaking law on wrongful convictions. SB 77 has been called “one of the most important pieces of criminal justice legislation in this state in a century” and a “national model” on criminal justice reform.

Professor Godsey’s stature among scholars is no less impressive. According to eminent criminal procedure scholar Yale Kamisar, Clarence Darrow Distinguished University Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan Law School, Professor Godsey is the author of one of “the ten or twelve best articles ever written on police interrogation and confessions” — Rethinking the Involuntary Confession Rule: Toward a Workable Test Identifying Compelled Self-Incrimination, 94 California Law Review 465 (2005). “I can say of Godsey’s article,” Professor Kamisar adds, “what I have said of very, very few criminal procedure articles: ‘I wish I had written it.’”

Rethinking the Involuntary Confession Rule is one of several important contributions that Professor Godsey has made to the field, including:

• Reformulating the Miranda Warnings in Light of Contemporary Law and Understandings, 90 Minnesota Law Review 781 (2006),
• The New Frontier of Constitutional Confession Law — the International Arena: Exploring the Admissibility of Confessions Taken by U.S. Investigators from Non-Americans Abroad, 91 Georgetown Law Journal 851 (2003),
• Miranda’s Final Frontier — The International Arena: A Critical Analysis of United States v. Bin Laden, and a Proposal for a New

Miranda Exception Abroad, 51 Duke Law Journal 1703 (2002),

Professor Godsey also has turned his scholarly talents to other issues in criminal justice, including capital punishment, wrongful convictions, and the status of offenders once they are released from prison:

• The Innocence Revolution and Our “Evolving Standards of Decency” in Death Penalty Jurisprudence, 29 University of Dayton Law Review 265 (2004) (with Thomas Pulley), and

A highly respected teacher in the area of criminal law, criminal procedure, and evidence, Professor Godsey was awarded the Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 2004. In 2007, he received the University of Cincinnati’s TIAA-CREF Award for Distinguished Public Service. His contributions to the College have been extensive, having served on nearly every standing committee at the College of Law, as well as the Dean Search Committee in 2004–05.
About The Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professorship

The Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professorship was established at the College of Law thanks to the generosity of Daniel P. Carmichael ’68, his wife Judith, and the Lilly Endowment, Inc., on whose board of trustees Mr. Carmichael serves. The professorship exists to recognize and support a College of Law professor with demonstrated skill as a classroom teacher, contributions as a legal scholar, and performance as a positive member of the law school community.

In addition to his distinguished professional career, Mr. Carmichael is a steadfast supporter of the College of Law and the University of Cincinnati. He is a trustee of the University of Cincinnati Foundation, a member of the College of Law’s Board of Visitors, and served in 2004-05 on the search committee charged with finding a new dean for the College. In 2006, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Cincinnati.

The Carmichaels have endowed several funds at the College of Law, including this professorship, a library collection, a summer public interest fellowship program, and a fund to support community-oriented service initiatives.

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-Yale Kamisar, Clarence Darrow Distinguished University Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan Law School
Devon Oser and Jessica Monroe Awarded Peggy Browning Fellowships Focusing on Social and Economic Justice

University of Cincinnati College of Law students Devon N.R. Oser ’12 and Jessica Monroe ’12 are recipients of the prestigious Peggy Browning Fellowships. The fellowships provide law students with summer work experience fighting for social and economic justice. Oser utilized the fellowship to work in the legal department of the IUE-CWA, the Industrial Division of the Communications Workers of America, based in Dayton, Ohio. Monroe used the fellowship to work at Schwarzwald McNair & Fusco LLP, a full-service union-side labor law firm in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Peggy Browning Fund supported 60 public interest labor law fellowships nationwide. With more than 460 applicants from 125 participating law schools, the fellowship competition was highly competitive. Fellows are distinguished students who have not only excelled in law school, but who have also demonstrated their commitment to workers’ rights.

Monroe, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, interned with United States Senator Sherrod Brown’s office in Washington, D.C. while getting her undergraduate degree. It was during this time she developed an interest in workers’ rights. She is a published member of The University of Cincinnati Law Review and co-chairperson of UC Law Women.

Oser, a graduate of the University of Michigan, worked as a research assistant for the College of Law’s Professor Verna Williams. She was awarded the Henry A. Morrill Constitutional Law Prize and serves as the mentoring chairperson of UC Law Women. Prior to law school, she worked professionally as a harpist.

The Peggy Browning Fund is a not-for-profit organization established in memory of Margaret A. Browning, a prominent union-side attorney who was a member of the National Labor Relations Board. The Fund’s mission is to provide law students with diverse, challenging work and educational experiences in the area of workers’ rights. Such unique and positive opportunities will both increase students’ understanding of workers’ needs as well as promote their entry into the practice of public interest labor law.

OIP Celebrates 11th Victory

The Ohio Innocence Project (OIP) kicked off April with a victory in a case they worked on for more than five years.

On April 1, 2011 staff attorney Carrie Wood walked long-time client Wally Zimmer out of a courtroom in Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) after he served 12 years for a murder that DNA evidence proved he did not commit.

Zimmer and his co-defendant Thomas Siller were originally convicted of murder 12 years ago based primarily on “snitch” testimony. The snitch, originally indicted as the sole perpetrator of the crime, had convinced the police that he did not do it, but merely saw Zimmer and Siller commit the murder.

Recent DNA testing found the snitch’s DNA all over the crime scene, including on the cloth bindings that were used to tie the victim. Zimmer and Siller’s DNA was nowhere to be found. The pants that the snitch was wearing on the day of the murder were also tested, and droplet remains of the victim’s blood were found on those pants. This evidence corroborated Zimmer and Siller’s defense, showing that the snitch had been lying at trial. UC’s OIP represented Zimmer, and the Innocence Project in NYC represented Siller.

After the DNA results came back, the prosecutors offered to release Zimmer immediately if he would plead guilty to a theft charge in exchange for having the murder charges dropped. Zimmer took the deal. After his plea to theft, he was released and prosecutors dismissed the murder charges against him. Siller also was released earlier on the same deal.

Congratulations to Carrie Wood, the staff attorney who handled this case, along with the students who worked on this case through the years (perhaps five classes of students).
Bert Lockwood
Honored with Two Prestigious Awards

Bert Lockwood, Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Director, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, received the 2010 Citizen Diplomat: Professional Resource Award by the Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council. It was announced at the organization’s annual meeting. The event was highlighted by a presentation from William Sheridan, Vice President, International Human Resources Services for the National Foreign Trade Council. Mr. Sheridan spoke about the United States’ business role in citizen diplomacy, including corporate benchmarks for corporate citizen diplomats, foreign trade success models, and employees’ role in building trade relationships.

Professor Lockwood was also chosen as a recipient of the 2011 King Legacy Award, which was awarded at The King Legacy Awards Breakfast.

Commented committee members about Professor Lockwood in the award letter, “…your passion for education and shaping a legacy for future generations is what aided us in making our decision. Like Dr. Martin Luther King, you understand that by remaining open to learning can you reach your fullest potential.”

The King Legacy Awards Breakfast, a moving and inspirational tribute to Dr. King and the freedom heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, is sponsored by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The event featured performing arts presentations as well as the recipients of the 2011 MLK, Jr. Dream Honorees — youth and community leaders who embody the spirit of Dr. King and endeavor to keep his legacy alive.
Most professors strive to both challenge and engage students daily. Even more, professors hope to be dedicated and respectful while commanding some respect of their own. This year’s Goldman Prize awardees demonstrate that professors can embody all of these traits and more. Each year, College of Law students have the opportunity to honor those professors who distinguish themselves in the classroom and who demonstrate excellence in teaching. This year the Goldman Prize Committee recognized Professors Marianna Brown Bettman, Elizabeth Lenhart, and Verna Williams.

Marianna Brown Bettman
Professor of Clinical Law

As a praised graduate of the College of Law, Professor Bettman ’77 gained acclaim as a successful private attorney. She then became the first woman elected to the Ohio First District Court of Appeals. As a revered judge, Professor Bettman developed an expertise in the separation of powers, state constitutional law, and the Ohio judicial system. In 1999, Professor Bettman dedicated her vast experience and prowess in the law to serving the University and the students of the College of Law.

Since she began teaching at the law school, law students have praised Professor Bettman for her ability to challenge students in constructive ways. Well-prepared and thorough, she expects the same from each student. Utilizing her vast collection of experiences and connections, Professor Bettman provides students a practical perspective on the material covered in her courses.

“Dedicated” best describes Professor Bettman. She tirelessly uses her own network to assist students with finding legal positions during and after law school. She consistently opens her door to any student with questions about a class, the law, or even a career. Professor Bettman works to ensure each of her students are not just prepared for a final, but for a future in the legal community.

Elizabeth Lenhart
Assistant Professor of Practice

In the first year of law school there are always difficulties experienced by students in the transition from undergraduate studies to the different world that is law school. Two of the more challenging adjustments are learning how to write professionally in the legal setting and developing advocacy skills that translate to effective lawyering. In this arena, Professor Elizabeth Lenhart excels at helping first-year students make this specific transition.

Professor Lenhart brings to the classroom her considerable experience in litigating cases and lends this knowledge to her students with an openness that is a valued commodity in the field of teaching. Many first-year students return to Professor Lenhart for advice about important questions such as how to find a place in the legal community or whether or not law school was the right choice.

Her practical experience working for a firm allows her to give students the perspective of not just what the scholars say about this or that, but what her experiences were when appearing before a judge to argue a motion. She has taught students where the line is between persuasive and objective, as well as being convincing and being presumptuous. Her ability
to tell students what they are doing wrong while giving the necessary support to correct those mistakes guarantees that students leave her class with a solid foundation in writing and advocacy on which to develop the skills necessary of a legal professional.

Verna L. Williams  
Professor of Law

Both inside and out of the classroom, Professor Williams continues to demonstrate her commitment to helping students develop personally, professionally, and academically. Whether a student has a question after class, needs extra one-on-one assistance or simply wants to talk about life, Professor Williams’ door remains open. Ask any student what stands out most in her class, almost always the response is the classroom discussions and her willingness to help students learn.

