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When I joined the College of Law last year, I was excited to become part of such a great institution. I'm even more excited now than I was then. The faculty and staff here are truly outstanding, and I enjoy working with them every day. (You can read about a number of awards given to the faculty this year on page 33). The students are wonderful, and I'm energized by their enthusiasm. The alumni community has been incredibly supportive and welcoming. I've had an opportunity to meet many of you over the past year, and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming months.

The new academic year got off to a great start as we welcomed our new, first-year class. As many of you know, enrollment has declined at the College of Law for the past several years, following national trends. Although law school enrollment was flat this year, we were able to get our trend line pointing up, increasing our JD enrollment by 12 percent. At the same time, we were able to increase the credentials of our incoming students. Our median undergraduate GPA increased to 3.39, the highest it has been for at least 10 years. Our median LSAT increased one point to 152, and our 25th percentile LSAT increased two points to 149. These improvements were the result of a team effort, but special acknowledgment should go to Jessica Mehl '05, who has done a fantastic job since rejoining us last fall as assistant dean for admissions.

<b>Fall 2016 class by the numbers:</b>	12% increase in enrollment	3.39 GPA – highest in 10+ years	2-point increase in 25th percentile LSAT score (149)	1-point increase in median LSAT score (152)
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Fundraising continues to be an important goal. Alumni contributions allow us to tangibly improve the experience of our students. This summer we were able to renovate the fourth floor of the LaValley Law Library with a generous gift from the estate of Charles F. Buck '51. As you probably remember, the fourth floor housed the library's collection of law reviews. Because all of this material is now available online, we removed the paper copies. This space is now an open study and reading room, with new lighting and comfortable furniture. We also were able to use donor funds to renovate one of our classrooms and hope to renovate others in coming years.

Our graduate employment numbers improved last year, and the College of Law was recently recognized by the *National Jurist* as one of the top 35 schools in the nation for improvement in graduate employment rates during the past five years. We still have a ways to go, however, to get where we want to be on graduate employment. The outstanding staff of our Office of Professional Development has been developing innovative programs to help our students use their time in law school to put themselves in the best positions to get jobs after graduation.

We're looking forward to another great year at the College of Law. If you're in the area, please stop by and visit. If you have any thoughts or suggestions you'd like to share, please get in touch. I'd be delighted to hear from you!

Sincerely,

D. Benjamin Barros  
Dean and Professor of Law

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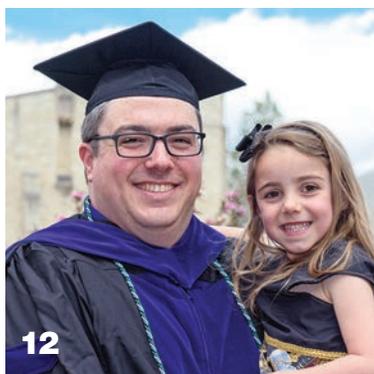
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**NEW 3+3 PROGRAMS WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES**



Over the past year, The University of Toledo College of Law has signed agreements with four local colleges and universities establishing 3+3 admissions programs.

These programs allow promising undergraduate students the opportunity to complete bachelor's degrees from participating institutions and Juris Doctor degrees from the College of Law in six years instead of the normal seven years. Participating schools include Adrian College in Adrian, Mich.; University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio; Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio; and the College of Arts & Letters at The University of Toledo.

Students will complete three years of undergraduate coursework at one of the four named institutions and three years of legal coursework at Toledo Law. The first year of law school will take the place of the senior year of college, and an undergraduate degree will be awarded after the successful completion of the first-year legal curriculum.

The main advantages of 3+3 admissions programs are the reduction in time and expense needed to earn both a bachelor's degree and a law degree.

"We are pleased to offer this option to highly qualified students at our partner institutions to provide not only cost savings, but savings of time," said Jessica Mehl, assistant dean for law admissions.

With four different 3+3 programs, Toledo Law now boasts more 3+3 options than any of Ohio's eight other law schools. Such programs were authorized by a rule change approved by the Ohio Supreme Court in July 2014, and The University of Toledo and Capital University Law School were the first law schools to launch programs in April 2015.

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*— Jessica Mehl*

**U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS VISITS TOLEDO LAW**



The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, based in Washington, D.C., held a public session in the McQuade Law Auditorium at The University of Toledo College of Law on Feb. 24, 2016, as part of the court's Off-Site Court Program.

"Watching an appellate argument before a federal court in our building is a rare learning opportunity for our students and members of the community," said D. Benjamin Barros, dean of the College of Law.

"This event also has special meaning because of the importance of veterans' issues in current policy discussions," said Barros. "This court provides a necessary avenue for our nation's veterans, including 2.5 million veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, to ensure they receive all the benefits they are due."

The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims is a federal court with exclusive jurisdiction over final decisions by the Board of Veterans' Appeals, an entity within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The court provides veterans an impartial judicial forum for review of administrative decisions by the Board of Veterans' Appeals that are adverse to the veteran-appellant's claim of entitlement to benefits for service-connected disabilities, survivor benefits and other benefits, including education payments and waiver of indebtedness.

Three of the court's seven judges, Chief Judge Lawrence B. Hagel, Judge Alan G. Lance, Sr., and Judge Mary J. Schoelen, presided over oral argument at the College of Law in the matter of *Noah v. McDonald*, which concerned an application by a Vietnam veteran for a finding that PTSD was "service connected." Judge Alan G. Lance, Sr. '73, a University of Toledo College of Law alumnus, was nominated to the court by President George W. Bush in 2004.

## PROF. EXUM PRESENTS ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN MEXICO CITY



Jelani Jefferson Exum, professor of law at The University of Toledo College of Law, traveled to Mexico City as a guest lecturer at the Cross-Border Institute for Legal Studies.

On Jan. 11, 2016, she delivered a presentation titled “International Perspectives on Criminal Justice Reform.” Exum’s lecture explored the ways in which current criminal justice reform efforts in the U.S. fit into the changes being made in criminal justice systems in other countries.

“The faculty at Toledo Law impacts the study and practice of law at all levels: local, state, national, and international,” said Eric Chaffee, associate dean for faculty research and development at the College of Law. “Professor Exum’s invitation to present in Mexico is yet another example of our scholars having a global impact.”

Exum writes mainly in the area of sentencing law and policy, but her research interests also include comparative criminal law and procedure, as well as the impact of race on criminal justice.

The Cross-Border Institute for Legal Studies was developed by Arizona Summit Law School to create new opportunities for both American and Mexican students and practitioners seeking to develop specialized knowledge and experience to enhance their practices.

## DEAN BARROS RECOGNIZED AMONG TOP PROPERTY LAW PROFESSORS



A recent ranking by the PropertyProf Blog listed Dean D. Benjamin Barros as one of 15 top property law professors under the age of 50.

*“He is both an outstanding leader and an outstanding scholar. He fits well with Toledo’s tradition of being a community of scholars.”*

*– Eric Chaffee*

Barros appeared on a list titled “Most Cited Property Scholars Under 50, 2011-2015” with colleagues from Chicago, Fordham, Cornell, and Duke law schools, among others.

Barros joined the College of Law as dean in July 2015. He teaches and writes in the areas of property law and theory, regulatory takings, property law reform, and the philosophy of science. He is the founding editor of the *Journal of Law, Property, and Society*, and in 2015 he released a casebook on property law with Aspen/Wolters Kluwer. Barros was one of the youngest educators to serve on the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and has served as chair of the AALS Property Section, as well as president of the Association for Law, Property, and Society.

“As a faculty, we were pleased when we recruited Ben Barros to be our dean,” said Eric Chaffee, associate dean for faculty research and development. “He is both an outstanding leader and an outstanding scholar. He fits well with Toledo’s tradition of being a community of scholars.”

## PROF. LLEWELLYN GIBBONS QUOTED IN FEDERAL CIRCUIT OPINION



Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons, professor of law, was recently quoted in an opinion by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The decision in *In re Tam* held that the Lanham Act’s bar on registering “disparaging marks” violates the First Amendment.

Gibbons' scholarship is at the intersection of law, contract, and technology. A pioneering professor in the area of cyberlaw, he penned one of the first law review articles to review the theoretical legal principles on which the Internet could be governed. His recent scholarship focuses on the response of law to breakthrough technologies, as well as the role of the international intellectual property regime in promoting global economic development.

"One of the benefits of being at Toledo Law is a rich tradition of professors influencing and impacting the practice of law," said Eric Chaffee, associate dean for faculty research and development. "The citation of Professor Gibbons' work is evidence that this tradition continues."

Over his career to date, Gibbons has published over 25 law review articles, three book chapters, and one encyclopedia entry. He also has co-authored a treatise, "Mastering Trademark Law and Unfair Competition Law" (Carolina Academic Press, 2013), with Lars S. Smith. His articles have been republished in India and translated into Chinese and Japanese. The People's Court Publication House, the publishing arm of the Supreme People's Court of China, is translating and publishing Gibbons' book, "Mastering Trademark and Unfair Competition Law," for the Chinese market.

### **TOLEDO LAW ONE OF PRINCETON REVIEW'S BEST LAW SCHOOLS; PROFESSORS RANKED MOST ACCESSIBLE AMONG NINE OHIO LAW SCHOOLS**

The University of Toledo College of Law is one of the nation's top law schools, according to *The Princeton Review*'s list of "Best 173 Law Schools," which appears as a book and on the *The Princeton Review* website.

Based on student surveys, *The Princeton Review* also provides numerical rankings on a variety of factors. One of those identified is the accessibility of professors – judged based on how students rate the accessibility of their teachers. Scores range from 60 to 99. Toledo Law had the top ranking on this measure (92) among Ohio's nine law schools.

*"Every aspect of the school strikes the perfect balance between professionalism and personal attention."*

– *Princeton Review*

In Toledo Law's profile, *The Princeton Review* editors said, "Students speak overwhelmingly of the school's obvious care and concern for their future." The profile also quotes current Toledo Law students who were surveyed by *The Princeton Review*. Among the student comments were, "Every aspect of the school strikes the perfect balance between professionalism and personal attention." Another student noted that professors "go out of their way to make themselves available to students."

"At Toledo Law, we provide legal education on a personal scale," said D. Benjamin Barros, dean of the College of Law. "Our goal is student success, and our faculty take the time to get to know their students. No one is just a number here."

The school profiles in "Best 173 Law Schools" factor in data from *The Princeton Review*'s surveys of law students completed during the 2014-15, 2013-14, and 2012-13 school years.

### **LAW STUDENTS ADVANCE TO FINAL FOUR IN HERBERT WECHSLER NATIONAL CRIMINAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**



The University of Toledo College of Law students advanced to the semifinals of the Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition held April 9, 2016, at SUNY Buffalo School of Law in Buffalo, N.Y.

Lindsey Cavese '16 and Thomas Walsh '16 were among the best four teams in the competition to argue before lawyers and judges on the question of whether a sentence of life without parole for a juvenile violates the U.S. Constitution. Walsh and Cavese argued both sides of the question, consistently winning until theirs was one of only four teams remaining of the 23 teams from across the country that competed.

“This is one of the strongest teams that I can recall in any moot court competition anywhere in the country,” said Associate Professor Gregory Gilchrist, who served as the team’s faculty advisor. “Moot court competitions require the students to research a complex legal issue, write a formal appellate brief, structure a persuasive argument, [and] hone their oral advocacy. And, on top of all this, the students need to think on their feet in a high-pressure situation. This year, Tommy and Lindsey excelled in all these roles and made UT proud.”

Walsh received the Ryan J. Mullins Memorial Award, which is given to the competitor who best embodies the spirit, passion, and enthusiasm of the competition.

“The competition was a great experience,” Cavese said. “It helped develop a practical set of skills I can take with me into the future as an attorney.”

The team was coached by Katrin McBroom ’16. “After watching my colleagues practice so many times before attending the competition, it was thrilling to see them shine among 23 other teams,” she said. “Every time we advanced to the next round, we all shared an immense amount of excitement and pride for Toledo Law.”

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– Lindsey Cavese

**PROF. ZOLDAN SELECTED FOR YALE/STANFORD/HARVARD JUNIOR FACULTY FORUM**



Evan Zoldan, an associate professor at The University of Toledo College of Law, was selected to participate in the Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum June 28-29, 2016 at Yale Law School in New Haven, Conn. He is the first faculty member from Toledo Law to be selected for this prestigious event.

“I am delighted that Professor Zoldan’s paper was selected for the Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum,” said Toledo Law Dean D. Benjamin Barros. “This is a great honor for Professor Zoldan and is a reflection of the quality of his writing and his ideas.”

According to organizers of the forum, the goal is to “encourage the work of scholars recently appointed to a tenure-track position by providing experience in the pursuit of scholarship and the nature of the scholarly exchange.” Between 12 and 20 young scholars – all with seven or fewer years of teaching law – are selected to present their papers at this annual event. Senior scholars provide comments on the selected papers, and one of the forum’s aims is to help connect newer and more seasoned legal scholars.

Zoldan’s paper, “The Equal Protection Component of Legislative Generality,” describes an under-explored aspect of constitutional law and theory.

“Our commitment to equality is compromised by the ability of Congress and state legislatures to target named individuals for special treatment that is not applied to the population generally,” writes Zoldan. “This Article describes how the Equal Protection Clause can be read to contribute to a constitutional value of legislative generality – that is – a value that suggests that targeted legislation should be disfavored simply because of its particularized effect.”

**HUCKABY ’17 RECEIVES BANKRUPTCY LAW STUDENT AWARD**



Nicholas Huckaby ’17 received the Distinguished Bankruptcy Law Student Award from the Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar. Students

from 14 law schools in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky were eligible for this award; Huckaby was one of just four students selected to receive it. The student winners were chosen based on the student’s letter of intent and a faculty member’s nomination.

The two-day Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar took place in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 18-19, 2016. It featured panels and presentations by professors, lawyers, and judges skilled in bankruptcy law. As a result of this award, Huckaby

received an expense-paid trip to the 2016 seminar, which allowed him to network with leading bankruptcy practitioners.

Huckaby's faculty nomination was submitted by Kara Bruce, professor of law at The University of Toledo College of Law. "Nick is a fantastic student with a real aptitude for bankruptcy law," said Bruce. "I am thrilled that he had the opportunity to meet and learn from bankruptcy judges and practitioners at the seminar."

"I am honored to receive the Distinguished Bankruptcy Law Student Award from the Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar," said Huckaby. "I have to give immense thanks to Professor Kara Bruce for not only being a great teacher, but also an involved mentor and staunch advocate for UT law students."

Additionally, Huckaby was chosen by the editors of the *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal* to have an article published in its Student Gallery in the October 2016 issue. He is one of six students selected to publish in the gallery this year. He also will publish his law review note entitled "Patient Care Ombudsman: Toward a Workable Standard for Appointing a Patient Care Ombudsman" in a forthcoming issue of *The University of Toledo Law Review*.

### PROF. MCCUSKEY SELECTED AS HEALTH LAW SCHOLAR BY ASLME AND SLU LAW



Elizabeth McCuskey, an associate professor at The University of Toledo College of Law, was selected as one of four 2016 Health Law Scholars by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics (ASLME) and Saint Louis University Law School's Center for Health Law Studies.

