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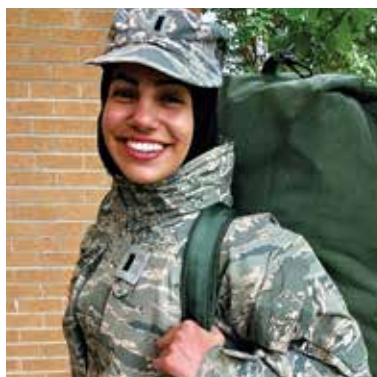
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Greetings from Toledo! I am pleased to report that the College of Law continues to make progress on a number of our most important goals. For the third year in a row, we have seen an increase in first-year enrollment. Our entering class has the highest median undergraduate GPA in recent memory.

Improving graduate employment and bar passage results continue to be high priorities. The 10-month employment rates for the class of 2017 were the highest achieved in nearly 15 years, and Toledo Law graduates had the second highest passage rate in the state on the Ohio bar exam administered in February 2018. We will continue to work hard to improve both bar passage and employment outcomes for our graduates, but the positive trends are heartening.

We continue to make improvements to the Law Center building. Over the past two years, we renovated the Chris '83 and Peggy '82 Bussert Classroom, the Cubbon Courtroom, and the fourth floor of the LaValley Law Library. This year, we completed a renovation of the Law Center patio that includes an outdoor gas firepit. This renovation was made possible by a generous donation by Mui-Ling Dong '92. Pictures will be available on our website, but we encourage you to come by and visit if you have the chance.

The college recently received other major gifts highlighted in this issue. Bill Short made a \$1 million planned gift to fund a scholarship in honor of his late wife, Nancy Jean Fulop Short '71. Also Bruce Bailey '70 made a generous gift in honor of his late wife Judy (Roberts) Bailey '70.

Alumni support is essential as we continue to build on our great history to reach new heights. I hope that you will consider making a gift to the College of Law on our Day of Giving, October 16. Your donations help support scholarships, bar passage programs, facilities improvements, and many other things that improve the lives and education of our students.

Sincerely,

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*

# BY THE NUMBERS

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**JANUARY START ENROLLMENT UP 100% SINCE 2016**

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**FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN THE NATION**

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(Spring 2018)



**DEDICATED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATION PROGRAM STUDENTS SINCE 2007**



*U.S. News & World Report*  
Best Law Schools 2019

2018 ENTERING CLASS MEMBERS GRADUATED FROM



**UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS**



*Ohio Bar Exam*  
(February 2018)

### TEDX TALK ON UNCONSCIOUS BEHAVIORS IN CORPORATE CULTURE



On September 21, 2017, **Lindsey Self** spoke at TEDxToledo about unconscious bias, gender inequality, and women's empowerment.

In her inspiring presentation, Self discussed the impact of unconscious gender bias in the workplace, which can influence our own actions and decisions.

As a mother of two, she is passionate about being a role model for her children. Self is an active diversity and inclusion advocate, spending much of her time assisting underserved communities. Before starting law school, she partnered with ABLE (Advocates for Basic Legal Equality)—a non-profit firm that provides legal assistance to low-income residents.

At the time of the talk, Self was a global talent acquisition analyst at First Solar. She has since left the position to attend law school full time. She is pursuing a JD degree with a focus on labor and employment law. Self lives in Perrysburg with her husband, Brian, and two young children, Vivian and Connor.

### FORNOFF COMPETITION FINALISTS TACKLE ISSUES OF CONSTITUTIONALITY

**Brandy Brown, Joseph Loftus, Antonette Marsteller, and Jessica Worley** tackled issues of constitutionality in a dynamic final round of the Charles W. Fornoff Appellate Advocacy Competition on October 26, 2017.

Awards were presented for Best Argument to Loftus and Worley, as well as Best Oralist to Marsteller.

Presiding judges included Judge Mark W. Bennett from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, Judge David F. Hamilton from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and Judge Lynn S. Adelman from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

The competition was organized by the Moot Court Board. Professors **Eric Chaffee** and **Bryan Lammon** served as faculty advisors.



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## HEALTH LAW STUDENT WINS TWO NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITIONS



Joint degree (JD/MD) student, **Mark Fadel**, won first place in both the American College of Legal Medicine and the Epstein Becker Green Health Law writing competitions.

Fadel was named the Hirsh Award Winner in the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) Student Writing Competition. The ACLM is the preeminent national organization for law and medicine. As the first-place winner, Fadel presented his research for “360 Years of Measles: Limiting Liberty Now for a Healthier Future” at the February 2018 annual meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.

Fadel also won first place in the Epstein Becker Green Health Law Writing Competition for a different paper, “Insurance Practices and Disparities in Access to Assisted Reproductive Technologies.” His second article focused on variation in state laws related to insurance coverage for infertility treatments and the disparities between groups able to access such procedures.

“Mark’s work exemplifies the power of our joint-degree curriculum,” said Professor Elizabeth McCuskey, who co-directs the University’s JD/MD and JD/MPH joint degree programs. “Interdisciplinary work is essential to health care regulation and reform, and Mark is poised to be among the next generation of health care leaders.”

Following the competition, Fadel was accepted to present his insurance disparities research at the 41st Annual Health Law Professors Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. This past summer, his research paper was also accepted for publication in the *Florida Coastal Law Review*.

## BEST RESPONDENT BRIEF AT EVANS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION



**Jenna Anthrop** and **Jake Westfall** won the Best Respondent Brief at the Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition held March 2-4, 2018 in Madison, Wisconsin.

This year’s topic addressed the Second Amendment. The case involved two state laws that regulate the possession of firearms. The first law prohibited undocumented immigrants from possessing firearms. The second prohibited all public carry of a firearm unless the individual could show a unique and compelling need to carry in public.

Anthrop and Westfall competed against twenty-six teams. Each team argued three preliminary rounds. Rounds were scored by panels of attorneys and judges from state and federal courts. Scores were based on a combination of each team’s brief and argument. The Toledo Law moot court team advanced to the octofinals, among the best sixteen teams in the competition.

The team was coached by faculty advisor, Professor **Bryan Lammon**, and Moot Court Chair **Nancy Magginis** ’18.

*Pictured left to right are Westfall and Anthrop.*

## MOYER FELLOWSHIP FOR BAIL REFORM PROJECT



**Prince Senayah** was awarded the prestigious 2018 Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Fellowship for his project on bail reform. The annual fellowship is awarded to two exceptional first- or second-year students from Ohio law schools.

Senayah used the grant to fund summer research with the Law and Leadership Institute (LLI) under the supervision of **Marilyn Preston**, legal writing professor. LLI is a non-profit organization that works with high school students from underserved communities to prepare them for legal careers.

The funded project will include an intensive study of the Ohio bail system and ongoing reform efforts. Research will be designed into a new LLI course taught by Senayah that focuses on the state's pretrial process and legal reform.

Senayah is currently a full-time, second-year law student. He earned his bachelor of science degree in land economy from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana.

"I am thrilled that Prince received this prestigious award," said Professor Preston. "It is a well-deserved honor and Prince's proposal will advance the principles that the Moyer fellowship is dedicated to promote—that of educating our young people about social justice and law."

*Pictured left to right are Professor Preston and Senayah.*

## BEST RESPONDENT BRIEF AT WECHSLER CRIMINAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

**Cathleen Stripling** and **Jessica Worley** won the Best Respondent Brief at the Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition on March 24, 2018 in Buffalo, New York. It is the only national moot court competition to focus on topics in substantive criminal law.

This year's case centered on the Fourth Amendment requirement of probable cause and the Fourteenth Amendment right to due process and equal protection.

The team competed against more than thirty teams. Each team argued two preliminary rounds with rounds scored by a panel of attorneys. Scores were based on a combination of each team's brief and oral advocacy skills.

Stripling and Worley won one of only seven awards. They were trained by Professor **Gregory Gilchrist**, faculty advisor, and alumni coach **Krys Beech '15**.

*Pictured left to right are Stripling and Worley.*





## OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD



**Daniel Kall**, law registrar, received the University's Outstanding Staff Award at the awards reception on April 26, 2018. The award honors employees with exceptional leadership who have made a significant impact on the University through outstanding dedication and commitment to the University's core values.

Only five award recipients are selected each year. Nominators cited Kall's outstanding service to students and faculty, as well as his reputation for creating a welcoming environment at the college.

Kall has worked at the University for more than 22 years. He currently serves as registrar at the College of Law, where he manages student and course records. Kall earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science and engineering and a master of arts degree in liberal studies from The University of Toledo.

## HONORABLE MENTION & BEST ORALIST AT CHINA IP MOOT COURT COMPETITION

**Gregg Byrne, Sabrinne Gibson, Billy Jeffers, and Adrienne Larbus** received honors at the Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU)-Wan Hui Da Cup Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition held May 26-27, 2018 in Beijing, China. This is the seventh time a Toledo Law team has been selected to participate in this prestigious competition.

The competition problem was based on an actual case involving Chinese copyright law, with briefs and oral arguments in English. Overall, the team earned an honorable mention. Byrne won the Best Oralist Award for his round.



**Walter Starghill**, now a third-year law student, coached the team. **Professor Llewellyn Gibbons**, Distinguished University Professor and intellectual property expert, served as faculty advisor. Gibbons helped prepare students for the competition and for oral advocacy in their future legal careers. Both traveled with team members to Beijing.

*Pictured left to right are Starghill, Jeffers, Byrne, Gibson, and Larbus.*

## CARR WRITING AWARD



**Kathryn Sarver** received the 2018 Judge James G. Carr Writing Award, recognizing excellence in faculty-supervised research papers written by upper-level law students.

Student papers are nominated by professors. Selection criteria include the importance of the research topic, significance of the discussion, and quality of the research. Winning entries are selected by Judge Carr, a Senior U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Sarver is currently a part-time, third-year law student. She authored the research paper entitled, "Connected Waters: Bringing Groundwater Within the Coverage of the Clean Water Act." The paper addresses why groundwater that reaches protected surface waters deserves to be protected under the Clean Water Act (CWA). Her work was supervised by Professor **Kenneth Kilbert**, director of the Legal Institute of the Great Lakes and professor of law.

"Her well-written, well-organized paper does a great job describing the issue, the relevant cases, and the varied approaches courts have taken to date," wrote Professor Kilbert in his nomination.

## COMMENCEMENT



## Congratulations, Class of 2018

The spring commencement ceremony was held on May 6, 2018 at the Student Union Auditorium. Trustee Mary Ellen Pisanelli of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees conferred degrees to approximately 70 graduates.

The Hon. **Gary Farmer, Sr.** ('73), received a special introduction from his son, Florida Senator Gary M. Farmer, Jr. ('91), before delivering remarks to the graduating class. In his address, he reflected on his non-traditional path to law school. Farmer, Sr. served as a judge for the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeals from 1991-2010 and chief judge from 2003-05.