A master of her field, never shy, and always interested in students’ opinions, Professor Williams asks students to confront highly sensitive issues — such as race, gender, or class — and to consider the interplay between them and the law. Possibly her greatest skill as an educator is her ability to help students see beyond a legal opinion's text and understand the personal story behind a case. Professor Williams challenges students to analyze laws not simply from a theoretical perspective, but also from the perspective of the people affected by them. Regardless of whether an empathetic jurist is a good idea or not, training students to relate to a client or understand an opponent’s perspective is an indispensable skill that will serve her students for years to come.
For the 178th year, the University of Cincinnati College of Law signaled the end of the academic year with its traditional graduation, “hooding,” ceremony on Saturday, May 14, 2011. One hundred nineteen students graduated at this year’s event.

The speaker for this year’s ceremony was 1979 College of Law alumnae Barbara J. Howard, the immediate past president of the Ohio State Bar Association. Principal of Barbara J. Howard Co., L.P.A., a local firm that focuses on family law, Ms. Howard is a past president of the Cincinnati Bar Association. Active in the American Bar Association, she has served in the House of Delegates for many years, in addition to holding positions as a member of the Board of Editors of the ABA Journal and as a recently-elected Ohio State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. Additionally, she serves on several boards including the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor, the Board of Trustees of Xavier University, and the Boards of Trustees of the Athenaeum and Cincinnati Union Bethel.

At this year’s event Terence S. “Terry” Coonan ’95 was presented with the Nicholas Longworth, III Alumni Achievement Award. This award recognizes law school graduates for their outstanding contributions to society. Currently executive director of the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, Coonan leads the center’s efforts to educate and train human rights advocates and track human rights issues. He also serves as an advocate for human rights nationally and internationally. Prior to his work at the university, Coonan worked at the United States Department of Justice in the Executive Office of Immigration Review, litigated asylum and immigration cases nationwide, and worked on various United Nations human rights projects.

Also being honored are this year’s winners of the Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching: Professors Marianna Bettman, Elizabeth Lenhart, and Verna Williams. The Goldman Prize is given to law school professors and is based on their research and public service as they contribute to superior performance in the classroom. For more information about the professors and their award, read their story on page 26.

These individuals received awards at the ceremony:

Luke E. Anderson received the John W. Peck Award (trial practice)
Christina Clowers Flanagan received the Eugene M. Corbin Award (trial practice and taxation)
James M. Patrick received the Stanley M. Chesley & Hon. Susan J. Dlott Prize (litigation curriculum)
In March the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights bestowed its highest honor, the William J. Butler Human Rights Medal, upon attorney Paul Hoffman, a partner at Schonbrun, DeSimone, Seplow, Harris & Hoffman, LLP. As Bill Schulz, former director of Amnesty International USA noted, “No one has done more for Amnesty International than Paul Hoffman.” For a decade Hoffman was the legal director for the ACLU of Southern California, where he was influential in infusing international human rights norms in United States cases.

According to Professor Bert Lockwood, Director of the Urban Morgan Institute, Hoffman is the leading lawyer in the United States employing international human rights norms in his practice. Part of that practice has been pioneering work suing foreign torturers in U.S. courts under the Alien Tort Claims Act, part of the original Judiciary Act of 1798. As noted by Sandra Coliver of the Justice Initiative at the Open Society Institute and former Executive Director of the Center for Justice & Accountability, Hoffman is “the Johnny Appleseed of the international human rights movement” for his many creations including the Amnesty International Legal Support Network and the Center on Justice and Accountability.
which has tracked down two dozen human rights criminals from a dozen countries and brought them to justice.

Prior to the award ceremony, a two-hour interview with Hoffman was held at the law school. The interview focused on a career at the forefront of international human rights law, and was conducted by Lockwood and Professor Dina Haynes ’95, New England School of Law and a former Arthur Russell Morgan Fellow. While a Fellow, Haynes undertook a summer externship with Hoffman. Students in the audience, many of whom were using Hoffman’s course book in International Human Rights Law in their Spring seminar, were particularly moved by his evident concern for his clients who suffered torture and still lived with its effects. The interview in its entirety is available online at: www.law.uc.edu/law.uc.edu/urbanmorgan/butlerconference

Our honoree represents the values that Bill Butler has demonstrated in his over 60 years of legal practice: a passionate commitment to the rule of law and the promotion and protection of human rights. In the words of his father-in-law Arthur Garfield Hays, “I don’t like to see the little guy get kicked around.”

The presentation of the Butler Medal was made by Cincinnati’s leading civil rights and liberties lawyer Al Gerhardstein. What made this singularly special was that Hoffman and Gerhardstein were in the same study group for their three years at New York University Law School. In addition to many friends and colleagues, the College of Law was honored to have as attendees: Bill and Janie Butler, as well as Professor Hays Butler and his daughter Caitlin, and Trish and her husband John Whitehill.

To view the webcast or for more photos of the event, visit us online at http://www.law.uc.edu/institutes-centers/urban-morgan-institute/william-j-butler-medal-human-rights/paul-hoffman

“Hoffman is ‘the Johnny Appleseed of the international human rights movement’”
Lessons from a Tsunami: Ken LeCroix Recounts His Experience in Japan

By: Wendy Hart Beckman

“I make sure I’m prepared for anything,” says Kenjiro (“Ken”) LeCroix, a 2011 graduate of the College of Law. At the time, he was referring to earthquake preparation — but he could just as well have been referring to his approach to life.

When it comes to earthquakes, LeCroix knows what good preparation looks like — and what poor preparation looks like. Although a Cincinnatian by birth, LeCroix’s family moved to Caracas, Venezuela, and then to Kobe, Japan, during his childhood. He lived in Japan from the age of seven until returning to Ohio at the age of 15. In fact, during his time in Kobe, he experienced the Great Hanshin Earthquake in 1995. He describes that experience as “eye opening.”

Skip forward 16 years, and young law student Kenjiro LeCroix has just returned from lunch on March 11, 2011; it’s 2:16 p.m. in Tokyo. Suddenly the ground starts to shake. “It only lasted about two to three minutes, but it felt like 30,” LeCroix says. The only damage his apartment withstood was a few broken cologne bottles.

Then, he says, “it got interesting.” As the ramifications of his situation began to sink in, questions began to pop into his head: “Am I going to be able to remain in Japan?” “Will I be able to continue working in Japan?” “What will happen to my law school classes?” “Will I be able to graduate on time?”

It was still the middle of the night back in Cincinnati. “Right around 6 or 6:30 that evening, when it was 5 or 5:30 a.m. here in Cincinnati, I decided that it would be nice to give my mother a ring and let her know that I was all right,” LeCroix says. “I woke her up.” LeCroix laughs, and says his mother might not appreciate being reminded, but she asked him, “What do you want?” “I told her, ‘When you watch the news after you wake up, I just wanted you to know that I am OK,’” he says. “She said, ‘That’s all?’ and I said, ‘Yup!’ and she hung up. An hour later she called me back: ‘ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?’” He laughs now, but he doesn’t dismiss what his mother must have felt. He was just thinking ahead. He’s made a habit of preparing himself for anything.

Perhaps there was one time he was not prepared, he admits. Subsequent to living abroad for 10 years, LeCroix returned to Ohio and enrolled at Cincinnati’s St. Xavier High School, not knowing that it was an all-boys’ school. “On the first day, I noticed there were no females walking around;” he says, laughing. “I decided that girls must get the first day off.”
After graduating from St. X in 2003, LeCroix set out to prepare himself for his life ahead. He entered Vanderbilt University as a triple major in Math, Spanish and Chemistry. While forging his way through academics, he also started to rack up corporate experience, completing internships during every summer.

All the while, he was tweaking and adjusting his academic goals in response to his internship experiences. Upon graduation, he joined Tetra Pak, a food processing and packaging solutions company, in their Tokyo office, where he discovered two things he was passionate about: language and law.

“I really used my language skills there, both Japanese and Spanish,” he says. He also enjoyed the opportunity to work with legal documents. “So when I returned to the United States, I took the LSAT.” After returning to the U.S. and prior to enrolling at UC Law, LeCroix worked as an interpreter for the medical, legal, and business sectors and also gained experience working for Toyota, returning two years later to work as an intern in their legal department.

From there, LeCroix says, his life took off, including work for GE Aviation’s legal group and for Judge Arthur Spiegel of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. At this point, attorneys at GE Aviation suggested that LeCroix spend some time in Japan in the Corporate Legal Group for GE’s Tokyo office. Thus, after undergoing the interview process (including a separate interview to test his bilingual ability), LeCroix was hired. He then had to apply for a school in Japan. Temple University has a law school campus in Japan, so once they accepted him and he received a post-graduation offer from his law firm, Faruki Ireland & Cox, to join their Cincinnati office as a business litigation associate, LeCroix was all set.

So that day at 2:16 p.m., as the room shook around him and questions rocked his mental world, the final question that whirled in his mind was, “What about my job?” All of LeCroix’s preparations were tightly timed, aimed at putting him in his full-time job after graduation. But sometimes Mother Nature does not cooperate. Luckily — although it probably was not just luck — LeCroix was able to finish his classes on time, complete his internship with GE, and successfully graduated.

LeCroix noted that preparing for the unexpected is challenging. “You don’t expect a 20-meter-high tsunami.” Those are the images that LeCroix will have trouble wiping from his memory. Overall, however, the experience gave him a deeper appreciation for crisis management. “How you deal with a crisis, as an individual or as an organization, is one sign of how well you are going to succeed in life,” he says. “You start wondering, ‘How would I handle it?’ You hope that when the circumstances call for it, you could make a difference.”

Alum Publishes Book on Watergate Burglar and CIA’s Assassin-Spy…his Uncle

Jim Hunt ’74 and writing partner Bob Risch of Sanibel, FL, have published the story of a real life James Bond — Frank Sturgis, best known as one of the Watergate burglars. He led a “double life” as an agent for the CIA. In the book entitled Warriors: Frank Sturgis the CIA’s #1 Assassin-Spy who nearly Killed Castro but was ambushed by Watergate, the authors share the life story of the man Fidel Castro called “the most dangerous CIA agent.”