*The work "examines preemption doctrine in the light of health reform, focusing on the Affordable Care Act's health insurance provisions."*

— Elizabeth McCuskey

ASLME's Health Law Scholars are chosen using blind selection by a nominating committee of nine health law and bioethics scholars from across the country. Scholars are selected based on the originality of their articles and likelihood of making significant contributions to health law scholarship. McCuskey participated in Scholars Weekend in September 2016, presenting her work to an audience of distinguished health law professors.

McCuskey's article is entitled "Affordable Care Preemption." The work "examines preemption doctrine in the light of health reform, focusing on the Affordable Care Act's health insurance provisions," explained McCuskey. "This project illuminates the novel ways that the ACA deploys preemption and scrutinizes its implications for the development of preemption doctrine and the implementation of health reform."

"It is an honor to be named a 2016 Health Law Scholar," McCuskey continued. "I am thrilled that the nominating committee found 'Affordable Care Preemption' so promising, and I look forward to sharing my work with this esteemed group."

"Health law is an extremely hot topic in legal education," said Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Geoffrey Rapp. "Legal and compliance jobs in the health field represent a major growth area, and we're lucky to have a rising star in the field like Professor McCuskey leading our interdisciplinary efforts in the area."

### TOLEDO LAW OFFERS JANUARY AND MAY START DATES



New for 2016, incoming students at Toledo Law have the opportunity to choose when they begin their law school coursework. January and May start dates are now available, in addition to the traditional August start.

The alternative start program launched to rave reviews. Fifteen students began their legal studies at Toledo Law in January 2016, and 11 started in May.

“These students will continue with their studies this fall and represent nearly one-third of our 2016 entering class,” said Jessica Mehl, assistant dean for law admissions. “The alternative start dates were a success.”

The January- and May-start students attended their own section of the Lawyering Skills class and then sequenced into other courses with 1L students. An expedited law school orientation, enhanced academic support options, and the College’s generous, merit-based scholarship program were made available to the new students.

After completing their first semesters in the January- and May-start programs, students have the option of taking classes year-round and may choose a traditional, three-year schedule or schedule coursework at their own part-time paces.

The College plans to again offer January and May starts in 2017.

## PROF. STEINBOCK WORKS AND TEACHES ABROAD AFTER STEPPING DOWN AS DEAN



Since stepping down as dean in June 2015, Daniel Steinbock has been busy. Last fall he taught the American Adversary System in a “flex course” format at the University of Szeged in Hungary and the University of Silesia in

Poland. The course covered the features of the adversarial system, the conduct of trials, the role of juries, and the basics of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“The Eastern European participants were especially interested in our jury system and how it operates,” said Steinbock. While in Hungary, he accepted an honorary degree from the University of Szeged.

Between teaching stints in Hungary and Poland, Steinbock spent more than two months in Cairo, Egypt, volunteering with the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative.

“This was a fascinating experience all around,” he said. “The ABA in Cairo has a very capable local and expatriate staff that conducts training for prosecutors, judges, and academics. I was pleased to join them for a couple of months.”

Steinbock’s main task was to lead workshops in interactive teaching for Egyptian law school instructors. “Most law students in Egypt are undergraduates taking a degree in law. It is not unusual for a class to have 1,000 students,” said Steinbock. “Instruction is by lecture and is highly theoretical. There is little practical training, and examinations call for rote memorization. In this environment, making education more interactive and practical is a daunting task, but those who attended the workshops were enthusiastic.”

While in Egypt, he also taught an online course on the American Adversary and Jury System – his first foray into online teaching.

Steinbock returned to the Middle East on assignment for the ABA in March 2016, this time to Bahrain on the Persian Gulf. He assisted the ABA office

there in planning continuing education for experienced lawyers in practical skills such as oral advocacy, negotiation, and law office management.

## STUDENTS ARGUE FIRST AMENDMENT QUESTION AT 44TH ANNUAL CHARLES W. FORNOFF APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION



Does the free speech test of *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District* apply when a public school disciplines a student for speech that originates off-campus in a Facebook post? Second- and third-year students tackled this issue during the 44th Annual Charles W. Fornoff Appellate Advocacy Competition.

In the final round on October 22, 2015, Lindsey Cavese ’16 and Brian Morrissey ’17 represented the school, and Patrick Charest ’18 and Nathan Van Den Berghe ’18 represented the student.

The four finalists emerged victorious from the double-elimination tournament, where Cavese was named Barrister. They were given the opportunity to argue the case in front of a distinguished panel of judges. Edward C. Prado of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Judith E. Levy of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of

Michigan, and James R. Knepp II '92 of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio heard oral argument in the McQuade Law Auditorium packed with faculty, students, and family and friends of the finalists.

All four finalists capably handled questions from the bench. At the argument's conclusion, Cavese was named Best Oralist, and Cavese and Morrissey were named Best Team.

The Fornoff Competition is organized each year by the Moot Court Board. Chair Jonathan Walbom '16, Vice-Chair Lisa Davis '16, and Fornoff Competition coordinators Paige Albjerg '16 and Michael Allen '16 led the Board's efforts.

Professors Eric Chaffee and Bryan Lammon served as Fornoff faculty advisors and helped prepare the finalists in the weeks between the tournament and the final argument.

### **NEW JD/MPH JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAM**

This fall The University of Toledo College of Law launched its JD/MPH joint-degree program with the College of Health and Human Services School of Population Health and the Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health. The JD/MPH program will add to the College of Law's interdisciplinary curriculum in health law and environmental law, while adding policy perspectives to the University's health science curriculum.

"Many of the most pressing issues facing governments and private entities today merge law and public health – from the Affordable Care Act to the Flint water crisis to the Zika virus," said Toledo Law Associate Professor

Elizabeth McCuskey, co-director of the program. "The JD/MPH joint-degree program marshals the University's strengths in the health sciences and law to train the next generation of health policy problem-solvers."

The combination of Juris Doctor and Master in Public Health degrees offers graduates a unique, interdisciplinary perspective on law and its role in promoting public health. When done in this joint-degree format, students can complete both degrees in 3.5-4 years.

*"The law and public health joint degree program will prepare our students for leadership positions in these related fields."*

*– D. Benjamin Barros*

"The University of Toledo is one of 27 comprehensive public research universities in the United States, and this new joint degree is just one example of the wide range of interdisciplinary programs that our students can pursue," said D. Benjamin Barros, dean of the College of Law.

Careers particularly suited to the joint-degree training include government health and environmental agencies, private law firms and health care entities, and public hospitals.

"Law shapes our public health system, and public health impacts many legal issues. The law and public health joint degree program will prepare our students for leadership positions in these related fields," noted Barros.

### **16 STUDENTS RECEIVE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATIONS FOR PRO BONO WORK**

Toledo Law awarded Public Service Commendations to 16 students for their pro bono work during the 2015-16 academic year. These recipients logged more than 1,100 hours of public service work!

"The pro bono work students participate in through our Public Service Commendation Program instills in them the importance of community service and provides them with firsthand insight into the role that lawyers play in providing access to justice," said Kelly Tomlinson, director of the Office of Professional Development at the College of Law.

Toledo Law launched the Public Service Commendation Program in 2007 to recognize and encourage student pro bono engagement in the local community and region. A student receives a Public Service Commendation for each semester in which the student performs 30 or more documented hours of unpaid, law-related public service work. Since the start of the program, Toledo Law students have donated more than 22,000 hours of service.

The College of Law helps students find volunteer opportunities with public service agencies and other nonprofit organizations engaged in pro bono work. Tomlinson works with community stakeholders to coordinate placements.

## TOLEDO LAW ADDS TWO NEW CLINICS

by Rachel Phipps

The College of Law recently added two new clinics – the Tax Controversy Clinic and the Criminal Appeals Clinic – to its lineup of clinical offerings, which brings the number of clinics housed at Toledo Law and serving the local community to seven.

The new clinics are designed to accommodate evening students, allowing them to gain practical experience while studying part-time. Day students also may enroll in both clinics.

Students in the Criminal Appeals Clinic handle criminal appeals on behalf of persons convicted in Ohio state courts. The classroom component offers instruction on direct and post-conviction appeals. The clinic aims to provide students with practical experience and enhanced research, writing, analytical, and interview skills.

To provide students with valuable experience in handling actual tax cases, the new Tax Controversy Clinic offers



free representation to taxpayers involved in IRS audits, appeals, and collection matters. Students will negotiate and resolve contested matters with the IRS. In certain cases, the Tax Controversy Clinic will represent taxpayers before the United States Tax Court.

“We want our students to graduate not just ready to practice law, but also *confident* that they are ready to practice

law,” said Geoffrey Rapp, associate dean for academic affairs. “These two new clinics have diversified our experiential learning opportunities and are a real asset to Toledo Law.”

The Tax Controversy Clinic is taught by attorney Christopher Bourell, and the Criminal Appeals Clinic is taught by attorney Deborah Rump.



*“Our clinics provide a vital service to the community, since most of our clients otherwise would be forced to represent themselves in court.”*

*– Dan Nathan*

Toledo Law has long valued experiential learning; opportunities to develop practical lawyering skills have been a part of the curriculum for nearly 50 years.

The Civil Advocacy Clinic (formerly known as the Legal Clinic), Domestic Violence and Juvenile Law Clinic, Dispute Resolution Clinic, and the Criminal Law Practice Program have formed the core clinical offerings at Toledo Law for many years. The Public Service Externship Clinic, which places students with government or nonprofit organizations where they perform legal work under the supervision of an attorney, was added in 2000.

Through Toledo Law's seven clinical programs, law students hone their skills while providing high-quality legal services to individuals and groups in the community. Clinic students are placed in supervised settings where they learn practical and professional skills as they explore the roles of practicing lawyer, prosecutor, judge, and mediator.

Emily M. Morrison '17 participated in the Domestic Violence and Juvenile Law Clinic with Professor Dan Nathan '04 last spring. "Working in the clinic was one of the most rewarding experiences of my legal

## CIVIL ADVOCACY CLINIC INITIATIVES MAKE A DIFFERENCE OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM

Students in the Civil Advocacy Clinic (CAC) under the supervision of Professor Robert Salem '90, represent clients in a variety of matters, including domestic relations, immigration/political asylum, probate, contract disputes, consumer protection, nonprofit law, and tort defense, among others. However, the CAC also strives to impact the community through a variety of policy projects and collaboration with other organizations.

Recent partnerships and projects include:

### ***The Public Defender Project***

CAC students teamed up with Sean McNulty '94, Toledo's Chief Public Defender (PD), to develop a model of holistic service to PD clients. Students helped McNulty's office conduct a review of other PD offices with desirable service models around the country and brainstorm ideas for reform in Toledo. The partnership now includes The University of Toledo Department of Social Work, which will place social work interns in the PD office to assist in developing assessment tools and a referral system.

### ***Certificate of Qualification of Employment Project***

The CAC partnered with the University of Akron School of Law and the Northwest Ohio Re-entry Coalition to develop Certificate of Qualification of Employment (CQE) Clinics for ex-inmates eligible to receive the certifications. The CQE mitigates the collateral sanctions related to criminal sentences by certifying that the ex-inmate is qualified for employment or licensure that may have been previously barred by virtue of the conviction.

### ***Advance Directives Project***

CAC students regularly visit assisted care facilities in the Toledo area to conduct workshops on advance health care directives. Students develop the workshop content, present the information, and help residents execute living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care.

### ***Same-Sex Marriage Project***

Anticipating the legalization of same-sex marriage nationwide, the CAC partnered with the Lucas County Domestic Relations Court to adequately prepare. The CAC was instrumental in helping the court develop forms and policies that addressed the needs of same-sex couples going through divorces and parental rights cases. Students also assisted in developing training material on LGBTQA families for court personnel.

### ***Friendly Center Partnership***

The CAC recently created a partnership with the Friendly Center, a neighborhood organization in Toledo's Old North End. The first workshop, which was conducted last spring, focused on the community's interaction with police and an individual's rights if stopped or arrested.

education,” said Morrison. “The clinic is especially exciting because it is usually the first time students serve as anyone’s legal representative, and I was so grateful to have the opportunity to do so under the guidance of such skilled and experienced professors!”

“Participating in the Domestic Violence and Juvenile Law Clinic was one of the best decisions I made during law school,” said Eric Simpson ’17, who conducted two trials, prepared discovery requests, and drafted several briefs during his semester in the clinic. “The experiences the legal clinic afforded me do not occur inside a classroom, but are necessary to successfully practice law.”

“Our clinics provide a vital service to the community, since most of our clients otherwise would be forced to represent themselves in court,” said Nathan.

“In addition, the clinics present an invaluable opportunity for our students to put into practice the legal concepts

that they are learning in other courses. I find it personally rewarding to be able to share this experience with students.”

Each clinic provides individualized and small-group instruction in legal institutions and the lawyering process, as well as practical, hands-on, real-life experience in carefully-selected legal environments.

“Providing our students with this type of exposure and experience in a wide variety of legal settings gives them an unparalleled educational opportunity, which allows them to leave law school better prepared for the actual practice of law,” said Professor Maara Fink ’96, who teaches the Dispute Resolution Clinic and the Public Service Externship Clinic.

Students at Toledo Law are required to take at least six credits of experiential courses, of which at least four credits must be in clinic or externship courses. ■

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– Maara Fink

## TOLEDO LAW CLINICS BY THE NUMBERS

### SEVEN clinics:

- Civil Advocacy Clinic
- Criminal Appeals Clinic
- Criminal Law Practice Program
- Dispute Resolution Clinic
- Domestic Violence & Juvenile Law Clinic
- Public Service Externship Clinic
- Tax Controversy Clinic

Students must take at least **SIX credits of experiential courses** at Toledo Law, of which at least **FOUR credits** must be in clinic or externship courses.

The Domestic Violence & Juvenile Law Clinic has had **five consecutive appellate victories** since 2013.

The Dispute Resolution Clinic handles **approximately 100 mediation cases** per year.

The Civil Advocacy Clinic helps hundreds of people each year with brief services, advice, and representation.

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## COLLEGE LAUNCHES THREE NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN COMPLIANCE

To help train new professionals and accelerate careers, Toledo Law now offers three graduate certificate programs in compliance.

Compliance is a burgeoning area for lawyers and non-lawyers alike. “A foundation in compliance is applicable to many heavily-regulated career fields, including health care, education, and human resources,” said Dean D. Benjamin Barros.

“Coursework in areas such as policy and procedure creation, ethics, privacy and data security, reporting, and investigations will allow graduates of the certificate program to be more competitive in the job market and better prepared to lead compliance programs,” said Barros.

The concentration of health care organizations and institutions of higher education in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan makes Toledo Law a great place to begin a career in compliance. Building on its strong faculty expertise in this area, Toledo Law began admitting students to the new programs in August 2016.

Interested students have three graduate certificate options: a specialized certificate in healthcare compliance, a specialized certificate in higher education compliance, and a general certificate in compliance that is applicable to a variety of fields and industries.

