Paving the Way
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Cover: Diane Fellman ’75 is senior director, Regulatory Strategy & Policy, for NRG Energy
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Let me begin with a story that transpired since Counselor last arrived in your mailbox. You will appreciate it.

Greg Kendall, a member of our Class of 2013, graduated on May 19. A fine job awaited him with the law firm of Montgomery, Rennie Jonson. Greg sat for the Ohio bar in July, and in late October he received the good news that he had passed. On Monday, November 4, he was sworn in as a new lawyer by the Ohio Supreme Court.

The very next day, Greg appeared before the very same Ohio Supreme Court. He was there as a practicing lawyer, making his first oral argument.

We’re high on our students and their readiness for the world that awaits them. We’ve significantly expanded their opportunities for practical and experiential learning, and they have responded enthusiastically to the new clinics, new practicums, and broadened externship placements we have developed. Our students are confident in their readiness. And our efforts have been noticed. This year, we received national recognition as one of the top 60 law schools for practical and experiential learning.

Stronger experiential and practical learning need not come at the expense of the great theoretical and doctrinal teaching we have long valued at the College. My faculty colleagues are terrific scholars — nationally and internationally recognized leaders in their fields. During the past year, College of Law faculty were invited to speak and share their research with fellow scholars and students at the likes of Yale, Stanford, Michigan, Duke, Illinois, Minnesota, Tennessee, and George Washington University; at Renmin University in Beijing, the University of Sichuan, and the Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing; at the American Society of International Law, the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, and other learned societies. Just to name some. Their work was cited in the United States Supreme Court, in federal and state judicial decisions, and in the leading journals and books that shape the course of the law around the globe. And they remained active in improving the law as members of the American Law Institute, consultants to professional organizations, and friends of the court.

We’re making these great professors and great educational opportunities available with a dedication to diversity and affordability. (Did you know that the College ranks 25th in lowest average student debt at graduation and recently was recognized nationally for value?) And we continue to do it all with great spirit and a sense of true community. (Did you know that the College of Law attained 100 percent participation in UC’s recent Faculty/Staff fundraising campaign — the only college at UC to do so?)

With talent, enthusiasm and commitment to enduring values, we can look ahead to a bright future. It is a future that also will be brightened with the arrival of a new dean. I will return to teaching, research and the life of a professor when my second term as your dean concludes at the end of this academic year. I go with deep gratitude, forever enriched by the opportunity you have afforded me over the past decade.

With all best wishes,

Louis D. Bilionis
Dean and Nippert Professor of Law
Paving The Way:
Meet Seven Dynamic Alumnae
Driven by a Passion for Change

By: Tina Neyer

Opportunities abound for women in the field of law today. From associate attorney at a small boutique firm to justice on the Supreme Court of the United States, there are no limits for women in the field. During the 60s and 70s, however, this wasn’t necessarily the case. A different era, society wasn’t used to seeing women in powerful leadership positions in the legal world. However, the women educated during those times forged ahead, grounded by what they learned at their alma maters, such as the College of Law.

The following are stories of several remarkable women — unbowed by the turbulence of the times — who were driven by their passions for change, leading them to successful careers in the judiciary, corporate arena and academia.
Colombe Nicholas ’68 completed her undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton in 1964 at the ripe old age of 19. Her father, concerned about her age, offered her $125 a week to attend law school. She accepted the offer, perhaps indicating the savvy businesswoman she would become. She started law school along with several other women; by the end of the first year, Nicholas was the only woman left. By the time she graduated three-and-one-half years later, Nicholas graduated with several other women in the class of 1968. While talking about her experiences in an interview for the law school’s 175th anniversary history project, she says “I learned a way of thinking — what are the facts, what are the issues, and what is the rationale. That thought process has stayed with me to this day. I was much more formed by law school than I was by college.”

After law school and a brief stint at her father’s company, Nicholas headed to New York where she became part of the retail world. Her retail experience includes R.H. Macy, Bloomingdale’s and Bonwit Teller. After becoming president and chief executive officer of CD NY (Christian Dior New York), she served as president and chief operating officer of Giorgio Armani Fashion Corporation. Then, she became president and CEO of the Orr Felt company, before ending her executive career as president and CEO of Anne Klein Group. Since leaving Anne Klein, she has served on seven public boards and is currently on the board of directors at Kimco Realty.

While Nicholas describes herself as an atypical law student, she says “You might not remember facts the way you were trained to think, but you are engrained in a thought process that helps you in the world.” Her law degree was vital to her positions at all three design houses, even though she didn’t practice traditional law.

Required reading in her freshman year at Duke University was Betty Friedan’s “The Feminine Mystique,” laughs Fay Dupuis ’69. With a degree in Spanish and comparative languages, she realized that teaching wasn’t for her and entered law school as one of five women, equipped with a love of writing and words. During her time at the College of Law, a male student in her class bet her $5.00 that she wouldn’t finish. Six months out of law school she began a 32-year career with Cincinnati’s City Solicitor’s office, then under the direction of William McClain. McClain has the distinction of being the first African-American to achieve such a high municipal legal post in the United States. He went on to be elected to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas and then the Municipal Court of Hamilton County. Dupuis felt McClain understood her challenges. She took a position equivalent to a paralegal, but was soon promoted to an attorney position.

Dupuis credits the College of Law for grounding her in the fundamentals which provided tools to take on a project no one would touch — revising the city code. This project equipped her with a breadth of knowledge many other assistant solicitors did not have. “I recognized that if I did my job well it would make the path easier for the next woman attorney,” says Dupuis. From that experience her professional goal became changing stereotypes through the diligent performance
of her duties. Her work led to Dupuis’ appointment as the first female city solicitor of Cincinnati, a position she held for 12 years. Today she serves as special advisor at Management Partners, a professional management consulting firm specializing in helping government organizations improve their operations.

She reminisces that as a new graduate everything took longer: using a typewriter, making carbon copies, researching in the library. Dupuis believes today’s technology and access to information almost instantaneously make a work/life balance more achievable for young attorneys. She encourages her colleagues, who are now leaders in the profession, to embrace the benefits of a technologically advanced society to aid young lawyers in more wholesome, balanced careers.

The Kent State shooting on May 4, 1970, crystallized the moment when Diane Fellman ’75 knew she was laying her life on the line for a higher purpose. As a sophomore at The Ohio State University involved in protests, her dorm advisor’s wife — a young Nancy Zimpher (former president of the University of Cincinnati and now chancellor of the State University of New York) — encouraged her to seek a law degree. Fellman knew there would be challenges, but she forged ahead.

A generational shift began to occur within the faculty the year Fellman entered. With younger professors, seven other women began their careers in law along with Fellman. As a member of the first women’s council, she lobbied for a women’s restroom on the third floor. Until then, the only restroom for females was in the basement.

“Women,” says Fellman, “were held to a higher standard.” Still, a great collegial spirit pervaded her class, which was filled with returning Vietnam War veterans, women with children, and African-Americans. Thirty to fifty classmates still socialize together today. The closeness has “…served my stead throughout my career,” she says.

In today’s world, networking is critical to building a client base, and Fellman saw how this worked as a young environmental attorney in San Francisco. Fresh out of law school, she worked with the California Energy Commission, landing the position because she saw opportunity to be on a panel with Vince McKenzie, the commission’s general counsel. Impressed with her presentation, McKenzie offered her a job. By 1986, she realized that she could affect greater change in public policy by working with corporations rather than from within the commission. She moved on to positions with a law firm and with NextEra Energy Resources. Today, she is senior director, Regulatory Strategy & Policy for NRG Energy, which provides nationwide energy services. Fellman believes that personal connections have been a key component in her past and present professional success.

Ann Marie Tracey ’75 has a distinctive past. She served as the first woman on the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, a position she held for over 14 years. Tracey shares that, as a law student at the University of Cincinnati, one of her professors — Jim Murphy — played a pivotal role in her career direction. Under his tutelage, Tracey had been offered an opportunity to serve on the law review. She
hesitated to take it, knowing she would be the singular woman. But Murphy persisted, telling her she would be foolhardy not to take the position. That experience gave her the tools to write briefs and scholarly works as she does now as a professor at Xavier University’s Williams College of Business (Cincinnati, Ohio) and co-director, Cintas Institute for Business Ethics.

Drawn to public service after law school, Tracey applied for a position with Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati. She didn’t get that job; however, she landed a position with the prosecutor’s office. After a stint as an assistant city solicitor, she became a federal prosecutor; then, a judge in Hamilton County, Ohio.

Now at Xavier University, Tracey sees a confident population of female students. Of her time at the College of Law, she says, “Most women were expected to get married (during this time).” Tracey attributes much of the self-assuredness of today’s law students to the fact that they have role models and know their skill sets. In the mid-70s they were pretty confident. They bounced back from problems because they had no model for the mainstream, career-oriented women they would become. However, the students of today appear to have so many tools at their fingertips to address any issue.

At age 30, Marianna Bettman ‘77 entered law school fulfilling a dream her mother had attempted long before her. Bettman had worked in community development during a critical time in Cincinnati’s history — the 1967 and 1968 race riots. She paired with an African-American ex-football player to speak to community members about school desegregation. Bettman recognized her draw to find legal solutions and entered law school, bringing her mother’s dream full circle.

Upon finishing school, she took a job in the law office of Tom Brush, who was busy campaigning for city council. With his blessing, Bettman took over his cases. She shared a desk with his campaign manager, but quickly learned the day-to-day of law. The experience proved to be of great benefit.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg visited the College of Law during Bettman’s time here for what is now referred to as the Robert S. Marx Lecture Series. She remembers Ginsberg as much larger in stature, noting “She was so huge in my brain.” The law profession lacked female role models; however, she attributes Ginsberg with paving a path for her career. After a successful career in private practice, she was elected Judge, First District Court of Appeals in 1993, the first woman elected to this position. Today, Bettman is professor of practice at the College of Law, training the next generation of attorneys. She also directs the Judicial Extern and Judge-in-Residence Programs.

Barb G. Watts ’78 came to UC law school after serving in residence life at The Ohio State University as assistant dean of students. The Kent State shootings impacted her in a mighty way — compelling her to take action. Identifying herself as part of the “Second Wave of Feminism,” Watts joined a “ragtag” group at OSU who established the Women’s Studies Program. She realized through her involvement...
with this program that she could help to change the
course of women’s lives through the law.

As a second-year student in what Watts terms as
a remarkable experience at the College of Law, Watts
took a summer clerkship that provided opportunity to
work in a large Cincinnati firm. She wished to study
certain subjects but found that required courses such
as corporate law would enhance her position in the
workplace. The internship led to employment with
the firm once she completed her coursework. As both
an intern and full-time employee with Frost & Jacobs,
Watts was involved in the Beverly Hills Supper Club case,
known as the first class action lawsuit.

She gained significant experience through her work
in the early years but at what she believed was a costly
sacrifice. In order to move up, Watts felt that she would
have to be at the beck and call of others forever, and
compromise within the structure of the law firm would
be difficult for her. She says that deciding to apply for
the position of assistant dean with the College was the
best decision she could make. During her tenure as the
first woman administrator in the College, the number
of women going into law increased from 33 percent to
nearly 50 percent today.

A lifelong advocate for gender equality, she was
one of the chief architects of the College’s Joint Degree
in Law and Women’s Studies program, the first such
program in the nation in the 90s. She referred to the
Mark Twain quote about Cincinnati being 10 years
behind the rest of the nation when she says that the
program, while not dramatically ahead of its time, is
very forward focused. It sent a message that things are
possible at UC.

In 1978 when Nancy Johnson graduated from
the College, a third of her class were women —
half coming right from undergraduate degrees,
half returning for a second career. Idealistic and
ready to face any challenge, making the grade became
Johnson’s goal. After working as an assistant attorney
general in Ohio, she became an assistant U.S. attorney in
Texas. Today, she works as a federal magistrate judge for
the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas,
a position she has held since 1990. She focuses on patent,
insurance and employment cases.

When commenting on the experience of women in
the 70s, she notes that attitudes toward women in the
workplace changed rapidly, particularly in the latter part
of the 70s. Johnson says that women were plowing new
ground, and had become more verbal and questioning.
This was a positive turn.

Strength, diligence, perseverance — adjectives that
describe the women of the College of Law during a
time of great change in our world — reflect in the
accomplishments of these individuals. From the first
day that Colombe Nicholas entered UC Law as a young
woman in 1964, through the 70s and continuing
today, the number of female attorneys has grown
rapidly. Their accomplishments — whether on a
local, national, or international stage — provide a
glimpse at the power of the evolution of the College’s
program. During turbulent times each of these women
discovered passionate causes through their degree
programs and have effected and sustained change in
our world.
“I ... was sentenced to death by electrocution for a crime I didn’t commit,” said Ricky Jackson, testifying on the witness stand November 18, 2014, about spending nearly 40 years in prison for a crime he didn’t commit. Jackson was exonerated that day, due to the relentless hard work of the Ohio Innocence Project (OIP). He has the tragic distinction of setting the record for the longest-serving person to be exonerated in U.S. history; Jackson and co-defendants Wiley and Ronnie Bridgeman together served over 100 years in prison.

