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Support for Law Student Professional Development

By Assistant Dean Heather S. Karns

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my work is the opportunity to connect with so many of you and hear your perspectives on "life after law school." Thank you for your candor and sincere interest in making the students better prepared and the law school a better place. This past year you have confirmed my belief that, despite the growing importance of electronic and social media in our personal and business lives, old-fashioned people skills still matter most. How people treat each other, how they communicate with each other and the things they do to help each other remain the keys to professional success. Whether one is in law, business, teaching or another area, people are at the heart of it all. Meeting and talking with people improves our lives, both personally and professionally. Face-to-face interactions allow us to appreciate non-verbal cues, tone and the enjoyment that comes from connecting with someone.

Because we want to send hard-working, effective, professional and gracious graduates to join you as alumni, we have expanded professional development programming to ensure that students understand the importance of people skills and how to interact effectively with others. In this, we’ve received support and advice from many of you who share the belief that mastering advances in technology does not mean leaving the skills of person-to-person interaction behind.

The Jim and Melissa Barone Professional Development Series

Among those who believe “people skills” are crucial to professional success and happiness are Jim Barone ’84 and his wife, Melissa. Jim attended law school with no intention of working as a traditional attorney. Following graduation, he pursued a successful career in the business world and now works as an international executive. In 2009, after learning of the many professionalism and career-oriented programs offered to students by the Office of Professional Development, Jim and Melissa decided to support these efforts with a multi-year gift. This gift allows the College of Law to highlight important issues relating to professionalism and professional development in law practice, government and business.

Over the course of its first year, the Jim and Melissa Barone Professional Development Series supported several programs including “From the Courtroom to the Boardroom.” This innovative program presented an alumni panel which included Justice Judith Lanzinger ’77 of the Ohio Supreme Court, Sharon Speyer ’85 of Huntington National Bank, Steven Smith ’80 of Connelly Jackson and Collier, Cathy Garcia-Feehan ’89 of the U.S. District Court and Jim Barone ’84, then of ARAG. It was moderated by Dean Douglas Ray. The group discussed the nuances of interacting with various levels of professionals in a variety of settings and passed on such tips as:

- Adjust to the professional class to which you will belong;
- Your reputation as a highly principled attorney will ultimately benefit your clients;
- Preparation should be perfect: briefs perfect; arguments organized;
- Think before you speak — don’t be so eager to please; always make sure you understand what is being asked of you;
- You can’t oversell professionalism;
- Don’t be an obstacle — create opinions and solutions for people;
- How one interacts with wait staff, receptionists and other service personnel is observed by interviewers and clients and can be important to hiring decisions;
- If traveling outside the country, find a trusted colleague in that country who can share the informal rules and etiquette of the culture; and
- Start meetings on time and end meetings five minutes early — people will always appreciate you for that.

More than 60 Toledo Law students attended and were fascinated by the candid nature of the remarks. Information shared by alumni leaders in the legal and business community such as these can’t be matched, and students reported it was a dynamic program.

The Jim and Melissa Barone Professional Development Series also supported a presentation by Ari Kaplan, author of The Opportunity Maker and a nationally recognized speaker in the area of business development who speaks to legal professionals and law students across the country. A Business Etiquette Dinner and Tips for Success program rounded out the series and allowed students to have an elegant cocktail hour and meal while receiving coaching on the most appropriate way to handle the “stickiest” of situations. Special thanks to Professor Gerachis Carroll ’05 who led the instruction (and was kind enough not to point out every mistake I made) and Charles K. Boswell ’73 who provided historical perspective during the event. We thank all the alumni who share their tips and ideas and are truly grateful for the support of Jim and Melissa Barone and their belief in law student professional development.
Casting back to the community is a vital part of life as an attorney and a professional obligation. More importantly, it can be one of the most rewarding parts of a lawyer’s life. Just ask Emily Plocki, Natalie Powers or dozens of other very busy law students who spent hours working with lawyers and legal organizations to help the community and obtain real-life legal experience.

Dean Douglas Ray launched the Pro Bono Commendation Program in January 2007. It builds upon and encourages student interest in helping the community, supplements the legal services provided by College of Law clinics and provides a way to recognize those who perform significant public service. In Ray’s view, “This program gives students the opportunity to work with wonderful role model attorneys in legal aid and the Toledo Bar Association’s Pro Bono Program, the opportunity to learn legal skills and build confidence, and, most importantly, to learn the difference a lawyer can make in a person’s life.”

By all accounts, the program has been a smashing success, helping the law school become more involved in the community and boosting its reputation for community service. Over the last three years, law students provided nearly 10,000 hours of law-related services to the poor and disadvantaged of Toledo and northeast Ohio through the program.

Students provide help in pro se juvenile, bankruptcy, expungement and family court clinics administered by the Toledo Bar Association’s pro se legal-services program; facilitate “know your rights” seminars at community centers; advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children through the Lucas County Juvenile Court’s court-appointed special advocates program; staff the Domestic Violence Resource Center housed at the Family Court; and help pro bono attorneys in a wide range of private cases. Students also work at agencies such as Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Toledo Bar Association, City of Toledo Law Department, and the Lucas County prosecutor and public defender offices.

Students who commit 30 hours a semester to volunteer law-related public service projects receive commendation certificates at an annual Public Service Awards Reception held each spring. They are also listed in the honors graduation bulletin, James E. Yavorcik ’79, president of the Toledo Bar Association, spoke at the Awards Reception and explained that public service helps fulfill attorneys’ idealism and professional responsibility to give back to their communities. “What drives us as lawyers are not nice cars or nice salaries, but the feeling that we can make a difference in the lives of others,” he said.

Plocki, Powers and seven other law students were recognized for their public service at this year’s Award Reception. Others honored were:

- Thomas Marino, a second-year student and recipient of the Cooper & Walsaks Fellowship. He worked at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland;
- Cassia Panga, Mia Gonzalez, Allma-Tedeam Spencer and Miranda Vollmer, recipients of UT Law/Public Interest Law Association fellowships;
- Andrew Howard, recipient of the Joel A. and Shirley A. Levine Fellowship in Alternative Dispute Resolution; and
- Brooke Strickle, recipient of the Levinson Alternative Dispute Resolution Award.

A native of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Kenyon College graduate, Plocki received the Patrick M. Burns Memorial Outstanding Clinical Student Award. She served as a legal intern with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, the College of Law Legal Clinic, Washington (Mich.) Probate Court, and Legal Aid of Western Ohio/Advocates for Basic Legal Equality. She helped clients in tax preparation, child adoptions, contested divorces, and estate filings and assisted State Sen. Teresa Friske (D., Toledo) in researching and drafting Senate Bill 126 to address the problem of cyberbullying among Ohio’s school children. She will begin the one-year LL.M. graduate program in taxation at Georgetown University this fall.

She said her pro bono work was one of the most rewarding parts of her studies. It provided context to her studies and helped her understand how the law can aid people struggling for justice and see a problem in a broader community context. It also provided her with a great deal of personal satisfaction in helping those who could not afford legal services.

“It helps you to take the course material and implement it in real life,” she said. “It helps you go from ground zero and to become lawyer.”

Natalie Powers, a graduate of Baldwin Wallace College and a native of Seven Hills, Ohio, near Cleveland, received the University’s coveted Jefferson Award, a program that UT began last year to recognize volunteerism at the University.

During her three years at Toledo Law, Powers worked in the TBA’s pro bono legal-services program, the Toledo Legal Aid public defender’s office and the College of Law Domestic Violence Legal Clinic. She also worked with the Renty Coalition of Northwest Ohio, a group that helps ex-offenders reintegrate into the community by finding housing, getting a job, reuniting with their families and clearing up past legal issues.

Working with the organizations was a huge confidence booster for her that also helped her better define her career path.

“It helped me realize that I can do things on my own,” she said. “It helped my confidence in meeting with clients, my confidence with different areas of the law and with speaking with other attorneys when I needed help.”

She also enjoyed the role problem solver, which attracted her to the profession in the first place. “Clients come to you with a problem and you have to come up with a resolution that they’re happy with,” she said.

Pro bono — short for pro bono publico, meaning “for the public good”— is of growing importance in legal education for several reasons, according to Clinical Professor Robert Salem, who directs the law school’s Legal Clinic.

He applauds the law school’s new emphasis on public service and on the need to educate students about “the service aspects of the profession.” The Clinic has trained students and helped low-income clients in cases involving discrimination, housing disputes, domestic violence, divorce and child custody, civil rights, and consumer rights for some 40 years.

Recent studies underscore the need for law clinics and law school pro bono programs. Surveys by the American Bar Association and other organizations conclude that 80 percent of the legal needs of low-income families are not being served.

“What I’ve seen is that many students come to legal clinic thinking they are going to learn practical skills,” Salem noted. “And certainly they do. But the most important thing they learn, I think, is something far more intangible and that is an appreciation for the service aspects of our profession, an appreciation for the needs of the community they serve and an increased motivation to go out and practice law. I think they get more excited about going out there and practicing law because they have had the experience of helping people, of getting that personal satisfaction.”

In addition to expanding their legal skills, Salem said students grow in “empathy, understanding and temperament that they are going to need to be effective lawyers.”

“We really try to teach students to stand in the shoes of their clients,” Salem explained. “We teach them to be client-centered as opposed to lawyer-centered. We tell them that lawyer-centered lawyers are not effective attorneys because they are not seeing through the eyes of their clients.”

The appeal of pro bono work to young lawyers goes beyond just altruism, acknowledges Pat Intagliata, Esq., ’79, director of the Toledo Bar Association’s pro bono legal-services program. “The program, which began in 1981, operates pro se family, juvenile and bankruptcy law clinics as well as an employment clinic and draws from a pool of more than 680 Toledo area attorneys who provide their services free of charge.

The pro bono experience, she said, is an important part of legal education because it allows students to see the real, raw legal needs of the community and gives them a chance to develop a variety of practical lawyering skills — interviewing clients, gaining their trust, conducting research, drafting motions, preserving attorney-client confidentiality, problem-solving and negotiating—as well as learning compassion and empathy.

“It is important for law students to see what the law looks like in the courtroom,” said Intagliata, who became director in 1985, and who oversees the work of law students at the TBA. “It also shows them that there are a lot of less fortunate people who need help.”

She thinks clinic and pro bono experiences are invaluable because they let students see up close what the law can do, even for someone unable to afford an attorney. She said that she would like to see every student have such an experience. Once students develop a strong respect and taste for public service, she believes it is likely that they will dismiss their pro bono responsibilities once in practice. Often, the experience is satisfying enough to cause students to don their careers paths toward legal aid and public service.

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Alumni couple establishes educational scholarship fund

Donation reflects College of Law alums’ lifetime connection

By Jim Winkler ’86

Roger and Paula (Freeman) Murray

Earning a law degree and an MBA in three years is enough to keep any student busy, but throw in a part-time job, and you aren’t catching much sleep.

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April 9, 2010, was a day of celebration at the Law Center. On that date, the College of Law dedicated its largest classroom, Law Center Room 1013, in recognition of the generous financial support of A. Louis Denton, Esq.’83. The classroom has been named the A. Louis Denton Classroom and marked with a plaque and a nameplate. The ceremony was attended by faculty, staff, members of the Dean’s National Advisory Council and students who had benefited from the scholarships supported by Denton. In naming the room, Dean Douglas Ray stated, “Lou Denton’s generous support has enabled us to create the Denton Leadership and Service Scholarships, scholarships which make the law school stronger by helping us attract outstanding students whom we expect to become leaders of the profession.” After being introduced to an enthusiastic round of applause, Denton discussed the value of a legal education in a wide variety of careers and concluded with, “Scholarships benefit worthy students and help the College of Law to attract a talented group of future lawyers. This is a win-win situation for both the students and the law school.” The event concluded with a luncheon in Denton’s honor, at which he and other members of the advisory council shared words of wisdom and career advice with students.

Denton is president and CEO of Borer Denton & Associates, a Philadelphia area investment management firm.

“I had almost decided that coming to law school was going to be an unfulfilled dream when I received notification that I had been awarded the Denton Scholarship. That award was the deciding factor for me.”

