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Dear Friends,

With this issue, Counselor begins a look back on the College of Law’s first 175 years. It is a marvelous legacy that Timothy Walker, Edward King, and Judge John C. Wright began for us in 1833, and many others enhanced through the years. We’re proud of it. Even more, we’re mindful of the high standards it sets for us.

Throughout the year, we’ll be taking the opportunity to celebrate the people and stories that constitute our rich past. We’ll remember. We’ll reconnect with our roots and reunite with one another. We’ll rekindle our passion and recommit to our calling to be—as William Howard Taft said upon the dedication of our building in 1925—a “center of light and progress” for the University, and for Cincinnati and beyond.

But even as we look back in celebration, make no mistake about it. Life at the College of Law is busy, exciting, and looking forward by every measure.

We’ve rolled out three new clinics in as many years and there’s more in store. We’ve intensified our skills training with a required upper-level course emphasizing the lawyer’s role as client counselor and problem solver. We’re introducing sophisticated new “capstone” courses that bring theory and practice together in particular areas of expertise.

A young, strong, and growing faculty is publishing breakthrough scholarship in wide-ranging areas of expertise. Along with our centers and institutes, they’ve planned a robust schedule of programs to bring together fellow scholars and lawyers to explore new legal, cultural, and intellectual frontiers. Come to campus this year and you will learn about new approaches to corporate governance in America’s increasingly dysfunctional boardrooms. The next generation of thinking about race and gender and their intersection. Developments in neuroscience and their potential for the law. Insights from business on creating an ethical corporate environment. The evolution of education law in our country. You can even learn about the poetry of America’s foremost lawyer-poet.

Later this year, the inaugural issue of the Freedom Center Journal will go to press. Joining the Human Rights Quarterly, the Immigration and Nationality Law Review, and our University of Cincinnati Law Review, it gives our students a fourth opportunity to deepen knowledge and strengthen skills through work on a scholarly journal. A collaboration with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the FCJ also reflects our belief that teaching and scholarship go hand-in-hand—and that both are bettered by thoroughgoing engagement with the world around us.

For all that’s new, we are still the school you’d recognize as yours. Still intimate in size—to ensure individual attention to our students’ intellectual development, personal growth, and professional advancement. Still as rich as schools much larger when measured by educational opportunities for students, the scholarly distinction of the faculty, the stimulating programs we host, and the accomplishments of our graduates. Still premier, still small, and ever striving to be that “center of light and progress.”

With all best wishes,

Louis D. Bilionis
Dean and Nippert Professor of Law
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Editor’s note

To our readers:

During the 2007-08 academic year, the College of Law—the fourth-oldest continuously operating law school in America—celebrates its 175th anniversary. To help kick off that celebration, the College has asked a team of researchers and writers to look at our long, rich history and tell us some meaningful stories about ourselves. Where have we come from, where are we today, and what does that say about where we might be going tomorrow?

The results of their work will appear in three successive issues of Counselor, beginning with this one. In this installment, we are taken back a quarter century, to the years leading up to our 150th anniversary. It was a time of turmoil for both the University of Cincinnati and the College. Would both survive, at least in a recognizable form?

Today, of course, we know the answer. Back then, though, it was no sure thing.

In the midst of an institutional crisis, an unexpected opportunity arose for the College: the creation of a new and pioneering institute, which could put us on the very frontiers of legal inquiry. Would we take up that challenge, and choose to open that frontier? Again, it was no sure thing.

In our winter issue, we’ll go back to the very beginning of our history, to the days when Cincinnati itself was a frontier, and Timothy Walker’s law school wasn’t much more than a vision. And in our spring installment, we’ll look at the key themes that emerge from our history, and explore what they may imply for our next 175 years.

We think it’s a fascinating story.
letter was from Gordon Christenson, a nimble administrator and high-wattage legal scholar who had recently left a successful deanship at the Washington College of Law of American University to become a professor of International Law at the Naval War College. According to all the accounts from the east coast, Christenson knew how law schools ticked.

But President Winkler, too, knew more than a little bit about law schools. As acting president of Rutgers, he had overseen both of its law schools—in Camden and in Newark—and he had a good idea of what kind of leadership they required. After an exhaustive search, Winkler had decided that Christenson was the right man to head the struggling College of Law within the University of Cincinnati.

At that point in its long history, Winkler had already concluded, the College of Law was in need of energetic leadership. The most recent accreditation report had been hard on the school, criticizing everything from its cramped main building and too-small library to its inadequate faculty salaries. On a more fundamental level, moreover, the school had to redefine itself in the context of a changing world. “The law school was in very bad shape,” Winkler recently recalled. “It really was in jeopardy.”

Unfortunately, the school could not look to the university to solve its financial woes. The previous year, Winkler’s predecessor, Warren G. Bennis, had told UC’s Board of Trustees that the University was suffering from “a bad case of financial vertigo,” and that, if it were a business, it would be contemplating bankruptcy. “Without further funds,” he had told his board at the time, “we will be unable even to think about excellence.”

The baseline: multiple challenges

Of course, there were many around the University, including the College of Law, whose job was precisely that: to think about excellence. One of them was the law school’s Dean Samuel S. Wilson, ’61, then nearing the end of a four-year term that might best be described as tumultuous.

The tumult mostly arose out of the College’s constrained physical plant and rapidly declining financial situation. The condition of Taft Hall presented the most obvious challenge. The 60,000-square-foot edifice had been erected in 1925 with an anticipated capacity of 200 students. (This small capacity was purposeful. The College’s leaders at the time wanted to make sure that the intimate school stayed small, and limiting the size of their new building seemed like a good way to achieve that end.) But by 1972, according

In the steamy heat of a late July day in 1978, the provost of the University of Cincinnati walked into the office of the University’s ambitious new president, Henry Winkler, with a letter that contained some upsetting news.
to an internal study, Taft Hall housed 340 students, 17 faculty and 11 staff members, and presented "a serious physical facility problem."iv

Cramped and increasingly obsolete, the once-grand old building now poured water during rainstorms. The library had only 164 seats, whereas the Association of American Law Schools' (AALS) accreditation standards called for 221. It was on a pace to run out of shelf space within two and a half years. Another report concluded that while the library was a “pleasant place to work,” it was half the size it needed to be. By 1975, the library situation was deemed dire. “If [it] is not soon remedied,” yet another report declared, “it will certainly have a devastating effect upon the future of the College of Law.”v Unless circumstances improved, concluded a long-range planning document, the College of Law would be the only one in Ohio without “a viable facility,” or the prospect of one.vi

“We send applicants a catalogue with pictures of big white columns, then you come here and find floods in the basement and mice running around,” associate professor Theodore Hagelin complained to the Cincinnati Post. “There’s no question we have the most inferior facilities of any law school in the state.”

But there was a second, more corrosive problem to be dealt with: a lack of financial resources to support the faculty. As recently as the mid ’60s, the College had ranked 19th out of the 135 U.S. law schools in terms of faculty salaries, and first among Ohio’s nine law schools. “This high ranking suggests that we are competing with the best in the country,” observed then Associate Dean Sam Wilson, “in terms of compensation of our very loyal and dedicated faculty members.”viii

In fact, the 1960s had been something of a golden era for the College. Claude R. Sowle, who became the College’s dean in 1965, provided energetic and idiosyncratic leadership. He was a brilliant, stern, Churchillian figure with high ambitions, a gift for fundraising, and a prodigious smoking habit. After reaching his daily allotment of 20 cigars, one of his assistants later recalled, Dean Sowle would shift to cigarettes, on which he imposed no limits.

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–Theodore Hagelin
Under Sowle, the full-time faculty ranks increased from 11 to 16, and the quality of the incoming students—as measured by college grade-point averages and LSAT scores—increased significantly. The year 1970 can be seen in retrospect as a high-water mark, when the College established an innovative new Civil and Criminal Practice Clinic, and also received two key gifts: the Nippert Chair of Law, and the Jacob and Rosa Meyer Endowment to support the library.

But in the world of legal education, things can unravel quickly. In 1969, Sowle left to assume the presidency of Ohio University at Athens, Ohio. Although the student body swelled to 340, faculty growth stalled at 16. Now, not only the physical plant but also the school’s teachers were overtaxed. At the same time, faculty salaries—once a point of pride at the law school—also stagnated. By the mid 1970s, the accreditation teams of both the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) were criticizing the school’s relatively low pay scales.

Despite all the constraints, the law school still boasted many topnotch teachers and researchers. Transplanted Bostonian John Murphy was on everyone’s list, known in equal parts for his mastery of labor law and his determination to expunge his students’ Midwestern accents. “I can remember saying, “advertisement,” Judge Sandra Beckwith, ’68, recalls, “and he would say, “advertisement.” And I would say “advertisement,” and he would say, “advertisement.””

Victor Schwartz, whose field was comparative negligence, was consistently one of the most productive writers on the faculty (and served as acting dean from 1973-74). Larry Kessler taught criminal law and criminal procedure. “When I became a prosecutor,” Kathleen M. Brinkman, ’75, says, “I really appreciated not only the rigor of statutory interpretation that Larry Kessler and his colleagues gave me, but also Larry’s strong sense of justice. That’s extremely important to prosecutors when they apply statutes.”

Irv Rutter, who taught Constitutional Law and a unique course called “Facts,” challenged his students (as student Sam Wilson later recalled) to “visualize” the potential consequences of any dispute. Wilbur Lester taught constitutional law by a nearly pure Socratic method, only asking questions, never answering them. He had a decided impact. “He was one of those teachers who really made my mind move in ways that I thought were new and different,” says Barbara Watts, ’78, who took all but one of the classes Lester offered.

Why the discrepancy between excellent teaching and meager faculty compensation? The answer was mainly structural: For decades, the University had been a municipally sponsored institution, and the Queen City took pride in helping to sustain a high-quality law school (and other University of Cincinnati schools and departments) within its borders. But as the costs of education skyrocketed and the city struggled to balance its budgets, the University of Cincinnati turned
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to the state to share financial responsibility, becoming a “municipally sponsored, state-affiliated” university in 1968.

But even that arrangement had proved insufficient. In 1973, the University announced that it would have to impose an across-the-board 2.9 percent budget cut for the next academic year.

It was in this context that—in the winter of 1974—the College of Law embarked on a national search for a new dean. One of the candidates it considered was future Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was a law professor at Columbia, and the first woman to win tenure there. But no consensus developed for an outside candidate, and, in March, the College of Law turned to Sam Wilson.

A patrician-looking graduate of Deerfield and Princeton, Wilson had gained an appreciation for the grittier aspects of life from his twelve years as a reporter for the Cincinnati Times Star. (His beat included crime and politics.) When that paper shut down in 1958, he secured his J.D. at the College of Law. Briefly, he joined his father-in-law’s real estate practice, but soon tired of that work and returned to the law school as Associate Dean under Claude Sowle. When Sowle departed for Ohio University, Wilson succeeded him in 1969 as acting dean, serving during a tumultuous year that included the Kent State shootings and two closings of the university. Then, between 1970 and 1973, Wilson served contentedly as a faculty member under Dean Edward A. Mearns, Jr. But in the spring of 1973, Ted Mearns resigned unexpectedly, and Wilson was once again pressed into service as acting dean for several months. The University mounted a full-fledged search for a full-time dean, and—early in 1974—offered the job to one of their own: Sam Wilson.

The record suggests (and Wilson acknowledges) that the deanship—which he now held for the third time in five years—was not something that he either sought out or clung to. Instead, it was an obligation that fell to members of the community; somehow, he just seemed to get called upon more often than anyone else. But this time out, he wasn’t merely a placeholder. When he once again took up the deanship in the spring of 1974, he immediately began making bold plans to address the school’s most urgent problem: the manifest shortcomings of Taft Hall.

But how could he do so, in the context of a municipal university that already was deep into troubled financial waters?

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—Dean Samuel Wilson

Fighting for a building

Here’s where luck and a good Rolodex entered the picture. In the late 1960s, Wilson had taught a bright young student named Norman Murdock, who had won a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives while still a third-year student at the law school. By the time Wilson came knocking on his State House door in the mid ’70s, Murdock was the second-ranking Republican in the Ohio House.