Each program is designed for completion by part-time students in a 10-month period with a mix of online and in-person courses. Classes are held in the evenings to accommodate working students.

Students also can pursue the new compliance course tracks as part of a Master of Studies in Law degree. Juris Doctor students may take compliance courses as electives. ■

For more information, visit [utoledo.edu/law/admissions/compliance.html](http://utoledo.edu/law/admissions/compliance.html).

## THREE GRADUATE CERTIFICATES IN COMPLIANCE

### ***Certificate in Health Care Compliance***

Building on the College of Law’s strong tradition in health law, the Graduate Certificate in Health Care Compliance prepares students to work in for-profit and nonprofit health care organizations, including hospitals and managed care organizations. Students learn the foundations of compliance — ethics; privacy and data security; and auditing, investigating, and reporting — as well as the basics of health care law.

### ***Certificate in Higher Education Compliance***

Federal statutes like Title IX, the Clery Act, and FERPA, accrediting body regulations, and NCAA sports rules are creating a need for compliance professionals with specialized knowledge. Through a mix of courses in higher education law and skills-based courses in compliance, this program aims to prepare students to serve as compliance professionals in colleges, universities, and educational organizations.

### ***Certificate in Compliance***

Through skills-based courses in statutory and regulatory interpretation; policy and procedure creation; education and training; ethics; and auditing, investigating, and reporting, along with faculty-supervised research projects, this program positions students for entry-level positions in a variety of settings.

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*– D. Benjamin Barros*

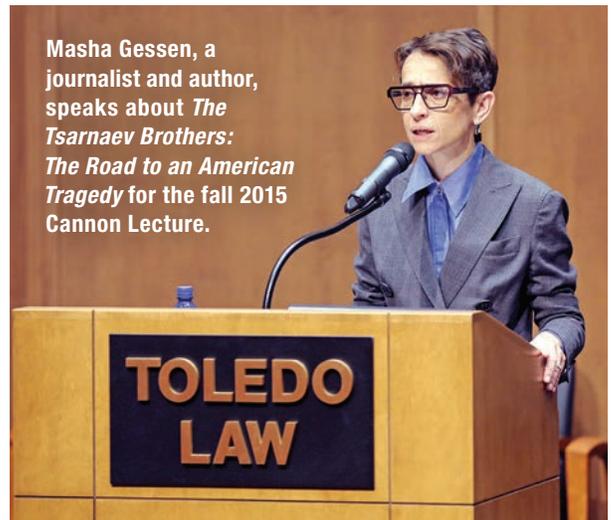
# 2015-2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



Welcome, Toledo Law Class of 2018!



(left to right) James Carlisle '85, Hon. William Gerald Hutcheson '82, Hon. C. Allen McConnell '72, Hon. Myron Duhart '96, Professor Ben Davis, and Hon. Ian English '00 at the Law Career Symposium.



Masha Gessen, a journalist and author, speaks about *The Tsarnaev Brothers: The Road to an American Tragedy* for the fall 2015 Cannon Lecture.



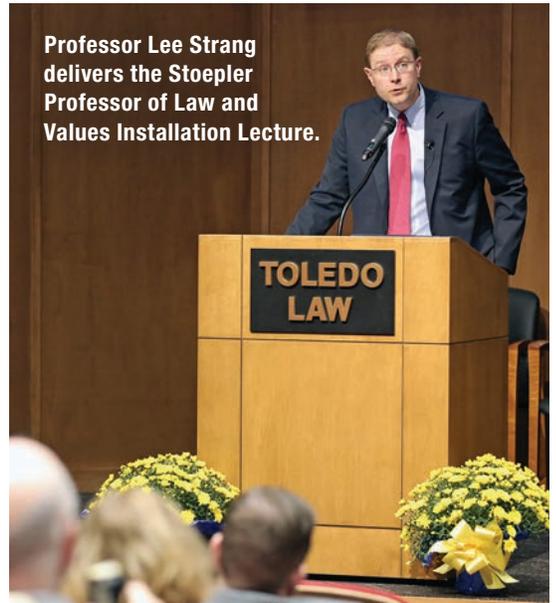
Professor Nicole Porter with students at the 2016 Public Interest Law Fellowship Benefit Auction.



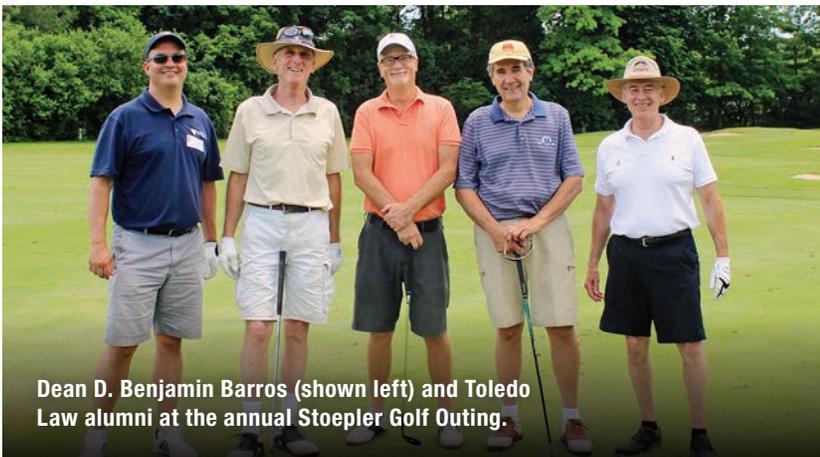
U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur and Professor Ken Kilbert attend and speak at the November 2015 Great Lakes Water Conference.



Blanca Wheeler '16, Kyle Jazwiecki '17, Bernadette Delgado '17, Kara Maruszak '16, and Steven Steel '17 traveled to China for an Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition.



Professor Lee Strang delivers the Stoepler Professor of Law and Values Installation Lecture.



Dean D. Benjamin Barros (shown left) and Toledo Law alumni at the annual Stoepler Golf Outing.



A panel including Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger '77 discusses the Ohio Constitution and possible changes.



Jim Thomas '85 leads a two-day leadership training course for students.

# COLLEGE OF LAW COMMENCEMENT



## Congratulations, Class of 2016

The University of Toledo College of Law celebrated its annual commencement exercises on May 8, 2016. A total of 88 Juris Doctor degrees and three Master of Studies in Law degrees were awarded in front of a near-capacity crowd of family, friends, and the Toledo Law community in the Student Union Auditorium. Cheers from the crowd could be heard throughout the ceremony.

This year's student speakers were Arnold Finkbine, the 2015-16 Student Bar Association president, and Trisha Krewson, class valedictorian. Michelle Kranz '93, a partner at Zoll & Kranz, LLC in Toledo, presented the annual commencement address reflecting on what she wished she would have known as a new attorney.

Graduate Kolet Buenavides received the Dean's Award, an honor given to a graduate who has made a significant

contribution to Toledo Law. Buenavides served as president of the International Law Society and chief justice of Toledo Law's Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity.

Two faculty members were honored at the ceremony, as well. Professor Gregory Gilchrist received the inaugural Faculty Scholarship Award for his article, "Trial Bargaining." Published in the *Iowa Law Review* in January 2016, it has received positive mention from scholars, practitioners, judges, and legal Web sites. Professor Eric Chafee received the Outstanding Professor Award for Dedication to Legal Education from the graduating class, as well as the Beth Eisler First-Year Teaching Award from the first-year class.

After the ceremony, students and their families posed for photographs on a beautiful spring afternoon and enjoyed a reception at the Law Center.





## ALUMNI LEAD FROM THE C-SUITE

BY RACHEL PHIPPS



## A. Louis Denton '83

*President and CEO at Borer Denton & Associates, Inc. and Senior Vice President at Petersen Investments*

For A. Louis Denton '83, president and CEO at Borer Denton & Associates, Inc. and senior vice president at Petersen Investments, a law degree is like fluency in a second language – it's such a part of him that he easily and seamlessly shifts to thinking like an attorney when it is required.

Denton, who has worked in the securities industry since graduating from Toledo Law, stresses the intangibles that law school provides its graduates: "Law school training makes you battle-hardened and confident. It helps you to translate things into layman's terms, to ask the right questions, and to truncate discussions to get the information you need."

Toledo Law alumni can be found working for companies big and small across the country and around the world – and many, like Denton, have climbed the corporate ladder to the C-suite.

"Law school provides an outstanding background for people who want to pursue business careers," says Dean D. Benjamin Barros. "The success of our alumni in diverse business fields illustrates the breadth and strength of a legal education."

The reasons companies place lawyers at the helm are many and include the realities of increased, complex regulation at the state and federal levels, as well as the proliferation of international deals – but there may be something even more obvious at work.



Starcher

"More employers are recognizing the value of a JD in the C-suite because legal training tends to produce critical thinkers and thought leaders," says John Starcher '00, president and CEO of Mercy Health, the largest health care system in Ohio.

While employed as the director of labor and employee relations at the Medical College of Ohio, Starcher attended law school as an evening student at the recommendation of his boss – and because a JD has proven so valuable in his own career, he now gives the young professionals he mentors the same advice.

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“It’s the critical thinking skills developed as an attorney that have proven so vital to my career,” he says. Law school trained Starcher to quickly spot the key issues, ask the right questions, determine a course of action, and execute – “all skills that still serve me well today,” he says.

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– Dean D. Benjamin Barros



Barone

Jim Barone '94, senior vice president at Ameritas Life in Lincoln, Neb., also believes his JD meaningfully expanded his career opportunities and makes him a better leader.

“My law degree has enhanced my credibility at the negotiating table, making me a far more effective business leader and negotiator,” says Barone, who earned a law degree as a night student after three years in sales and marketing for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

“More than making me a better negotiator, it taught me that asking probing questions is preferable to issuing declarations as I guide and lead my business teams,” he says. “I believe the JD has made me a more thoughtful exec.”

Barone adds that while it is rare for him to run into colleagues with law degrees outside the general counsel’s office, “when I do, it gives me a tremendous lift. I enjoy working with other business leaders having similar education and training. It’s very motivating.”

Barone’s, Starcher’s, and Denton’s comments gel with a trend identified by the *Harvard Business Review* a few years ago in an article titled “The New Path To the C-Suite,” in which the authors indicate that “softer” leadership skills are becoming increasingly important. “Once people reach the C-suite,” say the authors, “technical and functional expertise matters less than leadership skills and a strong grasp of business fundamentals.”

“One theme that ran consistently through our findings was that requirements for all the C-level jobs have shifted toward business acumen and ‘softer’ leadership skills,” the authors continue. “Technical skills are merely a starting point, the bare minimum. To thrive as a C-level executive, an individual needs to be a good communicator, a collaborator, and a strategic thinker and we think the trend toward a general business orientation over a functional orientation will continue.”

For our grads in the C-suite, law school and practice have been an important training ground for these skills. We profile Arturo Polizzi '97 (p. 22), James Nusbaum '95 (p. 24), and Sharon Speyer '85 (p. 20) in the pages that follow.

From the perspective of our current students interested in careers in business, right now is a great time to be at Toledo Law. “We are meeting the demand of our students and of employers by providing even more depth in the business-related training we offer at the College of Law,” says Dean Barros. Three graduate certificates in compliance were added to the curriculum this fall (see p. 13 for details), and the College has had a strong joint JD/MBA program with UT’s College of Business and Innovation for many years.

Heather Karns, the College’s assistant dean for career services and alumni affairs, has observed that when making hiring decisions businesses are paying attention to the value a potential employee’s legal training can add to the organization. Karns and her team in the Office of Professional Development help students identify their interests and guide them as they draft resumes targeting business employers.

“Each year, we have a percentage of new graduates go to work in the business sector,” says Karns. “We hear how valuable the legal skills are to the jobs they are hired to do.”

The alumni profiled in this issue should serve as inspiration to the next generation of Toledo Law graduates. Though there is no one road to the C-suite, the alumni we talked to had many things in common, including an extraordinary work ethic, a true passion for their work, and a belief that their law degrees had helped them on their way. ■



Sharon Speyer '85

*President, Huntington Bank,  
Northwest Ohio Region*

Serving as a part of the leadership team for a bank with \$73 billion in assets is challenging, demanding, around-the-clock work that many would guess had to be in Sharon Speyer's sights since at least her law school days – but not so, according to Speyer.

“Frankly, I thought that I wanted to litigate and started my career practicing in the area of insurance defense litigation,” says Speyer, the president of Huntington Bank's northwest Ohio region. “It was only once I was exposed to business law that I realized my passion.”

Speyer advanced to leadership roles through the legal department of Huntington Bank and its predecessor banks, where she has worked since 1992. She became Huntington's regional president in 2007 following the bank's merger with Sky Bank. She was general counsel at Sky Bank at the time of the merger.

Immediately following law school, Speyer worked as a staff attorney at the Eighth District Court of Appeals in Cleveland, Ohio. When she decided to return to her hometown of Toledo, a friend told her that a local bank was looking for an in-house lawyer to do mostly collection work.

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“While it didn’t sound very exciting, I knew that it would give me an opportunity to practice law with one client but handle many areas of law,” she says. “I didn’t have any preconceived notions about banking. I had great mentors, both from the legal department and from the business lines, who provided a strong platform to learn about banking. Very soon into it, I learned that I enjoyed this field and wanted to grow.”

Speyer liked lawyering but says she found her stride when she was asked to serve as regional president and lead the northwest Ohio team. “The hardest adjustment was moving from an advisory capacity to a decision-making capacity. Having said that, I have always been very collaborative and have had great people working with me to help me adjust to the change of roles,” says Speyer.

*“I encourage all of our UT undergraduate students to explore how law school might help them achieve the goals they have, or frankly the ones that they haven’t even thought of yet.”*

– Sharon Speyer

She most enjoys the interaction with people – colleagues, customers, and the community – that her current role affords. “The opportunity to help others, both personally and professionally, is one of the most rewarding parts of this job,” she says.

Though Speyer would have us believe her career to date has been a happy accident or a bit of luck, she cannot dispute the many accolades her passion and hard work have delivered. Two years ago, she was named the recipient of the Toledo

Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Athena Award, and she serves on numerous boards and committees, including Aspire Toledo, the Regional Growth Partnership Board, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Board, and the Toledo Symphony Board of Trustees.

Speyer was appointed to The University of Toledo Board of Trustees in 2009 and now serves as chair. As such she spends a lot of time thinking about the value of a college degree – and the value of a law degree, in particular.

“Thirty years ago, I had neither the vision nor the desire to concentrate in a specific area of law,” she says.

“Today, law students who have an identified interest or passion can pursue a law degree or a joint degree, such as a JD/MBA,” says Speyer. “Combining an engineering and law degree might provide an opportunity in the area of patent law. With the ongoing changes in regulations, there is high demand in the financial industry sector for compliance and risk professionals with strong acumen. There are a myriad of examples that, candidly, are available at The University of Toledo.

