Toledo Law Alumni in solo and small firm practice
As you may have heard, I have accepted the position of dean of the College of Law for the next three years. (See story Page 4.) I am honored and humbled to take this post. It is a wonderful opportunity to assume a new role with students, faculty, staff, and the many alumni I know so well. My affection for this school and its community and a desire to serve the institution that has been my professional home for so long contributed greatly to this decision.

Having been a member of the faculty for 26 years and interim dean this past year, I think it is fair to say that the transition should be a smooth one. Rather than learning the lay of the land, I can focus immediately on making the College of Law an even better place. I will be aided by a gifted group of associate and assistant deans and other administrative staff, all of whom will continue.

We have a great assemblage of students, faculty, and staff, and provide a truly excellent education at an affordable price. I had lunch with several current students recently and was delighted to hear how happy they are with their education here.

Any place can be made better, of course, and I have several goals for the next three years. One is to add to a very talented faculty. At a seminar for new deans this past June (at which all of the reading material came from our Law Review’s dean’s leadership issues!), one of the speakers said, “The faculty is your legacy.” If that is the case, I could step down now with my legacy assured. Two terrific new teachers and scholars joined us last year, with three more coming this fall. They have outstanding backgrounds; four of the five clerked for judges on the U.S. Courts of Appeals, for example. They show all indications of being wonderful teachers who will continue the College of Law’s tradition of teaching excellence. They join other successful recent hires. We plan to add a health law specialist in fall 2012 and have a University commitment to replace any faculty who may leave.

Second, I plan to work to enhance the reputation and ranking of the college. In a competitive market, we need to make every effort to bring in top-flight matriculants, and our new admissions dean is off to a great start. We will soon add a communications director to get the word out about our accomplishments and to further enhance our excellent speaker series.

I am looking forward to several building improvements. We renovated the first-floor bathrooms this summer. And while I know how attached our graduates are to their burlap benches, I am committed to giving the auditorium, including its technology, a thorough overhaul. All of this and other priorities, such as scholarship support, takes money (and offers naming opportunities). We will be stepping up development efforts, including our participation in The University of Toledo’s capital campaign, and will have the help of a new principal gifts officer (Page 4). One of my personal objectives is to boost our alumni giving percentage. Participation doesn’t necessarily take a large amount of money — just an expression of connection and a pride in the place that helped you on your way.

We are grateful for the resources the University has promised in support of these efforts. With your help, too, I think the next few years will be an exciting time for the College of Law, with the opportunity for significant improvement in many areas.

I have very much enjoyed the messages of congratulations from many of you, and they have helped confirm my decision to become dean. No matter when you graduate, I will need your help and will welcome your participation in whatever way you feel comfortable. In return, I will do my utmost to make The University of Toledo College of Law a place of which we can all be proud.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Steinbock

Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values
The University of Toledo College of Law Dean
Daniel J. Steinbock named dean

Daniel J. Steinbock, who had been leading The University of Toledo College of Law on an interim basis for the past year, has been selected to serve as dean for the next three years. Steinbock, who had been leading the college on an interim basis for the past year, has been selected to serve as dean for the next three years. Steinbock said it would be his goal to spread the word about UT College of Law, bring wider attention to the nationally and internationally renowned law faculty, and highlight the rich learning environment available for students. “I’m honored to be selected and excited for the opportunities for the College of Law that lie ahead,” Steinbock said. “I have been a member of this faculty for 26 years, and I know firsthand the strong teaching and scholarship that goes on here. I also know the outstanding graduates we produce.”

Steinbock said he planned to continue his work of the past year to further enhance the college’s reputation and its relationships with the legal community and bar associations, and to prepare for the college’s upcoming capital campaign. Since 2004, Steinbock has served as Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values. He has taught Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Immigration Law, Administrative Law, and Trial Practice. Before coming to UT, he taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo and Seattle University. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Yale University.

Before entering law teaching, Steinbock worked as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Constance Baker Motley of the Southern District of New York, as a public defender with the Legal Aid Society in state and federal courts in New York City, and as associate and executive director of Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York.

Steinbock served as education coordinator in Cambodian refugee camps in Thailand for the International Rescue Committee and is co-author of Unaccompanied Children: Care and Protection in Wars, Natural Disasters and Refugee Movements (Oxford University Press, 1987), whose recommendations were adopted by United Nations agencies.

He also has written law review articles and book chapters about refugee children, refugee law, search and seizure, identity documentation, and data mining. He has been a member of the Ohio Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure. Steinbock is married to Laurie Jackson, his undergraduate and law degrees from Yale University.

Barbara Tartaglia to serve as College of Law principal gifts officer

Barbara Tartaglia, a 2L at Toledo Law, was invited to speak at the 2011 Spring Conference of the Ohio Association of Magistrates. Her presentation, “Social Networking and the Ohio Rules of Evidence,” was given on April 28. The subject is part of a series that has been written for The University of Toledo Law Review.

Democko ’12 delivers presentation on social networking to conference of Ohio Association of Magistrates

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Democko was recommended to the conference by Professor Beth Elder, and spoke for about 90 minutes. Although the presentation was intended to cover several aspects of social networking and the law, she was able to complete only about half of her presentation due to the many audience questions. The attorneys and magistrates in attendance were interested in more information as it pertained to specific cases they had encountered.

Democko’s Note, titled “Is the Writing on the Facebook Wall? [No Need to Wrestle with the Rules on Authentication],” will be published in volume 42 number 2 of the Law Review, due out in December 2011.

News from the Office of Professional Development

T he Office of Professional Development continued its strong programming and student service schedule this past year with Toledo Law alumni. Kelly J. Tomlinson, ’96 serving as Intern Assistant Director and Pro Bono Coordinator.

Kelly has both a public sector and private firm background, and has also taught on an intern basis in our legal clinic. Having someone on board with that skill set has been invaluable,” said Assistant Dean Heather S. Karns.

One of the Office of Professional Development’s new initiatives is engaging 1Ls in the strategic planning process. This includes deadlines for completion of resumes, writing samples and cover letters, as well as requiring 1L attendance at a talk on the state of the legal economy early in the fall semester. In addition to its regular programming, the office addressed topics such as Networking, Building a Marketing Plan, and Social Media Implications. It also brought in Susan Gainen, a national expert in the area of Alternative Legal Careers. Ms. Gainen addressed ways students can use their law degrees outside of the traditional practice of law. “With the legal economy as it is, students should look at all possibilities and opportunities. This helps to widen their scope,” Gainen said.

Seger ’11 wins first place in national writing competition

Nick Seger of the Toledo Law class of 2011, won first place in the Fourth Annual 2011 Embryo Law Writing Competition, sponsored by Nightlight Christian Adoptions. The competition is conducted to raise awareness and increase interest in embryo donation and adoption. Seger won a prize of $2,500 for his scholarly position paper, written in response to the provided problem.
Karren ’11 finds opportunity with presidential management fellows program

Cleveland Karren ’11, 2010-2011 Student Bar Association President and Dean’s Award recipient, was selected for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management’s Presidential Management Fellows program. Karren will work on the legislative staff of the Department of Veteran Affairs in Washington, D.C. The PMF program has been in existence since 1977 and places outstanding graduate students in paid two-year positions with federal agencies.

UT Law student Carty moonlights as NY Times sportswriter

When third-year law student Jim Carty (December 2010) was not busy last fall with his classes and his duties as an articles editor of The University of Toledo Law Review, he worked as a freelance sportswriter for The New York Times, covering University of Michigan football. His story, “Sophomore Leads Michigan Past Irish,” was published last September.

Toledo Law Review, he worked as a management fellows program, Karren will work on the legislative staff of the Department of Veteran Affairs in Washington, D.C. The PMF program has been in existence since 1977 and places outstanding graduate students in paid two-year positions with federal agencies.

Named a “Best Value Law School” for third year!

In August, The University of Toledo College of Law was named a Best Value Law School by National Jurist magazine for the third year in a row. We take pride in keeping tuition at affordable levels and having above-average employment rates and bar results. The 2010 list appears below. National Jurist will publish the 2011 list in late September.

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Wittenberg ’11 publishes article in ABA student TIPSters newsletter

Recent graduate Nicholas Wittenberg ’11 interviewed Mike Walker ’77, a veteran attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, for the October 2010 issue of the ABA’s Student TIPSters magazine. The article, titled “Conversations with Counsel: Walking with Mike – Guiding You Through a Summer Clerkship,” was co-authored by Vermont School of Law student Thomas King.