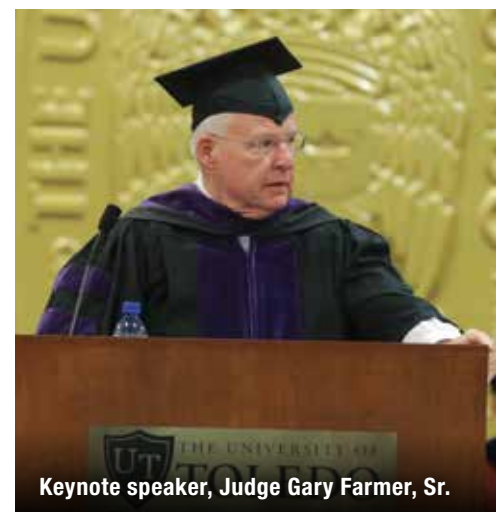
**Breanne Hitchen** received the Valedictorian Award and served as the student speaker at commencement. Hitchen earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in criminal justice from Bowling Green State University.

**Nancy Magginis** received the Dean's Award, which honors the graduating student who has made the most significant contribution to the college while maintaining high academic performance. Magginis earned bachelor's degrees in French and business administration from The University of Toledo.

**Nicole Kurtanich**, first-year law student, and **Adam Borgman**, outgoing president of the Student Bar Association, presented faculty members with awards.

Graduating students selected Professor **Kara Bruce** as the recipient of the Outstanding Professor Award for Dedication to Legal Education. Professor **Eric Chaffee** received both the Faculty Scholarship Award for his article, "The Origins of Corporate Social Responsibility," published in the *University of Cincinnati Law Review* and the Beth Eisler First Year Teaching Award, which is selected by the first-year class.

The commencement ceremony was followed by a reception at the Law Center.



Keynote speaker, Judge Gary Farmer, Sr.

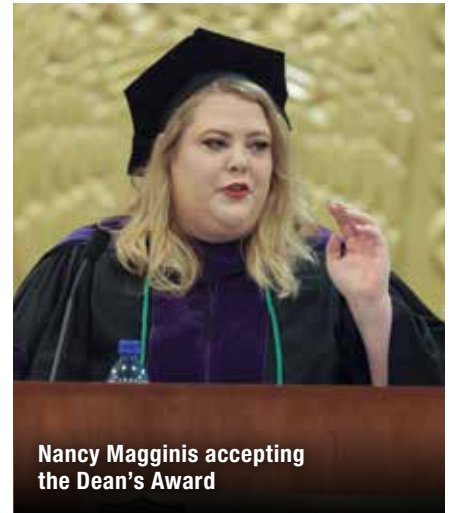


Valedictorian Breanne Hitchen with Dean Barros

Photos: Mary Pencheff Photography



Professor Kara Bruce



# 2017-2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



The Careers in Law Symposium helped undergraduates learn more about legal fields and the law school experience. *Photo: Mary Pencheff Photography*



Professor Kurt Lash of the University of Richmond presented the spring Stranahan Lecture, "A Troubled Birth of Freedom: The Fourteenth Amendment and the Struggle to Secure the Victory of the Civil War."



Panelists discussed U.S. and Canadian administrations' plans for water law and policy during the Great Lakes Water Conference.



Employers from various organizations recruited Toledo Law students at the Government and Public Interest Opportunities Forum. *Photo: Mary Pencheff Photography*



Professor Llewellyn Gibbons was officially installed as Distinguished University Professor. Pictured left to right are Vice Provost Bill Ayres, Professor Gibbons, and Dean Barros.



The Public Interest Fellowship Benefit Auction raised more than \$10,000 to fund summer fellowships for students working in public interest legal organizations across the country.



Neal Katyal, former acting U.S. solicitor general, presented "The President and the Courts in National Security Cases" during the Maryse and Ramzy Mikhail Memorial Lecture.



Eric Murphy, state solicitor of Ohio, discussed his pending case, *Ohio v. American Express*, recently argued before the U.S. Supreme Court during the "Day After" speaker series lecture.



Professor Atiba Ellis of West Virginia University presented "Voting Rights: Who Gets a Seat at the Table?" with opening remarks from the Lucas County League of Women Voters.



Professor Rebecca Zietlow participated in a book launch & lecture, "The Forgotten Toledoan: James Ashley and the Ohio Anti-Slavery Movement."

## A CALL TO SERVE

### *Toledo Law alumni in the military*

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BY RACHEL PHIPPS '07

Judge advocates, as military lawyers are known, are commissioned officers in the U.S. Armed Forces. On any given day, they may serve as prosecutor or defense counsel in courts-martial, defend the U.S. government, or brief troops on international law and the rules of engagement.

The judge advocate often does not know what assignment is next, where in the world it is, or with whom they will be working closely. The post comes with a lot of responsibility and guarantees experience in diverse areas of the law. Indeed, consecutive assignments may be in entirely different practice areas and call on widely different skill sets. All of this can be thrilling.

In the pages that follow, we profile seven alumni who formerly or currently serve as judge advocates in different branches of the military. A few common themes emerged—all spoke of the satisfaction they found in working toward a common goal, all took great pride in their roles of protecting and supporting the rule of law, and all believed that Toledo Law had prepared them well for their military careers.

# A CALL TO SERVE

## AIR FORCE JAG CORPS



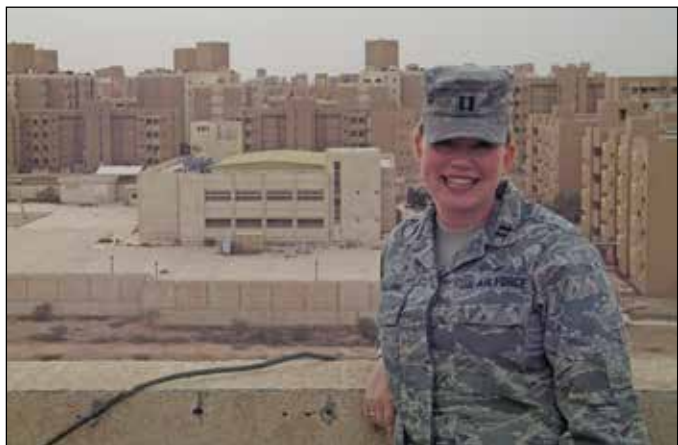
### Megan Mallone '08

The career of Air Force Major Megan C. Mallone '08 might look very different had she not been in Washington, D.C., only a few blocks from the Pentagon, on 9/11. At the time, she was a managing partner at a boutique technology firm and studying for a master of science degree in

information technology at George Washington University, but witnessing the chaos and tragedy of 9/11 firsthand in the nation's capital forced Mallone to reevaluate her career path. She spent the next three years deciding where her skills could best serve her country. She talked to attorneys in all branches of the military.

"I went to law school to become an Air Force judge advocate. I'm grateful that Toledo Law supported me in my nontraditional job search and plan," says Mallone, who has been stationed in South Korea for the past two years as the legal advisor to the 607th Air and Operations Center at Osan Air Base.

After a summer internship with the Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps during law school, she applied and was accepted into the JAG Corps at the beginning of her 3L year (the same year she married Toledo Law alumnus and Air Force Major Marc P. Mallone '06). Now, instead of heading to a tech job, she reports to an air operations center approximately



Megan during Saudi Arabia deployment in 2012

*"The things that I do in this job fill me with a sense of purpose, and reward me with experiences I couldn't get anywhere else."*

— Megan Mallone '08

35 miles south of Seoul. Marc serves as the deputy staff judge advocate in the 51st Fighter Wing and works on the same installation. Their four-year-old daughter, Harper Liberty, attends a Korean preschool in the nearby town.

In her current role, Mallone advises military leaders on the application of national security, international, and operational law in the Korean theater. A bank of computers sits on her desk—each serving a different operational purpose—but there are days when she hardly has a chance to sit. She is frequently by the side of military commanders or the chief of combat operations, including on the combat operations floor, where a team is always monitoring the Korean theater.

"When I joined the Air Force, I was excited to do criminal trial work, but I was surprised by how much I enjoy supporting military operations," says Mallone. She finds it rewarding to watch military

personnel, who seemed larger than life to her as a child, and to help them accomplish their missions.

Ten years in, Mallone's career has exposed her to more than she ever hoped. She has served all over the world, including the United Kingdom, Greece, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar. She continues to learn, in the classroom and out. The Air Force funded her LLM in international and comparative law at George Washington University two years ago.

Most of all, she says, she is proud to serve her country. "The things that I do in this job fill me with a sense of purpose, and reward me with experiences I couldn't get anywhere else." ■



Pictured left to right are Megan, Harper, and Marc in 2015

# A CALL TO SERVE

## AIR FORCE JAG CORPS

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### Maysaa Ouza '17

Even before she received her degree from Toledo Law in May 2017, Air Force 1st Lt. Maysaa M. Ouza '17 made legal history. Just before graduation, she was selected as a new Air Force JAG Corps attorney—but with the distinction of being the first hijabi selected for this role.

Ouza, who will be promoted to the rank of captain after completing the judge advocate staff officer course this fall, sees similarities between life in the military and wearing the hijab. Both require lives of structure and discipline. “My hijab is an asset to the Air Force, not a liability,” she says. “The defining aspect of my character is my unwavering dedication to leading a life of structure and immense discipline. Capitalizing on these characteristics, it made intrinsic sense to serve our country.”

Ouza recognizes that being a trailblazer requires both grit and persistence. Before commissioning, she was told that Air Force policy would require her to temporarily remove her hijab while she applied for a religious accommodation. Ouza, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Dearborn, Mich. law firm of Hammoud & Dakhallah Law Group, persuaded the Air Force to grant her a religious accommodation before she commissioned—allowing Ouza to wear her hijab from the first day of training. She applauds the Air Force for reconciling its emphasis on tradition and uniformity with its commitment to attracting promising recruits who reflect the country’s diversity.

*“Many people who look like me fear rejection, and thus will not apply for jobs like this. I want to break those barriers.”*

– Maysaa Ouza '17

Ouza’s family was influential in her decision to pursue a military career. Her parents emigrated from Lebanon before Ouza was born. “This country has afforded my parents opportunities and privileges that would not have been given to them anywhere else. My parents always had and continue to have deep admiration and respect for our military,” she says.

She is quick to credit Toledo Law’s Office of Professional Development (OPD) in helping her prepare for the rigorous JAG Corps application process. “OPD helped me prepare extensively for my Air Force interview,” she says. “The mock interview sessions were very beneficial; as a result, I felt very comfortable going into the actual interview.”

She started her Air Force career at a five-week commissioned officer training, where Ouza was the public affairs officer for her class, which meant she was responsible for documenting the class’s experience and overseeing the group’s morale. She was named “Airman of the Week” after being nominated by her fellow officers.

Though she has been on active duty only since March 2018, Ouza is eager to make her mark. “Many people who look like me fear rejection, and thus will not apply for jobs like this,” says Ouza. “I want to break those barriers.” ■



Lt. Ouza conquers the obstacle course during Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama





## Stacey Vetter '97

In her first deployment, Air Force Col. Stacey J. Vetter '97 headed to Baghdad to lead an investigative team embedded in a joint task force. It was April 2009, and the U.S. and Iraq had just signed a security agreement. Coalition forces were in the process

of withdrawing troops and transferring control of the government back to the Iraqis.