Jackson was freed officially on November 21, 2014. Terry Gilbert and David Mills, attorneys for the Bridgemans, asked the Cuyahoga County prosecutors to drop the case against the brothers, one of whom was still behind bars. All are free today.

A Frightening Beginning

In 1975 Jackson and the Bridgeman brothers were convicted of killing a money order collector at a Cleveland grocery store. All three received the death penalty and came close to execution. It is now known that the convictions were based on a lie by a then 12-year-old boy Eddie Vernon, who helped build the case against them. Vernon recently recanted his story. As reported in Cleveland’s The Plain Dealer article, Vernon told Judge Richard McMonagle, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, that he lied to the police, prosecutors and juries when he was a boy. He shared that all of the information was fed to him by the police. He didn’t have any knowledge about what happened at the scene of the crime; in fact, he had been on a bus with several school friends at the time of the incident and did not see anything transpire.

In The Plain Dealer article Vernon shared that he hid the lies for years, saying the detectives told him that if he mentioned what he did, they would put his parents in prison for perjury.
OIP’s Exhaustive Investigation Was Key

OIP staff attorney Brian Howe ’10 investigated and litigated the case, previously handled by Carrie Wood ’05. Howe conducted an exhaustive investigation, including finding new witnesses for the 40-year-old case by literally knocking on random doors in the neighborhood where it happened and asking “Were you around in 1975? You know anyone who knows anything about that case?” Jodi Shorr, OIP administrative director, OIP student fellows over the years, and private investigators provided additional, crucial support.

In particular, noted OIP director Mark Godsey in an email to the College of Law community about the victory, OIP fellow Scott Crowley ’11 took particular notice of the case in 2010, among the hundreds the group receives each year. He pressed the attorneys to keep it open and to continue digging because he had a feeling something wasn’t quite right. His persistence paid off.

Then, in 2011 undergraduate intern Gretchen Schrader, now herself a law student in Indiana, was assigned the Jackson case as a special project.

Frustrated that the City of Cleveland wasn’t responding to public records requests, Schrader continued to dig and dig until she got all of the records needed in the case. Commented Godsey, “It was Gretchen who obtained the vital information that would eventually break open the case.”

Sierra Merida ’14, another OIP fellow, spent many hours on the phone with potential witnesses, found through Schrader’s work. She developed a strong rapport with the community of witnesses and was able to get them to speak openly about the case.

An Amazing Moment

The Tuesday hearing, which was scheduled because Jackson was seeking a new trial based on Vernon’s attempt to correct the lie he had told years before, started with the State offering to consider a deal for a plea to time served and the ability to walk free immediately. Jackson, however, said “I don’t need more time to think about it. I am an innocent man. I will not take the deal.” He felt that he couldn’t lie to walk free — not for himself or the other victims in the case.

Said Godsey, the biggest moment of surprise came in the afternoon while waiting for closing arguments to start. The prosecutors did not return after the court recess. When they eventually appeared, the entire team entered and announced that the case was over. They had to concede the obvious and drop all charges against Jackson. “The OIP has never had a moment like that in any of our cases where it happens right there in court in an unexpected way. We’re used to finding out that we won through some sort of electronic filing from the court long after the hearing is over,” said Godsey.

Congratulations to the legions of OIP alumni and attorneys who had a hand in this case: Gabrielle Carrier, Donald Clancy, John Markus, Julie Payne, Lacy Maerker, Caity Brown, Katie Barrett, Lauren Staley, Andrew Cleves, Sean Martz, Elise Lucas Elam, Kurt Gee, John Kennedy, Carrie Wood, Brian Howe and many others.

For links to additional media coverage including video: www.law.UC.edu/OIP.
Earlier this year Dean Louis D. Bilionis, Nippert Professor of Law, announced that he would return to the College of Law faculty, having served as dean since 2005. This decision is effective at the conclusion of his second five-year term on June 30, 2015.

“Lou’s contributions to UC Law are exceptional,” said University of Cincinnati President Santa Ono. “He has led the College of Law with integrity, innovation, and a true commitment to student success. We know he will continue to be a great asset to the College as a member of our faculty.”

Dean Bilionis’ impact was grounded in the goals he set forth when his tenure began: build a stronger faculty; attract a strong, diverse student body; create a thriving academic enterprise; engage the community; and, develop the institutional strength to support the law school.

“Creating a stronger educational experience
Under Bilionis’ leadership, strengthening the educational experience for law students has been a top priority. The professional formation of young lawyers also holds a special place for the dean. He personally developed an experimental collaboration with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Center for Creative Leadership, and practitioners that focuses on leadership and the development of professional identity. Students can now take part in Practice Ones, classes which focus on the development and application of skills and strategies they are likely to encounter within the first year of practice. Practice Ones have been integrated with classes in tax law, family law, international business transactions and more.

“Aggressively expanding experiential learning opportunities and programs
“Dean Bilionis worked tirelessly to navigate the College through the many challenges and changes facing legal education. Under his leadership, the college greatly increased the experiential learning opportunities available for law students, including clinics, externships and skills courses,” said Professor of Law Sandra Sperino. For example, the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (ECDC), where students represent local business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs, was created. Since its inception in 2011, 42 ECDC students
have assisted 48 businesses on 182 legal matters. ECDC has been in the forefront of building collaborative opportunities for students, through relationships with The Brandery, Duke Energy, Bad Girl Ventures Program and University Start-up Slam.

The Indigent Defense Clinic (IDC), created in 2007, represents criminal defendants through all phases of their cases. Since its inception, IDC has represented over 318 criminal defendants on 718 charges, with only 13 percent of those being found guilty as charged.

The Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic, a component of the Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, represents victims of domestic violence in civil protection order cases from start to finish. Since its inception in 2005, DV Clinic students have assisted over 1,350 victims.

In addition to these areas, other programs designed to strengthen the academic enterprise have taken off, including the Academic Success Program and numerous professional development programs.

• Building on our scholarly capacity and increasing community impact

New initiatives like the Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice were created. The Center, whose mission is to cultivate scholars, leaders, and activists committed to social change, provides experiential opportunities for students wanting to advance justice. Existing Centers have expanded their impact. The Ohio Innocence Project/Rosenthal Institute for Justice, nationally and internationally known for its work, is one of the most successful Innocence Projects in the nation. Through their efforts 18 individuals have been exonerated. The Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, the first endowed institute at an American law school devoted to the study of international human rights law, has brought in leaders and activists of significant note from across the globe to work alongside our law students, future human rights attorneys. And the Corporate Law Center and the Glenn M. Weaver Institute for Law and Psychiatry have addressed substantive issues in their respective areas, exploring issues of corporate law and mental health.

• Raising our international profile

The College’s global reach has been a prominent focus. The LLM in the U.S. Legal System, specifically designed for internationally-trained attorneys, was introduced several years ago; and certificate programs have been added. The Institute for the Global Practice of Law, which seeks to increase the understanding of international law and business transactions and to facilitate relationships among leaders in the global legal and business communities, was created. And, the school’s Study Abroad/Exchange program with The University of Canterbury School of Law in New Zealand was reactivated, opening the door for law students to study “down under.”

• Supporting the faculty

“Bringing the next generation of great law professors to the College of Law is another one of the great pleasures of my job,” noted Bilionis. He has continued to strengthen the faculty of the school, through strategic hiring and support in critical areas. “I was honored to serve on the search committee that found and hired Lou, and I can say, 10 years later that he exceeded our expectations,” said Professor Mark Godsey, the Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professor of Law and Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project. “Lou led the school through a difficult time while motivating us, supporting us, and keeping our spirits high. When it came to things the faculty needed to help us reach our goals, his position has always been ‘We’ll find a way to make it happen.’”

• Hosting outstanding speakers and guests to expand the knowledge of students and alumni

Special guests have included the Hon. Shirley S. Abrahamson, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Wisconsin; Professor Lawrence Lessig, Director, Edmond
Growing funds and alumni engagement

Finally, fundraising and alumni engagement have seen growth during his tenure. Fifteen endowed scholarships have been developed; under his leadership this year’s Faculty-Staff campaign was a resounding success with 100 percent participation, the first time in the school’s history. “The College of Law has enjoyed several deans who worked tirelessly for the students, alumni, and legal community. Lou Bilionis continued that tradition. He made the institution better and enhanced the value of an entire generation’s law degrees,” said James B. Helmer, Jr., Helmer, Martins, Rice & Popham Co., L.P.A.

After a sabbatical, Dean Bilionis will return to the classroom during Fall 2016. “Ann (Professor of Law Ann Hubbard at the College) and I love Cincinnati, and so does our daughter Graciela,” Bilionis said. “We’re excited for the future of the law school and the city, and eager to be a part of it for many years to come.”

A committee chaired by Dean David Szymanski of the Lindner College of Business is conducting a national search for Dean Bilionis’ successor. See sidebar for additional information.

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Dean Search Committee Formed

Dr. David Szymanski, Dean of the Carl H. Lindner College of Business, has been appointed to chair the search committee for the next College of Law dean. Members of the decanal search committee are:

- A. Christopher Bryant, Rufus King Professor of Constitutional Law
- Mark A. Godsey, Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professor of Law and Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project
- Kenneth J. Hirsh, Director, Law Library and Information Technology and Professor of Practice
- Doloris Learmonth ’78, Board of Visitors member
- Elizabeth Lenhart ’04, Associate Professor of Practice
- Robert E. Richardson, Jr. ’05, University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees member
- Nancy Oliver ’90, Associate Dean for Curriculum and Student Affairs and Professor of Practice
- Sandra F. Sperino, Professor of Law

- Elizabeth Thoman ’15, President, Student Legal Education Committee
- Verna L. Williams, Judge Joseph P. Kinning Professor of Law

The Provost Office has retained Jonathan Fortescue of Park Square Executive Search (Cambridge) as the search firm. Updates about the status of the search are available as a link on the law school’s website and regular updates about the search also will be provided in future issues of Updates@UC Law.
‘It’s a great feeling after working so hard on something for so long to have the work recognized on a national scale,” said Caroline Hyatt ’14, who placed second in the Louis Jackson National Memorial Student Writing Competition in Labor and Employment Law. Hyatt won for her paper, “The Legal Enforcement of ‘Proper’ Gender Performance Through Title VII.”

“Participating specifically in the writing competition and in winning second place puts my work and my ideas ‘out there’ on a much larger scale. It’s accessible online to anyone who wants to see it and I hope that it can contribute to a larger conversation, in legal academia and among practitioners, about the direction the law is moving,” she said.

The competition is sponsored by the national labor and employment law firm Jackson Lewis in memory of Mr. Jackson, one of the firm’s founders. It has been administered by IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law’s, Institute for Law and the Workplace. Her essay will be published on the Institute for Law and the Workplace website and she will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

Hyatt, a native of Cincinnati, is a graduate of the university with a bachelor’s degree in International Affairs with certificates in Asian Studies and in International Human Rights. She spent the summer following her first year at UC Law working at the EEOC in the Office of Federal Operations in Washington, D.C. “About a month before I started working there, they issued an exciting decision in Macy v. Holder, establishing that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects employees from discrimination based on gender identity,” she said. Hyatt had the opportunity to attend a panel discussion about the impact of the case, which led to her MA/JD final project.

“That fall I started researching the topic of employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and the extent to which it might be protected under Title VII. Working on that project, a paper that utilized the theoretical concepts that I learned in the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies MA program and applying them to a legal problem in a new and unique way, made my 2L year the most challenging and rewarding year of my academic career.”

“When I finished the paper, I knew that I wanted to rewrite it in a form that focused on the legal aspect of my work. While there have been huge gains in protecting the LGBT community from employment discrimination, there is a lot of work still to be done, and my research can help ensure that that work creates real change. Professor Sandra Sperino recommended places to submit my work and all of my committee helped me prepare my paper. I submitted it to the writing competition and was just so excited to find out that my paper had won second place!”

When asked how this experience will help her career, she commented: “The opportunity to become so deeply knowledgeable in one area of law through the work I did on my article has helped me focus my experiences toward a specialty in LGBT employment discrimination. This area of law is new and changing and it’s exciting to be a part of it.”
Alumnus and Top Trial Lawyer Billy Martin Receives Honorary Degree from UC

By: M.B. Reilly

The University of Cincinnati bestowed its highest award, an honorary doctorate, on nationally renowned trial lawyer and UC College of Law alumnus William R. “Billy” Martin during spring Commencement ceremonies. Martin received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the ceremony last spring.

Consistently named one of the top trial lawyers in Washington, D.C., and throughout the United States, Martin, who is majority owner and founder of Martin & Gitner, PLLC, has tried more than 150 jury trials, many involving large corporations and leading figures in politics, sports and entertainment.

While Martin has made a name nationally through his representation in numerous high-profile cases, he has a diverse practice that also focuses on complex civil and white collar litigation before state and federal courts and in administrative hearings.

Martin also has substantial experience with internal investigations, serving extensively as an Integrity and Ethics Monitor on behalf of government agencies and courts in a variety of industries. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of The American Arbitration Association and has experience both representing parties in arbitration, as well as serving as an arbitrator in private disputes. Most recently, he served as outside counsel to the United States House of Representatives Committee on Ethics in connection with its investigation of a Member of Congress. He is a frequent speaker on corporate responsibility and ethics.