Students, professors and staff join for successful bowling fundraiser

On January 13, Toledo Law students, professors and staff participated in the “Gutter Madness” bowling fundraiser at Bowlero Lanes, raising $1,180 to help a current law student pay substantial medical bills. It was also an opportunity for students to network and have fun with their professors. J.D.L. and WLSA organized the event, which concluded with an after-party at Chuck’s on Monroe.
Toledo’s law and leadership students win in Moot Court competition

Students in the Law and Leadership Institute (LLI) sponsored by the College of Law won the 9th- and 10th-grade divisions at a Moot Court Competition in Dayton on March 19. The students were coached by Toledo Law students who spent the last academic year teaching the LLI students about First Amendment rights in public schools.

The Law and Leadership Institute is a statewide initiative that inspires and prepares students from underserved communities for post-secondary and professional success through a comprehensive four-year academic program in law, leadership, analytical thinking, problem solving, writing skills, and professionalism. Students enroll in LLI the summer before they begin 9th grade and attend a five-week LLI Summer Institute held at The University of Toledo College of Law or another Ohio law school. LL2 programming continues for admitted students throughout the four years of high school and includes internships in law offices, college tours, college admission test preparation, mock trial, and moot court competitions, among other activities. Toledo’s LLI 9th-grade and 10th-grade teams each took first place in the regional moot court competition in Dayton.

The 9th-grade defense team, coached by Lindsey Groome and Zack Hohl, was awarded best overall 9th-grade team and named as competition champion. The 10th-grade plaintiff team, coached by Terrell Ratliff and Cleveland Karren, was awarded best overall 10th-grade team and named as competition champion.

Professor Marilyn Preston, director of the Toledo LLI, said, "We are very proud of these students. They worked hard and their efforts paid off.”

Ann Elick retires after 27 years

Ann Elick has been keeping alumni connected with the law school for 27 years. She joined the University in 1980 and worked at the College of Law since 1984. On January 11, law school faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community gathered to congratulate Ann on her retirement. Assistant Dean Heather Kates said during her remarks, "Ann has a way of making each person feel as though he/she was the most important person in the room.” The College of Law was fortunate to have someone like Ann serving on the front line.

Smitley ’11 named one of “Coolest Entrepreneurs”

Kyle Smitley ’11, founder of the eco-friendly clothing line barley & birch, continues to win accolades for the company she started while a law student. Last February she was featured as the "Greatest Person of the Day" on the Huffington Post website. Ms. Smitley was also named by Inc. magazine as one of the 30 Coolest Entrepreneurs Under 30 and by FORTUNE magazine as a top-25 finalist for its 10 Most Powerful Women Entrepreneurs.
Married – with law studies

My married people go to law school, and at a fair number start law school single and find a spouse among their fellow students. But few married couples decide to enter law school and go through the entire three or four years together. That’s a lot of togetherness, and it’s a good idea or a bad one? The Transcript decided to interview three couples who attended Toledo Law together to get their “take” on the experience. Here are their reactions.

“I think that’s the nice thing about going through law school together. We always knew why the other one was busy and understood what the other one was going through,” says Kelly Tomlinson ’06.

She and her husband Corey ’06 had planned on getting married after they finished their first year, but made the decision to have the wedding two weeks before classes began once they realized what a challenge it would be to plan a wedding during their first year of law school. Before she decided to enter law school, Kelly was planning to enter pharmaceutical sales. During a trip to Paris, Corey suggested she take the LSAT. “What’s the worst that could happen?” he asked her. Kelly took the test and wound up getting a full scholarship to UT.

The Tomlinsons found the environment at UT to be a perfect fit for them as a couple. “The atmosphere here was no different. As a lot of other schools, it was either combative or awkward. And here it feels totally normal—a felt right. People were friendly: the faculty, the students who we talked to,” Corey said.

Reflecting on how law school affected their relationship, Corey said, “You sort of observe what the process does to other couples when they’re not going through it together. It can be a very divisive experience in a relationship because of how demanding it can be. A spouse will often feel neglected. The great thing about doing it together is that neither of us had time to feel neglected.” He feels that it’s actually better to go through law school with your significant other. “We understand each other a lot better because we have this common shared experience,” Kelly says.

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Like the Tomlinsons, the Leavitts feel the advantage of going through it together is that you understand what the other person is going through. In addition to the academic stimulation, there is a competitive atmosphere in law school and many of subcategories within that environment. Having someone by your side who understands this is advantageous.

As for how it affected their relationship, “We debated more than we did in the past. He’s become a better arguer,” Sydney says. “It’s also helped me have more respect for each other, knowing how difficult it is and seeing how well each other has done,” she adds.

What really makes attending school together work for the Leavitts, explains Doug, is that “We have different interests in your case that day because they are not giving the other one a hard time and do what you need to do,” and “I know you need this time to study and what you need to do,” and not giving the other one a hard time about that.

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Doug took the leap into law school with his wife after having been in the working world for 14 years. It was nerve-racking, but “It’s one of the best decisions that I’ve made with her,” he says. The Leavitts had never worked together before this, but they found, he adds, that “We have different interests and strengths which tend to come together pretty well.”

The couples both noted that while attending law school together they have remained individuals and have their own unique experiences. They rarely take the same classes, share books or study together. They participate in different extracurricular activities and have their own jobs. They often study independently due to different approaches in study habits. “The two of us have worked well together in doing everything a little bit differently,” Doug says.

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Like the Leavitts, the Tomlinsons, marketing and advertising, the复印机 company and the office furniture store.

One of the biggest challenges for the Leavitts was that they were both in the workforce. As for how they support each other to achieve their goals, “You have to make sure that you each know what your goals are and where you’re planning on going,” Sydney explains.

Like Doug Leavitt, Rory Keillor ’11 has fond memories of time spent with his wife while they were attending law school together. Both graduated in May 2011. Aside from the birth of their children, the most memorable part for Rory was spending the second floor of the law library during finals week.

The Keillors faced the added challenge of expecting a child during their first year. It wound up working out so well that they decided to have their second child while they were still in school. They were able to stagger their schedules so that one of them was always home with their daughters.

The Keillors, like the Tomlinsons, remark that UT was a good fit for them and their family. “Being in a smaller school where you know who you are as individuals and know your situation really ended up being beneficial for us,” Jennifer Keillor explains.

Rory came from a family of lawyers and always knew that was his career goal. His wife, Jennifer, chose law later. The Keillors had been married for a year when they came to UT. They had worked together previously. Jennifer said that working together was never a problem because they are the kind of couple who get along better the more time they spend together. “It depends on the couple and how strong the relationship is, each person’s individual personality and the dynamic of the couple.”

All three couples say they would recommend jointly attending law school to other married couples. They also all agree that relationships where one person is not in law school are harder to maintain because the other feels left out, often not understanding the rigors of law school. Going through this process together produces a shared understanding and support for each other.

While each couple had a slightly different experience and faced their own unique challenges, they all agree that it is a huge benefit to be working toward common goals and to be able to relate to what their partner is going through.

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Since the program’s inception, Steinbock went on to commend services, and nonprofit work. Dean was spent in public defender, legal jobs, and nonprofit work. Dean Steinbock’s professional career was logged by law students. Stephen M. Dan, Toledo Bar Association President and partner in the law firm of Reltman & Dane, offered an inspiring message. It doesn’t matter where we all end up in our careers; there is always room for good work. “You aren’t ever in a situation where we all end up in our careers; there is always room for good work.”

College of Law connects with China

Over the past few years the College of Law has taken the opportunity to connect with law students and law schools in China. As Chinese business investment in the United States increases, it is important to have ongoing engagement with our Chinese counterparts. The path was blazed by Professor Llew Gibbons, who taught intellectual property at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan as a Fulbright Scholar in 2007 and 2008. He was followed in 2009 by Professor Bruce Kennedy, after Fulbright Scholar, who taught property and commercial law in Wuhan. Before that, Dean Daniel J. Steinbock welcomed the crowd to what he called “one of the nicest events of the year.”

On April 14, 2011, Trish Branam, College of Law Dean Daniel J. Steinbock announced the recipients of Public Service Awards. The College of Law has continually sought new ways of engaging with our Chinese counterparts. Talks between Deans Zhang and Steinbock led to a Memorandum of Understanding between the College of Law and Ningbo Law School relating to future faculty and student exchanges. Even before this agreement, Professor James G. Carr, and it has evolved into a Toledo Law School competition.