Sturgis was a member of the famed Edson’s Raiders carved from the Marines in 1942. When he should have been at this high school prom, he was carrying on guerilla warfare behind enemy lines at Guadalcanal. He eventually served in all branches of the US military before joining Castro in the mountains of Cuba in an effort to oust the dictator Batista. He was a captain in the Cuban revolutionary army and Chief of Air Force security for which he temporarily lost his US citizenship. Sturgis befriended Fidel Castro and Che Guevara and was instrumental in the revolution’s success, passing on his guerilla warriors’ expertise to Guevara. Castro put Sturgis in charge of Cuba’s casinos but the promised freedoms didn’t materialize; so, he began spying for the CIA, eventually ex-filtrating back to the US and carrying on an off-the-radar war against Castro. Sturgis trained many of the brigade that invaded Cuba at the Bay of Pigs. He sat in his plane waiting to join the battle when JFK issued the stand down order, a decision for which Sturgis never forgave him. Incidentally, this action eventually led to the FBI’s investigation of Sturgis relative to the assassination of the President.

An interesting character, Sturgis used more than 30 aliases and code names, trained guerilla armies in 12 countries on three continents, and spearheaded assassination plots to overthrow governments, including those of Cuba, Panama, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. The authors interviewed many historical figures and present what many may consider to be the most definitive piece on Watergate to date. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com.
Robert S. Marx Lecture

Forces That Shape Tort Law: Immunity, Overkill, and a Rational Path to the Future

Victor E. Schwartz, Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP

The forces that shape tort law can result in overly restrictive rules. For example, preventing a slightly negligent plaintiff’s claim when he has been seriously injured by a defendant’s negligent conduct is unfair. On the other hand, refusing to let a jury know that a plaintiff’s drunk driving was a principal cause of his injury and placing the entire responsibility on a defendant is overkill against a partially responsible defendant.

There are forces that shape tort law that are not legal, but social. They influence the judges who write the law. Sometimes, they are hidden from view and other times quite blatant. One area that is a paradigm of unfair restrictions and subsequent overkill has been the law of tort immunities. Once a barrier to any claim, after tort immunities were eliminated little or no thought was given to what duties would be placed on the previously immune defendants. The lecture examined some of these crucial areas, particularly with respect to religious institutions and show how social forces have shaped this developing area of law. The discussion also suggested guidelines that may assist judges in making their future determination based on rational thought and actual facts. View an archived webcast of the lecture: https://www.uc.edu/ucvision/event.aspx?eventid=259

2011 Stanley M. Chesley Distinguished Visiting Professor

Cultivating Conscience: How Good Laws Make Good People

Lynn A. Stout, Paul Hastings Professor of Corporate and Securities Law at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

Economic theory has had an enormous influence on legal thinking and the creation of legislation. Economic theory, however, traditionally assumes people are always rational and always selfish. In recent years, a new school of social science has emerged to challenge these assumptions. “Behavioral economics” investigates how real people behave in real situations. Behavioral economists have demonstrated under laboratory conditions that people in fact often act irrationally and also often act unselfishly.

In her talk, Professor Stout discussed these ideas and analyzed the best ways to get people to behave appropriately. Drawing from concepts discussed in her new book on the subject, she argued that by focusing on bad behavior, we neglect the crucial role our consciences play in shaping human behavior. Including ideas from the disciplines of social psychology, behavioral economics, and evolutionary biology, Professor Stout discussed how the legal system can use social cues that promote conscientious behavior to craft better laws and provide encouragement to more unselfish, ethical behavior in many areas, including politics and business. View an archived webcast of the lecture: https://www.uc.edu/ucvision/event.aspx?eventid=260

2011 Judge In Residence Program

Lawyers as Public Servants: Facing Today’s Challenges with Ingenuity Inspired by a Commitment to Service

The Honorable Wilhelmina M. Wright

This event, jointly-sponsored by the Judge in Residence Program and the Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, featured Judge Wright of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She discussed the challenges and changes to the justice system based on the growing reliance on private mechanisms like mediation and arbitration, the lack of representation for individuals who cannot afford legal services, among other things. She also discussed what this means for the courts.
The 2010-2011 academic year was filled with numerous events. Following is a brief overview of key lectures, programs, and symposia held at UC Law.

2010–11 William Howard Taft Lecture on Constitutional Law
“To Endure for Ages to Come”: The U.S. Constitution in a Transnational Era
Vicki C. Jackson, Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Thurgood Marshall Visiting Professor of Law (2010-11), Harvard Law School

The Constitution, John Marshall famously wrote, was written “to endure for ages to come.” We are in a transnational age, in which foreign and international law relating to constitutional questions has grown and is increasingly accessible to U.S. lawyers and judges. Should the U.S. Court give more attention to foreign constitutional law, as Chief Justice Rehnquist suggested, extrajudicially, in 1989 and again in 1999? The aim of this lecture was twofold: to show that reference to foreign and international law in interpreting the Constitution has a long history in the Supreme Court; and, to show how careful consideration of such transnational sources may contribute to a better understanding of the Constitution and of how it should be interpreted and applied to some of the difficult constitutional challenges of the 21st century.

2011 Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law and Psychiatry Symposium
Taking Drugs, Doing Drugs, Refusing Drugs: Neuroscience, Psychoactive Compounds, and the Law
Presenters: Henry A. Nasrallah, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, UC College of Medicine; Shannon C. Miller, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, UC College of Medicine; and Douglas Mossman, MD, Director of the Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law and Psychiatry and Director of the Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship at UC College of Medicine.

“Psychopharmacology” sounds like a medical topic. But most attorneys have clients, colleagues, and family members who take prescription medications or who abuse legal or “recreational” drugs. In fact, psychoactive agents figure so prominently in civil and criminal matters that most attorneys can’t avoid dealing with drugs and their impact. The uses and impact of psychoactive compounds affect diverse areas of the law — education litigation, patients’ rights, medical malpractice, involuntary hospitalization, personal injury and other torts, workplace accommodations, Medicaid and Social Security entitlements, criminal prosecution and defense, employment litigation... just to name a few. This symposium offered attorneys up-to-the-minute, ready-for-use, scientific—but-practical information about the virtues and pitfalls of psychoactive agents, taught by three widely recognized psychiatric experts in psychopharmacology, substance use disorders, and the legal significance of drugs.
Learning with Socrates

Thomas D. Eisele, Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law

About the topic of his lecture that was based on his book Bitter Knowledge: Learning Socratic Lessons of Disillusion and Renewal, Eisele said, “Education in American law schools has traditionally included the idea that law teachers use (and law students undergo) something called ‘the Socratic method’ of teaching. It turns out that in practice, however, the teaching styles vary widely in law schools, and many teachers (and students) seem to have only a vague idea as to what Socrates did in the dialogues that Plato famously wrote about his own revered teacher.” This lecture examined several aspects of Socrates’ teaching style as portrayed in some of those dialogues, thereby directing some much deserved attention to the traditional claim concerning how students are educated in American law schools.”
Adjunct Professor Reception

Our exceptional Adjunct Faculty is a source of strength and pride for the College of Law. For years, our community’s judges and lawyers have generously contributed their talents, wisdom, and passion to ready students to practice and lead. We salute and thank the Adjunct Faculty who have enriched our program throughout the 2010-2011 academic year.

2010 Graduated Admitted to Ohio Bar

In November, the State of Ohio welcomed to its Bar 89 new attorneys from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Supreme Court Justice Terence O’Donnell joined the reception that followed the ceremony, where our newest graduates and their families were able to enjoy one last time together as a class. Justice O’Donnell shared his thoughts on the mentoring program within Ohio, designed to assist new lawyers as they begin their professional careers.

Finally, Dean Bilionis shared how pleased he was with the hard work and determination that each of our students showcased throughout their law school career at UC. It is this effort that allows UC Law to thrive among its peer institutions — and what sets our students apart from the rest. UC Law would like to thank our hosts for the reception, Bricker & Eckler LLP. We look forward to staying in touch with the class of 2010 as they step into the next phase of their careers!
Students asked and alumni delivered. In February 2011 the College launched Catalyst, a micro-mentoring program, designed to provide students with a bird’s eye view of the life of an attorney. Not your typical mentoring program, attorney participants were asked to do four things over an eight week period with an assigned pair of students. No new responsibilities were added. Attorneys were to simply take the students wherever their professional obligations took them during the specified time period — attending bar association events, community-based events or programs, or a committee meetings; touring each Catalyst’s office; or attending professional development events.

This program paired almost 50 first- and second-year students with more than 45 attorneys from 24 organizations. The goals of the program were simple:

- Introduce students to the organized bar, the importance of professional development and the role of public service
- Connect legal professionals and law students to fuel career exploration and development
- Expose students to the realities of the practice of law and related issues of professionalism

One Catalyst indicated that her students had a lot of questions about job interviews so she arranged for the students to meet with her company’s corporate recruiters for a session about interview do’s and don’ts.

Some students attended a meeting for the American Cancer Society and observed the role attorneys often play in the non-profit arena. Other experiences included:

- Administrative hearings over which the Catalyst presided
- Office visits
- University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees meeting
- CBA Domestic Relations Committee meeting
- YLS Annual Meeting
- Common Pleas Court
- Clermont County Sheriff’s visit

Each Catalyst brought wisdom, experience and unparalleled professionalism to benefit our students’ professional journey. The interaction with the professionals provided students with a filter for their experiences, helping them marry those experiences to their unique ambitions and expectations. As one student stated “this program
During Summer 2011, the College of Law provided Summer Public Interest Fellowships to some 100 rising 2L and 3L students. Federal work study combined with a contribution from the College of Law provided a “living wage” for students to work in government and non-profit placements. Students worked for judges at all levels, prosecutors, public defenders, Legal Aid organizations, and many more unique institutions. But these students need more. They need realistic and varied practical experience each and every semester, in addition to their summers, to make themselves as marketable as possible upon graduation and throughout their career. And they need personal, professional, and intellectual support from the broader legal institution in order to find success.