“I encourage all of our UT undergraduate students to explore how law school might help them achieve the goals they have, or frankly the ones that they haven’t even thought of yet,” said Speyer. ■



Arturo Polizzi '97

*President, Metro Region, Acute Care,  
ProMedica Health System*

*“IF* you pass the bar, give me a call.” This was what G. Opie Rollison '80, then general counsel for ProMedica, a large health care network of hospitals, physicians, researchers, and specialty clinics serving northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, told Arturo Polizzi '97 when Polizzi was a 3L at Toledo Law.

After passing the bar exam as directed, Polizzi spent the next three months patiently hounding Rollison with a weekly phone call until he was invited to ProMedica for a face-to-face interview. Polizzi showed up at Rollison's office on a Monday morning and was hired on the spot.

“No specific reason was given, but I expect my patience was a big part of it,” says Polizzi.

Almost 18 years later, Polizzi is now president of acute care for ProMedica's metro region. He manages 5,000 people, including more than 1,000 primary care and specialty physicians. Toledo Hospital is a level one trauma facility and was recently named one of the Top 100 hospitals in the country, according to a 2016 ranking by Healthgrades.

“I use my law degree every day in my current role,” Polizzi says. “My JD was incredibly helpful in training me to think.” He also credits law school for teaching him to communicate effectively and to actively listen – two skills he finds essential in his current role. Polizzi also negotiates constantly with vendors, with physicians for services, and within the ProMedica system for resources. His training as an attorney helps him here, too.

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Polizzi began his career at ProMedica as an associate legal counsel and was quickly promoted to associate general counsel. As a lawyer for a huge, complex health care system, he was involved in a broad array of legal issues, from labor and employment to real estate, patient care, and end-of-life decisions to corporate mergers and acquisitions.

And he loved lawyering. “I thought I would be a lawyer for the rest of my life,” Polizzi says.

Then ProMedica’s new CEO, Randy Oostra, asked him to move to the chief human resources role, a natural move for Polizzi and many in-house attorneys who spend a significant chunk of their days poring over employment laws and regulations. He accepted immediately.

“It was an opportunity that I couldn’t pass up,” he says. Polizzi enjoyed being in a leadership role from the very start. From chief human resources officer, he moved to chief operating officer and then president of ProMedica’s Toledo and Toledo Children’s Hospitals, advancing to president of acute care for ProMedica’s metro region in October of 2016.

*“I hired him immediately knowing his job as in-house counsel was just a first step in what would be an immensely successful career.”*

*– G. Opie Rollison*

Polizzi is the son of Italian immigrants who moved to Cleveland, Ohio, right before his birth. With a bachelor’s degree from Miami University, he is the first in his family to graduate from college. He also earned an MBA from the University of Michigan.

Polizzi has wanted to be an attorney for as long as he can remember. While at Toledo Law, he devoured business law courses (and met his wife, Kristen Connelly ’98 – the pair have three children, ages 14, 13, and 8). He hoped to work as in-house counsel for a big company after graduation and had in mind an employer that would provide plenty of opportunities for professional growth and advancement. He found such an organization in ProMedica and has spent the last 18 years there.

Is Rollison, the former ProMedica general counsel who hired him, surprised that Polizzi is where he is? Nope.

“Arturo is instantly likable and immediately credible,” says Rollison, who is now a member at Marshall & Melhorn, LLC in Toledo. “I hired him immediately knowing his job as in-house counsel was just a first step in what would be an immensely successful career.” ■



James Nusbaum '95

*CEO, Barry Bagels Franchise Holdings*

James Nusbaum's first job at age 15 was at the Barry Bagels on Holland-Sylvania Road in Toledo, Ohio. The year was 1985 and Nusbaum spent his shifts cutting onions, washing pans, and sweeping the store's floors.

Flash-forward 30 years and Nusbaum is now in charge of franchising for the iconic Toledo-area deli and bagel shop as CEO of Barry Bagels Franchise Holdings (BBFH). As of July 2016, there are nine stores in northwest Ohio, southeast Michigan, and the Columbus and Cleveland areas, and 13 new stores in development.

When asked how often he uses skills learned in law school and practice, Nusbaum doesn't hesitate. "Every day, every hour," he says. "Being a lawyer is such a part of who I am, I don't even think about it."

To be sure, his job is steeped in contracts – franchise and vendor agreements, leases – and BBFH works with outside counsel often, but Nusbaum cites the critical thinking skills introduced at Toledo Law and honed in practice as the skills he turns to most often.

"The critical thinking skills I learned in law school are vital to the ability to determine the risk and rewards involved in everyday issues that arise in my business," Nusbaum says.

I meet Nusbaum at the Holland-Sylvania store, which was the first Barry Bagels location opened by owner and founder Barry Greenblatt in 1972. Nusbaum introduces me to employees and gives me a tour of the freezer and kitchen. I see row after row of frozen bagels ready to be boiled in the kitchen's huge vat of water, then baked in its massive oven. Everything smells delicious.

"I love, love, love this," Nusbaum says of his current role. And it's clear that he's telling the truth. He chats about employees who have been with the company for decades and those who are just learning the shop's many bagel and cream cheese flavors. It is evident that Nusbaum is proud of the company's people and their philanthropic efforts – he tells me that they just provided more than 12,000 pink bagels to this year's Komen Race for the

Cure, topping their own pink bagel donation record from the year before.

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— James Nusbaum

After graduating from Toledo Law, Nusbaum practiced with the Toledo law firm of Wittenberg, Phillips, Levy and Nusbaum for more than a decade – “doing lots of litigation.” He was elected to the Sylvania Schools Board of Education in 2003 and has served since then. In 2008, he joined Corner Dental as general counsel, where, among other things, he helped standardize the dental practice management company’s contracts and internal policies, and reviewed deeds and leases – all tasks that share some similarities with franchising work.

As a friend of the Greenblatts, Nusbaum, along with founder Barry Greenblatt and his son, Mark Greenblatt, started discussing turning Barry Bagels into a franchising operation. Since the first Barry Bagels store opened its doors in 1972, all locations had been company-owned. It was decided that Nusbaum would join Barry Bagels in 2012 as CEO and co-owner of BBFH, which also operates a restaurant in Lambertville, Mich., and a manufacturing plant in southeast Michigan that provides dough to Barry Bagels and other stores. The first Barry Bagels franchise opened near Columbus, Ohio, in 2014. Several more in Columbus and Cleveland quickly followed.

“I am proud to be associated with a wonderful company,” Nusbaum says. “Barry and Mark and their employees have built a great brand, and I am very fortunate to be a part of it.”

Nusbaum’s undergraduate degree is from Indiana University, but he always knew he would return home to attend law school and follow in the footsteps of his father, Mel Nusbaum, a Toledo attorney with a 50-year career.

“Law school served me well,” he says. “Thinking like a lawyer is a really good approach to the business world.” Nusbaum is grateful for his Toledo Law experience and for his time as a practicing attorney, where he had great mentors in Jerome Phillips, Sheldon Wittenberg, Bobby Kaplan, and his father, but he finds his current role challenging and exciting.

Nusbaum doesn’t spend many days at a desk. He can often be found behind the counter at Barry Bagels during the lunch hour. He works at a store three or four days a week, usually at the Lambertville location. Learning the food operation allows him to better assist the company’s franchisees.

“Plus,” he says, smiling, “I can make a really great sandwich.” ■



PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP **BENEFIT AUCTION**

BY RACHEL PHIPPS

PILA HELPS  
FUND  
FELLOWSHIPS  
FOR FOUR  
YOUNG PUBLIC  
ADVOCATES


Daniel Carroll '17  
at his fellowship in  
Anchorage, Alaska.

**PASSIONATE LAW STUDENTS  
MAKE PASSIONATE LAWYERS,  
AND PASSIONATE LAWYERS  
MAKE CHANGE**

Law student Daniel Carroll '17 feels certain that the criminal justice system can do better for defendants suffering from drug addiction. His interest and passion for the topic took him far from Toledo last summer – to Anchorage, Alaska, where he worked for the Office of Public Advocacy.

“I felt that I would have a proportionately greater chance of making a meaningful difference [in Alaska],” Carroll said. “Alaska is tremendously

burdened, relative to the rest of the country, with the ravages of substance abuse, particularly among its Native population.” Carroll was keen to observe first-hand the alternative means Alaska has developed to address substance abuse issues in its criminal justice system – specifically, the Coordinated Resources Program and Therapeutic Courts in Anchorage and Juneau.

He was the recipient of a College of Law/PILA Public Interest Summer Fellowship, as well as the Jacobs Excellence Award. Each included a cash award that, in part, funded Carroll’s summer experience.

Three students in addition to Carroll received the Toledo Law/PILA Public Interest Summer Fellowship in 2016. Brooke Baker '17 spent the summer in the Saginaw County prosecutor’s office in Michigan; Daniel Guntow '18 worked for the Washtenaw County public defender in Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Shari Hampton '16 joined Advocates for Basic Legal Equality/ Legal Aid of Western Ohio in Toledo. Hampton’s position also was funded, in part, by the Bruce Comly French Public Interest Fellowship and the Cooper & Kowalski Public Interest Fellowship. ■

## SUMMER FELLOWS: THEN & NOW

The summer fellowship program has served as the starting point for many graduates' public interest careers. We checked in with three former summer fellows.



### ***Miranda Vollmer '12***

**NOW:** Human Resources Manager, City of Columbus, Division of Police, Columbus, Ohio

**THEN:** Summer 2010 fellow at City of Toledo, Department of Law, Toledo, Ohio

“The Public Interest Law Fellowship afforded me the opportunity to begin my career in the field of public service. Through the fellowship, I was able to gain a lifelong mentor and career in public service. My experience with the City of Toledo Law Department sparked my interest in the labor and employment field. This interest has become my career as I gained employment in a nontraditional legal setting in human resources, where I now provide executive level human resources leadership to the Columbus Division of Police.”



### ***Tracy Beighley '10***

**NOW:** Supervisory Asylum Officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Arlington Asylum Office, Arlington, Va.

**THEN:** Summer 2009 Fellow at International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit and Freedom House, Detroit, Mich.

“As a law student with a deep commitment to public service, I knew that I wanted to devote my legal career to helping society’s most marginalized ... As a PILA fellowship recipient, I gained invaluable immigration law experience at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, a nonprofit organization that provides legal assistance to impoverished people. Additionally, the fellowship funds freed me up so that I could concurrently do a volunteer internship at Freedom House, a nonprofit organization providing legal representation for asylum seekers. While at Freedom House, I represented a client at the Chicago Asylum Office, which was later to become the locus of my first position with the federal government. I can honestly say that without the PILA fellowship, I would not be where I am today: A supervisory asylum officer at the Arlington Asylum Office.”



### ***Niyah Walters '15***

**NOW:** Attorney, Ohio Legislative Service Commission, Columbus, Ohio

**THEN:** Summer 2014 Fellow at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Sustainable Community Development Group, Washington, D.C.

“The University of Toledo Public Interest Fellowship allowed me to explore my options and public interest law. That opportunity led to a public interest career, and I can’t imagine doing any other kind of work. Working in public service has allowed me to live out my dream of being an attorney while serving the community.”

# PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP BENEFIT AUCTION

## PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP BENEFIT AUCTION

The Public Interest Summer Fellowship Program has been part of the Toledo Law experience for quite some time. What is unique is that law students help raise many of the needed funds.

During the past 10 years, the Public Interest Law Association (PILA), a student organization, has held the Public Interest Law Fellowship Benefit Auction, with all proceeds benefiting Toledo Law's summer fellowship program. The funds raised by PILA have allowed the College of Law to expand its fellowship program, permitting more students to benefit from summers working in the public interest sphere. Alexis Gipson-Goodnough '17, current PILA president, in cooperation with Alea Grimes '16, past PILA president, led the organization's efforts in planning the event and auction.

In February 2016, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Interest Law Fellowship Benefit Auction raised more than \$9,000 to support the program. Nearly 100 students, alumni, faculty, staff, and members of the community – a new record! – attended the auction in the Law Center Forum.

The fun-filled evening included two silent auctions and a live auction featuring Professor Ken Kilbert as the auctioneer. Participants attempted to outbid each other for items, including

a condo rental in Mexico, Detroit Tigers baseball tickets, naming rights to seats in the McQuade Law Auditorium, dinner with Dean D. Benjamin Barros, and a vintage Grateful Dead t-shirt, among others. Law student bidding became especially competitive for dinners and a trivia night with professors, including a Chipotle dinner for six students with Professor Eric Chaffee.

*“In addition to raising funds for our summer fellowships, the auction provides a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with practicing attorneys and judges in a light-hearted atmosphere.”*

*– Kelly Tomlinson*

Silent auction items included autographed baseballs, wine and beer baskets, a Kindle Fire, and a Toledo Law patchwork blanket, among others. Between auctions, guests mingled and talked over appetizers and drinks.

“In addition to raising funds for our summer fellowships, the auction provides a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with practicing attorneys and judges in a light-hearted atmosphere,” said Kelly Tomlinson '06, director of the Office of Professional Development at the College of Law. Tomlinson assists with the auction every year and is PILA's faculty advisor.

“It has been great to see former PILA members and fellowship recipients return to the law school to support the event,” she added.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Interest Fellowship Benefit Auction is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 17, 2017, in the Law Center Forum. Information about tickets will be forthcoming. If you live out of the area and would like to support the Public Interest Summer Fellowship Program, consider donating a unique item to the auction or serving as an auction sponsor. To get involved, please contact Kelly Tomlinson at [kelly.tomlinson@utoledo.edu](mailto:kelly.tomlinson@utoledo.edu) or Heather Karns at [heather.karns@utoledo.edu](mailto:heather.karns@utoledo.edu). ■

*Save the date!*

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Interest Law Fellowship Benefit Auction is Friday, Feb. 17, 2017! Visit our Web site or email [Kelly.Tomlinson@utoledo.edu](mailto:Kelly.Tomlinson@utoledo.edu) for details!



## FACULTY RETIREMENT

BY RACHEL PHIPPS

DAN STEINBOCK RETIRES  
AFTER 31 YEARS ON FACULTY

Daniel J. Steinbock, the College's 12<sup>th</sup> dean (2011-2015), retired in May after 31 years on the Toledo Law faculty. During his career at Toledo Law, he served as dean, professor, and associate dean for academic affairs. Additionally, he has held the position of Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values since 2004.

"Dan Steinbock's legacy will be a very positive, long-lasting one," said Joseph Slater, the Eugene N. Balk Professor of Law and Values. "He was a skilled, mature, and effective leader for the school during a tough time to be a law school dean in this country. He made smart decisions for our school, and did so while maintaining the highest standards of dignity and ethics, and while paying close attention to faculty and student concerns."

"Dan demonstrated many important leadership attributes as dean, but two stand out for me," said Kenneth Kilbert, who served as associate dean for academic affairs under Steinbock. "One, he was willing to make hard decisions. Two, he treated everyone with respect."

"Dan successfully guided the College of Law through five of the most challenging years in legal education," said Dean D. Benjamin Barros. "Since I joined the College of Law last summer, I have been tremendously impressed with the strength of the institution. The faculty and staff are outstanding."

One of Steinbock's lasting legacies will surely be the College's fantastic faculty. During his five-year tenure as dean, the College hired 10 new, full-time faculty members.