- Denton Scholarship Recipient

Law School Dedicates A. Louis Denton Classroom

UT Law Alumnus Wins National Writing Award for Copyright Paper

Broadcast and cinematic arts major with a minor in journalism, Robert Platt ’09 found intellectual property courses to be particularly enjoyable during his time as a student at the College of Law. As part of his studies, Platt authored a paper on copyright law titled “A Comparative Survey of Moral Rights,” which recently won a national writing award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers.

Platt’s paper was chosen as the best in the nation in the 2009 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. The primary purpose of the competition is to increase awareness and interest in intellectual property law. Judges are experienced copyright practitioners.

For his efforts, Platt won $3,000, and his paper will be published in the Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. Second place went to a student from Temple University, and third place went to a student from the University of Texas.

Platt is the second College of Law student to win this prestigious award. Tamera Peters ’05 placed first in the 2005 competition. Both students benefited from the rich intellectual property curriculum at the college, as well as from the guidance of Professor Llewellyn Gibbons.

Platt is currently serving as a presidential management fellow with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Toledo Law Rated as Best Value in Ohio or Michigan

In Sept. 2009, The National Jurist, the leading magazine for law students, ranked the College of Law among its “Best Value Law Schools.” Using a formula that factored in bar pass rates, job placement rates and cost, the magazine ranked Toledo number 32 in the nation, the highest ranking of any law school in Ohio or Michigan.

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Moot Court Teams Enjoy Success

Several Toledo Law Moot Court teams distinguished themselves in national and international moot court competitions during the past academic year. The Intellectual Property Team recently advanced to the semi-finals and took third place in the BSOU-WANHUIDA Cup, hosted by the Beijing Foreign Service University. Dale Bricker, Adam Kopchian and Christopher Langholtz competed against teams from the United States, Australia and China. In another international competition, David Drury received an honorable mention as an individual at the VIS Arbitration Competition in Vienna, Austria. Students from 252 universities in 62 countries participated in the competition.

Teams also excelled in national competitions. Nicholas Adams, Amy Tromont and Jessica Vartanian advanced to the top 16 in the Robert Wagner National Labor and Employment competition in New York City. Their brief was ranked second in the competition, which included 46 teams from around the nation. Megan Saterlee, Tamera Thomas and Brian Latta advanced to the top eight in the Telane Law School Mardi Gras Moot Court Competition, and their brief ranked third among 40 teams. Joshua Nelson_Snover was cited as best oralist in two rounds at the National Environmental Moot Court Competition at Pace University, and Jessica Welty, a member of the Trial Advocacy Team, was cited as best oralist at the Case Classic Mock Trial Competition.

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Conference Debates Future of Great Lakes

I n Congress jeopardizing the Great Lakes or saving them?

Two keynote speakers gave starkly contrasting answers to that question at The University of Toledo College of Law’s ninth annual Great Lakes Water Conference on Nov. 13, 2009. U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak of Michigan criticized Congress for approving the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact in 2008. The Compact, which was ratified by all eight Great Lakes states, is designed to limit diversions of Great Lakes water to foreign countries and promote wise management of water within the basin.

Stupak, however, said that the Compact actually weakened protections of Great Lakes waters. Pointing to provisions such as the Compact’s “hurdled water loopholes” and the absence of language affirming public ownership of Great Lakes waters, Stupak contended that the Compact treats water as a commodity and opens the door for Great Lakes waters to be taken outside the region and the nation.

Cameron Davis, Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, lauded Congress’ approval of funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in fall 2009. The multi-agency initiative directed $475 million over the next year toward restoring the Great Lakes. Emphases include habitat restoration, cleanup of toxic acts of commerce, inhibition of non-point source pollution, invasive species control and education.

“This is the opportunity of several generations,” said Davis. “We have to save the Great Lakes like our lives depend upon it, because they do.”

The conference brought together governmental, legal and policy experts to address issues vital to the Great Lakes region, including efforts to stimulate our economy by restoring water resources, threats to our lives depend upon it, because they do.”

the Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center. She has published in the fields of bankruptcy and creditors’ rights.


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College of Law Welcomes Two New Faculty Members

The College of Law community is pleased to welcome Assistant Professors Kara J. Bruce and Garrett B. Pursley to the faculty this fall.

Kara J. Bruce will teach commercial law courses, including Secured Transactions and Commercial Paper. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (BA) and Tulane Law School (JD), where she was managing editor and assistant symposium editor of the Tulane Law Review.

Prior to joining the faculty, Bruce worked as an attorney in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP in Chicago, Ill., where she represented clients in complex business reorganizations and commercial litigation matters. She also maintained a substantial pro bono practice, handling matters in the fields of consumer bankruptcy, immigration and appellate law.

Bruce has been active in a number of professional and civic organizations, including the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Turnaround Management Association, the Chicago Community Trust and the Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center. She has published in the fields of bankruptcy and creditors’ rights.


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The College of Law took center stage this past February, as the Toledo Law Review hosted an all-day event on terror trials and their appropriate venue. The Law Review was one of the first in the country to host such an event in the wake of the decision to try several accused terrorists in New York Article III courts. Working closely with Chief Judge James Carr of the Northern District of Ohio, the Law Review brought together nationally recognized scholars, practitioners and judges in one of the most successful — and well attended — symposia to date. Attendees were treated to discussions ranging from judicial insight from judges who had each presided over a terror trial, to the pros and cons of military versus civilian courts from prosecutors and defense attorneys alike, to the virtue of the newly enacted Military Commissions Act of 2009.

Among the featured speakers were: Chief Judge James Car (ND OH); Chief Judge Gerald F. Rosen (ED MI); Judge Marla Cooke (SD FL); CAPT David C. Igloria, USN JAG; CAPT Glenn M. Sulmasy, U.S.C.G.; John Rote, Fmr. General Counsel, CIA; Avi’s U.S. Army Justin Heidman, Joshua Dratel, and Vicki Wernick and Dustin Thompson of the Federal Public Defender’s Office; Professor John Q. Barrett of St. John’s University School of Law gave the keynote luncheon address on the history of the Nuremberg Trials and their applicability to the current terror trial dialogue.

Climate Change and the Future of Energy

In March, the Law Review hosted a second symposium, titled Climate Change and the Future of Energy. Recognizing both the importance of the legal framework surrounding renewable energy and the leadership role that northwest Ohio has assumed, the Law Review brought together scholars and practitioners for this timely event. Participants discussed both the current framework and offered insight into the future legal needs of renewable energy development. Panel topics ranged from the ability of the federal government to effectuate large-scale environmental change to SmartGrid technology and its effect on existing notions of privacy to the incentives and obstacles for renewable energy at both the state and federal level.

Among the featured speakers were: Professor Mark Squillace, University of Colorado Law School; Michael Zimmer, co-chair of the Renewable and Distributed Energy Resources Committee of the Section of Environment, Energy and Resources; Trevor D. Stiles, associate of Foley and Lardner LLP; Kevin Doran, senior research fellow of the Center for Energy and Environmental Security, University of Colorado Law School; Aaron Buserm, TRUST and ACCURATE Research Fellow, University of California School of Law; Paul Cennella of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; Mark R. Shanahan, energy advisor to Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and executive director of the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority; James M. Van Nostrand, executive director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center; Will Reisinger, Esq., staff attorney of the Ohio Environmental Council; Keith Wilkowski ‘82, Marshall & Melbors LLC, and chair of the Advanced Energy and Green Initiatives Practice Group; Marianne Tyrrell, consultant with Hamel Environmental Consulting; Lee Paddock, associate dean for environmental studies and professorial lecturer in law, The George Washington University Law School; M. Howard Petricoff, partner with Voit, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, and member of the Energy and Environmental Group; Dean Joseph P. Tomain, dean emeritus and the Wilbert and Helen Ziegler Buck Community Chair of the College of Law; and Granger Souder ’85, vice president and general counsel of Xunlight Corporation.

Participants’ papers will appear in Volume 41, Issue 4 of The University of Toledo Law Review.
Authors, Attorneys and Scholars Visit Law School for Speaker Series

By Anita Crane

The 2009-2010 Toledo Law Speaker Series covered a wide range of topics, from politics to legal philosophy to the practice of law. A recurring subject was the job market, with several presenters offering timely advice to new lawyers seeking employment. The Speaker Series provides students the opportunity to hear from national experts about cutting edge legal and social issues, as well as topics relevant to their development as lawyers.

Bestselling Author and Toledo Native P.J. O’Rourke

P.J. O’Rourke said that the free market, not the government, offers the best solutions to our country’s social challenges. “The problem isn’t politics,” the bestselling humorist told a standing-room-only audience at the College of Law this September, “the problem is politicians.”

Politics, he said, is the idea that society’s ills can be fixed by government. This puts politicians in the position of having to be grand visionaries in all areas, a task at which anyone would fail. According to O’Rourke, the goal of all politicians, left and right, is to scare the public into giving them power. Political interference based on fear is what causes problems like the current financial crisis. Allowing the free market to regulate our economic system is a safer and more reliable approach, said O’Rourke.

The speech, titled “The Invisible Hand of the Market vs. the Government’s Visible Fist”, was delivered on Sept. 29, 2009 at the Law Center Auditorium as part of the Stranahan National Issues Forum.

In attendance were College of Law students, faculty and staff, as well as many members of the legal community and general public. The auditorium was filled to capacity, with some audience members standing in the back. O’Rourke’s comments generated quite a bit of laughter and a few cheers from the group.

O’Rourke has written 15 books including, Driving Like Crazy, which was published in June 2009. He is the H.L. Mencken Research Fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., and is a regular correspondent for The Atlantic Monthly, The American Spectator and The Weekly Standard. O’Rourke was born in Toledo and is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

The Stranahan National Issues Forum is a joint program of The University of Toledo College of Law and its chapter of The Federalist Society. It is made possible by an endowment from the Stranahan Foundation.

Distinguished Alumnus Encourages Public Service Careers

“It’s been a great ride,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall Samborn ’82 of the nontraditional career path he’s taken since graduating from Toledo Law. That path has led him to become the public information officer for U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald of the Northern District of Illinois. He spoke at the law school on Feb. 15.

Samborn described the journey that took him from Toledo Blade reporter to law student to legal journalist to his current position. While his original intent was to use a legal education to advance his career in journalism, he ended up taking the Illinois Bar Exam and working for the National Law Journal before joining the U.S. Attorney’s Office. He said he didn’t expect to be where he is now, but is glad things turned out the way they did. Samborn encouraged students to consider the vast array of opportunities available in the public sector and to think about rewards that go beyond remuneration.

“Never say never,” he told the audience.

Samborn went on to talk about the day-to-day duties of a high-profile press officer, such as handling media inquiries and ensuring compliance with public information laws. He also mentioned some interesting cases he’s handled, including the Valerie Plame case and the Rod Blagojevich scandal.

The speech was part of the Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series at the law school.


Former Detroit Mayor and ABA President Speaks At Toledo Law

Dennis W. Archer advised law students who are looking for post-graduation jobs to think about why they wanted to attend law school in the first place.


ACLU President Susan Herman

Susan N. Herman, president of the American Civil Liberties Union and Brooklyn Law School Professor, spoke at The University of Toledo College of Law on Oct. 29, 2009 as part of the Cannon Lecture Series. Herman’s speech, “Civil Liberties in the Age of Obama,” focused first on a history of the ACLU, followed by an overview of the organization’s current efforts.

“Over the past eight years, we’ve tried to serve as a counter-balance to the abandonment of rights during the War on Terror,” Herman said. The ACLU regularly challenged the Bush administration on issues such as Guantanamo Bay detentions, the definition of torture and government transparency. According to Herman, President Obama has made encouraging promises, including giving due process to detainees and turning over records related to torture policies, but has not fully followed through. “It is the ACLU’s job to hold the president to his word,” she said.

“The just trust us’ form of government is not the American way,” she added. Herman is the Centennial Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, where she teaches courses in Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure, Law and Literature and Terrorism and Civil Liberties. Her recent publications include two books, Terrorism, Government, and Law: National Authority and Local Autonomy in the War on Terror (editor and co-author with Paul Fenkelman) and The Right to a Speedy and Public Trial.