Wilson explained the problem to his former student. The external review committees had been hinting that the College of Law might actually lose its all-important accreditation if the school’s facilities (and especially its library) were not improved. Wilson asked Murdock for $11 million for a new building, in the vicinity of today’s Martin Luther King Drive, on the north end of the campus. “I was sympathetic,” Murdock

Ongoing renovation at Taft Hall.
recalls, “but I told him that it was not possible to build new, and that they’d have to go for rehabbing the existing facility.” Murdock then called his friend Bill Wilkins—finance director under Governor Jim Rhodes—and asked him to put in a request for $11 million for renovations to Taft Hall.

“But of course, that was no quick fix,” Murdock explains. “Normally, you put in a request like that, and then you wait several years to get to the front of the line. When you get there, and if the request is still seen as appropriate, and if the state has the money, then you’re likely to get your funding.”

Meanwhile, though, the clock was ticking. “Unless a firm commitment to the construction and funding of adequate facilities is made by June 1, 1977,” one of the accreditation bodies had written, “a notice shall issue for the purpose of determining whether this College of Law should be removed from the list of approved schools.”

In retrospect, the threat may have been overblown—after all, there were plenty of law schools in more severe straits than the College of Law—but Wilson had to take it very seriously. He had to fight—and in that fight, he would have plenty of allies. In July 1976, for example, five students had formed a Committee of Concerned Law Students to press the case for a new building; they had gotten motivated after the library and some faculty offices were drenched in a flood that, they said, attested to the “shortcomings of the present facility.”

The faculty likewise joined the campaign with a resolution of its own, insisting on a new building “at an approximate cost of 16 million dollars” and endorsing a forcefully worded statement entitled, “Can U.C. Afford Not to Have a Great Law School?” The answer to the rhetorical question, not surprisingly, was “no.” There was in Cincinnati (the document argued) a strong historical link between commercial prosperity and an expanding pool of talented and creative lawyers. If Cincinnati hoped to keep up with the needs of an increasingly complex economy, then its law school had to be a great one.

Much of Wilson’s tenure as dean was devoted to a high-stakes, sometimes contentious three-way poker game among the accrediting bodies, President Bennis’s (and later, President Winkler’s) office, and himself. Starting with his own back-channel overture to Norm Murdock, and continuing through his deft maneuverings with the AALS and ABA representatives, Wilson stepped right up to the line of insubordination—and occasionally may have stepped over it. Some 30 years later, he remains unrepentant.

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Ultimately, Wilson’s back-channel tactics—and Norm Murdock’s careful shepherding of the capital request at the State House level—paid off, securing for the college a $6.25 million allocation for a new building. The University committed itself to mounting a $2 million fund drive to augment those state funds, and also agreed to address both the number of faculty slots and the compensation issue at the law school.

But serious issues still remained. When the provost early in 1977 released preliminary financial plans for the 1977-79 biennium, they showed deep reductions across the board—including cuts that, the provost candidly
admitted, might result in the disaccreditation of the law school. At a special meeting in May, the faculty expressed “shock” at the apparent willingness of the provost to put the very survival of the law school in jeopardy, and demanded that he “expeditiously reaffirm the University’s commitment to guarantee the continued accreditation and academic excellence of the College of Law.” Acting President Winkler stepped in to calm this situation, but relationships had been harmed.

Meanwhile, inflation—then running rampant—caused a 22.5 percent increase in the cost of the proposed new building; this would have translated into a 40 percent drop in net square footage. Reluctantly, in November 1977, the University and legislature agreed to a renovation and expansion of Taft Hall, rather than the construction of a new facility. Through the spring of 1978, plans were drawn up to rebuild Taft Hall in stages, to minimize disruptions.

By this time, Sam Wilson had decided that one four-year hitch as dean was enough. He knew that his tenacious advocacy for the College of Law had burned bridges with the central administration, and that staying in the line of fire would be a mistake. He announced his intention to relinquish the deanship at the end of August 1978, and willingly—even happily—returned to his teaching.

The quarry

The search for Wilson’s replacement got underway in the spring of 1978, with President Winkler and Provost John McCall closely involved. Winkler quickly settled upon Gordon A. Christenson as his man.

Trim, almost wiry, with an artist’s goatee and the twang-and-gravel voice of a rancher from his native Utah, Christenson had the intellectual energy, vision, and personal magnetism that Winkler believed were essential to relaunching the College of Law. And then, of course, there was Christenson’s resume: After earning his law degree at the University of Utah, he’d clerked for the Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, served in Air Force intelligence during the Korean War, and worked in President Kennedy’s State Department before returning to academia to snap up a post-JD doctorate.

He then began teaching international law part-time at George Washington University, but soon took a challenging post as legal counsel to J. Herbert Hollomon, whom President Kennedy had installed in the Commerce Department to establish a national civilian science policy. In 1967, Christenson followed Hollomon to the University of Oklahoma, where Hollomon served as president and Christenson served as his assistant and also taught international law. This led, in turn, to a stint as Educational Dean for Development for the state university system in New York, where Christenson helped devise a kind of university without walls. It was from there that he went to Washington College of Law at American University as its dean in 1971.

All in all, it was not hard to see why, in the summer of 1978, President Henry Winkler was so taken with the peripatetic Christenson, and why he hoped Christenson would take up the deanship of the College of Law.

Rejection, and reaction

But then came Christenson’s letter. Winkler’s eyes must have tightened as they coursed down the crisp paragraphs: “I do not see how I could accept the appointment,” Christenson wrote, with a bluntness that the law school community eventually would come to recognize as characteristic. The College of Law lacked “a clear vision about the…future direction about law and legal education.” It lacked the resources needed to recreate itself—let alone to build the national and international stature that Winkler envisioned. “Decisions of that magnitude require the most unshakable clarity of purpose,” Christenson concluded. “This will of purpose I found wanting.”

No one would have faulted Winkler if he had given up the chase at that point. But Henry Winkler hadn’t achieved his own renown by giving up easily. Instead, he redoubled his efforts to land Christenson, albeit this...
time with a modified strategy. He put a glittering lure before Christenson’s eyes: a proposed new institute for the study and promulgation of human rights around the world.

Remember that this was the late 1970s, when the overarching geopolitical framework was still the Cold War. Building on initiatives begun in the Ford Administration, Jimmy Carter’s presidency was leading some of the nation’s more farsighted legal thinkers to look beyond the Cold War to one of the fundamental issues that made autocratic regimes so objectionable in the first place: the violation of human rights. Seen in that light, this wasn’t simply a U.S./U.S.S.R. conflict; it was a clash of ideas, being played out on a worldwide stage.

Winkler suspected that Christenson might be tempted by the opportunity to help address an issue of such enormous global implications. Meanwhile, of course, if a human rights institute were established and endowed at the College of Law—making it the first such institute in the world under a formal law school umbrella—that would help put the school on a new trajectory toward international significance.

Winkler knew his man. While in the international program at George Washington University, Christenson had written his dissertation on the rights of individuals brought before international tribunals. More recently, working with colleagues at Washington College of Law and the University of Virginia, he had helped establish the pioneering International Human Rights Law Group.

If anybody would respond to the chance to open this new frontier, Winkler knew, it would be Gordon Christenson.

Seeds of an institute

Not least important, Winkler now had more than $1 million in the pipeline that he could direct toward this endeavor. The funds came from the estate of a highly successful New York interior designer named Urban Morgan, who’d grown up in Cincinnati, graduated from the University, and—upon his death in 1977—left his alma mater a substantial bequest. According to the terms of Morgan’s bequest, the specific object of his generosity was to be decided by his lawyer, William Butler.

The New York-based Butler came to this task with both relevant experience and personal passions. In parallel with his other professional responsibilities, Butler had long been driven by a powerful interest in human rights. This first took the form of a commitment to civil rights, which he had pursued as staff counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, where he worked with the organization’s founder, Roger Baldwin. In subsequent years, Butler twice argued and won landmark civil rights cases before the U. S. Supreme Court.

He took this cause overseas when he served on the International Commission of Jurists, pushing what he conceived of as an “International Bill of Rights” on oppressive governments like the Shah’s Iran and the Philippines. These were high-profile targets, but in fact, no country was too small to escape Butler’s scrutiny: He had also worked to promote democratic freedom in the

“Bill Butler had long been driven by a powerful interest in human rights.”

Bert Lockwood, the first director of the Urban Morgan Institute, with William Butler.
tiny nation of Palau in Micronesia. He focused on state terror, torture, disappearances, genocide—all issues that have since emerged as central human-rights causes, but which were then relatively unbroken ground.

No surprise, then, that Bill Butler wanted to use his late client's benefaction to create a center for human rights at the College of Law. But in the year that Butler actively began pondering the idea—1977—the school wasn't prepared to take on such a project. Dean Sam Wilson had his hands full with accreditation-related issues, and planned to step down the following year, at the end of his four-year term.

Wilson's immediate successor in the deanship, Law Librarian Jorge Carro, took over as acting dean in September 1978. Accordingly, Butler lobbied Carro on the subject of the proposed institute, and found him to be more than sympathetic. Carro had been born in Cuba, where he'd been a prominent criminal defense lawyer and an early and fervent supporter of Castro's anti-Batista revolution. Disturbed by the subsequent excesses of the Castro regime, Carro had broken with Fidel—his former law school classmate—and fled to the United States. Under Carro's temporary leadership, however, the College was mostly marking time. Carro responded positively to Butler's entreaties, but wasn't in a position to make major institutional commitments.

Meanwhile, the University had been going through its own upheavals. President Warren Bennis resigned in 1977, and was succeeded by Henry Winkler, who immediately stepped into the middle of the law school's ongoing accreditation struggles.

Again, though, the clock was ticking. If Urban Morgan's bequest wasn't put to a specific use that would be approved by the University's governing boards—and if that use didn't pan out, in Bill Butler's estimation—the money would revert to the general funds of the University. A unique opportunity to put the College of Law on a new frontier would be lost.

To secure the institute for his law school, Winkler knew, he needed to secure Christenson. Working closely with University colleagues in the summer and fall of 1978, Winkler made a second run at his quarry.

**A walk in the West End**

Despite having once rebuffed the law school in Cincinnati, Christenson now found several things about the proposed human-rights institute enticing.

First, of course, there was the potential impact of the institute itself. But just as important, something significant was being said about the College of Law: People had ambitions for the place. They were pushing for it to be stronger, and bolder, and have more impact.

There were personal factors, as well. In the fall of 1978, he'd fallen in love. In London for a conference early that November, he bought an engagement ring for his fiancee at a Covent Garden antique market. He took in a play in the West End, then returned to his hotel in the Strand. Somewhere along the way, it came to him that he would take the post in Cincinnati after all. “A new marriage,” he recalled, “a new challenge...an entirely new life.”

Unexpectedly, the College of Law was his destiny. He returned to Cincinnati once more, and this time he told Henry Winkler yes: He was ready for a new challenge.

At a momentous January 1979 meeting, the College of Law faculty learned that President Winkler had informed the ABA and AASL accrediting bodies that all outstanding issues—including physical plant and faculty salaries—had been resolved. (Provost McCall had committed the University to making two $25,000 additions to the law school’s salary line over and above any collective bargaining increases.) The faculty also received formal notification that the “Urban Morgan Human Rights Institute” would be created within the College of Law. Bill Butler would be not only the director of the new Institute’s advisory committee, but also Special Assistant to the President, thus cementing the Institute’s ties to the larger University.

And finally, the faculty learned formally of Gordon Christenson’s appointment as dean, effective April 1, 1979. Many among the faculty must have guessed that a new day was dawning. Few, perhaps, understood the scope of the changes that lay ahead—including the ones that they themselves would lead.
A rebirth: the “Sub Di,” buzz, and beyond

Almost from the minute he agreed to take the law school job, Christenson began training his formidable intellect on the challenge before him. From his forays into the natural sciences, he was fascinated with the process of nucleation, whereby an outside particle initiates the formation of a crystal. Christenson drew an analogy to his own impending role: Change comes from the outside. But as with crystallization, change also requires a receptive environment. Would his new faculty be open to new ideas?

There was only one way to find out: to commit those ideas to paper, and then subject them to vigorous debate. So Christenson wrote up a short paper that purported to be about the special needs of the third year of study, but which actually explored the complex relationship between the law school and the world its graduates would enter and influence—in other words, the school’s fundamental mission. The paper became the subject of an early faculty retreat, and subsequently of a longer, more intricate paper rather grandly entitled, “Substantive Directions in Legal Education at the University of Cincinnati: Planning, Choosing, Implementing.”

In this second iteration—adorned with an epigraph from the Roman philosopher Julius Polyaeus of Sardis—Christenson asserted, provocatively, that the entire third year of study was all too often forfeited to short-term concerns. Given that unhappy reality, he continued, the entire

“...Gordon was a strategist: always planning and plotting, always succeeding—even in retreat.”