Current practitioners can also not remain stagnant if they want to grow professionally, whether in their current organization or somewhere new. This is hard to accomplish when you are working constantly—the last thing anyone wants to do on nights and weekends is think about emotional intelligence or personal branding. While some attorneys have the advantage of in-house professional development opportunities, they are not always readily available for the majority. Incorporating skill development into the average workday often requires self-initiated creativity.

In contrast, career services professionals are consistently creating and advocating for new and different approaches to professional development and networking for our students. This year, Assistant Dean Mina Jones Jefferson created the University of Cincinnati College of Law Catalyst Program, a novel micro-mentoring endeavor aimed to connect students and practitioners for a small, specified timeframe. Over 90 attorneys and students participated. Likewise, our legal extern program continues to grow exponentially with some 60 students participating in 2010-2011. Students worked everywhere from Fifth Third Bank to the Federal Public Defender’s Office. Transcript recognition for pro bono service in the Cincinnati legal community also encourages students to gain exposure in real-world legal settings with organizations like the Children’s Law Center Inc. in Covington, Ky.

Another View of Professional Development

I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that engaging and mentoring current law students whether through one of the formal programs mentioned above, or independently, and whether for one hour or one year, is in and of itself a means for attorneys to engage in personal professional development. Ultimately, it can prove a mutually beneficial exercise for student and practitioner. For one, it can realistically occur during the confines of the workday. Many students will have never seen a deposition, attended a client meeting, or been inside a courtroom by the time they graduate. While practical skills courses, clinics, and externship courses are growing in law schools across the country, more is always better. Second, having a student to take with you to a CLE or Bar Association Event can spur you to reconnect with people or organizations that you have let lag, and the introductions you can facilitate for the students are invaluable. And finally, you never know when a student’s contacts could benefit you — whether in client development or in finding your own next job. There can be even more benefits that will take you by surprise if you open yourself to the opportunity.

Benefits of paying it forward

Now is the time to pay it forward to the future of the legal profession while motivating yourself to garner new experiences and increase your value both internally and your marketability externally. Just answering a student’s email or phone call can prove instrumental in maintaining their motivation for the law. But beyond that, more formal programs abound. The Catalyst Program will host its second class of attorneys and students throughout the year. The Ohio Women’s Bar Association has instituted a Mentor Pilot Program in conjunction with the College of Law, pairing women attorneys with women law students. And the Ohio Supreme Court continues to offer its Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program designed to help jump-start new lawyers’ careers. For questions on any of these programs or to discuss other ways to connect with aspiring lawyers, please contact the Center for Professional Development at 513-556-6810.
Alumni

2010 Dean’s Council Dinner

Martha Perin ’48, Louis Bilionis, Charles Perin, Jr. ’80

Peggy and Kevin Flynn ’87

Patrick Hornschemeier ’77 and Hon. Margaret Clark ’77

Courtney Bryan-Caron and Paul Caron

Louis Bilionis and Ann Hubbard

Debra ’94 and Michael Nelson

Shelley and Steven Goldstein

Stephen and Claudia Allen

Tom White ’00 and Louis Bilionis
Dean Bilionis hosted the Dean’s Council dinner at the Westin. Skaters on Fountain Square’s ice rink and Santa rappelling down the Macy’s building made for a beautiful winter backdrop for the occasion. Those honored for their generous support were: Melany Stinson Newby ’74 (named a faculty office for Professor Schneider), Martha Perin ’48 (who has given annually for 35 years) and Tom White ’00 (who supports a student at the Children’s Law Center).

Membership in the Dean’s Council requires an annual gift of $1,000 or more. To become a member, please contact Mike Hogan at 513-556-5002 or Michael.Hogan@uc.edu.
2011 Distinguished Alumni AWARD LUNCHEON

For over 30 years, the UC Law Alumni Association has been honoring distinguished UC College of Law alumni. Recipients exemplify excellence and achievement in their chosen field of practice or profession. The 2011 luncheon was held at the Westin Cincinnati. This year’s honorees were: George Fabe ’81, Louis F. Gilligan ’68, and Col. Levator Norsworthy, Jr. ’73.

UC Law Alumni Return as Kautz Alumni Masters

Over the past few months, UC Law was pleased to welcome back two alumni who have excelled in their respective fields. David Heiman ’70 and Bruce Eichner ’69 came to campus as a part of the UC Kautz Alumni Masters Series; designed to take advantage of the wealth of experience from our alumni and give them an opportunity to share those experiences with students. Alumni Masters have set new standards of accomplishment by which others measure themselves.

Heiman, a nationally recognized leader in bankruptcy law, founded the bankruptcy and restructuring practice at Jones Day in 1984. He has played a key role in some of the largest Chapter 11 and out-of-court business restructurings in recent memory including Chrysler, Federated Department Stores and White Motor, among many others. David shared his insight with both UC’s College of Law and College of Business, where he also earned his BBA.

As founder and president of The Continuum Company, Bruce Eichner has presided over a number of real estate developments in New York, Miami and Las Vegas. Eichner shared his wealth of experience in the real estate arena with UC’s College of Law and College of Business. Eichner spoke of his tremendous work around the country, including his latest project — the Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas.
Scholarships provide opportunity for the next generation of leaders. They also help keep the College of Law competitive and help to bring the most outstanding students to UC Law. We are grateful for all who have established scholarships at the college and continue to donate to this worthy cause — tomorrow’s leaders.

The third annual Donors and Scholars Reception was held at the College of Law. Scholarship donors and scholarship recipients were invited to come together to meet one another. It provided the college, and the scholars, with a great opportunity to thank the donors in person.

For more information about giving back and making a difference for an incoming student by supporting a scholarship, contact Karen Sieber, Senior Director of Development, at 513.556.0066 or Karen.Sieber@uc.edu.
UC Law Alumni Association
Honors Adjunct Faculty Member during Annual Meeting

The UC Law Alumni Association welcomed nearly 100 participants at the 2010 CLE and UCLAA Annual Meeting and Luncheon. CLE presenters included Marianna Brown Bettman, R. Daniel Hannon, and Dwight Packard, speaking on practicing law in tough financial times, providing an in-depth review of some of the most pivotal Ohio Supreme Court cases, and discussing substance abuse.

As a part of the day, the UCLAA was pleased to honor this year’s recipient of the Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award, Jay Clark (who was unable to attend.)

Finally, the UCLAA Board of Trustees welcomed its newest member. Jacob Mahle ’06 is an associate with Vorys, working in the litigation group in their Cincinnati office. We look forward to having Jacob on board and are thankful for his dedication and service.

The 2011 Annual Meeting and CLE was held on Friday, November 4, 2011. Information on this event will be in the next issue.

Victor Schwartz Visits UC Law

A reception was held to honor former interim dean Victor Schwartz at the Queen City Club the evening before he delivered the Robert S. Marx Lecture. (The lecture he presented was “Forces That Shape Tort Law: Immunity, Overkill, and a Rational Path to the Future”.)

For the reception, many turned out to visit with the partner at the DC firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, including over 20 members of the Class of 1977, below.
Alumni from the classes of 1951 through 2006 celebrated their reunions on campus at the Kingsgate Marriott with a reception with their classmates and dinner with Dean Bilionis.

As 50 year+ grads, the classes of 1951, 1956 and 1961 were given special recognition as “Golden Bearcats” and shared stories about their time at UC Law.

Younger alums were shocked to hear from the Golden Bearcats that law school tuition was only $200/year then.

A great time was had by all!

2011 Alumni Reunion

1 Gary Eby ’76, Richard Goettke ’76, Brenda Wehmer ’91, and Hon. Sharon Kennedy ’91
2 Tom Simons ’71, Joanie Ryder, Ely Ryder ’71
3 Joe Brant, James Coogan, James Irwin, Hon. William Bertelsman, Donald Schmentker—all class of 1961
4 Carolyn Cissell, James Cissell ’66, Barbara Mays, Lu Mays ’66, David Ross ’66, John Williams ’66, Francie Williams, Pat Ross, Barbara Phillips, James Phillips ’66
5 John Williams ’66, Ted Robinson ’66, Lou Bilionis
6 From Top Left to Right: Jon Clemons ’06, Katie (Bender) Clemons, Andy Meyer ’06, Drew Fuller ’06
   Bottom Left to Right: Kelly Rezny ’06, Kevin Tidd ’06, Jennifer (Randolph) Fuller ’06
Marjorie Corman Aaron, Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Center for Practice, published a chapter, Using Evaluations in Mediation, in the American Association of Arbitration Handbook on Mediation (Juris 2010) (with Dwight Golann). Her book, Client Science, has been accepted for publication by Oxford University Press. Aaron presented Mediation Failures with Professor Dwight Golann (of Suffolk University Law School) at the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution Spring Conference. Additionally, in collaboration with UC’s College Conservatory of Music (CCM) and CCM Professor Rocco Dal Vera, Aaron and the Center for Practice ran its popular CLE, Acting Directions for Winning Trial Performance. The Center for Practice also co-sponsored a CLE course, Client Troubles: It’s Time for a Psychiatrist’s Advice, with the College’s Weaver Institute for Law and Psychiatry, which Aaron co-taught with Weaver Institute Director Douglas Mossman, M.D.

Timothy K. Armstrong, Professor of Law, published Crowdsourcing and Open Access: Collaborative Techniques for Disseminating Legal Materials and Scholarship, 26 Santa Clara Computer & High Tech. L.J. 591 (2010). Armstrong was invited to participate in the 2011 Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable at Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa, where he presented Everyone’s an Archivist: Rights, Roles, and Access to Knowledge in the Digital Age on a panel about copyright law.

Lin (Lynn) Bai, Associate Professor of Law, published The Performance Disclosures of Credit Rating Agencies: Are They Effective Reputational Sanctions?, 7 N.Y.U. J.L. & Bus. 47 (2010). She presented Credit Rating Agency Performance Disclosure Regulation at the Villanova University School of Law in Villanova, Pennsylvania as part of the College’s Faculty and Scholar Exchange Program, at the Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop at Capital University Law School in Columbus, and at the University of Dayton School of Law in Dayton.