Herman was elected president of the American Civil Liberties Union in October 2008, after having served on the ACLU National Board of Directors for 20 years, as a member of its executive committee for 16 years and as general counsel for 10 years. Associate Dean Daniel J. Steinbock (now Interim Dean), who worked with Herman at Prisoner’s Legal Services of New York, described her as “a highly intelligent and committed advocate, who was one of the fastest and most fluent brief-writers I have ever encountered. Susan Herman has dedicated her career to defense of civil liberties,” he said.

The Cannon Lectures were established in 1980 in memory of former Toledo attorney Joseph A. Cannon through a generous gift from his family and friends.

“Day After” Speaker Describes Supreme Court Experience

Toledo Law students were treated to a behind-the-scenes look at arguing a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. Richard D. Friedman, who is the Ralph W. Aigler Professor of Law at The University of Michigan Law School, spoke at Toledo Law on Feb. 11 about his argument earlier that month in Briscoe v. Virginia, a case in which he represented the petitioner.

The speech was presented as part of the annual “Day-After” Series at the law school, which brings in top advocates who have recently argued before the Supreme Court on cutting-edge issues. Briscoe is the latest case to clarify the effect of Crawford v. Washington, a 2004 decision that announced a new, stricter standard under the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment for the use of out-of-court statements against an accused in a criminal trial.

Friedman shared with the audience some of the background of the case and the history of the Confrontation Clause. He also described the different Supreme Court cases that led to Briscoe, as well as his own role in the case. His speech gave students an insider’s perspective on the process of changing constitutional law.

In an interesting aside, Friedman spoke highly of the then newest Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor. He said she asked probing questions designed to find out his position and then determine her own. He called her questioning concise and direct.

Friedman is an expert on evidence and Supreme Court history. He is the author of a textbook, The Elements of Evidence, and co-author of Waltz, Park & Friedman’s Evidence: Cases and Materials. He also maintains the Confrontation Blog to comment on related issues and developments.

Robert P. George

“Natural Law, God, and Human Dignity” was the title of a Feb. 18 presentation by Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and founder and director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University.

According to George, the basis for human systems of law can be derived from natural principles. Our experiences can be divided into those with instrumental value, or value that has a practical purpose, and those with intrinsic value, or value in and of itself. Decisions about human rights and morality are drawn from the intrinsic value of human dignity, said George.

While belief in God is not necessary for acceptance of Natural Law Theory, said George, many who share his philosophy are believers.

“Those Natural Law Theorists who are atheists think that moral law exists because God created it,” he said. “This theory offers the only satisfying explanation of human intellect and free will.” George added.

George, who was profiled in the Dec. 16, 2009 New York Times Magazine article, “The Conservative-Christian Big Thinker,” is widely considered the nation’s most influential Christian intellectual.

The speech was presented as part of the Stranahan National Issues Forum, a joint program of The University of Toledo College of Law and its chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. It is made possible by an endowment from the Stranahan Foundation.
Author Gives Toledo Law Students Advice on Career Networking

How can you stand out?

This is the question facing job-seekers in the current market, according to Ari Kaplan, author of The Opportunity Maker: Strategies for Inspiring Your Legal Career Through Creative Networking and Business Development. The bestselling author spoke at the College of Law on Jan. 19.

The secret is to be interesting, Kaplan told the audience. “Interesting people are memorable,” he said, “and opportunities will follow from that.” He advised people in networking situations to think of something to say that will spark further conversation. Discussing smartphones and other technology is a good option, as is asking for advice. Another approach is to introduce people to other people and praise their accomplishments. “Promoting the good work of others will reflect well on you,” Kaplan said.

Kaplan went on to suggest a number of networking strategies involving online social media, including contributing to legal blogs, using Google Alerts to search for information about potential job contests and creating a LinkedIn group for people with common interests.

Kaplan is a lawyer who earned his J.D. from George Washington University Law School. His company, Ari Kaplan Advisors, provides law-related industry research services, personal coaching and training for law students and legal professionals on publishing, communications, career enhancement, business development and networking. He has published more than 200 articles and speaks to law schools, law firms and other organizations nationwide.

Kaplan’s talk was presented as part of the Jim and Melissa Barone Professional Development Program Series.
The Seven Important Roles Judges Play in Our Society

A Tribute to Our Alumni in the Judiciary

By Douglas E. Ray, professor of law, dean 2006-2010

I thank all of our alumni and alumnae in the judiciary for the work you do and for your commitment to public service. Although I have never been a real judge, I was a part-time labor arbitrator for 20 years before going into law school administration. Deciding cases involving discharges, plant closings, promotions, etc. helped me understand that what you do can be a lonely profession, with the burden of being responsible for decisions that affect lives.

Most books about judging discuss the role of oracles on the U.S. Supreme Court, the role of legal scholars on the appellate courts and the umpiring role of trial judges operating with a jury. Many judges have even more extensive roles. Although most members of the public do not recognize all the distinctions between trial and appellate judges, state and federal judges, magistrate judges, and different court levels or subject matter jurisdictions, all of our judges play many important roles. Your public service is something to admire. My favorite image of judging comes from a Sesame Street Bert and Ernie book I read to my children 20-some years ago. The book featured a character called the “Royal Wiseperson.” People in the kingdom would bring their problems and their disputes to the Royal Wiseperson who would then solve them perfectly. As judges, you play seven important roles in our society.
You are the link between our government, our laws and our people.

We have no royalty; rather, we have a history of not trusting government. You are our watchers and fixers when government gets out of line. You bring it into alignment with our laws.

We need a trusted person to review the actions of government because our government is made up of human beings who can be tired, overworked, undermined and inattentive. Sometimes they get it wrong. We are not always a trusting people, but we trust you to get it right. Your presence in the process as judges legitimizes the exercise of power by government.

You are the face of our justice system to the citizens who appear before you.

When you handle hundreds or thousands of cases, as you do, it is easy to forget how important you are to the citizens who appear before you. It is an experience they will never forget. You may be their only exposure to a judge in their lives. When you show us respect, we go home and tell our families:

“The judge made sure I could tell my story.”

“There are times that people don’t understand the process, when you hear them impaired can understand, when you show patience and when you respect people respect our faith in the justice system.

The way, too, you treat the process in the courtroom or hearing room affects our respect for the system. When you insist on respect by parties and advocates and insist on proper decorum, you send a strong message about the importance of our laws and our legal system.

Finally, the way you show respect for the law will affect our respect for the legal system. It maintains our faith in our democracy when you respect the limits on your powers and apply the choices of our elected representatives even when you might not have made those choices yourself.

To many, you are the face of fairness in our society.

We all agree that a fair hearing is part of due process and that government action has to be both fair and appear fair. Defining the term “fairness,” however, is not easy. When I was a new professor, I used the term in a disagreement with the late and much missed John Stoepler, then-dean of The University of Toledo College of Law. His response —“Fair, isn’t that the territory between the chalked-in lines on a ball field?” — stuck with me as a lesson that arguments in this area must be more than conclusions. Nonetheless, we all have a sense of what fairness means.

A citizen thinks it’s fair when you let me tell my story, and when I can tell from your attentiveness, your actions and your questions at a hearing that you understand my argument or that of my lawyer. If I lose, I will think it’s fairer I can see from your opinion that you considered my arguments and had reasons for rejecting them. To me, fair means I got my chance to hold the government accountable and received respect as a citizen.

You perform a most important role — that of decision maker.

Disputes need to be ended before the hearing process can begin, and we need you to do this well. This is lonely work. It affects people’s lives. We need you to go to a quiet place, struggle with it, review it and second-guess yourself.

Although a trial-type adversarial setting may still be the best way to find truth, determining truth is not easy when some people’s nervousness makes them appear shrilly, when some people’s culture or upbringing train them not to look you in the eye even when telling the truth, and when our faulty memories let some of us honestly believe what we say even when it is not true. Yogi Berra is quoted as saying, “You can observe a lot just by watching.” We have to trust you to do this watching by applying your own unique blend of intuition and analysis to get it right, second-guessing your logic when your instincts aren’t comfortable and second-guessing your instincts when logic and analysis lead the other way.

We also need your care in legal analysis, in applying facts to law and regulations. We need the talents of a legal scholar working under sometimes intense time pressure.

Finally, we need you to communicate your decision in a clear and well-reasoned way. Unlike juries, when a judge decides, a judge has to give reasons. Again, we are not a trusting people, and we need reasons to assure us we are not victims of bias, whim or political pressure.

To be this professional decision maker requires unusual attributes. We need you to have the discipline and determination to stay with a problem until you get it right. We need you to have the restraint to recognize the limitations on your power. Most importantly, we need you to know yourself well. A due process fair hearing requires an unbiased decision maker — you need to know yourself well enough to filter out your personal reactions, your dislikes, your exhaustion, your impatience and your irritation over an obnoxious advocate so that you can approach issues with an open mind. Learned Hand put it best when he said we need you to be “passionately dispassionate” and to develop a bias against bias.

You serve our society as a teacher.

You have the opportunity to teach in many settings. In the hearing room, you explain the process to the unrepresented and to others who do not know how it works. In your written decision, you teach us by giving us a blueprint to guide our future actions. In our world, you write articles, you teach at law schools and you speak at conferences. You know your areas of law better than anyone. You have learned better than anyone what constitutes good advocacy by evaluating the hundreds or thousands of advocates who have appeared before you. Because of the credibility you have and the awe we have for judges, lessons learned from a judge are remembered. Most importantly, you host schoolchildren in your courthouses and you visit junior high schools and high schools to share your expertise. You are the face of our justice system to them, and you represent us well.

You are life-long learners.

Learned Hand wrote that the excellence of a judge comes not simply from his or her knowledge of law, but also from the wisdom and understanding drawn from history, philosophy and everything you study. We need you to be broadly educated and not just from books. You will be interpreting different cultures, different human actions and evaluating people acting under stress. Every experience in your life enriches your capacity to judge and we need you to continue to be learners.

Finally, you are community role models.

We appreciate the roles you play, on and off the bench. The responsibilities and powers you have give you a high profile in our society, and we appreciate the dignity with which you live your lives.

These seven roles make your jobs incredibly important to our society and, I hope, worth the sacrifices you make. Judge Learned Hand wrote this about the satisfactions of judging:

“[A] judge’s life, like every other, has in it much of drudgery, senseless bickerings, stupid obstinacies, capricious pettifoggling, all disquieting and obstructing the only sane purpose which can justify the whole endeavor. . . . But there is something else that makes it — anyway to those curious creatures who persist in it — a delectable calling. For when the case is all in, and the turmoil stops, and after he is left alone, things begin to take form. From his pen or in his head, slowly or swiftly as his capacities admit, out of the murk the pattern emerges, his pattern, the expression of what he has seen and what he has therefore made, the impress of his self upon the not-self, upon the hitherto formless material of which he was once but a part and over which he has now become the master. That is a pleasure which nobody who has felt it will be likely to underrate.”

I hope that you, too, have come to know the satisfactions of making order out of chaos and solving the important problems we bring before you. You truly are our “Royal Wisepersons,” and I thank you for performing this role so well.

Footnote:

“The Spirit of Liberty, Papers and Addresses of Learned Hand, collected by Irving Dillard (Alfred A. Knopf 1952), p. 43 (extract from a commencement address by Judge Hand presented at Bryn Mawr College on June 2, 1927 and reprinted with permission from the Bryn Mawr Alumni Bulletin, October 1927, in which it first appeared).
Toledo Law Salutes Its Alumni in the Judiciary

We thank the following individuals for their careers of public service and commitment to justice. This list was compiled based on available alumni records. We apologize to any judges whose names should have been included and look forward to recognizing your service in a future publication. If we failed to list you or you know of a classmate who should have been listed, please e-mail ann.elick@utoledo.edu. We are very proud of our alumni and wish to properly recognize all who serve on the bench.