–John McCall
educational effort of the school might better be directed
to three larger, more enduring topics:

• the essential skills of the profession,
• an understanding of basic human rights and
liberties, and
• a still larger appreciation of the “collective
whole”—in other words, the great beehive of
commercial activity that lawyers facilitate.

Christenson described these topics as three
“centers,” each of which was in tension with the others.
He included a Venn diagram showing three overlapping
circles to underscore the point. Collectively, they
added up to a very specific roadmap to excellence.
Skills had clear curricular implications, especially
in the clinical realm. The “collective whole” concept
argued for developing close working relationships with
practicing lawyers, including internships and other
real-world experiences. As for basic human rights, the
Urban Morgan Institute obviously would play an
absolutely central role.

A law school that
delivered excellence
along all three of
these dimensions
would be an
outstanding
institution,
indeed. But
perhaps most
exciting about
this vision
was not its
particulars,
but its sheer
sweep and
ambition. Barbara Watts, who had returned from
private practice to work with Christenson in the dean’s
office, recalls its enduring impact:

Much of what we’re doing today still grows out of
some concepts that Gordon set forth at that time.
He really had what we would call today a vision,
although “vision” wasn’t as ubiquitous a word back
in the early ’80s.

We used to joke about Substantive Directions in
Legal Education, his secretary and I. We called it the
“Sub Di.” From time to time, we would need to refer
to it, but we’d find it was missing: “Uh, oh—where’s
the Sub Di???”

And though I can’t say that I memorized it, it really
was a very well thought-out plan for the arenas in
which any law school should be pursuing educational
initiatives.

But the Sub Di was only an opening salvo. By the
following year, Christenson was outlining in detail the
kind of professors he wished to attract to enact the
three aspects of the plan, and was starting to fill faculty
openings with talented people who possessed (as he
put it) “an understanding of the broader role of law in
society as made practical through decision.”

In recruiting faculty talent, however, Christenson
recognized that he faced a nearly insoluble challenge. As
a small school in the Midwest—and one on a budget—
the College of Law inevitably played farm team for the
“big league” law schools, particularly on the east coast.
The better the law school did at finding and grooming
talent, the more likely that talent would be bid away
by richer schools in larger cities. There was only one
(partial) solution: Bring promising younger faculty
along rapidly, so that the College could get the benefit of
that talent just as long as possible.

One of Christenson’s first personnel moves was to
bring in Bert Lockwood—who had been his associate
dean at Washington College of Law and had helped

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set up the International Human Rights Law Group in Washington—to serve as the first director of the Urban Morgan Institute, and help implement the human-rights portion of Christenson’s tripartite plan for the school. Like Christenson, Lockwood firmly believed that in order for the Institute to succeed, it would have to be in the mainstream of the law school’s educational experience. Knowing that he would have to capture the interest of some of the College’s best students, Lockwood made sure that the dozen or so Fellows whom he attracted to the institute were first-rate students—and indeed, many Institute Fellows went on to finish their law school studies at the head of their classes.

With Christenson’s blessing, Lockwood acquired a prestigious publication—the Human Rights Quarterly, published by Johns Hopkins University Press. Thus began Lockwood’s personal “Iron Man” run as editor—which continues to this day—and thus were planted the seeds of a worldwide reputation for the Urban Morgan Institute. By the spring of 2007, Lockwood was able to celebrate not only the arrival of his hundredth issue as editor of the Quarterly, but also the journal’s unchallenged status as the world’s leading academic journal in its field. This success, he explains, grows in part out of the contributions of College of Law students:

The actual editing of the articles is done by the students who are associated with the program. This past year, for example, I had 80 students working with me on the Quarterly. And while the Quarterly is multidisciplinary, we follow the Law Review style of editing, which means that every footnote has to be checked back to the original source for form and accuracy—a very intensive process.

Meanwhile, I tell our students that the standard we’re trying to hit is that any article that appears in the Quarterly ought to be able to be understood by any literate reader. If they have trouble understanding something that one of our authors is saying, then it’s likely that many of our readers would, too. So they work with the authors to make everything clear, and compelling. I think that’s really been a key contributor to our success.

From the outset, the Urban Morgan Institute not only advanced the quality of thought given to the topic of human rights, it also helped to spread the word that great things were happening at the College of Law at the University of Cincinnati. This created energy and buzz, which in turn made the next strong faculty appointment easier.

For example: A young Boston College law graduate, Ronna Greff Schneider, was looking to relocate from Boston to Cincinnati in 1980, and was considering getting into full-time academic law. Her faculty mentor at BC, Dean Richard Huber, told her that the College of Law was on the move—rapidly evolving and transforming itself—and that she should definitely look into it:

Dick [Huber] was so enthusiastic about this place, and that really meant a lot to me. And then I came here and talked with Gordon, and that only confirmed my own sense of enthusiasm. He was very new at the time, and what I mainly remember is his excitement, and drive, and warmth. I wanted to work in a place where I liked the people, and where I felt exciting things were going to happen. And that was very palpable, here.

That one of Christenson’s first faculty appointments was a woman was not coincidental. When he arrived in 1979, there was only one untenured woman on the faculty and two minority representatives. “I had to invent ways to make the faculty more diverse,” he says today. “Fortunately, there’s plenty of ‘draw’ here—plenty of ways to lure first-rate faculty in.” Together with labor-law authority John Murphy—who had agreed to chair the faculty appointments committee—Christenson began looking for appropriate candidates to “lure” to Cincinnati.

On almost every front, in fact, Christenson actively stirred the pot. He created a research grant fund to support scholarly research, and let his professors know that superior scholarship was essential to professional advancement. (Almost overnight, at least in academic
terms, the number of articles by College of Law professors appearing in prominent legal journals began increasing.) When Chief Judge Carl Rubin of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio proposed a Judge-in-Residence program, Christenson embraced it happily, and—beginning in 1982—Rubin conducted a federal civil jury trial in the school’s Trial Courtroom, under the scrutiny of students in the gallery. Meanwhile, Christenson also made a successful overture to the Cincinnati bar to bring the law school’s students into closer contact with practitioners in the city. (“We have an excellent local bar,” Christenson says today, “which has a very positive influence on the place.”) In response to Christenson’s request, Judge Nathaniel Jones of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to offer a seminar in Civil Rights Litigation.

Of course, Christenson was not alone in recasting the College of Law. His vision—combined with his ability to turn up the necessary funds—enabled many of his colleagues to strike out in new directions. In 1984, for example, Professor Glen Weissenberger set up the Center for Studies in Professional Skills to help integrate lawyering skills throughout the curriculum. In addition to chairing the faculty appointments committee, John Murphy led a faculty committee that took on the difficult task of rewriting the school’s tenure, promotion, and retention standards. (A then-recent hire and future dean, Joseph Tomain, later called this undertaking “absolutely central to what has subsequently happened to the College.”) A reinvigorated library staff, blessed with an adequate acquisition budget and plenty of shelf space, effectively doubled the collection (from 100,000 volumes in 1978 to 200,000 in 1985).

Christenson and the College also had the great good fortune of a resolutely supportive president. Henry Winkler told his dean that he could retain any money he raised, rather than having funds revert to the larger University coffers. This provided Christenson with critical running room that his predecessors had lacked. And Winkler went further still: in 1982, he allocated $1 million from the University’s Lapp bequest to the completion of the reconstructed Taft Hall.

And, it must be said, Christenson had the blessing of great timing. In 1980, in the depths of a severe national recession, the placement rate for College of Law graduates (by October after graduation) was only 66 percent. Four years later, with both Christenson’s innovations and a rebounding national economy kicking in, that rate had increased to a robust 96 percent.

Gradually, through the combined effect of strong leadership at the University and College levels, initiative by individual professors and staff members, and ample doses of good luck, the institution that Christenson had first outlined in the months before his arrival came into focus. As a result, the College of Law began engaging more fully with the world as it was: complex, unruly, and full of opportunity.

And by pursuing some of those opportunities, including but not limited to the Urban Morgan Institute, Christenson and his colleagues helped the College return to one of its oldest traditions: that of opening frontiers.

Moving on

Within a few short years, the essential work of elevating the College of Law and restoring its momentum was well underway, and Gordon Christenson was getting strong reviews. As Samuel Wilson—chair of a committee gathered to assess the progress of the law school at the end of 1982, and himself no stranger to struggle—observed, Christenson was “very important to the future of the College.” The Cincinnati Bar, Law Alumni Association, faculty, and student representatives alike were all “very impressed with Dean Christenson personally and in the way he has administered the College of Law over the past three and a half years.”

And perhaps picking up on some hint of restlessness or war-weariness in his successor, Wilson noted in a letter to the University’s new president, Joseph Steger, “Dean Christenson has provided us with excellent leadership. It would be most unfortunate if he were not to continue.”

John McCall, the former university provost who had moved on to become the president of Knox College, sounded a wistful, even eulogistic note as he looked
back on his dealings with Christenson: “He was not simply a fighter: fighters wear thin with good presidents and provosts and are ultimately boring; but Gordon was a strategist: always planning and plotting, always succeeding—even in retreat.”

In fact, as early as the spring of 1984, Gordon Christenson began thinking that it was time to look for his next challenge. Agents of change don’t sit still for very long, and Christenson—who felt he had accomplished most of his goals—was growing impatient with the intense, often emotional process of moving a group of talented, stubborn, opinionated people in a new direction. In August 1984, after a meandering drive across the American West with his wife, his restlessness gave way to resolution, and he gave notice to President Steger that he would step down the following year, after six and a half years in the deanship.

Looking backward, looking forward

A few years after Christenson retired from the deanship in 1985, he began pondering what it was that had given the College of Law such resilience—not just in his tenure, but before and since. An institution that might easily have slipped into somnolence, or even oblivion, had continued to thrive for the better part of two centuries. Why, exactly, was that so?

Christenson, a keen observer of human nature and human organizations, wondered if he (and other school leaders before and after him) had somehow tapped into some sort of wellspring of determination—some deep vein of indominability—that had been a feature of the school from its earliest days. Was there something about this place, Cincinnati, on the banks of a normally slow-moving but always powerful river, that lent strength? Was there something about the local bar, sometimes skeptical and yet always supportive, that provided a special resiliency to the place? Was there something about frontiers—both physical and intellectual—that affected the calculation, and which he needed to understand better?

Christenson soon decided that he needed not to look at the College of today, which he knew well, but rather, at the College of long ago. It had been almost two centuries since a young graduate of the Harvard Law School, Timothy Walker, ventured southwest—first by mail stage, then by the steamboat Emigrant—down the Ohio to the North’s southernmost city.

So who was this Timothy Walker, and why was he drawn to frontiers? (to be continued)
A familiar figure not seen on campus in more than 75 years returned for the anniversary kick-off! President William Howard Taft was joined by UC President Nancy Zimpher and Dean Lou Bilionis for an afternoon of celebration.

1. UC President Nancy Zimpher speaks.
2. President Taft and Dean Bilionis meet Mr. Bearcat.
3. Professor Ronna Schneider and 1L Laurel Wei enjoy the day.
4. Professors and students listen up.
5. 1L’s Ryan Mabrey and David Sturkey have a great time.
6. SLEC President Sarah Sparks and President Taft enjoy a cupcake!
All Class Reunion Dinner

The food was great, but the fellowship was even better. Here are scenes from the first all alumni anniversary dinner, held September 30, 2007. More photos are available at www.law.uc.edu/175.

1. The Honorable Marianna Bettman ’77  
2. Brie Rogers and Bridget Hoffman  
3. Commissioner Todd Portune ’83, Judge Bettman ’77, Arthur Miller and Judge Beth Myers ’82  
4. Irving Harris ’51, Selma Harris and Judge Susan Dlott  
5. Dean Mina Jefferson ’90 and Keith Syler ’01  
6. Professor Emeritus John Murphy and Judge Alice McCollum ’72  
7. Commissioner Todd Portune ’83
Editor’s Note: Third-year student Lara Pierce and second-year student Sarah Ganslein expected to spend last summer working at public interest organizations in Washington, D.C. and Chicago, Illinois. In addition to their summer internships, they also volunteered to participate in the law school’s 175th Anniversary Memory Project, created to gather oral histories of alumni to enrich the school’s history and show the “personal” side of the law school experience. The Memory Project Committee selected students to interview alumni, dating back to graduates of the 1940s up to today. The following is the experience of Pierce and Ganslein. Neither imagined their participation in the project would be among the highlights of their summer experiences.

