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"Lion Nebula," watercolor by Lera Baker Smith



## IN MEMORIAM

Professor emeritus **David Goshien** passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on May 29, 2010. He was regarded as a demanding professor, and students would not dare enter his classroom unprepared. He required precision both in asking and in answering questions, and thus prepared his students well for the demands of law practice. At the same time, he was approachable, always remaining available long after each class. He was happy to debate students on his view of a particular case or to help them reconcile diverse court opinions. His good humor and generosity extended to the entire C|M|LAW community, as he served first as a mentor and then as a friend to many junior faculty members. He will be greatly missed.



News of the passing, on July 27, 2010 of Professor **Janice Aitken**, was sudden and unexpected. Janice exuded a cheerful energy in her commitment to academic excellence among students. She was generous with her time, and her availability to evening students was always exemplary. Students respected Professor Aitken and held her in highest esteem. She was not only a Professor of Legal Writing but also a committed and successful coach of our moot court teams. Janice was a longtime member of the Cleveland State family. In addition to her years of teaching, Janice was a graduate of Cleveland-Marshall and received her BA and MA in Philosophy from Cleveland State. The C|M|LAW community was stunned by this loss, and we all miss Janice.

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## COVER ARTIST

**Lera Baker Smith** is a clay and bronze sculptor and watercolorist whose primary works are figural. Her pieces have been in a number of juried exhibits in California, and reside in private and public collections in the U.S. and England. She is Kentucky-born and has lived in Detroit, Cleveland, Louisville, and San Diego. She holds degrees from University of Louisville and University of Iowa, and taught public school in the Louisville area before becoming a sculptor and painter. She lives and works at home in San Diego with the support of her husband, former C|M|LAW Dean Steve Smith, and her faithful dog Puck.

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# ALUMNI OF



Trial attorney **David Paris** stands as an example of what graduates can attain when they are equipped with a solid foundation from Cleveland-Marshall, a keen sense for experiential learning, and in David's case, an extraordinary ability to capture the core of significance in each person and event that life brings his way.

He didn't consider a career in law until he assisted a criminology professor in a work-study program as an undergraduate, and it was criminal law that piqued his interest. When he spent a few quarters helping state prison inmates with their parole plans, something struck David that put his sense of justice in motion. "It wasn't hard to see that disparities in wealth, education and legal representation played a critical role in the outcome of many people's problems," he said.

David chose to come to law school at Cleveland-Marshall partly for its growing reputation, but primarily because its flexible, student-friendly part-time program would allow him to work while he pursued his degree, which he needed to do. In 1976, he landed a day job that enhanced his studies with real-life exposure to legal work and in the process, set him on course to become the successful trial attorney he is today. It was clerking at the law firm where he is now managing partner, at the time called Komito, Nurenberg, Plevin, Jacobson, Heller & McCarthy. He

# THE YEAR

The Honorable **Melody Stewart** still has a way of lighting up the halls at C|M|LAW. Some know her from her time as a student, some as a teacher and mentor, while some know her as a co-worker. Most think of her as a friend, and look forward to her uplifting good humor and common sense perspectives. Today, she is still a part of the Cleveland-Marshall family as a well-respected and active advisor to the school, serving on the Visiting Committee and the recent Dean Search Committee. All of us know her as extraordinarily talented, passionate about law, and dedicated to her community.

Judge Stewart earned her undergraduate degree in music. She was working full-time as an administrative officer for a health care management company and teaching piano and music theory privately when she decided “on a whim” to study law, a field she found intellectually stimulating. She initially applied to Cleveland-Marshall because the part-time program would allow her to work while she studied. Later, she was offered a Patricia Roberts Harris fellowship which enabled her to complete her studies as a full-time student.

She took an early interest in appellate advocacy and became a moot court star at Cleveland-Marshall. She and two classmates were the initial experiment of having first year students compete



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# David Paris

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immediately fell in love with the place, and remains grateful both to Cleveland-Marshall's flexibility in allowing him to schedule classes around his job, and for the

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lessons he learned from the seasoned trial attorneys at the firm; each of the partners brought a unique style and personality to the table.

"Marshall Nurenberg was a lawyer's lawyer, a student of the law, an eloquent speaker with a near photographic memory," said David. "He was the consummate gentleman and a great role model."

He remembers Leon Plevin as "a hard charging, cigar-chomping negotiator without equal."

"I was assigned to Plevin, and it was by carrying his briefcase for many years that I learned how to be a lawyer. He enjoyed keeping the pressure on the insurance companies and that

meant, 'assume this case is going to trial and, while you're at it, assume you're going to try it.'"

There were usually two trials set for every Monday, and David recalls some years where he took as many as 250 depositions. "If Leon saw you leaving the office before 6:00 p.m., he'd ask why you were only working half a day."

But it was conversations with Jack McCarthy that helped David understand that law could play a role in the greater good. "Jack often spoke of the great disparities in wealth and education between our clients and the insurance companies and corporations who sat on the other side of the table. He articulated best the notion that we could affect social change, modify unsafe behavior and redistribute some of the wealth to those whose lives had become broken. That theme continues to resonate with me."

The student lawyer also enjoyed the similarities he saw between competitive sports and trial work, and the game sense David had as an athlete translated to the courtroom. A trial for him was "like the 'big game', only with suits and ties." He found the rules similar, too. "Prepare hard. Play hard, but fair. Make good calls. Don't

whine. Be humble in victory; shake hands when you lose; and learn from your mistakes."

And the Cleveland-Marshall graduate did keep learning, and winning. He became a principal at the firm in 1988 and was made managing partner in 2002. He is consistently recognized by his peers as one of the top trial lawyers around, being named an Ohio Super Lawyer, and one of the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" in Ohio by the American Trial Lawyers Association. He is also a fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL), an exclusive group limited to only 500 American lawyers.

David is a life member of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and has been an active supporter of the school. He met his wife Michelle, also a Cleveland-Marshall alum, while in law school. Together, they have a longstanding tradition that they are afraid to break. When he starts a trial, he sends her a dozen red roses; she in turn sits through all or part of the trial.

"More often than not, that tradition has worked out well for my clients."

in moot court competitions as second year students. The event still stands out to Judge Stewart. “In our very first competition, the Jerome Prince Evidence Competition in New York, we won everything – first place team, best respondent’s brief, best overall brief, best oralist – we won in every possible category.”

Later she would serve as coach and mentor to the moot court teams, and also served as a judge. In 2001 and 2009, the Moot Court students gave her the Moot Court Alumna of the Year award.

She has worn many hats at Cleveland-Marshall and worn each of them well. She was a legal writing department lecturer, adjunct faculty member, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and Assistant Dean for Admissions, a role that was expanded to include Financial Aid. Her warm personality and willingness to walk students through each process step-by-step made her a favorite at the college. She also initiated pipeline programs that expanded Cleveland-Marshall’s commitment to diversity.

Judge Stewart attained success outside the walls of Cleveland-Marshall as well, working

as a civil defense litigator, serving as assistant law director for the city of Cleveland, and later for the city of East Cleveland, and as an administrator at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

She earned a Ph.D. at Case Western Reserve University, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences where she was also a Mandel Leadership Fellow. Her doctorate has been a good complement to her law degree. “It has helped me to ask the right questions,” said Judge Stewart.

With an already-impressive record of career and personal accomplishments, Melody Stewart continued to gain momentum, and was soon on to her next challenge. In 2006 she was elected to the Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals, and re-elected in 2010. “I was very interested in doing appellate work and running for the court of appeals seemed to be a logical step from having been in law academe and completing my Ph.D. studies,” she said.

In April, Judge Stewart had the honor of serving as a visiting judge on the Supreme Court of Ohio and heard oral arguments in a disciplinary case.

Her success is fueled in part by her acute sense of focus, which she looks at lightheartedly. “When you’re on the campaign trail, you have so much running around to do. I remember

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speaking at an event and when I introduced myself and gave my background I also stated – “I have no spouse, no children, no pets, no plants – nothing I can be accused of neglecting. Well, I have plants now and I do have to make a concerted effort not to neglect them.”

Judge Stewart’s philosophy of service to her community exemplifies C|M|LAW’s motto, “Learn Law. Live Justice.”