Kathleen A. Bergin, Visiting Professor of Law, taught Constitutional Law II and Politics of Race during the Spring 2011 semester. Bergin is coordinating the preparation of reports on human rights violations in Haiti as part of the Universal Periodic Review of Haiti that will take place before the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva in October 2011. She has undertaken several fact-finding investigations in Port au Prince, and recently returned from a delegation that provided advocacy training to grassroots Haitian organizations. She also proposed revisions to the draft resettlement policy that is being considered by the Interim-Haiti Recovery Commission. Bergin also recently launched the disaster law center, You.Me.We., which works to promote human rights and government accountability in the aftermath of major disasters.

Marianna Brown Bettman, Professor of Clinical Law, published several columns in her monthly newspaper series, Legally Speaking, which appears in both the Cincinnati Herald and the American Israelite. She presented Highlights of the Supreme Court of Ohio June 2009-2010 at the Ohio Judicial Conference in Columbus, and appeared on two Cincinnati-based radio stations to discuss the controversial (and, as of this writing, still undecided) Hamilton County Juvenile Court election.

Bettman was elected to the Board of the Ohio Justice & Policy Center, a Cincinnati-based, non-profit law office dedicated to productive, state-wide reform of the criminal justice system. She also received membership in the UC Loyalty Society, and was given the 2010 Attorney of the Year Award by the Judge Carl B. Rubin Legal Society of the Jewish National Fund. She chaired the Truman Scholarship Committee for the states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

As part of a planning committee of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), Bettman, along with Associate Dean Mina Jefferson and the College’s partners at LexisNexis, organized the NAWJ Regional Meeting and Color of Justice Mentoring Conference, which was hosted here at the College and which featured the College’s Fall 2010 Harris Distinguished Practitioner Justice Dana Fabe of the Supreme Court of Alaska. Additionally, Bettman organized the College’s 2011 Judge-in-Residence Program, which featured the Honorable Wilhelmina Wright of the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Finally, Bettman was awarded the 2011 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching, the College’s highest teaching honor.
Faculty Briefs  PUBLICATIONS & HONORS


• Can Behavioral Economics Inform Our Understanding of Securities Arbitration at the Behavior and Business Law Conference, which celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the James L. Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law at the University of Tennessee College of Law; and


Black also was invited to participate in Boston University School of Law’s annual Roundtable on Investment Funds, where distinguished scholars, practitioners, and industry representatives meet to discuss off-the-record developments in the regulation of mutual funds and investment companies.

As Director of the College’s Corporate Law Center, Black organized the annual Corporate Law Symposium, this year entitled, The Principles and Politics of Aggregate Litigation: CAFA, PSLRA, and Beyond. Finally, Black’s Securities Law Prof Blog was named by LexisNexis as one of the best 25 business blogs for 2010.


As part of the College’s Faculty and Scholar Exchange Program, Bryant presented Constitutional Forbearance at the Washington & Lee School of Law in Lexington, Virginia. Here at the College, Bryant spoke on a panel with Professors S. Elizabeth Malloy and Michael Solimine, and local attorney Jack Painter about President Obama’s new healthcare reform.

Lydie Nadia Cabrera Pierre-Louis, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, taught Corporations I and Agency, Partnerships, and Unincorporated Associations during the Spring 2011 semester. She presented an article, The Déjà Vu of Great Market Crashes: Unregulated Markets, Irrational Exuberance, and the Market Crashes of 1920, 1929, and 1792, at the Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop at Capital University Law School in Columbus. Additionally, Cabrera served as the Program co-chair of the 2011 Joint Meeting of the Southeast/Southwest and Midwestern People of Color Scholarship Conferences.

Paul L. Caron, Charles Hartsock Professor of Law, spent the Spring 2011 semester teaching at Pepperdine University School of Law as the D&L Straus Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. He presented Estate Tax Politics, Law, and Policy at the University of San Diego School of Law.

For the fifth year in a row, Caron was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in Tax and Accounting by Accounting Today, the leading journal of the accounting profession. His TaxProf Blog was named the co-winner of the 2010 Blawggie Award for Best Law Professor Blog, and for the third year in a row, it was named to the ABA Journal’s list of the “100 best Web sites by lawyers, for lawyers, as chosen by the editors of the ABA Journal.” Caron was profiled in the National Law Journal as one of five “pioneers in law blogging,” along with Doug Berman (Ohio State), Christine Hurt (Illinois), Brian Leiter (Chicago), and Eugene Volokh (UCLA). Responding to one of Caron’s blog posts on law school gaming of student employment data, the 2012 U.S. News & World Report Law School Rankings incorporated a change in its ranking methodology.

Foundation Press’s Law Stories Series, of which Caron is Series Editor, published two new books:

• Statutory Interpretations Stories, by William N. Eskridge, Jr. (Yale), Philip P. Frickey (formerly of Boalt Hall), and Elizabeth Garrett (USC), and

• Women and the Law Stories, by Elizabeth M. Schneider (Brooklyn) and Stephanie M. Wildman (Santa Clara).
Finally, Caron was quoted in numerous newspapers, magazines, and media outlets, including the ABA Journal, Bloomberg News, Cincinnati Enquirer, National Jurist, National Law Journal, Politico, New York Times, and WCPO-TV (Cincinnati’s ABC affiliate).

**Jacob Katz Cogan, Professor of Law** spent the Spring 2011 semester teaching at the Vanderbilt University Law School as a Visiting Associate Professor of Law. He published a book, *Looking to the Future: Essays on International Law in Honor of W. Michael Reisman* (with Mahnoush H. Arsanjani, Robert D. Sloane, and Siegfried Wiessner, eds.) (Martinus Nijhoff 2011), as well as *The 2009 Judicial Activity of the International Court of Justice*, 104 Am. J. of Int’l L. 605 (2010). His article, *The Coercive Turn in International Law* — which he presented at The Ohio State University’s Moritz College of Law as part of the Colleges Faculty and Scholar Exchange Program and at the Fourth Biennial Conference of the European Society of International Law at the University of Cambridge in the UK — was accepted for publication in the Harvard International Law Journal. Cogan also presented *Fragmentation of International Legal Orders and International Law: Ways Forward?,* at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) in Washington, D.C.

Cogan was awarded ASIL’s 2010 Francis Deak Prize for meritorious scholarship for his article, *Representation and Power in International Organization: The Operational Constitution and its Critics*, 103 Am. J. of Int’l L. 209 (2009). Cogan also co-organized a works-in-progress workshop for the ASIL’s International Organizations Interest Group, of which he is the co-chair, at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.

**Margaret B. Drew, Associate Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic,** presented *Civil Gideon and Domestic Violence Cases* at a conference of domestic violence advocates organized by Strategic Justice Initiatives at the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School for Public Service. She also presented at an American Bar Association International Law Section Webinar on Lenehan (Gonzales) v. Castlerock, a case pending before the Inter-American commission on Human Rights about the application of international human rights perspectives in U.S. domestic violence cases. Drew was invited by and trained pro bono lawyers for the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Anchorage, Alaska, where she and Judge Jerry Bowles of Louisville, Kentucky, instructed lawyers on the impact of witnessing domestic violence on children, economic justice issues for survivors of domestic violence, and the fundamentals of domestic violence dynamics. In partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, Alliance for Immigration Women, and mental health provider Carson A. Wasserman, Drew’s Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic was awarded a grant from the Community Health Programs Grant (sponsored by UC’s Center for Clinical and Translational Science and Training) to enable the provision of therapeutic services for Spanish-speaking survivors of domestic violence.

**Thomas D. Eisele, Professor of Law,** was awarded the 2010 Harold C. Schott Scholarship Award, which recognizes outstanding research and scholarly achievement by a member of the faculty of the College of Law, for his many years of work on Socratic dialogue and its place in American jurisprudence and legal education. Eisele delivered the 2010/2011 Schott Lecture, which was based on his recently published book, *Bitter Knowledge: Learning Socratic Lessons of Disillusion and Renewal* (University of Notre Dame Press 2010).

**Mark A. Godsey, Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professor of Law and Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project,** and his team of OIP staff and students have had three recent successes in court. Bryant Gaines was released on February 10, 2011 after serving 8 years in prison, Glenn Tinney on March 25 after serving 18 years in prison, and Wally Zimmer on April 1 after serving 12 years in prison. Godsey and the OIP organized and hosted the 2011 Innocence Network Conference: An International Exploration of Wrongful Conviction at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center on the banks of the Ohio River in downtown Cincinnati. The first of its kind to gather together innocence movement leaders from around the world, the 2011 Innocence Network Conference also generated a new exhibit at the Freedom Center, *Illustrated Truth: Expressions of Wrongful Conviction,* as well as related issues of the University of Cincinnati Law Review and the Freedom Center Journal.
Godsey presented *She Blinded Me with Science: Wrongful Convictions and the Reverse CSI Effect* at a symposium held at the Texas Wesleyan School of Law in Fort Worth, titled *Innocence and the Road to Exoneration*. In addition, Godsey discussed OIP’s work on wrongful convictions at numerous speaking engagements and conferences in Ohio and Kentucky, and was quoted in numerous newspapers, magazines, and media outlets, including the Akron Beacon Journal, Cincinnati Enquirer, Columbus Dispatch, and Dayton Daily News. He was also featured in the cover story of the December 2010 issue of UC Today, *We Asked: UC Experts Answered*.

Finally, for his nationally recognized leadership of the OIP, his award-winning teaching, and the respect he has earned as one of the foremost scholars on the law relating to confessions and police interrogations, Godsey was named the Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professor of Law at the College.

**Lewis Goldfarb, Assistant Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (ECDC),** opened the ECDC at the College of Law during the Spring 2011 semester, enrolling six third-year law students and serving ten clients. Goldfarb and the launch of the ECDC were featured in newsletters of both the College of Law and UC’s College of Business. Goldfarb and his ECDC students presented a panel on entity choice issues, with Goldfarb moderating and ECDC students serving as experts, at the FastTrac New Ventures training class for small business owners (co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center and the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati) and at a College of Business class. They also gave a presentation, *Protecting You and Your Business — How Legal Assistance Can Reduce Future Problems*, to a group of local business owners at a business training class sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative. Goldfarb also gave presentations to the African American Business Association and at the College of Business, and was quoted in the Business News Daily.