"That [deployment] was probably the most significant thing I have done in defense of my country," says Vetter, who was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for her work in Iraq.

Vetter had been in the Air Force for 10 years by the time she headed to Iraq. She joined the Air Force JAG Corps after a two-year internship with James D. Thomas '87, then a magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. She wanted litigation experience quickly, and the Air Force delivered. Within two years, she tried 30 courts-martial and was nominated to be lead defense counsel in the military's Pacific Circuit. Based in Okinawa, Japan, she spent two years flying around the Pacific Rim trying felony-level cases ("the very best lawyer job I've ever had").

The bulk of Vetter's tour in Iraq was spent convincing Iraqi judges to issue warrants to arrest terror suspects. From her office in an air-conditioned trailer parked between an Iraqi prison and an old apartment building, she worked with Iraqi criminal investigators to gather evidence to meet Iraqi warrant requirements. Though the Iraqi investigators were very talented, forensic science was not yet accepted in an Iraqi courtroom, which complicated Vetter and her team's efforts.

"But once we figured out what was necessary, we were able to obtain the warrant we were seeking pretty often," she says.

Vetter describes her tour as fascinating and exhausting.

"Sometimes it felt as if we were banging our heads against the wall," she says. But she recognized that personal connections were critical.

She remembers sitting in full gear in her office trailer discussing a case with a male Iraqi judge (all Iraqi judges were male). The judge asked Vetter, "Does your husband know you are here?" after noticing photos of Vetter's husband and two daughters on her desk.

"These small moments matter. Seeing a woman with an education matters," says Vetter. "That could be one of the most important events of that whole seven-month deployment."

*"As part of the Air Force, I'm working toward our common goal of protecting our nation and its values. And as a lawyer, I'm also protecting the rule of law. I think this is important work."*

– Stacey Vetter '97

When Vetter joined the Air Force in 1999, she thought she would acquire litigation experience and move on to the U.S. Department of Justice in a few years. But then 9/11 happened and her plan changed.

Vetter is now chief of the tort and claims litigation division at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland. "I enjoy what I do," she says of duties as wide-ranging as developing policy at the Pentagon to advising Air Force command in Qatar. "As part of the Air Force, I'm working toward our common goal of protecting our nation and its values. And as a lawyer, I'm also protecting the rule of law. I think this is important work." ■



## Colonel Bruce Bailey, USAFR (Ret)

Bailey '70 served in the Air Force and attended Toledo Law starting in 1967. His notable assignments were Strategic Air Command headquarters, the Pentagon, and Hickam Air Force Base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In 1997, he retired after 30 years and was awarded the Legion of Merit. Bailey is pictured here circa late 1970s during a 2-week summer tour legal training at the Royal Air Force Mildenhall station in Suffolk, England. Read more about Bailey's story on page 37.

"Serving as a JAG immediately after graduation gave my law school experiences instant worth. Military experience prepares you early on for responsibility and leadership, which puts you ahead of your legal peers in your civilian job search."

# A CALL TO SERVE

## ARMY JAG CORPS

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### Elena Kusky '82

Growing up on Long Island, N.Y., retired Army Col. Elena Kusky '82 didn't know any lawyers, but she loved to argue with her four older sisters, and she quickly recognized that she needed logic to win. She was sure she wanted to go to law school.

"Law school at The University of Toledo College of Law was just as fascinating as I had hoped," Kusky says. She sought moot court opportunities at Toledo Law, knowing she would love the courtroom.

When she retired from the Army in 2012 after 33 years of service, Kusky received the Legion of Merit, one of the U.S. Armed Forces's most prestigious awards, partly in recognition of two programs developed by units under Kusky's command during her tenure in the U.S. Army Reserve. The first program streamlined and expanded the resources available to wounded Army reservists. It has since been used as a model for military legal offices nationwide. The second was an expedited citizenship program created to help non-citizen soldiers become U.S. citizens. The latter also garnered an American Bar Association Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP) Committee Distinguished Service Award.

Kusky, already a commissioned lieutenant in the Army when she entered law school, was selected by the Army JAG Corps as a 3L. She headed to the former West Germany with the 1st Armored Division following graduation and defended more than 200 soldiers in administrative hearings and military trials, including a death penalty trial.

Kusky transferred to the Army Reserve when her active duty obligation ended. She accepted a civilian position as an assistant district attorney in Massachusetts before moving to California to become a government immigration lawyer. During the next 15 years, Kusky held a series of senior leadership roles in the Army Reserve, including commander of the former 78th Legal Support Organization. She was the first woman to serve in this post. Her team of 60 lawyers and paralegals was responsible for

providing guidance to command and legal assistance to 14,000 soldiers in three states.

While savoring the opportunity to help soldiers in her leadership roles in the Army Reserve, Kusky's civilian job as an immigration attorney—she is now assistant chief counsel in the Los Angeles U.S. Immigration and Customs

Enforcement office—keeps her in the courtroom. She appears in immigration court almost daily and writes briefs on a multitude of issues before the U.S. Department of Justice.

Even with 35 years of litigation experience under her belt, Kusky still has that itch she had at a younger age to verbally spar and enjoys the challenge of thinking on her feet. "Every day in the courtroom is interesting," she says. "There are sometimes surprises, and the secret to being ready for them is to expect that surprises will happen." ■

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### – Elena Kusky '82



### **Alan Lance, Sr. '73**

Retired Army Capt. Alan G. Lance, Sr. '73 spent only four years in the Army JAG Corps, but it influenced the trajectory of his entire career, which included two terms as the attorney general of Idaho, years as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and service

as the national commander of the American Legion from 1999-2000.

Lance, who retired from the bench last year, joined the Army at the age of 18 while at South Dakota State University, where he was in the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). The Army granted Lance leave to attend Toledo Law, which was only a short drive from his parents' farm in Custar, Ohio. He received active duty orders following graduation—first to Georgia and Virginia for JAG Corps training, and then to Alaska as a JAG officer with the former 172nd Infantry Brigade. He expected to hit the ground running, but didn't know how soon he would have the opportunity to serve as lead counsel in a trial.

"A smiling young captain told me within hours of my arrival in Alaska, 'You also detail as defense counsel. You will be in court next month,'" says Lance. "And I was."

As a new attorney, Lance tried scores of courts-martial. Many of his military cases were jury trials, and the experience quickly confirmed that he enjoyed the courtroom. "My experience as a JAG attorney was intense at times, but very rewarding. I gained more trial experience in the Army than my contemporaries even thought about," Lance says.

That trial experience gave him the confidence to take on plenty of jury trial cases at the law firm he started with an Army buddy in Meridian, Idaho. The firm grew quickly until it was dissolved when Lance entered politics. After serving two terms in the Idaho House of Representatives, Lance was elected in 1994 to two terms as Idaho's 31st attorney general ("the best job I ever had").

Lance was nominated by President George W. Bush to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and commissioned in 2004. He served as chief judge for a period in 2016 and retired in April 2017 from active service.

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**– Alan Lance, Sr. '73**

Lance has assisted and advocated for active duty military personnel and veterans at every stage of his career—and he has been recognized for his efforts. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the Humanitarian Award from the American Legion Auxiliary, and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2004. Lance received the College of Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002.

Further, Lance's experience in the military influenced his leadership style. He reorganized the Idaho Office of the Attorney General while at the helm and applied organizational and leadership principles learned in the Army to his service with the American Legion.

"Lots of people poke fun at military organization, but once you understand it, it just makes sense," he says. "You absolutely need a clear chain of command. The military has no loose ends." ■

# A CALL TO SERVE

## MARINE JAG CORPS

### Michael Renz '02

“Every new military attorney wants to be a prosecutor,” says retired Marine Maj. Michael R. Renz '02, now a government tax attorney in Cincinnati. “But I didn’t make it into a courtroom until I was three years into the job, which was unique.”

Instead, he spent the first few years of his JAG Corps career providing legal assistance to service members. He quickly assumed leadership roles in this area, first as the director of legal assistance at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton outside San Diego, where he managed the day-to-day operations of “one of the busiest legal aid offices in the Department of Defense.” A few years later, he was charged with supervising the Marine Corps Legal Aid and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs at the Pentagon. While in Washington, D.C., Renz completed an LLM in taxation at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Renz ultimately gained a wide array of experiences during his 12 years in the Marine JAG Corps, including serving as legal advisor to Marine leadership during two tours in Iraq and defending more than 80 Marines and sailors charged with misdemeanor- and felony-level offenses at courts-martial and administrative hearings. He found, however, that he enjoyed the tax work the most.

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– Michael Renz '02

“I was surprised by how much I liked tax and estate planning,” says Renz, who received the Outstanding New Exemplar Award from Toledo Law in 2012. “I was impressed by how much these areas of the law impact individual lives. Subjects that had been just okay in law school became fascinating when applied to real people.”

Renz, who joined the Marines at age 18, had been an officer for five years when he started law school. While most law students agonized over finding meaningful summer employment, the Marines put Renz to work both summers of law school, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island in South Carolina and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina. During both internships, he appeared in administrative hearings, several of which were lengthy, trial-like affairs. This experience, combined with moot court experience as a 2L and 3L at Toledo Law, made Renz confident to litigate after graduation.



Family photo before Michael's Iraq deployment in 2007

Nearly five years have passed since Renz retired from the Marines. He is now an attorney at the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau in Cincinnati. In that role, he advises bureau officials on a variety of issues dealing with the treatment of the alcohol and tobacco industries under the Internal Revenue Code. He credits his military experience for teaching him discipline, independent thinking, a good work ethic, and the ability to work well in a team.

“I feel that I am very fortunate to have been able to use what I learned at Toledo Law to serve our country in the Marine Corps and then to be able to continue that service working for the federal government,” says Renz. ■

# A CALL TO SERVE

## NAVY JAG CORPS



### Frederic Matthews '80

Military service runs in the family of retired Navy Capt. Frederic E. Matthews '80. His brother and uncles served in the Army, his father spent 22 years on active duty in the Navy, and Matthews applied to the Navy JAG Corps during his 2L year at Toledo Law. He was sworn in before graduation.

"I never considered another branch of the military because my dad had worn a sailor uniform for much of my childhood," says Matthews. "My dad went off to work in uniform, and so did I."

In joining the Navy JAG Corps, he was seeking trial experience. After basic JAG officer training, Matthews arrived for his first assignment at a submarine base in Connecticut in 1981 and tried his first case 10 days later. During four years on active duty, he served as defense counsel, trial counsel, senior defense counsel, senior trial counsel, and as a special assistant U.S. attorney.

When his active duty obligation was completed, Matthews continued service with the U.S. Navy Reserve. During the week, Matthews helped clients in his small town of Bowling Green, Ohio, as a partner in the law firm of Rayle, Matthews & Coon. On the weekends, his client was the Navy and its forces. However, his work for the Navy often seeped into his work week. This made for long days, flying and driving on the weekends, often to Washington, D.C.



Family photo following son's graduation from Coast Guard Boot Camp

"I had to miss some of my kids' events for Navy duty, but on balance I gained great life experiences, and I believe that my family benefited from my service," says Matthews. "They often traveled with me to Washington; I think my children visited every single Smithsonian and national monument."