We were fascinated by the idea of creating an oral history but also quickly realized we might be benefiting from the interviews more than the project would. Our role in the project was essentially to listen, merely prompting the alumna or alumnum to share her or his story. It was a privilege to hear the memories retrieved firsthand, to get a glimpse of history from multifarious perspectives.

We encountered several common experiences. The building itself was a recurring theme — generally its…ahem…compact stature. They also spoke of memorable and engaging professors, including Gordon Christensen, John Murphy, and Joe Tomain. The alumni spoke fondly of some of the things we all love about the College of Law — the small class size, the collegiality, and the high quality education. They also made poignant observations about being veterans, women, or minorities as students and as lawyers.

There were also some “not-so-common” experiences. Students were impacted by world events like World War II and the Vietnam War, particularly those who enlisted in the military or who were drafted; some students, however, enrolled in law school hoping to avoid the draft. We learned that tuition in 1943 was significantly less than today, costing approximately $125 per semester! Alumni went to great lengths to get a legal education. One alumnus, William S. Richardson, traveled to Cincinnati from Hawaii, a journey that took him several weeks via steamship and train!

A universal truth we learned from the alumni is that UC Law students are marked with a strong work ethic and the fortitude and determination to succeed. While approaches to the means and ends of “success” varied, all exhibited tremendous dedication and focus.

The interviews gave us great insight into the many career opportunities that exist for law school graduates. The alumni we interviewed included politicians, in-house counsel, judges, litigators, military advisors, and policymakers. Many have also made great contributions to their communities doing pro bono work and volunteering with local organizations.

Alumni shared lessons they have learned over the years and passed along important words of wisdom: be loyal to yourself, your family, and your clients; don’t be afraid to make mistakes; do what you love; work hard; don’t let one disappointment set you back; be honest. We even learned it is okay to venture off the typical career path to pursue something else entirely, like being a contestant on the CBS hit reality show Survivor!

This project showed us that UC has truly wonderful alumni. They have invited us into their homes, assisted us with job searches, and offered to be mentors in the future. They have encouraged us to imagine the future as one of possibility and have taught us that success is ours to define. We are looking forward to the day when we can count ourselves among them as proud UC College of Law alumni.

To read the memories of UC Law alums, visit the anniversary website at www.law.uc.edu/175.
Calendar of Events

2008

January 16-20
National Black Law Student Association Regional Conference
Location: Westin Hotel | Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Future lawyers and legal peers will come together for this five-day event designed to help students as they complete law school and embark on their careers. Through the Douglass Moot Court and Marshall Trial Advocacy competitions, panel discussions, and community service activities, attendees will get an “insider’s view” of the law field.

January 17
“Equal Respect for Conscience: Roger Williams on the Moral Basis of Civil Peace,”
Robert S. Marx Lecture by Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago
Location: Rm 114, College of Law | Time: 2:00 p.m.
Professor Martha Nussbaum, Distinguished Service Professor of Law & Ethics, is the founder and coordinator for the Center for Comparative Constitutionalism. She has taught at Harvard, Brown, and Oxford Universities, worked as a research advisor at the World Institute for Development Economics Research, and received numerous educational awards.

January 25
175th Anniversary Gala Celebration, featuring author John Grisham
Location: Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 West Fifth St., Cincinnati, OH | Time: 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Celebrate 175 years of accomplishment as the law school honors its rich history, reflects on its present, and looks forward to its future. Join your colleagues, classmates, and friends for this very special celebration.

February 29
“Some Sort of Chronicler Am I: Narration and the Poetry of Lawrence Joseph”
Law and Literature Symposium
Location: College of Law | Time: TBD
Professor Lawrence Joseph, St. John’s University School of Law, will lead this inaugural event. An internationally acclaimed poet and attorney, he was named “the most important lawyer-poet of our era.” His work has received wide spread attention and praise. From Lawyerland, currently being adapted into a film, to books on labor, employment, tort and compensation law, Professor Joseph brings a unique perspective to his work.

March 14
“Dysfunctional Boards: Causes and Cures”
Corporate Law Symposium
Location: Rm. 114, College of Law | Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
This symposium will explore the causes of dysfunctional boards and attempt to formulate some possible cures. Featured speakers include Miriam Baer (NYU), Jayne W. Barnard (William & Mary), Lissa Lamkin Broome (UNC), Lawrence A. Cunningham (George Washington), Tamar Frankel (Boston), Franklin A. Gevurtz (Univ. of Pacific), Peter Henning (Wayne State), Kimberly Krawiec (UNC).

March 31-April 2
Judge-in-Residence, featuring Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, Wisconsin Supreme Court
Location: College of Law | Time: Times vary during day.
The Honorable Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, appointed to the Supreme Court in 1976, serves as the administrative leader of the Wisconsin court system. Before joining the Court, she served in private practice in Wisconsin for many years and was a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

April 18, 2008
Annual Alumni Luncheon
Location: TBD | Time: noon
The College of Law Alumni Association will host its annual Spring Alumni Luncheon honoring distinguished College of Law alumni for their service to the community and the legal profession.

To get the latest details on these and other upcoming events, visit www.law.uc.edu.
This law school has adapted itself through stages during the past century from a pioneer setting to its present setting in the midst of a populous nation teeming with industry and commerce…” wrote Dean M.L. Ferson, March 1933, Cincinnati Alumnus Magazine. Over the course of 175 years many landmark events have occurred at the College of Law. In honor of the Anniversary, UC Law has installed a timeline, highlighting milestones in our history. Unveiled September 28, 2007 at the Alumni Weekend celebration, it is located in the Atrium Hallway. Be sure to stop by and take a peek back in time.

**1833**
Cincinnati Law School was founded by attorneys Timothy Walker and Edward King, along with Judge John C. Wright, opening with only 17 students above the offices of King & Walker on Third Street near Main.

The first law school west of the Allegheny Mountains, Cincinnati Law is today the fourth oldest, continuously-operating law school in the United States. Harvard (1817), Yale (1824), and Virginia (1825) are older.

**1835**
Cincinnati Law School, now located on Walnut Street near Fifth, affilates with Cincinnati College, becoming a degree granting institution.

**1836**
Alphonso Taft joins the Cincinnati Law School faculty, later playing an instrumental role in founding the University.

**1837**
Dean Timothy Walker publishes Introduction to American Law, one of the first major publications by law professors. The book gained a reputation as the “American Blackstone,” as 11 editions were published over 68 years.

**1838**
Judson Harmon, future Attorney General of the United States & two-time Governor of Ohio, graduates.

**1839**
Champ Clark, future Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, graduates.

**1840**

**1845**
The Cincinnati Law School building burns down, and another was constructed on the same site.

**1846**
The University of Cincinnati establishes a separate Law Department, installing William Howard Taft as its first head.

**1858**
Nicholas Longsworth III, grandson of founder Timothy Walker, graduates. He later becomes Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**1866**
William Howard Taft graduates. He went on to become Dean of the law school, Governor of the Philippines, President of the United States, and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

**1869**
The Cincinnati Law School building was destroyed by fire again and rebuilt on the same site.

**1870**

**1874**
William Hartwell Parham, the school’s first African-American male, graduates. Parham was principal of Cincinnati’s black schools from 1866-1890. He later served in the Ohio House of Representatives.

**1875**
Champ Clark, future Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, graduates.

**1876**
Florence A. O’Leary graduates from the law school, the first woman to do so.

**1880**
William Howard Taft graduates. He went on to become Dean of the law school, Governor of the Philippines, President of the United States, and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

**1881**
Willis Van DeVanter, future Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, graduates.

**1885**
Charles G. Dawes, future Vice-President of the United States under Calvin Coolidge and future Nobel Peace Prize winner (1925), graduates.

**1886**
The University of Cincinnati enters into a contract for the joint operation of the Cincinnati Law School and the University’s Law Department.

**1891**
Judson Harmon, future Attorney General of the United States & two-time Governor of Ohio, graduates.

**1894**
Nicholas Longsworth III, grandson of founder Timothy Walker, graduates. He later becomes Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**1895**
The Cincinnati Law School building was destroyed by fire again and rebuilt on the same site.

**1897**
Cincinnati College and the University of Cincinnati enter into a contract for the joint operation of the Cincinnati Law School and the University’s Law Department.

**1903**
The new home of the law school, 21 W. Ninth St., is dedicated.

**1908**
The University of Cincinnati enters into a contract for the joint operation of the Cincinnati Law School and the University’s Law Department.
1933 The 100th Anniversary of law school is celebrated with 175 students, including 7 women.

1958 The 125th Anniversary of law school is celebrated as Chief Justice Earl Warren receives an honorary degree.

1965 The Robert S. Marx Law Library Wing is dedicated by Chief Justice Earl Warren. The next year the Marx Lecture series begins.

1979 The Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights is established—the first institute at an American law school devoted to the study and development of international human rights law.

1983 The 150th Anniversary of the law school is celebrated. Justice Sandra Day O’Connor visits and dedicates the new building.

1995 The College of Law and the Center for Women’s Studies establish the JD/MA joint degree program in law and women’s studies, the first in the nation.

1998 The Glenn M. Weaver Institute for Law and Psychiatry and The Center for Practice in Negotiation and Problem Solving are established.

2001 The Lois & Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project is founded after Cincinnati’s civil unrest following the death of Timothy Thomas.

2005 The Domestic Relations and Civil Protection Order opens, offering students an opportunity to represent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The law school partners with Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati to provide these services.

2008 The law school celebrates its 175th Anniversary.
These are just a few of the cases handled by students in the College of Law’s Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic. Opened in August 2005 as the Domestic Relations / Domestic Violence Clinic, the program was the result of a partnership between the law school and Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati. This effort was spearheaded by Professors Verna Williams and Kristin Kalsem. Today, led by Professor Margaret Drew, the clinic is in its third year and provides students with “real world” court room experience that few usually receive during law school.

In the clinic, third year students, who are licensed as legal interns, provide a full range of services to survivors of inter-personal violence. They represent clients seeking civil protection orders resulting from their having experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. Through training and practice, clinic students learn the skills necessary for competent representation of victims of violence. And, students handle these cases from the initial interview through the final hearing.

Professor Margaret Drew, the clinic’s director, came to the law school from Massachusetts after 25 years in private practice. As special advisor to the American Bar Association’s Commission on Domestic Violence and former chair of the Commission, Professor Drew brings an unparalleled level of sophistication to the teaching and practice of domestic violence law. “I believe that the clinic attracts some of the best of UC Law’s students,” Drew said. “They are bright, eager, and hard working. The clinical time commitment is significant, involving a minimum 16 hours per week. Students commit to working at the clinic, which is located at Legal Aid, for 12 hours per week. In addition, students attend a two and one-half hour weekly class, plus undergo one hour
of weekly supervision. Often students work additional hours to prepare for an upcoming hearing. It is a major investment.”

Before students begin work at the clinic, they must undergo an intensive 40 hour training. This goes well beyond traditional teaching of substantive law and trial preparation. “If students do not understand the dynamics of domestic violence they will be unprepared to represent our clients.” Drew said. “When working with clients who have been traumatized, we must learn to suspend our judgment. Victims of violence come to us from an environment where they are blamed for every decision they make. The abuser blames them for ‘causing’ the violence. Family and friends criticize victims for ‘taking it.’ Untrained police or judicial officers might unwittingly impede the survivor’s leaving by misinterpreting behavior that results from trauma. Clinic students are far better trained on domestic violence than most family law attorneys and might understand the client’s decision to stay with the abuser and the high risk of serious harm that attends her decision to leave.”

Carrie Hagan-Gray, Legal Aid’s supervising attorney assigned to the clinic and a UC Law graduate, commented, “Myths and stereotypes abound in domestic violence cases. Bringing students a new awareness and understanding of the control tactics used by a perpetrator, as well as understanding a client’s response to violence, is critical to their competent representation of victims of violence.”

The intensive training is more rigorous than that required by most law school domestic violence clinics. Drew credits the students’ effective client relations and representation to the intensive training. And, she says, “The results have been amazing.” Nationally, judicial officers do not return to court for their full hearing after obtaining an emergency order of protection. The Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic has an 8% rate of clients failing to appear for the full hearing. Hagan-Gray concurs, “While clients may dismiss their petitions, very few clients do so without appearing in court with the legal intern to advise the court of her decision to dismiss. Because of the students’ understanding of her situation and their empowering counseling, clients do not feel judged.”