### Arizona
- Michelle H. Burns ’85 U.S. Magistrate Judge, District of Arizona
- Robert A. Colosi ’75 Judge Pro Tem Commissioner, Maricopa County Superior Court
- Ralph M. Hess ’77 Pro Tem Judge, Yavapai County Superior Court
- Marilyn McClintock-Riddel ’57 Judge (Ret.), Maricopa County Superior Court
- Darrel C. Negri ’80 Administrative Law Judge, Arizona Superior Court

### Colorado
- Kim H. Goldberger ’72 Judge (Ret.), Jefferson County Court
- Raymond R. Norko ’70 Superior Court Judge, Hartford Community Court

### Connecticut
- R. Marc Kantrowitz ’78 Associate Justice, Massachusetts Appeals Court
- C. Jeffrey Kinder ’81 Associate Justice, Suffolk Superior Court

### Delaware
- Joseph J. Faman Jr. ’70 U.S. District Judge, District of Delaware

### District of Columbia
- Allan H. Goodman ’74 Judge, U.S. General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals
- Alan G. Lance Sr. ’73 Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

### Florida
- Gary M. Farmer Sr. ’73 Chief Judge, 4th District Court of Appeals
- John J. Hoy ’75 Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County
- Kenneth S. Hurewitz ’73 U.S. Magistrate Judge, Middle District of Florida
- Gregory J. Kelly ’88 U.S. Magistrate Judge, Middle District of Florida
- Scott Tews ’90 Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration
- William R. Webb ’73 Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit, Pasco and Pinellas Counties

### Georgia
- C. Ray Mullins ’82 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of Georgia

### Indiana
- Kathleen Tighe Coriden ’71 Judge, Bartholomew County Superior Court
- Roger B. Cosbey ’75 U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of Indiana
- Matthew G. Hanson ’94 Judge, Morgan County Circuit Court
- Kevin P. Wallace ’79 Judge, Delaware County Superior Court

### Michigan
- Nancy L. Anderson ’96 Administrative Law Judge, Family Independence Agency
- Janet M. Boes ’83 Judge, 13th Circuit Court, Saginaw County
- William Bond ’79 Administrative Law Judge, State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules
- Mark S. Braunlich ’81 Chief Judge, 1st District Court, Monroe County

### Massachusetts
- R. Marc Kantrowitz ’78 Associate Justice, Massachusetts Appeals Court
- C. Jeffrey Kinder ’81 Associate Justice, Suffolk Superior Court

### Maine
- William H. Childs ’82 Judge, Cumberland County Probate Court

### Maryland
- Thomas K. Byerly ’78 Judge, Easton County Probate Court
- Michael H. Cherry ’74 Judge, 15th Circuit Court, Branch County
- Ward L. Clarkson ’83 Judge, 6th District Court, Shawsheen
- John A. Gadola ’91 Judge, 7th Circuit Court, Genesee County
- Allen L. Garbrecht ’76 Chief Judge, 37th Circuit Court, Calhoun County
- Carol A. Husum ’80 Judge, 8th District Court, Kalamazoo
- Virginia M. Morgan ’75 U.S. Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of Michigan
- Pamela A. Moskwa ’81 Probate Judge, 1st District Court, Monroe
- Ramona Roberts ’80 Judge (Ret.), 6th District Court, Flint
- Mark T. Slavens ’80 Judge, 3rd Circuit Court, Wayne County
- Thomas E. Straatsma ’68 Administrative Law Judge, Michigan Tax Tribunal
- Jack Vitale ’72 Judge, 1st District Court, Monroe
- Vincent Castelli Westra ’82 Judge, 8th District Court, Kalamazoo

### New Jersey
- Kenneth E. Calloway ’79 Judge, Sea Isle City Municipal Court

### Northern Mariana Islands
- Northern Mariana Islands
Louis Garippo Jr. ’76
Judge, West Long Branch Municipal Court

Harry R. Gensler ’80
Justice of the Peace Pro Tem, Parma Heights Justice Court

Barbara S. McCarthy ’85
Administrative Judge, Sparks Municipal Court

David Freundlich ’71
Supervising Judge, Suffolk County Family Court

Michael F. Griffith ’76
Judge, Wyoming County Family/Surrogate Court

Jo Allison Henn ’84
Administrative Law Judge, Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board

Bruce R. Mazzarella ’73
Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration (Buffalo)

Philip J. Patti ’68
Judge, New York State Court of Claims

Timothy J. Walker ’88
Judge, New York State Court of Claims

Steven W. Davis ’69
Administrative Law Judge, National Labor Relations Board

James D. Bates ’72
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

John S. Collier ’79
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

William M. Connelly ’99
Judge, Toledo Municipal Court

Gary G. Cook ’92
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

Stacy L. Cook ’93
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

Denise Narvaez Cubbon ’81
Administrative Judge, Lucas County, Juvenile Court

Bradley Cubiert ’93
Judge, Sandusky County Court of Common Pleas

Denise Ann Durt ’78
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

Theresa Dellick ’83
Judge, Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas

John C. DiCesare ’86
Magistrate, Ross County Court of Common Pleas

Charles J. Doneghy ’65
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

Michael A. Dobrobor ’85
Magistrate, Bandbox County Court of Common Pleas

Andrew G. Douglas ’60
Associate Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

William W. Erb ’57
Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court

Gary L. Byers ’81
Judge, Maumee Municipal Court

Nicole Y. Fech ’01
Magistrate, Toledo Municipal Housing Court

Trevor N. Fernandes ’94
Magistrate, Lucas County Probate Court

Edward J. Fink ’76
Chief Magistrate, Parma Municipal Court

Judith A. Fornof ’73
Magistrate, Lucas County Municipal Court

Robert G. Christiansen ’72
Judge, Toledo Municipal Court

Jennifer Coatney ’02
Magistrate, Warren County Juvenile Court

Robert V. Franklin Jr. ’50
Judge (Ret.), 8th District Court of Appeals

Ruth Ann Franks ’75
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Gary E. Gabriel ’55
Judge (Ret.), Toledo Municipal Court

June Rose Galvin ’64
Judge (Ret), Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

Daniel R. Gerschutz ’75
Judge, Putnam County Court of Common Pleas

George M. Glasser ’53
Judge (Ret.), Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

Brian C. Goodell ’84
Magistrate, Lucas County Juvenile Court

Frances X. Gorman ’79
Judge, Toledo Municipal Court

Michael R. Goulding ’85
Judge, Toledo Municipal Court

Kevin L. Gree ’60
Judge, Highland County Court of Common Pleas

Jeffrey A. Griesheimer ’80
Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration (Columbus)

Robert N. Grillo ’82
Judge, Vinton County Probate/Juvenile Court

Harland H. Hale Jr. ’79
Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court

Howard E. Hall ’70
Judge, Morrow County Probate/Juvenile Court

Ann D. Hamilton ’77
Magistrate, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court

Peter M. Handwork ’66
Judge, 6th District Court of Appeals

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Judge, 6th District Court of Appeals

Frederick C. Haney II ’84
Judge, Scioto County Court of Common Pleas

Carol J. Hargreaves ’78
Chief Magistrate, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court

Sherry L. Harsha ’86
Magistrate, Pickaway County Court of Common Pleas

Mary Ann Harvey ’92
Judge, Williams County Court of Common Pleas

Craig D. Hedric ’66
Judge, Butler County Court of Common Pleas

Jonathan P. Hein ’81
Judge, Darke County Court of Common Pleas

Pamela A. Heringhaus ’81
Magistrate, Wood County Court of Common Pleas

Dolores J. Hildebrandt ’72
Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court

Lee H. Hildebrandt Jr. ’72
Judge, 1st District Court of Appeals

Bradley L. Hillyer ’80
Judge, Tuscarawas County Court

Robert B. Hines II ’76
Magistrate, Wayne County Domestic Relations Court

Belinda J. Hinton ’79
Magistrate, Summit County Juvenile Court

Jacqueline M. Huntley ’89
Magistrate, Stark County Juvenile Court

William G. Hutchesson ’82
Magistrate, Lucas County Juvenile Court

Thomas W. Janas ’76
Immigration Judge, U.S. Department of Justice

Linda J. Jennings ’88
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

James D. Jensen ’69
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

Paul E. Jomantas ’80
Magistrate, Lucas County Probate Court

Steven R. Karto ’77
Judge, Harrison County Court of Common Pleas

Jeffery B. Koller ’88
Judge, Oregon Municipal Court

John W. Kessler ’68
Judge, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas

Michael D. Kirby ’84
Magistrate, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court

Richard W. Knepper ’73
Judge, 6th District Court of Appeals

Timothy C. Kuhiman ’81
Judge, Toledo Municipal Court

Henry N. Kuntz ’73
Judge, Montgomery County

Edward L. Kurek ’93
Magistrate, Crawford County Probate Court

Odella Lampkin-Craft ’89
Magistrate, Franklin County Juvenile Court

Judith Ann Lanzinger ’77
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio

Robert G. Lavery ’76
Judge, Allen County Municipal Court

Michael J. Lawson ’86
Magistrate, Sandusky County Probate/Juvenile Court

Raymond E. Leisy ’81
Judge, Wayne County Court of Common Pleas

David E. Lewandowski ’77
Judge, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court

Robert J. Lindeman ’72
Judge, Miami County Court of Common Pleas

Warren J. Lotz ’72
Judge, Ohio Probate Court of Common Pleas

Michael D. Lowe ’83
Judge, Morgan County Court
Kristen N. Mackintosh ‘96
Magistrate, Lorain County Court of Common Pleas
Robert T. Maisonneuve ’72
Magistrate, Hardin County Court of Common Pleas
James L. Manning ’74
Judge, Montgomery County Court
Pamela Manning ’99
Magistrate, Lucas County Juvenile Court
Ann B. Mascari ’78
Judge, Erie County Court of Common Pleas
Alan R. Mayberry ’78
Judge, Wood County Court of Common Pleas
C. Allen McConnell ’72
Judge, Toledo Municipal Housing and Environmental Court
Ronald V. McCoy ’76
Magistrate, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court
Thomas J. McDermott ’93
Magistrate, Bowling Green Municipal Court
Vickie G. Moreland ’77
Magistrate, Butler County Domestic Relations Court
Maria Q. Morgan ’76
Magistrate, Lucas County Probate Court
Keith P. Muehfeld ’76
Judge, Henry County Court of Common Pleas
Alan D. Mutchler ’76
Magistrate, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court
Chad C. Niese ’97
Judge, Putnam County Court of Common Pleas
Kent L. North ’88
Judge, Bryan Municipal Court
Erich J. O’Brien ’78
Judge, Sandusky Municipal Court
Thomas J. Osowik ’81
Judge, 6th District Court of Appeals
S. Dwight Osterud ’74
Judge, Perry County Municipal Court
G. Steven Palmer Jr. ’91
Magistrate, Erie County Court
Donald Z. Petroff ’67
Judge, Oregon County Municipal Court
Susan Phillips ’89
Magistrate, St. Charles County Court of Common Pleas
Robert C. Pollock ’73
Judge, Wood County Court of Common Pleas
Vernon L. Preston ’60
Judge, 3rd District Court of Appeals
Jack R. Puffenberger ’78
Judge, Lucas County Probate Court
James A. Ray ’75
Judge (Ret.), Lucas County Juvenile Court
Francis C. Restivo ’49
Judge (Ret.), Lucas County Juvenile Court
Laura A. Restivo ’94
Magistrate, Lucas County Juvenile Court
Carl W. Richick II ’79
Magistrate, Licking County Common Pleas Domestic Relations Court
Reno R. Riley Jr. ’92
Judge (Ret.), Lucas County Court of Common Pleas
Kenneth A. Rohrs ’72
Judge, Henry County Court of Common Pleas
Reginald J. Routson ’80
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Brenda Rutledge ’87
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Sara A. Schoettner ’81
Magistrate, Hamilton County Juvenile Court
Alan D. Shankman ’78
Magistrate, Cuyahoga County Probate Court
James R. Sherck ’73
Judge, 6th District Court of Appeals
Sara Sherick ’89
Magistrate, Sandusky County Juvenile Court
Linda A. Sorah ’95
Magistrate, Lucas County Juvenile Court
Brett M. Spencer ’89
Judge, Adams County Court of Common Pleas
Judson P. Spore ’62
Judge (Ret.), Perry County Municipal Court
Christopher A. Stalkamp ’96
Magistrate, Erie County Court of Common Pleas
Robert W. Stewart ’74
Judge, Athens County Court of Common Pleas
Jeffrey A. Straussbaugh ’85
Judge, Darke County Probate/Juvenile Court
David P. Sunderman ’76
Judge, Delaware County Municipal Court
Tygh M. Tone ’87
Judge, Erie County Court of Common Pleas
Mary Claire Torbeck ’87
Magistrate, Hamilton County Juvenile Court
Mary Grace Trimboli ’77
Judge (Ret.), Toledo Municipal Court
Geoff M. Waggoner ’79
Magistrate, Lucas County Juvenile Court
Margaret K. Weaver ’67
Judge (Ret.), Lucas County Domestic Relations Court
Connie F. Zemmelman ’91
Judge, Lucas County Juvenile Court
Norman G. Zemmelman ’89
Judge, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court
Gene A. Zmuda ’84
Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas
Jack Zouhary ’76
U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Ohio
Thomas W. Kohl ’75
Presiding Judge, Washington County Courts, 20th Judicial District
Steven H. Miller ’69
Justice of the Peace, Douglas County (Ruidoso)
R. Stephen Barrett ’77
Judge, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas
Jay J. Hoberg ’77
Judge, Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas
Alan M. Rubenstein ’70
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Frieda J. Fiske ’82
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Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration (Houston)
David H. Davidson ’69
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Ohio Supreme Court Justice Stresses Importance of Humanity, Civility and Professionalism

College of Law community celebrates as graduates begin new paths
By Jim Winkler ’86

The College of Law welcomed 164 graduates into the legal profession at its May 9 commencement ceremony. More than 1,000 proud friends and family members joined them on this happy occasion.

