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Difference Makers

Members of the Toledo Law community are changing lives in a myriad of ways by taking action to make the world a better place.

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Reem Subei '14

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DEAN'S LETTER



We are off to a great start with the new academic year underway! The last couple of years were a bit hectic as we navigated the pandemic, so I am looking forward to what seems to be a more ‘regularly scheduled’ semester of academics, activities, and events.

As many of you know, Jody and I have two sons. While our oldest attends the University of California — San Diego and has been out of the house for a few years, we just dropped our younger son off for his freshman year at Colgate University. We are slowly adjusting to our new lives as empty nesters. As those of you who have adult children know, you never really stop worrying about them. While they are away at college, I want to be sure that my kids are attending places where the faculty and staff are devoted to their success — both academically and personally. As Dean of the College of Law, I want to assure you that we provide the same support for our own students. I am very proud of the way our faculty and staff deliver on our commitment to student success. Every day, I appreciate and enjoy seeing our faculty and staff working with our students to bring fulfillment to the students’ individual needs and aspirations, which is what I hope my own kids find at college as well.

Earlier this year we launched our “Difference Makers” campaign in conjunction with our annual Day of Giving. We are reminded that everyone; students, faculty, staff, and alumni, can be Difference Makers, all with the ability to change the trajectory of one or many individuals. We celebrate our Difference Makers and the contributions they are making with their Toledo Law degree. In addition to college updates, as you turn the pages of this magazine you will see stories about alumni, students, faculty, and friends who have made a positive impact and are making a difference in the world today.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you throughout the year. I hope you continue to share stories about your own Difference Makers — and the difference YOU are making — as we continue through this new academic year.

Until then,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Barros". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Benjamin Barros
Dean and Professor of Law
The University of Toledo College of Law

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Most Accessible Professors
in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana

Princeton Review 2021

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for Low Graduate Student Debt

U.S. News and World Report

80.6%

10-Month Employment Rate
for the Class of 2021,
the Highest in the Last Decade

American Bar Association

3.53 GPA

Entering Class for Fall 2022
has the Highest GPA
Since it has been Documented

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN LAW

For two years in a row, Toledo Law has ranked fourth in the Princeton Review for “Best law school in the nation for greatest resources for women.” Our entering class for fall 2022 is 61.4% women — the highest percentage of female students since 2018 and second highest on record. As the industry sees an increase in law school enrollment by women, and practicing professionals being women, Toledo Law continues to be a fantastic resource for setting women up for a successful career in Law.

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for Greatest Resources for Women

Princeton Review 2022

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COLLEGE NEWS



Rebecca Zietlow Named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Professor Rebecca Zietlow began her tenure as associate dean for academic affairs on Jan. 1, 2022. Zietlow joined the College of Law faculty in 1995. She is a Distinguished University Professor and the Charles W. Fornoff Professor of Law and Values. She teaches in the areas of constitutional law, federal courts, and constitutional litigation.

Zietlow is a leading expert on constitutional theory, examining constitutional interpretation outside the courts, and is an acclaimed author with books that span the intersection of law and history. In her most recent book, “The Forgotten Emancipator: James Mitchell Ashley and the Ideological Origins of Reconstruction,” she uses Ashley’s life as a unique lens to explore the ideological origins of Reconstruction and the constitutional changes of this era.

In 2020, Zietlow was elected a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She received the University’s Creative and Scholarly Activity Award in 2018 and the UToledo Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award in 2012. She formerly served as chair of the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Constitutional Law and its Section on Women and Legal Education.

“I’m so happy to have this opportunity to work with the faculty and staff at the College of Law and help enhance our educational program and the students’ experience with us,” Zietlow says.

Zietlow earned her B.A. in political science, summa cum laude, from Barnard College and her J.D. from Yale Law School.



Ken Kilbert to Retire in December 2022

Professor Kenneth Kilbert is retiring at the end of this year. To celebrate his contributions to Toledo Law and the community, the College of Law hosted a retirement party for Kilbert in May.

In 2006, Kilbert joined the College of Law faculty. He served as associate dean for academic affairs from 2012 to 2015, received the University’s Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award in 2018, and the College of Law’s Outstanding Professor Award in 2022. He has taught in the areas of environmental law, natural resources law, administrative law, civil procedure, conflict of laws, and water law.

Kilbert has served as the director of the Legal Institute of the Great Lakes (LIGL), a multi-disciplinary research center within the College of Law. Every fall, the College of Law hosts the Great Lakes Water Conference (GLWC) in conjunction with the LIGL. Since 2006, Kilbert has organized and run this major event, which annually attracts hundreds of attendees. This year, Kilbert will continue to serve as director of the LIGL and will organize and host the 22nd annual GLWC before officially retiring.

Prior to joining the faculty at Toledo Law, Kilbert was in private practice for more than 20 years, focusing primarily on environmental litigation. Kilbert is former chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Civil Litigation Section and its Environmental Litigation Committee. He taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law from 2001 to 2006.

Kilbert earned his B.A., summa cum laude, from Bethany College and his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Pittsburgh.



WANT MORE NEWS?

Catch up on the latest Toledo Law news at utoledo.edu/law/news.



Students and Alum Take Action to Support Ukraine

Alona Matchenko, an international law student from Ukraine, was moved to do whatever she could to help those back home. Alona and fellow student Hope Luther founded the non-profit Toledo Helps Ukraine (THU).

Alona and Hope made significant strides with THU to reach their goals: 1) raise awareness, funds, and supplies to help Ukrainians, 2) welcome Ukrainians to northwest Ohio, and 3) directly assist in rebuilding. Andrea Young '16 was inspired to help when she met Alona. Andrea helped turn her office into a donations drop-off site and invited Alona to speak about THU on the Charles Boyk Law Office podcast, "Boyk Brief."

THU collected over \$100,000 in humanitarian aid for Ukraine, partnered with Feed My Starving Children to prepare over 163,000 meals, coordinated 10 donation sites throughout northwest Ohio, met with Ohio Governor Mike Dewine, attended the Ohio Summit on Ukrainian Refugees, and more.

In May, THU partnered with Block Communications to embark on a 3-week humanitarian trip to Ukraine and surrounding border countries. From purchasing supplies to walking across the border to distribute them, the trip was harrowing. "The aide went to families whose husbands or adult males were drafted and sent to the frontlines," says Alona. "Many other supplies were distributed to military bases. Also, our medical supplies were delivered to military hospitals."

"The war seems far from over. So much of Ukraine needs rebuilt," Alona says. "With the courage, generosity, and good will of people like you, we believe a brighter future will be coming to Ukraine. Thank you."

Launch into Law Provides Opportunity

Toledo Law hosted its fourth cohort in its pipeline program that helps historically underrepresented and minority students prepare for law school. The weeklong immersive program consists of test-taking strategies for the LSAT, enhancing legal writing skills, enhancing legal analysis skills, and connecting directly with student and professional mentors to explore legal career paths.

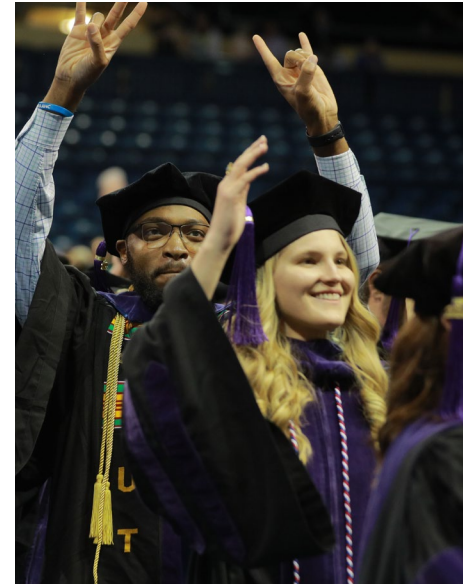
"Programs providing a pipeline to law school are critically important in addressing educational opportunity gaps and increasing the diversity of the legal profession to better reflect our multifaceted communities," said Amber Chuhy, assistant dean for admissions. "They provide individuals from a variety of backgrounds with access to a legal career."