“Students are trained to support the client in her decisions,” Drew said. “Most victims attempt to leave an abuser many times before she is successful in doing so. We want the client to know that we understand the risk of leaving and should the client need our help in the future, she is welcome to return to the clinic.”

Clients come from an ethnically and racially diverse population, as well as a wide variety of economic backgrounds. While the clinic can represent clients regardless of income, most clients have incomes 200% below the poverty level. Since financial control is a common tactic employed by perpetrators, even seemingly wealthier clients have little access to financial resources and can be in need of the clinic’s free services.

Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati provides an excellent learning environment for the students. Legal Aid’s participation, initially funded under a Violence Against Women Act grant, has been invaluable, stated Drew. Since its inception, two attorneys from Legal Aid have participated in the clinic: Melissa McKenna, the Legal Aid supervising attorney during the first year of the clinic, and Carrie Hagan-Gray, the current supervising attorney. Both are, interestingly, UC Law graduates.

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Students are able to assist clients in resolving other legal matters, such as employment, immigration, and housing, through referrals to Legal Aid attorneys. “The ability to offer other services to clients not only permits a high level of representation, but it provides a great deal of comfort to the student who can facilitate resolution of non-clinic matters that might be critical to the client’s ability to remain out of the abusive situation,” said Drew.

Though a very rewarding experience, there is an emotional toll domestic violence work can have on those who work in this area or at the clinic. Students can easily be overwhelmed by the secondary trauma that can result from hearing the details of horrific abuse. For that reason, each class ends with a self-care demonstration during the last 15 minutes of class. “Self-care was emphasized when I had the privilege of working with the Domestic Violence Institute at Northeastern University School of Law and I learned the importance for students,” said Drew. “Students must find ways to shake off the emotional stress that can accompany this work. The idea is to learn to engage in an activity that takes the mind away from the heaviness and the trauma that we hear about everyday.” Among the various self-care activities, students have taught rug hooking, played games such as “Name that Tune” and “Go Fish”. A favorite was “Tattoo Night.”

Drew is pleased that many students are committed to continuing work in the field following graduation on either a full time or pro-bono basis. In addition, they often return to help train the new class of recruits. This semester, 2007 graduate Scott Van Schoyck, returned to assist at the clinic. Kenneth Love, ’06, a member of the first clinic class said, “Learning the theory and debating the law is fine. However, nothing beats going to the office, day after day, and making a difference—for the better—in someone’s life. I never enjoyed my time more in law school than when I helped a survivor of domestic violence obtain a Civil Protection Order. I have even begun a career with Legal Aid of North Carolina as a result of my clinic experience.”

Drew says that many of her former students keep in touch with her and their clinic classmates. “They are committed individuals who often bond with each other through the pressures of dealing with high stakes cases.” Drew is proud that not only do her students learn clinical practice, but they go on to become highly skilled and committed lawyers. “I could not ask for a better teaching experience.”

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–Professor Margaret Drew
Three faculty members have joined the College of Law this fall, enhancing the offerings of the law school’s already strong faculty.

**Assistant Professor Lynn Bai** has joined the faculty, working in the Center for Corporate Law. Her background includes a strong academic foundation as well as extensive work experience in the field of corporate and securities law. Professor Bai received her B.A. from Beijing University, an L.L.M. from the Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University, a J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Ph.D. in Finance from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. She has worked in both the legal and financial arenas. After practicing law with O’Melveny & Myers (New York City), she joined Oppenheimer & Co., an international corporate finance corporation, as an investment banker. She then served as the director for international financial organization Transpacific Financial Corporation. She later became a financial market regulator/senior manager for the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission.

Professor Bai has written numerous articles on the regulation of investments and the sale of stocks for publication in financial law journals. Her research paper, *The Uptick Rule of Short Sale Regulation — Can It Alleviate Downward Pressures from Negative Earnings Shocks?*, was cited by the SEC as evidence supporting its decision this summer to abandon the long-standing uptick rule. She looks forward to the upcoming publication of an article on securities class action settlements in the Vanderbilt Law School’s *Law Review*. This year, Professor Bai is teaching corporate finance and property.

**Assistant Professor Darrell Miller** has also joined the faculty, bringing a rich academic background. After completing his undergraduate work at Anderson University, he was a British Marshall scholar at Oxford University, where he earned a second bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree, both in English & Modern History. He then earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School, while serving as Notes Editor of the Law Review.

After graduating from HLS, he clerked with Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He then practiced for five years with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Columbus, OH. During the 2005/2006 academic year, Professor Miller worked as an adjunct professor at the Ohio State University’s Moritz College of Law. In addition to teaching, he has written several articles for publication. His most recent publication is *The Stain of Slavery: Notes Toward an Attainder Theory of the Thirteenth Amendment*, published in the University of Toledo Law Review. Professor Miller will be teaching civil procedure.

**Assistant Professor Sandra Sperino** has joined the College of Law faculty as a visiting professor. A prolific scholar, she has published seven law review articles since graduating from law school in 1999. She taught as a visiting professor at Saint Louis University Law School last year and has spent a year teaching as a participant in the Lawless Fellowship Program at the University of Illinois College of Law.

Professor Sperino received her B.A. from Texas Tech University, an M.A. in journalism, and J.D. from the University of Illinois. While at U of I, Sperino was elected editor-in-chief of the Law Review. She was also elected to the Order of the Coif. After graduating, Professor Sperino clerked for Judge Donald Stohr, U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Missouri. This was followed with a position as an attorney with Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. (St. Louis, MO), where she practiced in the labor and employment as well as the litigation departments. That work experience included participation in the Supreme Court case of *United States v. Dr. Sell*, which involved the medication of pre-trial detainees for the purpose of making them competent to stand trial. This year, Professor Sperino is teaching employment discrimination, remedies, and property.
The Professional: Integration: The New Work/Life Balance

By Mina Jones Jefferson, Assistant Dean and Director of the Center for Professional Development

Law Students Building a Better Legal Profession, Heller Ehrman’s “Opt-In Project,” Joan Williams’ Project for Attorney Retention—what do these things have in common? The never-ending quest for balance. Law Students Building a Better Profession is an official student organization at Stanford Law School and the brainchild of two of its students, Craig Segall and Andrew Canter. According to its overview:

[as law students, we are deeply concerned about the future of the legal profession. We see increasing billable hour requirements, decreasing professionalism, and a more dominant focus on the bottom line. We are committed to educating and encouraging our classmates to join us in conducting well-informed job searches that reward firms who embrace balanced expectations and flexibility and avoid firms that only contribute to the growing problems confronting our profession. www.law.stanford.edu/experience/studentlife/organizations/lsbblp.

Its materials also state that increasing billable hours make “it harder to do pro bono. Harder to live your own life outside of the office. And harder to have a family. Firms lose some of their best young lawyers—female and male associates—when they fail to accommodate their employees’ need to balance work and family.”

reformation.wordpress.com/principles-for-a-renewed-legal-profession.

By now you might be thinking...but the group takes responsibility for the state of affairs as they see it by stating “[w]e recognize that law students have become part of the problem by focusing on paychecks and bonuses, while avoiding the tough questions about the conditions of working lives and associate satisfaction.” Id.

The group proposes that law firms “reconsider the link between billable hours and partnership” including “balanced hours policies that work” because “high quality lawyers follow different paths in life. Partners and prospective partners want and need to devote time to family and community. Firms should reward these choices by adopting balanced hours policies that, without stigma, allow associates to work 80%, 70% or 60% of fulltime hours for proportional pay. The time-to-partnership should be extended for those on balanced hours policies, ensuring success based on work product, not life choices.” Id.

So maybe it is true that the only thing that is new is the history you don’t know. Or maybe everything old is new again. Balance—an issue I pondered as a student, the question that students continue to ask and, if you are honest, an issue that has been on your radar at least once in the last 30 days. Balance. One simple word, endless permutations. Balance implies equilibrium and that, my friend, is a losing proposition. An attorney who has three school-age kids and practices law is still an attorney with three school-age kids who practices law regardless of whether he is sitting in his kitchen doing homework with his second grader or sitting in his office analyzing a merger agreement; yet the notion of work-life balance makes it seem he is one or the other dependent on time and place. Perhaps this paradigm is the source. Balance pits one thing against another—an impossible balance.

Main Entry: in-te-grate

Pronunciation: ‘in-t&-”grAt
Function: verb
Inflected Form(s): -grat-ed; -grat-ing
Etymology: Latin integratus, past participle of integrare, from integ-, integer transitive verb
1: to form, coordinate, or blend into a functioning or unified whole: UNITE
2: to find the integral of (as a function or equation)
3 a: to unite with something else b: to incorporate into a larger unit
4 a: to end the segregation of and bring into equal membership in society or an organization: DESEGREGATE <integrate school districts>
intransitive verb: to become integrated
another… 45% one day, 55% another for a 50/50 average for the month.

Now comes technology. Now more than ever we can work wherever, whenever. From Aunt Jane’s front porch in the low country, the lake house you rented for a break from it all, to that last minute CLE presentation that you had to attend, your Blackberry transforms any space into work space. The advent of technology and the reality of the global market have basically erased the artificial boundaries we contrived in the name of balance. So instead of desperately seeking balance, let’s integrate. Say good-bye balance, and hello work/life integration.

According to Webster’s “integration” means “to form, coordinate, or blend into a functioning or unified whole” or “to incorporate into a larger unit.” That sounds better already and almost attainable. Integration recognizes that we are the sum total of various parts—sister, brother, father, mother, daughter, son, spouse, partner, friend, homeroom parent, lawyer, troop leader, board member, little league coach, entrepreneur, teacher, manager, grandparent, grandchild, citizen, role model, executive, activist, leader. But I have to wonder, is there more to it than just a name. No matter what we call it, how holistic the approach, it is all for naught if we still do not get to the root of the problem. The issue really isn’t what we call the tension between our work life and everything else. Rather the tension springs from tying rewards—retention, promotion, and additional responsibility—to activities and actions that are hostile to our other roles. When you look at it this way, maybe those students—bright-eyed as they might be—are on to something!

Law School Launches New Website …times two!

As part of the comprehensive marketing communications plan, the law school launched its new website August 10, 2007. The redesigned site can be found at www.law.uc.edu. It is the best place to find current information about the College of Law, including upcoming symposia, conferences, and school events. A unique feature of the site is the “Featured Institute” which provides an opportunity to highlight an institute or center, as well as a student who is involved with that program.

Authored by Dean Mina Jones Jefferson, “The Professional” highlights common issues and challenges with solutions designed just for you.

If you have a question or column suggestion, please email the Editor at counselor@law.uc.edu.

Along with the launch of the new law school website, the College of Law has launched a new site specifically for the 175th Anniversary celebration. This new site can be found at www.law.uc.edu/175. It includes the most up-to-date information about upcoming anniversary events, photos of previous events, class memories, and more. If you’d like to add your memory or event photos to the anniversary site, just email us at counselor@uc.edu.
The College of Law has welcomed an outstanding first year class this fall. The students hail from 53 undergraduate colleges, including large contingents from Miami (Ohio) University, the Ohio State, the University of Dayton, and 14 individuals from the University of Cincinnati. The rest attended schools such as University of California, Los Angeles, Dartmouth College, the University of Notre Dame, and Vanderbilt University. The 1L class also includes a student from Beijing University, as well as a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Approximately half of the students are from Ohio; the rest come from 18 different states, the Virgin Islands, Canada, and China!

The 120 students who make up the Class of 2010 were chosen from an applicant pool of 1300. This represents an almost 10% increase in applications, even though applicants were down nationally by over four percent.

“This year’s entering class is one of the most academically strong and diverse groups in recent years,” said Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Al Watson. They boast an average GPA of 3.63. And, the top quarter of the class bring GPAs of almost 3.9. Moreover, the median Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score for the first-years is 161, the highest the law school has seen since the mid 1990s.

The Class of 2010 is also diverse. Minorities comprise a fifth of the class. Students range in age from 20 to 43; however, about a fifth are age 27 or older. In addition to being highly educated and diverse, they bring unique backgrounds to the law school. One student worked as a Peace Corp volunteer. Another spent the summer in Rwanda working with a human rights program. The class includes political campaigners and government interns. Four of the students played football at Ivy League schools. Yet another has a “side job” as an Emergency Room doctor at University of Cincinnati Medical Center’s University Hospital.