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Fourty years of Fornoff competition

Who would have guessed that an idea raised 40 years ago would be one of Toledo Law’s best loved traditions today? In 1971, Peter R. Casey III ’73 suggested an intra-school appellate advocacy competition to then-Proessor James G. Carr, and it has evolved into a Toledo Law School competition, called “one of the nicest events of the year.”

As we look to this year and the celebration of a 40 year tradition, we are excited to announce that U.S. Sixth Circuit Judge Jeffrey Sutton will preside over the 40th anniversary Fornoff competition.

Four finalists have the honor of presenting their arguments before a panel of actual judges. The Fornoff finals are a major even on the law school calendar, and most students and faculty attend, along with many community members. The competition is named for former Dean Charles W. Fornoff, who retired in 1971 following a long and distinguished career at the College of Law.

Last fall, more than 100 students participated in the Fornoff Competition. David Mann Pearson of the Northern District of Ohio will also serve on the Fornoff panel scheduled for noon on Thursday, October 20, 2011 in the Fornoff finals, and at this year’s Law Alumni Reunion and Recognition Gala, to celebrate this milestone! The Gala is scheduled for September 24, 2011. Look for information about the Gala and reunion event throughout the magazine.
Stranahan speaker discusses relationship between free enterprise, human happiness

According to Dr. Arthur C. Brooks, there is a cultural struggle over the role of business and the role of government in the United States. Brooks asserts that maintaining a culture of free enterprise is not only the will of the majority and the fairest system possible, it is also a moral imperative. Free enterprise, he believes, enables the largest number of people to achieve the best possible chance of success, and therefore offers the greatest opportunities for happiness.

Brooks went on to discuss research showing that individuals are happiest when they have earned their success, regardless of the money they’ve earned. “Lottery winners, welfare recipients, and those who inherit large sums are not happier than others,” he said, and unearned money often creates unhappiness. Brooks argued that, by encouraging entrepreneurship through beneficial tax policies, we can create the best conditions for human flourishing.

Brooks is president of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. The American Enterprise Institute is a public policy think tank in Washington, D.C. Prior to his current position, Brooks was the Louis A. Bantle Professor of Business and Government Policy at Syracuse University, where his research focused on the intersection of economics, entrepreneurship and philanthropy.

The Stranahan National Issues Forum is 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. Brooks joins a group of nationally known high-profile speakers who have delivered the Stranahan Lecture at the College of Law.

Like Betty White, Toledo Law’s Great Lakes Water Conference is more popular than ever. The 10th annual Great Lakes Water conference attracted more than 200 attendees to the College of Law auditorium on November 5. Following a welcome by UT President Lloyd Jacobs, the crowd heard from a plethora of experts in law, science and government as they addressed issues critical to this region and its water resources.

Keynote speaker Tim Eder, executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, expressed optimism that the millions of dollars in Great Lakes restoration efforts, both in progress and planned, will allow the region to leverage its water advantages and boost its economy. But he had words of warning, too.

“All the money in the world is not going to make a difference if we don’t stop Asian carp or toxic algae,” Eder said. Other important messages conveyed by the panels of experts included the fact that wind turbines are coming to Lake Erie and that a vast array of pharmaceuticals are already in our waters because of imperfect disposal methods.

Panelists included the director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the deputy director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Science and Technology, a pharmacologist, lawyers from the public and private sectors, and law professors from Florida, Michigan and Ohio.

The Great Lakes Water Conference, sponsored by the College of Law and its Legal Institute of the Great Lakes, began in 2001. In its early years, the conferences focused primarily on the threat of diversions of waters out of the Great Lakes basin. More recent conferences have expanded in scope and are now viewed as marquee events for those interested in water and environmental law and policy in the region. The Great Lake Water Conference is coordinated by Professor Kenneth Kilbert, Associate Professor of Law.

The 2011 Water Conference will be held on November 4.
day after speaker: Solo practitioner recounts Supreme Court victory

Attorney David E. Mills spoke at the College of Law on March 15 as a part of the “Day After” Series, a forum for top advocates who have recently argued before the United States Supreme Court. Mills successfully represented the petitioner in Ortiz v. Jordan. The case involved a technical question of civil procedure — whether a party can appeal an order denying summary judgment after a trial on the merits if the party failed to appeal before trial. In a 9-0 opinion, the Supreme Court reversed the Court of Appeals, reinstating a $625,000 jury verdict in favor of petitioner Michelle Ortiz, who had been sexually abused in prison. Mills shared his experience with the audience, explaining the process that led him to take the case and then persuade the Court to hear it. It was necessary to explain to Ms. Ortiz that the argument needed to focus on an unsettled point of law for the Court to resolve, rather than on the specific injustice she felt she’d suffered. He convinced her to accept this strategy, and filed a last-minute extension while preparing a certiorari petition. The case was one of the few accepted that year by the Court.

David Mills is one of the youngest attorneys to argue and win a case before the Supreme Court, and one of few solo practitioners to do so. His story has received widespread national attention. “Mr. Mills’ story is incredibly compelling,” said Dean Daniel Steinbock. “Students, faculty and the community had the opportunity to hear how a young lawyer just starting in his own practice took on a sympathetic case that reached the nation’s highest court. They learned how he prepared for the argument, what that experience was like, and how it felt to bring and win a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.”
Obesity litigation criticized

Theodore H. Frank, founder and president of the Center for Class Action Fairness, spoke at the College of Law on November 10. His speech, “Cheeseburger Bills and Obesity Legislation,” was sponsored by the Federalist Society. Frank’s talk provided the students and community members in attendance with an overview of the current state of obesity litigation. Frank explained that obesity is a growing international problem with public policy implications, but the American government’s approach to addressing the problem has been incoherent. Programs such as food stamps, which can subsidize poor food choices, and labeling laws, which may actually encourage people to eat higher-calorie foods, according to Frank, are contributing to weight gains for Americans. Frank also noted that class action lawsuits don’t fight the causes of obesity, because obesity is an individualized issue not lending itself to a single common action. In addition, Frank pointed to labor-saving technologies, increases in service-sector jobs, and advertising as contributing to the obesity problem. When asked what solutions he would recommend, Frank suggested that policies requiring people to bear more of their own health-care costs would create a disincentive for unhealthy behavior, though he added that such policies might not be politically feasible at this time.

Frank, whom the Wall Street Journal has called “a leading tort-reform advocate,” was a litigator from 1995 to 2005 and clerked for the Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Virtue jurisprudence explained

Lawrence B. Solum, an internationally recognized expert on legal philosophy, spoke on “Virtue and Law” on March 23. His talk was sponsored by 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.

Solum discussed the role that the concept of virtue plays in the realm of ethics and by extension in the law, suggesting that legal professionals consider Aristotle’s idea of an ethical system based on human character and human eudaimonia, or happiness/flourishing.

“The best life for humans is a life of rational and social activity in accord with human excellences,” Solum said. He went on to discuss the concept of virtue jurisprudence, in which lawyers, judges, and legislators weigh their decisions against a moral obligation to promote human flourishing. Under this system, they consider the consequences of the various options and select the one that best balances the needs of all parties involved. The goal is to create and sustain conditions where people can achieve the best possible lives.

Solum is the John E. Cribbet Professor of Law and Philosophy at the University of Illinois College of Law and the co-director of the Institute for Law and Philosophy.

A prolific scholar, Solum has authored numerous works and recently co-edited the first anthology on the relationship between virtue and law, entitled Virtue Jurisprudence. Solum has delivered lectures nationally and internationally and his “Legal Theory Blog” is the premier website for legal theory.

Securities regulator speaks on peer-to-peer lending

On April 11, 2011, Mark R. Heuerman, JD/MBA ’88, the Securities Chief Attorney for Registration with the Ohio Division of Securities, discussed Ohio’s approach to online peer-to-peer lending with a large audience of law and business school students. Peer-to-peer lending sites such as Prosper.com and LendingClub.com have attracted considerable attention since their launch some six years ago. Using these web platforms, would-be borrowers can request loans, and “investors” can contribute funds to those loans. The sites promise to eliminate the middleman associated with commercial banking, offering borrowers lower interest rates and lenders higher returns than available in traditional savings accounts. At the same time, such sites have raised difficult questions for regulators. Describing such sites as offering a perfect hypothetical securities law exam, Mr. Heuerman noted that they raise issues that include the definition of a “security,” an “issuer” and an “exchange,” and whether the sites’ warnings that borrowers may have deliberately submitted fraudulent information can be squared with a state regulatory regime prohibiting fraudulent or deceptive securities offerings. Heuerman offered his perspectives on compliance options for such sites, which are currently prohibited in Ohio. A lively question-and-answer session followed his presentation. This talk was made possible by the Heuerman Fund for the Study of Investment Law and Regulation, established in 1999.