“I sincerely believe in individuals utilizing their skills and talents to make the world a better place and I believe that the essence of who you are as a person is the same in both your professional life and your personal life. For those of us who learn law, it seems only natural to me that we have a greater sense of living justice – however it is manifested.”



## Interim Dean Phyllis L. Crocker

### It has been a privilege for me to serve as the Interim Dean of C|M|LAW this year.



I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of our graduates across the country—from those who graduated 50 years ago to recent graduates. While each of you followed your own career paths, you share a deep appreciation for the education that you received at C|M|LAW. Time and again I heard how C|M|LAW changed your life, gave you the skills to be a successful attorney, and made a difference in your clients' lives and in your communities.

I have come to know and appreciate how committed you are to C|M|LAW. Many of you take time from your busy lives to come to early morning breakfast meetings—like the Visiting Committee and the Health Law Advisory Council. These meetings are so valuable to those of us within the law school—members of these groups engage in serious, thoughtful conversations (at 7:30 in the morning!) that help us ensure that we are providing the best legal education for our students. Graduates and friends participate in the life of the law school in other key ways—as adjuncts, mentors, coaches for our moot court teams, supervisors for our externships, speakers to classes, student groups and career planning events. Your advice, your teaching, your service is an indispensable part of what makes C|M|LAW thrive.

This has been a remarkable year at C|M|LAW. We began the fall semester hosting U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. We received national recognition for our demonstrated commitment to increasing diversity in the legal profession when the Law School Admission Council awarded us the inaugural Diversity Matters award. We were recognized as one of the best public interest schools in the country by The National Jurist.

Our students had terrific individual and collective successes, which you will read more about in the “points of pride” features that run throughout the issue. Our faculty has thrived as well, representing C|M|LAW through publications and presentations highlighted in the faculty news section.

In the midst of all of this, we engaged in a search for a new dean! Throughout the year I assured everyone I spoke to that I was confident we would find a new Dean who would embrace our vision of excellence. I am delighted to say that we have done exactly that. Craig Boise understands who we are and will work with all of us, as one of us, to continue moving us forward. Please join me in welcoming him to our community.

Businesses talk about how their core values are part of their DNA. Throughout my time as Interim Dean, with each new person I have met, I have seen how our motto, **Learn Law. Live Justice.**, is truly part of our DNA.

I have been proud to serve as the Interim Dean of a law school where everyone—faculty, students, graduates—is committed to excellence, be it in their scholarship, their studies, or their service to the school.

**Thank you.**



# A Visit from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

**T**his fall we were honored to host a student forum with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

During the summer, the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland asked C|MLAW to join it and the Hispanic Roundtable in inviting Justice Sotomayor to Cleveland. We were delighted to do so, and thrilled when she accepted. On September 10, Justice Sotomayor spoke to more than 400 students, faculty and staff in the Moot Court Room.

“When Justice Sotomayor walked into the Moot Court Room, the room went silent – even Justice Sotomayor paused,” said Interim Dean Phyllis L. Crocker. “Everyone

understood that our time together was extraordinary.” After brief opening remarks, Justice Sotomayor answered students’ questions for over an hour. She was gracious, genuine, and inspiring. Her advice and perspectives were meaningful for all of our students, as well as our faculty and staff.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND





# C|M|LAW welcomes our new dean, Craig M. Boise

A familiar face to many in the Cleveland community, Craig Boise is happy to be back in the city, and is looking forward to leading a law school whose mission strikes close to home.

**T**he former Kansas City police officer, who remembers studying for the LSAT by flashlight in an unmarked police car, will now lead an institution that is well-known for being a school of opportunity, and as he is quick to point out, also has a growing national reputation for excellence that he intends to amplify.

“I’m proud that I can be part of an institution making an impact through its graduates—in Cleveland, in Ohio, and across the country,” Boise said. “In many cases, these are people who have overcome significant obstacles



to obtain their legal education and they are an inspiration.”

While Boise gives credit to the opportunities in his life, including learning law as a nontraditional student, he is driven by academic rigor, and he has a strong belief that in order for a school to truly be a school of opportunity, it has to first be a school of excellence.

And Boise is well prepared to lead the way. An outstanding legal scholar and academician, he comes to C|M|LAW from DePaul University College of Law, where he directed the Graduate Tax Law program and served as director of the Institute for Offshore Financial Center Studies. Prior to joining the DePaul faculty, he was assistant, then associate professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law from 2003 to 2009, where he was also associate director of the Center for Business Law and Regulation.

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Before coming to academia, he worked in private practice for seven years, including as a senior tax associate in the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine from 1999 to 2003. On July 1, 2011, he will become the 14th dean of Cleveland-Marshall, and the law school’s first African-American dean.

Becoming a lawyer was far down the list of popular career choices in the small farming community near Kansas City, Missouri, where Boise grew up. “People were generally suspicious of lawyers,” Boise said. “Can you be a lawyer and still

be honest?” he remembers his mother asking him, with a totally straight face, when he told her he was going to law school.

He initially studied to be a concert pianist, and while talented, a prospective life as a starving artist held little appeal for him. When the Kansas City police department announced it was hiring, he jumped at the opportunity for a good job with benefits. He worked for the department for five years, including a stint with the SWAT team. The 4th, 5th and 6th Amendment constitutional law cases that he learned in the police academy





sparked an interest in law, which led him to go back to college and finish his BA in Political Science at the University of Missouri, and from there, to obtain his JD at the University of Chicago Law School. He later earned his LLM in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

A prolific author in the field of tax law, Boise can see enormous strength in C|M|LAW's faculty of engaged scholars. When the scholarly work is combined with the school's commitment to teaching community service and practical skills, Boise finds "C|M|LAW well-positioned to produce world-class thought leaders who are the best litigators and transactional lawyers in their fields. We will continue to forge a link between scholarship and practice, and I believe we will have a powerful influence in the legal world."

He is also impressed with the C|M|LAW alumni who form the foundation of a thriving legal network. "Our alumni play major roles as employers, mentors, judges on moot court, adjunct faculty, and advisors on issues like curriculum reform. We value their contributions and will continue to develop ways in which our alums can be involved in the school and help shape new generations of lawyers."

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Boise feels C|M|LAW graduates have many reasons to be proud. “They are part of an institution that has planted so many law grads back into the community, in places of prominence—mayors, legislators, police chiefs, judges at the state and federal level, business leaders—everywhere you turn a C|M|LAW graduate is doing something amazing.”

If an early theme has developed in his vision for the school to be a leader in 21st century legal education, it seems to be one of breaking down limitations, evolving with lines that have already been blurred this century by a vastly changed legal, economic and societal landscape. Boise’s early vision is clear, and in it no dichotomy exists between producing both influential scholarship and prac-

tice-ready students; he sees no tension between the twin goals of being a school of opportunity and a school of excellence. “We’re going to get better at what we already do and let people know about it. We are at the front end of the journey but we are aimed in the right direction—in keeping with its tradition, Cleveland-Marshall will continue to provide an opportunity for remarkable students to become outstanding lawyers.”

“People wrongly assume that those who need opportunity are less talented than those who don’t—life simply gives some people more difficult circumstances to deal with in the process of achieving their goals. Our graduates demonstrate that opportunity can result in lives of excellence.”

## C|M|LAW Point of Pride

**Kevin Preslan '11** won the 2010 International Fiscal Association (IFA), USA Branch, Student Writing Competition for his paper, “Turnabout is Fair Play: The U.S. Response to Mexico’s Request for Bank Account Information.”





# Positioned to Lead in Healthcare Law: The Center for and Policy at

**By Professor Browne Lewis**

*Director of the Center for Health Law  
and Policy at C|M|LAW*

**S**everal years ago, there was an initiative to make Ohio's state universities "academic centers of excellence" by diversifying the missions of the institutions and thereby strengthening whatever area the university chose as a focus. Given the fact that Cleveland is arguably the "medical capitol" of the Midwest, Cleveland State made the decision to focus on health. In

fall 2008, then C|M|LAW Dean **Geoffrey S. Mearns** put together an *ad hoc* committee of law faculty to formulate a proposal for how the law school could participate more fully in the University's initiative to develop health-related programs across the colleges and throughout the university. After much discussion, the committee recommended that the College of Law should move forward with the creation of the Center for Health Law & Policy.