"The new faculty members hired during Dan's tenure as dean are remarkable," said Barros. "They put us in a great position to be successful for years to come."

"Our graduates know what good teachers this faculty has," said Steinbock. "I went to one law school and have taught at two others, and this by far is the best teaching faculty I have been a part of. The faculty also are terrific scholars, who are involved in shaping the law and leading the profession on local, regional, national, and international levels. They are regularly sought out for testimony before national and state legislatures, for service on national committees, and by the media for their opinions on current legal issues. I am proud to have played a role in hiring just about all of them."

During his time as dean, Steinbock also renovated the Richard and Jane McQuade Law Auditorium, the Forum, and other areas of the Law Center. He accomplished all of this while remaining accessible to and engaged with faculty, students, and staff.

"As dean, Dan truly had an open door policy," said Katherine Raup O'Connell, who served as assistant dean for student affairs during Steinbock's tenure. "Being in an office with two doors in the administrative suite – truly a room with a view – I observed and overheard bits of conversations Dan had with numerous faculty, students, staff, and alumni. I also stood beside him at numerous law school, Toledo Bar Association,

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and alumni events. I am impressed with how good-natured and even-tempered he is. He is consistent and fair with one and all.”

This sentiment is echoed by Rebecca House ’14. “A true students’ dean, Dan greeted us in the halls by name, attended functions to support student organizations, and asked for our input in making the College of Law a better place,” said House, an attorney at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP.

“As a teacher, Dan brought personal experiences and anecdotes to the table that invigorated class discussion and deepened our understanding of complex topics,” she continued. “He truly cared about students and their lives inside and outside of his classroom. I consider myself very fortunate not only to have attended the College of Law during his tenure as dean, but also to have been his student.”

Indeed, the school couldn’t keep Steinbock out of the classroom. Even as dean, Steinbock taught several night courses.

“One of the deepest and most enduring satisfactions of my job as both a professor and dean has been observing

the intellectual and professional growth of so many of our graduates, and seeing how their education here has opened the door to rewarding careers,” said Steinbock. “Getting to know our graduates first as students and later as friends has been one of the best parts of my career.”

Steinbock received the College of Law Outstanding Professor Award, voted on by the graduating class, six times! While at Toledo Law, he taught Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Administrative Law, Immigration Law, and Trial Practice, touching the lives of thousands of students who passed through the Law Center’s doors.

M. Charles Collins ’95, a member at Eastman & Smith Ltd., was one of those students. Collins entered law school in 1992 after completing an MBA and working overseas for several years at a large computer services provider.

“When I met Dan, I was immediately impressed with his diverse, international background in assisting others with refugee, immigration, citizenship, and

other matters. He displayed genuine enthusiasm and empathy for all things international,” said Collins. “He was an engaging, outstanding instructor.”

Another former student, James Knepp ’92, a magistrate for the U.S. District



Court for the Northern District of Ohio, said he encounters issues from Steinbock’s Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Administrative Law classes daily in his current role.

“Probably the greatest compliment I can pay Dan is that, once in a while, I hear his voice in my head as I work through a tough issue,” said Knepp.

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Steinbock has taught in the American Law Program at the University of Szeged in Hungary since its inception. Before joining UT, he taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo and Seattle University.

He earned undergraduate and law degrees from Yale University. Before becoming an educator, he was a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Constance Baker Motley of the Southern District of New York, a public defender with the Legal Aid Society in state and federal courts in New York City, and associate and executive director of Prisoners' Legal Services of New York. He served as education coordinator in Cambodian refugee camps in Thailand for the International Rescue Committee. He also co-authored "Unaccompanied Children: Care and Protection in Wars, Natural Disasters and Refugee Movements" (Oxford University Press, 1987), and its recommendations were adopted by United Nations agencies. He has written law review articles and



book chapters about refugee children, refugee law, search and seizure, identity documentation, and data mining.

Steinbock also has received numerous awards, including the Arabella Babb Mansfield Award from the Toledo Women's Bar Association and The University of Toledo Law Alumni Affiliate Outstanding Faculty Award.

Nicole Porter, who served as Steinbock's associate dean for academic affairs for two years, calls Steinbock the best boss she ever had. "Faculty and staff, alumni, and other members of the UT community will remember Dan for his intellect, friendly demeanor, and for how much he cared about this institution," she said.

"I am proud and grateful for my long association with this law school," said Steinbock. "I am thankful to all the wonderful students, staff, and faculty colleagues who I worked with along the way. It was a great 31 years, though it seems to have gone by very quickly."

This summer, Steinbock assumed the rank of dean emeritus and Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values Emeritus. He is teaching Criminal Procedure I this fall. ■

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## COLLEGE OF LAW FACULTY RECEIVE UNIVERSITY-LEVEL AWARDS

Each year The University of Toledo honors outstanding faculty members with a variety of University awards. In April 2016, six College of Law faculty were honored with University-level awards for their teaching, scholarly work, and cross-campus involvement.

Two faculty members won the University's Outstanding Teacher Award: Shelley Cavalieri, an associate professor of law, and Benjamin Davis, a professor of law. This distinguished award has a 41-year history and honors full-time faculty members who inspire, motivate, and challenge their students. The most recent law faculty recipients were Professor Joseph Slater in 2008 and Professor Beth Eisler in 2013 (posthumously).

Cavalieri teaches Property I, Property II, and Land Use Planning, while Davis teaches Contracts, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Public International Law, and International Business Transactions.

Professors Cavalieri and Davis were among only three tenure-track professors and six faculty members to be recognized this year. "Both Professor Davis and Professor Cavalieri bring distinctive passion and intensity to the classroom," said Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Geoffrey Rapp. "Their students have long praised their individualized attention and compassion, and it is no surprise that they were nominated for the Outstanding Teacher Award."

Two law professors also were among the three faculty members honored with the University's Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award: Joseph Slater, Eugene N. Balk Professor of



Law and Values, and Geoffrey Rapp, who also serves as Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values. This award is designed to recognize not just research and scholarship, but also creativity.

Rapp teaches Torts, Business Associations, Sports Law, and Securities Regulation. Slater teaches Torts, Labor Law, Employment Law, and Employment Discrimination.

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Nicole Porter, a professor of law, was selected as one of this year's Dr. Alice Skeens Outstanding University Women. Selection criteria include "exceptional contribution, achievement, and involvement with the UT community; positive attitude toward responsibilities; and active support of women's issues longevity..." During the award's 19-year history, Porter is the first law faculty member to win the award. She teaches Disability Law, Criminal Law, Contracts, and Feminist Legal Theory.

Kara Bruce, a professor of law, received the Provost's Shining Star Award. This award seeks "...to recognize and honor those who continuously demonstrate their commitment to excellence in teaching, challenging, and inspiring our students." This marks the first time a law faculty member has received the award in its four-year history. Professor Bruce teaches in the areas of Business Bankruptcy, Secured Transactions, and Commercial Paper.

"The awards conferred this year reflect that the faculty is composed of high-quality academics who are focused on the student experience. It makes the College of Law a vibrant place to work and a wonderful place to study and explore the law," said Eric Chaffee, associate dean of faculty research and development and professor of law. ■

## FACULTY NOTES



**Kara Bruce** was awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of professor. She has joined the *Bankruptcy Law Letter* as a contributing editor,

and her essay, “Debt Buyers Beware: Filing Proofs of Claim for Time-Barred Debt in the Eleventh Circuit and Beyond,” appeared in the June 2016 issue. Her most recent article, “Vindicating Bankruptcy Rights,” was published in the *Maryland Law Review*. Bruce received the Eastman & Smith Faculty Achievement Award and was named a University of Toledo “Shining Star” for her commitment to teaching. She also has been elected treasurer of the Central States Law School Association. Bruce has continued to provide bar lectures on secured transactions, suretyship, and other topics to Themis Bar Review. As of spring, her lectures are now shown in 18 states nationwide. She and her husband welcomed their daughter, Greta, to the world in November 2015.



**Shelley Cavalieri**, associate professor of law, presented her work-in-progress titled “What Can Feminists Make of the Capabilities Approach?” during

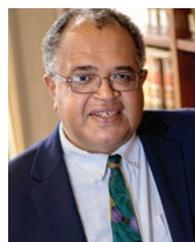
the LatCrit annual meeting and at a workshop at the Capital University School of Law. She presented a forthcoming article on land banking at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Law, Property, and Society. She was awarded a University of Toledo Summer Research Award to fund her research on land banking. She continues to serve as a member of The University of Toledo’s Social, Behavioral, and Education

Institutional Review Board. Cavalieri was interviewed by local news organizations on refugee and land use law. She also was a 2016 recipient of The University of Toledo’s Outstanding Teacher Award.



**Eric C. Chaffee**, professor of law, published “Collaboration Theory: A Theory of the Charitable Tax Exempt Nonprofit Corporation” in the

*U.C. Davis Law Review*; and “Confounding Ockham’s Razor: Minilateralism and International Economic Regulation” in *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial & Commercial Law*. Chaffee presented at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, the Central States Law School Association Conference, the Ohio Securities Conference, and the National Business Law Scholars Conference. He also presented at several universities in China. He was elected chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Scholarship and served as president of the Central States Law School Association. He helped organize the Central States Law School Association Conference, the Ohio Securities Conference, and the National Business Law Scholars Conference.



**Benjamin G. Davis**, professor of law, published “A Hungarian E-Learning Initiative and Its Implications” 2 *IJODR* (with Peter R. Mezei, 2015) and

a tribute to Professor Susan Martyn in *The University of Toledo Law Review*. He taught the Common Law of Contracts in Szeged, Hungary. Additionally, Davis

was elected vice-chair of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution and was appointed by the ABA president as a member of its Standing Committee on Law and National Security in its African Law Initiative. He continued his service as a board member of the Society of American Law Teachers, where he participated in the preparation of an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Fisher v. Texas II* case. Davis continued his shadow reporting to the United Nations Committee Against Torture and the Guantanamo Bay Military Commission Human Rights Observer Program. He again organized a Law Career Symposium for junior high, high school, and college students. Davis presented at UT’s Youth Nations program as a country expert on France; at a Constitutional Law Refresher at the Spring Conference of the Ohio Association of Magistrates; and on current arbitration issues at Penn State Dickinson School of Law. He also testified on House Bill 476 (anti-BDS legislation) before the Ohio House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee. He was awarded the University Outstanding Teacher Award and the Eastman & Smith Faculty Achievement Award.



Clinical Professor **Maara Fink** served as co-presenter with Professor Rob Salem at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts conference in

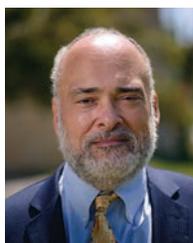
Columbus on the topic of “Mediating Bullying Conflicts: Resolution or Re-Victimization?” She and her students continue to provide mediation services to community members in collaboration with the Lucas County Juvenile and Toledo Municipal Courts through the

College of Law Dispute Resolution Clinic. She also is responsible for linking law students with various nonprofit organizations and agencies in order to provide them with expanded opportunities for experiential learning through the Public Service Externship Clinic. She is a member of the Notary and Grievance Investigation Committees of the Toledo Bar Association, Chair of the Planned Parenthood Community Leadership Council of Northwest Ohio, and currently serves on the boards of the Ohio Mediation Association, Temple Shomer Emunim, the University of Toledo Law Alumni Affiliate, and the Adrian College Law Advisory Board.



**Jelani Jefferson Exum**, professor of law, published “The Death Penalty on The Streets: What The Eighth Amendment Can Teach About

Regulating Police Use of Force” in the *Missouri Law Review*. Her article, “Purpose-Focused Sentencing: How Reforming Punishment Can Transform Policing,” was accepted for publication in the *St. John’s University School of Law Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development*. Exum served as the co-editor of the *Federal Sentencing Reporter* issue on “Sentencing a Decade after Booker,” in which she also wrote several essays. She presented two CLE lectures for the Toledo Bar Association, and also served as a speaker and panelist for the Toledo Bar Association Kiroff Bench Bar Conference. Exum was a guest lecturer at Adrian College in Adrian, Mich., and for the Cross Border Institute in Mexico City.



**Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons**, professor of law, published “Mastering Trademark Law” (People’s Court Press, with Lars S. Smith and translated by

Zhang Nan, 2016), which was selected for “Reference Books to Judges – China’s and Foreign Judicial Studies Series” collection. He also wrote a book chapter titled “Non-Conventional Trademarks Under United States Law: An Unbounded New Frontier of Branding” in “Global Governance of Intellectual Property in the 21st Century: Reflecting Policy Through Change” (Springer International Publishing, edited by Mark Perry, 2016). Gibbons made several presentations: at Yeditepe University Faculty of Law in Istanbul, Turkey, on “Intellectual Property and Ecommerce”; at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan, China; at the Intellectual Property Rights Center for the International Conference on Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Building a Powerful IPR Country, where he presented “Everything Old is New Again: Termination of Copyright Transfer Rights in the USA.” He moderated a panel and was a discussant at the International Association for the Advancement and Teaching of Intellectual Property (ATRIP) in Cape Town, South Africa. He also gave two presentations at the Frontier International IP Seminar, which was held by the IP Law Research Institute, and at the China University of Political Science and Law (ranked by the Chinese government as the country’s best law school). Gibbons was flattered to be cited by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in the case *In re Tam*,

808 F.3d 1321 (Fed. Circuit 2015) (en banc). He had a busy year serving on several University committees and completed his term as chair of the board of the University of Toledo Confucius Institute. Gibbons led his last Educator-to-Educator group (as board chair), consisting of a community college president, Toledo Public Schools principals, and other educators who traveled to China. While speaking at the China University of Political Science and Law, he met with students to discuss law school opportunities in the U.S. Furthermore, he worked with the Center for International Studies and Programs to negotiate university-wide student exchange programs with Rikkyo University (Tokyo, Japan) and Yanshan University (Qinhuangdao, China). Gibbons also has spearheaded the College of Law’s effort to recruit international students and increase global diversity by working to establish a long-term, cooperative relationship with various schools. Toledo Law now has Cooperative Memorandums (CMOU) with Northwest University of Political Science and Law (Xi’an, China), Yanshan University (Qinhuangdao, China), Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey), and Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (Wuhan, China). Gibbons also traveled to Beijing, China, to support the UT College of Law Moot Court Team.



**Gregory M. Gilchrist**, associate professor of law, published “Trial Bargaining” in the *Iowa Law Review*. Gilchrist received the inaugural Faculty

Scholarship Award for this article. He also published “Reviewing the Prosecution” in the *Florida Law Review* as part of the Voices on Innocence mini-symposium and “Bargaining for More Trials” in *The Champion* (January/February 2016). Gilchrist presented at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Conference in Florida, testified on grand juries before the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission in Columbus, Ohio, and moderated many panels at the College of Law. He is presently working on an article regarding the procedural and substantive challenges to individual prosecutions in corporate criminal cases, and has accepted an offer from the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review Online* to publish his essay, “Corruption Law After McDonnell: Not Dead Yet.”