The 2022 cohort represented a diverse group of students including participants from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Some participants have careers and are considering a new path and others are looking to attend law school following their undergraduate studies.

While there are several benefits to participating in Launch Into Law, one of the easiest to measure is the students' LSAT scores. This year, students' scores increased by an average of 6 points, with some achieving as much as a 9-point increase. Students who complete Launch Into Law are also granted a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to Toledo Law.

"At the end of the week, one student told me that he never thought law school was a place he could belong but by the end of the week, he felt completely empowered that there was a place for him in law school and that this was a journey he should complete. That is what this is all about: breaking down barriers and empowering students to understand that they are capable and to provide them with some tools to start or continue their journey to law school and the legal profession," said Brandy Brown, assistant director of law admissions.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!



Toledo Law held an in-person commencement celebration on May 8 in Savage Arena, where 70 law candidates and graduates were recognized.

Kelly Goldstein '07 was the commencement speaker and delivered remarks. Goldstein worked in private practice at Snell & Wilmer's Phoenix office for over 14 years, including over six years as a partner at the firm and



recently transitioned to a new position as bar counsel for the State Bar of Arizona. She was the valedictorian of her law graduating class and served as editor-in-chief of The University of Toledo Law Review.

UT Toledo Trustee **Stephen P. Ciucci** conferred degrees.

Daniel Roy and **Brigitte Schultz** received the Valedictorian Award and served as student speakers.

Roy served as executive editor of Law Review, was vice president and treasurer of Sports Law Association, and was secretary of Labor and Employment Law Association. Schultz graduated with a J.D./M.B.A. joint degree. She served as articles editor of Law Review, was a class representative of the Student Bar Association, and was a member of Delta Theta Phi.

Maria Zirbel received the Dean's Award, which honors the graduate who has made the most significant contribution to the college while maintaining high academic performance.

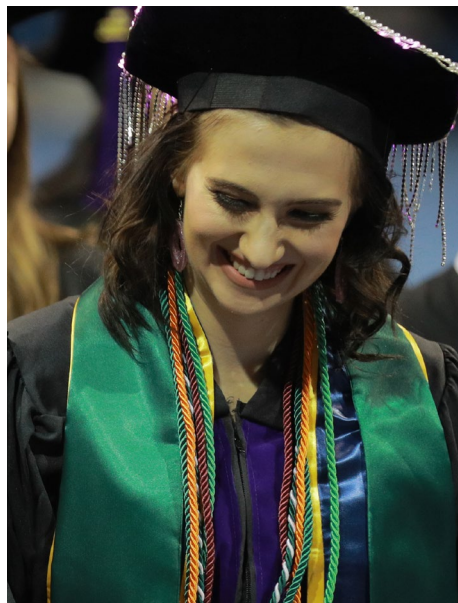
Zirbel was a contributing articles editor of Law Review, vice president of the National Lawyers Guild, and a member of the Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapter and Women's Law Student Association. She was a public interest law fellowship recipient and received the Student Bar Association Involvement Award.

Professor **Ken Kilbert**, who is retiring, was honored during the event and delivered the faculty welcome.

The graduating students selected professor Ken Kilbert as the recipient of the Outstanding Professor Award for Dedication to Legal Education and professor Eric Chaffee received the Beth Eisler First Year Teaching Award, which is chosen by the first-year class. ■



Watch the recorded ceremony at
utoledo.edu/law/events/commencement.



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Throughout fall 2021 and summer 2022, Toledo Law hosted events for students and faculty to engage through networking, volunteerism, and scholarly enrichment.



Students listen during the Spring Cannon Lecture by Dr. Felicia Kornbluh, “Both Sides: Reproductive Rights and Justice Beyond Roe v. Wade.”



Professor Eric R. Claeys, professor of law at George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, gives the Spring Stranahan Lecture on “Natural Rights and Property.”



New students have fun and get to know each other while enjoying ice cream on the patio.



Students give back to the community by volunteering to help at Wildwood Metropark, part of the Metroparks Toledo.



70 prospective law students participate in our spring Preview Day where they engaged with current faculty, staff, and students to learn about life as a Toledo Law student.



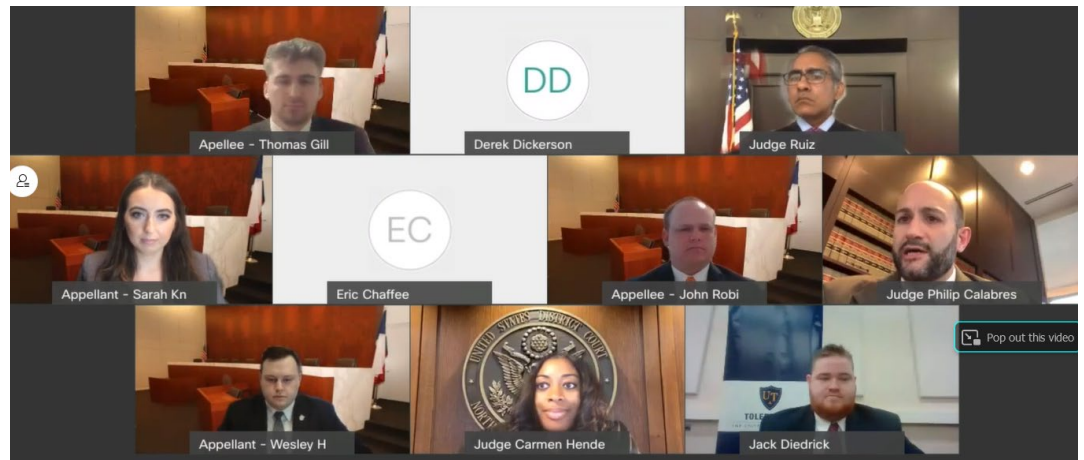
James Fok, veteran financial and strategic advisor, signs a copy of his book for Dean Barros prior to giving his lecture, "Financial Cold War? A View of Sino-U.S. Relations from the Financial Markets."



Associate Dean Rebecca Zietlow and Professor Joe Slater perform an original song for Professor Ken Kilbert at his retirement celebration in May.



Professor Ken Kilbert speaks at his retirement celebration as he enjoys time with faculty, staff, alumni, and students.



Students participate in the Fornoff Competition which was held virtually and took place in October.



The College of Law co-sponsored the inaugural Ohio Cannabis Symposium in partnership with the John B. and Lillian E. Neff College of Business and Innovation, the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Difference Makers are all around us — they are the go-getters; the people who jump in and take action; those who encourage and inspire us to do more and be better; they empower us to step up in our education, careers, and lives.

While some can make an impact in big ways, being a Difference Maker doesn't require a grand gesture, but it does require showing up and being there for others.

This year, Toledo Law began an initiative to recognize our own Difference Makers. The following pages highlight some alumni who are Difference Makers and how each is choosing to encourage and inspire others. How are you making a difference in the lives of others? Who has been a Difference Maker in your legal education and career?