After welcoming the graduates and their guests, Dean Douglas Ray dedicated the commencement ceremony to the late Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, Thomas J. Moyer, paying tribute to his leadership, commitment to justice and support of legal education. Chief Justice Moyer was a regular participant in the College’s fall orientation program and a role model of professionalism.

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger, a ’77 graduate, delivered the commencement address and told graduates they stand at the brink of new opportunities and challenges. Lanzinger, who graduated as valedictorian of her class, exhorted them to use their skills and knowledge for the good of society, to use their profession with a strong sense of ethics and to advocate vigorously for clients.

“You, your clients, in seeking your help, will actually be entrusting you with their lives,” she said. “So my message to you is, be trusted with taking care of some of the most important things in people’s lives, and when you do it right, you will have done a good job. This is not about winning a case. It is about understanding your clients and what they need, to be good advocates, to be loyal and respect their confidences. Most lawyers understand your clients and what they need, and what they need is not just to win a case but to have them believe you’re their voice. In trying to help people with these needs, you will find your way to being trusted.”

She continued: “If you come here today, can you imagine what the law and the legal profession will be like in 2040, 30 years from now? Can you imagine what it should be like?”

In her talk, Lanzinger urged the graduates, faced with an uncertain economy, to be alert to the many opportunities afforded by their new degrees, recalling that she went through several job changes before reaching the Supreme Court.

“Sitting here today, can you imagine what the career you begin today is one that gives you the opportunity to make a difference — and to be trusted with taking care of some of the most important things in people’s lives,” she said. “They will trust you to protect their liberty, their livelihoods, their families and their property. Today, you cross one threshold into the legal profession. You will cross another when you are sworn into the bar. You will cross these thresholds as you grow into the role of a professional — a person who treats law as a calling and not a commodity. The message we send you today as you walk across the stage is that we think you are ready to take on these responsibilities and to take the next steps.”

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“Transforming experience,” he told the graduating class that they distinguished themselves with their spirit of public service and volunteerism, citing the vast amounts of hours they devoted to pro bono legal services and community outreach projects like food and clothing drives and Haiti relief efforts.

Ray emphasized that he and the rest of the law school’s faculty were proud of the graduates and said they should take the same pride in their accomplishments. Noting that law school was a “transition stage experience,” he told the graduating class that they distinguished themselves with their spirit of public service and volunteerism, citing the thousands of hours they devoted to pro bono legal services and community outreach projects like food and clothing drives and Haiti relief efforts.

Before degrees were conferred, Ray told graduates that lawyers must assume major responsibilities that go along with the privileges that are a part of the profession.

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Passing the torch
Legal education at Toledo Law is a three-generation family affair for Toledo’s Cubbon family

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A fter watching her grandfather, father, mother and several other relatives — all graduates of University of Toledo College of Law — have successful legal careers, Jocelyn Cubbon DeMars, a member of law school’s Class of 2010, is ready to make her own mark on the legal world.

“I’ve loved my three years in law school, but I can’t wait to move to Cincinnati and start to practice,” said Jocelyn, who is moving with her husband, William, a pilot with regional air carrier American Eagle, to Cincinnati, where she will become an associate in the corporate department of Dinmore & Shabot.

“I have so much to learn beyond what I learned in law school.”

Her grandfather, Frank W. Cubbon Jr. ’53, was a prominent Toledo personal-injury attorney for six decades before retiring in 2005. Her father, Stuart Cubbon ’81, now heads the firm he founded, and her mother, the Honorable Denise Navarre Cubbon ’81, is a Lucas County juvenile judge. Denise and Stuart met in law school and later married. An aunt, Kyle Cubbon ’84, married to Toledo criminal defense attorney Spiro P. Cocoves ’85, is a member of the Cubbon firm, as is her uncle, Thomas J. McArdle ’87. Aunt Barbara Cubbon-Beale ’88 is also a graduate. They all share an amazing loyalty to the law school.

Jocelyn, a magna cum laude graduate who served as editor-in-chief of the Law Review this year, said that as she was growing up, she said, “We hope that you will feel privileged to teach and learn from your clients, just as we have been privileged to teach and learn from you.”

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Tricia Spix, immediate past president of the Student Bar Association, presented the class welcome on behalf of the graduates and presented the graduating class’s Outstanding Professor Award to Assistant Professor Kelly Moore. Bruce M. Stone ’96, president-elect of the Law Alumni Affiliate, welcomed graduates to the alumni.

Degrees were officially conferred by Judge Richard B. McQuade Jr. ’95, a University trustee. On behalf of the University Board of Trustees, he praised Rac’s service and leadership as dean and commended the law school for the progress it had made. Rac said he concluded the ceremony by thanking the graduates for all they had added to the law school community and shared his hope that each would “find a career that will fulfill you with excitement every day.”

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“The beauty of the education we earned is that we each took an individualized path together,” she said. “We could not have made it any other way. No one understands the life of a law student quite like a law student. In the end, we have a work hard-play hard group of amazingly talented individuals whose hard work, dedication and accomplishments deserve recognition.”

Words passed on to her after the entered law school, Winkley went on to tell her classmates, “the journey that we set out on three years ago begins and ends with each of you ... and how do you make the most of this journey? Well, just do you!”

Jessica Vartanian, a graduate of the University of Michigan, received the American Bar Association Scholarship and Leadership Award, an award presented to one student at each of the country’s 200 ABA-accredited law schools. A magna cum laude graduate of the College of Law, Vartanian was undefeated in the Fornoff Moot Court competition, was a member of the college’s labor and employment law moot court team, was named to the Order of Barristers and served as assistant executive editor of the University of Toledo Law Review. After graduation, she will clerk for Justice Maures Corrigan of the Michigan Supreme Court.

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Law School Honors Service of Three Outstanding Professors

On May 7, faculty, staff and members of the bar gathered at the Law Center to pay tribute to the careers and service of three outstanding law professors. Professors Bruce Campbell, Douglas Chapman and Robert Hopperton will retire this summer and the law school community gathered to honor their service with gifts and a reception. Dean Douglas Ray stated, “We have all been fortunate to know and work with Bruce, Doug and Bob. They have been outstanding teachers and outstanding members of our community. We will miss their wisdom, their energy, their expertise and their leadership. Retirement does not mean good-bye, however. We will hope to bring each back from time to time for part time teaching opportunities so that future students will have the opportunity to learn from them as well.” Campbell, Chapman and Hopperton all served as associate deans during their tenure at Toledo Law, and Professor Hopperton twice served as interim dean.

Bruce A. Campbell

Professor Bruce Campbell, known as “Mr. Commercial Law,” to generations of law students, has been on the faculty since 1979. In his time here, he taught American Legal History, Banking Law Seminar, Conflicts of Law, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Contract Law Seminar, Commercial Paper, Negotiation Theory and Strategy, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Mediation, Arbitration, Advocacy, Writing for Law Review, Legal Drafting, Advanced Legal Writing, Environmental Land Use Regulation and Legal Process. He noted the “remarkable changes” he’s seen in both the law school and the legal profession. For example, his 1972 graduating class at Ohio State University’s law school contained only six women out of 150. Now women average about 50 percent of incoming classes nationwide. Hopperton said this has been one that provided the opportunity to think, analyze, learn and then apply their training in the practice of law, and that it is indeed a “wholesome attitude of service.” He hopes that he’s taught them to be prepared, and to develop a “wholesome attitude of service.” He also talks about advances in technology, the increased role of globalization, and greater emphasis on skills training as developments he’s pleased to see over the years.

Throughout their time in law school, he has asked students to think of themselves as professionals and to aspire “to become the kind of lawyers they’d like to be learned by.” If he could stress one thing to students, it’s that “preparation is part of professionalism.” He hopes that they taught them to prepare, and to develop a “wholesome attitude of service.”

Before coming to Toledo Law, Hopperton served as director of the Law Reform Project, Ohio State University College of Law, assistant director of the Ohio Department of Commerce, and chief of the Ohio-Consumer Protection Division. He also taught at the University of Dayton Law School.

Douglas K. Chapman

During his 28 years on the law faculty, Professor Douglas Chapman has been one of the most popular and appreciated classroom teachers in the building. He was voted “Outstanding Professor,” for example, by 12 different graduating classes.

When asked what he has liked about his time at the law school, Chapman answered, “the people.” He called it a wonderful place to work and said he has made many lifelong friendships among his students. He also mentioned close relationships with many staff members and praised the collegial atmosphere among the faculty.

Chapman joined Toledo Law in 1982, after teaching at Southwestern University in Los Angeles, the University of Tulsa and Ohio Northern University. He taught Federal Income Tax, Federal Estate/Gift Tax, Business Enterprise Tax, Corporate Tax, Estate Planning, Property and Trusts and Estates. In each of these courses, he brought a sense of energy to the classroom and mixed humor with a thorough and practical grounding in the subject. He frequently used real-life hypotheticals to help students understand the practical applications of what he was teaching and to make them think about why a case or doctrine was important. After 35 years of teaching, he still experiences a sense of excitement in the classroom and the fun of watching his students discover new things.

Outside the classroom, Chapman made a difference as well. He was instrumental in forming the Great Lakes Institute and served as its first director. In addition, he provided leadership and service in his years as the College of Law’s associate dean for academic affairs and in his many efforts on behalf of our student recruiting program.

Robert J. Hopperton

Professor Robert J. Hopperton has been with the law school since 1978. He’s served with distinction as both interim dean and associate dean, but teaching is his true passion.

“I can’t imagine a more enjoyable and satisfying career than being a law professor,” he said. “It’s the perfect combination of intellectual challenge, hard work and interaction with students, faculty and staff.”

In his more than 30 years on the faculty, Hopperton has taught Property I and II, Land Use and Development Law, Real Estate Transactions, Negotiation and Settlement, Negotiation Theory and Strategy, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Mediation, Arbitration, Advocacy, Writing for Law Review, Legal Drafting, Advanced Legal Writing, Environmental Land Use Regulation and Legal Process. He noted the “remarkable changes” he’s seen in both the law school and the legal profession. For example, his 1972 graduating class at Ohio State University’s law school contained only six women out of 150. Now, women average about 50 percent of incoming classes nationwide. Hopperton said this has brought a new diversity of viewpoints to the classroom, a change that has made for a more interesting and valuable educational experience.