# Health Law C|M|LAW

The time was right to create the Center. Not only was it the law school's contribution to the University's health care focus, but equally as compelling is the law school's location in Cleveland—a city with a vibrant health care industry—which makes us uniquely suited to train future health care attorneys. Moreover, given the increasing interest in health care law and policy among students, creation of the Center will assist the law school in recruiting higher caliber students.

Under the tenure of Interim Dean **Phyllis L. Crocker**, the Center has continued to grow. With the assistance of its advisory board, made up of leading practitioners in private, non-profit, and government organizations, the Center has created an innovative curriculum focused on health care policy and advocacy. The Center issues a general health law certificate to students who complete the program. Students can concentrate in health law regulation, health law policy and ethics, or health law business and litigation, or take courses across all three areas. In addition, the students must meet an experiential learning requirement through clinical enrollment or in externships with health care organizations, including the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, MetroHealth, and Medical Mutual.

The Community Health Advocacy Clinic (CHALC) offers students the opportunity to provide representation to real clients who are patients at one of four MetroHealth outpatient hospitals. Under

the supervision of Professor **Pam Daiker-Middaugh**, the students work with doctors, nurses, social workers and Legal Aid attorneys to address the legal issues of people seeking medical treatment. Currently, CHALC is one of only 11 medical-legal partnership programs in the country that include a law school.

Students who enroll in the Center's program will be guided by a dedicated group of law professionals and faculty. Upon enrollment in the program, each student is assigned a health law mentor who is a local practicing attorney. The Center's founding faculty members were Professors **April Cherry**, **Dena Davis**, **Sheldon Gelman**, and myself; our newest member of the faculty team is **Gwendolyn Roberts Majette**, and our adjunct faculty member is **David Schweighoefer**.

In the future, we plan to focus the Center's curriculum on health care compliance and create innovative courses that give students the opportunity to develop practical skills. As a result of the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health care providers are focusing more on health care compliance, and we would like to prepare our students to be able to fill those types of positions.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, the Center will offer two new courses—one on Fraud and Abuse and one on HIPPA. The following year, we plan to add an introductory health care compliance course, a health care transactions course, and a public health course. During the summer of 2011, with the assistance of attorneys from Reminger Co., we will be offering a two-week innovative medical malpractice course. We are also looking into creating a hospital externship program and expanding our health law clinic.



Local attorney and C|M|LAW alum **David Schweighoefer '03** has a lengthy list of experience in health law—knowledge he delights in sharing with law students as a much-respected adjunct professor and as one of our valued advisors on health law curriculum. For his service to the field, David is the first-ever recipient of the “Pioneer in Health Law” award given by the new Health Law Society at C|M|LAW. Now in private practice, David’s career has spanned the healthcare industry, including serving as Regional Director of Behavioral Medicine Services for the Cleveland Clinic Health System, as partner with care practice groups in private law firms, and as CEO at several hospitals. He is also outside general counsel of Mental Health Services, Inc., and is on the Board of Directors of the Free Medical Clinic of Cleveland. David’s experience is invaluable to our new program and as an educator, he is clear, caring and dedicated to helping law students become the best they can be.

The Center had an exciting and busy year. In the fall of 2010, we held our first mentor reception. In the spring of 2011, we held a Public Health Law Summit. The Summit brought together persons from the law school, the school of public health, legal services, local non-profits and local government departments to discuss the public health issues impacting the people living in northeast Ohio. We also sponsored a Health Care Compliance CLE, where a panel of experts discussed the impact the new health care law will have on health care compliance. This academic year we had seven students enrolled in the program, and this spring, our first student will graduate with the certificate in Health Law.

The most rewarding aspect of being the director of the Center is having the opportunity to talk to students about their career goals and in a fast-growing area of the profession. I am also excited about the challenge of establishing the Center



May 2011 grad **Marilyn Robertson** is the first student to earn the Health Law Certificate at C|M|LAW, and she represents us well. The native of Austin, Texas, did her externship as a law clerk in the Law Department at the Cleveland Clinic where she worked on a multitude of projects, including cloud computing, privacy protections, health care reform and fraud and abuse.

Prior to pursuing her law degree, Marilyn worked as a corporate paralegal and as a Marketing Manager at Dell Computers. She also served in the Army as an Arabic linguist and interrogator.

Marilyn has volunteered for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association’s 3Rs program, the Legal Aid Society re-entry clinics and as a tax preparer with the Cuyahoga EITC Coalition. At C|M|LAW, she is the president and founder of the Health Law Society. We are proud of Marilyn’s achievement as C|M|LAW’s first distinctively prepared health law professional.

as one of the premier health law programs in the country. Given all of the cutting-edge health related activities that are happening in Cleveland, I am confident that we will be able to achieve our goal of educating top health care attorneys.

I recently attended a conference and mentioned our new health law program. In response, several attendees told me that “it was about time” that the law school that shares a city with the Cleveland Clinic and other well-known health care providers concentrated on health care law. Northeast Ohio continues to thrive as a major medical community, and the Center for Health Law and Policy will be a proud part of it.

## C|M|LAW Point of Pride

C|M|LAW Students **Caryn Gross '11** and **Michael Tangry '11** took away second place honors in the 10th Annual Law Student Tax Challenge, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Forum of the American Bar Association's Taxation section. C|M|LAW's team was among only six semi-finalists invited to the prestigious national competition, held in Boca Raton, Fla. A record number of 95 teams from 55 law schools entered the competition this year.



Special thanks go to our Health Law Advisory Council, many of whom are C|M|LAW alumni. The input from this accomplished group of professionals is critical to our ongoing success.



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# NEW LIFE MEMBERS



**Allison E. Taller '09** graduated from C|M|LAW and was admitted to practice in Ohio in November 2009. While at C|M|LAW, Ms. Taller was a member of the Moot Court team, competing in the 2008 Weschler First Amendment Competition and the 2009 Prince Evidence Competition, and she continues to volunteer as a practice judge for the

Moot Court Program whenever necessary. Ms. Taller was also the Student Bar Association Vice President of Programming for the 2008-2009 school year and planned many social, networking, civic and charitable events for the C|M|LAW student body and community.

Ms. Taller worked for C|M|LAW Alumni Association past president **Joseph B. Jerome '75** during law school and after graduation. She currently practices construction law at Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP in Cleveland, which she joined in January 2010.

Ms. Taller is a member of the National Association of Women in Construction, the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (including the Women in Law Section), is a 3-Rs volunteer and is actively involved in the United Way Generation Next. She received a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Ohio State University.



Professor **John T. Plecnik's** scholarship focuses on the intersection of taxation and public policy. He currently teaches Estates & Trusts, Tax I, and Wealth Transfer Tax.

Following his graduation from law school, Professor Plecnik joined the Wall Street law firm of Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP as an ERISA associate. He then served as a law

clerk to Judge David Gustafson of the United States Tax Court and as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, where he taught Tax Penalties & Tax Crimes.

Professor Plecnik earned his BA, *summa cum laude*, in Accounting with a minor in Mythology from Belmont Abbey College, where he graduated co-valedictorian. He earned his JD, *cum laude*, from Duke University School of Law. While at Duke, he was one of six inaugural executive board members to co-found the DUKE JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & PUBLIC POLICY. He also served as an editor on LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS and received the Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Taxation & Estate Planning. Professor Plecnik earned his LLM in Taxation from New York University School of Law. While at NYU, he served as Executive Editor of the NYU REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE and was the first part-time student to be selected as a member of that review. In addition, Professor Plecnik was awarded the Certificate in Business Excellence and alumni status by the Columbia University Graduate School of Business for completing a number of Executive Education programs.



Following a 19-year career with the former Ameritrust Company, **David A. Fegen '73** (*magna cum laude*) is in private practice focusing on drafting documents for various commercial loan transactions, including commercial real estate loans and workout agreements. Prior to attending law school, he served as a Captain in the US Army in the Medical Service Corp and was stationed in South Korea. Mr. Fegen taught courses in secured transactions at the law school for several years. He is active in the community presently serving as a legal advisor to two charitable tax exempt organizations and a trustee of a third organization.

Mr. Fegen is married to Pat Fegen and is the father of Devon Fegen-Herdman who is employed as a social worker and David Andrew Fegen, MD, who is presently obtaining a Ph.D. at UC Berkley in biosciences.