Please join us in continuing to recognize Difference Makers in your work, community, and organizations. Whether it is a professor, mentor, classmate, or colleague, we want to recognize their contribution to our community. Share a story with us at lawcommunications@utoledo.edu.





KOLET BUENAVIDES '16

Cincinnati, OH

Kolet is a lead attorney for Integrated Benefits, Inc. and is also an attorney with the law firm of Casper, Casper & Casper, but these are just a few examples of all that Kolet is involved in. She is all about connecting with people. While in law school, Kolet was always looking out for her classmates and now feels it is important to support and give back. Beyond valuing relationships, Kolet is making an impact by contributing in modest amounts as well. A few years ago, Kolet wanted to create a fund to support underrepresented students. In the midst of supporting a family, Kolet is making an annual contribution to grow the fund and provide incoming law students with opportunities to obtain financial resources through scholarships. Kolet also expressed interest in supporting Toledo Law grads taking the Ohio Bar Exam. She did so by providing lunch one day during the July 2022 exam.

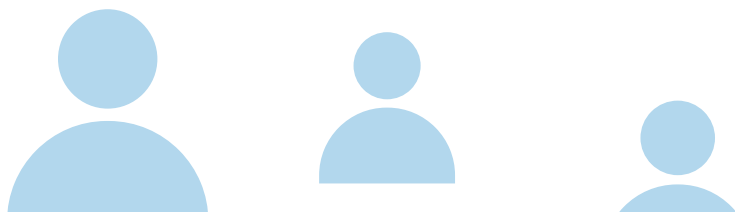


TREMAYNE HOGUE '22

Toledo, OH

Tre is a recent graduate and joined Shumaker as an associate this fall. During Tre's time as a law student — including his tenure as president of the Black Law Students Association — he has been a Difference Maker for his fellow law students as well as those to come.

Tre launched the Under Color of Law Podcast last year to discuss the intersectionalities of race, gender, socioeconomic status, law school, and the legal field in general. His goal is to educate future law students on what to expect from law school outside of their casebooks by providing a glimpse of how unrelenting these environments can be when you're not a straight white male. Tre wants those who are excluded in these environments to feel some sense of community, support, and reinforce that they belong.





CINDY KIRBY '92, MICHAEL KIRBY '84, AND FIONA THE LAW DOG

Toledo, OH

Cindy and Mike Kirby are co-owners of Kirby & Kirby, Ltd., focusing on the areas of domestic relations, juvenile, and LGBTQ+ legal issues. Cindy and Mike both spend time training new Toledo Bar Association fellows in the area of domestic relations. Cindy makes a difference throughout the community in a variety of ways. She has been involved in the Veteran's Brief Advice Clinic since its inception and has met with almost two dozen individual law students to talk about pro bono opportunities and the importance and responsibility attorneys have for doing pro bono work.

In recognition of Cindy's pro bono efforts, she won the prestigious ABA Jean Crowe Pro Bono Award in 2021. Cindy has also participated in multiple speed-networking programs at the College of Law designed to help students network with attorneys and learn more about various practice areas, such as family law. Mike has been a volunteer for the Veteran's Clinic, is a long-time educator for the Ohio Supreme Court, serving as a commissioner on the Supreme Court's CLE Commission, and is also an instructor and on the curriculum development committee for the Ohio Association of Magistrates. In addition to practicing law, Mike is a member of The Kirbys, a band that performs to help raise money for charities in and around the Toledo area.



MATTHEW MANNING '12

Corpus Christi, TX

Matt is a partner at Webb, Cason & Manning — an injury practice. Matt's prior experience includes working in the Nueces County DA's Office where, after a few years, he became first assistant district attorney and lead prosecutor earning the moniker "Manning of the People."

In December of 2019, Matt left the DA's office and joined Webb, Cason & Manning to practice personal injury and civil rights law, always serving as a zealous advocate for his clients. In addition to his work with Bar Associations, Matt is a Board Member of Coastal Bend Food Bank and in recent years has received the NAACP Presidential Award and LULAC Pillar of the Community Award. Matt also stays connected to Toledo Law and supports current law students by sharing his practice-area expertise during virtual networking sessions and sharing his insights on legal education and preparedness.



JERRY SIMONELLI '76

Wintergreen Resort, VA

Jerry made his living in the area of tax law and business ventures, but his true passion is animal protection and his efforts are making a difference. He has dedicated many years to animal law and public policy both through teaching animal law and being involved in developing animal protection legislation. Jerry loved his time at Toledo Law and the exceptional legal education he received. Combining his affection for Toledo Law and animal protection, in 1996 he began contributing toward endowing an animal law scholarship in memory of his late brother. This scholarship will provide financial support for a student demonstrating an interest in animal law and/or work in animal protection. Jerry hopes to start awarding scholarships in conjunction with the launch of an animal law course offered for the first time this fall and with the generous support of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF).



SARAH SKOW '06

Toledo, OH

Sarah is a partner with Spengler Nathanson P.L.L. where she has a diverse civil trial and appellate practice. Sarah makes a difference wherever she goes, contributing time and energy to making the community better, and brings others along. Sarah is supportive of law student professional development on- and off-campus, taking the time to meet with students during Toledo Law's Office of Professional Development Mock Interview Program. She also serves on the Law Alumni Affiliate Board of Governors and supports other community organizations through board service and volunteering. Throughout her career, Sarah has been involved in many professional organizations dedicated to enhancing and improving the practice of law and legal profession. She is a past president of the Toledo Women's Bar Association, a trustee of the Ohio State Bar Foundation, and is serving as president of the Toledo Bar Association for the 2022-23 year.



REEM
SUBEI '14

Raleigh-Durham Area, NC

Reem is a senior staff attorney with Muslim Advocates, a national civil rights organization, where she handles cases and projects on religious discrimination, banking, federal and police misconduct, and housing and economic development. In addition to her advocacy, including prior work with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality in Ohio, Reem focuses on making an impact and making a difference through education. One way she does this is by teaching Social Justice Law at The University of Toledo College of Law. Reem also works alongside the community and has served on several boards including the National Lawyers Guild Ohio Chapter and the Welcome Toledo-Lucas County Initiative, where she oversaw the integration and support of immigrants and refugees. Reem was a co-founder of the Coalition for Inclusion and Social Justice in Perrysburg, Ohio, and has continued her local engagement as a youth mentor at her local mosque in North Carolina.

DIFFERENCE MAKERS NAMED DURING DAY OF GIVING

Alumni named former faculty and staff members during 2022 Day of Giving “Difference Makers” campaign.

Phillip J. Closius joined the College of Law as an associate professor in 1979. From 1986 to August 1992, he served as professor and associate dean for student and financial affairs. Thereafter, he returned to full-time teaching until serving as dean from 1999-2005. This year, a fund was established by a group of alumni in his name.

Beth Eisler was a faculty member from 1987-2012. She served as interim dean from 2005-06. She received The University of Toledo’s Student Impact Award in 2011 and 2012.

Carol Frendt served the College of Law for 33 years and retired from her role as assistant dean of admissions in 2010.

Llewellyn Gibbons has been a faculty member since 1998, teaching various courses. Professor Gibbons was appointed to the rank of Distinguished University Professor in 2017 — the highest permanent honor The University of Toledo can bestow upon a faculty member.

Barbara Greely was with The University of Toledo from 1978-2009 and served as the assistant director of admissions for Toledo Law.

Robin Kennedy served as a professor at Toledo Law for 40 years, from 1973-2013. After he retired in 2013, he was named Professor Emeritus and continued to teach part-time in the Externship Clinic for five more years.



Share a story about your Difference Maker with us at lawcommunications@utoledo.edu.