While in the Navy reserve, Matthews offered legal assistance to the fleet and forces, but he also handled appellate cases, working with JAG attorneys at the Washington Navy Yard. For three years, he was commissioner for the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, where he briefed pending cases and drafted proposed opinions for the court's 10 judges. He received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award) for his work. He also was appellate government counsel for 10 years and appellate defense counsel for two years in that court.

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– Frederic Matthews '80

Matthews, who also received two Navy Achievement Medals, retired from the Navy in 2010 after 30 years of service. "I would have stuck around had the Navy let me," he says, referencing a law that mandates retirement for Navy captains after 30 years of military service. "It was great to be a part of an organization with a common purpose. This appealed to me very much. The longer I spent in the military, the more I really appreciated what I was doing."

But the Matthews family tradition continues—his son, Eric, joined the Coast Guard in 2009 as a marine science technician. ■

# FACULTY NEWS

## FACULTY EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED BY THE UNIVERSITY

### University Teaching, Research, Outreach & Scholarly Engagement Awards

The University of Toledo recognized several law faculty members for excellence in teaching, research, outreach and scholarly engagement at the annual university awards ceremony on April 19, 2018.



### Outstanding Teacher Award

#### *Kara Bruce*

The Outstanding Teacher Award honors faculty members who inspire, motivate, challenge, and bring out the best in their students. The selection committee cited Professor Bruce's commitment to student success and significant contributions to the University's mission.



### Edith Rathbun Outreach & Engagement Excellence Award

#### *Kenneth Kilbert*

The Rathbun Award recognizes outstanding contributions to community outreach and engaged scholarship. The selection committee noted Professor Kilbert's work coordinating the annual Great Lakes Water Conference and guiding local policymakers through research.



### Outstanding Faculty Research & Scholarship Award

#### *Nicole Buonocore Porter*

The Outstanding Faculty Research & Scholarship Award recognizes exceptional research, scholarship, and creativity. The selection committee was impressed by the breadth of Professor Porter's scholarly work and research impact.



### Distinguished University Professor

#### *Joseph Slater*

Distinguished University Professor is the highest permanent honor that can be granted to a UT faculty member. The nominating committee cited Professor Slater's work as an extraordinary teacher and mentor. Slater previously won both the university-wide Outstanding Faculty Research Award and Outstanding Teacher Award, as well as Professor of the Year.

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### **Outstanding Contributions to University Scholarship & Creative Activity Awards**

The University of Toledo recognized several law faculty members for outstanding contributions to university scholarship and creative activity over the past three years (2015-2017) at a private reception on May 3, 2018.



#### **“Agency Imprimatur & Health Reform Preemption”**

*Elizabeth McCuskey*

Professor McCuskey was recognized for her article, which was published in the *Ohio State Law Journal* in 2017. In the piece, she explores the agency imprimatur model to address preemption conflicts in health policy. This innovative approach attracted national attention from top scholars in the health law field. The article has been featured in prominent legal blogs and journals around the country.



#### ***The Forgotten Emancipator: James Mitchell Ashley and the Ideological Origins of Reconstruction***

*Rebecca Zietlow*

Professor Zietlow was recognized for her latest book published by Cambridge University Press in 2017. The book focuses on the constitutional changes of the era and Ashley’s critical role within the Ohio anti-slavery movement. The work is highly respected by legal historians, earning praise from foremost Reconstruction Era scholars.



#### **“The Equal Protection Component of Legislative Generality”**

*Evan Zoldan*

Professor Zoldan was recognized for his article published in the *University of Richmond Law Review* in 2017. Zoldan was asked to present his research at the prestigious Yale/Harvard/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum in 2016, making it the first Toledo Law article ever to be selected. The piece was also selected for the college’s 2017 Faculty Scholarship Award.



## FULBRIGHT GRANT

Associate Professor **Shelley Cavalieri** was awarded a prestigious Fulbright grant to conduct research on women’s housing advocacy in Quito, Ecuador for the 2018-2019 academic year. She is one of only a handful of Toledo Law professors to receive this honor.

Gender and housing are crucial issues in Ecuador due to an extreme gender pay gap, rapid urbanization, and the inadequacy of housing. Cavalieri will use socio-legal methods to conduct her research—working closely with citizen activists, NGOs, local academic experts, and government officials. She will teach law courses in gender theory, housing and health, and clinical legal education at the Universidad de San Francisco de Quito.

“The housing issues that are central to my Fulbright proposal are rooted in the same questions of citizen engagement in and government response to the problems of urban life that form my research at home,” said Professor Cavalieri. “My Toledo experiences will shape my research in Quito, and my time in Ecuador will enrich my work in Toledo.”

The Fulbright Scholar Program offers grants to American faculty, administrators, and professionals to teach and conduct research abroad. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Center for International Studies & Programs at the University.



## JAMES MADISON PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP

Professor **Lee J. Strang** was awarded a visiting fellowship at Princeton University for the 2018-2019 academic year. As a James Madison Program Fellow, Professor Strang will continue historical and archival research on religion and legal education.

Strang is a leading scholar on constitutional law and interpretation, property law, and religion and the First Amendment. While in residence, he will focus on completing his latest book, *The History of Catholic Legal Education: Struggles Over Identity*. The book will be the first comprehensive historical study of Catholic legal education in the United States.

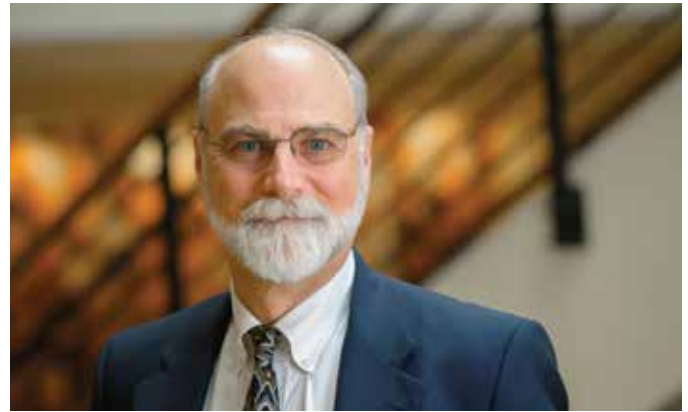
“The award of this prestigious fellowship recognizes both Professor Strang’s scholarly achievements to date and the promise of his scholarship in the future,” said Dean D. Benjamin Barros. “Already a nationally-recognized expert in constitutional law, this fellowship will allow Professor Strang to work on an important new book on Catholic legal education.”

The James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions is sponsored by the Department of Politics at Princeton University. The program is dedicated to the pursuit of scholarly excellence in the fields of constitutional law and political thought.





*Terrell A. Allen*



*Bruce M. Kennedy*

## PROFESSORS RETIRE THIS SUMMER

Professors Terrell Allen and Bruce Kennedy officially retired this past summer. They were celebrated at a retirement party on May 21, 2018 to honor their years of service to the College and University.

Professor **Terrell Allen** served as the director of legal research, writing, and appellate advocacy. Allen retired after 18 years at the University. Prior to teaching legal research and writing, Allen clerked for a federal judge and practiced law for more than a decade, primarily with the Toledo law firm of Cooper & Walinski. She worked in areas of litigation, insurance coverage, and health care. Allen is a graduate of the University of Mississippi (BA, BSW), Washington University in St. Louis (MSW), and the University of Michigan (JD).

“I feel extremely lucky to have had a job that I loved, especially the teaching,” said Allen. “What I will miss most about Toledo Law is the students. I admired their enthusiasm and dedication, and thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them and watching them progress through school and beyond. I wish them all the best in their careers.”

“In retirement my husband and I look forward to traveling and hiking in different parts of the world and to living in new regions of the country. We will be spending summer and fall at our lake house in the woods in Maine, and winter and spring near our grandchildren in Tucson. We will miss Toledo, but are excited about our new adventures!”

Associate Professor **Bruce Kennedy** retired after 25 years at the University. Kennedy previously served as director of the law library. Prior to joining the faculty, he held positions at the Cornell and Georgetown law libraries. Kennedy served as a member and principal draftsman for the American Association of Law Libraries Citation Formats Committee, which designed universal citation standards for legal materials. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan (AB, AMLS) and the University of Minnesota (JD).

“What I will most miss about Toledo Law is the opportunity for great conversations with students outside of the classroom,” said Kennedy. “Beyond the classroom, some students shed their monochromatic professional demeanor and become very colorful people. In a chance conversation, a student might tell me that s/he has travelled through Namibia or teaches high school classes to incarcerated youth or owns and operates a farm in Michigan. When I question them about the details of their life experiences, my students take me to places and situations that I would never reach on my own. I will miss those ‘mind-journeys.’”

“As to my retirement plans, I see a contented retirement as a three-legged stool. I need to stay physically, mentally and spiritually healthy. So I will spend time in the gym, read and travel as much as possible and re-educate myself in the great religions of the world.”

# FACULTY NOTES



**John Barrett**, associate professor of law, returned to the faculty after an administrative leave and the completion of service in main

campus administrative positions as Vice Provost for Faculty Relations and Accreditation, Assessment and Program Review and then as Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. He taught Business Associations and Organizational Governance and Compliance for the College's graduate program in compliance, and is delighted to be back.



**Kara Bruce**, professor of law, won The University of Toledo's Outstanding Teacher Award and the

Outstanding Teaching Award given by the graduating 3L class. She published articles in the *Loyola Los Angeles Law Review*, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*, and two articles in the *Bankruptcy Law Letter*, a West publication. Bruce presented her work at Brooklyn and Emory Law Schools, and at the Central States Law School Association Annual Meeting. Her lectures for Themis Bar Review are now shown in nearly 30 states. She welcomed her daughter, Ruth, to the world in April 2018.



**Lesa Byrnes**, legal writing professor and director of academic success and bar preparation, taught a class for second-semester first-year students who earned

low GPAs in their first semesters, *Advanced Legal Analysis*, aimed at improving their chances of success in law school. Each semester, Professor Byrnes meets individually with more than 60 students each term (approximately 25 percent of all COL students) to talk about course selection and sign an Academic Success Contract, which guides each student towards steps likely to enhance their chances of passing the bar exam. She organizes a series of workshops and practice exercises for first-year students, including a simulated first-year exam.



**Shelley Cavalieri**, associate professor of law, was awarded tenure. She was competitively selected to present her scholarship at the Association of

American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Property and at the Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative Workshop on Property, Vulnerability, and Resilience. She served as co-chair of the Faculty Development Workshop for the LatCrit biennial meeting. Cavalieri continues to serve on The University of Toledo's Social, Behavioral and Education Institutional Review Board. She will spend the 2018-2019 year as a Fulbright Scholar in Quito, Ecuador, teaching classes at the Universidad de San Francisco de Quito and conducting research on women's housing-related social activism.



**Eric C. Chaffee**, professor of law, authored the fourth edition of *Securities Regulation in Cyberspace* with Emeritus Professor Howard Friedman.