# TRIAL COURTROOM

**C|M|LAW** ushered in an exciting part of the future of legal education April 21 as the law school unveiled its new Trial Courtroom, and many alumni and friends of the law school were there to celebrate with us. The courtroom—a showcase of state-of-the-art technology—is the most advanced of its kind in any law school in Ohio, and is modeled after the complex communication and information infrastructures used in many modern trials. The simulated learning space will be an important asset to the already-strong C|M|LAW curriculum and further enhance the practical skills our students have upon graduation.

Students will be able to apply their solid foundation of classroom knowledge as they immerse themselves in the world of trial lawyers, and learn hands-on the latest technologies being used in litigation. In addition, videotaping capabilities will allow for critiques and the opportunity for students to improve performance by observing themselves in action.

Attendees at the grand opening got to see it all in action, as students from Professor **Kevin O'Neill's** Evidence class demonstrated the courtroom's features, with Prof. O'Neill on the witness stand while U.S. District Court Judge Polster presided.

The courtroom will be available for use by the legal community for trial preparation, testing out jury arguments, and professional development.



# GRAND OPENING











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- A document camera to display exhibits
- On-screen annotation of evidence
- Video displays located at the Judge's bench, the courtroom deputy and between each pair of jurors
- High-definition recording for remote viewing and live streaming of both the courtroom and the jury deliberation room
- 52-inch movable plasma screen in the courtroom
- Viewing screens in the gallery
- Court reporting software that allows real time transcription and transmission
- Judge initiated "white noise" to mask sidebar conversations
- 12-seat jury box
- Jury deliberation room with a large plasma screen for viewing evidence

# Social Networking and the

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**I**t is an interesting modern-day scenario. An attorney details a particularly wild week of drinking and partying in a series of Facebook® posts. She then goes into court, claims that her father died and requests a continuance. She forgot, however, that one of her “friends” that had seen all of these lurid posts was the judge in the case. For attorneys, the use of various forms of social media has both positive and negative ramifications related to the practice of law. Used wisely, it can be a portal to client and career development, indicating that you are

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relevant in an increasingly technological society. Used unwisely, it can be a source of embarrassment, discipline or even legal liability. Sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter have grown exponentially in the last decade and the legal ramifications of their use are enormous - employment, privacy, defamation, and ethics as well as other areas of law are all affected. For the attorney practicing in the 21st Century, it is essential to understand social media, because even if attorneys choose not to use it, their clients, witnesses, juries and opposing counsel probably will.

## The Good

Social networking can be used effectively as a method of promoting both individual attorneys and larger organizations such as law firms. Tools such as blogs and Twitter can be used to highlight areas of expertise and to reflect and comment on emerging areas of law far more quickly than traditional means of communication and to a much larger potential audience. A legal opinion released in the morning can be analyzed on an attorney’s blog on her firm’s website in the afternoon and then circulated further by interested readers via “tweets” on Twitter by that evening.

Social networks can also be used as an effective tool in the litigation process, particularly if individuals fail to make their privacy settings private. News stories abound of defendants being caught after posting details – and even photos – of their crimes, and divorce attorneys have discovered treasure troves of useful information on social network sites. During discovery, public and private profiles of opposing parties can be useful in drafting discovery requests and for witness impeachment at trial. Many attorneys now routinely include discovery requests for social network sites. It is also wise for an attorney to include questions about social networking during client interviews – it helps to avoid surprises and assures that any claims or defenses comport with information that is being posted. Information about potential jurors, including interests, affiliations, and biases can be found by conducting basic online research. This can be helpful both in selecting a jury and tailoring arguments.



The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a dark blue rectangular background.The Twitter logo, featuring the word "twitter" in a light blue, lowercase, rounded sans-serif font with a white outline, set against a white background.

# Modern Lawyer

## The Bad

Although there are many beneficial uses of social media sites for today's attorneys, its use is not without possible pitfalls. The Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct do not specifically address social networking, but many of the Rules do apply. Rules affecting communications, solicitations, advertisements, the unauthorized practice of law, confidentiality, and the creation of inadvertent attorney-client relationships would all seem to apply to social networking. For example, if clients have access to profiles on social networking sites, the sites can constitute communications between attorney and client. Because a lawyer's communication must not be "false, misleading, or nonverifiable" lawyers must ensure that what they say on blogs and social networking sites is true. Also, a lawyer who is not admitted to practice in Ohio may not "establish an office or other systematic and continuous presence in this jurisdiction for the practice of law." It is important to be cognizant of jurisdictional issues; although the internet has no geographical boundaries, an attorney's license to practice law does. Consequently, an attorney should make sure that his postings cannot be perceived as a continuous presence in a jurisdiction where he is not licensed to practice law.

To make things more complicated, the relative newness of this technology's popularity means case law and ethics opinions are sparse and often contradictory. For example, in Florida judges may not add lawyers who may appear before them as "friends" on social networking sites. Conversely, a recent Ohio ethics opinion recog-

nized that "a social network 'friend' may or may not be a friend in the traditional sense of the word" and being social network "friends" is permissible so long as the judge complies with the ethical rules in the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct.

Although there is some confusing terrain for attorneys in the realm of social networking, there are a few guiding principles to help navigate. First, think before you type – nothing on the internet is as private or as anonymous as many would like. Before hitting that enter key, make sure you would be comfortable having your boss, the judges you appear before, clients and opposing counsel see it. Second, be professional - remember that an attorney remains an attorney at all times, whether in the courtroom or on Facebook. With these common sense tips in mind, you will be well on your way to using social media to benefit, not harm, your legal career.

The LinkedIn logo, featuring the word "Linked" in a dark grey sans-serif font and "in" in a white sans-serif font inside a blue square, with a registered trademark symbol.The Myspace logo, featuring a blue icon of three stylized human figures, the word "myspace" in a blue sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol, and the tagline "a place for friends" in a smaller blue sans-serif font below it.

- Facebook, founded in 2004, boasts 500 million active users, 50% of which access the site on any given day.

- LinkedIn claims 90 million members, including executives from all Fortune 500 companies. Over 1 million companies have LinkedIn pages.

- As of June 2009, there were 840,000 LinkedIn members from the legal profession and there are hundreds of law-related groups.

- In 2007, users posted 5,000 tweets a day on Twitter. As of September 2010, there were 95 million tweets a day.

## 2011-2012 Scholarship Recipients

The C|J|LAW Alumni Association Life Member Scholarship Program was established in 1990 to aid post- first year law students who have successfully completed a minimum of 29 credit hours. Each year the Association provides \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving students based on a number of factors, including participation in law school and community activities and organizations, unique life circumstances which warrant recognition, financial need, employment, and scholastic achievement.

We congratulate the following students (pictured) who received their awards at a private ceremony and reception sponsored by the Life Members of the Association on April 20: **Sunny Nixon, Justin Zucker, Lon'Cherie Billingsley, Kevin Golden, Nicole Lester, Brandon Cox, Karen Perez, Lauren White, Shannon Brady, and Jason White.** For membership information, visit [www.cmlaa.org](http://www.cmlaa.org).



## A (SURPRISE) JUDGE IN THE CLASSROOM

**Kevin O'Neill's** Civil Procedure class—and Professor O'Neill—had a welcome surprise when Judge **Joan Synenberg '87** of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court came by the classroom to talk about the art of jury selection, an important topic that is largely ignored in law schools. She gave the class detailed information and advice gained from her 16 years as a criminal defense attorney and her six years on the bench. The students were riveted and asked many excellent questions. One student even told Prof. O'Neill that it was the “best class session of his entire law school experience.” Judge Synenberg came as a last-minute replacement for husband, **Roger Synenberg '77**, who found out he had to be in court the morning he was scheduled to visit the school.

“It never would have occurred to me to invite a judge!” said Professor O'Neill. “But Judge Synenberg didn't

want our students to be disappointed, so she took it upon herself to come and speak to them. Her husband insists that she is the best he's ever seen at picking a jury. As my students found, she is also a great role model.”

The experience was as part of “Practitioner in the Classroom,” a new initiative of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association's Faculty Relations Committee, chaired by **Richard Koblentz '75** and Associate Dean **Mark Sundahl**. Other alumni participants include **Ian Friedman '97** and **Ronald Frey '04**, who team taught a Criminal Procedure class with **Prof. Witmer-Rich**; **Pat Haggerty '84** who visited **Prof. Broering-Jacobs'** Legal Writing class twice; and **Fred Widen '81**, who led an enjoyable discussion in **Prof. Plecnik's** Tax I class.