Richard and Lois Heuerman established the Heuerman Fund for the Study of Investment Law and Regulation to benefit The University of Toledo Law School. The purpose of the fund is to support the study of current legal and regulatory issues relating to investor protection, market regulation and capital formation. In addition, the fund provides resources to disseminate information about current legal and regulatory developments through internet-based activities. Richard Heuerman is a 1984 graduate of UT Law School. His legal career included serving as in-house counsel for Dow Corning and BF Goodrich prior to joining Roetzel and Andress and serving in their Akron and Naples offices. Richard and Lois reside in Naples, Fla.

Correcting Omissions:
Transcript 2010: Despite our best efforts, we regretfully omitted a few of our alums from our Judicial Tribunals in last fall’s Transcript. We apologize and are happy to report the following additions, both in Ohio.

Steven P. Beathard ’76 Judge, Fayette County Court of Common Pleas

Jeff Robinson ’76 Judge, Fulton County Western District Court

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One hundred twenty-one happy law graduates received their Juris Doctor degrees at the May 7, 2011 Commencement ceremony. In his welcome, then-Interim Dean Daniel J. Steinbock told the graduates, “You are now on the verge of entering the profession. You have come a long way in a short time. “Lawyers cannot rest on what they learned in law school,” he said, reminding the graduates that they must be lifelong learners. “It is not a secret you are graduating in tough times,” he added, “but the skills we’ve given you will carry you through.”

Cleveland Karren, immediate past president of the Student Bar Association and a graduate himself, reminded the graduates that while goals may seem larger than life, “take any goal one step at a time and you can always succeed.” Karren is an incoming Presidential Management Fellow preparing to begin a two-year position with the Office of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Joseph E. Slater, Balk Professor of Law and Values and a faculty member since 1999, gave a rollicking (for some) faculty welcome.

Class Valedictorian Jeffery Reusch began his valedictory address by noting that everyone has defining moments. After sharing his own defining moment (involving a plate of chocolate-chip cookies and a midnight-movie marathon) and the winding path that led him to law school, Reusch challenged his classmates to remember what led them to law school when they find their motivation waning: “Think back to the person you wanted to become, and let that image guide you forward.”

United States Attorney for the District of Nevada and 1981 graduate of Toledo Law Daniel G. Bogden offered the keynote address. “Speaking at this year’s commencement takes me back 30 years to my own law school graduation,” he said. Recounting the mixture of emotions he experienced on his graduation day, he identified “great pride of accomplishment and satisfaction of achievement, but also the uneasiness and uncertainty of facing the unknown and the challenges ahead — the upcoming bar exam, seeking employment and the sadness at the thought of leaving the law school.” Bogden went on to tell the graduates that they will need to be open to all possibilities and urged them, “Always be the hardest worker and above all, believe in yourself.” Bogden, who did not have employment lined up when he graduated, sought out opportunities and crafted a career for himself. As he noted, “Most of all, being a lawyer has allowed me the opportunity to make a difference and be responsible for doing the right thing — and that is of paramount importance in any career.” Bogden echoed Valedictorian Jeffrey Reusch when he said, “Consider why, of all things in this world, you chose to become lawyers,” adding three challenges for the graduates: Have the courage to serve others, allow yourself the courage to take risks, and dedicate yourself to doing the right thing and making a difference in your community. He closed with, “Like so many whose names we admire, your success will be measured not by the cases you win, or the awards you receive, or the money you make, but by the hearts you touch, the souls you enrich, the doors you open, and the lives you change.”

Following Daniel Bogden’s address, the graduates were hooded and degrees conferred by University Board of Trustees members William C. Koester, Linda N. Mansour ’79, and Judge Richard B. McQuade Jr. ’65. Bruce Stone ’86, 2010-2011 Law Alumni Affiliate president, welcomed the graduates to the alumni community. Stone announced that each graduate would receive a Scales of Justice statuette from an alumnus/a, and asked that they pass on this tradition of giving. Professor Kelly Moore, who teaches tax and trusts and estates, received the Outstanding Faculty Award for the second time in as many years on the faculty. Kathleen Kormanyos received a Student Award for Scholarship and Leadership from the American Law Institute and American Bar Association, and outgoing Student Bar Association President Cleveland Karren received the Dean’s Award for his contributions to the law school and SBA over the past year.
Catherine M. Page ’90

A long route to solo firm practice gave Catherine M. Page plenty of time to accumulate valuable lessons — including setting aside time to be a busy but eminently worthwhile mother. Speaking in the accents of her English upbringing, the partner of California firm Page and Jorgensen LLP says, “People who've attended UT can be successful in any market, large or small. And I've done both now.”

Her entry into law school came when she was a paralegal in the 1980s, having come to the United States some years earlier to follow her husband's career. She acted upon the idea of law practice by entering UT Law’s evening program while continuing her day job. “I actually had our daughter halfway through law school,” Page notes. “It was a busy time.”

Eventually, both she and her husband accepted job offers in California; from 1990 to 2007, she was senior counsel at Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natais LLP, focusing on business litigation in their Orange County office. More busy, successful years followed. Eventually, life propelled her in a new direction. “When my daughter entered junior high, I decided I needed to spend less time at the office,” she says. “With one of my good friends at the firm, Jeanne Jorgensen, I started talking about going out on our own — we made the decision to do so in 2007.”

Their timing was good. “We’d each had big-firm training and a good level of experience. We set our rates lower than they would have been at Allen Matkins, taking the mid-level cases that were harder for a large firm to litigate effectively, so there was no animosity.”

Initially, they had no administrative help. “Our daughters would occasionally have served as my mentors over the years: Chemest Kadi and Bonnie Rankin. It was very helpful to be able to ask questions in the early days.”

Those days were slow but steady. “Everything I've built in my practice and my client base has been through referrals,” she says. “It’s slower that way, but in the end your referral is a much more trusted source: a friend or family member. I'm apprehensive about social media, because we can all put things online to make ourselves look good. The proof, though, is always in the pudding: Can you deliver for the client?”

She does maintain a Web site. “In the first few years of practice, I would ask clients how they came across my name. The number one answer was referral. Two was I looked on the Internet and saw your Web site! People want a glimpse of who you are and your background.”

As his practice grew, it expanded from corporate and criminal to include family law. “I never thought the last would be something I would do, but I found it to be a great way to do positive things for clients,” he says.

His advice? “Be patient if you go solo. It takes time to get established. It’s a profession, but a business like any other: you're building a brand. If you build it right, you’ll have a nice practice, a nice reputation and be able to deliver great services to your clients.”

He strongly recommends joining a local bar association, praising Toledo’s. “It's a fantastic way to get to know your professional colleagues, make friendships that last a long time, and a way to network.”

Seven years in, he said he's much happier now than when first considering law. “Because then you don’t realize how much you’re able to help people, how much knowledge you gain. It’s absolutely amazing. Even if somewhere down the line I decide not to practice, the experience has been a privilege, and I'm thrilled with it.”

“DOING IT MY WAY”
Solo and Small Firm Profiles:

Choosing to head out on one’s own as a solo practitioner or to join forces with someone else to start a small firm takes confidence, dedication, business savvy, and a leap of faith. Some alumni had their sights set on running their own shops even before entering law school. Others found their way as a result of circumstances and choices later in the game. In 2005, the American Bar Foundation reported that 62 percent of all private practitioners worked in solo or small firms with five lawyers or fewer. Blood, sweat, and tears are essential ingredients for building a business, but we don’t always hear about the satisfaction it can lead to or the interesting stories that emerge.
**Michael Spiros ’72**

For Michael Spiros, the road not taken has indeed made all the difference. Unlike Frost, though, he has no regrets. Quite the contrary, the attorney looks back on a career of nearly 40 years with deep satisfaction.

“I grew up in New York City and came to Toledo with a specific plan: Stay one semester at the College of Law, but at the time, only about 50 students were enrolled in that program,” says Spiros, who lives in Sylvania and practices in the Lambertville, Mich., firm of Spiros and Stewart. Instead, he remained at UT to complete a business degree, finish law school, and join the UT faculty and act as statistician for the men’s basketball team.

Obviously the game plan changed.

“By the time I finished law school I considered myself a Toledoan,” he says. He also married a Toledo girl, Jennifer Hrabak, now his wife of 41 years.