He published articles in the *Boston College Law Review*, *Washington & Lee Law Review*, and *Case Western Reserve University Law Review*. Chaffee organized the Ohio Securities and National Business Law Scholars conferences. He served as chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Securities Regulation and presented his research at meetings and conferences throughout the country. The first-year class awarded him the 2018 Beth A. Eisler Award for First-Year Teaching, and he also received the 2018 College of Law Faculty Scholarship Award.



**Benjamin G. Davis**, professor of law, published "United or Untied: On Confronting Presidential Criminality in the Savage Wars of Peace"

in the *Tennessee Law Review*. He made several presentations, including "Martin Luther King, Jr.: Why We Can't Wait," "Arbitration Rule or Rule of Arbitration?," and addressing other topics to the Lucas County Bar Association, the Asia Forum, New York Law School, and the Supreme Court of Ohio. Davis additionally served as chair of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute and continued his service to the Guantanamo Bay Military Commission Human Rights Observer Program.



**Jelani Jefferson Exum**, associate dean for diversity and inclusion and professor of law, gave a number of presentations this academic year. She

presented “The Case Against Mandatory Minimums for the Toledoans For Prison Awareness.” She gave the keynote address, “Continuing Dr. King’s Fight for Freedom: Giving Context to the Black Lives Matter Movement,” for the Shumaker Loop MLK Luncheon, “The Legal Case for Diversity” at the Higher Education Recruitment Consortium, and presented the mini-class, “The Supreme Court and Civil Rights” at Maumee Valley Country Day School. Exum also helped to organize the annual Careers in Law Symposium.



**Maara Fink**, clinical professor of law, taught the Dispute Resolution Clinic, Advanced Dispute Resolution Clinic, and the Public Service Externship

Clinic. In that role, she coordinated more than eighty (80) placements of law students into field work experiences with public agencies and non-profit organizations both in the Toledo area and beyond. She serves as the Faculty Advisor to the Black Law Students Association and is a member of the Board of the Law Alumni Affiliate, the Ohio Mediation Association, and the Adrian College Law Advisory Board.



**Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons**, Distinguished University Professor of Law, was invested with the Wenlan Scholar Chair Professor of

Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation Law at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (ZUEL) in Wuhan, China. He published a law review article and a book chapter. Gibbons made scholarly presentations on intellectual property, artificial intelligence, and IP valuation at conferences in the U.S. and internationally. He also was cited by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *In re Tam*. In addition, Gibbons is hoping to see (finally) *Mastering Intellectual Property Licensing, Valuation, and Management* in print Fall 2018 or Spring 2019.



**Gregory M. Gilchrist**, professor of law, recently was sworn in as a member of the Ohio Bar. He published “Opacity, Fragility, and Power, a review

of Mary Kreiner Ramirez and Steven A. Ramirez, *The Case for the Corporate Death Penalty: Restoring Law and Order on Wall Street*” in the *Brooklyn Law Review*, and accepted an offer to publish his article in Georgetown’s *American Criminal Law Review*.



**Rick Goheen**, assistant dean for the LaValley Law Library and associate professor of law, serves as vice president of the Ohio Regional Association

of Law Libraries (ORALL). He is chair of the program committee for ORALL’s 69th Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, “Tall Stacks, Small Stacks, and Legal Information Navigation,” and will become president of ORALL at the annual meeting in October 2018.



**Kenneth Kilbert**, professor of law, received the University’s 2018 Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award,

which recognizes faculty for exceptional community outreach and community-engaged scholarship. Professor Kilbert also organized the 17th annual Great Lakes Water Conference in November 2017, which explored water law and policy under the new administrations in the United States and Canada as well as the controversy over designating western Lake Erie as impaired.

## FACULTY NOTES



**Jessica Knouse**, professor of law, will publish “Rhetoric Versus Reality: The Pro-Marriage Supreme Court and the Decline

of Marriage” with *The University of Toledo Law Review*. She presented an early version of the article at the Law Review’s symposium on Gender Equality: Progress and Possibilities. Knouse taught a continuing legal education program for the LGBTQ Council of the Toledo Bar Association, served as a panelist at the Federalist Society’s Annual Supreme Court Review and was the invited speaker at a Toledo Bar Association Federal Courts committee meeting and at the Wood County Bar Association’s Law Day luncheon.



**Bryan Lammon**, associate professor of law, was awarded tenure. He taught appellate procedure, civil procedure, and

evidence. He also continued his study of federal appellate jurisdiction, writing an article “Finality, Appealability, and the Scope of Interlocutory Review” in the *Washington Law Review*, and two online essays “Hall v. Hall: A Lose-Lose Case for Appellate Jurisdiction” in *Emory Law Journal Online* and “Appellate Jurisdiction in Sanchez-Gomez: A Hard Case that Should Be Easy” in *Washington University Law Review Online*. Lammon additionally continued advising the College of Law’s Moot Court program, of which several teams advanced in competition and two teams won best brief awards.



**Elizabeth McCuskey** was promoted to the rank of professor and received the University president’s award for Outstanding

Contributions in Scholarship. Forthcoming essays include “On Drugs: Preemption, Presumption, and Remedy” in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Legal Medicine* and “The Body Politic: Federalism & Feminism in Health Reform” in the *Journal of Health Law & Policy*. She gave a Distinguished Speaker Series lecture on health reform at Saint Louis University’s Center for Health Law Studies and presented at the American Society for Law Medicine and Ethics’ (ASLME) “Next Steps in Health Reform” conference, national Health Law Professors Conference, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Ohio Northern University Law Review Symposium, and a civil procedure workshop.



**Dan Nathan**, clinical professor of law, continued as a board member of three local organizations: Food for Thought, a nonprofit that feeds

the area’s indigent population in a respectful and healthy way; Student Legal Services, which provides free legal services to University of Toledo students; and the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, an organization that addresses legal issues that impact children’s health. Nathan was a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), advocating for the best interest of children involved in Lucas County Juvenile Court. He also volunteered for Children’s Rights Collaborative monitoring visits for parents required by court order to be supervised around their children.



**Katherine Raup O’Connell**, legal writing professor, will serve as the director of legal writing effective fall 2018 with the retirement of

Professor Terrell Allen. In that role, she will be responsible for coordinating the College’s first-year writing curriculum.



**Nicole Buonocore Porter**, professor of law, recently accepted a position as associate dean for faculty research and development. She published a

symposium paper on “The Restatement of Employment Law” in the *Employee Rights & Employment Policy Journal*, and she is patiently awaiting publication of “Ending Harassment by Starting with Retaliation” in the *Stanford Law Review Online*, “Cumulative Hardship” in the *George Mason Law Review*, “Mothers with Disabilities” in the *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law, and Justice*, and a book review in the *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal*. In April, she won the University’s Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award.



**Marilyn Preston**, legal writing professor, continued her work with Law and Leadership Institute summer session, hosted at the College of Law,

which aims to interest students from diverse backgrounds to consider the legal profession. She received a grant from the University Teaching Center in 2017-2018 to develop a new electronic lesson on the Multistate Performance Test (MPT).



**Geoffrey C. Rapp**, associate dean for academic affairs and Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values, was elected Chair-Elect of the Association of

American Law Schools (AALS) Section for Associate Deans. His 2015 article was cited in a brief filed in the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Petroleo Brasileiro S.A.-Petrobras et al. v. Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd.*; his 2002 article also was cited in two briefs in *Petroleo Brasileiro*, the Cert Petition in that case, and in both a Cert Petition and amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Barclays PLC v. Waggoner*.



**Rob Salem**, clinical professor of law, co-chaired a special task force to investigate the Toledo/Lucas County Health Department's implementation of

Toledo's lead poisoning ordinance. He also led the successful campaign to add transgender-related health care benefits to the city of Toledo's employee health benefits package. Salem gave several professional presentations during the year, including "The Future of HIV Criminalization in Ohio," sponsored by the Ohio American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and "LGBTQ Families in the Post-Marriage Era" at an Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (co-presented with Professor Fink). He serves on several boards and was recently appointed to the board of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio.



**Joseph Slater** was named a Distinguished University Professor. He spoke at a conference in Haifa, Israel for a project that will produce

a book on strikes, worked on an employment law chapter for a Cambridge University Press book, and continues updating two casebooks. He advised the Labor and Employment Moot Court team, which did well. Slater spoke on the keynote panel of a conference on New York's public-sector labor law, was a commenter at the Labor and Working Class History Association Conference, and was quoted in National Public Radio's "Marketplace," two *Washington Post* articles, and two *New York Times* pieces.



**Lee J. Strang**, John W. Stoepler Professor of Law & Values, published updated editions of his casebooks, *An Evaluation of Evidence for*

*Constitutional Construction From the Debate Over the Constitutionality of the First Bank of the United States*, and *The Original Meaning of "Religion" in the First Amendment*. He presented at numerous conferences including at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Conference, the Federalist Society National Student Symposium, BYU Law School, the Secretary of Justice, Republic of Chile, the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, and the Universidad de Los Andes. Strang presented 17 additional talks and was elected to the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Constitutional Law.



**Rebecca Zietlow**, Charles W. Fornoff Professor of Law and Values, published *The Forgotten Emancipator: James Mitchell Ashley and the Ideological Origins*

*of Reconstruction* with Cambridge University Press. She also published in *The American Historical Review* and the *St. Louis University Law Review*, and was a guest blogger on the *Faculty Lounge Blog*. She served as chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Constitutional Law and organized a symposium on the 13th Amendment at UNLV School of Law. She presented at the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, McGill, Emory, Rutgers, and the American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, among others.



**Evan C. Zoldan**, professor of law, researches and writes in the field of legislation. He was recently promoted to the rank of full professor. He

published "The Klein Rule of Decision Principle and the Self-Dealing Solution" in the *Washington & Lee Law Review* and "Is the Federal Judiciary Independent of Congress" in the *Stanford Law Review Online*. Zoldan has also accepted an offer to publish "The Quality of Special Legislation" in the *Maryland Law Review*. Zoldan was elected chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Legislation. His scholarship was cited by scholarly journals and in treatises, briefs, and a state supreme court opinion.

For more details about Toledo Law faculty research and scholarship, explore faculty profiles at [utoledo.edu/law/faculty](http://utoledo.edu/law/faculty)

# ALUMNI NEWS



## AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The University of Toledo Alumni Association honored the Law Alumni Affiliate, under the leadership of Mui-Ling Dong '92, with the Affiliate of the Year Award for 2016-17. A criterion for receiving this award is efforts made to create partnerships with other affiliates, students or organizations. The award was presented at the UT Alumni Association Annual Meeting on May 13, 2017. Pictured here from left to right are Law Alumni Affiliate President 2016-17: Mui-Ling Dong '92, UT Alumni Association President 2016-17: Stuart Cubbon '81, and UT Alumni Association President 2017-18: Rob Bleile.



## ALL-ALUMNI CALL

The college offered its first interactive alumni experience with a live broadcast call on October 10, 2017. The call was hosted by Law

Alumni Affiliate President 2017-18 Michael Mikkonen '87 and Dean Barros. They shared college highlights and answered alumni questions from around the country. Approximately 500 alumni connected and engaged with the college in real-time—asking questions and responding to college polls. Visit [utoledo.edu/law/alumni](http://utoledo.edu/law/alumni) to hear the live audio broadcast. Save the date on Monday, October 15, 2018 for our next alumni call!