After receiving his law degree from UC in 1976, Martin served as a city and federal prosecutor from 1976 until 1980 in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1980 he was appointed to serve as a special attorney in the Organized Crime Strike Force in San Francisco, a position he held for four years. He then moved from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., where he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for four years before being promoted to the executive assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, a position he held until he left the office to begin private practice.

Martin is a member of the D.C. Bar Association, the National Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is president of the Washington Bar Association. He has been listed in the National Law Journal’s “50 Most Influential Minority Attorneys,” and has ranked fourth in The Washingtonian’s list of “Top Lawyers. He has received numerous other distinctions.

Martin graduated from Howard University in 1973, where he pursued studies in business administration and political science, and is a recipient of Howard’s Distinguished Alumni Award. In addition, he received the UC College of Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002.
Two College of Law Professors Announce Retirement

Barbara Black | With almost 40 years of academic service behind her, Barbara Black, the Charles Hartsock Professor of Law and Director, Corporate Law Center, has decided to retire. Nationally known for her focus on investor rights, Black began her legal career at Columbia University’s law school, after graduating from Barnard College. In an article for the law school’s Updates@UC Law, she fondly recalled being a student of now U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The first tenured female professor at Columbia, Black took her course in sex discrimination — the first of its kind at Columbia Law. “It was exciting and cutting edge,” she said of the class.

Upon graduation she began work as an associate attorney at the firm Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler (New York) and went on to Rogers & Wells (Washington, D.C.). Several years later Professor Black entered academia, working many years at Pace University School of Law — as a professor, vice dean, and acting dean, among other positions.

Professor Black served as deputy director of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS), the learned society for legal educators. She went on to become the founder and co-director of the Securities Arbitration Clinic, believed to be the first law school clinic to represent small investors in disputes with broker-dealers. This clinic was established at the request of the Securities Exchange Commission. Later, she became the director of research for the Pace Investor Rights Project, which sponsors advocacy, education, and research efforts in the area of investor justice. Black also had the opportunity to teach at numerous law schools, including the University of Illinois, Vytantus Magnus University School of Law (Lithuania), New York Law School and Washington College of Law (American University).

In 2006 she joined the faculty of the College of Law, teaching Corporations I and II and Securities Regulation. Although the Corporate Law Center existed prior to her arrival, it was being maintained by the faculty collectively, functioning without a director for a number of years. Black felt her job was to “reinvigorate the project.” As a result, the work of the Center has expanded. Four to six fellows work on a range of research projects. The students help to organize both the fall symposium, co-sponsored by the Southwest Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, and the academic conference, held in spring.

A prolific writer, Professor Black has authored numerous law review articles on securities arbitration, securities fraud, and broker-dealer regulation that have been frequently cited, including by both the majority and dissenting opinions in the U.S. Supreme Court’s opinion Basic, Inc. v. Levinson on fraud in the market. In addition, she has written a treatise on corporate dividends and stock repurchases and runs the “Securities Law Prof Blog.”

Professor Black is the recipient of the Harold C. Schott Scholarship Award (2008). She is also co-founder of the National Business Law Scholars Conference, a gathering of business law scholars from across the country. Students, faculty, and the local legal community will miss the strong programming she provided.

“Her leadership of the College’s Corporate Law Center earned accolades from the many presenters and attendees of the Center’s annual Corporate Law Symposium.”

— Professor Timothy Armstrong
Thomas Eisele | “Who dares to teach must never cease to learn,” said lawyer John Cotton Dana, an attorney and public librarian. These words have never been more true than now when one takes a look at the academic life and impact of Professor Thomas Eisele. After more than 30 years in academic service, Professor Eisele has decided to retire.

Eisele’s journey began many years ago when he graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in philosophy and Harvard Law School with his juris doctor degree. His professional career began in Chicago, Illinois, first as an associate at the firm Isham, Lincoln & Beale and then as the deputy director of the Lake Michigan Federation. He then spent a year at the University of Chicago Law School, teaching legal research and writing as the Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law. It was this experience that led to rethinking his professional legal trajectory; basically, it caused a career change.

Professor Eisele returned to school, earning a doctorate in philosophy. After teaching as a visiting assistant professor at The Ohio State University, he joined the law faculty of the University of Tennessee. He later joined the College of Law, first as a visiting professor of law and then as a member of the faculty in 1992. He taught a variety of courses over the years, including Property, Estates and Trusts, Jurisprudence, and Professional Responsibility. Said Professor Eisele in an article for Updates@UC Law, “When I graduated from Harvard University, if you would have told me I’d spend [at that time] 25 years teaching the law I would have laughed so loud. I would have never presumed I could have taught this stuff!”

With a different type of educational philosophy and technique in mind, Professor Eisele changed the law school experience for many students. He commented that when he started, the Kingsfield cliché was a truth. “I didn’t want to treat students like that,” he said. That’s one of the reasons he took great pains to learn every student’s name in class — often from the first day and even in Wills which frequently had about 100 students.

Commented Kate Bross ’14 about this practice, “On the first day of Property class it was a combination of excitement and apprehension to find out that you had already memorized each and every student’s name. However, I soon realized that the time and effort you took to know the name and face of each student was indicative of your entire approach to teaching. You care not only about the subject matter being taught, but each student as an individual.”

Eisele is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Harold C. Schott Award (2010), the Goldman Prize for Teaching Excellence (2009, 2005, 2001, 1998, 1993), the University of Tennessee’s Outstanding Teacher Award (1990), the Warner Faculty Award for Outstanding Legal Scholarship (1990), and more.

He is the author of “Bitter Knowledge: Learning Socratic Lessons of Disillusion and Renewal” (2009) and has published numerous articles.

For this thoughtful approach to the law and knack for making students feel like individuals, the College of Law will miss Professor Eisele.
College of Law trial team members excelled at the Ohio Attorney General Trial competition, taking second place at the inaugural event. Congratulations to Eric Kmetz, Abby Chermely, Sydney Saffold (all 2014 graduates) and Alycia Walker, and Kylie Conley (2015 graduates). Additionally, Chermely was named “Best Attorney” in her round on Saturday, and Walker was named “Best Attorney” both days. Kmetz won the award for “Best Witness.”

The competition, which took place at the Franklin County (Ohio) Courthouse, was designed to provide a valuable learning opportunity for Ohio law school students and to offer insights into public service careers. Said Attorney General Mike DeWine in a congratulatory press release about the event, “This competition was founded to help law students learn about public service legal careers. From prosecutors to representing state agencies to being taxpayer watchdogs, there are many ways public service lawyers help protect Ohio families.”

He continued, “I applaud…all the teams that participated in our mock trial competition.”

The competition simulated litigation regarding a telemarketing fraud case where each law school team presented both the state’s and defense’s case. Teams participated in two trial rounds on Saturday with the top two teams advancing to a final round Sunday.

Each team was coached by litigators from The Ohio Attorney General’s Office and other public service offices from around the state. The College of Law was ably assisted by Chris Wagner ’00, managing attorney of the OAG’s Cincinnati Regional Office.

The final round of the competition was judged by U.S. District Court Judge Edmund Sargus, Delaware County Judge David Gormley, and the State of Ohio’s Solicitor Eric Murphy. Other competition round judges included Judge Richard Frye and Judge Colleen O’Donnell of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, as well as experienced public service litigators and private practitioners from around the state.
The global financial crisis of 2008 launched a litany of lawsuits in the U.S. as institutional investors claimed they were duped by the misrepresentations of Wall Street securities firms and their broker-dealers. However an examination of proposed new protections finds that extending certain regulations on broker-dealers would not be an effective solution to the problem. The article “Broker-Dealers, Institutional Investors and Fiduciary Duty: Much Ado About Nothing?” by professor Lynn Bai was published in the William & Mary Business Law Review (Feb. 2014).

The article is a response to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s examination of whether broker-dealers should fall under fiduciary duty when advising retail and institutional investors.

Fiduciary duty requires a person or organization to act in the best interest of the client. Although federal regulations hold investment advisers under fiduciary duty to their clients, those obligations generally don’t apply to broker-dealers, explains Bai. Nevertheless, Bai says, the article takes an angle that has been overlooked by proponents and opponents in the debate. “Since investment advisers are recognized as ‘fiduciaries’ but broker-dealers are generally not, people perceive that their standard of conduct is different when providing advice to investors,” writes Bai. “However, both investment advisers and broker-dealers are subject to elaborate, albeit different, sets of regulations that have, at least on the surface, some overlap in the scope of obligations their regulated financial service providers owe to their clients.”

Bai cites refraining from fraudulent advising as one of those obligations, which would apply to a client’s tolerance of financial risk.

The article delves into the standard of conduct of both investment advisers and broker-dealers, as well as the federal regulations that apply to both parties. It finds that standards of conduct in advising clients, whether retail or institutional, are comparable to investment advisers. Among those regulations are the required disclosure of conflicts of interest as well as acting in the best interest of clients.

Furthermore, Bai writes, both investment advisers and broker-dealers can be held liable for negligence or willfully violating their obligations. “There is no palpable difference in the enforcement of the obligations of investment advisers and broker-dealers, even though the former are labeled fiduciary while the latter are not,” writes Bai.

Bai says that imposing fiduciary duty on broker-dealers would result in only a limited effect on institutional investor protection, applying to a subset of institutional investors that are well capitalized, capable of assessing risks independently and acknowledging in writing their non-reliance on broker-dealers’ advice.

She adds that in private litigation, institutional investors face “substantial obstacles” in recovering damages from broker-dealers who violate conduct, and the issue would not be solved by applying fiduciary duty.

The article suggests that if the SEC truly wants to add to institutional investor protection, it should not take the fiduciary duty route, rather it should examine whether a different approach should be adopted by the courts in enforcing disclaimers that were insisted by broker-dealers upon their clients — an approach that is less preoccupied with the contractual provisions per se, but more receptive to the totality of circumstances surrounding the signing of the disclaimer contract.

Bai has a decade of experience working in corporate finance in securities law in New York and Hong Kong. Her research interests cover corporate law, empirical legal methods, property and securities regulation.
New Collaboration with Business Incubators Gives Students Experience and Opportunity

This summer, four third-year College of Law students, working closely with local entrepreneurs in a range of industries, put their growing legal skills and acumen to the test. Under a new collaboration between the College’s Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (ECDC), the Hamilton County Business Center (HCBC), and the First Batch Business Accelerator, students got “live client” experience tackling real, tangible legal issues for the entrepreneurs. The first legal fellows to work as part of this partnership, the students received a taste of what their professional lives will be like very soon as lawyers.

“This was an incredible opportunity for these students,” said Professor Lew Goldfarb, director of the College’s Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (ECDC) and one of the supervising attorneys.

A Seat In the Middle of the Action

“When we first arrived at the HCBC and First Batch, we saw our clients in action,” explained Matt Dubin ’15, one of the four legal fellows. “They were developing formulas and constructing products, but took the time to talk with us about their needs.”

The students, working in teams of two, completed a range of business assignments. Their work included selection and formation of business entities, preparation of agreements among business owners, and preparation of agreements with vendors, customers and consultants. They also provided advice on intellectual property issues and business-specific regulatory issues. In total, nine companies were counseled this summer.

“Being able to leverage the skills and experience of the clinic was great,” said Pat Longo, director of the HCBC. “Our clients benefitted greatly from the high energy, knowledgeable and personable law students who performed many assignments concerning legal issues.

L to R: Matt Dubin ’15, Julie Payne ’15, Professor Goldfarb, Nicholas Ehlert ’15, Lauren VanHook ’15
and early stage businesses,” he said. “They are definitely better off due to the relationship and effort of the UC Law Clinic team!”

The HCBC, located in Norwood, Ohio, provides a full service business incubation program to local startups, including office space, training, mentorship, access to capital, and other valuable resources.

The experience at First Batch was similarly successful. “Each of our companies benefitted tremendously in having guidance on issues that they would usually resolve alone and without a full understanding of the surrounding laws,” said Matt Anthony, co-founder of First Batch. “I think the UC legal teams not only instilled more confidence in our companies’ operations, but also educated us on a lawyer’s value in helping young businesses.”

“We felt like privileged clients of a good team. This partnership was another great way that UC is both making an impact and engaging students with the larger social and professional world in Cincinnati.”

First Batch, located in the heart of Over-The-Rhine, selects manufacturing startups to participate in its four-month accelerator program. They provide work space and equipment, capital, valuable manufacturing connections, entrepreneurial training and — as of this summer — legal counsel.

The internship program is made possible under the guidance of Professor Goldfarb, the HCBC and First Batch. “I am grateful to the leadership teams at HCBC and First Batch and to the local lawyers who volunteered their time to help me supervise the program,” said Professor Goldfarb. “Through collaborations like these, we can make a real difference in the education of our students and the economy of our region.”
Run, Donnie, Run: Warner ’14 Places 2nd in National Marathon

Donnie Warner ’14 has a lot to celebrate. He’s completed three years of law school. He graduated from the College on May 17th. And, oh yes, he finished second place in the 15th Annual Flying Pig Marathon, held Sunday, May 4, 2014, in Cincinnati. He finished the grueling race with a time of 2:28:39, only 1 minute and 18 seconds behind three-time winner Sergio Reyes.