His original partner, Stanley Krawetz (65), hired Spiros, then a third-year law student, on a part-time basis for the academic year. However, in another plan shift, Krawetz subsequently asked him to join his private practice in Lambertville. “My initial reaction was no,” Spiros remembers. “I was looking for more security, a paycheck every other Friday.”

The older attorney persisted, convincing Spiros to take both the Ohio and Michigan Bar exams. His powers of persuasion succeeded, but another surprise was in store.

“Shortly after I joined the partnership, he asked me to take over the administrative end,” Spiros says. “I had no experience in that area. Although I had a business degree, I don’t know how well that prepares you for running a five-person office, so I had to feel my way.”

Initial anxiety gave way to a successful long-term partnership. When Krawetz retired, Spiros took on one of his former UT students, Julia Stewart (89), as his new partner. “In fact, everyone who works in the firm today is a UT grad,” says Spiros, who had been out longer than she “still remembers. ‘I was looking for more challenge and adventure, and I found it here.’

The practice’s emphasis on probate, real estate and domestic relations affords him a rewarding immediate, he says. “The feedback happens right away, and the challenges are varied and fairly quickly many within three or four months. “Plus it rewards that we’re helping people through difficult times.”

Given the emotional content of many cases, he’s cultivated up-front frankness from the beginning. “In 39 years, no one has ever said, ‘No, don’t be honest with me; tell me what I want to hear.’ But we’ll occasionally lose a client for giving straight of an answer. “We still find that it’s much cheaper to be straightforward from the outset. You won’t find yourself waking up in the middle of the night two months later, wondering what it was you promised the client that you can’t do. It’s best for the client and for us as well.”

With referrals from clients and other attorneys making up a significant portion of new cases, the firm hasn’t delved far into online marketing, he says, though he’s technophobe — he oversees a computer network installation, developed case management software and conducted software seminars. And, as a UT adjunct professor, he continues to teach paralegal courses in the UT Julien Herb College of Education, Health, Science and Human Service.

A guiding principle ties it all together, he says. “I heard it said of a priest once that he took his faith seriously without taking himself seriously. I use that expression in the classroom and in here in the partner’s meeting. We take our work very seriously, we don’t take ourselves that way.

Oh, and those roads not taken? No regrets. “One of the jobs I was getting ready to accept for a third-year student was with the IRS. In those days, they paid about $12,000 a year. That was more money than any of my family had made in a year.”

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**Stacy Lilly ’00**

Stacy Lilly works more hours now than when she was working in a firm, but says she’s not bothered by it.

“I built this from nothing and it’s a great feeling,” says Lilly, who started her solo practice in 2009 and continues to keep overhead low by working out of her home.

After graduating from law school, Lilly stayed in Toledo, practicing insurance defense with the firm of Doyle, Lewis & Warner. The market in Toledo wasn’t great, and the firm closed in 2003, so she decided to move home. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Lilly went to work on the insurance defense side at what then was Jankil and Doman in Cleveland. This new focus required her to switch her practice to personal injury.

“I grew up in New York City and didn’t have my home, but in Toledo I had a home, so I moved back home,” says Lilly, who had been out longer than she “still remembers. ‘I was looking for more challenge and adventure, and I found it here.’

For her, the road not taken made all the difference. When she was ready to join the practice, the firm didn’t have an opening, so she waited. “I heard it said of a priest once that he took his faith seriously without taking himself seriously. I use that expression in the classroom and here in the partner’s meeting. We take our work very seriously, we don’t take ourselves that way.”

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**Michael Adams ’04**

Michael Adams, solo practitioner in Grand Rapids, Mich., came to law older and wiser, but in drive and determination he can match any young, fresher-to-the-bar completist. “I entered law school in 2001 to fulfill a lifelong dream,” says the attorney who specializes in criminal, family and immigration law.

Born in Flint, Mich., Adams’ background included a four-year tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force, positions in public security, several years of college and five years as co-owner of a successful locksmith business. “I was flying by the seat of my pants,” he admits. “My father gave me advice to finish college, but at that age, you think, ‘I’ll get to it when I get to it.’

His father’s unexpected and early death in 1997 jarred Adams into action: “I didn’t want that to happen, so I had to do something. I enrolled at Eastern Michigan to finish my paralegal studies and took all the while my focus was law school.”

Two years into his UT law degree, a chance meeting with Michigan attorney John Beason (81) turned life-changing. “He was at UT only because he was giving an assistant a tour,” Adams says. “We got to chatting and he suggested I come to Grand Rapids over Christmas break, shadow him, check the area. So that’s what I did.”

Adams and Beason became good friends, with Beason mentoring the younger man. “That was a blessing, as though God sent him my way,” Adams says. After reaching his initial goal of being sworn into the Michigan bar, he says, “My bread and butter that first year came out of my assignment to the federal court for the Western District of Michigan; that and assisting M. Beason. I learned a great deal, I’d sit in on his client interviews and finish with him in court.”

Beason wasn’t paying him a salary, but he offered Adams office space in his downtown suite. “I had my own practice by this time but no money to advertise,” Adams says. “With time, though, my name got around.”

He preferred staying solo. “Having done it before, I knew a lot about running a business. I knew I could build a successful practice if I put the hours in. It was 10-hour days in the beginning, with a lot of that in research.”

His primary advice for new attorneys? “Get to know the court staff: the clerks, bailiffs, judges’ legal assistants, even the deputies who supervise the prisoners in court. They’re invaluable to new lawyers and can guide you through the process if they like you.”

Being a person people is doubly important in solo practice, he adds. “If you don’t get along with people, that can cause problems in a firm, but when you’re on your own it’s deadly.”

Anticipating a “banner year” in this, the fifth of his practice, Adams is on the assignment list for both criminal and juvenile, factors that will allow him to hire staff. “And advertise more,” he says. “The Internet gives you a lot more ways to get your name out.”

His continues to feel blessed, saying, “I didn’t get into this to make a million. I sincerely thought that I could make a difference practicing law, and I think I have.”
Jeffrey B. Bogart ’72

After graduation, Bogart joined the District Attorney’s Office in New York as a member of the prosecution section, prosecuting organized crime and political corruption, then continued doing public corruption as prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Atlanta, eventually leaving to start a two-person firm. He came back to small practice some years later following four years with Atlanta’s Aimail, Golden & Gregory.

Reviewing a long career, he names prosecuting as its most rewarding area. “You can protect the innocent by not prosecuting particular cases, and you can zealously go against those who need to be prosecuted.”

“I enjoyed it so much that when I entered private practice I was honored to be selected as a special prosecutor for the State of Georgia Bar Disciplinary Committee, and then as a special prosecutor for the Judicial Qualifications Committee, prosecuting judges who’ve committed malfeasance in office. I’ve always kept my hand in prosecuting.”

Today, in addition to his practice, he teaches litigation courses at the University of Georgia and Emory University. Yearly, he chairs his own trial practice seminar, presented through the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE).

“Teaching has been extremely gratifying for me, and I think I got a sense of all that at UT, where I really enjoyed the great teachers,” he says.

A high-profile practice, though, still requires marketing. “The hardest thing about small practice is that you’re solely responsible,” he says. “You have to generate your business, work it, and collect for it. I keep five lawyers busy full-time; that’s from teaching and work-of-mouth from satisfied clients. In domestic relations, which is about 70 percent of the firm’s work, that’s hard.”

The level of the practice is demanding as well, he notes. “You have to hit the ground running, so we have always had lawyers with at least fifteen years of experience working with us. She’s a former track star, and my wife Christine. The couple has seven children in this blended family and two grandchildren.”

In addition to his demanding life, he gladly counsels younger attorneys through his trial practice sessions, and he regularly contributes to the Bar Foundation, which funds the Legal Services Corporation.

He has met many of them, starting in his early post-OSU grad days as a road manager for rock bands. “I came to New York with a backpack, on my way to Europe, and stayed with a friend who’d gotten into the music business,” he says. The rock-hard lifestyle held him for a few years, he adds. “But I’d met some entertainment lawyers, the work sounded interesting and I’d always enjoyed advising people, seeing solutions to problems that stymied them. The law of appealing to my intellect. I came back to my hometown, where I wouldn’t be tempted by New York and I would study, see my folks, be serious.”

At UT, he concentrated on the courses likely to fit his planned path, such as copyright and tax law. “I had great teachers,” he says. They were responsive to me, even though I had a very fixed career goal.”

Returning to New York after graduation, he took a job with a lawyer who had gone on to his own after working for what Aharoni calls a “very small but high-quality boutique firm, doing entertainment, litigation, and real estate. I was his only associate; he passed on what he’d learned them.”