## TRIVIA NIGHT

The Law Alumni Affiliate found a new way to engage alumni by appealing to those who were looking for a social outlet, while also attracting alumni who enjoy the thrill of competition. Over 100 people turned out for the first trivia night. As a result, it was brought back for an encore in the spring and will now be an event held each semester. Trivia Night didn't just appeal to alumni. Affiliate president for 2017-18, Michael Mikkonen '87, saw the trivia idea as a way of connecting faculty and current students with area law alumni and friends—and it worked! Nick Mancy '94 provided the perfect venue in Shorty's Back Forty. A trophy was created and winning teams will be added to the base following each event.



## TOLEDO BAR/STOEPLER GOLF OUTING

The Toledo Bar Association and the Law Alumni Affiliate joined forces for a combined golf outing, complete with a crazy sock contest! The outing was held at the Sylvania Country Club on August 6, 2018. All proceeds benefited the UT John W. Stoepler Scholarship Fund and the Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono Program.



## U.S. SUPREME COURT BAR SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

This is the first year we are offering Toledo Law alumni an opportunity to become members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. Alumni will receive a certificate commemorating membership. The swearing-in ceremony in Washington, DC is scheduled for November 13, 2018.

## HOMECOMING 2018

This year will prove to be another exciting Homecoming weekend!

We hope you can join us and look forward to bringing you back “home” to your time at The University of Toledo College of Law. Events below are open to all alumni and friends unless otherwise noted. For all milestone reunion classes and activities, check the law alumni events page. [utoledo.edu/law/alumni/events.html](http://utoledo.edu/law/alumni/events.html)

<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>October 5</b>	Dean’s Breakfast	Kick off the weekend at the Dean’s Breakfast. The breakfast connects alumni and friends of the law school to hear law school updates and recognize deserving alumni and faculty. Dean Barros will host and recognize law alumni award recipients.
	Class of 1968 Cocktail Party	<b>Milestone 50-Year Reunion:</b> Class of 1968 cocktail party. Open to class members and their guests.
	Alumni Gala & Awards Ceremony	The UT Alumni Association hosts the University’s alumni gala recognizing alumni from across the University.
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>October 6</b>	Homecoming Parade	The weekend continues with the University’s Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakiel Homecoming Parade.
	Law Tailgate	Law alumni tailgate at the college near the patio.
	Football Game	The Toledo Rockets take on rival Bowling Green State University at 3:30 p.m. in the Glass Bowl.
	Class of 1968 Dinner	<b>Milestone 50-Year Reunion:</b> Class of 1968 dinner with brief program including open mic for classmates to share stories. Open to class members and their guests.
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>October 7</b>	Brunch	The weekend wraps up with a closing brunch at the College.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## ALUMNI AWARDS

During Homecoming weekend, a number of awards are presented to outstanding alumni. Below are highlights from last year, as well as announcements of a few of our winners for 2018. Recipients of the Law Alumni Affiliate's New Alumni Award, Commitment Award, and Outstanding Faculty Award will be announced at the Dean's Breakfast.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

*College of Law 2017*



#### **Roderick Kennedy '80**

Judge Kennedy presented "Light A Fire And Curse the Darkness—Where Does the Forensic Science Buck Stop?" for the College's 2017 Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series.

During the lecture, Kennedy reflected on his legal career. Kennedy retired from the New Mexico Court of Appeals after serving 16 years on the bench. He has written and presented extensively in the areas of expert testimony, scientific evidence, and forensic evidence.

### **JAMES K. LARSON DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*Jesup Scott Honors College 2017*



#### **Gene Zmuda '84**

Judge Zmuda currently serves on the Lucas County Commons Pleas Court. He is a representative of the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge grant to support Lucas County programming to reduce pretrial incarceration and racial and ethnic disparities in pretrial confinement.

Prior to his election to the court, Zmuda served on the Toledo City Council from 1994-2003, sponsoring legislation which established the first drug/alcohol program in the county. He also created the first court-appointed attorney program for civil cases in the state.

### **BLUE T AWARD**

*The University of Toledo 2017*



#### **Nancy Miller '88**

Magistrate Miller currently serves as chief magistrate in Lucas County Probate Court. Miller is actively engaged in the Toledo community. Through the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College, she plans educational programs for fellow magistrates. Miller is a

past president of the UT Law Alumni Affiliate, Toledo Women's Bar Association, and Lucas County Bar Association. She also has served on the boards of the Toledo Bar Association, Family House, and the Diocesan Child Guidance Center.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

*College of Law 2018*



#### **John Starcher '00**

Starcher is president and CEO of Mercy Health. He oversees the development of system strategies and operations for all Mercy Health hospitals and clinical networks across Ohio and Kentucky. Starcher is the

former president and CEO of Health Management Associates (HMA). Before joining HMA, he served as the CEO of three of Mercy Health's four divisions, CEO of the northeast Pennsylvania Region, the senior vice president of human resources, and corporate associate general counsel. He began his healthcare career in academic medicine, serving six years in leadership roles at the Medical College of Ohio hospital, now The University of Toledo Medical Center. Starcher will become president and CEO of Bon Secours Mercy Health this fall following the merger of Bon Secours Health System and Mercy Health of Ohio.

### **GOLD T AWARD**

*The University of Toledo 2018*



#### **Betty Montgomery '76**

Former Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery is currently of counsel to Mac Murray & Shuster. Montgomery has a long and distinguished career in public service.

She was Ohio's first woman attorney general and auditor of state. Montgomery received national recognition for excellence in service and advocacy. She chairs The Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute. Montgomery also serves on the Ohio Women's Bar Foundation, Capitol Square Foundation, JobsOhio Beverage System Board, State Medical Board of Ohio, and Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees.

Visit [utoledo.edu/law/alumni/awards.html](http://utoledo.edu/law/alumni/awards.html) for award descriptions and video links honoring each award recipient. Videos for 2018 recipients will be posted after Homecoming weekend.



# ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM

## IN MEMORIAM *(As of July 1, 2018)*

### 1950s

'51	Carl F. Dorcas	02/14/2018
'51	Fletcher D. Thompson	12/18/2017
'54	Willard Allen Johnson	02/01/2018
'57	Marilyn M. McClintock Riddel	02/11/2018
'58	Joseph Jerome O'Connor	05/02/2018

### 1960s

'67	Richard Irwin Green	06/05/2018
'69	Richard Alan Coble	03/28/2018

### 1970s

'70	John Douglas Garand	01/10/2018
'72	Frank L. Beane	04/12/2018
'73	Gerald William Banks, Sr.	04/23/2018
'73	Richard W. Knepper	11/15/2017
'73	Henry N. Kuntz	05/06/2018
'75	Ted Colburn Gillespie	05/13/2018
'76	Geoffrey Allen Cottier	05/18/2018
'76	Michael John Pipis	02/08/2018
'76	Charles William Weasel	04/05/2018
'77	Darrel Lawrence Rice	03/27/2018
'78	Richard David Mays	09/02/2017
'79	Margit I. Van Schaick	10/13/2017

### 1980s

'80	Henry G. Kolb	09/18/2017
'81	Marilyn Dee Miller Mickel	10/14/2017
'82	Morgan Ann Lawrence	05/15/2018
'83	Allen Neal Kepke	03/29/2018
'85	Troy Lee Moore	11/30/2017
'88	Peter J. McHugh	08/01/2017
'88	Steven George Siebert	09/17/2017

### 1990s

'91	John David Smith	10/21/2017
'94	James Ronald Bowman, Jr.	02/24/2018

### 2000s

'10	Andrew John McCarthy	05/18/2018
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# ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

19**68**

**Ronald Brown**, is a law professor at the University of Hawaii. His recent publications examine Industry 4.0 in the workplace and labor provisions in free trade agreements. Details can be found at [law.hawaii.edu/personnel/brown/ronald](http://law.hawaii.edu/personnel/brown/ronald).

19**70**

**Bruce Bailey** has experienced a year of travel, visiting Hong Kong, Vietnam, Italy and the Amalfi Coast. He is still working with a foster child and trying to improve his golf game.

**Henry Harris** retired in June 2015 after 26 years as rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Massillon, Ohio.

19**73**

Judge **Alan G. Lance, Sr.** assumed senior status last year from the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and is enjoying travel and family, subject to recall by the Court.

19**74**

Judge **Allan H. Goodman** of the United States Civilian Board of Contract Appeals has completed his twenty-fifth year as a federal administrative judge.

19**75**



**James Ashton Greene** semi-retired in 2000 and fully retired in 2009. He has been married to Jill for 39 years. They have two children and two grandchildren so far.

19**76**



**Robert E. Wisniewski** of Phoenix, Arizona received the Professional Hockey Players' Association Workers' Compensation Panel Member of the Year Award at their annual meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

19**77**

**James Valenti** retired after practicing law for 40 years.

19**78**

**John Brandt** is transitioning to of counsel on December 31, after 39 years with Beckman Lawson in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife, Mary, look forward to traveling and playing more golf.



**Donna Engwert-Loyd** recently joined the Toledo Office of Reminger Co, LPA.



**R. Marc Kantrowitz** currently writes two columns, Law 'n History and Unsolved, for *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. He also participates in a podcast, History's forgotten Headlines. He is an adjunct professor at Northeastern Law School.



**Gary Newnham** is the endorsed democratic candidate for Ohio House District 47 in the November 6, 2018 election.

19**79**



**Laurel Hopper** has completed over 30 years of legal service with the State of Florida Department of Children and Families in several capacities. She plans to retire in January 2021.

**Lee Radin** is a retired attorney from the New York City Department of Finance. He lives in Forest Hills, New York. He can be reached at [lradin123@verizon.net](mailto:lradin123@verizon.net).

19**80**



**Michael A. DiLauro** will serve as keynote speaker at the Association of

Forensic Quality Assurance Managers annual training conference in October 2018. Later that month he also will receive the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Award from Justice Assistance in recognition of his dedication, service, and contributions to the justice profession and public interest in Rhode Island.

## 1981

**Thomas J. Brown** completed his sixth year as a state-wide special prosecutor, after serving 21 years as the elected state attorney in Livingston County, Illinois.

Judge **Denise Navarre Cubbon** was recognized with a YWCA of Northwest Ohio Milestone Award in March 2018 for her contributions to government.

**Stuart F. Cubbon**, of Cubbon and Associates in Toledo, has been named to the board of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation.



**Stephen Dane** leads a nationally recognized civil rights firm with

offices in New Mexico, Ohio, and Washington, D.C.

## 1982

**Kevin Joyce** has been appointed to the adjunct graduate faculty of the Bowling Green State University College of Business and teaches business law and ethics to MBA students.

**A. Ruben Lopez** has been working the last 19 years as a senior state hearing officer and leader, holding administrative hearings for the State of Ohio.

**Randall Samborn** has formed his own strategic communications consulting practice in suburban Chicago, Randall A. Samborn & Associates LLC, specializing in crisis and litigation communications.