Warner’s running career started when he was 8 or 9 years old, he said. He went on to run for his high school team in Michigan. Next, he ran for DePaul University, earning a scholarship for cross country and track along the way. He ran his first Flying Pig Marathon in 2010, placing fourth and running about eight minutes slower than he did this year. “It was a disappointing result for me,” Warner said. “The silver lining was that I gained experience. This year that experience paid off with a smarter [running] strategy!” During law school he continued to race in marathons, placing seventh in the Columbus Marathon in 2012 and sixth in the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon in 2013.

The Reason He Runs

With over 20 years under his belt, Warner has many reasons for why he runs. What he likes most, however, is the opportunity to meet interesting people. “Through running I’ve had the opportunity to become friends with runners from around the world, including Ethiopia, Kenya, Ireland, England, Morocco and South Africa. When I lived on the Navajo Nation, I learned that my student’s uncle was a famous runner; before long I was visiting his house and learning about his career. I am fascinated by how running brings people together.”

Why This Year’s Race Was So Important

The 2014 Flying Pig had special significance for Warner. This year he ran in support of a local organization — Elementz Hip-Hop Youth Center in Over-The-Rhine. Elementz teaches and encourages art that comes out of urban life and experience. “I think that Elementz does very important work in our community, so I was happy to find a way to help out.” He raised $1300.

Warner isn’t sure when or where his next race will be, as he spent the summer preparing for the Ohio Bar Exam. “I guess studying for the bar is kind of a marathon! I am going to start with that (the Bar Exam) and then see what [race] looks interesting. Someday, though, I’d really like to run an international marathon.”

As for after the bar, Warner says he has enjoyed his experiences working in criminal defense and employment law. He is hoping to find a career in one of those areas, or perhaps something else. He’s open to possibilities!
Grad Ajla Glavesevic ’14 Named to Spot on U.S. Bobsled Team

How did you relax while studying for the bar exam? For Ajla Glavesevic ’14, the solution was an easy one. Needing an outlet from the stress of bar preparation, she began chasing an Olympic dream, training for a spot on the U.S. bobsled team. And on Sunday, November 9, 2014, Glavesevic, along with three others, was named to the U.S. national women’s team for the 2014-15 World Cup season.

Glavesevic has little time to relax. The 2014-15 World Cup was scheduled to start in Lake Placid, New York, the weekend of December 12, 2014. It will be followed by stops in Calgary, Alberta, and several stops at European and Russian tracks, with the two-week World Cup championships ending in Germany. Read more about her story: law.uc.edu/news/ajla-glavesevic.

Nora Burke Wagner Named Director of LLM Program

Nora Burke Wagner has been named director of the law school’s LLM Program. A 2000 graduate of the College, she clerked for Judge Nathaniel R. Jones of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and spent seven years working in-house at a large nonprofit social service agency as Director of Government Advocacy and Legal Affairs before returning to the College of Law community.

While at the College, Wagner has assisted with many important projects including preparing for the accreditation visit, designing bar passage reporting strategies, and assisting with putting registration advising materials on the law school website. She was instrumental in the design, approval and implementation of current LLM program and has been focusing her time recently on recruiting and admitting the new class of LLM students. In her new position, she will continue her work on admissions, but will also take on some of the advising and teaching responsibilities of the LLM program.

Hart Receives National Award from AALS

Congratulations to James Hart, reference librarian at the College of Law. He was awarded the Spirit of FCL award from the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. He received the award along with three other individuals.

The Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award is presented each year to members whose work furthers the mission, serves the entire FCIL-SIS, and inspires others to act. The award is presented periodically at the discretion of the executive committee.

Adjunct Faculty Award Recipient Announced

At last year’s Alumni Association Annual meeting, the recipient for the Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellent Award was announced: Eric Combs. “The University of Cincinnati College of Law benefits from having a volunteer professor who greatly respects his area of law, students, and the practice of law,” wrote one nominee. Combs is a partner in the Commercial Litigation practice at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. He has represented in court and counseled companies large and small, including multiple professional sports franchises, Fortune 500 companies, and closely-held companies and individuals in various industries. In addition to his trial practice, Combs advises and represents individuals and companies in the sports arena, including defense of class action suits brought by NFL season ticket holders to eligibility disputes involving high school athletes. He is active in the community, participating in many organizations: the Cincinnati Bar Association, Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation, ArtsWave, the May Festival, and the Cincinnati Law and Leadership Institute. Finally, he co-chairs Dinsmore’s Summer Associate Program.
College of Law Celebrates 181st Hooding

The College of Law celebrated the accomplishments of its graduates at its 181st Hooding Ceremony on Saturday, May 17, 2014. College of Law Dean Louis D. Bilionis led the ceremonies, where 139 degrees were conferred. This number included 130 juris doctor degrees, six LLM (master’s) degrees, and three certificates.

The Hooding keynote speaker was alumnus Gary Garfield ’81, CEO and president of Bridgestone Americas, Inc. In addition to his work there, Garfield serves on the board of directors of several charitable and industry organizations, including the Tennessee Chapter of the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation, the United Way of Middle Tennessee, and the Rubber Manufacturer’s Association.

This year’s event also included the presentation of the 2014 Nicholas J. Longworth III Alumni Achievement Award to Justice Sharon Kennedy ’91, Supreme Court of Ohio. This award recognizes law school graduates for their outstanding contributions to society. Throughout her career Justice Kennedy has served on numerous boards, developed and facilitated programs to address the needs of young people, and worked with judges across the state. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including The Furtherance of Justice Award, the Above the Fold Award, and Judge of the Year. She also was named one of 13 professional women to watch by the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Also being honored were this year’s winners of the Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching: Professors Marianna Bettman, Felix Chang, and Elizabeth Lenhart. See page 24 to learn more about them and the award.

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Marianna Brown Bettman
Professor of Practice

Everyone knows that Professor Bettman’s first year Torts class was not the class one wanted to be unprepared, ever. In fact, second- and third-year students stressed one should avoid that at all costs. With that in mind, most incoming 1Ls expected this professor to be akin to a fire-breathing dragon. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

It did not take long for the class to catch on; the reasons for her reputation seemed quite clear. Her years as an appellate judge carried over into her career as an educator. Come prepared, counselor, or consequences would ensue. She was tough and set incredibly high expectations, but more importantly, she struck such a chord with students that they wanted to meet those expectations. What everyone learned, as had the classes before, was that she set the bar high but was also dedicated to making sure all could reach it. She is always prepared to answer questions or to explain a concept in a different way.

Teaching 1Ls is not necessarily the most coveted job, but it is one that Professor Bettman carries off with grace and aplomb. Everyone fortunate enough to take her class departs the College of Law well-versed in the subject of torts. However, her impact goes far beyond that. The challenge she set served a more important purpose for the first-year class: it served to teach them beyond all doubt that law school is a journey they are ready to face.
**Felix Chang**  
Assistant Professor of Law and Director,  
Institute for the Global Practice of Law

“Fundamentals, fundamentals, fundamentals. You’ve got to get the fundamentals down because otherwise, the fancy stuff isn’t going to work.” – Randy Pausch, “The Last Lecture.” The fundamentals of law (critical thinking, analytical reasoning, captivating arguing, and effective debunking) are the most basic — but important — tools with which law schools can equip students. Successful professors are able to instill these qualities in their students, ensuring they are transferable across the curriculum and into practice. Professor Felix Chang is precisely such a professor.

Professor Chang has distinguished himself in the classroom by engaging students in discussion and challenging their critical analysis on a variety of topics ranging from torts, corporations, agency, partnerships and international business transactions, as well as wills, trusts, and future interests. Any student that has had or interacted with Professor Chang would attest to the command he possesses over the subjects that he teaches. His ability to break down complex legal issues into understandable, workable and manageable problems is difficult to match. As one student accurately reflected, “Professor Chang explains concepts well, has an interest in making sure the students understand the material, and his insight about how laws play out in real-life settings is compelling.”

In addition to his work in the classroom and his extensive scholarship on financial reform, antitrust and derivatives, Chang is the director of the Institute for the Global Practice of Law (IGPL), which seeks to increase the understanding of international law and business transactions, as well as facilitate relationships among leaders in the global legal and business communities. IGPL’s innovative initiatives, headed by Professor Chang, work to create ties in the business law community across the world.

Professor Chang’s dedication to his work in and out of the classroom, his focus on instilling the fundamentals of good lawyering to his students, and his passionate investment into the lives of his students’ futures demonstrates his excellence in teaching.

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Lenhart**  
Associate Professor of Law

Professor Betsy Lenhart is an engaging professor who truly wants to see her students succeed. She is not only an exemplary professor in the classroom, but also a great mentor, advisor and confidant outside the classroom. While talking about her, one student shared, “I want her to win all of the awards.” — a sentiment with which many students would agree.

She often combines legal theories with real-world applications, striving not only to teach the required material, but to guarantee that her students will become successful attorneys. For example, in her Legal Research and Writing class, instead of merely lecturing to her students about professionalism, Professor Lenhart used actual examples of an email chain between a prospective employer and a 3L seeking employment as an example of what not to do. She combines her skills as an educator with her impressive practical experience to shape and mold aspiring attorneys.

Teaching classes that are traditionally dominated by 1Ls, such as Legal Research and Writing, Advocacy, and Civil Procedure, Professor Lenhart has created a comfortable classroom environment that makes the daunting transition into law school a little less scary. Her students, past and present, frequently describe her as intelligent, engaging and enjoyable.

Not only is she an exceptional professor because of her in-classroom teaching abilities, but Professor Lenhart also spends a considerable amount of time making herself available to students outside of class. One student shared that when she felt overwhelmed by law school, she went to Professor Lenhart to talk things through. It is because of her calming presence that many students feel this way and often go to her with questions, even after they are no longer in her classes.

Professor Lenhart continually demonstrates her commitment to the education of her students, as well as their personal and professional development.

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**About the Goldman Prize for Teaching Excellence**

The Goldman Prize has been awarded for over 30 years to recognize excellence in teaching. This award is unique because students nominate and choose the recipients — their professors. To make this decision, the committee also considers the professors’ research and public service as they contribute to superior performance in the classroom.
“Friend of the Court” Blog Launches

Professor Sandra Sperino has recently launched the new blog “Friend of the Court.” It explores cutting edge and emerging issues in employment discrimination law. The blog provides in-depth, substantive commentary on each topic and discusses history, theory, doctrine and policy implications. The goal is to assist courts, lawyers and policymakers as they navigate complex discrimination issues. You can follow “Friend of the Court” here: friendofthecourtblog.wordpress.com.

Launch of Client Science Course Website Brings Opportunity to Share Knowledge About Counseling

Teaching negotiation, mediation and client counseling, as well as the experiences of her legal career taught Professor Marjorie Aaron that real client counseling is — in a nutshell — very challenging! Now after nearly a decade of focus on this topic at UC Law, coaching more than 800 students, and writing a book, she has pulled together her course materials — syllabi, simulations, vignettes and other information — in a new website: clientsciencecourse.com to share her knowledge with lawyers, legal educators, law students, and others interested in learning the art and science of client counseling.

The Client Science Course website includes a wide range of topics, from the logistics of pairing for an exercise to tricks for encouraging students to volunteer for an in-class demonstration. Legal educators will benefit from an instructor’s guide as to method and practical choices in the classroom, notes for simulations and other exercises, and materials for coaching and final assessment. Course participants will be able to access to all course materials, from non-text readings to role simulations and exercises. Finally, those interested in client science will find a wealth of information on client interviewing and decision analysis.

All are invited to visit the website, clientsciencecourse.com, for more information and to review the material.
100 Percent Success. Faculty Staff Campaign Makes History

What an impact! For what is believed to be the first time in our history, the College of Law reached the 100 percent participation level for the 2014 Faculty Staff campaign. This means all UC Law faculty and staff members contributed at some level to the annual giving campaign.

“Reaching 100 percent participation is a fabulous accomplishment that makes a difference and says a lot about our individual and collective dedication to the College,” wrote Dean Louis Bilionis in a congratulatory email to the college body.

Kimberly Danker, assistant director of development, concurred. “This milestone demonstrates the commitment we all share to the law school, its students and its mission. We have done what very few colleges have ever done!”

Why Give?

There are many reasons for giving: out of habit, support of the program, or love for the college. For Brian Howe, assistant director of academics for the Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice and a first-time participant, the reason is both personal and professional. “I’ve worked for several public interest organizations, and I understand the importance of people giving to causes they believe in. I want to do whatever I can to help the law school continue to promote the public interest, and allow the school to be a magnet for good students — whatever their means or background. It was also nice to show solidarity among the faculty and staff by getting 100 percent participation.”

“Around the world, and in our own country, the need for advocates for justice is abundantly clear. At this law school, students receive a first-class education in both the substance and skills needed to make them effective advocates for justice,” said Bert Lockwood, Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Director, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights. “Making a contribution to our program is an investment for a more just future. Think of your gift as a ‘Justice Dividend.”