“Our biggest client was a rock ’n’ roll booking agency that brought over British bands. I found myself applying all my UT courses to real-life questions. It was always multiple contracts for every big deal, and while all that integration of the coursework was fascinating, it did give me a headache.”

Daniel Aharoni ’76

When Madonna needed last-minute visas for her touring troupe, where did she turn? To the same attorney Naomi Campbell called for help with her green card, and Iggy Pop needed to sue an immigration officer. — Daniel Aharoni, managing partner of the New York City law firm bearing his name.

In a 30-years-plus legal practice that includes stints in entertainment law and corporate practice, Aharoni forged his specialty as an immigration counsel to celebrities, artists, entertainers, new media wizards, and old-school scientists, educators, and entrepreneurs who need U.S. residence visas to achieve career goals.

One of his early successes earned him a literal standing ovation, Aharoni recalls. “And I liked that.” He adds, “Americans tend not to know anything about immigration, but foreigners learn very quickly. The ability to come to this country is very important to them, not only to reach the American market, but also as creative people wanting to practice their art — so wherever they help is the key.”

He’s retained a focus on middle-market, family-owned business: “Putting yourself there is all you need to tell your business story.”

Currently operating with a small staff — “a paralegal, me and a receptionist” — he keeps eyes peeled for lawyers with a matching work ethic, someone who can go out and manage the risk.

A corollary to DiLeone’s self-investment is technology: “I have Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, we’re tryingedicasting, revamping our website to make it more searchable. We use technology as much as we can; think it’s a great way to interact with clients.

“but I have yet to get a client off any of the social media; the people who have contacted me that way have been mainly tire-kickers. I’m friends with a Fortune 500 company especially down here; if I want to hook up with someone of his stature, I don’t think it will happen because he’s following my tweets.”

DiLeone’s most valued gain from solo practice: professional satisfaction. “It’s funny,” he says. “I had the same rewards when I was in a big firm; they just mean more when you own your own. It’s when a client says, ‘I sleep better because you’re on my team.’”

DiLeone says to new customers: “We’re not going to have a lawyer-client relationship; we’re going to be partners. Our clients appreciate it, given that many of them are family-oriented companies, or joint ventures and partnerships, or limited-liability companies.

“I try to put myself in my clients’ shoes, says the attorney general of Dileone Law Group P.C. — “It’s the corporate walk for nearly three decades. For most of those years as a tax accountant for companies that included Marathon and Transamerica, he holds a Toledo Law degree and practiced with firms in hometown Cleveland before moving to Raleigh, North Carolina, in 2005.”

Today, in addition to his practice, he teaches at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, advising students in corporate practice.
**Todd M. Williams ’08**

Todd M. Williams of energy law firm Williams & Moser LLC always knew he’d have his own law office. What he didn’t expect was finding his niche.

“I just assumed that day would come after about five or ten years in a large medium-sized firm,” he says. “The product you’re selling is your legal services, but what you’re running is a business. You need to pick up additional skills you don’t learn in law school.”

Like many, he admits, “The first year there were weeks when there had to be no work to do except go out and market the firm. I was a solo firm for about the first nine months out of school. After that I formed a partnership, which was about two years old now.”

That’s the same age as his daughter, Sophia, which brings up another detail: mutual spousal support. “Because of how my wife Megan and I set up our lives before I started law school, everything depends on her salary. A lot of that current success is due to her willingness to support me after law school for a few years,” he says.

On the other hand, the firm was home-based until last fall, which allowed Todd to help raise Sophia. “For a long time, my largest client was in Columbus, the second largest in San Francisco. Most of my work was done over the Internet,” he adds. Now they have offices in Toledo and Columbus.

The niche status has been both advantage and challenge, he notes. “The practice that’s heavy on energy regulation, I graduated with an environmental law certificate and a concentration in environmental law. The regulatory side of energy law is very much classic administrative law issues and learning how to operate at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. With its own special rules for evidence and special procedures, the administrative law courses I prepared me for that.”

**Melan M. Forcht ’01**

Sitting in her cozy office on the second floor of a red-brick building in downtown Sylvania, Ohio, it is easy to see why Melan M. Forcht is able to connect with clients. Forcht has a comfortable demeanor but is able to speak candidly about the ups and downs, the pros and cons, the good and the bad of solo practice. “This is my dream job,” Forcht says. “I spend time with my clients and that my doors are still open after eight o’clock.”

Many of her clients experience. She tells the reporter to sit down to begin the interview. Sitting on her desk is the book Quotes from Great Leaders, stacks of paper and tons of pictures and mementos. Scattered around the room are various pieces of artwork and family photos. Some bold, some humble, but many not. “No rest for the wicked,” she says with a twinkle in her eye. “You can never lose the energy in and see the spring in his step. Alan Konop has been practicing law in Toledo since 1963, and he still loves what he does.”

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**Alan Konop ’63**

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**Barbara Miller**

Barbara feel just as strongly about mentoring. “It’s mentoring troubled youth or new attorneys, Konop states. “Mentoring is so important. You have to sort of like people to do this lawyering well.”

Konop describes himself as an “old-timer.” He never got into advertising his practice; it grew through clients who referred friends and relatives. To new attorneys seeking advice he says, “Go for it.” (with that same twinkle in his eye, but cautions it can be very frustrating. The key is to respect all people: “Never underestimate the need for some degree of civility.”

Is there anything that upsets this veteran attorney? “Don’t ever think you know it all. If you have self-doubt, you are thinking things through more clearly. ‘Trouble pops up, he adds. “You don’t worry about a thing.”

His practice and reputation have been built through trust and relationships. “One of the real problems in society today we still don’t feel connected to each other. We have to understand we are all connected,” says Konop. “My client saved the day. He’s a spreadsheet accountant and during law school I was the first to listen to him. I was wiped out!” According to Konop, an un-hung frame says: “You can never lose the energy in and see the spring in his step. Alan Konop has been practicing law in Toledo since 1963, and he still loves what he does.”

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Message from Law Alumni Affiliate President Jill Hayes ’90

I have the privilege of serving as your Law Alumni Affiliate president for the 2011-2012 term. For many years, I have served on the former University of Toledo Law Alumni Board of Governors, which became The University of Toledo Law Alumni Affiliate two years ago. I have witnessed many changes throughout the years and can confidently assure you the Law Alumni Affiliate has moved in the right direction. We have sponsored many exciting events this past year, including ice-skating at Tam-O-Shanter, wine tasting at the Driscoll Center, Walleye hockey games, Imagination Station family outings and performances of the Toledo Symphony. Some events were co-sponsored with the College of Medicine Affiliate, which allowed us to meet alumni from both schools. If you have not attended any of these events in the past, I encourage you to do so this year. I further encourage you to attend the Law Alumni Gala to be held on September 24 at Inverness Club. We are planning a very special evening.

These are exciting times for our law school with the new facility, teaching and research occurring both in Toledo and at the College of Medicine. I would like to thank Bruce Steinbock for allowing me to be a part of the Toledo law school experience through his presidency. I hope to continue the momentum that has been established.

I would like to thank Bruce Steinbock for his service as president of the Law Alumni Affiliate for the 2010-2011 term. Bruce works and serves in the College of Medicine and has been actively involved in Toledo. I commend you, Bruce.

An active year for the Law Alumni Affiliate

The Law Alumni Affiliate had an active year, hosting more than 30 alumni events and offering varied opportunities for alumni to connect. Highlights include:

• The 2010 Recognition and Reunion Gala with 120 alumni and friends in attendance
• Supporting the Lawyers’ Build for Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity
• Partnering with the Toledo Bar Association for CLE events
• Toledo Symphony concerts at the Stranahan Theater
• Pre-event receptions at the Black Pearl restaurant (underwritten by Key Private Bank)
• Wine-tasting with commentary provided by Professor John Barrett
• The 15th annual Spearle Scholarship Golf Outing
• Walleye hockey
• Ice-skating at Tam-O-Shanter
• Evening at Imagination Station
• Exam break meals for law students

Last but not least, through your donations the Law Alumni Affiliate provided each incoming law student with a leather portfolio and each graduate with a Scales of Justice statuette. These gifts make a lasting impression and send a message about the importance of connections and staying involved. Thanks to those who donated for your generosity to our students and graduates.

Alumni perspectives: James R. Knepp ’92

Periodically, we ask alumnae to share perspectives on important issues or events. This year, the College of Law was asked to host the Investiture ceremony of Judge James R. Knepp, II (1992), who was appointed to the position of Magistrate Judge by the judges of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Following the ceremony (summarized on Page 32), we asked Judge Knepp to share his journey to the bench with us.