**Class of 1951 - 52**

**Hon. Lillian W. Burke '51** and **Edna C. Shalala '52** received honorary degrees at C|M|LAW's commencement ceremony on May 15.

**Class of 1958**

**Jerry Weisz** was featured in the September 2010 edition of *Attitude*, a publication of Summa Health System, in the article, "The Unstoppable Jerry Weisz." Mr. Weisz is a retired intellectual property attorney and grandfather of **Emily Honsa '10**.

**Class of 1963**

**Thomas Scanlon** is a member of the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Fellows Class of 2011.

**Class of 1970**

**C. Ellen Connally** was elected President of the newly formed Cuyahoga County Council. Ms. Connally was elected in November to a four year term on the Council representing District 9.



**Jeffrey Weiler** was selected for inclusion in the 2011 *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine, and named to the Top 100 Lawyer List in Ohio by Thomson Reuters.

**Class of 1973**

*Best Lawyers* has named Porter Wright partner **Thomas Gorman** as the "Washington D.C. *Best Lawyers* Securities Lawyer of the Year" for 2011. Mr. Gorman is Chair of the firm's Securities Litigation practice group.

**Richard Panza** is President Emeritus of the board of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

Mr. Panza is the Chief Financial Officer at Wickens Herzer Panza Cook & Batista.

**Class of 1975**

C|M|LAW Alumni Association Past President **Richard Koblentz**, majority partner of the Cleveland firm of Koblentz & Penvose, was honored by California Western School of Law with a room dedicated in his name.

**Class of 1976**

**Stuart Garson** became Chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party.

**Class of 1977**

**Kevin Irwin**, a partner in the Cincinnati firm of Keating Meuthing & Klekamp, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, in the area of Bankruptcy/Restructuring, and in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2011 in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law.



**F. Ronald O'Keefe** was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2009-10. Mr. O'Keefe is a partner in the Cleveland office of Hahn Loeser & Parks where he co-chairs the firm's corporate and securities section.

**Rick Petrusis** is serving his second year as Secretary/Treasurer of the board of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Mr. Petrusis is an attorney with KeyBank and the father of **Rebecca Petrusis '11**.

**Class of 1978**

**Fred DeGrandis** was named Chairman of the Cleveland Clinic Community Physician Partnership and Quality Alliance.

**David Paris**, Managing Partner of Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy, was named a 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Recipient by the C|M|LAW Alumni Association. In June Mr. Paris was recognized by Cleveland State University as a 2010 Distinguished Alumnus for the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Mr. Paris and his wife **Michelle '82** are the parents of two daughters, Lauren and Dana, a second year C|M|LAW student.

**Class of 1979**

Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber partner **Peter Brodhead** was selected for inclusion in the 2011 *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine and named as a Leading Lawyer in the November/December 2010 issue of *Inside Business* magazine.

**Class of 1980**

**Sandra Brantley** is an attorney with the Cleveland firm of Mansour, Gavin, Gerlack & Manos. Ms. Brantley, an experienced fiduciary, trust and estate lawyer, focuses her practice on advising trustees, executors and investment managers regarding their duties and liabilities.

**William Hawal**, a partner in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine in the area of Medical Malpractice Law.

**Robert McClelland** was appointed a judge on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas by Governor John Kasich.



## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS



**Howard Mishkind**, C|M|LAW Alumni Association Past President and Annual Recognition Luncheon co-chair, opened Mishkind Law Firm Co.,

L.P.A. in Beachwood, OH. He is joined in the practice by his former associate **Ronald Margolis '82**. The firm will continue to concentrate on the representation of individuals seriously injured due to medical negligence and other catastrophic events.

### Class of 1981

C|M|LAW Alumni Association Past President **Dennis Lansdowne** was selected for inclusion in the 2011 *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine, was named to the Top 100 Super Lawyers list and named as a Leading Lawyer in the November/December 2010 issue of *Inside Business* magazine. Mr. Lansdowne is a partner in the Cleveland law firm Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber.

### Class of 1982

**Linda Bluso** is the head of Baldwin-Wallace College's division of Business Administration. She was also named a 2011 YWCA Greater Cleveland Woman of Achievement, which honors women who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities, as well as excellence, accomplishments and commitment in their careers and communities.

**Patrick Perotti** was named one of the top 75 plaintiff trial lawyers in the country in a survey conducted by defense firm Shook, Hardy & Bacon. Mr. Perotti is a partner with Dworken & Bernstein in Painesville.

### Class of 1983

**Clifford Masch**, an attorney in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was voted among The Best Lawyers in America in the Appellate Practice area for 2011.

**Irene Rennillo** was recognized as a 2010 CSU Distinguished Alumna and was awarded the George B. Davis Award for Service to the University. Ms. Rennillo is a co-founder of Rennillo Deposition and Discovery, now known as Rennillo Deposition and Discovery, a Veritext Company.



**Stephen Walters**, managing partner of the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was invited to join the Council on Litigation Management,

a nonpartisan alliance comprising insurance companies, corporations, corporate counsel, litigation and risk managers, claims professionals and attorneys. He was also voted among The Best Lawyers in America in the Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants area for 2011.

### Class of 1984

**Steven Rosso** is Deputy Counsel for the U.S. Army - Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command in San Antonio, TX, and was also recently promoted to Colonel in the Army Reserve.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Jon Wellinghoff has announced the appointment of Judge **Steven L. Sterner** as a FERC Administrative Law Judge.

C|M|LAW Alumni Association Trustee **Carter Strang** was selected as the recipient of the 2011 Kent State University Dis-



tinguished Honors College Alumni Award. He was also named Vice President of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, as well as a member

of the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Fellows Class of 2011. Mr. Strang is a partner in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West where he handles a broad range of matters in both state and federal court, with a primary focus on environmental, mass tort, and product liability litigation.

### Class of 1985



**Todd Jackson** rejoined the firm of Weston Hurd as a partner and resident of the Cleveland office. Mr. Jackson focuses his practice

on providing advice to small and mid-sized, closely-held businesses and their owners and executives.

**Russell Kornblut** has joined the Cleveland law firm of Javitch Block & Rathbone as Of Counsel. Mr. Kornblut recently published "My Name is Planky, the Real Life Story of a True Underdog", a non-legal work of fiction designed for pet lovers of all ages. The book is available on Amazon, on the Dorrance Publishing website, or by contacting Mr. Kornblut directly.

**Karen Rubin** was appointed to the Ohio State Bar Association's Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee. Ms. Rubin is a Senior Attorney in the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine where she is a member of the firm's Business Litigation and Product Liability practice groups.

## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS



**Nicholas Satullo**, a partner in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., authored an article for the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys' Quarterly Review, "Third Party Claims by Attorney-Malpractice Defendants Against Attorneys: Yes, No and Maybe." He was also voted among The Best Lawyers in America in the Commercial Litigation and Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants areas for 2011.

### Class of 1986



**Robert Hanna**, a partner with Tucker Ellis & West in Cleveland, was elected President of the Board of Directors of the Women's Center of Greater Cleveland, an organization which is dedicated to providing alcohol and drug abuse treatment for women and families in crisis.

### Class of 1987

**Tony Coyne** was appointed Chair of the newly created Group Planning Commission by Mayor Frank Jackson. Mr. Coyne is President of Mansour, Gavin, Gerlack & Manos in Cleveland.

**David Lewis** is a director and shareholder of Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty and practices in the firm's Northeast Ohio offices. His areas of concentration include corporate, individual, partnership, and excise tax law.

**Timothy Trainer** conducted a series of intellectual property seminars and workshops in Belize and Chile in August and addressed customs intellectual property enforcement issues in

a series of seminars and workshops held in the Ukraine. He also conducted a day-long session for Bosnia-Herzegovina government agencies addressing the role of government agencies in the IPR enforcement system, and an assessment of the overall intellectual property system in the Republic of Georgia, with the aim of identifying future activities to raise IPR awareness and efficiency in the country. Mr. Trainer also conducted a series of intellectual property education and awareness workshops in three cities of Bosnia-Herzegovina for government officials, business representatives and university faculties.