ALUMNI STORIES

The following alumni have been highlighted throughout 2021-22 in the Alumni eNews. Each of them is making a difference in their field of legal practice and have shared their unique stories with us.



Adversity Fuels Advocacy

Micah Barry '14



Solving Problems with Sensitivity

Valerie Fatica '08



Participating in Progress

Tamera N. (Thomas) Rocha '10



Launching Solo Practice

Ariel Berger '19



Helping the Hardworking

Samuel Marcellino '13



From Specimens to Precedents

Gary Steinbauer '06



Turning Childhood Fandom into a Career

Michael Dockins '05



Building Networks in Vegas

Steve Pacitti '86



Seeking Fairness in Outcomes

Marissa (Antonio) Wiesen '14



Former Toledo Law Valedictorian to Give Commencement Address

Kelly Goldstein '07



Providing Support During Insolvencies

Dana Quick '07



From the Prosecutor's Office to the FBI

Matthew Zito '05



With nearly 9,000 living Toledo Law alumni, there are many more stories to tell. Visit utoledo.edu/law/alumni/stories to view our latest alumni profiles.

Former professor's passion inspires **\$1 MILLION SCHOLARSHIP GIFT**



Professor Emeritus Michael Kadens (1976-2000) isn't shy about expressing the most meaningful destination for his philanthropic support — The University of Toledo College of Law. Though many worthy institutions have played important roles in his life, when thinking about the countless opportunities the college afforded him throughout his career and where his philanthropic dollars can make the greatest difference, Toledo Law is his clear priority.

"I am very thankful for the quality education and legal training I received for my undergraduate degree and law school," Michael remarked, "but if I give to my alma maters, my gifts would be tiny drops in very large buckets. I feel like my gifts to The University of Toledo College of Law have a much larger relative impact. I can't overstate how much

Toledo Law gave me over three decades — a wonderful career teaching students, rewarding relationships with colleagues, and the opportunity to support the college's overall success."

While Michael was serving the College of Law, the lives of the four Kadens children were also being shaped in ways that were imperceptible at the time, but have proven to be profound. Michael and his wife Judith's youngest son, Peter, recounts how UToledo was a major part of his childhood, attending nearly every basketball game with his parents at Savage Arena, participating in College of Law softball games, and attending moot court competitions. He also recalls encounters with history-makers such Sandra Day O'Conner when she spoke at the University, and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who he was tasked with picking up from the airport for a speaking engagement when he was only 17.

"The University of Toledo College of Law gave me great exposure and my parents ensured that I participated in events that could open up my aperture to see the world in a different light," Peter explained. "In 1985, the College of Law granted my father a six-month academic sabbatical that forever changed me. While my father did his research, our family traveled to many countries. I saw the world through such a unique lens after that journey. My little eight-year-old brain was on fire with revelations about poverty, alternate political regimes, and the squalor and splendor of the world outside of my little bubble in Toledo. I have absolutely no doubt that without that journey I would be a shell of the person I am today."

I can't overstate how much Toledo Law gave me over three decades — a wonderful career teaching students, rewarding relationships with colleagues, and the opportunity to support the college's overall success."

PROFESSOR EMERITUS MICHAEL KADENS

Foundational experiences like these, in concert with Michael and Judith's investments of mentoring and education, have yielded significant and varied fruit in the next generation of their family. For Peter, this has meant a family of his own and recurring entrepreneurial success in startup ventures, including SoCore Energy, which he sold to Edison International, and GreenThumb Industries, which is now the second largest cannabis company in the world.

True to the values Michael and Judith instilled in their children, Peter is now turning this financial resource back into opportunities for others through major philanthropic investments in higher education for students and their families in at-risk school districts in Chicago and Toledo. As the pandemic held its grip on the world, he also sought a way to honor his parents for empowering him and his siblings to succeed in life and make a difference in the world.

Given Michael's enduring affection for The University of Toledo College of Law and the opportunities his career afforded their family, it was a natural partner. In the summer of 2021, Peter approached The University of Toledo Foundation about setting up a 10-year scholarship to advance social, economic and cultural diversity at the College of Law. The result is a \$1 million gift establishing the Michael and Judith Kadens Scholarship for Diversity in Legal Practice Fund, which focuses on first-generation college and law students who have financial need. Special preference is given to graduates of Toledo-area high schools.

"Since childhood, I have been aware of the contrast between my good fortune and the gross inequities suffered by so many of my fellow humans," Michael explains. "This new fund is intended to level the playing field for qualifying recipients and afford them opportunities to realize their true potential. I couldn't have asked for a more meaningful gift in Judith's and my honor."

"We're thrilled that Pete and Amy chose Toledo Law to honor Pete's parents," said D. Benjamin Barros, dean of The University of Toledo College of Law. "The kind of support they have provided is an incredible resource for first-generation and other hardworking students. This donation will go a long way to make sure that the next generation of our graduates includes a broad range of students who will reflect and serve our community."

Six Kadens Scholars were named in 2021-22 academic year and offers have been made to an additional cohort of students that will matriculate in the fall of 2022. Beyond financial support, Michael is participating in mentoring. Following a Zoom call with two of the initial awardees, Michael remarked, "These students are so impressive. It would be a tragedy if they were prevented from pursuing their legal education by financial limitations. I couldn't be more pleased about this scholarship and the impact it already is having in students' lives."

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PETER KADENS



KADENS **GIFT RECIPIENTS**



VyJet' Derden

Toledo, OH

VyJet' received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's in criminal justice from The University of Toledo. She participated in the Law and Leadership Institute as well as interned at the Lucas County Juvenile Court. The Kadens scholarship supported VyJet's legal education by offering financial assistance and helping her feel more welcome at Toledo Law by receiving a scholarship dedicated to diversity.



Clifton Porter

Washington D.C.

Clifton has had a passion for practicing law since the seventh grade, when he participated in a mock trial. He plans to work in fair housing after he graduates. Clifton believes that by helping families keep their homes, we have an opportunity to make a measurable difference in people's lives.



Jaclyn Tadlock

Clinton, IA

Jaclyn received her bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from The University of Toledo. In her final semester, she worked on a research project about the intersection of human trafficking and ethical considerations for medical providers. This research inspired her to pursue law school. As a single mother, the support from the Kadens family allowed her to focus on her studies, rather than struggling with finances.



Kyle Yerg

Monclova, OH

Kyle graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and philosophy from the College of Arts and Letters at The University of Toledo. While studying philosophy, Kyle began considering how best to make a positive impact on the world, which led to an interest in law. After a positive experience at the University, Kyle ultimately chose Toledo Law to become a public defense attorney. His career goal is to assist in ensuring justice is applied fairly and without prejudice in our legal system.



Emily Wilhelm

Toledo, OH

Emily received her bachelor's degree in business administration with a specialization in finance from the John B. and Lillian E. Neff College of Business and Innovation at The University of Toledo. Her interest in law was sparked through podcasts. Initially, it started with a podcast about wrongful convictions. "The legal field will provide me the opportunity to do something I enjoy while also fulfilling my desire to help people," Wilhelm said.



Maha Zeidan

Canton, MI

Maha was born in Palestine and grew up in Michigan, where she received her undergraduate degree in business administration with a concentration in supply chain and project management. She just completed her first year of law school and will be working with the Michigan Advocacy Program over the summer. Outside of school and work, Maha enjoys spending time with family and volunteering with a nonprofit organization that focuses on providing necessary and educational resources to displaced children in refugee camps.