**Kenneth J. Hirsh, Director, Law Library and Information Technology and Professor of Practice,** was profiled as one of twelve new law library directors in the AALL Spectrum. Under Hirsh’s leadership, the Law Library launched the College’s online faculty scholarship repository, which can be found at [http://www.law.uc.edu/faculty-staff/publications](http://www.law.uc.edu/faculty-staff/publications).

**Emily M.S. Houh, Associate Dean of Faculty, Gustavus Henry Wald Professor of the Law and Contracts, and Co-Director, Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice,** celebrated the launch of the College’s new Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice (RGSJ Center), which she co-directs with Professors Kristin Kalsem and Verna Williams, at a luncheon event in downtown Cincinnati, where Tina Tchen, Executive Director of the White House Staff to the First Lady, delivered keynote remarks to over 200 attendees. Since its October 2010 launch, the RGSJ Center has co-sponsored numerous events with various College organizations, and has instituted a “Coffee Corner” speaker series, where a diverse range of local and national activists, leaders, and scholars discuss with students their work and personal journeys.

**Kristin Kalsem, Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice,** published *Social Justice Feminism*, 18 UCLA Women’s L.J. 131 (2010) (with Verna L. Williams). Her book, *In Contempt: Nineteenth Century Women, Law, and Literature*, was accepted for publication by The Ohio State University Press. Kalsem presented on a panel entitled *Gender, Law, and Literature* at the Annual Conference for the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also presented *A Fresh Start…Really? Limits on the Discharge in Bankruptcy as part of a CLE at the Cincinnati Bar Association.*

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**Christo Lassiter, Professor of Law and Criminal Justice,** was quoted by the Cincinnati Enquirer on numerous occasions about local criminal issues and controversies.

**Elizabeth Lenhart, Assistant Professor of Practice,** presented *Interpreting the Internet through the Eyes of a Historian: Using Historical Research Methodology in the First-Year Legal Research Curriculum* at a conference hosted by Mercer University’s Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Georgia, titled *Opening the Lens: Re-visions in Legal Writing, Teaching, Theory, and Practice.*

Lenhart was awarded the 2011 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching, the College’s highest teaching honor.

**Bert B. Lockwood, Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Director, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights,** received two awards in recognition of his outstanding work in education and international human rights, the 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award from the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and the 2010 Citizen Diplomat: Professional Resource Award from the Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council. The Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights series of the University of Pennsylvania Press, of which Lockwood serves as series editor, published two books:


Lockwood also published an Op-Ed, *Mohamed ElBaradei: Man of Integrity, Courage,* in the Cincinnati Enquirer.

**S. Elizabeth Malloy, Andrew Katsanis Professor of Law,** spoke on a panel, here at the College, with Professors A. Christopher Bryant and Michael Solimine, and local attorney Jack Painter, where they discussed President Obama’s new healthcare reform.


**Stephanie Hunter McMahon, Associate Professor of Law,** presented *London Calling: Does the U.K.‘s Experience With Individual Filing Clash with the U.S.‘s Expectations,* at Loyola (L.A.) Law School’s Tax Policy Colloquium. Her article, *Political Hot Potato: How Closing Loopholes Can Get Policymakers Cooked,* was accepted for publication in the Notre Dame Journal of Legislation. McMahon was appointed to chair the Research and Scholarship Committee of UC’s Faculty Senate, on which McMahon serves as the College’s representative. She also was appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court’s Commission on Certification of Attorneys as Specialists.
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Miller presented *Racial Cartels and the Thirteenth Amendment Enforcement Power at the inaugural James and Mary Lasitter Conference, Structural Racism: Inequality in American Today*, at the University of Kentucky College of Law; his article based on this presentation will be published in the University of Kentucky Law Journal. He also delivered the Constitution Day address, *Idolizing the Constitution*, at Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana.

**Janet Moore**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, taught Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure II at the College during the Spring 2011 semester. She moderated a panel on the causes, consequences, and cures of racial and ethnic disproportionality in conviction and incarceration rates, that featured Wayne McKenzie (Director of the Prosecution and Justice Project with the NYC-based Vera Institute of Justice), Steve Tolbert (of the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office), and Janaya Trotter (of Ritter & Randolph, LLC).

**Dr. Douglas Mossman, MD**, Director, Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law & Psychiatry, published several articles:

- “Firing” a Patient: May a Psychiatrist Unilaterally Terminate Care?, 9 Current Psychiatry 18 (2010) (with H. Farrell & E. Gilday);
- Successfully Navigating the 15-Minute “Med Check,” 9 Current Psychiatry 40 (2010);
- Incompetence to Maintain a Divorce Action: When Breaking Up is Odd to Do, 84 S. John’s L. Rev. 117 (2010) (with A. Shoemaker);
- Should You Restrain Yourself from Ordering Restraints?, 9 Current Psychiatry 36 (2010);
- Counseling the Client with Character Pathology, CBA Report, Nov. 2010, at 9; and

Two of Mossman’s articles were accepted for publication:


As its director, Mossman organized the 2011 Weaver Institute Symposium, *Taking Drugs, Doing Drugs, Refusing Drugs: Neuroscience, Psychoactive Compounds, and the Law*, which took place at the College.

Mossman gave several presentations and lectures, including:

- at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law in Tuscon, Arizona, two different presentations, Brief Rating of Aggression by Children and Adolescents (with D. Barzman & L. Sonnier), and Relevance of Actuarial Assessment for Mental Health Commitment (with A.H. Schwartz);
- Selling Medications for Competence Restoration: The Details Emerge, Summit Behavioral Healthcare, Cincinnati, Ohio;
- Ordinary Therapy or “Chemical Straitjacket”: When Courts Make a Forced Medication a Tough Sell, at the 2011 Weaver Institute symposium (see above) at the College of Law; and
- Competence to Divorce, at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Cleveland, Ohio.

Finally, Mossman received a $10,000 grant from the UC Center for clinical and Translational Science and Training to support his research on developing a “proper” receiver operating characteristic (ROC) model.

**Rachel Jay Smith**, Professor of Practice, was granted promotion to Full Clinical Professor of Legal Research and Writing by the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati.
Michael E. Solimine, Donald P. Klekamp Professor of Law, published several articles:
- Congress, Separation of Powers, and Standing, 59 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 1023 (2009);
- The Supreme Court and Sophisticated Use of DIGs, 18 Sup. Ct. Econ. Rev. 155 (2010) (with Rafael Gely);

Solimine’s article, State Amici, Collective Action, and the Development of Federalism Doctrine — which he presented at the Maurer School of Law, University of Toledo College of Law, and Indiana University-Bloomington — was accepted for publication in the Georgia Law Review. He also published a book, Anderson’s Ohio Civil Rules Practice with Forms (LexisNexis 2011) (with John W. McCormac).

Solimine was a featured speaker at a forum on What We Know About Selecting Judges, held at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. He testified before the Civil Justice Committee of the Ohio Senate in favor of SB 52, which recommends that the Ohio Supreme Court modify Ohio Rule of Civil Procedure 68 concerning offers of judgment. Here at the College, Solimine spoke on a panel with Professors A. Christopher Bryant and S. Elizabeth Malloy, as well as local attorney Jack Painter, where they discussed President Obama’s new healthcare reform.

Margaret Tarkington, Visiting Associate Professor of Law from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, taught Constitutional Law II and Legal Ethics during the Spring 2011 semester. Her article, A First Amendment Theory for Protecting Attorney Speech, was accepted for publication in the U.C. Davis Law Review, and named first in the Legal Ethics Forum’s Top Ten Legal Ethics Stories of 2010. She presented Attorney Speech and the Right to an Impartial Adjudicator — which will be published in the Review of Litigation — at the 2011 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Litigation Section program in San Francisco. There, Tarkington also was elected to serve a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the AALS Professional Responsibility Section. She will continue to serve as the Section’s newsletter editor for 2011.

Joseph P. Tomain, Dean Emeritus and the Wilbert & Helen Ziegler Professor of Law, published Cyberspace is Outside the Schoolhouse Gate: Offensive, Online Student Speech Receives First Amendment Protection, 59 Drake L. Rev. 97 (2010), and For a Cold Winter’s Night: Reading the Great Books, CBA Report 14 (Dec. 2010). He contributed to a white paper of the Center for Progressive Reform, Regulatory Blowout: How Regulatory Failures Made the BP Disaster Possible, and How the System Can be Fixed to Avoid a Recurrence (with A. Flournoy, et al.). Tomain’s article, “Our Nation’s Sputnik Moment”: Regulating Energy Innovation, was accepted for publication in the Journal of Land, Natural Resources, and the Environment. At The Future of Energy Law, a conference held at The University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Tomain discussed Venture Regulation. He also published an Op-Ed, Let Government Govern, in the Cincinnati Enquirer, Feb. 25, 2011. Finally, Tomain was elected to the Graduate Fellows of the University of Cincinnati, and to the Board of the Ohio Justice & Policy Center.

Verna L. Williams, Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, published Social Justice Feminism, 18 UCLA Women’s L.J. 131 (2010) (with Kristin Kalsem). She celebrated the launch of the College’s new Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice (RGSJ Center), which she co-directs with Professors Emily Houh and Kristin Kalsem, at a luncheon event in downtown Cincinnati, where Tina Tchen, Executive Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls and Chief of Staff to the First Lady, delivered keynote remarks to over 200 attendees. Since its October 2010 launch, the RGSJ Center has co-sponsored numerous events with various College organizations, and has instituted a “Coffee Corner” speaker series, where a diverse range of local and national activists, leaders, and scholars discuss with students their work and personal journeys.

Williams was invited by the Minnesota Black Women Lawyers Network, based in Minneapolis, to deliver keynote remarks at the 10th Anniversary Lena O. Smith Luncheon, celebrating the achievements of Black women lawyers and awarding an annual scholarship to an outstanding Black female third-year law student. Her keynote address was entitled, Walking the Line: When a Lawyer is First Lady. Finally, Williams was awarded the 2011 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching, the College’s highest teaching honor.
1950s

Wilbert Ziegler ’56, president of Ziegler & Schneider, P.S.C, received the 15th Annual Bishop William A. Hughes in October 2010 from Thomas More College. In addition to his commitments, Ziegler is general counsel of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and The Bank of Kentucky, Inc. and president/CEO of The R.C. Durr Foundation.