Carol Frendt

College of Law Honors Assistant Dean Carol Frendt

On Jan. 28, the College of Law community gathered to honor Assistant Dean for Admissions Carol Frendt on the occasion of her retirement after 35 years at the law school. For many, she was the face of the law school. For some, she was the first person they met before admission and the last person they saw after graduation. She worked tirelessly and creatively to guarantee that each year the College of Law would have an entering class of which we could be proud. In presenting her with an Outstanding Service Award, Dean Douglas Ray said, “Carol Frendt is a real ambassador for the College of Law and an important point of contact for our candidates. Whether it’s with the Office of Admission, the Bar Admission Program, or the College’s student groups, Carol has made significant contributions to the success of our law school.”

During her 33 years at the law school, she served as admissions counselor, director of admissions and coordinator of student services. She has been integral to the law school’s growth and success and has built a strong network of alumni and friends. She has also been a vital member of the law school community and has been instrumental in the success of the College of Law.

She has been a tireless advocate for the law school and has worked tirelessly to bring new students to the law school. She has been a mentor to many students and has been a source of support and guidance for them. She has been a valuable asset to the law school and has made significant contributions to its success.

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John A. Barrett Jr.  
Associate Professor

Associate Professor John A. Barrett Jr. just completed his term as president of the Faculty Senate and has begun his term as past president. Barrett said that means in practical terms is that he has spent the year on more than 20 University and College of Law committees and work groups, in addition to his normal teaching, advising and honor court activities. He claims it was a great learning experience and that he now knows more about UT. Barrett also conducted a sold-out wine tasting event for the College of Law Alumni Affiliates in April. The theme was wines you should be drinking more of, and the alumni were treated to a great lineup of some of his favorite grapes. Finally, Barrett wrote a chapter on Joint Venture Governance for the second edition of Joint Ventures in the Legal System by serving as the adviser to the students to explore and promote the use of alternative dispute resolution. She served during the annual conference of the Ohio Mediation Association (OMA). Gibbons has had two articles accepted for publication. Visual Artist Rights Act and the Protection of Digital Works of "Photographs" will be published in the North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology, and Technology Transfer Enough is Never-Enough will be published in the University of Louisville Law Review. In addition, Professor Gibbons spoke or presented papers at the following programs:

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Maara Fink  
Clinical Professor

Clinical Professor Maara Fink recently finished her two-year term as chair of the Northern Ohio Mediation Association, a statewide organization for mediators and mediation advocates. She has been appointed to serve as vice-chair of the Leadership Council for Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio and recently joined the board of The University of Toledo College of Law Alumni Affiliate. Professor Fink presented to several groups and organizations on various topics in alternative dispute resolution. She served as one of several moderators during the fall CLE on The Role of Judges in Mediation and Settlement. She also served as a mediator during the annual conference of the Ohio Mediation Association.

Professor Fink continues to encourage law students to explore and promote the use of alternative dispute resolution methods in our legal system by serving as the adviser to the College of Law ADR Society.

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Susan Martyn  
Stoeppler Professor of Law and Values

Stoeppler Professor of Law and Values Susan Martyn has written (with co-author Lawrence J. Fox) the second edition of their Legal Ethics and Red Flags: A Lawyer’s Handbook on Legal Ethics (ALL-A 2010). Rather than marching through various legal rules theoretically, Red Flags approaches legal ethics from the perspective of a practicing lawyer facing an actual dilemma. The second edition covers topics such as identifying your client, fees, the First & Sixth Amendment, the limits of zealous representation and a new chapter on judicial ethics. Martyn and Fox, a practicing lawyer and adjunct professor of legal ethics at Yale, met 20 years ago as advisors to the American Law Institute’s Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers. They have also written Transcending the Ethical Mindset: Problems, Law and Professional Responsibility (Aspen 2nd ed. 2008); a law school textbook, The Ethics of Representing Organizations: Legal Fusions for Clients (Oxford Press 2009); and a yearly edition of a rules supplement The Law Governing Lawyers: National Rules, Standards, and State Lawyer Codes (Aspen 2010).

Martyn also served as a co-editor of A Century of Legal Ethics: Trial Lawyers and the ABA Canons of Professional Ethics (ABA Litigation Section 2009) contributing her own chapter to the book, titled “Back to the Future: Fiduciary Theory Then and Now.” In December, Martyn and Fox contributed a brief amicus curiae to the United States Supreme Court in the case of Holland v. Florida, on behalf of 30 legal ethics professors and practitioners. The experts’ brief argues that a lawyer’s failure to follow a client’s instruction to file a federal habeas petition constitutes grounds for equitable tolling of the statute of limitations. In August, Martyn will complete her three-year term on the American Association for Law and Ethics and Professional Responsibility.
Assistant Dean

Jessica Mehj ’05

Assistant Dean, who previously served as assistant director of our Law Career Services Office, has been promoted to assistant dean for admissions. In that position, she will oversee student recruiting and law admissions. She is the co-author, with Annelle Geyta, of “Tips and Pointers on Drafting a Resume for a Legal Services Position,” N.D.P. Bulletin, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Jan. 2010).

Kelly A. Moore

Assistant Professor

Lee Pizzimenti

Associate Dean

Lee Pizzimenti participated in a presentation on professionalism and civility at the opening meeting of the Morrison R. Waite Inn of Court. She serves as secretary and a member of the executive committee for that organization. She also served on a CLE panel sponsored by the Toledo Bar Association, which explored ethical and professionalism issues associated with the Internet and social media.

Nicole Porter

Associate Professor

Nicole Porter attended the Conference on the Future of Privacy in Washington, D.C., and an international symposium sponsored by the First Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights. She served as a co-chair of the program and presented at a plenary session on “Managing Research Data and Privacy.”

Geoffrey Rapp

Associate Professor

Geoffrey Rapp, who was granted tenure and promoted to professor effective fall 2010, continued his writing in the area of tort law. He completed a major piece, Defend Against Outrage and the Perils of Para-Somatic Torts, exploring the role of traditional common law defenses in connection with conduct actionable as Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress. The piece addressed broader issues relating to the development of new torts through common law decision-making, and was accepted for publication in the fall 2010 issue of the Georgia Law Review. In addition, Rapp wrote about seven shorter pieces for law journals. In Unannounced Environmental Exposure: Civil Liability for Domestic An aerial and Unmanned Aerial Systems, a contribution to a symposium sponsored by the University of North Dakota Law Review, Rapp explored civil liability concerns should unmanned drones be deployed into the national airspace system. In Salvage Dover on the Somali Coast: Who Pays for Anti-Piracy Escort Services?, a contribution to an American University Law Review symposium on combating piracy, Rapp explored the possibility that public and private efforts to rescue merchant vessels from maritime pirates could trigger admiralty law “salvage” awards. In Blue Sky Stevedores, a contribution to a symposium sponsored by Northwestern University’s Journal of Law and Criminology, Rapp explored whether a disclosure regime modeled on American securities regulation laws could address the problems associated with corporate performance-enhancing substance use in professional sports. In Governance by Whistleblower, a contribution to a symposium sponsored by Chapman University’s Nexus Journal of Law and Policy, Rapp argued that as a result of federal investment in traditional traded companies through the “bailout” legislation, existing federal statutes could be used to provide bonuses for securities fraud whistleblowers.

Rapp spoke at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in New Orleans in Jan. 2010 and gave presentations at DuPaul University in Chicago, Ill., and Stony Brook University in New York. N.J. He was interviewed for CNN (three times), Business Insurance Magazine, The Christian Science Monitor, The New York Times, Toronto’s National Post (six times), and The Washington Times (twice), and was a guest on the Louisville radio station WDRK show The Early Bird.

Douglas Ray

Former Dean

Douglas Ray, with Professors Sharpe and Strickland of Case Western Reserve Law School, has completed work on the third edition of Understanding Labor Law. (LexisNexis), a general treatise for law students and attorneys. The new edition will be published in fall 2010. With Professors Cameron (Southwestern) and Cothren (LSU), he published the 2009 supplement to Labor Management Relations: Strikes, Lockouts, and Boycotts (Thomson West), a treatise for labor law practitioners. In May 2010, he co-chaired and presented at the Center for American and International Law’s four-day Course in Labor Law and Labor Arbitration in Plano, Texas. The program is attended by lawyers from across the country and features presentations from top labor law professors and attorneys. A highlight of this year’s program was a presentation by the Hon. Wilma Lieberman, chair of the National Labor Relations Board. This is the 11th year that Ray has co-chaired the program.

William Richman

Distinguished University Professor

William Richman has been made a life member of the American Law Institute, an honorary status awarded to elected members who have served and supported the institute for 25 years. The class of honorees, who was elected to membership in the ALI in 1985, number about 50. Richman was in good company; the class included three United States Circuit Judges, numerous state appellate court judges and legal scholars, including one who is now president of the University of Rochester.

Richman is finishing his work on a book about the changes in the United States Circuit Courts caused by the growing increase in the volume of appeals filed. The book will be published by the Oxford University Press.

Richman also completed the annual supplement to his multi-volume treatise on personal jurisdiction. His senior co-author, Robert Casad, is no longer active in preparing the supplement, so Richman has recruited Associate Dean Wendy Persad of Georgetown University Law Center as another co-author.

Rob Salem

Clinical Professor

Clinical Professor Rob Salem presented at several symposia and workshops over the past year. He conducted workshops on the law related to school bullying at conferences in Dallas, Texas, and Cleveland, Ohio. He also testified before the Ohio General Assembly on a cyber-bullying bill that he and several Toledo law students helped draft. Salem was also interviewed on a public television program called “In The Life,” which addressed the epidemic of youth suicides related to bullying. The program aired nationally throughout the month of March.

Salem gave a presentation at the annual Ohio State of the State Conference on emerging legal issues affecting Ohio’s transgender community. He spoke on the status of LGBT family and marriage: law in the United States for a continuing legal education seminar at Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law. Salem also gave a presentation on Ohio’s Federal Assault Law at a conference for social workers titled “Sex, HIV and the Law.” Salem was also a co-author of a paper on judicial involvement in media cross-ownership rules that was presented at the Southern Popular Culture Association conference in Wilmington, N.C.

Salem also continues to be a guest lecturer on medical ethics and privacy issues for classes at The University of Toledo College of Medicine.

Joseph Slater

Balk Professor of Law and Values

Balk Professor of Law and Values Joseph Slator continues to teach torts and various classes in the labor and employment law area. He is working on two casebooks: Public Sector Employment: Cases and Materials (2nd ed.) (with Marty Mollin and Ann Hedges) (West); and Labor Law in the Private and Public Sector: Cases and Materials (with Seth Harris, David Gregory, and Anne Lofaso) (LEXIS).


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Lee J. Strang
Associate Professor

Strang reviewed two books for First Amendment: The Promises of Liberty, Promise of Congressional Enforcement, ed. Alexander Tsesis, in the Boston University Law Review and the Thirteenth Amendment Abolitionism and Contemporary Context (Columbia University Press, 2010). She also presented Congressional Enforcements of the Privileges and Immunities of Citizenship and James, the Thirteenth Amendment at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. She was an invited participant at the University of Maryland Constitutional Law Symposium in Feb. 2010.

Meet the Challenge of Change at Thomas M. Cooley School of Law.

Strang, in faculty advisory to the Federal Reserve, assisted organizing-speakers and debates including a panel discussion, "The Upcoming Supreme Court Term, with College of Law faculty. Strang and Barrett participated in a debate hosted by Phi Alpha Delta titled "A Naked Public Square? The Proper Relationship Between Church and State." Strang frequently spoke to civic and political organizations about the Constitution. His most popular talk is an educational seminar on the basics of constitutional history, meaning and modern applications, The U.S. Constitution 101. Strang also regularly commented in the media, especially on health care reform legislation and judicial nominations.

Rebecca E. Zietlow
Charles W. Fornoff Professor of Law and Values

Zietlow also published The Golden Age That Never Was: Catholic Law Schools From 1958-1968 and the Question of Identity (with John M. Breen), in the Journal of Catholic Social Thought. This essay is the first installment of a book project in which Professors Strang and Breen review the history of, and evaluate current conceptions of Catholic legal education. Zietlow reviewed two books for First Amendment: The Promises of Liberty, Promise of Congressional Enforcement, ed. Alexander Tsesis, in the Boston University Law Review and the Thirteenth Amendment Abolitionism and Contemporary Context (Columbia University Press, 2010). She also presented Congressional Enforcements of the Privileges and Immunities of Citizenship and James, the Thirteenth Amendment at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. She was an invited participant at the University of Maryland Constitutional Law Symposium in Feb. 2010.