FACULTY NOTES



John Barrett, associate professor of law, is excited to have concluded two and a half years of collective bargaining negotiations with the unanimous approval of the contract by the law faculty in January 2022. He is relinquishing his tenure at the end of the spring semester but will remain on the faculty on a part-time basis as professor emeritus.



Kara Bruce, professor of law, fulfilled a longstanding desire to teach Civil Procedure during the 2021-22 academic year. She published three articles in the *Bankruptcy Law Letter* and has been invited to join Charles Tabb on the sixth edition of his popular hornbook, *"The Law of Bankruptcy."* Bruce is currently preparing presentations for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Federal Judicial Center's National Bankruptcy Workshop. She will join the University of Oklahoma faculty next year and sincerely hopes her former students will continue to keep in touch.



Lesa Byrnes, legal writing professor and former director of academic success and bar preparation, was selected for a Student Support and Impact Award by the Association for Academic Support Educators, the national organization for law school academic support professionals. She was one of four recognized with AASE Excellence Awards this year. Byrnes has stepped down from her position as director of academic success and bar preparation and has transitioned to her new role as director of legal writing.



Shelley Cavalieri, professor of law, continues teaching Property, Trusts, and Estates, and courses in health law. She will be teaching Women and the Law in spring 2023. In 2022, she published "The White Androcentric Disposition of Capitalist Property," coauthored with Lua Kamál Yuille, in the *Journal of Law and Political Economy*. Cavalieri is one of the

founding members of The University of Toledo's Health Equity Research Center, which was launched in 2021. She continues to serve as the vice-chair of the Institutional Review Board for the Social, Behavioral, and Educational Sciences.



Eric C. Chaffee, Distinguished University Professor, continued work on his book, *"The Corporation Defined: Collaboration Theory and the Corporate Form,"* and he authored annual updates to his loose-leaf treatise, *"Securities Regulation in Cyberspace,"* with Professor Emeritus Howard Friedman. He also authored an article on business trusts. Chaffee helped organize the National Business Law Scholars Conference and the Ohio Securities Conference. He presented his scholarship at various events, and he was quoted by a variety of national media outlets. Chaffee received the college's Beth Eisler First Year Teaching Award.



Maara Fink, clinical professor of law, serves as director of the College of Law Externship Programs through which students gain practical experience in corporate counsel, public interest, and mediation placements throughout northwest Ohio and beyond. Through the mediation externship, Fink advanced a student-led initiative to provide mediation services to students in grades 9-12 at Rogers High School. Fink continues to support state-wide dispute resolution initiatives through her work on the Ohio Mediation Association board and through her appointment to the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution. She was recently re-elected to a second term on the Ottawa Hills Local Schools Board of Education.



Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons, Distinguished University Professor, spent the last academic year working full-time as University Research Integrity Officer (RIO). He enjoyed doing the most traditional legal work that he has done for many years, reviewing regulations and policies, drafting documents, preparing a comprehensive administrative record, interviewing witnesses, etc. He regrets not being able to teach during the academic year, but he is looking forward to returning to the classroom in the fall of 2022. When not working as an administrator, he found some time to work on an article on copyright and NFTs (Non-fungible Tokens) and to research a potential book on making research misconduct proceedings fairer. Finally, although a homebody, he did find time to serve as the head tutor for a WIPO Academy distance learning course on Intellectual Property Management and to give four virtual lectures in China.



Gregory M. Gilchrist, professor of law, taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and White Collar Crime, as well as an online course on Corporate Criminal Liability at the University of Houston Law Center. Gilchrist served as the advisor to The University of Toledo Law Review 53. He joined as a co-author on two books, "Israel, Podgor, Borman, Henning, Baer & Gilchrist, White Collar Crime: Law and Practice," and "Podgor, Israel, Baer & Gilchrist, White Collar Crime in a Nutshell." In 2022, each book has been released in a new edition. Gilchrist continues to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. The board is tasked with allocating reimbursement to clients who lose money as the result of dishonest conduct by counsel. He also continues to represent federal criminal defendants by court appointment and routinely brings judges, prosecutors, private counsel, and other court personnel into his classroom.

FACULTY NOTES



Rick Goheen, assistant dean for the LaValley Law Library and associate professor of law, guided the LaValley Law Library through the challenging changes during the pandemic. Along with library staff, he continues his work on improving the library space for our students and making its resources more accessible.



Jessica Knouse, professor of law, published “Reproductive Indeterminacy and Rights Discourse in Frozen Embryo Disputes” in the *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*. She presented a work-in-progress titled “Marriage and Nonmarriage During the Pandemic” at the 2021 Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference. She participated in various panels, including Family Law

for the Long Haul: Creating a Path Forward from COVID, sponsored by the AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law, and *NFIB v. OSHA* and the Vaccine-or-Test Mandate, which was part of the College of Law’s faculty speaker series. She advised the Family Law Moot Court Team. She will serve as advisor to Board 54 of The University of Toledo Law Review.



Bryan Lammon, professor of law, published or accepted offers to publish several papers on appellate jurisdiction, including in the *Journal of Appellate Practice & Process*, *Penn State Law Review*, *Missouri Law Review*, and *New York University Law Review Online*. Lammon also regularly wrote on appellate-jurisdiction issues on his blog, “Final Decisions.” He was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award from The University of Toledo for the 2021-22 academic year. The award recognizes the quality and contributions of faculty research, scholarship, and creative activity.



Katherine Raup O’Connell, legal writing professor and former director of legal writing, is serving as assistant dean for student affairs on an interim basis this fall. In her role as assistant dean for student affairs, her primary functions include overseeing the Student Bar Association and other student organizations, reviewing, and resolving application amendment issues and non-academic honor code violations, and individual student advising including advising students regarding character and fitness matters relating to bar admission. O’Connell is also continuing as College of Law representative on The University of Toledo’s Student Legal Services Board, presently serving on its finance and bylaws committees.



Nicole Buonocore Porter, Distinguished University Professor, published two articles and one essay. She also accepted an offer to publish her forthcoming book, “The Workplace Reimagined: Accommodating Our Bodies and Our Lives” with Cambridge University Press. In 2021, Porter received the UToledo Creative and Scholarly Activity Award for her high-quality article “Cumulative Hardship,” which was published in the *George Mason Law Review*. Also in 2021, she was elected as a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. In 2022, she was elected as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



Marilyn Preston, legal writing professor, will continue her work with the Law and Leadership Institute (LLI), which aims to interest students from diverse backgrounds to consider the legal profession.



Geoffrey C. Rapp, Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values, served as part of the ABA site team and the AALS reporter for the re-accreditation visit for the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He accepted an offer to publish “LGBTQ+ Rights, Anti-Homophobia and Tort Law Five Years after Obergefell,” in the *University of Illinois Law Review*, and published a tribute to Professor Emeritus Benjamin Davis, “Enemy Combatant: Honoring Ben Davis, Scholar-Activist of the Forever War,” in *The University of Toledo Law Review*.



Rob Salem, associate dean for diversity and inclusion and clinical professor of law, received Equality Ohio’s Ally Award for his work on behalf of LGBTQIA+ clients in his civil advocacy clinic. He also received The University of Toledo’s Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award for the 2021-22 academic year for his exceptional community outreach. Salem served as co-chair of the Justice for All Campaign, benefiting pro bono services in the region. He collaborated with UToledo film professor Holly Hey on a documentary called “Reentry Realities,” for which he also helped develop the study guide. He presented on health disparities affecting sexual minorities at the annual Dorothy Hussain Distinguished Lectureship sponsored by The University of Toledo College of Nursing. Salem also conducted cultural competency workshops for the Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors and the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. He serves on several boards and committees, including the ProMedica LGBTQIA+ Patient Advocacy Group, Planned Parenthood of Ohio, the Toledo School for the Arts, and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality.