### Class of 1990

**Jean Korman** was named a partner in the Cleveland firm Benesch Friedlander.

C|M|LAW Legal Writing Professor **Karin Mika**, **Jaclyn Butler '10**, **Scott R. Ebner '10**, **Kelly J. Imes '10**, and **Susan M. Vitaz '10** were acknowledged for their research in Baldwin's Ohio Practice TORT LAW, Second Edition, Volume 1 by the author, Christopher M. Ernst.

### Class of 1991

**Timothy Jarm** joined Alliant Management Services as executive vice president, where he will focus on Alliant's strategic growth and be responsible for the company's overall management.

### Class of 1992



**Kenneth Abbarno**, partner and co-chair of the Transportation Committee of Reminger Co., was named the 2011 Chairman of the

Harmonie Group Transportation section, an international network of defense firms that serve the legal needs of corporations, third party administrators and the insurance industry.

**Ann Bergen** became Vice President of the Board of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Ms. Bergen is a sole practitioner in Willoughby, OH.

**Tamara O'Brien** was appointed a judge in the General Division of Summit County's Court of Common Pleas by Governor John Kasich.

### Class of 1993

The U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of **Arthur Elkins Jr.** as U.S. EPA inspector general.

**Edward Fitzgerald** was elected to a four-year term as Cuyahoga County Executive, the chief executive officer of the newly formed Cuyahoga County Council.

**Brian Goldwasser**, managing partner of the Cincinnati office of Reminger Co., was voted among The Best Lawyers in America in the Medical Malpractice Law area for 2011.

**Jonathan Kunkel** was elected to serve as Chair of the Administrative Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He also serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Dauphin County Bar Association and as Treasurer of the James B. Bowman American Inn of Court. Mr. Kunkel is an attorney with the Governor's Office of General Counsel where he is an employment litigator for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

**Christine Santoni**, a partner in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was voted among The Best Lawyers in America in the Medical Malpractice Law area for 2011.

**Michelle Sheehan**, C|M|LAW Alumni Association trustee and partner with Reminger Co., was selected as one of ten finalists for the 2011 ATHENA® Awards. Award finalists featured in the March 2011 issue of *Inside Business* magazine have achieved professional excellence, given back to their communities and created leadership opportunities for women in Northeast Ohio. ATHENA International is an established international organization that has recognized thousands of women and men for assisting women in realizing their full leadership potential.

### Class of 1994

**Andrew Dorman**, partner in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was voted among The Best Lawyers in America in the Insurance Law area for 2011.

**Richard Jablonski** married Sarah McAchran, M.D. and is Senior Counsel in the Corporate Law Department of Progressive Group of Insurance Companies in Madison, Wisconsin.

**Durin Rogers** was elected President of the Genesee County Bar Association in New York. Mr. Rogers is an assistant county attorney with the Genesee County Attorney's Office.



**Michael Spisak** joined the Cleveland office of Weston Hurd as a partner. His practice areas include workers' compensation, employment and commercial litigation.

### Class of 1995

**Marilena DiSilvio**, partner in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was voted among The Best Lawyers in America in the Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants area for 2011.

**Benita Pearson** was appointed a federal judge for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, in Youngstown. She is the first African-American woman federal judge in Ohio.

**Marc Stolarsky** was featured in the article "Road to Recovery" in the April 2010 issue of *Ohio Sports and Fitness* magazine. Mr. Stolarsky is a sole practitioner in Lyndhurst practicing in the areas of wills, trusts, estates and probate.

### Class of 1996

**Leslie Jenny** joined the Cleveland office of Sutter, O'Connell & Farchione as a shareholder. Ms. Jenny focuses her practice on medical malpractice litigation.

**James Lukas** was appointed City Manager and Safety Director for the City of Brunswick.

**Joseph Simms** was appointed to the Litigation Section Council of the Ohio State Bar Association. Mr. Simms is counsel in the Litigation Practice of Ulmer & Berne in Cleveland where he concentrates his practice on complex business and commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution.



**Jennifer Stueber** counsel in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West, focuses her practice in the areas of real estate lending and business transactions, rental & leasing services, and corporate law.

### Class of 1997

**Ian Friedman**, C|M|LAW Alumni Association Vice President and member of the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Fellows Class of 2011, was recently quoted in a FoxNews.com article about a potential investigation regarding a new series on MTV.

**Leslye Huff** was elected to the Executive Committee of the Cleveland NAACP and was elected Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the National Black Justice Coalition.

**Evelyn Moya** received the Florida Association of Women Lawyers Leader in Law Award. The award is given to women who have made meaningful contributions in their communities through their legal service or volunteer activities, and who are positive role models.



**Susan Petersen** was recognized as a 2011 Ohio Rising Star by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine. Ms. Petersen, a partner in the Chardon firm

of Petersen & Petersen, focuses her practice in the representation of injury victims in the areas of wrongful death, medical malpractice, personal injury, product liability, nursing home negligence and car accident cases.

### Class of 1998

**Dan Bortnick** joined Tarolli, Sundheim, Covell & Tummino in Cleveland, as an Electrical Engineering associate attorney.



**Christopher Caryl** is a partner in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West where he practices primarily in the area of products liability and toxic and mass tort.



## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

**Sara Donnersbach**, a partner with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis in Cleveland, was recognized as an Ohio Rising Star by Thomson Reuters.

**Nicholas Miller** was elected partner in the Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy group of Chicago-based Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP. In October 2010, he accepted the 2010 Turnaround Management Association's Mid-size Transaction of the Year Award in Orlando, FL, for his work on the prepackaged chapter 11 case of Morris Publishing Group, LLC.

**Dean Van Dress** was appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees for Southwest General Hospital.

### Class of 1999

**Janeane Cappara** is an associate in the Cleveland office of Ziegler, Metzger & Miller where she focuses her practice on commercial and business litigation.



Reminger Co. partner **Jeanne Mullin** was named co-chair of the firm's Medical Malpractice group. Ms. Mullin is in the firm's Sandusky

office where she focuses her practice mainly on the defense of medical and professional negligence cases.

**Elizabeth Thomarios** opened her own law practice with offices in Akron and Cleveland.

### Class of 2000

**Matthew Burg**, an associate with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis in Cleveland, was recognized as a 2011 Ohio Rising Star by Thomson Reuters.

**Laurie Cohen-Miller** is an administrative law judge for the New York State Workers' Compensation Board.

**Matthew Cox** was named one of *Crain's Cleveland Business* magazine's "Forty Under 40."

**Wendy Gomez** is the Managing Member at Woodford Consulting Group in Roswell, GA.

**Kristina King** is a shareholder in the Elyria firm of Fauver, Keyse-Walker & Donovan. Her areas of practice focus on estate planning and probate.

**Brian Riley** is an associate attorney with Woods Oviatt Gilman in Rochester, NY, focusing on employment and business litigation.

**David Stadler** co-created the Cleveland firm Ankuda, Stadler, Moeller & Tyminski with **Christopher Ankuda '01, Colin Moeller '04** and **Michael Tyminski '01**. Mr. Stadler has tried over 50 cases throughout the state of Ohio including those involving claims of wrongful death and other catastrophic injuries.

**Matthew Viola** joined the Cleveland firm of Kohrman Jackson & Krantz as a partner practicing real estate law.

### Class of 2001

**Christopher Ankuda** co-created the Cleveland firm Ankuda, Stadler, Moeller & Tyminski with **Colin Moeller '04, David Stadler '00** and **Michael Tyminski '01**. Mr. Ankuda represents individuals, businesses and insurance carriers in the defense of catastrophic bodily injury and property damage claims.

C|MJ|LAW Alumni Association Trustee **Kevin Butler** was appointed law director for the city of Lakewood. Mr. Butler previously served as Ward 1 councilman and owns his own law practice. He is also the proud father of Agnes Anne, born May 25, 2010.

**Kimberly Hrenko** is a partner in the Cleveland firm Petronzio Schneier where her practice focuses on business, commercial and general civil litigation.