“We’re excited and pleased that this highly talented group of students has chosen to join us here at the College of Law,” said UC College of Law Dean Louis D. Bilionis. “They are truly leaders of their generation, people who already have made their mark and are sure to do so for years to come in law, government, business, and life.”

Law School Welcomes Class of 2010
By: Drew Marksity, 3L
Considered one of the costliest and deadliest storms in history, 2005’s Hurricane Katrina impacted the lives and livelihoods of thousands of residents along the north-central Gulf Coast of the United States. Though the storm was two years ago, its effects are still being felt today. That’s why, following exams, eight students from the College of Law traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana as part of the Student Hurricane Network to offer pro bono assistance with the city’s rebuilding efforts. The students, including three recent graduates, spent the week with Common Ground—an organization that provides short term relief for victims of hurricane disasters in the gulf coast region, and long term support in rebuilding the communities affected in the New Orleans area. In addition, the organization operates a Legal Aid Clinic and performs community outreach on important legal topics for current and displaced residents.

Working with Common Ground, UC law students spent their week documenting deteriorating housing conditions, offering educational outreach on landlord/tenant rights in various neighborhoods, collecting data and information regarding prisoner rights, as well as providing legal research and drafting on a variety of topics.

UC Law Students Still Giving; Offer Pro Bono Assistance to Hurricane Victims

In Memoriam

The following UC Law grads have passed away since our last report. Though gone, they won’t be forgotten.

Class of 1929
George Greenert

Class of 1932
Joseph S. Parkin

Class of 1935
Arthur W. Phelps

Class of 1936
Richard C. Uible

Class of 1937
Milton J. Schloss, Sr.
Charles F. Schwalm

Class of 1939
Kling S. Anderson
J. Vincent Aug

Class of 1941
Shipley A. Bayless
George W. Lamproplos

Class of 1948
Brooks T. Carson, Jr.
Donald D. Clancy
Joseph G. Kear
James W. Mumaw
William T. Sheffield

Class of 1949
James B. Selonick

Class of 1950
Victor Carrelli
Andrew P. DeNuzze
Robert N. Piper, Jr.
Charles P. Rose

Class of 1954
Donald C. Bolsinger

Class of 1955
Clarence W. Keller

Class of 1957
Hon. Joseph L. Rich

Class of 1963
Hon. John B. Connaughton, Jr.
Edward C. Verst

Class of 1964
David J. Boyd

Class of 1969
John F. Peyton, Jr.

Class of 1972
Catherine S. Gough

Class of 1975
Thomas L. Tarvin
Richard H. Stein

Class of 1978
George E. Hibbs

Class of 1980
Peter S. Edgar

Class of 1992
Kipley M. Eastep
Judge in Residence is an Inspiration to All
By: Gregory Q. Carter, 2L

Each year, the University of Cincinnati College of Law seizes the opportunity to take a step back from its rigorous academic schedule to welcome a distinguished guest speaker through the Judge-in-Residence Program. The program was created in 1983 by Judge Carl B. Rubin, a member of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. It was initially founded as a memorial to the brilliant trial lawyer, Smith Tyler. Now, in addition to honoring the memory of Tyler, the program has grown to serve as a springboard for the student body to interact and learn from lawyers and judges in action. Every spring, the program brings in a renowned guest to speak about the price of success, the value of hard work, and the importance of a solid education.

Last year, the law school welcomed the Honorable Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr. from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Court as the Judge-in-Residence.

Judge Cole hails from a storied past. A graduate of Tufts University and Yale Law School, he spent two years as trial lawyer for the Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. In addition, Judge Cole was a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease, where he practiced law for 12 years and specialized in bankruptcy law and commercial litigation. He left that position to work on the federal bench as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. He spent seven years serving justice in the federal bankruptcy court until former President Bill Clinton appointed him to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Cole’s impact on the law school this spring was evident as he spoke with students about his rise from the prejudice of the Deep South during the civil rights era, to his current position on the federal bench. Students walked away from the discussions with him feeling inspired and motivated, particularly after hearing Judge Cole’s story of success. “He was enthusiastic about sharing his journey to judgeship and experiences with the college...” said Jasmine Robinson, 2L. “Even more so, [he] showed an interest in providing students with insight into clerking and the benefits of seeing how the courtroom operates. Over the course of Judge Cole’s visit I had the opportunity to hear him speak many times and each time he had something new and exciting to share.”

Echoed Brandon Craig, 2L, “It was an honor to get the opportunity to interact with someone who has been a part of so many historic events and circumstances [as Judge Cole]. His accomplishments are humbling, yet he treated everyone like they were his equal.”

It is important for students, especially first year students, to hear from highly respected, successful members of the legal community. Their insight is an irreplaceable part of legal education, but often a facet overlooked. The value of Judge
Cole’s visit is that it pulled students away from their traditional learning cycle and provided them with an inspirational message that no doubt fueled them to achieve great things.

Next year’s Judge-in-Residence will be Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson, lead justice for the Wisconsin Supreme Court, March 31-April 2, 2008. Shirley S. Abrahamson was appointed as a Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1976. She was the first and only woman to serve on the court until 1993. She was elected to a 10-year term in 1979, re-elected in 1989, and became Chief Justice on August 1, 1996. In 1999 she was re-elected to another 10-year term.

Chief Justice Abrahamson earned an A.B. magna cum laude from New York University in 1953, a J.D. with high distinction from Indiana University Law School in 1956, and an S.J.D. in American legal history from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1962. Before her appointment to the court, she practiced law in Madison for 14 years, was a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and lectured at Marquette University Law School.

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Alumni Association Pays Tribute to a Judge, a Marine Commander and a Professor

Spirit of the Law Celebrates Public Interest!

By Sean Rhiney, Public Service Coordinator and Counselor

UC Law alums, students and supporters gathered in the Atrium of the College of Law March 29, 2007 to raise a glass and funds for future public interest lawyers. The second annual “Spirit of the Law” featured a tasting of four California and French wines led by alumnus Harry Santen (’57), and a silent auction of over 25 donated works of art by professional and student artists. Proceeds from the evening augmented endowed funds established in 1997 by the Honorable Robert and Helen Black, the Honorable S. Arthur and Louise Spiegel, and Tom and Amanda White. Very special thanks to our sponsors: Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP, Frost Brown Todd LLC, and Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL.

Mark your calendars; next year’s ‘Spirit’ is March 20, 2008!

Law School Professor Selected for Inaugural Class for Academy of Fellows for Teaching & Learning

Professor Christo Lassiter, Professor of Law at the College of Law, has been selected for the inaugural class of the university’s Academy of Fellows for Teaching and Learning (AFTL). This new initiative was born out of UC/21 strategic plan objectives to ensure students “have great and effective teachers.” The AFTL will play a key leadership role toward improving the quality and depth of the learning experience for all university students, both undergraduate and graduate.

Lassiter, along with 21 academic colleagues, was selected as a faculty member who has modeled excellence in teaching, whether through scholarly teaching or the scholarship of teaching and learning. The inaugural class includes educators from the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Medicine, College of Education, College of Nursing, the College of Business, College of Pharmacy, and the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services.

Professor Lassiter, a faculty member since 1991, has a distinguished history working in the legal department for the military. In addition to serving as a Judge Advocate for the United States Marine Corp, he also served as head of the legal assistance program for the marines to provide legal assistance for 3,000 clients. At the law school his areas of interest include antitrust law, criminal law, and white collar crime.
The College of Law Alumni Association hosted its annual Spring Luncheon April 20, 2007, awarding the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award to three individuals: Judge Ann Marie Tracey, John P. Williams, and Professor Stanley E. Harper, Jr. (posthumously).

**Judge Ann Marie Tracey, ’75,** has distinguished herself through an impressive career in public service and higher and legal education, and for her efforts in the advancement of diversity issues. The first woman on the Hamilton County Ohio Court of Common Pleas General Division bench, Judge Tracey served there for over 14 years. Prior to her judicial career, she served for 10 years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio. She was the lead prosecutor on cases involving the collapse of Ohio’s Savings and Loans in the 1980s. She also served as an Assistant City Solicitor and as an Assistant City Prosecutor.

In addition to her judicial career, she has actively promoted the judicial system and legal education. Her enjoyment of teaching led her to join Xavier University (Cincinnati, OH) in 2003 as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio. She was the lead prosecutor on cases involving the collapse of Ohio’s Savings and Loans in the 1980s. She also served as an Assistant City Solicitor and as an Assistant City Prosecutor.

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**John P. Williams, Jr., ’66,** is a decorated Marine commander, a distinguished attorney, and a business and community leader. After graduating from Princeton University with a bachelor’s degree and, then, UC Law, he joined Taft, Stettinius & Hollister (TS&H) as an associate. The next year, however, he began active duty with the U.S. Marine Corp, principally as an infantry officer, commanding a rifle company in Vietnam. Because of his efforts, he received a Bronze Star with Combat “V” and two Purple Hearts. Upon returning from service, he re-joined TS&H, practicing in the areas of general corporate law, securities law, and mergers and acquisitions. Williams was named partner in 1977.

In 1984 he took his legal acumen to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, serving as President/CEO for 17 years. His major accomplishments during his tenure include: increased membership by 123%; named “Chamber of the Year” twice—1993 and 1997; and, increased revenues by more than 400%. Following retirement from the Chamber, he spends his time serving on several for-profit and not-for-profit boards, including the Board of Directors of the Bank of Kentucky, the Cincinnati Art Museum, St. Elizabeth Medical Center Foundation, and the law school’s Board of Visitors.

**Professor Stanley Ellis Harper, ’48,** is remembered for bringing great distinction to the law school for his work on the development of procedural rules in the State of Ohio. His greatest quality, however, was his teaching ability—as noted by many former students. He is remembered as one of the most popular classroom teachers in the history of the law school.

Professor Harper’s legal career began after a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After returning to the Queen City after the war, he became the first in his family to receive a formal education beyond high school. After finishing school, he set up a law practice and began a part-time teaching career at Chase Law School, then located in downtown Cincinnati, OH. When talk of a merger between Chase and UC Law emerged, he was asked to assist with the project and to take a position at UC. Here he proved to be an invaluable member of the faculty. Students awarded him the Goldman Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching—twice. He also served as the Assistant Dean (1961-1965) and Associate Dean (1965-1966 and 1983-1984). In addition to his law school work, Harper was staff director for the committee which wrote the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure. He is the recipient of the Outstanding Research in Law and Government Award from the Ohio State Bar Foundation and the Alumni Association’s Sesquicentennial Award in 1983.

Professor Harper died on March 17, 2006. His award, given posthumously, was accepted by his wife Marja Barrett Harper and two of his three daughters.
Faculty Briefs PUBLICATIONS & HONORS

UC College of Law boasts a distinguished group of faculty who are actively involved in their specialty areas. Here’s a review of their latest work.

Marjorie E. Aaron, Professor of Clinical Law and Executive Director, Center for Practice in Negotiation & Problem Solving, taught 2L Lawyering. She presented Unreasonable Clients: When Lawyers Ask for Help—And When They Don’t—What Can a Mediator Do? at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution’s Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Timothy K. Armstrong, Assistant Professor of Law, taught Copyright and Civil Procedure II. He attended the 4th Annual Intellectual Property and Communications Law and Policy Scholars Roundtable at Michigan State.

Marianna Brown Bettman, Professor of Clinical Law, taught Advanced Torts and Judicial Extern. She wrote monthly Legally Speaking columns for the American Israelite, Cincinnati Herald, and City Beat Newspapers on a variety of legal topics.

Bettman was appointed by Chief Justice Moyer to serve on the new Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct. She also was appointed to the History Advisory Board of the Cincinnati Museum Center.


Louis D. Bilionis, Dean and Nippert Professor of Law, visited Shandong University in Jinan, China to develop relationships with their School of Law. He delivered a lecture there on Five Leading Developments in Contemporary American Constitutional Law Scholarship.

Bilionis concluded a 10-month project as chair of the steering committee of University of Cincinnati President Nancy Zimpher’s UC21 Diversity Task Force with the submission of the final report to the President’s Executive Committee and to the Board of Trustees.


Black was selected by the AALS Section on Securities Regulation to present a paper, Are Retail Investors Better Off After Sarbanes-Oxley?, for presentation at the AALS Annual Meeting in New York City in January 2008. The paper will be published in the Brooklyn Journal of Corporate and Securities Law.

Black launched Securities Law Prof Blog as part of Paul Caron’s Law Professor Blogs Network. She attended Northwestern’s Small Business Opportunity Conference and hosted a panel discussion at the College on Professional Lives of Corporate Counsel.