This year’s campaign success is a significant increase over last year’s participation rate of 64 percent. It can also be favorably compared to the university’s overall participation rate of 66.35 percent, which is an all-time high. Best of all, the college’s contribution and complete participation is serving as a catalyst for support to UC Law by other groups and alumni, inspiring others to reach for this goal.

Special thanks to co-chairpersons Cheryl DelVecchio, assistant director, curriculum and student affairs, and Professor Chris Bryant, without whom this success wouldn’t have been possible.
Highlights from the 2013-2014 academic year

AUG. 27, 2013
“Federal Rules of Civil Procedure”
This panel discussion event brought together federal judges, academics, politicians, lawyers and business people to discuss the impact of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the importance of this anniversary. Arthur R. Miller, University Professor at New York University, the nation’s leading scholar in the field of American civil procedure and coauthor with the late Charles Wright of “Federal Practice and Procedure,” moderated this event.

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Constitution Day Lecture
“The Most Important Building Block of the United States Constitution: Distrust and Separation”
Professor Marci A. Hamilton, the Paul R. Verkuil Chair in Public Law at the Benjamin N. Cardoza School of Law, Yeshiva University, was the 2013 Constitution Day lecturer.

In her presentation, Professor Hamilton discussed how the Framers of the United States Constitution shared a key insight that is the building block that has made it as successful as it has been: distrust of anyone holding power. The Framers’ key insight was that those holding power are always tempted to abuse that power, and that concentrations of power are particularly dangerous. To avoid tyranny, they implemented devices to separate power, check power, and disable it when it broaches on tyranny.

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OCT. 14, 2013
“Owning Your Legal Education to Develop the Competencies that Legal Employers Want”
Professor Neil Hamilton, director of the Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership in the Professions, University of St. Thomas School of Law, presented this lecture. An expert on professional development, Professor Hamilton offered insights on how to prepare for a successful and fulfilling career in law.

OCT. 29, 2013
William Howard Taft Lecture on Constitutional Law
“Constitutional Fundamentalism and the Power of the President: The Battle Over Recess Appointments”
During his lecture David A. Strauss, Gerald Ratner Distinguished Service Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School, discussed the premise that if presidents have, historically, exercised their power in a certain way, is that a good reason to interpret the Constitution to say that they can continue using that power? Or should a court’s understanding of the words and original meaning of the Constitution trump history? That important question about the power of the modern Presidency was sharply posed by a recent decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit — which was reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court — that cut back sharply on the President's power to make appointments when the Senate is not in session.

NOV. 7 & 8, 2013
Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice
Social Justice: What’s Faith Got to Do With It?
The Center's annual fall event featured Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of NETWORK and lead organizer of the Nuns on the Bus campaign. In addition to being a religious leader, Sister Simone is an attorney. The event gave students and community members an opportunity to hear Sister Simone's presentation on the growing wealth disparity and wage inequality in America. Sister Simone went on to discuss the harmful consequences this trend is causing the majority of Americans and ended the night by discussing what individuals can do to begin reversing this so that all are able to support themselves with a living wage.
Highlights from the 2013-2014 academic year continued

NOV. 11, 2013

**Harris Distinguished Practitioner (fall)**

Representative Connie Pillich — a military veteran, wife and mother, lawyer and public servant — was the fall Distinguished Practitioner. Currently serving her third term representing the Cincinnati area in the Ohio House of Representatives, Pillich’s focus has included helping hometown businesses compete in the 21st-century economy, improving access to quality education and health care for middle-class families, and working to maintain a balanced budget while protecting our children, our seniors and our veterans.

NOV. 22, 2013

Immigration Nationality Law Review Fall Lecture

“In Immigration and Governance: What Can Be Learned from Recent Immigration Law Reform Proposals?”

In her lecture Professor Jennifer Chacon, University of California-Irvine School of Law, focused on the changes that have occurred in immigration law regarding United States policy, including historical implications regarding immigration law and what those hold for the future changes regarding immigrants in the United States.

FEB. 19, 2014

**Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy Visits**

Justice Sharon Kennedy visited the law school, speaking with students, faculty and staff about her journey to Ohio’s Supreme Court.

From left to right: Lacey Brewster ’16, Ariana Bowles ’16, Justice Sharon Kennedy ’91, Renee Brunett ’16, and Dean Bilionis
Stanley M. Chesley Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture
“The Crisis of Law Schools: An Empirical and Global Perspective on the Current Debate”

Professor Bryant Garth provided a reading of the crisis that is different from most legal education critics, suggesting that most of the diagnoses and remedies do not make sense according to the data and that there is something to be learned from the move abroad to adopt elements of the U.S. model. He drew in part on the “After the J.D.” longitudinal study of the legal profession and highlighted what he considers the real challenges for legal education.

Harold C. Schott Scholarship Lecture
“From Wuthering Heights to Our Own West End: Women’s Writing/Women’s Advocacy”

Professor Kristin Kalsem’s lecture was based on her recent book “In Contempt: Nineteenth-Century Women, Law, and Literature,” as well as her current social justice feminist work and community-based research. For much of the nineteenth-century, women were not allowed to be legislators, lawyers, judges or jurors; they could not “officially” participate in the legal realm. However, as Professor Kalsem documents in her book, women played significant roles in legal reform, making use of public fora that were accessible to them, including “outlaw texts” such as the nineteenth-century novel. In her lecture, Professor Kalsem discussed texts ranging from legislative reports and trial transcripts to Gothic, utopian and New Woman novels, offering analyses of women’s advocacy and writings in connection with legal reforms relating to married women’s property, birth control, mental health and women in the legal profession. She also discussed present-day examples of creative advocacy.

Judge in Residence Program
“Judicial Selection in the States — A Threat to the Rule of Law?”

Justice Christine Durham, Utah Supreme Court, visited with law classes, met with students and presented an all-school talk.

Corporate Law Center Symposium
This symposium featured discussions on a wide range of crowdfunding-related topics given by distinguished experts from the legal academy, financial service industry, law firms and the Ohio Department of Commerce. Topics answered the questions: What are the potential benefits and drawbacks the new regulations will bring to the entrepreneur community and the financial industry? What are the legal concerns of raising capital through crowdfunding under the JOBS Act and existing federal securities law? How is crowdfunding regulated in other countries that compete with the U.S. in the global capital market?

Harris Distinguished Practitioner (spring)
Paul Heldman ’77, executive vice president, secretary and general counsel for The Kroger Company, spoke with students about his professional journey.
Dean Billionis hosted the annual Dean’s Council dinner at the Lois and Richard Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art. Honored at the event were Tom and Fay Dupuis (‘68 and ’69, respectively). They generously established The C. Thomas and Fay Danner Dupuis Scholarship. This scholarship was created to benefit students who either served in the military or have a strong interest in serving the public sector as an attorney — two important aspects to Tom and Fay.

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.
The 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award luncheon was held on May 16, 2014, at The Phoenix. Alumni and friends came together to acknowledge and celebrate our three newest recipients. Congratulations to: Hon. P. Daniel Fedders ’61, Barbara J. Howard ’79 and Sharon J. Zealey ’84.
Meet the 2014 Award Recipients

Hon. P. Daniel Fedders ‘61
Judge P. Daniel Fedders was originally appointed to the bench in January 1971 and served in that capacity until his retirement from the Warren County Common Pleas Court after 32 consecutive years. He was the presiding judge of Warren County Common Pleas Court from 1986–2003. He has also held the positions of law director of the City of Springboro and the City of Franklin; assistant county prosecutor, Warren County; and judge, Miami River Conservancy Court.

Judge Fedders has been honored by the Ohio Supreme Court on multiple occasions, and, in 2002, was honored by the Miami Valley Trial Lawyers Association as its outstanding Common Pleas Judge of the Year. In addition, the Warren County Bar Association honored Judge Fedders in 2011 as he has been the epitome of judicial integrity, honesty and competence.

Besides his service through the bench, Judge Fedders has been active in a number of community organizations. He served as the director of the Franklin Public Library for 13 years and has been an active member of the Franklin Optimist Club since 1967. He has also served as a planning board member and board member of the Community Correction Center in Warren County since 1994.

Barbara J. Howard ’79
Barbara J. Howard is the principal of Barbara J. Howard Co., LPA. She has been certified by the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA) as a Family Relations Law Specialist since 1999, is trained in collaborative law, and is a member of the Cincinnati Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Howard is a past president of the OSBA and the Cincinnati Bar Association. She chairs the Moyer Legacy Committee of the OSBA and led a fundraising effort to endow both a professorship in the late Chief Justice’s name and annual fellowships for Ohio law students. She serves on the board of directors of the Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company; chairs its underwriting committee; and is a member of the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on the Certification of Attorneys. Howard also is very active in the ABA, serving in the House of Delegates since 1986, along with other positions.

Active in the Cincinnati community, she serves on the board of trustees for Xavier University, the Athenaeum and Cincinnati Union Bethel. The recipient of numerous honors, she received the Xavier University 2010 Distinguished Alumna Award, the CBA’s 2010 Trustees’ Award, the Nicholas J. Longworth III Award, among others. Finally, Best Lawyers in America named her this region’s 2013 “Lawyer of the Year” in Family Law.

Sharon J. Zealey ‘84
Sharon J. Zealey is the chief ethics & compliance officer and associate general counsel of The Coca-Cola Company. In addition to managing the global compliance program, she co-chairs the Ethics & Compliance Committee. During her tenure, the compliance program has been honored nationally for the effectiveness of the local ethics officer network of 100 company counsels worldwide and received the Corporate Integrity Award from Transparency International – USA.

Prior to joining The Coca-Cola Company, she was a partner in the commercial litigation practice group at Blank Rome LLP. Zealey served as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, appointed by President William Clinton; Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division; and as Deputy Attorney General for the State of Ohio.


She has served on the College’s Board of Advisors, the Dean Search Committee, and as an adjunct faculty member. Finally, she has previously been recognized as a recipient of the Nicholas Longworth III Alumni Achievement Award for Distinguished Public Service and was the keynote speaker for the College’s Hooding ceremony of 2013.
Faculty Briefs PUBLICATIONS & HONORS
This brief overview covers the 2013-2014 academic year.

Marjorie Corman Aaron, Professor of Practice and Director, Center for Practice.
Professor Aaron’s article, “Translating the Terrain” and Other Cultural Myths and Mistaken Assumptions”, was published in the September 2013 issue of Alternatives, the publication of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. She also completed a video recording of professional mediator Bea V. Larsen conducting a divorce mediation, a project funded by the Cincinnati Bar Foundation, which will be making DVDs of the completed mediation available.

For the second year, Professor Aaron organized a Teach-In for student scholarship funding in March 2014. A variety of UC Law faculty attended the event and delivered CLE presentations on a diverse array of topics. The event raised over $11,000 in scholarship funding for UC Law students, an increase over the year before. Professor Aaron delivered a presentation entitled “The Challenges and Ethics of Changing Clients’ Minds About Settlement.”

Lin (Lynn) Bai, Professor of Law.
Professor Bai’s article, “Broker-Dealers, Institutional Investors, and Fiduciary Duty: Much Ado About Nothing?,” was published in the William & Mary Business Law Review. She also presented “Interest Rate Derivatives and Regulation” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop series.

Marianna Brown Bettman, Professor of Practice.
Professor Bettman received the 2014 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching. She continued to publish her weblog, “Legally Speaking Ohio” (legallyspeakingohio.com), which focuses on the Ohio Supreme Court, and her monthly newspaper column, “Legally Speaking,” which appears in the American Israelite. “Legally Speaking Ohio” was added to the ABA Blog Directory.

Property and Computer Law Journal. He also delivered remarks on behalf of the faculty at a ceremony honoring retiring Professor Thomas D. Eisele and attended the 2014 Associate Deans’ Conference.

Timothy K. Armstrong, Associate Dean of Faculty and Professor of Law.
Professor Armstrong delivered several presentations throughout the year, including “Materials on the Law and Policy of Intellectual Property: Copyright, Self-Publishing, and the Form of the Casebook” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series; and “The DMCA and the Cell Phone Unlocking Debate”, which was presented at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships and to UC Law students at an organizing meeting for the College’s forthcoming Intellectual Property and Computer Law Journal.

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Professor Bettman delivered remarks and gave numerous presentations at events and conferences throughout Cincinnati and Ohio, including her annual presentation, “Highlights of the Past Term of the Ohio Supreme Court”, at the Ohio Judicial Conference. She presented her “Reflections on the Supreme Court of Ohio at the Final Banquet of the Potter Stewart American Inns of Court” and to the Litigation Department of the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl. Professor Bettman also delivered presentations on recent Ohio Supreme Court decisions as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop series and at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships.

Professor Bettman organized a panel discussion at UC Law to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in August 2013. The panel was moderated by Arthur R. Miller, University Professor at New York University, the nation’s leading civil procedure scholar and co-author (with the late Professor Charles Alan Wright) of the influential Federal Practice and Procedure treatise. She also organized the visit of Paul Heldman ’77, executive vice president, secretary and general counsel of the Kroger Company as the 2014 Harris Distinguished Practitioner, and the annual Judge-in-Residence Program at UC Law, which in 2014 featured the Hon. Christine Durham, a Justice and former Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court. Along with the Judge-in-Residence Program and Professor Moore, Professor Bettman organized a panel discussion entitled “The Death Penalty: Death is Different.” Professor Bettman moderated a panel discussion sponsored by UC Law’s Black Law Students Association entitled ‘Judicial Panel: The Road to the Bench,’ in which several county, state and federal judges participated.