**Ross Matlack** was named Chief Executive Officer at RiverView Health in Crookston, MN.

**James Stephenson** is trial counsel for the U.S. Army in Fort Sam Houston, TX.

**Michael Tyminski** co-created the Cleveland firm of Ankuda, Stadler, Moeller & Tyminski with **Colin Moeller '04, David Stadler '00** and **Christopher Ankuda '01**. His practice primarily focuses on the defense of serious injury cases, including wrongful death and catastrophic injury claims.

### Class of 2002

**Nicholas DiCello** was named a partner in the Cleveland firm of Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber, and was recognized as a 2011 Ohio Rising Star by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine.

**Sarah Flannery** was named a partner in the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine. Ms. Flannery is a member of the firm's Labor & Employment group and focuses her practice on counseling and representing employers in immigration matters and I-9 compliance.

## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS



The Ohio State Bar Association has certified **Thomas Green**, partner in the Akron-based firm Kastner Westman & Wilkins, as a Labor and Employment Law Specialist. Mr. Green represents and advises both public and private sector employers in all aspects of work place law.

**Angela Kirk** is an attorney in the Columbus firm of Manley Deas Kochalski.

**Frank Scialdone** was voted a partner in the Cleveland office of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co. Mr. Scialdone was also named a Rising Star in Appellate Practice by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine for 2011.



**Jane Warner** is counsel in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West where she participates in general litigation, negotiation, and settlement matters for malpractice suits.

### Class of 2003

**Ilah Adkins** became President of the Board of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Ms. Adkins is the Assistant Vice President & Counsel at Charter One Bank.

**Charles Harris** was named a partner in the Chicago office of global law firm Mayer Brown. Mr. Harris focuses his practice on litigation and dispute resolution.

**Melissa Horn** is Corporate Counsel for American Greetings Corporation in Cleveland.

**Grant Monachino** was elected a partner at Baker & Hostetler in



Cleveland. Mr. Monachino is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property, Technology and Media Group and concentrates his practice in the areas of intellectual property portfolio management and litigation.

**Daniel Watson** completed his LLM in Government Procurement from the George Washington University Law School with highest honors.

### Class of 2004

**Siegmond Fuchs** is a constitutional tort staff member for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

**Benjamin Hoen**, an associate with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis in Cleveland, was recognized as a 2011 Ohio Rising Star by Thomson Reuters.

**Colin Moeller** co-created the Cleveland firm of Ankuda, Stadler, Moeller & Tyminski with **Christopher Ankuda '01**, **David Stadler '00** and **Michael Tyminski '01**. He focuses his practice on the defense of personal injury and property damage actions.

### Class of 2007

**Joseph Dunson** is an associate with Seeley, Savidge, Ebert & Gourash in Cleveland where his practice focuses on product liability, toxic/mass torts, commercial and insurance coverage matters.

**Clare Krumlauf** is a trial attorney in the Staff Counsel office of Nationwide Trial Division in Columbus.

**Meredith Marcinko** is an associate in the Cleveland office of

Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff in the firm's Health Care Practice Group.

### Class of 2008

**Michael Carey** joined the Akron office of Roetzel & Andress as an associate attorney where his practice focuses on bankruptcy and creditors' rights.

Brendan and **Susan Hughes**, an associate in the Cleveland office of Baker Hostetler, are the proud parents of Madelyn Mary, born December 4, 2010.

**Judson Stelter** is an associate in the Labor and Employment practice group of Frantz Ward in Cleveland. His practice focuses chiefly on employment-related litigation and labor arbitration.



**David Valent**, an associate in the Cleveland office of Reminger Co., was appointed Program Co-Chair of the Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, an organization of attorneys, claims representatives, and insurance professionals who devote a substantial portion of their time to the defense of civil claims and/or lawsuits against individuals, corporations and governmental entities.

### Class of 2009

**Patrick Charles** was quoted by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer in his dissent in the most recent Supreme Court gun control case, *McDonald v. Chicago*. He also drafted the English Historians Amicus Curiae Brief that was cited extensively by Justice Breyer. The work was based on an article he wrote for the CSU Law Review entitled "Arms for Their Defence?"

## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

**Paul Deegan** is an associate attorney with the Cleveland firm of Britton Smith Peters & Kalail.



**Brandon Fairless** joined the Cleveland office of Weston Hurd focusing his practice on commercial litigation.

**Elias Hazkial** opened the general law practice firm of Hazkial Law in Fairlawn.

**Jessica Wiedemann** is an associate with Jones Day in Cleveland where she practices in the area of commercial finance.

### Class of 2010

**Aja Brooks** is a legislative assistant for Education & Judiciary issues for Senator Rob Portman in the Washington, DC office.

**Robert Brundrett** is the Director of Legislative Affairs for the State Auditor of Ohio.

CJM|LAW Legal Writing Professor **Karin Mika '90, Jaclyn Butler, Scott R. Ebner, Kelly J. Imes, and Susan M. Vitaz** were acknowledged for their research in Baldwin's Ohio Practice TORT LAW, Second Edition, Volume 1 by the author, Christopher M. Ernst.

**Joseph Corsaro** is a principal in the Westlake firm of Corsaro & Associates and a member of the firm's Tax and Business Organizations practice group.

**Emily Honsa** is an associate in the Cleveland office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis.

**Julia Leo** is an associate in the General Practice Group of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff in Cleveland.

The Greater Cleveland Partnership named **Martin McGann** vice president of state and local government advocacy.



**Chelsea Mikula** joined Tucker Ellis & West as an associate in the Cleveland office. Her practice focuses on business litigation and bank-

ruptcy.



**Drew Odum** joined Tucker Ellis & West as an associate in the Cleveland office concentrating on mass tort and product liability.

**Melanie Shwab** joined the Cleveland office of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn as an associate in the firm's Business Restructuring and Creditors' Rights Practice Group.

### Correction

**Michael Hennenberg's '74** Super Lawyer recognition was for 2010, not 2009, as listed in the Spring 2010 Law Notes.

### OBITUARIES

Irwin Haiman '41  
Hon. August Pryatel '42  
Howard Laundry '49  
Stanley Tolliver '51  
Hon. Joseph Zingales '52  
Hon. Frank D. Celebrezze '56  
James Conway '58  
Aaron Jacobson '59  
Marvin Sorin '59  
Phillip Taylor '60  
Hon. Francis E. Sweeney '63  
Dominic Delsander '64  
George Lutjen '64  
Donald Bolton '67  
Judd Gross '67  
Robert Zashin '68  
Stewart Mandel '69  
Jack Hyland '70  
Roy Kaufman '70  
Martin Despins '72  
John Paleudis '73  
Nicholas Valentino '77  
Betty Klaric '84  
Frank Aquila '89  
Janice Aitken '96  
Mark Savage '98  
Blair Richards '04

## CJM|LAW Point of Pride

CJM|LAW's Moot Court Team had an impressive season. Earlier this year, strong performances earned CJM|LAW an invitation to the Houston Moot Court National Championship, an honor reserved for the top 16 teams in the country, where students **Jack Garswood, Matt Hebebrand and Danielle Doza** represented the school. In February, the Nationals team of **Michael Jagunic, Kevin Marchaza and Samantha Vajskop** advanced to the top eight teams at the New York City Bar Moot Court Competition.



## FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE NEWS

### David Barnhizer

Professor Emeritus

■ published *Redesigning the American Law School*, in the MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW.



### Susan Becker

Professor

■ was awarded the 2010 CSU Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award. This recognition is awarded annually to a full-time tenured CSU faculty member whose teaching has been recognized as exceptionally strong.

### Kelly Curtis

Legal Writing Professor

■ was amicus counsel in *State v. Bodyke*, in which the Ohio Supreme Court declared portions of Ohio's sex offender registration and notification law as unconstitutional violation of separation of powers. Professor Curtis also served as lead counsel on a companion case, *Chojnacki v. Dann*.

### Dena Davis

James A. Thomas Distinguished Professor of Law

■ published *Contraception, Abortion, and Health Care Reform: Finding Appropriate Moral Ground* in MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE LAW REVIEW;  
■ taught in the MA program in Bioethics as a Fulbright Specialist at the University of Padua;

■ was the lead author on an article, *Ashkenazi Jews: Overburdened and Overexposed?* in NEW GENETICS & SOCIETY.