FACULTY NOTES



Joseph Slater, Distinguished University Professor and Balk Professor of Law and Values, was appointed by President Biden to the Federal Service Impasses Panel (part of the Federal Labor Relations Authority), which resolves bargaining impasses for federal sector unions and employers. He finished the fourth edition of one of his casebooks, a book chapter on police unions, and contributed to the website JOTWELL. He was a member of the law faculty union bargaining team, which successfully negotiated a contract. He coached the Labor & Employment Law Moot Court team. He has been happy to return to in-person teaching.



Lee J. Strang, John W. Stoepler Professor of Law and Values, published a response to symposium essays on his book, "Originalism's Promise." He also filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.*, presenting a new argument on the constitutional personhood of unborn Americans.

He presented at numerous law schools and conferences. As chair of the Association of American Law Schools on Constitutional Law, he organized the annual program. Over the summer, Strang continued to revise the manuscript of his forthcoming book "The History of American Catholic Legal Education." Strang was named to the advisory council of the Center for Originalism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, which includes Justice Alito and scholars from Oxford and Notre Dame. Strang has also been appointed as chairman of the Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.



Rebecca Zietlow, Distinguished University Professor and Charles W. Fornoff Professor of Law and Values, was appointed associate dean of academic affairs in January 2022. She published "A Third Reconstruction" in the *Maryland Law Review* and "Freedom Seekers: The Transgressive Constitutionalism of Fugitive Slaves" in the *Notre Dame Law Review*. She presented "Text and History" at the 2022 Chapman Law Review Symposium: A Future-Proof Constitution: Exploring the Effects of Modernization on Constitutional Law, and "Performative Constitutionalism" at the Annual Loyola University Colloquium of Constitutional Law.

Zietlow also presented "Freedom Seekers: The Transgressive Constitutionalism of Fugitives from Slavery" at the Notre Dame Law School Constitutional Reconstruction Conference: The History of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, and "A Third Reconstruction" at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association.



Evan C. Zoldan, professor of law, researches and writes in the field of legislation and statutory interpretation. He published a series of articles and essays on statutory interpretation, including "The Conversation Canon" in the *Kentucky Law Journal*, "Searching for Law in All the Wrong Places" in the *Minnesota Law Review* Headnotes and "Canon Spotting" in the *Houston Law Review*. In addition, he accepted an offer to publish "The Right to an Individualized Hearing," an article about class legislation and administrative law in the *UC Irvine Law Review*. He presented his work at the Loyola University Chicago Constitutional Law Colloquium, the ACS-Barry Constitutional Law Conference, and the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting.



Explore faculty profiles at utoledo.edu/law/faculty.

New Faculty



Zsea Bowmani

Assistant Professor of Law

Bowmani is a legal scholar and civil rights attorney working at the intersections of environment, race, gender, sexual orientation, human rights, and the law. He is teaching Constitutional Law, Environmental Law, and Environmental Justice.



Eugenio Mollo, Jr.

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law

Mollo has taught immigration law courses as an adjunct professor since 2016. Mollo is joining the College of Law as a clinical assistant professor of law. He is launching and directing the Immigrant Justice Clinic.



Kelly Tomlinson '06

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing and Director of Academic Success and Bar Preparation

Tomlinson served as assistant dean for student affairs from 2019-22. Now, she joins faculty as assistant professor of legal writing and director of academic success and bar preparation. Tomlinson is teaching 3L Bar Preparation and Advanced Legal Analysis.

Part-time Faculty

Toledo Law's curriculum is enhanced by the contributions of a talented and experienced team of part-time faculty members, who serve as lecturers in the college. Most of them are practicing attorneys who generously dedicate nights and/or weekends to our students.

Thank you to the individuals listed below who have taught in the college over the last several years!

- Mark Barnes, J.D.
- Krysten Beech, J.D. '15
- Chris Bourell, J.D.
- Claire Cahoon, J.D.
- Shelby Cully, J.D. '05
- The Hon. Myron C. Duhart II, J.D. '96
- Nathan Goetting, J.D.
- Donna M. Grill, J.D.
- Rena Leizerman, J.D.
- John Mackewich, J.D. '05
- Kenneth Martin, J.D. '90
- Megan Mattimore, J.D. '07
- Eugenio Mollo, Jr., J.D.
- Reem Subei, J.D. '14
- Debra Vollweiler, J.D.
- Jacob Ward, J.D. '05
- Marilyn Widman, J.D. '97
- Patricia Anne Wise, J.D. '85
- The Hon. Connie Zimmelman, J.D. '81

IN THE MEDIA

We are proud of our faculty, staff, alumni, and students who share their insight and expertise with media outlets on a regular basis. The following is a sampling of media appearances from July 2021 through July 2022.

JULY 2021

July 2 | WTOL 11

ERIC CHAFFEE
Distinguished University Professor

What is a conservatorship? Free Britney explained | In the Loop

July 13 | WTOL 11

LEE STRANG
John W. Stoepler Professor of Law and Values

UToledo Law Professor Discusses Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions

AUGUST

August 24 | The Hill

NICOLE PORTER
Distinguished University Professor

What does Andrew Cuomo's resignation mean for #MeToo?

August 31 | Reuters

D. BENJAMIN BARROS
Dean and Professor of Law
CAMERON MORRISSEY
Toledo Law student

Most stressful time of my career: Law deans reflect on pandemic

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 14 | IPWatchdog

LLEW GIBBONS
Distinguished University Professor

IPWatchdog LIVE Panel Examines Google v. Oracle: SCOTUS Punted on Copyrightability

Sept. 21 | yahoo! News

GREG GILCHRIST
Professor of Law

Elizabeth Holmes trial: The key question for the jury deciding her fate

Sept. 28 | Bloomberg Law

JOE SLATER
Distinguished University Professor and Eugene N. Balk Professor of Law and Values

High Court Mulls Gig Work, Union Fights, Lawyers' Right to Sue

OCTOBER

Oct. 3 | The Blade

JOE SLATER and LEE STRANG
Distinguished University Professor and Eugene N. Balk Professor of Law and Values; John W. Stoepler Professor of Law and Values

Religious exemption to vaccine mandate creates confusion

NOVEMBER

Nov. 4 | Forbes

CHRIS BOURELL
Lecturer in Law and Director of the Toledo Tax Controversy Clinic

Is a Private Company's Automated Dialing Making it Impossible to Reach the IRS?