## 1983



**Jerard Jarzynka** (left) is in his second term as the elected prosecuting attorney of Jackson County, Michigan.

**Paul Spaniola** (right) is in his third term as the elected prosecuting attorney of Mason County, Michigan.



**Jonathan B. Mack** was presented a resolution of appreciation by Indiana

University of Pennsylvania's Council of Trustees for his service on the council from 2009-17 and his volunteer work.

## 1984

**Denise M. Hasbrook** has been named to Best Lawyers in America for 2018. She works in the Toledo office of Roetzel & Andress LPA.

**Steven K. Nord** was elected chairperson of the West Virginia Lawyer Disciplinary Board. He is an attorney with Offutt Nord Burchett, PLLC.

## 1985

**William G. Chris** has been elected president of the Akron Bar Association. William is the managing partner for the law firm of Roderick Linton Belfance LLP in Akron, Ohio.

**Patricia Wise** testified before the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and the California Legislature's Subcommittee on Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation Prevention and Response. She became a Fellow of the College of Labor & Employment Lawyers in 2018.

## 1987



**Daniel Daugherty** retired from the United States Marine

Corps after over 30 years of service. He is now serving as an assistant chief immigration judge in Las Vegas, Nevada. Celebrating 32 years of marriage with Lynn.

**Terrence S. Finn** has been named to Best Lawyers in America for 2018. Terrence is an attorney with Roetzel & Andress LPA.

**Barbara Gessel** recently retired from her role as senior VP and chief human resources officer of Mercy Health Network in Des Moines, Iowa. She has relocated to Saugatuck, Michigan.



**Michael Mikkonen** received both the Order of the Heel from the Junior Bar at the Gridiron Show and the Arabella Babb Mansfield Award at the Toledo Women's Bar Association Annual Meeting.



**James D. Thomas** left Vorys to serve as general counsel to The Honorable

Michael J. Rogers. Jim will continue speaking and consulting on professional development and leadership and will continue working with Vorys on other matters.

**James Walter** has served as a field attorney for the National Labor Relations Board and as an assistant prosecutor for Lucas County for the past 29 years.

## 1988

**Raneta Lawson Mack** was named the Skinner Family Distinguished Professor of Law at Creighton University School of Law, where she has been teaching for 27 years.

**Elizabeth (Guerra) Simcox** is retiring after seven years as executive director of the Dauphin County Bar Association and 20 years in the Central Pennsylvania legal community. She is relocating to North Carolina.

# ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

19**89**

**Michael Blessing** retired on May 1, 2018 as a lieutenant colonel after 28 years of active duty in the United States Marine Corps.

19**91**



**Janet E. Hales** is the new executive director for Advocates for Basic Legal

Equality, Inc. (ABLE). Hales officially began her position with ABLE in November 2017.

19**93**



**Paul Duggan** practices law with wife, Chiara '06, in Bryan, Ohio. They have raised four kids and are enormously grateful for opportunities UT Law provided. Go Rockets!

**Timothy F. Sheridan**, managing partner of Plunkett Cooney's Grand Rapids, Michigan office, was elected to serve on the firm's board of directors.

19**94**

**James J. Barone** was elected senior vice president of group distributions for Ameritas in 2018. Prior to joining Ameritas in 2013, Jim held sales leadership positions at ARAG North America, EyeMed and Anthem.



**Steven Clouse** was named a partner in the firm Eberhard, Weimer, Clouse &

Glick, P.C. The firm has three offices in northeastern Indiana.

**Eric Fleetham** was named director of the Research, Writing, and Advocacy department at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida.



**Michael Pardi** has joined Butzel Long as of counsel. Pardi practices in Butzel

Long's Bloomfield Hills and Washington, DC offices.

19**95**

Judge **Michael R. Goulding** was elected to the Toledo Bar Association board of directors for 2018-19 along with William Meyer '76, Joan Rife '82, and Pete Rost '77.

19**96**



**Peter Crotty** was named principal law clerk to New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Glownia.



Judge **Myron Duhart** received an LLM from Duke Law School's

Center for Judicial Studies. The rigorous curriculum brought together state, federal, and international judges to better understand judicial processes.



**Trisha J. Paul** has been elected to serve as Barrett McNagny LLP's

executive chair for 2018. The firm is located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



**Joel Williams** was appointed chief deputy prosecuting attorney for the Elkhart

County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Elkhart County, Indiana.

19**97**

**Angelita Blackshear Dalton** was appointed to serve as a criminal court judge by Governor Haslam of Tennessee. She will replace retiring Criminal Court Judge J. Randall Wyatt.



**Jennifer M. Grieco** was sworn in as the 84th President of the State Bar of

Michigan on September 27, 2018 at the annual meeting in Grand Rapids.

19**98**

**Randy Engwert** recently joined the Toledo Office of Reminger Co., LPA.

**Jason A. Miller** was appointed administrative law judge to the Social Security Administration in 2015, and serves in Manhattan, New York. He and his family live in Brooklyn.



**Marc Smith** was appointed to the Dublin Community Foundation Board. Marc

is the founder of the Law Offices of Marc D. Smith, LLC and lives in Dublin, Ohio.

## 2000

**Kenneth Hicks** is a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, serving his second two-year term and seeking re-election to his third term.

**Desiree Lyonette** serves as chair for the Criminal Justice, Legal Office Specialist certificate and Computerized Legal Office Specialist programs at Belmont College. Belmont's 2017 & 2018 valedictorians earned degrees in her programs.

## 2001

**Corey Minor-Smith** was elected to an Ohio at-large seat on Canton City Council in November 2017.

## 2002

**Gerald Trepkowski** successfully completed the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Leadership Academy. He was selected to give the closing speech at the graduation ceremony.

## 2003

**Gretchen DeBacker** received the Access to Justice Award for Public Interest Law in May 2018 in recognition of her pro bono services on behalf of low-income women and their families.



**Darla (Stahl) Dooley** accepted a position at the Office of the State Attorney 13th Judicial Circuit, Tampa, Economic Crime Unit as a dedicated prosecutor prosecuting insurance fraud.



**Brad Mantel** is the counsel for standards and legal advice in the division of mine safety and health at the U.S. Department of Labor.

## 2004



**Kathleen Amerkhanian** moved to Berlin, Germany with her husband and three children, and is pursuing an LLM in European & International Business, Competition, and Regulatory Law at Freie University.

**Brett Ross Frankel**, chief legal officer and secretary for People's Trust Insurance and Rapid Response Team, was appointed to the Deerfield Beach Economic Development Council in Florida.



**Brian P. Harrod**, a patent attorney, was named a partner at Moxon and Associates, an intellectual property law firm specializing in patents, trademarks, copyrights, and licensing.

**Christine (Brothag) Mendoza** is now master commissioner for the Ohio Supreme Court.

**Carla Perrotta** is now senior counsel for Global Contracting with the Raytheon Company in Waltham, Massachusetts. Carla previously worked in house with General Motors in Detroit, Michigan.



**Rachel Reight**, a partner with labor and employment law firm, Baasten McKinley, was named to the 2018 Super Lawyers list of Rising Stars for the second year in a row.

## 2005



**Kevin L. Bradford** became an equity shareholder partner with the Law Firm of Brouse McDowell, LPA and practices from the firm's Canfield, Ohio Office.



**Shelly (Mussel) Kennedy** was elected to represent Ohio's 11th Senate District in the Ohio Republican Party State Central Committee, the governing body of the Ohio Republican Party.



**Lindsay Navarre** was elected to the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas.

## 2006

**Thomas Cafferty** was honored with the John and Ginny Elam Pro Bono Award at the Ohio State Bar Association's All-Ohio Legal Forum in August 2017.

**Sarah Skow** was recognized with a YWCA of Northwest Ohio Milestone Award in March 2018 for her contributions through volunteerism.

**Corey Tomlinson** joined RCO Law, as member, in November 2017. Corey focuses his practice on the defense of medical malpractice claims and the litigation of commercial disputes.



**Greg Wolenberg** was elected chancellor of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International.

## 2007



**Dana Quick** has re-joined the law firm of Bast Amron LLP, located in Miami, Florida, as of counsel.

# ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

## 2008



**Brandon Bytnar** is the owner of the Law Office of Brandon R. Bytnar, P.L. in Naples, Florida.

**Suzette (Zellner) Fronk** is currently CFO for the Supreme Court of New Mexico, Administrative Office of the Courts in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



**Kyle Gee** was named counsel at BakerHostetler in Cleveland, Ohio. He

concentrates his practice on private wealth planning, counseling fiduciaries and beneficiaries and family office and private trust companies.

## 2010



**Michael Wahl** is a partner at Clemens, Korhn, Liming & Warncke, Ltd., in

Defiance, Ohio. On June 16, 2017, he and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed son, Calvin John Wahl.

## 2011



**Kelly Rice** is working for the State of West Virginia as a child support specialist.



**Nicholas Wittenberg** was appointed as a vice-chair to both the American Bar

Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section's Standing Committee on Young Lawyers and to the Cybersecurity and Data Privacy General Committee.



**Christopher J. Worrel** is now a shareholder in the law firm of Howard & Howard

Attorneys PLLC and works in the firm's Royal Oak, Michigan office.

## 2012



**Taylor Knight** is now a shareholder with Reminger Co., LPA. Taylor works in the Toledo office.

**Douglas Leavitt** became a partner with Bauer Ryan PLLC, based in Boise, Idaho in 2017.

**David Mann** was named policy advisor to Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, along with his continuing role as president & CEO of the Lucas County Land Bank.

**Fred Roth** left the law firm of Thompson Coburn LLP in Chicago, Illinois in June 2018 for an in-house position with Direct Digital, a dietary supplement company in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## 2013



**Laura Dettinger** and Albert Balewski '14 were

married on September 30, 2017 at the Toledo Zoo.



**Eric T. Ramar** recently joined Plunkett Cooney's Detroit, Michigan

office. He concentrates his practice primarily in the area of medical malpractice liability.

**Allison Roach** is the assistant program director/associate attorney at the Victim Rights Center of Connecticut.

## 2014



**Drew Ayers** was hired as acquisition fraud counsel for the Air Force Materiel

Command Law Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. He also recently married Anne Antalovich.

**Rory O'Brien** is a contracting officer for the United States Air Force. He and his wife are expecting their first child in July.



**Scott Pine** deployed for seven months in Afghanistan for the Defense

Contract Management Agency (DCMA)-LA. He is transferring to DCMA-San Diego to become a warranted administrative contracting officer, and will deploy again this fall.



**Steven Vandercook** accepted a position with NASA at the John F.

Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida to support the next chapter in human space flight.

## 2016

**Paige (Richards) Albjerg** is an assistant attorney general for the State of Iowa working for the Child Support Recovery Unit located in Decorah, Iowa.

**Chelsie (Lipscomb) Camden** was appointed as a Judge Advocate General with the United States Air Force.

### Send Us Your Class Note

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# In Memory of Judy (Roberts) Bailey '70: *To Support Law School and Lasting Relationships*

by Heather Karns

Poised, demure, naturally quiet, yet engaging. People took notice of her. These are words that described Judy (Roberts) Bailey '70. As her husband Bruce Bailey '70, puts it, "Judy was 'an original' from Toledo, attending grade school, high school, and both undergrad and law school in Toledo." She was one of only two women in her law school class.