At present, the long term capital gains tax rate is 15 percent. No matter how you look at it, that’s pretty low, and I doubt that it will ever be lower in my lifetime. I prefer to think of the tax in a more positive light. For every dollar of profit made, you get to keep 85 cents of it. While I don’t know how long the rate will be 15 percent, I would hazard a guess and say that rates are more likely than not to be higher in the foreseeable future. (I hope I’m wrong, but at least I am realistic.) Finally, I advise clients to reinvest net proceeds from a sale; i.e., set aside some of the winnings to pay the tax. In essence, I suggest to them that they are paying the tax from the profit made on the trade, and that the taxes are due, they won’t have to scramble to raise cash to pay them.

It seems that people have a hard time accepting the fact that the government wants a piece of the action. Individuals are willing to make illegal decisions based on the fact that the capital gain will cost them something at tax time. For some reason, people often prefer to take a chance and put off the decision to sell.

A number of years ago, a very wise investment advisor counseled me on a way to look at these dreaded taxes. He pointed out that there are three legal ways to avoid capital gains tax on stock sales. I will briefly run through them now.

The first way is to donate all of your appreciated securities to charity. You would get a tax deduction for your donation and the non-profit organization handles the sale. While this would effectively allow you to avoid the tax, it may leave you with few assets to live on. Most people take a pass on this option.

The second way is to die. When you pass away, your securities portfolio gets a stepped up basis to the date of your death. Your heirs then have to worry about paying taxes. I figured that if you owed Uncle Sam money, you must have made some money. From that point on, I vowed to never complain about them, but simply to pay them and be thankful. At the time, I didn’t have two nickels to rub together, let alone have to worry about paying taxes. I figured that if you owed Uncle Sam money, you must have made money. From that point on, I vowed to never complain about them, but simply to pay them and be thankful that I was in such a position.

I know from experience that clients detest taxes. For me, I look at the government as a business partner and simply accept that it has an interest in my business. In my opinion, taxes are to be considered in making investment decisions. However, they should never be the driving force behind them. Unfortunately, clients do not always agree and look to strategies that avoid the dreaded tax.
Eddie M. Cole was the 2009 Honoree of the African American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio.

The Hon. J. Ronald Bowman was awarded the Community Service Award by the Toledo Bar Association in 2009.

Kenneth I. White Sr. was presented the 2009 Robert A. Kebs Distinguished Service Award by the Toledo Bar Association. Ken will also be honored this fall at the Inverness Club where the Law Alumni Affiliate will present him with the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Stanley M. Krawetz was honored by the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee for his work in 2009 on behalf of poor and indigent clients. He received the Florida Bar’s Pro Bono Service Award. His principal area of practice is family mediation and family law. He has contributed more than 800 hours through Legal Aid of Manasota and his pro bono contribution from the last two years exceeds what most attorneys donate throughout their careers.

Henry Herschel received the 2009 Public Service Commitment Award from the Law Alumni Affiliate at the 2009 Gala Celebration held at the Inverness Club.

R. Jeffrey Bixler was one of four recipients of the 2010 Access to Justice Awards, presented to Toledo on May 26, 2010.

Daniel P. Ruggiero, a partner in the Portsmouth firm of Ruggiero & Haas, has been recognized by Law & Politics as a 2009 Ohio Super Lawyer. He was also appointed by the American College of Trial Lawyers to the State Committee for 2010.

Gary E. Sargent retired from the Office of the General Counsel of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, MD, after 31 years of federal service as an attorney. Before retiring, he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Robert E. Wisnewski was awarded the Exemplary Pro Bono Award by Phoenix College in recognition of his ongoing dedication and support.

Susan Goldstein is the author of a Hollywood murder mystery titled “Hollywood Forever” that is scheduled to be released in hardcover in January 2011.

Thomas W. Kohl was re-elected to his third six-year term as presiding judge in Washington County, Ohio. Alan Sankin is currently vice president of tax and treasury at Doctor Laboratories Inc. in San Francisco. In May 2010, he was awarded the Tax Executive Institute’s first Pro Bono service award for his activities as a volunteer lawyer for a not-for-profit group, Lawyers for One America in San Rafael, Calif.

Thomas K. Byerley was appointed term judge of the Eaton County (Michigan) Probate Court for a term expiring January 2011.

Patricia S. Intagliata will be recognized at the 2010 Law Alumni Gala held at the Inverness Club held at the Inverness Club.

The Hon. Norman G. Murray K. Lenson was sworn in as a judge on the Pennsylvania State Trial Court in Fort Wayne, Ind. In September 2009, he was the featured speaker for the Indiana State University’s Department of Criminal Justice of the American College of Trial Lawyers in Indianapolis, and in October, he was a participant in the American Conference Institute’s ERISA litigation forum in New York City.

Douglas W. Densmore, a partner with the Roanoke Va.-based Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, has been named 2010 Roanoke “Banking Lawyer of the Year” by The Best Lawyers in America.

Mark J. Albrecht has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Family Justice Center of Hilsborough County (Fla.). The Family Justice Center is a community-wide collaborative between public, private and non-profit organizations to provide comprehensive services to domestic violence victims and their families in a centralized location.

Daniel G. Bogden, currently a partner in the Nevada law firm of Donald Carano Wilson, was nominated by President Obama to serve as United States Attorney for the District of Nevada.

Louis T. Bolognini is senior vice president and secretary and general counsel for Imperial Sugar Company in Sugar Land, Texas. In addition to managing the company’s legal affairs, he serves as primary legal advisor to the CEO and president, the company’s senior management team and the board of directors.

Stephen M. Danner will assume the role of president of the Toledo Bar Association for 2010-11. Steve also received the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award from The University of Toledo College of Law Alumni Affiliate. His law firm of Reiman & Danner was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award in Fair Housing by the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs. Kevin Greenfield, a partner in the law firm of Shaffer & Robinson, a Greenfield & Greenfield and director of the Ohio Harmless Horseman’s Society, was appointed by Governor Ted Strickland to the Ohio Standardized Development Commission.

The Hon. Thomas J. Osovik was elected presiding judge of the Sixth District Court of Appeals through December 2010. Judge Osovik was also honored by serving as a visiting judge on the Supreme Court of Ohio and heard oral arguments in an Allen County (Ohio) attorney discipline case.

Kurt Reiber, senior vice president for KeyBank, was recognized as a community hero by receiving the first Community Champions Award in Cincinnati, Ohio, for his years of dedicated service to the Freestore Foodbank. He is also the chairman of the Foodbank’s Board of Trustees.

Mark J. Albrecht has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Family Justice Center of Hilsborough County (Fla.). The Family Justice Center is a community-wide collaborative between public, private and non-profit organizations to provide comprehensive services to domestic violence victims and their families in a centralized location.

Michael O’Mara joined Holland & Knight’s San Diego office as a partner in the Antitrust practice group.

Ralph DiLeone is the managing partner at the DiLinee Law Group, a Raleigh-based law firm which concentrates in business, corporate, estate-planning and estate-administration matters for U.S. and international middle-market, closely-held and family-owned businesses as well as individual clients.

Denise Handbock of the Toledo firm of Rootzel & Andress, has been selected as an Ohio Super Lawyer by Law and Politics magazine, Columbus Monthly magazine and Cincinnati magazine.
### CLASS NOTES

#### 1986

Neema Bell, a partner in the Detroit office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, was selected as an honoree of the 2010 YMCA Milestones: A Tribute to Women, a leadership recognition award ceremony in its 19th year.

Steven Pacitti has recently been named managing partner of the Los Angeles office of Feldman Nagel & Pacitti. Steve works in general transactional law with an emphasis in sports and entertainment and tax. He has also been appointed to the advisory board for the University of Baltimore School of Law’s Center for Sports and the Law and spoke at the ABA Young Lawyers’ Regional conference on IP and sports law.

#### 1987

Terrence Finn, a partner in the Akron law firm of Rostezel & Andress, was named a “Leading U.S. Attorney” in Chambers USA, a leading website for business lawyers directory.

#### 1988

David B. Chontos was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Shane A. Farolino a partner at the Akron law firm of Rostezel & Andress, was named “Leading U.S. Attorney” in Chambers USA, America’s Leading Business Lawyers Directory.

### CLASS NOTES

#### 1989

Thomas C. French is a partner in the Atlanta office of Ford & Harrison, focusing his practice on the representation of management in both labor and employment matters with a concentration on representing carriers.

Christopher L. Mapses is the executive vice president of the water heating equipment manufacturer A. O. Smith Corp., and president of its electrical products unit. He was elected to the board of directors of Lincoln Electric Holdings Inc. of Cleveland.

#### 1990

James J. Jaros is currently the OJD and general counsel of SSOE, Inc. in Toledo.

#### 1991

James DeMatteo started his own law office in Buffalo, N.Y., concentrating on personal injury and criminal defense.

Sherry A. Aronsehn’s Litigation Practice.

### CLASS NOTES

#### 1992

John R. Condren, a partner at the Buffalo, N.Y., firm of Rupp, Baune, Palfrugger, Cunningham & Coppola, has been re-appointed to serve a second two-year term as the chairperson of the Town of Amherst Board of Ethics. He concentrates his practice in insurance coverage and insurance defense litigation.

Mui-Ling Dung served on the panel of presenters for the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity: Strategies for Success in the Workplace, held at The University of Toledo in spring 2010.

#### 1993

The Hon. Gregg P. Iddings was appointed by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm in March 2009 to the Lenawee County Probate Court. Judge Iddings has also completed his fifth Ironman Triathlon in St. George, Utah.

#### 1994

Christi Scott Barmton received her Ph.D. in policy history from Bowling Green State University in fall 2009. Her dissertation was titled “Lawfare: Use of the Definition of Aggressive War by the Soviet and Russian Governments.”

#### 1995

Jennifer A. Belt was elected to serve on the Board of Independent Advocates, a social organization focusing on violence against women.

Ingrid A. Effman accepted a position as staff counsel within the law offices of Laurie Ogden for Traveler’s Insurance Company. She practices in the area of insurance defense and civil litigation.

#### 1996

Myron Duhart was honored by the Toledo Bar Association with the 2005 20 Under 40 Award, which focuses on individuals under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their careers or service in the community.

#### 1997

Jennifer M. Greico joined the Southfield, Mich., firm of Neuman Anderson as partner. She was sworn in as president of the Oakland County Bar Association for a one-year term and her daughter, Meadow Rose Burch, was born on June 1, 2009.

Andrea Kimball has joined the firm of Rosensexual, Nath and Rosenthal in the Kansas City office as a member of Sonnenblick’s Litigation Practice.

#### 1998

Joel McGormley, an appellate division chief of the Michigan Department of Attorney General, argued before the United States Supreme Court on Renico v. Lett, a habeas case arising from a Michigan murder conviction.

Jodie Miller is a hearing officer with the North Carolina Employment Security Commission who handles appeals cases in Raleigh.

#### 1999

Mohamed Abdurrahb received the 2009 Outstanding New Exemplar Award from the Law Alumni Affiliate at the 2009 Gala Celebration held at the Inverness Club.

Chad R. Baker was honored by the Toledo Bar Association with the 2005 20 Under 40 Award, which focuses on individuals under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their careers or service in the community.

Joshua R. Bills was elected partner of the firm’s Labor & Employment Practice Group and co-wrote the Healthcare Labor & Employment Practice Guide, which was recently published by the American Health Lawyers Association.

#### 2000

Angelita Cruz Bridges has been appointed by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to the Board of Sylvania Compensation Committee.

#### 2001

Kevin Cooper has been named as secretary of the Toledo Bar Association’s Workers’ Compensation Committee.

#### 2002

Jennifer A. Cooney has been appointed magistrate in the Warren County (Ohio) Juvenile Court.

Julie Hoffman was named to the Board of Sylviae (Ohio) Schools.