I wonder how many of us have had a memorable moment at a satellite gas pump. Maybe the first time on your own as a newly licensed driver? Perhaps the first time the cost per gallon was somewhere near $4? That was on May 3, 2010. That evening, while pumping gas in the rain at the Shell station in downtown Toledo, I received a phone call that changed my life. Judge James G. Cart, then chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, called to tell me that I had been selected by the judges of the court as the next Magistrate Judge to serve at the federal court in Toledo.

Several months earlier, when I heard that United States Magistrate Judge Yvonne K. Armstrong was going to retire (typically for the northeast Ohio legal community, she has continued to serve on the court at recent rates), I made the decision to apply for the position. The decision was both difficult and easy.

It was difficult to think of leaving Robinson, Cauchman & O’Connell, my professional home, and family for the past 15 years. I joined ROCO immediately after serving two years as deputy clerk for Judge John W. Porter in the United States District Court in Toledo. I was always proud to tell fellow students interviewing for positions with the firm that it was a special place, where, as, at it must sound, people really do care about each other.

I worked through my tenure as an associate, made partner, and was presumably going to take over as managing partner at some point in the near future. I had great relationships with several clients, and was able to marry my love of technology with the needs of a particular corporate client, which selected me to serve as national counsel for its locomotive video program.

The decision was also easy. I have to believe that anyone who serves at a law clerk to a federal judge considers the prospect of actually being a federal judge his or her dream job. That dream job started, and the relative rarity of opportunities, made it feel like submitting my application was the functional equivalent of buying a lottery ticket. But as some marketers prefer, speaking through a commercial message for the lottery, once told me, “You can’t win if you don’t play.” In fact, as progressed through the selection process, I kept reassuring myself that I had no realistic chance of winning with my dream job, but that it was just too many to lose with me. I surmounted an initial round of screening and was interviewed by a panel of approximately 10 committee members, mostly attorneys, all selected by judges of the Northern District of Ohio. I was, finally, surprised when I was advised I was one of four finalists recommended to the judges of the district. I knew that each of the finalists was well-qualified, and feared that perhaps the committee had advanced my candidacy for comic relief to break up an afternoon of serious interviews for the judge.

Following my interview with the judge, I felt like I had put my best foot forward, but was again confident that the foot of another would win the race. Having finally concluded that the promised phone call to let me know the way or the other was not going to arrive that afternoon all, I headed home. While filling my gas tank, my phone registered a call from an unfamiliar number. In utter disregard of the warning on the pump about using cell phones while pumping the flammable liquid, I answered what turned out to be the call that changed my life. Hearing the voice of Judge Cart on the other end of the line, I knew I wouldn’t be leaving after all. In keeping with tradition, my formal wearing in took place at an investiture ceremony attended by my new judicial colleagues from around the district, as well as members of the bench and bar, friends and family.

As I was responsible for selecting the location for the investiture, it was important to me to involve UT Law, in which I was grateful in the first instance for bringing me to Toledo and then for making me personally (my wife, Linda, is a fellow 1992 law alumni) and professionally (former placement director Joyce Shanker provided an introduction to Judge Porter, my first employer after graduation).

As Judge Porter administered the oath of office to me, the interminable 21 years since I sat in that very graduation), I knew of his response to an inquiry by the agent about whether I ever abused alcohol: “What do you mean by “abuse”? Apparently, the agent had a sense of humor, because I survived the background investigation and didn’t have to explain to my clients and colleagues that I wouldn’t be leaving after all. In keeping with tradition, my formal wearing in took place at an investiture ceremony attended by my new judicial colleagues from around the district, as well as members of the bench and bar, friends and family. As I was responsible for selecting the location for the investiture, it was important to me to involve UT Law, in which I was grateful in the first instance for bringing me to Toledo and then for making me personally (my wife, Linda, is a fellow 1992 law alumni) and professionally (former placement director Joyce Shanker provided an introduction to Judge Porter, my first employer after graduation).

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On September 22, 2010, College of Law hosted the investiture ceremony for James R. Knepp II, who was sworn in as magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio. Western Reserve, Knepp, a 1992 graduate of The University of Toledo College of Law, was selected from a pool of finalists by the district court judges of the Northern District of Ohio to assume the magistrate judge vacancy in Toledo resulting from Magistrate Judge Vernella K. Armstrong’s recent assumption of recall status. Chief Judge Solomon Oliver Jr. presided over the investiture and was joined in attendance by several district court judges and magistrate judges from across the Northern District of Ohio.

Judge Knepp also received best wishes from Dean Steinbeck and several local bar associations. More than 150 people attended the investiture.

Jeff Crowther ’81, Rule-of-law advisor in Afghanistan

Jeff Crowther ’81 makes his daily commute in the mountains outside the town of Kandahar, Afghanistan. That Taliban territory, just down the road, in fact, from the home village of Mullah Omar. An employee of the U.S. State Department, Crowther is a senior rule-of-law advisor embedded with a multinational force of Australians, Dutch and Americans. “People often forget that the Afghan conflict is a NATO operation,” Jeff notes. Via e-mail and Skype, he shares the passion he developed for a mission as rewarding as it is dangerous.

Kara Bruce Assistant Professor

Professor Bruce joined the faculty in August 2010. During her first year at the College of Law, she taught Secured Transactions and Commercial Paper. She is working on an article exploiting retail bankruptcies in the wake of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005. Bruce presented this article at the Law and Society Association’s annual meeting in June 2011 and at the Midwest Corporate Law Scholars Conference in July 2011. Professor Bruce was an invited presenter at a CLE program given by the Toledo Women’s Bar Association in May 2011.

Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons Professor

Professor Gibbons was elected to membership in the American Law Institute in 2010. He is a member of the American Bar Association’s Section of Intellectual Property Law; formerly a member of the International Technology Law Association’s Intellectual Property Security, and Commercially Significant Transactions Committees; and a member of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association 2011 Summer Workshop. Professor Eder continues to teach in the American Law Certificate Program at Saint Joseph University in Hungary. In February, she taught International Sales of Goods to the Hungarian law students in the program.

Benjamin Davis Professor

Professor Davis spoke at The University of Toledo on legal issues in respect to the Ahmed Ghailani (West African Embassy bombings); conviction, torture, and drones and targeted killings. In March, he spoke at the University of Monmouth College of Law on a humanist vision of international commercial arbitration. He continued his work as a board member of the Society of American Law Teachers on a wide range of topics affecting legal education. He wrote commentaries online at Jurist and the Society of American Law Teachers blog, and offline in the Toledo Blade and other media, on issues concerning the definition of torture and the killing of Osama Bin Laden. He continued his multi-year work with Human Rights First on the drafting of its Accountability Report, work with Vincent Bugliosi on state prosecution of a former president, and work on his book on the citizen’s role in state compliance with international law.

Beth Eisler Professor

In April, Professor Eisler presented a program on the Ohio rules of privilege at the 2011 Spring Conference of the Ohio Association of Magistrates, which is sponsored by the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial Council. In June, she presented an update on Ohio statutory rules at the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association 2011 Summer Workshop. Professor Eisler continues to teach in the American Law Certificate Program at Saint Joseph’s University in Hungary. In February, she taught International Sales of Goods to the Hungarian law students in the program.

Rick Goeheen Assistant Professor and Director of the Law Library

Professor Goeheen will be serving another two-year term as associate professor.

Ken Kilbert Associate Professor

Professor Kilbert was awarded a grant by the National Sea Grant Law Center to conduct a legal research and public outreach project aimed at combating the sources of hazardous algae blooms in Lake Erie, a growing problem for recreation, tourism, aquatic life, and human health. Collaborators on this multi-disciplinary project are the directors of UT’s Lake Erie Center and Ohio State University’s Stone Laboratory. Kilbert organized the 10th annual Great Lakes Water Conference in November 2010 at the College of Law, where he placed a panel on renewable energy. Other speaking engagements included a Feb. 2011 workshop in Windsor, Ontario, regarding Great Lakes water levels, sponsored by the International Joint Commission. He was named “Outstanding Newsletter Editor” for 2009-2010 by the ABA Section of Litigation. This was the second such award for Kilbert and his two co-editors were so honored for their work on The Environmental Litigator, published semi-annually by the section’s Environmental Litigation Committee.