**Jessica Knouse**, professor of law, presented a work-in-progress titled “Mandatory Ultrasounds and the Precession of Simulacra” at the

Law and Society Association’s 2015 Annual Meeting in Seattle, Wash., the Seventh Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium in Chicago, and the Central States Law School Association Annual Conference in Toledo, Ohio. She spoke about abortion litigation with a focus on *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* at a Supreme Court Preview Panel at the College of Law, a Federalist Society event at the College of Law, and a Toledo Bar Association Federal Courts Committee Meeting. She joined Sen.

Sherrod Brown of Ohio at a press conference to encourage the Senate Judiciary Committee to act on Judge Merrick Garland’s nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Additionally, she taught several LSAT prep sessions at the College of Law, and served as faculty advisor to the Constitutional Law Moot Court Team, the Family and Juvenile Law Society, and OUTLaw.



**Kenneth Kilbert**, professor of law and director of the Legal Institute of the Great Lakes, organized the 15th Annual Great Lakes Water Conference Nov. 6,

2015. Titled “Algae, Pipelines and More,” the conference once again attracted a capacity crowd to McQuade Law Auditorium. Also, Toledo Law was named one of the top environmental law programs in the nation by *PreLaw* magazine (Winter 2016), the only law school in Ohio or Michigan so recognized.



**Bryan Lammon**, associate professor of law, placed his article, “Dizzying *Gillespie*: The Exaggerated Death of the Balancing Approach and the Inescapable

Allure of Discretion in Appellate Jurisdiction,” in the *University of Richmond Law Review*.



**Susan R. Martyn**, Distinguished University Professor and John W. Stoepler Professor of Law & Values Emeritus, placed her article, “Monroe Freedman’s

Contributions to Lawyers: Engagement, Energy, and Ethics,” in the *Hofstra Law*

*Review*. In addition, Martyn published a new book chapter titled “Can Luther Help Modern Lawyers Understand Fiduciary Duty?” in “On Secular Governance: Lutheran Perspectives on Contemporary Legal Issues.”



**Elizabeth McCuskey**, associate professor of law, was named a 2016 Health Law Scholar by the American Society for Law, Medicine, and Ethics. She placed

her forthcoming article, “Body of Preemption: Health Law Traditions and the Presumption Against Preemption,” in the *Temple Law Review*. “Body of Preemption” was selected for presentation at the American Association of Law Schools 2016 Annual Meeting program by the Section on Law and Medicine, and for the 39th Annual Health Law Professors Conference in Boston, Mass. She also presented her scholarship to law faculty at Indiana University, the University of Massachusetts, and the Central States Law Schools Association Annual Scholarship Conference. In addition, McCuskey was instrumental in launching Toledo Law’s new JD/MPH (Master in Public Health) program, which she co-directs. As a member of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio’s Futures Committee, McCuskey designed and implemented a technology survey of all CM/ECF users, the results of which have contributed to court policy changes. In May 2016, she presented to the court’s Advisory Group regarding the ABA Futures report. McCuskey’s article on district court precedent, “Submerged Precedent,” received featured reviews on the Jotwell Courts Law blog.



**Agnieszka McPeak**, assistant professor of law, published her article, “Social Media, Smartphones, and Proportional Privacy in Civil Discovery,” in the

*Kansas Law Review*. She also placed her article, “Sharing Tort Liability in the New Sharing Economy,” in the *Connecticut Law Review*. McPeak presented at the Cleveland State Law Review Symposium on “Regulation of Big Data” and was invited to publish her related piece, “Social Data Discovery and Proportional Privacy,” in its special symposium issue. In September 2015, she presented at the 43rd TPRC Research Conference on Communications, Information, and Internet Policy in Arlington, Va. She also presented her work at the Third Annual Junior Scholars Virtual Colloquium, the Faculty Workshop Series at the University of Akron School of Law, the Central States Law School Association Conference, and the Law & Society Annual Meeting in New Orleans. In addition to her scholarly presentations, McPeak taught continuing legal education programs on ethics in the digital age for the Toledo Bar Association, Ohio Northern Petit College of Law, and the Henry L. Hartman Symposium on Law, Psychiatry, and Behavioral Science at The University of Toledo.



**Kelly A. Moore** has been on loan to central administration for the past two years, with one year as a vice provost and one as interim dean of

the Jesup Scott Honors College. He returns to the law faculty in fall 2016.



**Dan Nathan**, clinical professor of law, continued as a member of the boards of directors of three local entities: Food for Thought, a nonprofit that

operates a mobile food pantry in the Toledo area; Student Legal Services, Inc., 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. In addition, Nathan served as a volunteer 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 who are required by court order to be supervised around their children.



**Nicole Buonocore Porter**, professor of law, continues to publish important scholarship regarding disability law. This past year, she published “Special

Treatment Stigma” in the *Pepperdine Law Review* and “The Difficulty Accommodating Healthcare Workers” in a symposium volume of the *St. Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy*. She also accepted an offer of publication of her article, “Accommodating Everyone,” in the *Seton Hall Law Review*. Finally, she co-authored (with Steve Befort, Minnesota) a disability law casebook that will be published by West Academic in the fall. She presented during three sessions at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools’ annual conference in August 2015 in Florida. Porter also was nominated and selected for The University of Toledo Women’s Commission Outstanding Woman Award.



**Geoffrey C. Rapp**, associate dean for academic affairs and a Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values, was one of three professors across

the University to receive the 2016 Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award. He serves as a member of the Planning Committee for the Association of American Law Schools Section on Associate Deans for the 2017 Annual Meeting. He contributed a chapter on Tort Law to the Oxford University Press titled “Handbook of American Sports Law,” and articles on sports antitrust law in the *Mississippi Sports Law Journal* and *Washington and Lee Law Review Online*. He was quoted in the *Financial Times*, *Bleacher Report*, *Crain’s Cleveland Business*, *The Blade*, *Talk of Fame Sports Network*, *Court News Ohio*, and *FiercePharma*, and interviewed on KPCC 89.3 (a Southern California NPR affiliate).



**Robert S. Salem** conducted a workshop entitled “The Impact of Same-Sex Marriage on Ohio’s Domestic Relations Courts” (Nov. 5, 2015) for the

Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College in Columbus, Ohio. He co-presented with Professor Maara Fink at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts conference in Columbus on Nov. 7. The topic was “Mediating Bullying Conflicts: Resolution or Re-Victimization?” He also participated as a commentator for Capital Law School’s Annual John E. Sullivan Lecture on Nov. 12, 2015. The topic of the lecture, given by Professor Dorothy Roberts of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, was

“Interracial Marriage and Racial Equality: The Role of Residential Segregation.” Salem’s commentary was a comparison of the legal and social barriers for interracial couples post-*Loving v. Virginia* and same-sex couples post – *Obergefell v. Hodges*. He also offered an analysis of the *Obergefell* decision at the Toledo Bar Association Domestic Relations Seminar on Nov. 13, 2015. Salem spoke to all second-year medical students at The University of Toledo Medical Center about patient privacy and disclosure of patient records Nov. 16. On March 28, 2016, he presented to the Lucas County Bar Association regarding the legal challenges facing the LGBTQA community after the legalization of same-sex marriage, focusing primarily on Religious Freedom Restoration Acts. Salem was invited by the Maumee Valley Country Day School Board of Directors to consult on accommodations for transgender students. He also presented on the social justice mission of law schools to undergraduate students at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. Salem was interviewed July 8, 2016, by 13ABC news discussing LGBTQA anti-discrimination laws. He collaborated with the Toledo Public Defender’s Office and The University of Toledo Department of Social Work to develop a new service model for criminal defendants. Currently, he serves on the boards of the Toledo Bar Association, Toledo Fair Housing Center, Toledo Public Defender’s Office, Equality Toledo, the Ohio Advisory Committee for the U.S. Department of Civil Rights, and the Development Advisory Council for Advocates for Basic Legal Equality.



**Joseph E. Slater**, The Eugene N. Balk Professor of Law and Values, saw new editions of both his casebooks published in 2016: “Public Sector Employment: Cases and Materials” (West Publishing, 3rd ed., 2016, with Marty Malin, Ann Hodges, and Jeffrey Hirsch); and “Modern Labor Law in the Private and Public Sectors: Cases and Materials” (Carolina Academic Press, 2nd ed., 2016, in with Seth Harris, Anne Lofaso, and Charlotte Garden). He also published a review essay, “Jeffrey Kahana, The Unfolding of Labor Law: Judges, Workers and Public Policy Across Two Political Generations, 1790-1850” (2014), *10 NYU Journal of Law & Liberty* 404 (2016). He continues to contribute to the online journal Jotwell (Journal of Things We Like a Lot), recommending labor and employment law articles from junior scholars. In the spring, he received the Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award (chosen from the entire University faculty). He has spoken at a variety of conferences during the past year. He presented the paper, “The History of Public-Sector Labor and the *Friedrichs* Case,” at the City University of New York “Public Sector Unions on the Line”; was a senior commentator on the panel “New and Emerging Voices in Workplace Law” at the AALS Annual Conference; gave a talk at the Case Western Reserve University Law School’s American Constitution Society program on *Friedrichs v. California Teachers’ Ass’n*; was a panelist in a discussion of “Joint Employer Status, Franchisors & Franchisees – Paying the Cost to be the Boss?” at the Bernard Gottfried Memorial Labor Law Symposium; and gave the keynote address at the New England Consortium of State Labor Relations Agencies 15th Annual Conference. He continues to coach the

Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Team, which advanced in its competition this year. He made various media appearances regarding matters concerning labor and employment law, and will be on sabbatical in the fall of 2016. In his spare time, he enjoys watching his son Isaac perform in plays and musicals.



**Lee J. Strang** was named the John W. Stoepler Professor of Law & Values, and delivered an installation lecture, “Public Universities as Places of Constrained

Debate: A Home for People of Good Will, Including Religious People,” at the College of Law. He was a Visiting Scholar at the Georgetown Center for the Constitution during the fall semester, where he completed a draft of his book, “Aretaic Originalism: Originalism’s Promise and Limits.” Strang published “Originalism’s Subject Matter: Why the Declaration of Independence is Not Part of the Constitution” in the *Southern California Law Review*, and “State Court Judges Are Not Bound by U.S. Supreme Court Nonoriginalist Interpretations” in a symposium issue of the *Florida International University Law Review*. Strang also placed his article, “How Big Data Increases Originalism’s Methodological Rigor: Using Corpus Linguistics to Recover Original Language Conventions,” with the *U.C. Davis Law Review*, and contributed “The Incorporation Doctrine’s Costs and Benefits: A Cautionary Note for the European Union” to a symposium issue of the *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, which he also presented at an international conference in Budapest, Hungary. Strang presented at 19 lectures, debates and symposia in the course of the year, including at the Georgetown

Law Center. He also presented at numerous civic events. Strang served as faculty advisor to the Christian Legal Society, the Law Review, and the Federalist Society.



**Daniel J. Steinbock** retired from the College of Law faculty in June, but will teach Criminal Procedure during fall semester (see story p. 30). While on

leave during the 2015-16 academic year, he taught at the University of Szeged (Hungary) and the University of Silesia (Poland), and volunteered with the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in Egypt and Bahrain (see story p. 8).



**Rebecca E. Zietlow**, the Charles W. Fornoff Professor of Law and Values, placed several articles for publication. Her article, “James Ashley, the Great

Strategist,” will appear in the *Georgetown University Journal of Law and Policy*; “The Constitutional Right to Organize” will appear in “Vulnerability, Employment and Labor (Gender in Law, Culture, and Society)” (Martha and Jonathan Fineman, forthcoming 2016); “A Positive Right to Free Labor” appeared in the *Seattle University Law Review*; and a review of “Amanda Hollis-Brusky, Ideas with Consequences: The Federalist

Society and The Conservative Counterrevolution” appeared in *Law & Society Review*. She also presented at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, at the Second Annual Salmon P. Chase Lecture and Colloquium at Georgetown Law School, at the Loyola University Constitutional Law Colloquium, and at the Annual Meeting of the Labor and Employment Law Colloquium. Zietlow was featured in an AALS monthly newsletter regarding the Section on Constitutional Law and will be featured in a future article about the AALS Section on Women in Law. She is chair of the AALS’s Section on Women in Legal Education, chair-elect of the AALS Section on Constitutional Law, and was appointed by Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio to the Judicial Commission for the Selection of the Next Judge in the Southern District of Ohio.



**Evan C. Zoldan**, associate professor of law, published two articles in 2016. “The Civil Ex Post Facto Clause” was published in the *Wisconsin Law Review*

and “Congressional Dysfunction, Public Opinion, and the Battle Over the Keystone XL Pipeline” was published in the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*. He also placed two pieces this year. “Bank Markazi and the Undervaluation of Legislative Generality”

will be published in the *Yale Law & Policy Review Inter Alia* this year, and “The Equal Protection Component of Legislative Generality” will be published in the *Richmond Law Review* in early 2017. “The Equal Protection Component” was selected for presentation at the Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum at Yale Law School. In addition to presenting his work at the Junior Faculty Forum, Zoldan presented his current research, which relates to legislation and constitutional law, at a number of academic conferences and workshops, including the AALS Annual Meeting, the Legislation Roundtable at Cardozo Law School, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Northeastern University’s Legal Scholarship 4.0 workshop, the Loyola Chicago Constitutional Law Colloquium, and the Central States Annual Scholarship Conference. Zoldan also served as moderator of the AALS Annual Meeting Section on Legislation & Law of the Political Process, New Voices Panel. Zoldan’s scholarship was cited in a number of scholarly journals and in Wright & Miller’s *Federal Practice & Procedure*. His professional activities include serving as treasurer of the AALS Section on Legal History and as an executive committee member of the AALS Section on Legislation & Law of the Political Process. He also taught a short course on Civil Procedure at the University of Szeged, Hungary. Finally, he served as interim faculty advisor for the *Toledo Law Review*.

## ALUMNI NEWS

## LAVALLEY LAW LIBRARY AND BUSSERT CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS COMPLETED

Rick Goheen, assistant dean for the LaValley Law Library, may need an additional title – assistant dean for facilities and construction. Dean Goheen supervised not one, but two College of Law renovations last summer.

The renovations occurred in the LaValley Law Library’s fourth floor mezzanine and the Christopher and Peggy Bussert Classroom on the main floor of the Law Center.

Previously, the LaValley Law Library’s mezzanine housed the Library’s law review collection. With so many law reviews now available online, the bound volumes were removed to create a larger study space. The new space features 48 individual study carrels, including 12 carrels that can be raised and lowered to accommodate students in wheelchairs or students wishing to stand. There also will be clusters of arm chairs arriving later this fall for students who prefer to study in this setting.

The mezzanine now has an airy feeling. There are a few low bookshelves that house bar journals and other periodicals, which now expose the previously-hidden skylights in the roof. There also is soft lighting, which is controlled by motion sensors to conserve energy. Carrels and seating areas are thoughtfully spaced so no one feels crowded.



Funding for the mezzanine renovations came from the estate of Charles Buck, a 1951 alumnus of the College of Law.