Bruce met Judy while the two attended Toledo Law. She turned him down the first time he asked her out. He tried again, they dated, and married in January 1971. Bruce went on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in California. Judy took and passed the California Bar Exam and became the first woman to be hired by the Law Offices of the Riverside County Public Defender. She relished the trial work and quickly fit in. Approximately one year after Judy became a public defender, Bruce was reassigned to Wiesbaden, Germany.

They arrived in Germany November 1972 and about five months later, Judy got "the job of her dreams." After interviewing with the law firm of Ed Bellen, Melvin Belli, and F. Lee Bailey, she was hired on the spot as the first woman criminal defense attorney representing military members in Army Courts Martial in Europe, a job that provided an opportunity to travel.

Bruce and Judy returned stateside in November 1975 and Judy returned to the Public Defender's office in Riverside County. Several years later, she opened her own private law office, specializing in plaintiff's suits, primarily medical malpractice. In 1989, the couple moved to San Diego. Bruce became a senior partner of a civil defense firm and Judy opened her office in La Jolla, this time focusing on family law and wills and trusts. In the late 1990's, Judy served as president of the La Jolla Bar Association.



*Judy Bailey in June 1990*

Judy was a quiet force. Her life was full and her career distinguished. She passed away in May 2010 and it is in her memory that Bruce decided to make a gift to The University of Toledo College of Law.

After helping plan a very successful reunion for his undergraduate class at Denison University, Bruce realized how important it is to reconnect with classmates and reestablish friendships, at a time in life when people are ready to enjoy and appreciate each other. Bruce wanted to make sure his Toledo Law class could have the same experience and therefore gave a gift in Judy's memory. Bruce offered up a challenge gift to support a staff position, which was matched thanks to Kenneth Martin '90 and Marja Lasek Martin '88. Bruce is looking forward to celebrating a happy 50th reunion and reconnecting with his Toledo Law classmates in 2020. ■

# \$1 Million Planned Gift Celebrates Life of Nancy Jean Fulop Short '71

By Rachel Phipps '07

Bill Short started dating a young law professor named Nancy Jean Fulop '71 in the summer of 1975. “Besides securities law, Nancy loved art and fashion. She was intelligent, more intelligent than me,” he says.

Nancy was teaching corporations, securities regulation, and corporate finance courses at Rutgers Law School. Bill was working full-time for the Philadelphia Electric Company while attending the University of Pennsylvania as a graduate engineering student.

“Nancy often told the story that she decided to attend law school on a whim, calling herself a ‘walk-in’ to The University of Toledo College of Law,” says Bill.

Nancy majored in English literature and minored in art as an undergraduate student, and she was working as a high school English and art teacher when she decided to apply to law school in the summer of 1968. At the College of Law, where she attended on full scholarship and graduated first in her class, she quickly developed a passion for the law, and securities law, in particular. Her professors, seeing her aptitude and intellect, encouraged her to pursue an LLM at Yale Law School, where she applied and attended on full scholarship. The Rutgers teaching position was her first job after completing the Yale LLM program.

“Your life and career take turns and twists. You develop, seize opportunities, and you gather knowledge,” says Bill. “But only after some time are you able to look back and connect the dots and recognize just how far you have come and how you ended up where you are. Most important, you realize how ‘small breaks’ materially influence your life.”



*Nancy Jean Fulop in late-April/early-May 1978*

After completing his graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, Bill took a leave of absence from Philadelphia Electric and moved to New York to pursue a graduate program in business administration at New York University. Bill's roommate at NYU was a former paralegal at the then up-and-coming Manhattan law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. When his roommate shared a New York magazine article about Skadden with him, Bill passed it along to Nancy. She submitted a resume, was hired by Skadden's corporate securities law practice, and joined Bill in New York City. The couple was married two years later. They moved into an apartment overlooking Lincoln Center and Central Park and welcomed a son, Bradford.



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Nancy practiced securities law for 10 years before entering the world of legal publishing, where she would spend the remainder of her career. She served as the manager of securities publications at Matthew Bender and then as an editor at the legal and financial printer Bowne & Co. Inc. As a securities law expert with more than 30 years of experience, Nancy found legal publishing challenging and fulfilling.

“She really enjoyed rubbing elbows with some of the best and brightest minds in securities law,” says Bill.

After Nancy retired from the publishing industry in the mid-2000s, only three years passed before she “walked into” another institution, the New York School of Interior Design. She planned to combine her dual interests in art and interior design with her legal expertise, advising young designers in New York’s competitive market. Nancy had recently been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and she underwent surgery before beginning classes at NYSID. After a six-year remission, Nancy passed away in 2014. Bill was determined to celebrate her life with a gift that would help others; however, it took time for his plan to fully form—for him to connect the dots.

As a young woman growing up in Toledo, Nancy attended St. Ursula Academy and Mary Manse College, a Catholic women’s college that has since shuttered. She received full scholarships at both schools and was valedictorian of her high school and first in her class at college. Her legal education at Toledo Law and Yale was also on full scholarship.

“My wife was shaped by the four institutions she attended—all of them on full scholarship. I was fortunate that my parents paid for my private boarding school and most of college,” says Bill. “I left my college and graduate schools debt-free, but I am struck by the role that scholarships that Nancy received played in her life and career.”

*“Being able to attend the College of Law on a full scholarship gave Nancy freedom to consider different paths early in her career. We are grateful to Bill for this gift, which will give this same freedom to future outstanding College of Law students.”*

**– Dean D. Benjamin Barros**

Now, when he visits Nancy’s and his alma maters, Bill asks students how they finance their educations. He is often dismayed to learn of the significant financial burdens so many have to assume. Bill has committed to making four planned \$1 million gifts in Nancy’s memory—one each to the College of Law, St. Ursula Academy, the Toledo Museum of Art (because Mary Manse College no longer exists), and Yale Law School. The gifts will be used to cover the full cost of tuition for bright students like Nancy. He intends for each gift plus its earnings to be spent completely, over a generation, for merit-based scholarships. His gift will fund three scholarships annually at the College of Law.

“It is wonderful that we are able to honor Nancy’s legacy in this way. She was something of a legend when she was here, authoring a first-year legal writing memorandum that was kept on reserve in the library for years as a model for the students who came after her,” says Dean D. Benjamin Barros.

“As I’ve had an opportunity to get to know Bill over the last few years, I’ve heard many stories about Nancy and her career. Being able to attend the College of Law on a full scholarship gave Nancy freedom to consider different paths early in her career. We are grateful to Bill for this gift, which will give this same freedom to future outstanding College of Law students.” ■

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## Giving to Toledo Law

### SUPPORTING ENGAGEMENT

On August 16, 2018, the Toledo Law community gathered for the dedication of “Prospect Point,” the Law Center’s newly renovated patio and fire pit. The renovation was made possible through a generous gift from **Mui-Ling Y. Dong** ’92.

Dong envisioned the fire pit would function as a centerpiece to enable the law community to connect and interact. She dedicated the space to Norman G. ’69 & Connie F. ’81 Zimmelman, James G. & Eileen M. Carr, and George M. ’53 & Maurine M. Glasser.

“The donation of Prospect Point is in appreciation of The University of Toledo’s College of Law, and specifically in recognition of three couples who have inspired me and to whom I attribute my positive career and life development,” said Ms. Dong.

“I hope that each of you during your career will give financial support to the College of Law through the annual giving campaign, a planned gift, the Law Student Gift Fund, as part of a reunion class gift, or in support of a scholarship fund or effort,” she continued. “To those of you who have been a recipient of a scholarship, a Law Student Gift, or benefitted from the generous volunteers assisting in mentoring and career development—pay it forward!”

**Thanks to gifts from friends and alumni like Mui-Ling Dong, the Toledo Law community continues to thrive and move lives forward. Your contribution is more important than ever. Make a difference today with a gift to help educate the next generation of leaders. ■**



*Mui-Ling Y. Dong*

### FEATURED FUND: *Toledo Women Lawyers History Project*



*Arlene Singer*

The Toledo Women Lawyers History Project is a joint effort by The University of Toledo College of Law and the Toledo Women’s Bar Association (TWBA). The project seeks to discover and preserve the stories of women lawyers in the Toledo area.

Judge **Arlene Singer** ’76 of the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals is currently leading the project. To volunteer, please contact Judge Singer at [singer@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:singer@co.lucas.oh.us) or 419.213.4755. To donate, visit our College of Law giving page.

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## **FUNDING PRIORITIES**

### **LAW ANNUAL FUND**

Gifts support Toledo Law's campaign for excellence. Funds are put to work immediately to support student success and new initiatives including bar preparation, legal clinics, internships, and fellowships. These unrestricted gifts enable us to meet our most-pressing needs to continue offering students an outstanding educational experience.

### **VINCENT M. NATHAN MEMORIAL DIVERSITY PROGRAM FUND**

Gifts support Toledo Law in our efforts to recruit diverse students into the legal profession and to maintain an inclusive environment for diverse students during their time at the College, helping them thrive as law students and excel in their legal careers. The fund was named in memory of former Toledo Law Professor Vincent M. Nathan.

Choose to designate your gift as part of the Day of Giving challenge prior to October 16 by including **Day of Giving** in the memo of your check or online gift.

### **LAW REVIEW PROGRESS FUND**

Members of Law Review know the countless hours spent researching, organizing, editing, citation checking, and facilitating the annual symposium. No UT staff member has been more committed to supporting Law Review than Peggy Ery, who retired in 2017. Gifts will help Toledo Law create the endowed Peg Ery Law Review Fund in recognition of her 23 years of service and dedication to the organization.

### **TOLEDO WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Gifts support the endowment of a women's scholarship program by the Toledo Women's Bar Association (TWBA). The TWBA scholarship will be offered each year to an outstanding woman Toledo Law student and Women's Law Student Association (WLSA) member, who actively demonstrates a commitment to women's issues.

**[utoledo.edu/law/alumni/give.html](http://utoledo.edu/law/alumni/give.html)**



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## TOLEDO LAW UPCOMING EVENTS

We are on the move and reaching out to connect with you! Join us at one (or more) of the campus events listed below to meet fellow Toledo Law alumni and get caught up on the exciting things happening at your law school! Watch for emails and visit [utoledo.edu/law/alumni/events.html](http://utoledo.edu/law/alumni/events.html) for details.

### OCTOBER 5-7

#### Homecoming Weekend

*FRIDAY: Dean's Breakfast  
at the Toledo Club*

*SATURDAY: Parade,  
tailgate, and football game  
against BGSU*

*SUNDAY: Brunch*

### OCTOBER 12

Law Review Symposium

### OCTOBER 15

All-Alumni Call

### OCTOBER 16

Day of Giving

### OCTOBER 25

Fornoff Competition, final round

### NOVEMBER 2

Great Lakes Water Conference

### NOVEMBER 5

Stone Law Lecture and CLE  
with Amos Guiora

### NOVEMBER 13

U.S. Supreme Court Bar Swearing-In  
Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

### COMING THIS SPRING

Law Review Anniversary  
Celebration and Fornoff  
Society Reception

*Details coming soon*