Gerald L. Trepkovsky has accepted a position with the Navy Office of General Counsel supporting the First Joint Strike Fighter program. Jerry will also be honored this fall at the Inverness Club’s Toledo Law Alumni Affiliates will present him with the Outstanding New Exemplar Award. All this and a new baby girl, Natalya Irene, born to him and his wife, Rose, on June 17, 2010.

#### 2003

Timothy Marsh has accepted a position as patent Counsel with Exxon Mobile in Houston, Texas.

Tyler B. Smith has opened his new firm in Huntington, W.Va.

Drew J. Mihalik was named partner at the Fitzgerald law firm in Findlay, Ohio, remaining it Fitzgerald & Mihalik. He and his wife Lydia have two children, JL and Elizabeth.

Emily W. Newman was selected in 2009 Who’s Who in Area Law, The Toledo Business Journal recently included Emily among the top 100 attorneys in northwestern Ohio. Emily practices in Reminger’s Toledo office, where her areas of concentration are general insurance, professional liability, mortgage banking and medical malpractice.

Carla Perrotta and her husband, Mark, welcomed their second child, Francesca Sofia. She joins big sister, Elena Lucia. Carla practices transactional information technology law at Miller,
Canfield, Paddock and Stone in Detroit. In addition, she was named to Leadership Oakland’s 2009-2010 Class, a nine-month networking and training program that develops participants’ leadership skills, explores key issues impacting the region, and empowers participants to reach their full potential professionally, personally and in the community.

Stephen Persia, an associate in the Akron office of Rostell & Andress, focuses his practice in the area of civil litigation with an emphasis on general liability defense, toxic tort and transportation litigation.

Melinda Slusser was hired as superintendent of the Otsego County (Mich.) Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Rhonda White is an assistant attorney general in the Appellate Division of the Criminal Justice Section, Denver, Colo. Her division represents the State of Colorado when defendants appeal criminal convictions to the Colorado Court of Appeals and the Colorado Supreme Court.

Sara Wiesniak has been appointed by Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray to associate general counsel for The University of Toledo and Ohio assistant attorney general.

Laura Gross has joined Gunster Attorneys at Law, as an associate in the firm’s West Palm Beach, Fla., office. She will concentrate her area of practice in business litigation.

Shelly Musshiel Kennedy was sworn in as president of the Toledo Women’s Bar Association. She is a staff attorney for Judge James D. Jensen ’69, of the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas.

Robert D. Smith Jr. was sworn in as an officer of the Dearborn, Mich., Police Department. His contributions to the Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults (VASI).

Karl E. Strauss received the Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under at the Ohio State Bar Association District 4 Annual Meeting. Karl has joined Mercy Health Partners in Toledo as in-house legal counsel.

Jessica Heilmann Mehl, the former assistant director of law career services and public service coordinator, has been named the new assistant dean for law admissions at the law school.

Jennifer D. Peake of the law firm of Stewart, Evans & Gormley of Vero Beach, Fla., has been appointed as counsel for The Indian River County, Florida Hospital District.

Jostyn D. Shapiro joined the Las Vegas firm of Olson, Cannon, Gormley & Desruisseaux.

Courtney J. Trimmec has joined the Cleveland office of Remerio Co., LPA and will focus on professional liability, commercial, casualty and employment matters with an emphasis on the defense of professional liability and catastrophic injury disputes.

Kyle B. Gee serves as law clerk to The Hon. Penny L. Blackwell, administrative judge of the Orphans’ (Probate) Court Division in York County, Penn. Kyle is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Ohio.

Stephanie Hanna has been appointed as co-chair of the CSA Minorities in the Law Committee, in Columbus, Ohio. She will be responsible for putting on the minority summer clerkship program.

David Hudson has joined the Sandusky and Toledo offices of Reminger Co., LPA and will focus his legal practice in the areas of general litigation, including medical malpractice, commercial liability, transportation litigation, general insurance and workers’ compensation.

Serena L. Lipski and Beth M. Szczepanik have joined the Toledo office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick as associates. Serena joined the employment and labor practice group, and Beth joined the real estate practice group.

Miyuki P. Oshima joined the law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn in Detroit, Mich. She will concentrate her area of practice in “green” construction.

Rick Hanrahan, in collaboration with other professionals and Toledo Law graduates, recently launched a new legal education Web site called LegalFlip.com. LegalFlip.com provides free user and graphic friendly articles on the law to the public, and continues to expand its internet presence.

Ann M. Hunt is currently a second-year associate with the law firm of McDonald Hopkins LLC in Cleveland, Ohio. Her practice focuses mainly on commercial disputes, products liability and construction litigation. This past year, Ann received LEED Associate accreditation and she looks forward to growing a practice area in green construction.

In Memoriam

Charles R. Testa ’42
David D. Wester ’42
John C. Purdue ’49
Milton A. Netter Jr. ’51
Gene W. Graves ’59
John E. Wagoner ’65
John W. Martin ’69
Jan K. Teague ’69
Judy R. Bailey ’70
Perry F. Driscoll ’70
Peter J. Collins ’72
Richard E. Shea ’72
Richard L. Steinfeld ’72
David W. Content ’76
Gregory W. Grover ’76
James W. Milton ’76
Richard T. Truitt ’76
Charles G. Andrews ’79
Thomas F. Zachman ’79
Carol M. Marshall ’80
Gary Dean Bishop ’86
Karen S. Cleveland ’87
Ruth M. Gulas ’87
Brian L. Lambrix ’91
Keith A. Keisser ’93
Melissa B. Dallas ’95
Leonard A. Samuelson ’07

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A Note from your Law Alumni Affiliate President

As a member of The University of Toledo College of Law Alumni Affiliate, I appreciate each opportunity I have to interact with our law school faculty, staff, students and fellow alumni. I am honored to serve as your Law Alumni Affiliate President for 2010-2011.

This past year, the Law Alumni Affiliate sponsored many exciting and entertaining events and programs. These were well received by our fellow alumni and their families. Planning has already begun for this year’s activities. We hope you are able to enjoy one or more of these, including the Law Alumni Gala that is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010.

With the financial support of many of our fellow alumni, this year your Law Alumni Affiliate implemented a new tradition for those who follow in our footsteps at the College of Law. Immediately following the May graduation ceremony, we presented each graduating student with a specially-engraved Scales of Justice. Since then, many of our newest alums have written to express their thanks and appreciation for receiving this personalized gift. This program has the potential to have a lasting impact for our students, alumni and the College of Law. If you would like to learn more about how you can be part of this tradition, please contact your Law Alumni Affiliate.

This year saw the retirement of Professors Bruce Campbell, Doug Chapman and Bob Hopperton. On behalf of the Law Alumni Affiliate, I thank each of these beloved professors for their years of teaching and service to the College of Law.

Finally, I would like to thank Chad Tuchman for his leadership during his term as president of the Law Alumni Affiliate and Doug Ray for his leadership during his tenure as dean of the Law School. I commend both for their commitment to the College of Law.

Your Law Alumni Affiliate Board and I look forward to working with you this year. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, you can contact me through the Alumni Office at 419.530.3595.

Michelle L. Kranz ‘93
President, Law Alumni Affiliate

Letter from your Development Chair

As the fall semester approaches, I am reminded, with fondness, of my first day at The University of Toledo College of Law — seeking out the posting of our first reading assignments, meeting new classmates, briefing my first tort case and enjoying the fall pig roast. Many years later, I continue to appreciate the tremendous educational opportunity I had at our College of Law, and I hope you do, as well. That education served as the departure point for a challenging and rewarding professional career that I cherish.

I now have the privilege of serving as the chair of Development Committee for our Alumni Affiliate. Great economic times are challenging, which is why this committee must actively reach out to you for assistance. Our College of Law has not been spared budget cuts and needs your financial assistance more than ever. Cuts impact the very heart of the general budget. For our College of Law to produce the next generation of great attorneys, we need your time, talents and, yes, your financial donations. All of us have the opportunity to continue to drive our College of Law to continued success and help create a learning environment worthy of the tremendous students preparing to start this school year.

Very simply, there are needs within our College of Law on many levels and in many programs. There is no gift too small, and all will be warmly welcomed. As some of our favorite and most dedicated professors retire, now is the perfect time to make a contribution in celebration of and gratitude for their long and distinguished careers. Please consider a gift of $1,000, $500, $250, $100 or whatever you believe is equal to your interest and ability. Every gift will have a positive impact on our College of Law. Your generous contributions will be put to work immediately and, if you have special directed requests, those will be honored to the extent possible.

The Alumni Affiliate is enthusiastically working to hold a wide variety of fun and engaging events, and we hope to see you at an event very soon. Of course, I would personally welcome the opportunity to discuss any contribution you might consider making and the impact it will have on The University of Toledo College of Law. Please consider this your invitation to reminisce a little about your law school days and consider a way to help today’s students.

Michelle L. Kranz ’93
President, Law Alumni Affiliate

Bruce M. Stone ’96
President, Law Alumni Affiliate

You Can Open Doors!

As alumni and friends of the law school, you are uniquely positioned to make a difference in the lives of our students and to affect the trajectory of their careers. You can help them find opportunities, guide them and create connections for them. Among the ways you can help are:

- Hire Them
- We have students with outstanding talent, a great work ethic and a commitment to making a difference. If you have an opening, consider bringing in a Toledo Law student, whether for a full-time position, a part-time position, project work or an externship.

Encourage Your Office to Consider Them

Your success and your work ethic will make you very credible when you encourage your firm or office to consider current Toledo Law students. We offer on-campus interviews, video interviews and a résumé collection service.

Be a Mentor and Provide Informational Interviews

Your career may have been aided by timely advice from just the right person at just the right time. You can be “just the right person” for current Toledo Law students. Join our National Alumni Online Network and agree to provide our students with advice about and insights into your specialty, your region and your practice. Mentors provide advice by e-mail, by phone and in office visits. Some join our Pathways to Success Program and allow students to shadow them through a day of work. However you choose to help, you will be a wonderful resource and, through your engagement, a wonderful role model.

Be on the Lookout for Opportunities

Talk to colleagues and contacts and help us find opportunities. When you hear of an opportunity that might be suitable for a new or a recent grad, please pass on the news to us by e-mailing heather.karns@utoledo.edu with any contact information we can share. Opportunities come in many forms, and we hope you’ll pass on any job opportunity that might be suitable for a law grad. Although most law grads choose to practice law in the traditional sense, many people find satisfaction in “destination careers,” which allow them to use their skills without practicing law.

Promote Toledo Law

Make sure that people know you attended Toledo Law. When they like you, they’ll like us. Help us create opportunities for students and networking opportunities for alumni by agreeing to host an alumni reception or by assisting us with arrangements. You will make new friends, and the students we invite will learn a great deal. Create Connections

Introduce our students to others in your community. Take them to bar meetings, Advise them on the best organizations to join and how to make a difference. Show them social service opportunities that will help them meet good people and do good for the community.

Visit the Law School and Share Your Experiences

Students are eager to hear about your working world and especially enjoy learning about specialty career fields and how best to prepare for them.

Today’s job market is a challenge. Toledo Law students can still find the careers of their dreams, but it will take all of us working together. We look forward to partnering with you and thank you in advance for your support!

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Sept. 11: Law Alumni Reunion & Recognition Gala, Inverness Country Club (6-10 p.m.)
Sept. 22: Federalist Society Speaker, Kurt Lash, University of Illinois Alumni Distinguished Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Program on Constitutional Theory, History and Law (noon)
Sept. 30: Michigan Law Alumni Event hosted by Stephen Afendoulis ’82 and Varnum Law Firm, Grand Rapids, MI (4:30-6 p.m.)
Oct. 6: Stranahan Speaker, Dr. Arthur C. Brooks, President of the American Enterprise Institute (noon)
Oct. 12: Third Annual Supreme Court Preview (noon)
Oct. 21: Annual Fornoff Competition Finals (noon)
Oct. 28: Washington DC Law Alumni Event (details coming soon)
Nov. 5: Annual Water Conference (application has been made for 4.5 CLE hrs.)
Nov. 10: Federalist Society Speaker, Ted Frank, President of the Center for Class Action Fairness (noon)