The Christopher and Peggy Bussert Classroom (Room 1002) was redesigned to create a more intimate classroom space with top-notch technology. Named for the couple, Chris ’83 and his wife, Peggy ’82, the room now seats 54 students with plentiful power outlets for laptops, tablets, and smartphones. It also benefits from new desks, chairs, and UT-emblazoned carpet. Like the library mezzanine, the room also features soft, energy-efficient lighting.

Additionally, faculty will benefit from a number of high-tech teaching tools that will be installed during fall semester. They can utilize both a technology-

filled podium and two 75-inch Smart Boards™ – the largest in the building. A nearly floor-to-ceiling whiteboard will be between the two Smart Boards™.

“The library has always been in the business of connecting people with information, and it seems that every day there are new and different ways to acquire or deliver that information,” said Goheen. “So we’re putting less emphasis on the package the information comes in and focusing more on creating comfortable and effective spaces where our students can access that information and learn how to use it.”

“We think the new Bussert classroom and the new Law Loft are outstanding examples of those kinds of spaces, and we look forward to creating more of them,” Goheen said. ■

# FORE! THE 17TH ANNUAL STOEPLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

Each summer Toledo Law alumni and friends share an afternoon of golf and camaraderie to honor the late Dean John W. Stoepler and support the memorial scholarship in his name.

This year was no different. On June 13, the 17th Annual John W. Stoepler Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing took place on a lovely summer day at Belmont Country Club in Perrysburg. Foursomes competed in an 18-hole scramble, and awards were presented not just to the winning team, but also for the longest drive and the shot closest to the pin. The winning foursome this year was comprised of Kurt Bruderly '07, Steve Hartman '01, Karl Strauss '06, and Adam Nightingale '05. Their final score was 63, so the competition – while friendly – was stiff.

A dinner reception attended by golfers, alumni, friends of Toledo Law, and members of the Stoepler family followed the afternoon on the green. During the reception, William G. Meyer '76 received the Henry B. Herschel Commitment Award, which recognizes a Toledo Law alumnus or alumna who espouses professional integrity and community involvement. Formerly known as the Commitment Award, it was renamed the Henry B. Herschel Commitment Award in memory of Hank Herschel '67, a close friend of Stoepler who gave his time to public service and mentoring prior to his death in 2013.

Stoepler Scholarship proceeds help Toledo Law students manage the costs of their legal educations. It has been the practice to invite a scholarship recipient to the dinner and ask the recipient to



share some remarks about how the scholarship made an impact. Elizabeth Ellison '17, recipient of the 2015-16 Stoepler Memorial Scholarship, sent a statement conveying her gratitude. “This scholarship has helped me shift my worries from paying for my education to focus 100 percent on advancing my legal education,” wrote Ellison. She is a full-time law student from Detroit and the first member of her family to attend

college. Additionally, Rebecca Shope '08 attended the dinner and shared a personal story about how much the scholarship meant to her both when she received it and now, a number of years after graduation.

Save the date and plan to attend the next Stoepler golf outing on June 9, 2017! ■

## TOLEDO LAW HONORS JAMES THOMAS '87 WITH 2015 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The University of Toledo College of Law and the Law Alumni Affiliate recognized James D. Thomas '87, a partner in the Columbus and Cleveland offices of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, with the Distinguished Alumni Award during the University's Homecoming Gala Friday, Oct. 9, 2015.

Thomas has more than 25 years of experience as a trial attorney and previously served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Before joining Vorys, he was a partner with Squire Patton Boggs in Miami, Fla., where he led the global litigation practice group for many years. He currently focuses on complex civil, business restructuring, internal investigations, ERISA, and construction litigation.

Thomas has a passion for teaching and mentoring. In September 2015, Thomas facilitated a two-day, non-credit bearing leadership program for nominated students at the College of Law. The program covered topics including conceptual leadership principles, along with specific "hands-on" topics and used case studies for analysis and discussion. Students found the course so valuable that it was offered as a for-credit flex course in fall 2016.

Thomas graduated from Toledo Law, where he was editor-in-chief of *The University of Toledo Law Review*, in 1987. He also earned a bachelor's degree from Adrian College.

Sharon Speyer '85 recently received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award. She will be recognized in next year's edition of the *Transcript*. ■



To submit a nomination for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award, please email Heather Karns at [heather.karns@utoledo.edu](mailto:heather.karns@utoledo.edu).

## TRANSCRIPT TRIBUTES

### ANTHONY D. SICILIANO ('00)

passed away Feb. 16, 2016, at age 43 from complications resulting from cystic fibrosis. The loves of Tony's life were his wife Debi and daughter Quin. They lived in Columbus. While the Toledo native struggled with CF his entire life, it did not define him. People remember his sense of humor and positive approach to absolutely everything, noted Matthew Walker ('04), who

added that he was fortunate to have had Tony as a supervisor and friend. After graduating from the College of Law, Tony went to work for the Department of Commerce, most recently as a chief counsel for the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions. Matt joined the Department of Commerce in 2011 and worked as Tony's right-hand man, with the two becoming good friends. When he first began working with Tony, Matt

recalled, Tony was a very easy-going person. He was the person everyone noticed and wanted to be around. He thought work should be more fun, and this sentiment was evident in the work he did – and the way he made others feel about coming to work. His smile, approachability, and humor will be greatly missed.

## BOB JAMESON

by Lynn Ingram, '96

Some lawyers are so much more than just lawyers. Nobody exemplified this more than my friend, Bob Jameson.

I met Bob during orientation week at The University of Toledo College of Law nearly 25 years ago (August 1993). And, as anyone who knew him understands, my life was instantly better.

Bob was one of those guys who was a lawyer from the first day of law school. He may not have had his license yet, but he was a lawyer. Law school was just a formality.

He came from a family of lawyers and judges, and he just “got it.” While the rest of us were still acting like college kids trying to find our way, Bob was carrying a briefcase, holding down a job, and raising a family. It was hard for the rest of us to imagine, but he did it gracefully, never missing a beat.

Of course, Bob also knew how to come down to our level when the moment called for it. He knew how to have a good time and his zest for life was

contagious. In fact, many of my best memories of law school involve Bob’s huge smile and great laugh, the way he would slap his knee, and how he wiped tears from his eyes when something was extremely funny.

But more importantly, Bob made me and everyone around him feel like we were special. He was larger than life already, lighting up every room. He had an enthusiastic handshake and a magnetic personality, not to mention a knack for making you feel like you were the only person in the room when he was talking to you. None of it was forced or fake. That’s just who he was. He loved everyone and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Bob was, quite simply, a wonderful human being.

All this spilled into his practice after we graduated. Again, while the rest of us were trying to find our way, Bob hit the ground running. He blended seamlessly into the legal community in his hometown of Adrian, Mich., where he became a Lenawee County public

defender and operated a popular and successful private practice. As we all expected, the judges loved him, the lawyers loved him, his clients loved him, and the community at large loved him. His ability and reputation as an attorney were matched only by his ability and reputation as a husband, father, son, and friend. Bob accomplished everything he had dreamed of, and all of us were the beneficiaries.

Last month, Bob passed away. When I heard the news, it took my breath away. It hurt. I can’t begin to imagine what it feels like for his family and all those who loved and continue to love him the most. But I know one thing – everyone who loved Bob was loved back deeply. Our lives are forever enriched. With Bob now advocating for us in another capacity, we can rest assured we’re in good hands.

Thank you, Bob, for all the joy brought to me and others. I love you, brother. Rest in peace.

## COLLEGE OF LAW MOURNS PASSING OF RICHARD LAVALLEY '53



Richard LaValley, Sr., a 1953 alumnus of the College of Law and a well-known Toledo attorney, tax expert, educator, and philanthropist, died Sept. 4, 2015. He was 86.

LaValley was the founding partner at the LaValley, LaValley, Todak, and Schaeffer law firm in Sylvania, where he worked from 1971 until retiring in 2009. Before that, he worked for several Toledo-area accounting and law firms.

He was active in the Toledo Law community. The LaValley Law Library at the College of Law is named after him in recognition of a generous donation. Early in his career, he taught federal income tax at the College of Law. He also served as president of The University of Toledo Alumni Association and in 1997 received the college’s Distinguished Alumnus Award.

# IN MEMORIAM

Carlos A. Cordova '49	8/27/12	Sara Elena Rios '85	9/10/15
John Emil Cereso '03	5/28/14	William Eldon Winson '58	9/24/15
Wendell R. Jones '85	6/17/14	Richard Godfrey Hyer '72	10/01/15
Harold Scheer '43	6/25/14	E. L. Jermann '56	10/04/15
Bert Joyce Warrick '64	6/27/14	Paul A. McCrory Jr. '64	10/04/15
Walter Albert Hoff '76	7/18/14	Marcia S. Gurecky '86	10/11/15
Harry Michael Welsh '66	7/18/14	Ronald David Goodman '79	10/16/15
Frank Michael Carrozza Jr. '71	7/21/14	Kenneth Thomas Kujawa '71	10/17/15
Visalakshi R. Gembala '05	8/07/14	John Blair Webster '81	10/28/15
Matthew Charles Runkle '07	8/19/14	Dominic Mario Bruno '64	10/29/15
Gregory B. Siegel '84	8/23/14	Michael Prephan Sr. '68	11/09/15
Terrance Lee Ryan '76	9/05/14	Ann D. Hamilton '77	11/26/15
Paul Edward Accettola '75	10/24/14	Renee Louise Potts '89	1/05/16
Michael Theodore Young '83	11/01/14	Alexander J. Conn '08	1/06/16
Michael Jon Ellerbrock '79	11/19/14	Anthony David Siciliano '00	2/16/16
Roger Neil Clark '67	12/17/14	John Daniel Baker Jr. '81	2/18/16
Joseph Henry Shaw Jr. '75	1/01/15	Ronald Lynn Langenderfer '90	3/21/16
Carole Ann Kieffer '87	1/01/15	Ronald Kotwica '72	3/29/16
Roger Sobel Blair '68	1/25/15	Morton E. Leveton '55	4/19/16
William K. Bass '89	2/09/15	William Wallace Erb '57	4/21/16
David Frank Wiley '63	3/07/15	Thomas R. Michalski '63	5/01/16
Thomas E. Bunch '80	3/12/15	Russell Irving Sturgill '53	5/09/16
John Marshall Ford '75	3/21/15	Eugene R. Alexander '66	5/13/16
William E. Pfau III '78	5/11/15	David Richard Taylor III '74	5/15/16
Kent David Nord '93	6/23/15	Travis Brett Robertson '08	5/25/16
Richard Arnold Heurman '56	6/27/15	Frank P. Barker III '71	5/30/16
Nicholas Dreher Batt '76	7/04/15	Larry Prescott Farnham '76	6/04/16
Charles H. Ellerbrock '86	7/11/15	Dennis F. Keller '74	6/12/16
David James Fickel '78	7/21/15	William Joseph Brenner '76	6/17/16
William Harry Mikesell '50	7/21/15	Louis M. Zovac '68	7/12/16
Thomas Michael Connolly '77	7/24/15	Michael Gerald Sanderson '81	7/19/16
William Fred Bates '69	8/18/15	Robert E. Jameson '96	7/27/16
Edward Francis Zoltanski '58	8/21/15	Edwin J. Klag '41	8/16/16
Peter Henry Barber '78	8/22/15	Louis Joseph Yoppolo '80	8/23/16
Richard Gerard LaValley, Sr. '53	9/04/15	Thomas Edward McGrail '76	9/01/16

# CLASS NOTES – FALL 2016

It has been a few years since we have included Class Notes in the *Transcript*, but we plan for you to see more of these updates in issues to come. Updates also will be made quarterly online at [utoledo.edu/law/alumni/news.html](http://utoledo.edu/law/alumni/news.html).

19**73**

**Gary Farmer, Sr.** with the firm Farmer, Jaffe, Weissing, Edwards, Fistos & Lehrman, PL, was recognized in the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America® for his work in appellate practice. Also a previous Best Lawyers® designee, Farmer, Sr. served as an Appellate judge from 1991 to 2010 in the Fourth District Court of Appeals.

19**74**

**Thomas M. Wochok** was awarded an Executive Certificate in Negotiation in July 2016 after completing a three-course program on negotiation and conflict management at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

19**75**

**John F. Gillespie** is an attorney and chief financial officer at Hollingsworth & Zivitz, PC in Carmel, Ind.

19**76**

**William Meyer** received the Jack Schlageter Award from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo in 2014, recognizing his volunteer work on behalf of those in need. In June 2016, Bill received the Henry Herschel Commitment Award from The University of Toledo College of Law Alumni Affiliate.

19**78**

**Paul D. Hancock** is the recipient of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation's 2016 Presidential Award for Pro Bono Service. The award was presented at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati during the Ohio State Bar Association's All-Ohio Legal Forum in April. The Presidential Award is presented annually to individuals, law firms, or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to improving access to legal representation through pro bono or volunteer service to low-income Ohioans.

**Michael A. Cline**, partner with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been included on the 2017 Best Lawyers in America® list in the specialty of corporate law.

**Lynne N. Clark** started her own law firm, Lynne N. Clark, PC, in 1991. Her practice is limited to estate planning and administration.

19**79**

**Robert Eddy** has joined the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP in Toledo, Ohio.



**Darryl Hines** is pursuing a full-time art career and has been represented by the Besharat Gallery, the Lona Gallery, and an artists' co-op fittingly named the Dizzy Gypsy. His work has been shown as part of a juried group show at the Edison-Pepco Gallery in Washington, D.C. He also has been invited to participate in various artist residencies abroad.

19**80**



**Joe Engel** began work as the executive director for the Land Conservancy of West Michigan in July 2016. He has been involved in numerous environmental and conservation organizations throughout his

life. He has supported the land conservancy for the past decade and more recently served on its board and executive committee.



**Roderick Kennedy** was sworn in as the new chief judge of the New Mexico

Court of Appeals in 2013. He is currently the second-most senior judge in the state of New Mexico and will retire from his position as judge on the New Mexico Court of Appeals in November 2016 after also serving as chief judge from 2013-15. While in Washington for a forensic meeting in 2013, he was sworn in before the U.S. Supreme Court bar, moved by then-Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn. Last year he completed a term on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and now serves on its ethics committee. He also serves on the board of the International Board of Forensic Engineering Sciences, is currently re-writing a chapter on expert witnesses for a textbook on scientific evidence, co-authored a chapter on scientific jurisprudence in the AAFS book on forensic science, as

well as an article on the U.S. legal system in Elsevier's Medical-Legal Encyclopedia, and continues to work with the New Mexico Supreme Court's courthouse security committee. What are his plans after retiring? His first trip will be to the grave of Judge Roy Bean in Del Rio, Texas.

**Douglas M. Kennedy** is a partner with the firm of Roetzel and Andress. He was recently named among The Best Lawyers in America® for 2017 in the areas of litigation – labor and employment.

## 1981

**William H. Hrabak, Jr.** recently celebrated his 25th year with the law firm of Goldstine, Skrodzki, Russian, Nemecek and Hoff, Ltd., located in Burr Ridge, Ill., where he is a partner in commercial litigation, specializing in a trial and appellate practice in Cook County, Ill.