DECEMBER

Dec. 14 | CBS News

CAPTAIN MAYSAA OUZA
Alumnus

Air Force captains' bond over religion, even though they practice different ones

Dec. 27 | Eye on Ohio

SHELLEY CAVALIERI
Professor of Law

How do public officials make Land Bank decisions? Artificial Intelligence may seek patterns

JANUARY 2022

Jan. 27 | 13 ABC

REBECCA ZIETLOW
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,
Distinguished University Professor,
and Charles W. Fornoff Professor
of Law and Values

**Justice Stephen Breyer to Retire
from Supreme Court**

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2 | Washington Examiner

LEE STRANG
John W. Stoepler Professor of Law
and Values

**Trump could pardon federally
charged Capitol rioters if reelected,
experts say**

MARCH

March 2 | Law360

EVAN ZOLDAN
Professor of Law

**Is Corpus Linguistics About to
Have A Moment?**

APRIL

April 8 | 13 ABC

KACI MCGEE and AARON HILL
Toledo Law students

**Ketanji Brown Jackson's Confirmation
to Supreme Court Inspires Next
Generation**

April 20 | Roll Call

GEOFF RAPP
Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law
and Values

**What's next for the Washington
Commanders' congressional
oversight saga?**

April 25 | ESPN

HOWARD FRIEDMAN
Distinguished University Professor
and Professor of Law Emeritus

**How an unknown high school
football coach landed in the center
of a Supreme Court religious
liberty case**

MAY

May 3 | The Blade

LEE STRANG and REBECCA ZIETLOW
John W. Stoepler Professor of Law
and Values; Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs, Distinguished
University Professor, and Charles W.
Fornoff Professor of Law and Values

**Abortion rights viewed likely to
collapse in Ohio in light of leaked
Supreme Court draft**

May 9 | Discover Magazine

KEN KILBERT
Professor of Law

**Protecting Nature's Rights
in the Courtroom**

JULY

July 22 | Newsweek

D. BENJAMIN BARROS
Dean and Professor of Law

**Pass the Bar, Get the Job:
Toledo College of Law Helps
Students Reach Goals**



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ALUMNI AFFILIATE MESSAGE



Hello Toledo Law Alumni!

After a few challenging years of virtual and hybrid learning, our 2022 graduates were able to participate in a live Commencement ceremony on May 8, 2022 in Savage Arena with family and friends in attendance to cheer them on. We are pleased to welcome 79 new graduates as alumni to add to our almost 9,000 living alumni. The University of Toledo College of Law has a long history of graduates who have dedicated their lives and careers to principles of law and equity. Thank you for being one of them!

I had the opportunity to welcome this year's 1Ls during Orientation. I was excited to see the intensity and enthusiasm on their faces and was reminded of how important my legal education is to me, and how Toledo Law prepared me for a great career. Going forward, the Law Alumni Affiliate will continue to support current Toledo Law students and all past graduates by sponsoring activities such as our diploma frame gift for graduates and padfolios for incoming 1Ls.

We will continue to host activities that bring together our alumni such as Law LaPalooza in support of the John Stoepler Scholarship Fund, and we look forward to recognizing our alumni through our community service and leadership awards. I hope, as each of you has the opportunity, you will connect with other Toledo Law Alumni and the College.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming law affiliate events.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Hayden Kurt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Hayden Kurt '82

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

1969

Robert McClain was honored by the Florida Bar as a 50-year member at their Senior Counselor Recognition Luncheon on June 11, 2021.

1980

Roderick Kennedy co-authored Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases, 8th Edition (LEG, Inc. D/b/a West Academic, 2022).

Marsha Manahan was a 2022 YWCA of Northwest Ohio Milestone Award Honoree.

1982

Robert Stoffers has joined Weston Hurd's Columbus office as a partner.

1983

Chris Bussert was named 2022 Franchise Times Legal Eagle.

1990

Thomas Mackin was re-elected to a second, four-year term as mayor of Perrysburg, Ohio in November 2021.

1994

Paul Kennedy received the Meritorious Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of 2020 Award by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. He is the chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Fulton County, Ohio.

1996



Myron Duhart was named The University of Toledo College of Law's Distinguished Alumnus for 2022.

Robert Gaecke Jr. was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer as the newest judge in Jackson County Michigan's 12th district court.

2007

Kelly Goldstein served as The University of Toledo College of Law's commencement speaker in May 2022.

2008



Valerie Fatica has taken on a new role as Disability Manager for the City of Toledo. Her goal is to make Toledo one of the most disability-friendly cities in the country.

2009



Joseph Brennan, partner at Ulmer & Berne LLP, was added to the firm's employment and labor practice group in Cleveland.



Amanda Hassan was elected to partner of Troutman Pepper's corporate practice in Detroit. Her areas of focus include corporate, automotive, cybersecurity, information governance, privacy, emerging companies, and venture capital.

Seth McCloskey was named partner at a Fort Worth personal injury firm, now known as Laird & McCloskey, solidifying their reputation as a trucking accident litigation powerhouse.



In May, the Toledo City Council voted to rename the city park known as "Boss Park" to "Honorable Myron Duhart Park."

This Resolution was a tribute to, and in honor of, the Honorable Myron Duhart's commitment to the families and youth of the City of Toledo. It is a testament to the commitment Judge Duhart has shown to becoming an agent for positive change in his community and "demonstrates in his life the change he wishes to see in the world."

Congratulations Judge Duhart!

The **Honorable Myron Duhart** '96 served as President of the Toledo Bar Association and of the Law Alumni Affiliate during the 2021-22 year.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

2010



Sarah Benoit was promoted to partner at Ulmer & Berne LLP. Sarah is a litigator in Ulmer's Columbus office.



for a three-year term. She is a partner with RCO Law.

Sarah Fisher Corney has been elected to the national board of directors for the Society of Financial Service Professionals

2011

Nicholas Turner completed an LL.M. in military law with a concentration in criminal justice from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School in Charlottesville, Va. He reported this summer to Fort Meade, Md. for his new assignment. He will be serving as the chief of justice of the 200th Military Police Command.

2012



Office, specializing in juvenile delinquency law.



Law — Defendants and Professional Malpractice Law.

Matthew Manning serves as a board member with the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA), is a member of the Corpus Christi Young Lawyer Association (CCYLA) and is an adjunct professor at Texas A&M — Corpus Christi.

Fred Roth V joined Compass Group in September 2021 as assistant general counsel of technology and data privacy. Compass is the world's largest contract food service company, employing over 500,000 people.

Lauren Hase recently took a position as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Lorain County Prosecutor's

Taylor Knight was listed in the 2022 The Best Lawyers in America Ones to Watch for Medical Malpractice

2013



Brittany Asmus is a shareholder for Reminger Co., LPA in Toledo.

Joey Atkins, who started a sports agency in 2020, recently became an NFL agent.



welcomed their second daughter, Zofia, in fall 2021.

John Dombrowski was named partner at Shumaker, Loop, & Kendrick, LLP. He is a member of the corporate, tax, and transactions service line in the Toledo office.



Services. She was selected to the 2022 Super Lawyers Rising Star in Business Litigation and 2022 Best Lawyers Ones to Watch lists.

Lidia Ebersole was appointed as 2022 vice-chair of the Ohio Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Language

Alex Hale has been appointed to the position of assistant Montgomery County prosecuting attorney.



Charles Hatley and Rebecca Melone '12 joined together to open Melone Hatley, PC. They will be opening their third office this

year with plans to open a fourth early next year.



Jeannine Myers (Hudson) was appointed the magistrate for the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, General Division.

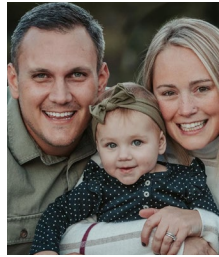
Jeannine and her husband, Brandon, welcomed a son in June 2021.

Eric Ramar was recently named to the 2022 Class of "Up & Coming Lawyers" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly. He is an associate attorney for Plunkett Cooney.



Nicholas Sebastiano has joined the estate litigation team at Reminger Co., LPA. He will practice in the Cleveland and Youngstown offices.

2014



Drew Ayers joined the National Science Foundation Office of Inspector General as an investigative

attorney in February 2022. His responsibilities include investigating and prosecuting grant fraud and research misconduct cases.

2015



Marissa Fitzpatrick received the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Community Service Award for Attorneys

under 40. She practices at RCO Law.



Melissa Tetreau (VanGessel) has been admitted as a member at Bodman PLC.

