On October 16, David Barnhizer posted a working paper on the Legal Scholarship Network entitled *Myth, Magic and Mystery: Defending the Hidden Order of the Rule of Law.*


Deborah Geier had a 7-page, 15-footnote Letter to the Editor published at 117 TAX NOTES 389 (Oct. 22, 2007). The editors entitled the Letter "Another Take on the Mortgage Debt Relief Situation."

Karin Mika had a Teaching Tip published in the Fall 2007 AALS Newsletter for the
Section on Legal Writing and Research.

**Lloyd Snyder** had an article entitled *Lawyer Deception to Uncover Wrongdoing* in the October issue of the **CLEVELAND BAR JOURNAL**.

On October 24, **Alan Weinstein** posted a working paper to the LSN called *Avoiding a RLUIPA Claim*. The paper is a chapter for a forthcoming book on RLUIPA to be published jointly by the American Bar Association and American Planning Association.

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**Phyllis Crocker** spoke at the Rotary Club of Cleveland on October 25.

On October 29, **Phyllis Crocker** participated in a nationwide roundtable discussion of the results of the ABA Death Penalty Studies done in eight states (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Tennessee, and Florida) over the past eighteen months. The roundtable discussion took place at the ABA headquarters in D.C. Phyllis was one of the presenters, summarizing and commenting on the results of all the studies regarding the provision of Defender Services.

On October 3, **Dena Davis** gave a presentation on "The Legal History of Patients' Rights in the U.S. from a Case Law Perspective" to the Hem-Oncology Fellows at the Cleveland Clinic.

On October 24, **Dena Davis** gave a presentation on the ethics of stem cell research at the University of Toledo College of Medicine.

**Joel Finer** gave a lecture at the law college on Quartermaster v. Panetti, in which the Supreme Court expanded the definition of "mental incompetence" to be executed.

At the American Bar Association's **Advisory Commission on Election Law**, which was held on October 12-13, **Candice Hoke** gave a short presentation on voting systems technical studies concerning their security and accuracy; she was appointed to several subcommittees to develop election reform policy recommendations at the federal level.

**Candice Hoke** was a panelist at invitation-only **Post-Election Audit National Summit**, held on October 25-27, in Minneapolis.

On December 3, **Candice Hoke** will be a panelist at an election issues conference in Chicago designed exclusively for journalists, which is being held by the Pew Charitable Trusts. She will speak on **Voting Systems Issues for 2008**.

**Steve Lazarus** spoke to the CSU Undergraduate Honors Program students on October 18. The topic was "Not An Oxymoron: Lawyers' Ethics."
Dennis Keating and Kermit Lind spoke on "The Vacant Properties Problem in U.S. Cities and State and Municipal Responses" on October 22 at the International Partners conference at the Levin College.

On September 24 and 25, Kermit Lind moderated a panel presentation entitled “Residential Property Nuisance Abatement and Receiverships” at a national conference held in Pittsburgh, PA on Reclaiming Vacant Properties: Strategies for Rebuilding America’s Neighborhoods, which was co-sponsored by the National Vacant Properties Campaign and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

On September 25 and 26, Kermit Lind participated in an invitational policy roundtable held in Pittsburgh, PA on “Designing a Model Action Plan for Right Sizing Shrinking Cities,” sponsored by The Urban Design Center of Northeast Ohio and the National Vacant Properties Campaign.

On September 28, Kermit Lind made a presentation entitled “Introduction to Nuisance Abatement by Receivership Under Ohio Revised Code 3767.41” to a group of nearly 100 local code enforcers and public officials convened at the Center for Regional Cooperation by the Center for Urban and Public Affairs at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Ken Kowalski presented at an Ohio State Bar Association EEO Seminar on September 28 in Columbus. His presentation was Federal/State Update on EEO Cases.

On October 22, Geoffrey Mearns spoke about his experience on the Oklahoma City bombing case at the Intown Club. The talk was by invitation from Dr. Joanne Schwartz, the spouse of President Michael Schwartz.

Karin Mika made a presentation at the Central States Legal Writing Conference on Teaching Research Skills.

As part of our junior faculty exchange program, Brian Ray spoke at Capital University Law School on October 22. His talk was entitled “Striking a Balance: The South African Constitutional Court’s Socioeconomic Rights Jurisprudence.”

On October 18, Heidi Gorovitz Robertson spoke at the Investiture of Judge Jane M. Beckering of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

In late October, Heidi Gorovitz Robertson presented a paper at the First Annual Conference on Law, Ethics and the Life Sciences at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky.

On October 17, in an event sponsored by the Federalist Society, Michael Greve of the American Enterprise Institute delivered a speech entitled "Does the Court Mean Business?" which looked at the Roberts Court docket and what some commentators have seen as an imbalance of business cases and a possible pro-business slant. Christopher Sagers provided commentary on Greve's speech.
IN THE NEWS

Janet Okoben, *Cleveland State University Law Grads Excel at Bar Exam*, CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, October 31, 2007 (discussing that the law school's class of 2007 had the highest bar passage rate in the region and the second highest in the state on the July 2007 Ohio bar exam, quoting Geoffrey Mearns, and mentioning Steven Steinglass.) You may read the article on the link below.


As Chair of the American Bar Association Ohio Death Penalty Assessment Team, Phyllis Crocker participated in two call-in talk shows on public radio: The first was in Cleveland on September 28 and the second was in Oxford, Ohio, on October 12 (the latter with Geoff Mearns).

The law school's Pro Bono Program, under the direction of Pamela Daiker-Middaugh, hosted the Second Annual Teen Law and Public Policy Forum on October 20. The program, sponsored by the Partnership for a Safer Cleveland, the Cuyahoga County Department of Health, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners, brought together youngsters, ages 12 to 18, from across the county to discuss public policy issues and laws that directly affect young people. Stephen R. Lazarus and a number of Cleveland-Marshall students participated in the program and acted as facilitators. Plain Dealer reporter Stan Donaldson published an article about the event in the October 22 issue of the paper. You may read it on the link below.

James Ewinger, *No-Snitch Culture on Trial in Akron, Teenager Sent to Jail for Refusing to Testify*, CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, October 20, 2007 (quoting our adjunct Gordon Friedman).


Candice Hoke was interviewed by Fox 8 Cleveland's I-Team for their voting systems security report (to be aired in late October).

On October 23, Geoffrey Mearns spoke on Ideastream (90.3 FM), discussing whether politics has unduly compromised the United States Department of Justice. With him was former U. S. Attorney John Larkin McKay, one of the United States Attorneys dismissed by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in 2006.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Gordon Beggs provided a consultation to Ohio State Senator Shirley Smith regarding possible revisions to SB 197, her proposed comprehensive reform of Ohio's criminal records sealing law.

Sheldon Gelman has organized a “Lunch Club” for Cleveland State University undergraduate honor students. He has invited Dena Davis, Chris Sagers, Steve Lazarus, and Peter Garlock to speak to the “Club.”

Kathleen Engel is a member of Barack Obama’s Housing Policy Committee.

Kermit Lind is engaged as one of four national experts recruited by the National Vacant Properties Campaign to conduct an assessment and provide advice to a neighborhood organization and the City of Atlanta regarding vacant and abandoned houses in one of Atlanta’s inner-city neighborhoods.


**2007 LAW REVIEW CITATIONS TO OUR WORK**


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