### Rosa DelVecchio

Administrative Secretary

■ Published new novella, *Road Rage – A Love Story*, through Cyberwit. It is available online at [www.cyberwit.net/publications/253v](http://www.cyberwit.net/publications/253v)

### Patricia Falk

The Charles R. Emrick Jr.-Calfée Halter & Griswold Professor of Law

■ was quoted in *Could a pick-up artist be charged with rape?* on msnbc.com.

### David Forte

Professor

■ was reappointed to the Ohio State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights;

■ published *The Morality of Positive Law*, in F. J. Beckwith, R. P. George, and Susan McWilliams, A SECOND LOOK AT FIRST THINGS: A CASE FOR CONSERVATIVE POLITICS.

### Matthew Green

Assistant Professor

■ published *Express Yourself: Striking a Balance Between Silence and Active, Purposive Opposition under Title VII's Anti-Retaliation Provision* in the HOFSTRA LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW JOURNAL.

### Donna Helfrich

Administrative Secretary

■ was selected to receive the 2010 CSU Distinguished Service Award for Professional/Classified Staff.

### Candice Hoke

Associate Professor

■ was invited to speak at Department of Homeland Security events in on regulatory strategies for increasing cyber security in the private sector;  
■ will speak at the Workshop on Cyber-

security Incentives at George Mason University in June;

■ wrote a chapter in AMERICA VOTES, the ABA anthology on emerging election law issues.

### Lolita Buckner Inniss

The Joseph C. Hostetler-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law

■ will participate in Harvard Law School's Institute for Global Law and Policy summer workshop for doctoral and post-doctoral scholars;

■ was quoted in NEWSWEEK (April 10, 2011) regarding Henry Louis Gates's views on African American reparations. The NEWSWEEK article referenced Lolita's earlier *Letter to the Editor* in the NEW YORK TIMES;

■ appeared on 90.3 WCPN's *Around Noon* as part of a panel with Professor Rhonda Williams of Case Western Reserve University and Laurel School Head Ann Klotz to discuss a new version of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*;  
■ presented "The Princeton Fugitive Slave Case: Jimmy the College Apple Man and Memories of Slavery" at the Emory Conference on Slavery and Universities;

■ presented "Aging as a Feminist Concern" at the Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop at Emory University.

### Dennis Keating

Professor of Urban Affairs and Law

■ is one of several co-authors in the fourth edition of the casebook, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT published by Carolina Academic Press;  
■ co-authored *Cleveland's EcoVillage: green and affordable housing through a network alliance*, in HOUSING POLICY DEBATE;

■ co-authored *Defending Progressive State Housing and Land Use Reforms*, which was presented in March at the annual conference of the Urban Affairs Association in New Orleans.

## FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE NEWS

### Browne Lewis

*Associate Professor*

- published a casebook, *THE INHERITANCE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES: CASES AND MATERIALS*;
- published *Three Lies and a Truth: Adjudicating Maternity in Surrogacy Disputes* in *LOUISVILLE LAW REVIEW*;
- published *Graveside Birthday Parties: The Legal Consequences of Forming Families Posthumously*, in the *CASE WESTERN LAW REVIEW*.

### Kermit Lind

*Clinical Professor and Assistant Director, Community Advocacy Clinic*

- was quoted in *Handelsblatt*, a German newspaper about a civil lawsuit against Deutsche Bank by a subsidiary of Neighborhood Progress, Inc., one of the Clinic's clients.

### Claire Robinson May

*Legal Writing Professor*

- Wrote a play, *Mother/Tongue*, that was produced as part of Cleveland Public Theatre's Big [BOX] series for new play development.



### Karin Mika

*Legal Writing Professor*

- published *Would You Say That to Your Children? Enhancing Learning Through Improved Communication*, *DUQUESNE LAW REVIEW*;

- Wrote a column, "Law You Can Use" – *School Dress Codes*, for an online series of legal advisory pieces written for laypersons (sponsored by the Ohio State Bar Association). The article was reprinted in over a dozen local newspapers.
- Published *LEGAL WRITING WITH STYLE* (5th edition, with Terri LeClercq).

### Kristina Niedringhaus

*Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor*

- published, *Teaching Better Research Skills by Teaching Metacognitive Ability*, in *PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING*.

### Kevin O'Neill

*Associate Professor*

- signed a contract with Congressional Quarterly Press to contribute articles to a forthcoming reference work, *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT*, which will be published in 2012.

### John Plecnik

*Assistant Professor*

- accepted an offer from the *QUINNIPIAC LAW REVIEW* to publish his article, *Abolish the Inflation Tax on the Poor & Middle Class*.

### Brian Ray

*Assistant Professor*

- was a commentator and presented *Comparative Sources in Constitutional Interpretation: Lessons from South Africa's Comparative Experiment* at the Junior International Law Scholars/Yale Journal of International Law conference at Yale University.

### Heidi Gorovitz Robertson

*Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Student Achievement*

- published *Public Access to Private Land for Walking: Environmental and Individual Responsibility as Rationale for Limiting the Right to Exclude*, in the *GEORGETOWN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW*.



### Christopher Sagers

*Associate Professor*

- was made a fellow of a new institute—Center for Law, Economics and Finance—at George Washington Law School (C|M|LAW faculty alum **Pat McCoy** is also a fellow of the new institute.);
- was appointed to a one-year, renewable leadership post in the ABA Antitrust Section;
- was named a Senior Fellow of the American Antitrust Institute (AAI). He was also the lead author on an *amicus brief* for the American Antitrust Institute. The case was *In re Hawaiian & Guamanian Cabotage Antitrust Litigation*, No. 10-36165 (9th Cir 2011).

### Lloyd Snyder

- received of the 2011 Stapleton Award from the C|M|LAW Alumni Association.

### Milena Sterio

*Assistant Professor*

- published *The Gaza Strip: Israel, Its Foreign Policy, and the Goldstone Report*, will be published in the *CASE WESTERN RESERVE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW*;
- published *A Grotian Moment: Changes in the Legal Theory of Statehood* in the *DENVER JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY*;
- was named to the Piracy Working

## FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE NEWS

Group by The Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG);

- participated in Katyn: Justice Delayed or Justice Denied? at Case Western University Law School, where she discussed the topic of genocide and whether the Katyn crime constituted genocide;
- moderated a panel on Somali piracy at the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- was invited to join an expert working group dedicated to studying Somali piracy issues;
- signed a book contract with Routledge Publishers.

### Mark Sundahl

*Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

- published *A New Working Bibliography of Ancient Greek Law* with the Academy of Athens Press;
- was the co-coordinator of the 53rd Annual Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space, in Prague. He also presented a paper at the colloquium, *The Expansion of Private Activity in Space and its Impact on the Development of the International Law of Outer Space*;
- signed a book contract with the Brill publishing house in the Netherlands to write a book about the new Space Assets Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment.

### Alan Weinstein

*Associate Professor of Law and Urban Studies & Director, Law & Public Policy Program*

- published (with Brian Blaesser), *FEDERAL LAND USE LAW & LITIGATION* (Thomson/West 2010).

### Jonathan Witmer-Rich

*Assistant Professor*

- accepted an offer from the FLORIDA LAW REVIEW to publish *Interrogation and the Roberts Court*. The article will be published in the September or December 2011 issue of the current volume (63);



- was one of 10 professors in Ohio to win the University System of Ohio Faculty Innovator Award for using technological “innovation to reduce the cost of textbooks to students” by making supporting course materials available online.

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We say fond goodbyes and congratulations to our faculty members **Gordon Beggs**, **Kermit Lind** and **Lloyd Snyder**, who retired this year, and to **Dena Davis**, who has accepted a position as Presidential Endowed Chair in Health at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. The service these outstanding professors gave to the Law School, the University, the community and the profession is greatly appreciated, and their gifts of knowledge will be felt for lifetimes. We wish them the best.

## CJMLAW Point of Pride

CJMLAW students **Brandon Cox** and **Theophilus Hudson** placed among the top four teams in the country at the National Black Law Students Association’s (NBLSA) Frederick Douglass Moot Court Championships (FDMCC) held in Houston, Texas, in March. In February the pair won first place in the Midwest FDMCC. Last year CJMLAW sent a team to the FDMCC for the first time in ten years, with that team earning a third place at regionals and a trip to the nationals. CJMLAW’s Tierra Ndegwa ’10 won Best Oralist at last year’s national contest. We look forward to following our FDMCC team successes in the future!





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