Louis D. Bilionis, Dean and Nippert Professor of Law.
Dean Bilionis announced that he will not seek reappointment at the expiration of his current term as dean of the College which ends in June 2015 following 10 years of service, but will remain as a member of the faculty. He also attended the Association of American Law Schools Faculty Recruiting Conference in October 2013.
Barbara Black, Charles Hartsock Professor of Law and Director, Corporate Law Center. Professor Black announced her retirement after a distinguished career in legal education, which included seven years teaching at UC and nearly 30 years as a teacher and administrator at Pace University School of Law in White Plains, New York.


Kimberly Breedon, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Breedon, a member of the UC Law Class of 2007, returned to UC as a visiting assistant professor.

A. Christopher Bryant, Rufus King Professor of Constitutional Law. Professor Bryant delivered several presentations to a wide variety of audiences in Cincinnati. He spoke to high school students attending the Law and Leadership Institute at UC Law concerning the Articles of Confederation and the drafting of the Constitution, and delivered two lectures to Cincinnati Public School teachers concerning the founding documents of both the federal and Ohio governments. He also delivered a presentation entitled “An Unhappy 48th Birthday? The Voting Rights Act after Shelby County v. Holder” at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships. He also participated in and moderated two debates organized by the UC Law’s chapter of the Federalist Society concerning religious freedom and the use of international law by the Supreme Court, and provided comments on a presentation by Professor Patrick Garry concerning his book “An Entrenched Legacy: How the New Deal Constitutional Revolution Continues to Shape the Role of the Supreme Court.”

Felix B. Chang, Assistant Professor of Law and Director, Institute for the Global Practice of Law. Professor Chang, formerly a visiting assistant professor, was formally appointed to the UC Law faculty as an assistant professor of Law in September 2013. He received the 2014 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching, becoming one of the most junior faculty members to be so honored.

Professor Chang organized the Institute for the Global Practice of Law’s Executive Program in International Business Law and hosted a visit to UC Law by 16 attorneys from the Chongqing Bar Association. Professor Chang presented “The Systemic Risk Paradox” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series. The paper also was one of only 12 selected in a blind peer review from among over 80 submissions for presentation at the George Washington University Center for Law, Economics & Finance’s annual junior faculty workshop in Washington, D.C., and was accepted for publication in the Columbia Business Law Review.

Jacob Katz Cogan, Judge Joseph P. Kinneary Professor of Law. Together with Professor Monica Hakimi of the University of Michigan Law School, Professor Cogan presented “The Jus ad Bellum’s Two Codes: A Positive Theory” at the Second Annual American Society of International Law-European Society of International Law-Rechtskulturen Workshop on International Legal Theory, and at the American Society of International Law’s Third Annual Research Forum. He also delivered a presentation entitled “Better with BITs: How Bilateral Investment Treaties Reduce the Risk of Foreign Investments” at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships.

Thomas D. Eisele, Professor Emeritus of Law. Professor Eisele retired in 2013 following a distinguished career that spanned four decades, including over 20 years at UC Law. He was awarded the status of Professor Emeritus.

Mark A. Godsey, Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professor of Law and Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project. Professor Godsey delivered a presentation concerning the Daubert rule and flawed forensics to a meeting of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association, with about 200 judges in attendance. He spoke frequently on the subject of wrongful convictions and the international innocence movement, including a presentation at a wrongful convictions conference in Beijing, China, at the University of Sichuan, at the University of Cincinnati Faculty Club, and before the EmpowerU Ohio organization. He was a visiting scholar at Tiffin College in Tiffin, Ohio, and delivered two public addresses and numerous class presentations over a two-day period. Professor Godsey also delivered a presentation entitled “The Myth of Truth in American Justice” at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships. Professor Godsey served as editor for a special symposium issue of the UC Law Review that featured more than 20 articles from scholars around the world on the subject of wrongful convictions.

The proceedings were published at Symposium, “An International Exploration of Wrongful Conviction,” 80 U. Cin. L. Rev. 1067 (2012). Professor Godsey also became a featured guest blogger on The Huffington Post.

Lewis H. Goldfarb, Associate Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic. Professor Goldfarb developed a new law and entrepreneurship class that will be taught to both undergraduate and graduate students in UC’s College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP). He also delivered presentations to Cincinnati’s “SWAAG: the Vote” organization and to Ohio’s Democratic Leadership Institute, and discussed UC Law’s Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic on television station WLWT.

Kenneth J. Hirsh, Director, Law Library and Information Technology and Professor of Practice. Professor Hirsh began a three-year term as a member of the executive board of the American Association of Law Libraries. He delivered two presentations at the 2013 CALI Conference on Law School Computing in Chicago, Illinois, one (together with Sara Frug, Associate Director of the Legal Information Institute at Cornell University Law School) introducing a new version of the Securities Lawyer’s Deskbook, and another in which Professor Hirsh and Professor James Milles of the University of Buffalo debated the question, “Are Law Libraries Doomed?” He also delivered a presentation entitled “Ethical Implications for the Internet Lawyer” at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships. Professor Hirsh was also named one of the “Fastcase 50” for 2013, recognizing innovation in legal technology and instruction.

Emily M.S. Houh, Gustavus Henry Wald Professor of the Law and Contracts, and Co-Director, Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice. Professor Houh represented the University of Cincinnati’s AAUP Chapter at the American Association of University Professors Annual Conference on the State of Higher Education, and was a plenary speaker on the topic of scholarship at the Association of American Law Schools 2013 Mid-Year Meeting and Workshop for Pre-tenured People of Color Law School Teachers. Professor Houh and Professor Kristin Kalsem presented “It’s Critical: Legal Participatory Action Research,” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series, and the article was published in 19 Mich. J. Race & L. 287 (2014). They also jointly presented Topics of Economic Justice at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships. UC Law’s Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, which Professors Houh and Kalsem co-direct along with Professor Verna Williams, held a major conference entitled “Social Justice: What’s Faith Got to Do With It?” at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. There, Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of NETWORK and a lead organizer of the 2012 Nuns on the Bus Campaign, delivered keynote remarks about economic inequality and the need for economic justice movements in the U.S.
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Professor Kalsem’s article, “It’s Critical: Legal Participatory Action Research,” co-authored with Professor Emily Houh, was presented as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series and published at 19 Mich. J. Race & L. 287 (2014). They also jointly presented “Topics of Economic Justice” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series. Professor Lenhart presented “Pleadings and Pre-trial Motions” as a seminar during UC Law’s Institute for the Global Law Practice. Together with Professor Verna Williams, she also conducted “A Brainstorming Session on our Students’ Writing Skills” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series. Professor Mank delivered numerous presentations throughout the year. She presented “Mythos and the Law” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series and at the 2013 Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, which was held at the City Law School, City University London. Together with Professor Verna Williams, she also conducted “A Brainstorming Session on our Students’ Writing Skills” as a seminar during UC Law’s Institute for the Global Law Practice. Together with Professors David Epstein of New York Law School and Jerry Rock of Albany Law School, Professor Lenhart presented “Retooling our Teaching Methods to Reach the Millenials” at the Empire State Legal Writing Conference held at Albany Law School. She also was reappointed to serve on the AALS Section on Legal Research and Writing, Program Committee.

Stephanie Hunter McMahon, Professor of Law. Professor McMahon’s promotion to Professor of Law with tenure was approved by the Board of Trustees. She published “What Innocent Spouse Relief Says About Wives and the Rest of Us,” at 37 Harv. J.L. & Gender 141 (2014).
Kenyatta Mickle, Associate Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic. The Provost approved Professor Mickle’s promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Clinical Law, effective August 15, 2014.

Janet Moore, Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Moore presented “Peculiar Sacredness: Inequality Aversion and the Right to Counsel” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series, and “Opening the Black Box: Challenges and Opportunities for Criminal Discovery Reform,” an invited presentation at the University of Illinois College of Law’s annual Criminal Law Symposium that was based upon Professor Moore’s article “Democracy and Discovery Reform after Connick and Garcetti,” 77 Brook. L. Rev. 1329 (2012). She presented “The Duty to Communicate” by invitation at a colloquium of senior and junior scholars in constitutional criminal procedure and ethics at Fordham Law School. She also gave a presentation entitled “Culture and Resistance” at the American Bar Association’s midyear meeting, and a presentation entitled “Survivor: Habeas in 30 Minutes” by invitation at the Cincinnati Bar Association Appellate Division’s annual CLE conference.


Rachel Jay Smith, Professor of Practice. Professor Smith acted as faculty-in-residence for the Summer Work Experience in Law (SWEP) program for Cincinnati minority high school students, where she taught classes on writing and worked with students individually to improve their writing skills.

Michael E. Solimine, Donald P. Klekamp Professor of Law. Professor Solimine presented “The Fall and Rise of Specialized Federal Constitutional Courts” at the University of Dayton School of Law. The article was accepted for publication in the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law. He also presented “Friends of the Court or Friends of the Parties? New Trends in Amicus Curiae Briefs in Federal and State Courts” at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships and participated as a panelist in a discussion at UC Law celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Professor Solimine testified before the Judicial Branch and Administration Committee of the Ohio Constitution Modernization Commission on the topic of selection and election of state judges in Ohio.

Professor Solimine’s article “The Solicitor General Unbound: Amicus Curiae Activism and Deference in the Supreme Court,” was published at 45 Ariz. St. L.J. 1183 (2013).

Sandra F. Sperino, Professor of Law. Professor Sperino’s promotion to Professor of Law with tenure was approved by the Board of Trustees. She presented ”Let’s Pretend Title VII is a Tort” as part of UC Law’s Summer 2013 Faculty Workshop Series and a symposium entitled Torts and Civil Rights Law: Migration and Conflict at The Ohio State University. The article was accepted for publication in the Ohio State Law Journal. She also presented “Employment Discrimination, Evolution and Regression, Updated for All” at the 2014 Downtown Teach-In for student scholarships. She delivered “Fakers and Floodgates;” an invited presentation co-authored by Professor Suja Thomas, at a symposium entitled Fifty Years After the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at Stanford Law School. The article will be published in the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Professor Sperino also taught a class on employment law for non-law students. She taught a class on employment law for students at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and designed an online introduction to law course for non-law students.

Professor Sperino published the second edition of her casebook “Employment Discrimination: Context and Practice” (co-authored with Professors Susan Grover and Jarod Gonzalez). She also published several articles. Her article “Diminishing Retaliation Liability” (co-authored with
Alex B. Long) was published in the online forum of the NYU Law Review. Her essay “Beyond McDonnell Douglas” was published at 34 Berkeley J. Emp. & Lab. L. 257 (2013). She also published “Litigating the FMLA in the Shadow of Title VII,” at 8 FIU L. Rev. 501 (2013). Her article “The Tort Label” was accepted for publication in the Florida Law Review. Professor Sperino also launched a new blog called “Friend of the Court” (friendofthecourtblog.wordpress.com), which provides in-depth substantive commentary on cutting-edge and emerging issues in employment discrimination law.


Yolanda Vazquez, Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Vazquez presented “Crimmigration as a Mechanism of Racial Stratification” at the 2014 Culp Colloquium at the Duke University School of Law, as an invited visiting scholar during a seminar on Critical Race Theory at the Berkeley School of Law in California, and at the University of Kentucky College of Law as part of UC Law’s scholar exchange program.

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1960s

Paul Heldman ’61 has retired as the Kroger Company’s general counsel, senior vice president and executive vice president. He worked for Kroger for 31 years. Heldman is a member of the board of directors of CenterBank, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) and the Ohio Innocence Project; and he serves as a trustee for the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati.

Edward G. Marks ’67, retired partner of Barron Peck Bennie and Schlemmer Co. LPA, was recognized by the Ohio State Bar Foundation with an award for his dedication to community service at the Foundation’s Annual Meeting and awards dinner.

1970s

William T. Earls ’70 has been named managing principal with HORAN, a leading advisor in employee benefits and financial services. Earls has extensive experience in estate planning utilizing high-level insurance techniques and wealth transfer strategies to ensure all financial needs are met.

Richard A. Gilbert ’73 has earned recertification as a specialist in business litigation through the Board of Legal Specialization and Education of the Florida Bar. Gilbert is also Board Certified in Civil Trial Law, is a master emeritus in the Justice William Glenn Terrell Inn of Court, and is listed in Best Lawyers of America in both personal injury law and business litigation. He serves on the Development Council for Bay Area Legal Services, and was elected chair of the Pre-Law Program for Miami University for 2013-2014.

Sara Straight Wolf ’76, an attorney at Cors & Bassett, LLC, has joined the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting’s board of directors.

Hon. Robert Ruehlman ’77 was selected as Judge of the Year by the Southwest Ohio Trial Lawyers Association. This is the second time he has been selected for this award; the first time was in 1996.