Donald P. Klekamp ’57, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

1960s

Gary P. Kreider ’64, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011. He was also named to Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Business Lawyers.

Herbert B. Weiss ’65, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011. He was also named to Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Business Lawyers.

David K. Batsche ’66 received the Distinguished Member of the Bar Award from the Warren County Bar Association. A Cincinnati native, he was worked in the tri-state community for over 40 years, beginning his career as an Assistant Warren County Prosecutor, Mason Municipal Prosecutor, and Mason Municipal Court Judge. In addition, he has held a private law practice for his entire career.

William Duning ’68, partner at Gray & Duning, was presented with the Distinguished Member of the Bar Award by Judge Robert Peeler, president of the Warren County Bar Association. Lebanon, Ohio city attorney for 25 years, Duning has been an active member of the Ohio State Bar Association and was the first Warren County lawyer to be elected by lawyers in five counties to serve on the state bar association’s Board of Governors.

The Hon. Sandra S. Beckwith ’68 was honored as a member of the 2011 Class of Great Living Cincinnatians. Sponsored by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, honorees are selected for progressive thinking and leadership that’s made a major impact for good in the region.

Louis F. Gilligan ’68, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Gerald L. Baldwin ’69, a member at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been recognized by Best Lawyers for the 2011 Edition.

1970s

Joseph P. Rouse ’70, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Jack Butler ’72 has joined Carlie Patchen & Murphy as a partner. His practice will focus on company (corporate, LLC and JV) representation including establishment, venture structuring, business relationship agreements, governance, and ongoing services; M&A transactions; debt and equity financing; transaction planning; tax planning; and taxpayer representation.

George Pattison ’72, a former county prosecutor in Batavia (OH), ran for municipal court judge in Clermont County.

Donald L. Crain ’73 was named chairman of the Miami University (OH) Board of Trustees. Crain, a partner with Frost Brown Todd LLC, has served on the board for five years of his nine-year term, two as vice chairman. He was also recognized by Best Lawyers for the 2011 Edition.

Joseph L. Trauth, Jr. ’73, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Louise Howells ’75, Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, received the President’s Award given by the Washington Council of Lawyers for 2009. Committed to public interest law practice and supporting future public interest lawyers, she developed and now directs the Community Development Law Clinic at the school.

William Kirkham ’75, member at Frost Brown Todd, will serve on Ohio’s new Casino Control Commission. He will fill a Republican seat on the Commission, serving a three-year term.

David Wehner ’76 was named director of the Montgomery County (Dayton, Ohio) Public Defender office.

Paul V. Muething ’77, managing partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.
Patricia Mann Smitson ’77 has been named chair of Thompson Hine’s Diversity & Inclusion Initiative in the Cincinnati office. She will oversee the firm’s diversity and inclusion efforts in and around the Cincinnati area. Smitson is a partner in the firm’s Commercial & Public Finance practice.

James E. Burke ’78, a partner in the Litigation Group at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, was named by Best Lawyers in America for 2011. Burke’s practice focuses on complex corporate and commercial litigation, including both trial and appellate practice, in state and federal court. He was also named to Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Business Lawyers.

William J. Keating, Jr. ’79, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

1980s

Mark E. Sims ’80, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

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Gregory M. Utter ’81, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Robert E. Coletti ’82, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011. He was also named to Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Business Lawyers.

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William L. Montague ’82, a member at law firm Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been selected for the 2011 edition of Ohio Super Lawyers. He was also recognized by Best Lawyers for the 2011 Edition.

Patricia D. Laub ’83, a member at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been named the Best Lawyers 2011 Cincinnati Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year. Laub is a former chair of Frost Brown Todd’s Personal Planning and Family Business Department. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel and is certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as an estate planning, trust and probate law specialist. She is included in the Best Lawyers in America and has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer and a Five-Star: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager.

Daniel J. Donnellon ’86 has joined Faruki Ireland & Cox PLL as a partner in the Cincinnati office. He has devoted all 24 years of his practice to trial work, concentrating on business and civil injunctions. The author of Ohio’s most oft-cited treatise on injunctions and restraining orders, Donnellon has been named among “Ohio’s Top Lawyers” by Ohio Super Lawyers. Additionally, for the past three years he has served as an adjunct professor teaching advanced Trial Practice and coaching the competitive mock trial teams at the law school.

Barbara A. Hopewell ’78 has been appointed Director of Human Resources at Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP, Cincinnati. Hopewell’s responsibilities are in recruiting, hiring, benefits administration, professional development and Firm culture and morale. She brings experience as both an attorney and community volunteer to the Director of Human Resources position.

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Kathryn A. Hollister ‘84 has been elected vice chairman of the board of directors of Deloitte LLP. Hollister will work with the chairman of the board to guide the strategic and operational direction of Deloitte LLP, which coordinates the activities of Deloitte’s four principal businesses: Deloitte & Touche LLP, Deloitte Tax LLP, Deloitte Consulting LLP, and Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP. Hollister will continue in her current role as the regional managing partner for Deloitte Tax LLP, overseeing an area that includes Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Western New York.

Grant S. Cowan ‘85, a member at Frost Brown Todd, has been selected for the 2011 edition of Ohio Super Lawyers. He has also been recognized by Best Lawyers for the 2011 Edition.

Patricia B. Hogan ‘89, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011. She was also named to Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Business Lawyers.

Kevin N. McMurray ‘89, a member at Frost Brown Todd, has been named the Best Lawyers 2011 Cincinnati Environmental Lawyer of the Year. McMurray is chair of Frost Brown Todd’s Environmental Practice Group and his practice focuses on environmental litigation, defense of environmental enforcement actions, and counseling on environmental issues arising in business, transactions and regulatory matters.

Elizabeth W. Stephenson ‘89, court administrator, Tuscarawas County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, will serve as vice chair of the Commission of The Supreme Court of Ohio on the Rules of Superintendence. Stephenson has served as court administrator for the Tuscarawas Common Pleas Court since 1997, where she has been instrumental in establishing mediation and drug court programs.

Richard A. Chesley ‘85 has joined DLA Piper’s Restructuring practice as a partner in the Chicago office.

Mark F. Sommer ‘88, chair of the Tax and Finance Practice Group, Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC, has been elected vice chair of the Industry Council of the Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators (SEATA).

Daniel Swetnam ‘82, partner at Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, has been named in the 2011 edition of Best Lawyers by his peers in the Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law category.

Robert Martineau ‘83 has been named by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam to head the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Previously Martineau worked for Nashville law firm Waller Lansden Dortch and Davis, specializing in environmental and regulatory law. In a statement, Haslam called Martineau “one of Tennessee’s foremost experts on environmental regulation.”

W. Russell Wilson ‘83, a member at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been recognized by Best Lawyers for the 2011 Edition.

Karen L. (Brownfield) Litkovitz ‘84 was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio in December 2010. The appointment is for eight years. She will be responsible for both criminal and civil cases.

Jeffrey A. McKenzie ‘86, a member at Greenbaum Doll and McDonald PLLC, has been re-appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI), the Metro Chamber of Commerce. McKenzie will serve a two-year term.

Lisa Wintersheimer Michel ‘88, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Kenneth P. Kreider ‘89, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

1990s

Laura C. Liu ‘91 was sworn in as a Circuit Judge of Cook County 8th Subcircuit. Liu had been a partner at Hogan Marren, Ltd. until her appointment. She joined the firm in 1998 and her practice focused on civil litigation and health care law. Liu is the first Chinese-American judge to serve on the Circuit Court of the Cook County bench and the first Chinese-American female judge in Illinois.

Michael L. Scheier ‘91, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been named to Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Business Lawyers.
Karen Faaborg ’84 has been appointed Executive Vice President in the Office of the President, at the University of Cincinnati. This position was effective Feb. 1. As Executive Vice President, she will serve as a member of President’s Cabinet and the Executive Committee. Her primary responsibilities will include serving as the chief liaison between the Office of the President and many constituents, overseeing and participating in major projects and initiatives. During her 30-year career at University of Cincinnati, she has served as a faculty member and as an administrator in both academic and administrative areas, most recently as senior associate vice president and chief human resource officer. She joined the UC faculty in 1980 as a professor of arts administration in the College-Conservatory of Music, later serving as associate dean at CCM and vice provost for Faculty Affairs.

Paul D. Dorger ’92, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Thomas Bockhorst ’93 has joined Colonial Consulting LLC as general counsel and senior research advisor. Bockhorst joined Colonial Consulting after 10 years at Welch Foods. Prior to Welch’s, Bockhorst’s experience included working in law firms advising clients and litigating business and employment disputes and at Deloitte & Touche working in public accounting.

Joseph M. Callow, Jr. ’93, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Richard L. Moore ’93 has joined the Labor and Employment practice group at Frost Brown Todd as a partner. Moore defends clients in federal and state court litigation arising from various claims of employment discrimination and wrongful termination, including claims arising from protected class discrimination, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as other statutory and common law claims.

Douglas A. Yerkeson ’93 has been elected partner at Baker & Daniels LLP. Yerkeson is a member of the intellectual property group where he concentrates on patent, trademark and copyright matters at the firm’s downtown Indianapolis office. Before law school, he was a chief test engineer for a defense contractor during the development of major weapons systems, including safety and arming devices for missiles.

Thomas B. Allen ’94, a member at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been recognized by Best Lawyers for the 2011 Edition.

Alan S. Fershtman ’94, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Steven R. Albainy-Jenei ’95, a member at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been recognized by Best Lawyers for the 2011 Edition.

Steven C. Coffaro ’95, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Mark J. Chumley ’96, a partner with Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been designated as a Certified Specialist in Labor & Employment Law by the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA). Chumley has experience representing clients in all aspects of labor and employment law.

Rachael A. Rowe ’96, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2011.

