

Faculty Focus

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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Mark Sundahl published *The Duty to Rescue Space Tourists and Return Private Spacecraft* in the JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

On October 16th, **Mark Sundahl** delivered a paper entitled *Bigelow Aerospace's Commodity Jurisdiction Request under ITAR and its Impact on the Future of Human Spaceflight* at the 2009 Astronautical Congress in Daejeon, South Korea.

Dena Davis was the Traub-Byfield fellow at University of Illinois College of Medicine on October 10. The topic of her lecture was *Cutting to the Core: Male and Female Genital Alteration*.

Dena gave the Phillippa Harris endowed lecture at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Canada, on October 21. Her topic was *Cancer, Fertility, and Hope: A Bermuda Triangle?*

Dena attended the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, October 14-18, and moderated a panel on *New Directions in Jewish Bioethics*.

A symposium **Dena** organized, on *Boldt v. Boldt*, a family law case involving circumcision of a 12-year-old boy in Oregon, has been published in JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ETHICS. **Dena** wrote the Introduction.

On October 14, **Alan Weinstein** presented *A Framework for On-Premise Sign Regulations* at the National Signage Research and Education Conference at the University of Cincinnati.

On October 1, **Phyllis L. Crocker** spoke on *The ABA Report on the Ohio Death Penalty* with Margery Koosed (Akron) at The ABA Death Penalty Report, Innocence and E-Discovery, a conference sponsored by the Akron Bar Association and the University of Akron School of Law. At the same conference, Ian Friedman (CM Law '97) spoke about the proposed new rule of criminal discovery in Ohio.

Phyllis also spoke on *The Future of the Death Penalty: Reform, Abolition, Status Quo?* with Beth Wilkinson, Partner at Paul Weiss and one of the prosecutors in the McVeigh and Nichols cases at Criminal Justice Forum I, here at Cleveland-Marshall on October 20, 2009.

Milena Sterio participated in a roundtable discussion entitled *Controversy over Allegations of Gaza War Crimes: Assessing the Goldstone Report* at Case Law School on October 14.

Heidi Gorovitz Robertson had an abstract accepted for the Association for Law, Property, and Society's Annual Meeting at Georgetown Law School in Washington, D.C., March 5-6, 2010. She will speak on the legal and cultural underpinnings of the property right to exclude in Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

On October 22, **Steve Werber** presented *Effective Oral Advocacy* as part of the Annual Seminar presented by the Appellate Courts Committee of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

Lloyd Snyder was also on CMBA Appellate Courts Committee program on October 22, presenting *Ethical Issues on Appeal*. On September 25, he participated in a panel discussion in Toledo on the ethics of legal services practice in a program sponsored by Legal Aid of Western Ohio and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE).

On October 10, **Karin Mika** presented *The Benefits of an All-Inclusive Course Website* at the Central States Legal Writing Conference at Marquette, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In September, **Karin** presented *Games in the Legal Writing Classroom: Enhancing the Learning Experience* at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference at Stetson University in Florida.

IN THE NEWS

Geoff Mearns was quoted in a front page article by John Caniglia in the October 12 issue of the PLAIN DEALER: "Prosecutor Bill Mason says he may charge some already convicted in federal court; critics say that could slow probe."

Geoff was also quoted in an editorial in the October 14 issue of the PLAIN DEALER: "Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Bill Mason should keep his office out of federal prosecutors' way in corruption investigation."

Chris Sagers was quoted in the October 19 issue of Cleveland.com in an article by Plain Dealer reporter Robert Schoenberger: "Eaton Corp. might have to pay billions of dollars in damages after losing an antitrust case." You may read the article at http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2009/10/eaton_corp_might_have_to_pay_b.html

On October 22, **Chris Sagers** testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary in an 11:00 a.m. hearing on "Too Big to Fail—The Role for Bankruptcy and Antitrust Law in Financial Regulation Reform." You can view a video of the proceedings at this link: <http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/calendar.html>

DID YOU KNOW?

Chris Sagers was asked to provide written testimony to the House Judiciary Committee on H.R. 3596, the Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009. The bill would repeal the current exemption from antitrust for insurance companies, as it applies to health and medical malpractice insurers.

Chris has also been named to the Advisory Board of the American Antitrust Institute, a non-profit think tank based in DC.

Karin Mika was a judge at the John Marshall Information, Technology, and Privacy Moot Court Competition in Chicago on October 3rd.

David Barnhizer has been appointed Visiting Professor to the University of Westminster. This is a three-year appointment for occasional visits to deliver and/or participate in lectures and seminars for staff and students, planning research, participating in international seminars, conferences and other events.

Michael Davis filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court for Knowledge Ecology International (KEI), a public interest group devoted to increasing access to public information, especially with regard to health care and pharmaceuticals. The case, *Bilski*, concerns business method patents and revolves around the proper test the patent office should apply to prevent the patenting of mere ideas.

On October 1-3, 2009, **Sandra English** and **Inga Laurent** attended the Law School Admission Council Pipeline Conference. Inga participated on the panel: *Targeting Secondary Students: The "what" of developing program form and content*. She spoke about CM's involvement with 3Rs program, the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy, and the Law and Leadership Institute.

Steve Lazarus gave a public lecture on the MPRE exam to students from CM, Case, and elsewhere, to help them prepare for the upcoming exam.

Kenneth Kowalski and **Gordon Beggs** joined with Anita Myerson of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in convening an unemployment law clinic on October 27 as part of National Pro Bono Week. The clinic served 14 clients in one evening.

Gordon Beggs was featured in a chapter on stars of Christian legal aid in a new book by John Robb entitled *DEFENDING THE POOR WITH THE LOVE OF GOD* for his theoretical contribution to the Christian legal aid movement and his leadership of Christian Legal Services of Cleveland from 1998 to 2007.