Michelle Bradley, Assistant Professor of Research and Writing, taught Advocacy.

A. Christopher Bryant, Professor of Law, taught Con Law II and Conflict of Laws. He won the 2007 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Law Teaching. His article, The Third Death of Federalism, was accepted for publication in the Cornell Journal of Law & Public Policy.

Bryant presented Presidential Signing Statements: Congress’s Power and Duty to Oversee the Execution of the Laws at a William & Mary symposium on The Last Word? The Constitutional Implications of Presidential Signing Statements. He also presented The Supreme Court’s Drug Problem to the faculty at Chase College of Law.

Bryant participated in the Eighth Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop at Capital University Law School. His book, Powers Reserved for the People and the States: A History of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments (Greenwood Press 2007) (with Thomas B. McAffee & Jay S. Bybee), received a very favorable review by David Ponet (Columbia) in the Law and Politics Book Review published by the American Political Science Association. The review praised the book’s “lucid description of these federalism amendments and their applications—from their moment of inception to the present day.”
Paul L. Caron, Associate Dean of Faculty and Charles Hartsock Professor of Law, taught Federal Income Tax, Estate & Gift Tax. He presented:

- Building and Marketing Your Scholarly Brand, at the New Law Professors Section Meeting on Scholarship and the New Law Professor: Of Blogs, Books, Networks, and the Placement Game at the AALS Annual Meeting with co-panelists Dorothy Brown (Washington & Lee), Robert Chesney (Wake Forest), Mark Godsey (Cincinnati), and Lawrence Solum (Illinois).
- Law School Rankings: Past, Present, and Future, at the LSAC Annual Meeting and Educational Conference in Tucson, Arizona. He led a faculty luncheon discussion on Scholarly Entrepreneurship at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law hosted by his former UC colleagues Jean Braucher and Jack Chin.
- Technology in the Law School Classroom at the symposium on The Future of Law Libraries in Jacksonville, FL.
- The Traditional Law Review Structure at the symposium on Writing About the Law: From Bluebook to Blogs and Beyond at New York Law School with co-panelists Ann Althouse (Wisconsin), and Lawrence Solum (Illinois).

The Law Stories Series of Foundation Press, for which Caron serves as Series Editor, published its 17th book: Employment Law Stories, by Samuel Estreicher (NYU) & Gillian Lester (UC-Berkeley).

Caron’s TaxProf Blog received its 2.5 millionth visitor (the most visitors to any law-related blog edited by a single law professor), and several new blogs were launched as part of his Law Professor Blogs Network:

- Civil Procedure Prof Blog, by Jeremy Counsellor (Baylor) & Rory Ryan (Baylor).
- Higher Ed Law Prof Blog, by James Catagnera (Rider) & Patrick Cihon (Syracuse).
- Poverty Law Prof Blog, by Ezra Rosser (American) & Lowell Hunt (Notre Dame).
- Reproductive Rights Prof Blog, by Caitlin Borgmann (CUNY).
- Search & Seizure Blog, by H. Scott Fingerhut (Florida International).
- Secured Credit Blog, by Larry Bates (Baylor) & Kristin Schroeder Simpson (Baylor).
- Securities Law Prof Blog, by Barbara Black (Cincinnati).


Margaret B. Drew, Associate Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic, taught the Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic. She published Do Ask and Do Tell: Rethinking the Lawyer’s Duty to Warn in Domestic Violence Cases, 75 U. Cin. L. Rev. 447 (2006) (with Sarah Buel). She also published a review of Violence Against Women in Domestic Violence Reports (Civic Research Institute, 2007).

Drew presented Interview Issues in Sexual Assault Cases at the National Civil Law Institute on Custody Issues in Domestic Violence Cases. She worked with Delaware Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s office in developing a plan to create a nationwide network of pro bono lawyers for victims of domestic violence.

Drew participated in a planning group for a fall conference on Humanizing Law School Education to be held at Washburn University. She attended a three-day conference in London, Ontario on Children’s Issues in Domestic Violence Cases.

Drew presented a guest lecture to graduate students on The Dynamics of Domestic Violence and the Legal Process at the UC School of Social Work. She attended a meeting of the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk in Washington, D.C.

Jenny Carroll, Assistant Professor of Clinical Law and Academic Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice and Ohio Innocence Project.

Jacob Cogan, Assistant Professor of Law, taught International Business Transaction and International Commercial Arbitration. He published International Decision, Prosecutor v. Milutinovic et al., Decisions on Requests of the United States of America and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for Review, 101 Am. J. Int’l L. 163 (2007). Cogan’s article, Competition and Control in International Adjudication, was accepted for publication in the Virginia Journal of International Law. He presented the article at Indiana-Bloomington as part of the College’s Scholar Exchange Program, and at the University of Georgia’s International Law Colloquium.

Cogan’s essay, Noncompliance and the International Rule of Law, 31 Yale J. Int’l L. 189 (2006), was one of five papers chosen for the inaugural online junior scholars symposium hosted by Opinio Juris, an international law blog. The commentator on Cogan’s paper was Joost Pauwelyn (Duke), and Cogan published a reply to the commentary. He launched his own international law blog, International Law Reporter.
Drew attended the inaugural meeting of community service providers to trafficking victims in Cincinnati. The meeting was held as part of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services organizing event to build a Cincinnati coalition to build public awareness and a network of services around the issue of human trafficking.

**Thomas D. Eisele, Judge Joseph P.Kinney Professor of Law,** taught Property and Jurisprudence.

**Rafael Gely, Judge Joseph P. Kinney Professor of Law,** taught Labor Law. He published:


Two of Gely’s articles were accepted for publication:

- *Fishing in Different Ponds: An Industry Level Analysis of Organizing Activity,* in WorkingUSA.


**Mark A. Godsey, Professor of Law and Faculty Director, Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice and Ohio Innocence Project,** taught Criminal Law. On behalf of the Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project, he accepted an additional $1 million donation from local benefactors Lois and Richard Rosenthal. To date, three wrongly convicted persons have been released from prison as a result of the work of the RJ/OIP.

Godsey received the TIAFF-CREF Award for Distinguished Public Service from UC President Nancy Zimpher this past spring. The Ohio Innocence Project received the Courageous Advocate Award for 2007 for the Inns of Court. He completed an article, *Reliability Lost, False Confessions Discovered,* to be published in the Chapman Law Review as part of a symposium on *Miranda at 40: Applications in a Post-Enron, Post 9/11 World.*

Godsey appeared on the Dateline NBC episode *Killer Instinct,* a one-hour episode dedicated to the story of Melinda Elkins and her quest to free her innocent husband, Clarence, from prison. He also was interviewed by the Oxygen Network for an upcoming episode on Melinda Elkins and the Elkins case.

Godsey was featured in the January/February 2007 cover story in *Inspire Cincinnati Magazine* on *The Eight Most Inspiring Cincinnati Men.* He spoke on *DNA and the Innocence Revolution* at Ohio Northern University School of Law, Hebrew Union College, London High School (London, OH), and the Rotary Club of Cincinnati. He spoke on *Successful Fundraising Techniques and on A Primer Course for Lawyers Seeking to Understand How to Use DNA Technology in Post-Conviction Cases at the National Innocence Network Conference at Harvard Law School.*

Godsey presented *Law Review Placement Strategies* at the New Law Professors Section Meeting on Scholarship and the New Law Professor: Of Blogs, Books, Networks, and the Placement Game at the AALS Annual Meeting with co-panelists Dorothy Brown (Washington & Lee), Paul Caron (Cincinnati), Robert Chesney (Wake Forest), and Lawrence Solum (Illinois). He gave a CLE presentation on the Clarence Elkins case and prosecutorial tunnel vision to the Lawyer’s Club of Cincinnati at a downtown luncheon.

Godsey hosted two speakers at the College as part of the Seasongood College Visitor Series: • Richard Leo (San Francisco), *Police Interrogations and False Confessions: Understanding and Solving the Problem.* • Victor Streib (Ohio Northern), *The Application of Capital Punishment to Women in Ohio.*

**Emily Houh, Professor of Law,** taught Payment System and Critical Race Theory. Her symposium proposal, *From Proposition 209 to Proposal 2: Examining the Effects of Anti-Affirmative Action Voter Initiatives,* has been accepted for publication in the California Law Review. Houh presented *The Antidiscriminatory Impulse of Contract Law at Iowa and Suffolk.*

Max Huffman, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, taught Sales and Secured Transactions. He published A Standing Framework for Private Extraterritorial Antitrust Enforcement, 60 SMU L. Rev. 103 (2007). Huffman accepted a visiting position for Fall 2007 at West Virginia University Law School, teaching Contracts and Consumer Law.

Kristin Kalsem, Professor of Law, taught Bankruptcy and Law, Literature, and Feminism. She presented Bankruptcy Reform and the Financial Well Being of Women as part of UC’s Women’s Studies Lecture Series. Kalsem presented Social Justice Feminism: Historical Perspectives at Villanova as part of the College’s Scholar Exchange Program.

S. Elizabeth Malloy, Professor of Law and Faculty Director, Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law & Psychiatry, taught Health Care Law and Health Care Enterprise. She hosted the Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law and Psychiatry Symposium on Law, Ethics, Psychiatry, and the Human Genome Project.

Christo Lassiter, Professor of Law, taught Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. He published Consent to Search by Ignorant People, 39 Tex. Tech L. Rev. 1171 (2007). His article, Sports Lexivita—Thoughts Toward a Criminal Law of Competitive Contact Sports, was accepted for publication by the St. John’s Journal of Legal Commentary.

Bert B. Lockwood, Jr., Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Director, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, taught the Human Rights Seminar. The Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights Series of the University of Pennsylvania Press, for which Lockwood serves as Series Editor, published two books:

Lockwood participated as a commentator at a presentation at the College by David H. Moore (Kentucky) on International Law in U.S. Courts sponsored by the Federalist Society. He hosted a visit to the College by Xinqiang Sun, Director of the Center for the Study of American Law at Shandong University in China.

Douglass Mossman, Administrative Director, Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law and Psychiatry, taught Advanced Topics in Mental Health and Criminal Law. He published:

Mossman delivered introductory remarks, Significance of Research on the Human Genome, at the Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law and Psychiatry Symposium on Law, Ethics, Psychiatry, and the Human Genome Project.

Nancy Oliver, Associate Professor of Legal Research and Writing, taught Advocacy.

William J. Rands, Professor of Law, taught Corporate Tax II and International Tax. He published High Pressure Sales Tactics and Dead Trees: What to Do with Promoters’ Pre-incorporation Contracts, 4 Rutgers Bus. L.J. 1 (2007).
Faculty Briefs PUBLICATIONS & HONORS

Ronna Greff Schneider, Professor of Law, taught Constitutional Law II and First Amendment. She presented Religion and the Public Schools at Chapman University School of Law as part of the Betsy Levin Lunchtime Lecture Series on Education Law.

Rachel Jay Smith, Associate Professor of Research and Writing, taught Advocacy. She won the 2007 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Law Teaching.

Michael E. Solimine, Donald P. Klekamp Professor of Law, Director, Faculty Development, and Director, Extern Program, taught Federal Jurisdiction. He published:


• Judges Followed Law in Franklin Case, Cincinnati Enquirer, Feb. 21, 2007.

Adam Steinman, Associate Professor of Law, taught Civil Procedure II. He won the 2007 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Law Teaching. Steinman’s article, Reinventing Appellate Jurisdiction, was accepted for publication in the Boston College Law Review. The article was featured on several popular blogs, including Civil Procedure Prof Blog, How Appealing, and Legal Theory Blog.

He presented his paper “Less” Is “More”? Textualism, Intentionalism, and a Better Solution to the Class Action Fairness Act’s Appellate Deadline Riddle, 92 Iowa L. Rev. ___ (2007), at Chicago-Kent as part of the College’s Scholar Exchange Program.

Suja Thomas, Professor of Law, taught Employment Discrimination and Sports Law. She received the 2007 Harold C. Schott Scholarship Award, which recognizes outstanding research and scholarly achievement by a member of the College of Law faculty.

Thomas published Why Summary Judgment is Unconstitutional, 93 Va. L. Rev. 139 (2007). She presented the article to the:

• 7th Circuit National Employment Lawyers’ Association’s Conference.

• Massachusetts Employment Lawyers’ Association.

• Faculty at the University of Minnesota Law School.

• Minnesota Employment Lawyers Association.

• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association.