2016



Stephanie Burns Walbom and JD Walbom '16 welcomed a son, Ford Patrick, on Jan. 11, 2022.



Kara Maruszak married William Florich on June 4, 2021, in Sylvania, Ohio. Kara is currently an employment law counsel at Owens Corning in Toledo.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

2017



Molly Davis (McHugh)

joined Reminger Co., LPA. Molly focuses her legal practice in various areas, including general

liability, governmental liability, and employment practices issues.

2020



Devin Bembnister

joined the law firm of Gallagher Sharp LLP as an associate in their General Litigation and

Transportation practice groups.

2021



Kate Murray

joined RCO Law.

2019



Charles "Chuck" Hatch III

joined Eastman & Smith as an associate in the firm's business litigation practice in Toledo. Chuck

focuses on defense of professional, product and general liability claims and commercial litigation.



Hannah Duschl

joined Reminger Co., LPA. She will focus her practice on medical malpractice and general litigation.

Hannah initially joined Reminger as a law clerk in 2019.

Lindsey Self joined Haber LLP in Cleveland as an employment litigation associate.



Dylan Krendl

joined RCO Law.



SEND US YOUR CLASS NOTE

Share your latest news at utoledo.edu/law/alumni/class-note. Notes will be published in the next issue of Transcript and may be edited for consistency or clarity.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM

Toledo Law pays tribute to members of our community who passed away over the year between July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022.

1950s

- '54 **Edward Alfred Gemerchak Jr.**
12/19/2021
- '59 **Michael James D'Arcangelo**
12/23/2021
- '59 **William G. Kroncke**
8/14/2021

1960s

- '60 **Andrew Grant Douglas**
9/23/2021
- '60 **Irving Charles Shaw Jr.**
12/23/2021
- '61 **David Shepard Philipps**
9/31/2022
- '62 **Francis Xavier Gorman**
11/9/2021
- '62 **Douglas King Jordan**
9/12/2021
- '64 **Judith Elyn Wichowski**
8/9/2021
- '66 **George Ronald Royer**
10/17/2021
- '67 **C. Soren Holmberg**
2/8/2022
- '67 **Robert V. Sterling**
5/9/2022
- '68 **Stanley Joseph Collesano**
1/15/2022
- '69 **Andrew Alwin Adair**
11/22/2021

- '69 **Ralph W. Gallagher**
11/29/2021
- '69 **Marvin Edward Keller**
1/23/2022
- '69 **Robert Charles McClain**
11/10/2021
- '69 **William Joseph Urban Jr.**
1/16/2022

1970s

- '70 **Reese M. Wineman**
8/11/2021
- '71 **Samuel R. Danziger**
5/15/2022
- '71 **Dianne Hilary Pratt**
2/1/2022
- '72 **Peter Francis Suchanoff**
7/10/2021
- '72 **Joseph Walter Wachowiak**
1/1/2022
- '73 **Daniel Paul Ruggiero**
11/16/2021
- '73 **Margaret Kettles Weaver**
1/9/2022
- '74 **Anthony Bayford**
1/4/2022
- '76 **Henry Miller III**
2/16/2022
- '78 **John S. France**
1/25/2022
- '78 **Gregg Devere Hickman**
2/27/2022

- '78 **John Farnan Potts**
2/26/2022
- '79 **Carole R. Kiroff**
1/18/2022

1980s

- '80 **Douglas M. Kennedy**
12/19/2021
- '80 **Alexandria Renee Vaneck**
5/20/2022
- '80 **Patricia Ann Watson**
9/14/2021
- '81 **Mark L. Herold**
5/27/2022
- '82 **Sharon A. Fitzgerald**
10/1/2021
- '84 **Nancy Blake Whitmer**
9/8/2021
- '86 **Carl Eugene VanWert**
8/9/2021
- '87 **David Hugo Ibarra**
6/20/2022
- '87 **Ted B. Riley**
9/29/2021

1990s

- '91 **Elizabeth Jennifer Bartolai**
5/26/2022

2000s

- '04 **Tim Arthur Dugan**
11/3/2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. Morton Goldberg Lecture Thursday, March 23, 2023

“When Religious Liberty Divides Us — Free Exercise of Religion in the 21st Century” presented by Howard Friedman, distinguished university professor and professor of law emeritus.

This event is funded by the Dr. Morton Goldberg Lecture Fund at the Greater Toledo Community Foundation.



Day of Giving

**Wednesday, March 29 | 6 a.m. –
Thursday, March 30 | 6 p.m.**

Mark your calendar and start thinking about how you will support Toledo Law during our annual Day of Giving! When you designate a gift of any amount to Toledo Law, it stays within the college to benefit our students. One of the most powerful ways you can support the college, in addition to making a gift, is to become an advocate and encourage others to give as well.

More about Day of Giving coming soon — keep an eye on the Alumni e-News to sign up as an advocate!

United States Supreme Court Bar Swearing-In Ceremony May 30, 2023

Toledo Law alumni will gather in Washington D.C. to become members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in open court. This is only the second time in Toledo Law’s history that this experience and opportunity has been offered! Only a limited number of spots are available.

Applicants must have been admitted to practice in the highest court of a state, commonwealth, territory

or possession, or the District of Columbia for a period of at least three years immediately prior to the application, must not have been the subject of any adverse disciplinary action, and must appear to the Court to be of good moral and professional character.

Visit utoledo.edu/law/alumni/events/ for application timeline, requirements, and details.



U.S. Supreme Court Bar Swearing-In Ceremony, 2019



STAY UP TO DATE

Visit utoledo.edu/law/alumni/ to update your contact information and ensure you are receiving the Alumni e-News, mailings, and more.

RECOMMENDED READS

Here are some of the submissions of books that alumni, faculty, and staff have recently enjoyed!

Anybody's Daughter

Charles Abood

Fiction

Common Good Constitutionalism

Adrian Vermeule

Non-fiction

Financial Cold War: A View of Sino-US Relations From the Financial Markets

James A. Fok

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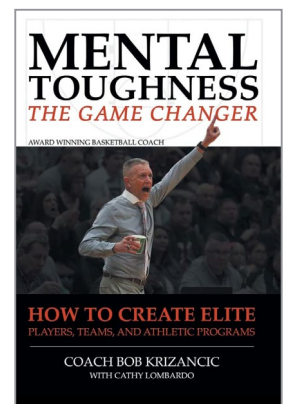
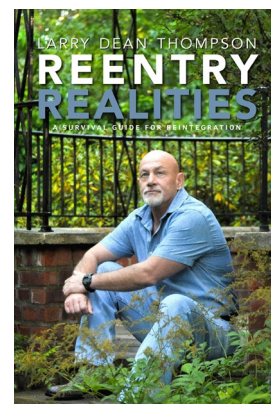
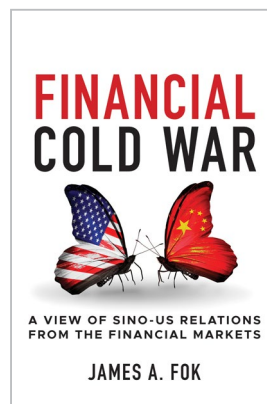
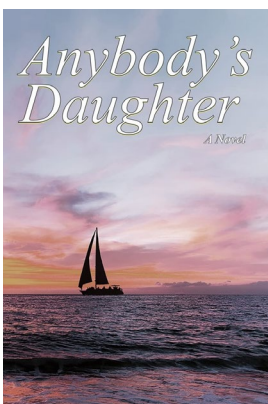
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