1980s

Bruce Whitman ’80 has published his first book, “The Inner Jury: Winning Trials with Psychology,” which focuses on the ideas, principles, and methods that can mean the difference between success and failure in persuasion of the jury.

Michael J. Zavatsky ’80, a partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, in the firm’s Labor and Employment practice group and
as head of the Immigration and Citizenship practice, was listed in the International Who’s Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers 2013.

Ramona P. DeSalvo ’80 has formed DeSalvo & Levine PLLC, a practice exclusively focusing on entertainment, copyright, and trademark law in Nashville, Tennessee.

Pete Manso ’82, a partner in Edwards Wildman’s Intellectual Property group and a veteran of technology-related law, has been named to the board of directors of BioFlorida, a Florida-wide trade association for the bioscience industry.

George Jonson ’83, a managing partner at Montgomery Rennie & Jonson, received the 2014 Eugene R. Weir Award for Ethics and Professionalism from the Ohio State Bar Association. Established in 1998, the award recognized exceptional professional responsibility among Ohio Lawyers. Jonson focuses his practice on defending malpractice claims and commercial litigation. Having represented clients in the state and federal court for over 30 years, he also provides ethics advice for judges and lawyers and represents lawyers, judges, and other professionals in disciplinary actions.

Thom Jackson ’85 was named president and chief executive officer of EdisonLearning, a leading international educational services provider. He initially joined the company as general counsel, and later assumed the role of chief operating and legal officer before taking this new position.

Ross Evans ’86, the managing partner of Katz, Greenberger and Norton LLP, has recently been elected president of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. His practice is focused on family law, collaborative practice and mediation, and he regularly serves as a guardian ad litem.

Anthony Guida Jr. ’86 joined Corinthian Colleges, Inc. as executive vice president of external affairs in February. He will be responsible for initiatives related to public policy, government affairs and regulatory compliance.

Lynn Marmer ’86, group vice president for corporate affairs at the Kroger Company, has been appointed Chair of the Board for the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority. This organization oversees the region’s port authority, which acquires and redevelops blighted commercial and residential properties.

Lori Siwik ’87 and Mark Siwik ’88 co-founded SandRun Risk, which provides high-end, individual, strategic and systematic risk management to clients. Having extensive experience in risk management, Siwik has spoken and written extensively on the subject for organizations such as the Association of Corporate Counsel, the American Bar Association, and the Risk and Insurance Management Society.

Mark Stall ’88 has been named general counsel of Toyota Industries North America, headquartered in Columbus, Ind. Stall was also recently recognized by the Greater Cincinnati Minority Counsel Program (GCMCP) for his service as co-chairperson of the program.

Lisa M. Bitter ’90, partner at Benjamin, Yocom Heather, LLC has been appointed to the board of trustees of Ohio Valley Voices, an early intervention program which teaches children with hearing loss to use cochlear implants and hearing aids to listen and speak. Bitter’s practice focuses on estate planning, probate estate and trust administration, guardianships, and asset protection planning, as well as personal injury, employment and real estate law.
Hearsay ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jon J. Lieberman ’90, an attorney in the Bankruptcy Group at Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA, was recently selected to become a Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation by the board of trustees. Adding to his bankruptcy practice in the states of Mich., Ind., Ohio and Ky., he was recently admitted to the District of Columbia Bankruptcy Court.

Antonia Mitroussia ’90 joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as an associate in the Labor & Employment group. Her practice focuses primarily on immigration law.

Reuel D. Ash ’91, partner at Ulmer & Berne LLP has been elected to serve on the Cincinnati Foundation for Biomedical Research and Education’s board of trustees. He will serve a three-year term in this position.

Hon. Sharon L. Kennedy ’91, Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio, received the 2014 Nicholas Longworth III Alumni Achievement Award from the College. Presented at Hooding, the award recognizes past graduates for their outstanding contributions. See page 22 for more information and photos.

Michael L. Scheier ’91, a partner in the Litigation Practice at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLLC, will be inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America, an honorary trial lawyer society comprised of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers.

Karen Kovach ’92 has been appointed deputy general counsel of the University of Cincinnati’s Office of General Counsel. Kovach will be responsible for managing the daily operations and overseeing outside counsel. In addition, she will serve as principal liaison between the university and the Office of General Counsel as well as and numerous other state and federal agencies.

Kevin P. Braig ’93 joined Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP (Columbus office) as a partner in the Environmental and Litigation practice groups. His practice is focused on agribusiness and environmental compliance and litigation.

Richard Moore ’93, a member in Frost Brown Todd LLC’s Cincinnati office and part of the law firm’s Labor and Employment, and Workers’ Compensation practice groups, is the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Service Award from the University of Cincinnati Law Review in recognition of his contributions to the legal profession.

Robert Reid ’93 was named the director of human resources at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He is certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a specialist in Labor and Employment Law and has worked for Dinsmore and Shohl LLP as well as Furnier Law Group LLC before joining the Archdiocese.

Daniel G. Dutro ’94, a partner at Barron Peck Bennie & Schlemmer Co. LPA, has been named a board member of Bad Girl Ventures, Inc., a local 501 nonprofit organization. Dutro focuses his practice on commercial and residential real estate law, contract drafting and negotiation, and advising not-for-profit and tax-exempt organizations. He has also assisted clients with issues involving mortgage loan financing, employment matters and collections.

Peter H. LeVan Jr. ’95 has formed the LeVan Law Group LLC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He will provide litigation and appellate services.
Scott Kane ’97, a partner at Squire Sanders LLP, was a speaker at the 10th Annual Georgetown Advanced eDiscovery Institute in Washington, DC. The Institute is one of the preeminent electronic discovery conferences in the country and draws hundreds of judges, in-house and outside counsel, technology professionals, and other attendees.

Jennifer Muench-McElfresh ’97 was appointed a Judge for the Butler County Common Pleas Court General Division by Governor John Kasich in October 2013.

Lori Krafte ’98, partner at Wood Herron & Evans LLP, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the American Advertising Federation Cincinnati (AAF-C), the association’s highest volunteer honor. She has served AAF-C board as president, chair of AAF-C’s 2012 Digital Non-Conference, and provides legal advice to the organization. She counsels clients in advertising and media law, privacy, trademarks, copyrights, and domain name disputes and other Internet law matters, while also teaching Advertising Law and Trademark Law at the College of Law.

2000s

Randall Comer ’00 has been elected to serve a three-year term as District 6 representative on the Board of Governors of the Ohio State Bar Association. A member of the law firm Martin, Browne, Hull & Harper, PLLC, he handles civil defense litigation and serves as defense counsel in labor and employment, and workers’ compensation matters.

Ray Meiers ’00, of counsel at Remark Law Group, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Toledo in December 2013. With this addition to his degree in mechanical engineering, he plans to provide service clients in the fields of communication systems, semiconductors, optics and power systems.

Michael Stoker ’00 was named partner at Baker & McKenzie LLP in the firm’s International Commercial Practice, based in Chicago. He advises clients across various industries on areas of information technology, intellectual property, technology and software licensing, sourcing, data protection, privacy and electronic commerce.

John F. Bennett ’01 joined Ulmer & Berne LLP as counsel in the firm’s Intellectual Property & Technology practice. He has extensive experience with cases involving trademark, copyright, trade secrets, unfair competition, and other intellectual property claim, as well as experience handling complex business litigation.

Karen Hester ’01 was named executive director of the Center for Legal Inclusiveness, a Denver-based nonprofit supporting legal organizations’ diversity and inclusiveness efforts.

James Muetzel ’01 has successfully defended his dissertation “Exploring the Role of Federal Managers when Obtaining Legal Advice from offices of the General Counsel” at Virginia Tech’s Center for Public Administration and Policy.

Charles A. Bruch ’02 has joined Cornetet, Meyer, Rush & Kirzner, Co. LPA, as an attorney. His practice focuses on intellectual property and complex business disputes, emphasizing software and information technology.

Michael Moeddel ’02, a partner at Keating, Muething & Klekamp PLLC, was named a winner of the 2014 M&A Advisor 40 Under 40 Recognition Awards in the category of legal advising. The award recognizes those who have reached high levels of success in the fields of mergers and acquisitions, turnarounds, or financing, before the age of 40. Moeddel represents public and private companies on a broad range of matters. He also currently works as an adjunct professor for the College.

Matt Strzynski ’02 joined Cohen Garelick & Glazier as partner. His practice concentrates on a wide range of commercial matters, including litigation, creditors’ rights, banking, real estate and construction. He was appointed to serve as a commissioner for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and serves as the chair of the Indianapolis Bar Association’s Commercial & Bankruptcy section.

Greg Anglewicz ’03 joined Day Ketterer’s Real Estate Practice group.

Lyndsey Barnett ’04, partner at Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP, was named to the Cincinnati Business Courier’s “Forty Under 40” List.

Kevin James ’04, working for the U.S. State Department in Afghanistan, was asked to create and train a specialized course in confidential informant development for the Major Crimes Task Force (the Afghan equivalent of the FBI) where students would develop a confidential informant, use the leads to track down and apprehend a gang of kidnappers, rescuing hostages and recovering high-powered guns.
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Yvette Simpson ’04, an attorney at Ulmer & Berne LLP, was the recipient of the YWCA’s 2014 Career Women of Achievement Award which honors local women for their contributions to the Tristate area.

Michael T. Cappel ’05 was elected as one of the four new partners at Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL. He practices in the firm’s Litigation Group with focus in commercial litigation, tort defense and appellate practice.

Staci Jenkins ’05 was named partner at Thompson Hine LLP in the Labor and Employment group. Jenkins focuses her practice on employment-based immigration in health care organizations, global companies, Fortune 500 companies, and affirmative action compliance issues specifically for federal contractors.

Aaron Herzig ’05 has rejoined his former law firm, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, in the Litigation group. He served the last two years as City of Cincinnati deputy city solicitor, advising the city administration and political leadership on legal issues facing the city. Now, his practice will include antitrust, white collar crime, local government law, health care, and First Amendment and media law.

Joshua Crabtree ’03 is now the executive director at Legal Aid of the Bluegrass. Prior to joining LABG, he was the long-time managing attorney of the Children’s Law Center in Northern Kentucky. At LABG, Crabtree will lead the organization dedicated to providing civil legal assistance to low income residents of 33 eastern, northern and central Kentucky counties. Along with his leadership and management responsibilities, Crabtree is an expert regarding issues facing children in the areas of child custody, education and child victims of crime cases. The co-editor of “The Federal Education Rights of Children: A Practitioner’s Guide,” he is a published author and co-author of several works regarding the ethics of representing children, the education rights of children and issues regarding child custody. He regularly presents on these topics at events including the KBA Convention, ABA Child Custody Conferences and Kentucky Law Updates as well as small group presentations to schools and local civic organizations.

Gary T. Stedronsky ’05 is now shareholder with Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co., LPA. Stedronsky provides counsel to public boards of education on a wide range of education law issues, with an emphasis on employment matters, labor relations, property issues, public finance, property valuation and tax incentives. He is a frequent presenter on a variety of school law topics all over the state of Ohio.

Robert T. Razzano ’06 was named partner at BakerHostetler in the firm’s Cincinnati office. He is a member of the Litigation group and focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and patent matters, with an emphasis on matters concerning government contracts, construction and patent infringement.

Jonathan C. Bennie ’07, a partner at Barron, Peck, Benne & Schlemmer Co., LPA, was selected to receive the Ohio State Bar Foundation’s District Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 & Under, an award which recognizes young attorneys who contribute substantial time and effort in service to a local social service or to a local civic, artistic or cultural organization.

Tim Bezbatchenko ’08 has been appointed general manager of Toronto FC, a Canadian Major League Soccer team. Formerly, he served as senior director of player relations and competition with Major League Soccer and was an attorney at Shearman & Sterling LLP, in New York.

Rebecca Landy ’08 has joined the United States Human Rights Network as the human rights outreach coordinator. Since graduating she has worked extensively in the realm of human rights: for the Center for Constitutional Rights, for the UN Committee on the Rights of Children, and as assistant director for the Center of International Human Rights. She is also a member of the New York City Bar Association’s Sex and the Law
Committee and is a member of Amnesty International’s Women’s Human Rights Coordination Group.

Steve Weigand ’08, an attorney at Faruki Ireland & Cox PLLC, was elected to the board of directors of the Dan Beard Council, the administrative body of the Boy Scouts of America in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Erica L. Adams ’09 has been named assistant compliance officer at UC Health.

Cynthia Bolden ’09 is of counsel at Dinsmore & Shohl in their Intellectual Property Department.

Jill Steinburg ’09 received an Outstanding Newcomer Award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of General Counsel.

2010s

Thomas Kemp Jr. ’10 is now an attorney at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in the firm’s Litigation Department.

John Rubin ’10 has joined Cresa Cincinnati as an advisor in commercial real estate, specializing in tenant representation.


Michael Hurley ’11 has joined Calfee, Halter & Griswoild LLP as a litigation associate. In his practice, Hurley represents businesses on formation, mergers & acquisitions, and general corporate governance matters.

Andrew Cleeves ’12 joined Zashin & Rich Co., LPA as a member of the firm’s Employment and Labor group. His practice focuses on private and public sector labor relations and employment law.