The article was featured on a number of popular blogs, including Deliberations and PrawfsBlawg.

Thomas completed another article, The PSLRA’s Seventh Amendment Problem, which was featured on a number of popular blogs, including Civil Procedure Prof Blog, Federal Civil Practice Bulletin, Legal History Blog, Legal Theory Blog, and Securities Law Prof Blog.

Joseph P. Tomain, Dean Emeritus and Wilbert & Helen Ziegler Professor of Law, was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Notre Dame. He published:


• Energy Law in a Nutshell with Judge Richard Cudahy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. It is being translated into Chinese.

• To A Point, 52 Loyola L. Rev. 1201 (2007)

• Katrina’s Energy Agenda, 20 Natural Resources & Environment 43 (Spring 2006)


He has recently delivered the following papers:


• Imagining a Public Interest Energy Law Firm, Plenary Session, 13th Annual University of Florida Public Interest Environmental Conference (March 2, 2007)

• Two Thumbs on the Scale, High Temps, High Tech Solutions to the Energy and Environmental Equation, Vermont Law School (October 13, 2006)


• Lawyers, Judges, Law and the Humanities, Harris Manchester Law Society, Oxford University (March 8, 2006).

Dean Tomain has also participated in the following conferences:

• Presenter, Environmental Stewardship: An Exploratory Program for Religious
Leaders, Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment, Bozeman, Montana (June 24-27, 2007)
- Facilitator, Inaugural Seminar for Lawyers and Judges, Law and the Humanities Institute, North Carolina (March 14-17, 2007)
- Participant, Next Generation Environmental Law Initiative, Levin College of Law University of Florida (March 1, 2007).

Verna L. Williams, Professor of Law, taught Gender and the Law and Title IX. She was featured in the February 2007 issue of UC Magazine and quoted in a front-page New York Times story, Michelle Obama Adds New Role to Balancing Act, on May 18, 2007.

Ingrid Brunk Wuerth, Professor of Law, taught Civil Procedure I and International Law. Her article, International Law and Constitutional Interpretation: The Commander-in-Chief Clause Revisited, was accepted for publication in the Michigan Law Review. Wuerth was selected as co-chair of the American Society of International Law Interest Group on International Law in the Domestic Courts.
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1950s

Donald P. Klekamp, ’57, received the Lifetime Achievement in Law Award from the Cincinnati Bar Foundation on October 17, 2007. To receive this award, honorees must demonstrate the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession through their career. Mr. Klekamp is a Senior Partner with Keating Muething & Klekamp. In addition to an extensive public service career, he established the Donald P. Klekamp Professorship of Law at the College of Law.

1960s

Terry M. Tranter, ’69, recently joined the office of Ohio Treasurer Richard Cordray as Southwest Ohio Regional Outreach Director. He will be responsible for implementing the region’s community outreach programs for the Treasury, working directly with community officials, residents, schools, businesses and civic groups on programs and policies that drive economic growth and promote financial knowledge. Prior to joining the Treasurer’s Office, Mr. Tranter served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives for 17 years and city councilman for the Village of Golf Manor for four years.

1970s

John Altenburg, ’73, retired Army Major General, was featured in the September 2007 issue of the ABA Journal in “A Uniform Complaint.” In the article former military lawyers recount their fight to define justice for enemy combatants. Major General Altenburg is now of counsel for Greenberg Traurig in Washington, D.C.

Mark Painter, ’73, celebrated his 25th anniversary as a judge on March 15, 2007. In addition, he has reached a legal milestone as 350 of his written decisions now have been published in national law books. Judge Painter is one of the most published Ohio judges in history. His opinions have been recognized as legal precedent more than 2,500 times—in other cases, legal textbooks, and encyclopedias.

Daniel J. Buckley, ’74, has been recognized in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers in Business as being a leading practitioner in the country. He was recognized for general commercial litigation. He also has been named in the 2008 Best Lawyers in America. Mr. Buckley is a partner with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.

Thomas L. Cuni, ’75, was elected Vice President of the Cincinnati Bar Association.

Robert Mecklenborg, ’78, has been selected by the Ohio House Republican Caucus to serve as the next state representative from the 30th House District. Mr. Mecklenborg succeeded Representative William Seitz, who was expected to become a member of the Ohio Senate on October 10, 2007. He is a founding partner of the law firm Hyle & Mecklenborg, in addition to serving as solicitor and prosecutor for the Village of Cleves. Mr. Mecklenborg is a former Law Director for the City of Cheviot and a former Assistant County Prosecutor.

Gerard Pecht, ’78, an attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski in Texas, recently won a major court victory for TXU Corporation directors in a $45 billion going private transaction, the largest of its kind in history. Prior to working at F&J, Mr. Pecht clerked for the Honorable Carl Rubin, Chief Judge of the U.S. District for the Southern District of Ohio.

William Seitz, ’78, was recently appointed to the Ohio Senate for the 8th District in October 2007. Prior to this, he served as a Representative in the Ohio House of Representatives for many years.

Mary Claire Mahaney, ’79, has penned her debut novel Osaka Heat, the story of a teacher forced to confront the path her life has taken as she lobbies a prestigious Japanese academy to be a sister school to her own. Additional information about the book can be found at her website www.maryclairehamahaney.com.

1980s

Melvin Bedree, ’84, has been recognized in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers in Business as one of the leading practitioners in the country. He was recognized for banking and finance work. Mr. Bedree also has been listed as one of the 2008 Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.
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Tom Gabelman, ’84, has been listed in the 2008 Best Lawyers in America.

Bruce Hunter, ’84, has opened a solo practice dedicated to family law. Bruce Hunter LLC has offices located in Blue Ash, OH and downtown Cincinnati. Mr. Hunter is certified as a family law specialist with the OSBA. He is also a fellow of the National American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and an attorney member of the Cincinnati Academy of Collaborative professionals.

Breck Weigel, ’85, an attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named in the 2008 Best Lawyers in America. Nathaniel Lampley, ’88, has been listed in the 2008 Best Lawyers in America. He is the managing partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP.

1990s

Susan C. Rodgers, ’91, has been elected to the Board of Managers of law firm Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP. She is a shareholder of the firm’s Akron and Canton offices and a member of the Employment & Worker’s Compensation Practice Group. Ms. Rodgers is actively involved in advising and educating clients regarding compliance with and handling of a variety of employment and labor issues, including Title VII, age discrimination, and disabilities.

Michael Schwartz, ’91, an attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named in the 2008 Best Lawyers in America.

Hani Kallas, ’94, has been recognized in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers in Business as one of the leading practitioners in the country. He was recognized for banking and finance work. Mr. Kallas has also been listed in the 2008 Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.

Robert M.M. Shaffer, ’96, a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been selected for the 2007 class of Forty Under 40, the Cincinnati Business Courier’s annual list of high-achieving young professionals who have made a mark on their community before the age of 40. In addition to his work at Vorys, he has served as an adjunct professor at the College of Law.

Kent Britt, ’97, an attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named in the 2008 Best Lawyers in America.

Shital A. Shah, ’97, has been promoted to the position of corporate counsel for Caterpillar Inc. Mr. Shah joined Caterpillar in 2005 after practicing law at an Ohio intellectual property boutique firm. Currently, he manages the IP issues for various Caterpillar business units, including Engine Research, Cat Environmental Technologies, Global Engine Development, and Advanced Materials groups.

Katherine M. Lasher, ’98, has been named the recipient of the 2007 Nicholas Longworth, III Alumni Achievement Award, given by the University of Cincinnati College of Law. The award is...
given annually to recognize graduates of the law school for outstanding contributions in a wide range of endeavors, which may include private law practice, internal corporate legal counsel, education or scholarly works, public or community service, and business or industry achievement. Ms. Lasher is an active member of the Cincinnati Bar Association, serving as chair of the Young Lawyer’s Section. In addition, she serves as a trustee of the CBA Board of Trustees, a trustee of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation, and an instructor for the CBA and the University of Cincinnati. She works as an associate at Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP.

Carie Torrence, ’99, the recently appointed city attorney in North Las Vegas, NV, has won the Tenth Annual Jefferson Fordham “Up & Comers” Award. This award recognizes outstanding excellence within the area of state and local government law over a lifetime of achievement. Since joining the City’s staff in North Las Vegas, Torrence has served as deputy city attorney, chief deputy, and assistant city attorney, aggressively overseeing and managing the office’s civil rights case load and spearheading the adoption of modern practice management techniques. In addition to her work, she volunteers with the Trial-By-Peers Program, an innovative diversion program used as an alternative for first- and some second-time juvenile offenders.

Hilary Vollmer, ’99, was featured in the Ohio Super Lawyers 2007-Rising Stars Edition magazine. She is the in-house counsel for Kroger, the nation’s largest traditional grocery chain.

2000s

Amanda Prebble Lenhart, ’00, was recently named as a Director of the Charles H. Dater Foundation Board. The foundation makes grants to non-profit organizations in the Greater Cincinnati area to carry out projects that benefit children and focus in the areas of arts/culture, education, healthcare, social services and other community needs. Ms. Lenhart works as an attorney at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

Matthew Willenbrink, ’03, recently accepted a position at the University of Dayton as the Director of Technology Partnerships. He will be in charge of protection and licensing of the technology developed at the University of Dayton.

Angelina N. Jackson, ’04, an attorney at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was named to the SmartMoney Community Service Board of Directors. The non-profit organization provides financial services and economic education to underserved individuals in the Over-The-Rhine and Greater Cincinnati communities.

Christopher A. Futscher, ’06, has joined The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Law Department as a counsel on the corporate team. He will be limiting his practice to complex taxation and transactions. In addition to his work at the life insurance company, he is completing an L.L.M. in taxation at the Boston University School of Law, with a 2008 graduation expected.

Marion E. Haynes, III, ’06, is now an associate with Cohen, Todd, Kite & Stanford, LLC, Attorneys at Law. He will practice in the areas of corporate and business law and litigation. Mr. Haynes is a member of the City of Cincinnati’s Mayor’s Young Professional Kitchen Cabinet and the Housing Committee.

Lisa Kathumbi, ’04, was selected as the national winner of the 2007 National Urban League Young Professional-Heineken USA Rising Star Award. Ms. Kathumbi works as an attorney with the firm Bricker & Eckler LLP. As a finalist, she had the opportunity to defend her economic and community development-related policy paper during the National Urban League’s 97th Annual Convention this year.

Jill Warmlawton, ’06, is now an associate with Cohen, Todd, Kite & Stanford, LLC, Attorneys at Law. She will practice in the areas of litigation, corporate and business law, and real estate law.

Heather Lutz, ’07, has joined the Cleveland, OH office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP as an associate. Ms. Lutz was a fellow of the Weaver Institute of Law and Psychiatry, as well as a research assistant for the law school.
Congratulations to UC Law Associate Dean Barbara Watts, a recipient of the Cincinnati Bar Association’s Trustee’s Award. This award, created in 1989, is presented to a CBA member or members for outstanding service to the CBA, the legal profession, and/or the general community. The recipient must display a high level of commitment, dedication or courage.

Throughout her career, Dean Watts has been an active member of the CBA. She has served as a board member, secretary to the board, and Professionalism Committee chair. Dean Watts has been one of the leading contributors to the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL) and served as the chair for the CALL program from 2002-2004. She also served as the co-chair of the inaugural Mid-Term Judicial Evaluation Committee.

Dean Watts has been instrumental in promoting gender equality in the legal profession. She is one of the chief architects of the law school’s joint degree program in law and women’s studies. In 2000, Dean Watts received the Ohio State Bar Association’s Nettie Cronise Lutes Award, which recognizes contributions to the advancement of women in the profession. In 2007, Leading Women recognized Dean Watts for her contributions to the legal profession. She has long served as a mentor and role model to law students and new lawyers.

This 1978 graduate served as an editor of the University of Cincinnati Law Review and was named to the Order of the Coif upon graduation. Dean Watts began her practice with Frost Brown Todd, formerly Frost & Jacobs. In 1981, she returned to the UC College of Law as assistant dean and adjunct faculty member. She was named associate dean for academic affairs in 1985, responsible for student affairs, class scheduling and serving as a liaison with adjunct faculty.

In every facet of her professional life, Dean Watts has demonstrated her commitment to the legal profession. She has served on the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Professionalism from 2001–2006 and was chair of the commission for two years. Dean Watts has taught ethics and professional responsibility at the UC College of Law and lectured on professionalism and civility at various CLE programs.
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