Steven M. Wesloh ’96, a member at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been selected for the 2011 edition of Ohio Rising Stars. He was also recognized by Best Lawyers for the 2011 Edition.

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Lance Himes ’97 now works as deputy general counsel for the Department of Health in Columbus, OH.

Shannon (Reed) Himes ’97 now works as an attorney with the Department of Commerce in Columbus, OH.

Scott A. Kane ’97, a litigation partner with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, has been elected president of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky chapter of the Federal Bar Association. The chapter’s membership includes federal judges, law clerks and lawyers in both the public and private sectors who practice civil and criminal law in the federal courts.

Katherine Cook Morgan ’97, a member at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been selected for the 2011 edition of Ohio Super Lawyers.

Kevin E. Vance ’98 has joined Duane Morris’ Employment, Labor, Benefits and Immigration Practice Group in Miami as a partner. Vance focuses his practice on employment litigation, state and federal appellate work, and administrative litigation on the state and federal level.

Philip S. Holloway ’99 has joined Ford & Harrison LLP as a partner in the Chicago office of the firm. Holloway concentrates his practice in the areas of employment law and ERISA litigation.

Brandon McGrath ’99 has been elected as a member at the firm Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC. A member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group, he works with individuals and companies, both large and small, to resolve a variety of disputes and lawsuits. In addition, McGrath was selected for inclusion in the 2011 Ohio Rising Stars list in the General Litigation category.

Catherine 2. Neal ’98 has been promoted to Associate Professor of Business Ethics and Business Law in the Haile/US Bank College of Business at Northern Kentucky. She has also received tenure.

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Andrew R. Kaake ’00, a member at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been selected for the 2011 edition of Ohio Rising Stars.

Jarrod M. Mohler ’00 has been named a partner with Cincinnati law firm Robbins, Kelly, Patterson & Tucker, LPA. He is a member of the litigation practice group. Mohler was also selected for inclusion on the 2011 Rising Stars list.

Lori A. Ross ’00, a partner at Strauss & Troy, has been selected to serve as a mediator for the mediation group at The Center for Resolution of Disputes, LLC. The Center primarily provides mediation services in Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and in other parts of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Ross will continue her active litigation practice at Strauss & Troy, but will provide mediation services exclusively through the Center.

Kevin M. Tierney ’00 has joined the White Collar Crime practice group at Frost Brown Todd LLC. His addition expands the capabilities of the firm’s white collar practice into the Ohio market. Tierney is experienced in state and federal criminal matters.

Rachael Rodman ’01, an associate in Dinsmore & Shohl LLP’s Dayton office, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Dayton. Rodman will serve a three-year term. Her primary responsibilities include governance of the organization, fundraising, and supporting the YWCA of Dayton’s mission through its efforts to stop domestic violence, empower women, and eliminate racism in the community.

Also, Rodman was selected to the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Dayton Class of 2011.

Kim Wilcoxon ’01, a member of the Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation group in the Cincinnati and Dayton offices of Thompson Hine LLP, has been elected to the firm’s partnership. Wilcoxon focuses her practice on assisting clients with retirement plans, welfare plans and executive compensation arrangements, with an emphasis on issues relating to health and welfare benefits.
Jennifer D. Singletary ’01 of the Supreme Court of Appeals Administrative Office has been named the 2011 West Virginia Young Lawyer of the Year, an award given annually by the Young Lawyers Section of the West Virginia State Bar.

Kara A. Czanik ’02 has been appointed partner at the firm Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP. Czanik’s practice includes commercial litigation and international dispute resolution. She is active on the board for the John W. Peck Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and also serves on the board for the Girls on the Run Organization.

Bridget Hoffman ’02 has been elected partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister. Hoffman has served as company counsel in initial public offerings of equity securities and in merger and acquisition transactions.

Michael J. Moeddel ’02, a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, has been named chairman of the board of the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation (GCSC). He has significant experience in structuring and negotiating complex business transactions and representing businesses in a general counsel capacity. In addition to his service to GCSC, Moeddel serves on the board of directors for The Council on Child Abuse, and he is a member of the Grants Committee of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation. Moeddel serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and speaks on matters related to corporate and limited liability company law.

Michael Proctor ’02 has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as an associate in the Litigation Department. He will practice in the firm’s Morgantown office.

Immeke Schmidt ’02 is now an associate in Day Pitney LLP’s Individual Clients department. Schmidt brings over 8 years’ experience in both domestic and international tax and estate planning. Her practice includes estate and trust administration and estate and tax planning for both U.S. residents and non-residents, ranging from preparation of wills and trusts to assisting in the development of complex wealth management structures.

Christy M. Nageleisen ’03 was elected as partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL. Nageleisen’s practice is concentrated in the area of complex commercial litigation.

Andrew B. Ulmer ’03 has been elected as a partner at the Cincinnati office of Frost Brown Todd LLP. Ulmer is an intellectual property attorney with specific focus on all aspects of domestic and foreign patent prosecution.


**Hearsay ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Elizabeth McGovern ’04**, an associate at Reed Smith in the Financial Industry Group, was selected to chair the Environment Committee of IMPACT 100 Philadelphia/2010-2011.

**Peggy Sullivan ’04**, a senior associate at Frost Brown Todd LLC, was named as an American Bar Association Real Property Fellow for the 2010-2012 class. Sullivan works with the real estate practice group, representing clients in a wide array of national, regional, and local real estate transfer, development and financing matters.

**Cory Thompson ’04** founded Thompson Law Office in 2009 to provide personal legal services to individuals in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area. Prior to founding Thompson Law Office, he worked as both a trial defense attorney and coverage counsel for several large insurance companies. He has extensive experience in personal injury and insurance coverage matters. Thompson is associated with Cincinnati Bar, Clermont County Bar, Ohio State Bar, Northern Kentucky Bar and Kentucky Bar Association.

**Jason Wasserman ’04**, an associate with Silverman Thompson Slutkin & White, has been selected as a Maryland “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers magazine in the field of Litigation for the second year in a row. Additionally, he was recently elected to serve as the chair of the Young Lawyers’ Division of the Bar Association of Baltimore City for the 2011-2012.

**James Butler, Jr. ’05** was sworn in as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives for the 129th General Assembly. He was selected to fulfill the remainder of the term as representative of the 37th House District following former State Rep. Peggy Lehner’s departure. Butler is currently an associate at Thompson Hine, LLP in Dayton.

**Tara Van Ho ’05** was named director of the Essex Human Rights Clinic at the University of Essex in Colchester, England. She will balance the temporary appointment alongside her Ph.D., which is focused on international human rights law, looking at the regulation of foreign direct investment for the protection of human rights in transitional states. She is also a project associate with the Essex Business & Human Rights Project.

**Ali Razzaghi ’06**, a senior associate at Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been selected for the 2011 edition of Ohio Rising Stars.

**Bill Childers ’09** has been hired as communications manager at Felt Bicycles. He was a member of the UC Cycling team. While completing his undergraduate and graduate degrees, Childers worked as a bike mechanic and authored tech articles for a cycling web site. He also competed as an amateur road racer in Columbus, Ohio for the past five years.

**Matthew Fong ’09** is now an associate in the Business Litigation Practice Group at Thompson Hine LLP. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as an investigator for the Employee Benefits Security Administration of the United States Department of Labor. While he attended law school, Matthew served as a judicial extern for Justice Terrence O’Donnell of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

**Jason T. Forbes ’09** has joined Mason, Schilling & Mason Co., LPA as an associate. His practice is concentrated in the field of creditor representation, including commercial litigation, banking, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights law. While at UC Law, he was senior articles editor for the Human Rights Quarterly, an executive member of the Moot Court Honor Board, and the director of the August A. Rendigs, Jr. National Products Liability Moot Court Competition.

**Pamela J. Miller ’09** was recently promoted to Director of Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Threshold Services, Inc. in Washington, D.C.

**Zoraida Martinez Vale ’09** has joined Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP firm of Cincinnati. She is a member of the firm’s Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group, focusing her practice on complex litigation including antitrust, commercial, and other business litigation.

**Aaron M. Bernay ’10** is now at Frost Brown Todd LLC as an associate. Bernay practices in the Litigation department. He represents and advises clients in a wide range of litigation areas, with a focus on products liability cases. Prior to entering law school, Bernay worked for the international trade practice of a Washington D.C. law firm and analyzed money laundering and financial crimes cases.

**Amanda A. Earl ’10** is now at Frost Brown Todd LLC as an associate. Earl previously worked as a construction professional with the firm and is now an associate practicing construction law in the Litigation department. She is also a registered professional engineer in Ohio.
Amy Gill ’10 has joined Mason, Schilling & Mason Co. LPA as an associate with a practice concentrated in creditor representation, including commercial litigation, banking, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights law. While at UC Law, she was an executive member of Moot Court Honor Board, receiving the board’s “College Moot Court Award,” and was inducted to the Order of the Barristers.

Lori Goetz Heilman ’10 is now an associate at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL. She practices in the firm’s litigation group.

Gabriel P. Moorman ’10 is a new associate at Diehl & Hubbell, LLC in Lebanon, Ohio. While at the law school, he was president of the Intellectual Property Legal Society, was a fellow for the Public Interest Law Group, served as a legal intern at the City of Cincinnati Prosecutor’s Office, and was a judicial extern for the Honorable Timothy S. Hogan at the United States District Court. Moorman will be practicing in the areas of worker’s compensation, personal injury, domestic relations, criminal law, and civil litigation.

Craig Neiheisel ’10 has joined law firm Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

Tricia G. Timmich ’10 has joined Finney, Stagnaro, Saba & Patterson Co. LPA as an associate in the litigation practice area. She will concentrate her practice in general civil litigation and constitutional law in the Anderson Township office of FSSP.
Upcoming Events

December 3: Dean’s Council Dinner

December 16: The Psyche at Work

March 27, 2012: Marx Lecture featuring Professor Cheryl Harris, UCLA Law School

March 30, 2012: Corporate Law Symposium

April 11, 2012: Immigration and Nationality Law Review Annual Spring Speaker Event

April 12, 2012: Ropes Lecture Series featuring Siva Vaidhyanathan, University of Virginia School of Law