## 1982

**C. Ray Mullins** was inducted into the Bowling Green Academy of Distinguished Alumni during a ceremony at Bowling Green State University in late September.



**Christopher J. Weber** was elected to succeed Michael E. Zatezalo as managing director of Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, one of the largest law firms in central Ohio. In addition to his new responsibilities, Weber, a Litigation Counsel of America fellow and seasoned trial lawyer, will continue to focus on assisting clients in professional responsibility and legal ethics issues, as well as civil litigation matters. The Best Lawyers in America® identified him as its 2015 Lawyer of the Year in Columbus for professional malpractice law and as its 2014 Lawyer of the Year in Columbus for ethics and professional responsibility law.

## 1983

**Kirk G. Warner** is a partner with Smith Anderson and was selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of the Best Lawyers in America® in the areas of bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, and product liability litigation – defendants.



**Jonathan Mack** has been selected as one of the top 100 trial lawyers in Pennsylvania

by the National Trial Lawyers Association. In addition to this recognition, Mack has been chosen by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel for its "Nation's Top Attorneys" recognition for the second consecutive year. He was selected for the sixth consecutive year by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* magazine for inclusion in its Super Lawyers list. Mack is owner and partner in the Indiana-based law firm of Marcus & Mack, PC.

## 1984

**Denise M. Hasbrook** is a partner with the firm Roetzel and Andress. He was recently named among the Best Lawyers in America® for 2017 in the area of employment law – management.

## 1985

**Patty Wise** will serve on a panel led by EEOC Commissioner Chai Feldblum at the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law Conference in Chicago in November. Commissioner Feldblum and four members of the Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment in the Workplace will discuss the task force report and ideas for "rebooting" harassment prevention efforts.

**Sharon Speyer** received the YWCA Milestones Award in 2015 and also was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by The Entrepreneurial &

Business Excellence Hall of Fame in 2015. Sharon was selected as The University of Toledo College of Law's Distinguished Alumna in 2016.

## 1986

**Thomas P. Higgins** is senior counsel of legal & compliance for the Great American Insurance Group in Cincinnati, Ohio. He began in January 2016. Tom oversees the company's life insurance and annuity litigation; drafts agent, agency, broker-dealer, and vendor agreements; reviews and approves advertising and marketing materials; and facilitates intellectual property filings and special investigative unit actions.

**Brian Kerns** is a shareholder with the Cleveland civil defense firm of Bonezzi Switzer Polito and Hupp. The firm has multiple locations throughout Ohio. He heads the Medina, Ohio, office. He also will become president of the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) in November 2016. He is currently vice president of the Medina County Bar Association.

**Sheila Nolan Gartland**, partner with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been included on the 2017 Best Lawyers in America® list in the area of real estate law.

19**87**

**Terrence S. Finn** is a partner with the firm Roetzel and Andress. He was recently named among the Best Lawyers in America® for 2017 in the areas of environmental law and litigation – environmental.



**James D. Thomas** is a partner in the litigation group of Vorys, Sater, Seymour

and Pease LLP, with his principal office in Columbus, Ohio. He also maintains and works out of the firm's Cleveland office. His practice is focused on complex civil litigation. In addition to his practice, he speaks to a variety of organizations about leadership and professional development and also has focused a number of presentations on developing women as leaders in the legal profession. This fall he was a presenter for the Ohio Women's Bar Foundation Leadership Institute and taught a for-credit course on leadership for the law school. Jim was selected as The University of Toledo College of Law's Distinguished Alumnus for 2015.

**Patrick Hermesmann** is brigadier general in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He recently relinquished command of 4th Marine Logistics Group, New Orleans. In his civilian

capacity, he is the national technical manager, auto liability/general liability, for The Hanover Insurance Group.

19**88**

**Anne Schoepfle** practiced law for 25 years representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice actions and is now a legal nurse consultant with The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. in Michigan.

**Carolyn M. Jereck**, an attorney with Plunkett Cooney, was recently named one of the 2016 Women in the Law by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, a publication serving the state's legal industry. Jereck is a member of Plunkett Cooney's litigation and labor and employment practice groups. She is also a founding member of the firm's Women's Leadership Committee. Jereck concentrates her practice in the areas of employment law, retail liability, premises liability, loss prevention litigation, liquor liability and product liability.

**Shane A. Farolino** is a partner with the firm of Roetzel and Andress. He was recently named among the Best Lawyers in America® for 2017 in the areas of environmental law and litigation – environmental.

19**91**



**Gary Farmer, Jr.**, of Farmer, Jaffe, Weissing, Edwards, Fistos & Lehrman, PL,

was recognized in the area of mass tort litigation/class actions-plaintiffs. He has been profiled in Best Lawyers®. During the past decade, Farmer, Jr. has been at the forefront of high-profile consumer litigation in Florida and across the country. He has served as lead counsel in some of the largest qui tam recoveries in U.S. history.

19**92**

**Joseph E. Herbert** is a partner with the firm Roetzel and Andress. He was recently named among the Best Lawyers in America® for 2017 in the area of medical malpractice law – defendants.

**David Levin** is the managing attorney of the Midwest office of the law offices of Todd M. Friedman. He handles consumer rights litigation, employment litigation and class actions for plaintiffs in Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. The firm also has offices in California and Pennsylvania.

19**93**

**Colleen McGushin** has joined McGuireWoods LLP as senior manager of communications. The firm is based in Charlotte, N.C.

19**96**

**Lori Olender** is deputy chief and the head of the juvenile division in the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office. She has been a Lucas County prosecutor for 19 years.

**Myron C. Duhart** is pursuing an LLM from Duke University School of Law in judicial studies and is a judge in the Lucas County Common Pleas Court.

19**97**

**Kurmmell W. Knox** is CEO of New Dimension Logistics, LLC, (NDLX) which is an international freight forwarding company. Headquartered in Taylor, Mich., NDLX provides logistics support for OEM automotive manufacturers and their supplier base.

**Ann Erickson Gault** started her own practice in February 2016. She specializes in legal writing, appeals, overflow work for other lawyers, and unbundled services.



**Andrea Kimball** was recently named vice president & general counsel of

Sporting Kansas City. Before joining Sporting Kansas City, she was a Dentons U.S. LLP partner at the Kansas City office for six years specializing in complex commercial litigation and intellectual property. Kimball was a partner at Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps in San Diego, Calif., from 1999-2010 after serving a two-year judicial clerkship in the United States District Court.

Kimball resides in the Northland area of Kansas City and is actively involved in the local community through coaching youth sports. She is an advisory board member at WIN for KC, an affiliate of the Kansas City Sports Commission and has been on the KC Legal Board of Directors since 2011. Kimball also is a member of the Women Athletes Business Network and the Central Exchange of Kansas City.

19**99**

**Joel McGormley** has spent the last four years as the first managing director of the NCAA's Office of the Committees on Infractions, managing the NCAA's internal infractions process.

Prior to that time, he ran the Michigan Attorney General Office's criminal appeals division and argued a winning case in the United States Supreme Court.

20**01**

**Kari Schlaff** recently opened her own law firm to help individuals navigate family law courts. She enjoys helping people through difficult times in their lives.

20**02**

**Gerald L. Trepkowski** is senior associate general counsel at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, which is a university-affiliated research center for the U.S. Department of Defense. He works on government contract issues in areas such as national security and emerging technology and exploration, including NASA's upcoming mission to the sun, Solar Probe Plus.

20**03**

**Frank Spryszak** is in his ninth year of employment in the Lucas County (Toledo, Ohio) Prosecutor's Office and is assigned to the appellate division. Prior to his employment in Lucas County, he was an assistant prosecuting attorney for the City of

Toledo's Law Department. In addition to his post-conviction responsibilities as an appellate prosecutor, he also is a member of the cold case unit and works as lead trial counsel for complex and high profile criminal cases. Outside the legal profession, he has a second job as a high school and collegiate football official and is currently officiating NCAA Division II and Division III football games.

20**04**

**Gregory S. Reichenbach** is a trial attorney from Bluffton, Ohio, who represents poor and working class Ohio consumers. He focuses on litigation of collection defense cases and bringing individual and class action claims against debt collectors, used automobile dealers, financial institutions, and other businesses who engage in unfair and deceptive acts. Greg and his family are moving to Wood County, Ohio, near Perrysburg in December.

**Emily W. Newman** started her own law firm, Dzenitis Newman, PLLC in Louisville, Ky., in January 2016. Dzenitis Newman, PLLC is a five-lawyer, full service, health care law firm representing hospitals, doctors, long-term care facilities, and other health care providers in litigation,

arbitration, and licensure hearings throughout Kentucky. Dzenitis Newman also provides regulatory and risk management services.

**Emily Wilcheck** of Roetzel and Andress has been nominated to the Ohio Women's Bar Association (OWBA) Board of Trustees. Wilcheck, an associate in Roetzel's Toledo office, was nominated as vice president of the Board of Trustees. This will be her third year as an officer of the OWBA Board of Trustees.

20**05**

**Timothy Lusch** spent 10 years as a prosecutor in Michigan and is now a full-time writer. His work has appeared in *Saint Austin Review*, *New Oxford Review*, *New English Review*, and *Crisis*. He is working on science fiction and mystery short stories. He blogs at [pityitspithy.com](http://pityitspithy.com).

**Charles Herman** of Charles Herman Law opened an office in Toledo, Ohio. His main area of concentration is labor and employment law on behalf of employees, including discrimination claims, civil rights claims, severance agreement negotiation, and wrongful termination.

## 2007

**Jennifer Swiech** is vice president, chief compliance officer at Genoa Bank. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Sylvania Area Family Services, as an agency representative for Northwest Ohio Community Shares, as a member of the United Way Women's Initiative, and as a mentor for the BGSU Women in Business Leadership Program.

**Kurt Bruderly** is practicing in Toledo, Ohio, and focusing primarily in criminal defense. He was elected to a three-year term on the Toledo Bar Association's Board of Directors in 2016 and joined the Board of Directors for the Northwest Ohio March of Dimes in 2015.

**Jacqui Snyder** completed a master's degree in forensic accounting and auditing services at Ohio Northern. She currently works in Maryland as an analyst for the U.S. Trustee Program at the Department of Justice.

## 2008

**Brent Bondy** is patent counsel for Magna International Inc., a global automotive supplier. He works in the company's corporate office in Troy, Mich.

**Suzette Fronk** is serving as vice president of finance and business affairs at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C. Lees-McRae is a four-year, coeducational, residential college offering diverse baccalaureate degrees, strong athletic programs, and outstanding faculty.



**Todd M. Williams** is an associate attorney at Shindler Neff LLP. He joined

Lourdes University this fall to teach Legal Environment of Business.

## 2009

**David Puskar** is a commercial litigator and was elected an equity member of Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner PLC in 2016. The firm's main office is in Saginaw, Mich., with other offices in Midland and Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

## 2010

**Liz (Lefond) and Todd Seney** married in 2013 and live in Ann Arbor, Mich., with their one-year-old son, Ryan. Liz is a senior investigator and deputy Title IX coordinator at the University of Michigan, and Todd works in human resources at XPO Logistics.

## 2012

**Nicolas A. Linares** recently joined Spengler Nathanson PLL and will continue to practice in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, and elder law.

**Lauren Hase** is employed in the Medina County Prosecutor's Office near Cleveland, Ohio. She has served as the assistant county prosecutor responsible for the juvenile division since November 2012, trying nearly 70 cases. She also has assisted with appeals and sat second chair on an adult felony jury trial in 2014.



**Jessica Wilson** joined Skarlatos-Zonarich LLC in Harrisburg, Pa., as a member of the law firm's estate planning and administration group.

## 2013

**Arline (Laurer) Hanna** recently accepted a position practicing criminal defense as an assistant public defender at the Wayne County Public Defender's Office in Lyons, N.Y. She lives in the Rochester, N.Y., area with her husband, Tim.



**Brittany Asmus** joined Reminger Co., LPA's Toledo office. She works with a wide range of civil defense litigation, including medical malpractice, professional liability, D&O and employment practices, trucking and commercial transportation, commercial litigation, general casualty/excess surplus lines, and probate and trust litigation. She is licensed to practice in Ohio and Michigan.

**Charles Hatley** recently accepted an associate attorney position at Cordell & Cordell, the largest domestic relations firm in the U.S.



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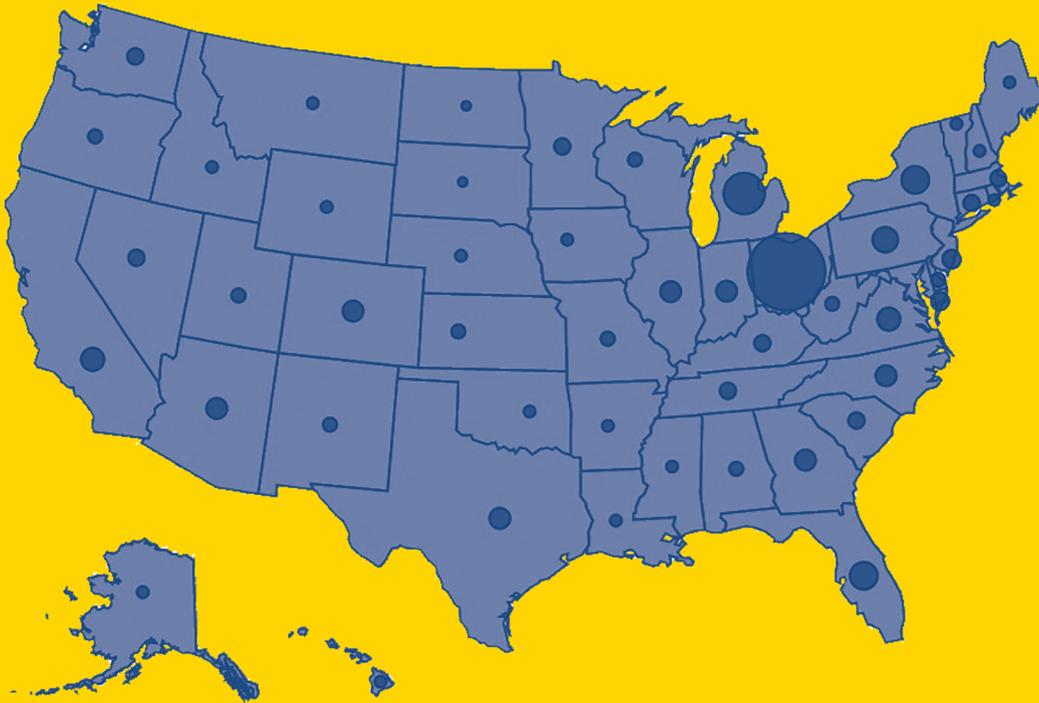
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Events to add to your calendars are listed below.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 5, 2017

Continental Parlor 9, Ballroom Level  
Hilton San Francisco Union Square  
*(in conjunction with AALS)*  
San Francisco, Calif.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017

John W. Stoepler Memorial Scholarship  
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Perrysburg, Ohio

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9-SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

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