Angela Neyer ’12 joined Adams and Reese LLP as an associate in the firm’s litigation group at their Jacksonville office. Neyer has experience in substantive and procedural areas like breaches of contract, insurance disputes, lender liability and foreclosure suits.

Lourdes E. Perrino ’12 has joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as an associate in the firm’s Tax group.

Michael Richardson ’12 has joined Dinsmore and Shohl LLP, practicing out of their corporate department.

Kyle Winslow ’12 joined Gerner & Kearns LPA as associate attorney for the Litigation Practice Group, concentrating in general civil litigation and municipal law.

Gabriel Applegate ’13 joined SmithAmundsen as an associate attorney in the firm’s Indianapolis office. A member of the Intellectual Property practice group, he assists clients with patent prosecution, litigation, and opinions relating to the electrical and mechanical arts, as well as other intellectual property issues.

Katherine Barrett ’13 joined Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP as a new associate in the Finance, Energy and Real Estate group in their Cincinnati office.

B. Nathaniel Garrett ’13 will be serving in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General’s Corps. His initial assignment will be in Aurora, Colo. at the 460th Space Wing at Buckley Air Force Base.

Sophia Jannace ’13 was hired as an associate at Keating Muething & Klekamp PPL, practicing in the firm’s Litigation group, focusing on commercial disputes.

Christian Miles ’13 joined Alverson Taylor Mortensen & Sanders Law Firm, in Las Vegas. He practices civil litigation with an emphasis on medical malpractice and personal injury.

Nicklaus Presley ’13 has joined Jackson Kelly PLLC as an associate. He will work out of the Charleston, West Virginia office in the Commercial Law practice group.

Adrian Swindells ’13 joined Stahancyk, Kent & Hook P.C., a family law and estate planning firm.

Kevin Tamm ’13 has joined Faegre Baker Daniels LLP as a member of the firm’s Intellectual Property group in Indianapolis. He focuses on patent prosecution in the chemical and mechanical arts.

Megan Westenberg ’13 joined Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP as an associate in the Litigation group at their Cincinnati office.

Allison Westfall ’13 joined Keating Muething & Klekamp PPL, practicing in the firm’s Business Representation and Transaction group, with concentrations in mergers and acquisitions, and business planning.
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Do You Remember

Remember your first time representing a client before a judge when you were a student? Here’s Kate Cook ’14, then an intern with the Indigent Defense Clinic, representing her client before Judge Brad Greenberg, Hamilton County Municipal Court. Share your favorite memories with us on Facebook!

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In Memoriam

We’ve learned that the following UC law graduates have passed away since our last report. Though gone, they won’t be forgotten. If you would like to honor their memory, you may send a contribution in their name to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. We will be sure to let their families know about your generosity. Individuals listed are those for whom we have been notified up until June 2014. All efforts have been made to verify this list; we apologize for any incorrect information.

Class of 1947
William E. Myers

Class of 1948
John C. Bird
Albert A. Feltrup
Warren F. Foster, Jr.
Charles H. Keating, Jr.

UC Hall of Fame member and the first UC athlete to win a national championship, Charles Keating Jr., JD ’48, died in March 2014. Keating won the 200 butterfly in the 1946 NCAA championships.

The Cincinnati native’s swimming career took off when he returned to UC after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Keating won the Ohio Intercollegiate Conference championship in the 200 breaststroke in 1945 before earning the national title in that event in 1946 (the event was known as the breaststroke at the time, but has since been reclassified as the butterfly in the NCAA record book). He won that exciting race before more than 2,500 fans at Yale’s gymnasium with a time of 2:26.2. Not only was it the first national title in any sport by a Bearcat, but Charles and teammate Roy Lagaly became the first UC swimmers to earn All-America honors.

He went on to become a prominent banker and financier in the Phoenix area. He was involved in the savings and loan collapse of the late 1980s.

He remained an avid swimmer throughout his life. His grandson, Gary Hall Jr., went on to win 10 Olympic swimming medals, including five golds. Keating’s brother, Bill Keating Sr. and his nephew, Bill Keating Jr., were also UC swimmers. All three are members of the UC Athletics James P. Kelly Sr. Athletics Hall of Fame. Bill Sr. is the namesake of the Keating Aquatics Center.

Edward C. Maher
Edward B. Osborne
Wallace M. Power
William H. Reyering
Frank G. Ware

Class of 1949
Rodney S. Bryson

Hon. George H. Palmer
George H. Palmer, a former Ohio Court of Appeals judge and a World War II veteran, died at home in Lyme, on Monday, Feb. 24, 2014. He was 90.

George had a distinguished legal career, serving the court system of Ohio from 1973 to 1985, first as Hamilton County court judge and then as a judge of the Court of Appeals for the First Appellate District of Ohio. He began practicing law at the Cincinnati firm Strauss & Troy, where he was a partner.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, he attended Middletown High School and Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. While in college, he served in the China Burma India (CBI) Theater during World War II; later he served as a reserve officer during the Korean War. He received his J.D. in 1949 from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where he was a member of The Order of Coif.

Among his many offices and honors, he served as acting executive director of the Cincinnati Bar Association in 1995 and was a member of the American Bar Association and the Ohio Bar Association. He served as senior warden of Calvary Episcopal Church in Cincinnati; was a service role member of the Cincinnatus Association; and is a past director and president of the Mercantile Library Association. He was also a member of The Literary Club and a director of the board of governors of the University Club of Cincinnati. In 1985 the UC College of Law honored him with its distinguished alumni award; he also was the recipient of the law college’s Sesquicentennial Award. He was Master of the Bench of the Potter Stewart American Inn of Court, which he helped to found.

Class of 1950
George W. Koch
Norbert J. Bunke
William C. Maxwell
Wendall Sullivan

Harry T. Wilks
Harry Wilks was creator of Hamilton’s Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, where he built his home under the eponymous blue pyramid. He provided a lasting legacy to the community of Hamilton and the Tristate area by his founding of the park on 320 acres which he saved from development and donated to the park. One of the largest park of its type in the country, features monumental sculptures set in a park-like setting overlooking the Miami River valley, and offers many artistic and cultural opportunities to the community.
Class of 1951
Calvin W. Bristley, Jr.
John L. Spalding
Charles F. Tilbury

Class of 1952
William H. Anderson
Bill practiced law with Graydon Head from 1957 to his retirement in 1994. Over the course of his professional career, Bill served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Hamilton County (1953-57), a judge in the City of Wyoming Municipal Court (1960-1966), and a member of the Ohio House of Representatives (1967-1968), where he sat on the Education, Judiciary, and Industry & Labor Committees.
He was a great natural athlete. He lettered in three sports at UC and was a member of the UC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Larry H. Rutenschroer
John P. Scahill
Hiromu Suzawa

Class of 1954
James E. Applegate

Class of 1955
Charles A. Eckert II
Edward R. Lev
C. Richard Marsh
Harry Stoller
Nell D. Surber
Nell Surber, an economic development director for the City of Cincinnati during a construction boom in the 1980s, died Dec. 9 at a local hospice. Surber spent nearly 15 years — 1976 to 1990 — as the city’s economic development director, then ran for Cincinnati city council in the fall of 1991. She lost that race but was appointed the next year to fill a council vacancy. A few of the high-profile projects that opened under her watch include Atrium II, the Chiquita Center, the Saks/Hyatt complex and One Lytle Place. In addition to her work for the city, Surber was also a member of many Cincinnati civic organizations and lived downtown in a building she renovated.

Class of 1957
Samuel M. Allen

Class of 1959
Charles H. Wilson

Class of 1960
Hon. Anthony Valen

Class of 1961
Dean Emeritus Samuel S. Wilson

Class of 1963
Harold G. Maier

Class of 1965
James H. Hayes

Class of 1969
John P. Brandenburg

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Class of 1972
Hugh E. Wall

Class of 1973
Robert G. Miller
Stephen E. Schutte

Class of 1975
H. Lawson Walker

Class of 1977
Karen Baker
Alan W. Havighurst
Ray A. Vanhorn

Class of 1978
Michael B. Ryan
Mark F. Weber

Class of 1983
Marcia G. Scacchetti

Class of 1984
Diana L. Haaser

Class of 1991
Vincent A. Dimasi

Class of 1993
Stephen P. Cianca
Steve had a varied career in publishing and law, and worked for 17 years as assistant director for continuing Legal Education at the Ohio State Bar Association.

Class of 1999
Selena M. Tierney
“Rest in Peace, Lois. Eighteen Ohioans have tasted freedom because of you and many more will do so in the future because of your vision and determination to improve the world around you,” wrote Mark Godsey, the Daniel P. and Judith L. Carmichael Professor of Law and Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project, on the death of Lois Rosenthal, one of the founders of the Institute for Justice/OIP. Mrs. Rosenthal died on July 20, 2014. A memorial service for her was held in September.

Mrs. Rosenthal was an activist, environmentalist, supporter and participant in organizations that defended the oppressed, the hungry, and the disadvantaged. To the law school community she was well-known for her contributions that supported the founding of the Institute for Justice/OIP. But, noted Professor Godsey, her impact was much more than financial. Indeed, her support was critical to the expansion of the Innocence Movement.

“She was there from the first meeting, and provided the seed money to get us started,” wrote Godsey in an email to the Innocence Movement community. “She was our strategy planner for years. John (Cranley) and I were just lawyers and didn’t know how to build and grow an organization. She taught us how to do that.” Her impact included spreading awareness by bringing in speakers like Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton, a rape victim and exoneree, respectively and sponsoring plays like the “Exonerated” and “A Lesson Before Dying.” She was also involved with “Illustrated Truth,” the art exhibit featuring the works of exonerees at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (2011) and with the publication of the accompanying book.

In addition to her work with the College, she helped develop the Rosenthal Fresh Good Initiative at the Freestore Foodbank. She and her husband, Dick, also founded Uptown Arts in Over-the-Rhine, providing free classes in theatre, dance, and visual arts for children ages five -10. In fact, she was known to be part of the “Welcome Wagon,” regularly welcoming children and their parents to the facility — giving of her time and personal support.

Her other causes, among many, include creating the Rosey Reader Program, providing books to Cincinnati Public School children; establishing the Rosenthal New Play Prize, which produced 15 premier productions — several nominated for the Pulitzer Prize; championing “Invisible: Slavery Today,” the world’s first museum-quality, permanent exhibit dedicated to the subject of slavery; relaunching Story magazine, a national literary magazine; and more.

The Innocence Movement family and the College of Law deeply appreciate Mrs. Rosenthal’s support. The impact of her gift and foresight will be felt for many years to come.

“Like the greatest champions for social change, Lois had a keen appetite for justice and the courage to stand strongly against injustice. She brought the full measure of her seemingly boundless imagination, passion, and drive to the OIP and the cause of justice for those who are wrongfully convicted. And her presence is still vital, inspiring us all to continue the quest.”

- Dean Lou Bilionis
**Dean Emeritus Samuel S. Wilson ’61**

The College of Law community, the legal community, and the City of Cincinnati lost a legend on June 25, 2014 when Dean Emeritus Samuel S. Wilson ’61 passed away. He was 89 years old.

Dean Wilson had the distinction of being one of only two College of Law alumni to serve as dean of the law school. A native of Cincinnati, he received his bachelor’s degree from Princeton University, returning to Cincinnati to work as a reporter for The Cincinnati Times Star newspaper. He went on to serve as its Washington Bureau correspondent and associate editor of the editorial page.

When the Times Star was acquired by the Cincinnati Post in 1958, Wilson had an opportunity to change the trajectory of his professional career. Upon deciding to go to law school, he enrolled at the College of Law, where he served as editor-in-chief of the University of Cincinnati Law Review. After graduating in 1961, he began a career in private practice, specializing in real estate at his father-in-law’s firm. Then, in 1965, he joined the College of Law faculty as assistant dean and junior professor.

Dean Wilson had the privilege of serving as dean of the College three times: twice as acting dean (1969-1970 and spring 1973) and as dean (1974-1978). Among his many accomplishments were:

- Securing funding for the major renovation and expansion of the College of Law building;
- Providing experiential opportunities for students while assisting those in need in the local community.
- After serving as dean, Wilson returned to teaching until his retirement in 1993.

A very active member in local civic organizations, he served on the board of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati. Also, he and his wife, Anne, were long-time supporters of the law school and its institutions, including the Law Review and the Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic. In fact, in recognition of his accomplishments at the College and in the community, he was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994.

Many Cincinnatians may remember the WCPO TV show “Juvenile Court,” which ran from 1975-1983. What many may not know is that there was a College of Law connection. Dean Wilson had a side “gig” as Judge Paul Trevor on “Juvenile Court,” top-rated in its time slot for nearly five years.

For many, Dean Wilson is remembered as the personification of lawyer, professor, professional and friend. He was this and more. Dean Wilson will be sorely missed by all.

“Dean Sam Wilson is one of our College’s and City’s true legends. For so many people, he will ever be remembered as the personification of the lawyer, the professor, the professional, the law school — and even the law itself.”

- Dean Lou Bilionis
Ricky Jackson, OIP’s 18th exoneree and the longest-serving person to be exonerated in U.S. history (story on page 7)