Jessica Knouse Associate Professor

Professor Knouse published an article titled “Restructuring the Labor Market: The Role of the Public Forum” in the Stetson Law Review. She also placed an article titled “Civil Marriage: Threat to Democracy?” in the Michigan Journal of Gender & Law. Knouse gave presentations at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association in Chicago, Illinois; the Case-Western Reserve University School of Law; the Loyola University Chicago Law School; the Cleveland International Legal Colloquium (“How Democratic is the Constitution?”); the Toledo Bar Association’s
Dan Nathan Clinical Professor

Garrick Pursley Assistant Professor


Geoffrey Rapp Professor

Professor Rapp was named one of the university’s Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty, one of nine professors recognized by students in his 2011 Annual Address (Professor Lee Strang was also honored). Professor Rapp was also named one of Toledo’s 20 Under 40, a leadership award sponsored by Fidelity National Bank, Columbia Gas of Ohio, the Toledo Business Journal and other groups. Professor Rapp is currently at work on a follow-up to his 2007 article, “Beyond Protection; Incentivizing Incentives for Sustainable OrionCorporation and Corporate Fraud Whistleblowers,” in which Professor Rapp argued for the payment of “bonuses” to whistleblowers who expose corporate fraud.

Rob Salem Clinical Professor

Professor Salem was elected as an expert panel member for a U.S. Department of Education study on state bullying laws and school policies. Professor Salem was one of seven experts from around the country chosen by the Department of Education to work on the study. Salem gave a presentation on “Innovative Strategies for Lawyers to Impact the Safe School Movement” at the Lavender Law Conference in Minneapolis. He also presented at the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program at the Lucas County Juvenile Court on civil liberties, digital rights, and transgender youth. He also gave a presentation on the connection between the law and bullying at National Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Conference in Columbus, Ohio, and he presented on legal issues facing school districts and administrators. In 2010, he testified in hearings of the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises. The hearings covered “Legislative Proposals to Address Student Loan Default,” “Bailouts and Government Sponsorship,” and “Pony Express: The Debate About Student Loan Guarantors.”

Joseph Slater Professor

Since last spring, Professor Slater has had two publications come out in print: the casbook Public Sector Employment: Cases and Materials (2nd West Academic 2010) (with Marcy Malin and Ann Hodge) and an essay, “Public Sector Labor in 2010: View of a Legal Historian,” in the Labor and Working Class History Association Newsletter (Spring 2010). Two more of his articles will be published soon, both based on papers he gave at symposia: “Public Sector Labor in the Age of Obama,” at the Indiana University Law School Conference, “Labor and Employment Law Under the Obama Administration: A Time for Hope and Change,” and “Public Sector Voice: Lessons from the Public Sector,” at the Marquette Law School Symposium on Labor and Employment Law in September. In March, he gave the paper, “Public Sector Impasse and Governmental Debarment: Struck by a Bus” at the Public Finance Conference in Minneapolis. He also gave a presentation on the law and bullying at National Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Conference in Columbus, Ohio, and he presented on legal issues facing school districts and administrators. In 2010, he testified in hearings of the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises. The hearings covered “Legislative Proposals to Address Student Loan Default,” “Bailouts and Government Sponsorship,” and “Pony Express: The Debate About Student Loan Guarantors.”

Lee Strang Professor

Professor Strang placed his most recent publication, “Originalism as Popular Constitutionalism: Theoretical Possibilities and Practical Differences,” in the Notre Dame Law Review. The article explores trends that dispute the theoretical originalism of constitutional and popular constitutionalism, which have diverged in practice. Additionally, Strang placed “The Rod Not Taken: Catholic Legal Education at the Middle of the Twentieth Century” (with John M. Bentley) in the Loyola Chicago Law Journal. This is the first law review article from what will be a book on the history of Catholic legal education. Strang also co-authored a constitutional law cases book for LexisNexis. Strang also participated in a symposium on “Public Sector Labor” (with Marcy Malin and Ann Hodge). Professor Strang was an expert panel member for a U.S. Department of Education study on state bullying laws and school policies. Professor Salem was one of seven experts from around the country chosen by the Department of Education to work on the study. Salem gave a presentation on “Innovative Strategies for Lawyers to Impact the Safe School Movement” at the Lavender Law Conference in Minneapolis. He also presented at the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program at the Lucas County Juvenile Court on civil liberties, digital rights, and transgender youth. He also gave a presentation on the connection between the law and bullying at National Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Conference in Columbus, Ohio, and he presented on legal issues facing school districts and administrators. In 2010, he testified in hearings of the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises. The hearings covered “Legislative Proposals to Address Student Loan Default,” “Bailouts and Government Sponsorship,” and “Pony Express: The Debate About Student Loan Guarantors.”
Four outstanding new faculty members join the College of Law in 2011

Shelley Cavallero
Assistant Professor

Professor Cavallero received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. After law school she clerked for Judge Martha Craig Daugherty at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and then for Judge Thelton Henderson at the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. Following her clerkships, she began her teaching career at the West Virginia University College of Law as a visiting assistant professor. Professor Cavallero will teach property courses beginning this fall.

Jelani Jefferson Exum
Assistant Professor

Professor Exum has both her undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard. Upon graduating from law school, she clerked at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana for Judge Eldon Fallon, then for Judge James Dennis at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Following her judicial clerkships, she was a Forrester Fellow and legal research and writing instructor at Tulane Law School, an associate professor of law at the University of Kansas School of Law, and a visiting associate professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School. Among her research interests are federal sentencing, comparative criminal law and procedure. Professor Exum will be teaching criminal law, criminal procedure, and race and the law courses beginning this fall.

Gregory Gilchrist
Assistant Professor

Professor Gilchrist has degrees from Stanford University and Columbia Law School. He began his post-law school career clerking for Judge Robert H. H. Levy, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Following his clerkship, he worked at Arnold & Porter, then as an assistant federal public defender in the District of Maryland. He later returned to Arnold & Porter and practiced in the area of white collar criminal defense. Professor Gilchrist will teach criminal law/criminal procedure courses beginning this fall.

Dan Nathan
Clinical Professor

Professor Nathan joined the College of Law faculty in January 2011 as a clinical professor teaching in the Domestic Violence & Juvenile Law Clinic. Nathan is a graduate of The University of Toledo College of Law (J.D. 2004), where he was the class valedictorian. He also graduated from the University of Chicago (master’s in teaching), and the University of Michigan (B.A.). Prior to joining the faculty, Nathan was in private practice for six years, focusing in the areas of juvenile and appellate law.

Before entering the field of law, Nathan was a high school English teacher and an investigator and caseworker for Lucas County Children Services.

Heather Karns
Assistant Dean

Karns has also been elected to serve as a member of the law schools across the country. His debates include a panel discussion, “The Upcoming Supreme Court Term,” with College of Law faculty. Professor Strang also regularly commented in the media.

Rebecca E. Zietlow
Professor

Professor Zietlow was a visiting professor at the University of Iowa College of Law this past year. She published “Progressive Popular Constitutionalism and the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” in the Ohio State Law Journal, and “Patterns of Inequality — Paradigms for Equality” (book review) in the Tulsa Law Review. She also gave a number of talks and presentations, including at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Drake University Law School, the University of Maryland College of Law, the Annual Labor and Employment Colloquium, and at the 2010 Law and Society Annual Meeting.

Heather Karns
Assistant Dean

Assistant Dean Karns continues to oversee career services and alumni affairs in the Office of Professional Development. Karns co-presented at the 2011 National Association for Legal Career Professionals with Cheryl Kindel, Director of Career Services at Ohio Northern’s Pettit College of Law and Christine Corral, Executive Director of the Career Planning Center at The Valparaiso University School of Law. Karns has also been elected to serve as a Regional Coordinator for NALP during the 2011-12 year.

Jessica Mehl
Assistant Dean

Assistant Dean Mehl co-presented a session on Applying to Law School at the Mercer Langston Bar Association [JLMBA] Conference for African American Aspiring Attorneys in Columbus. She presented with Robert Solomon, the Assistant Dean for Admissions & Financial Aid and Director of Minority Affairs at OSU Law.

Rhoda L. Berkowitz
Professor

Professor Berkowitz retired from The University of Toledo in 2003. Since then, she has been enjoying her time as a resident of a small town south of Chippewa Hills, N.C.

Howard Friedman
Professor

Professor Friedman retired from The University of Toledo in 2010. He continued to teach part-time at UT until a year ago, when he moved to Atlanta to spend more time with his daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren. Since the move, enjoyable time has been augmented with the many attractions of Atlanta itself: “Exploring all sorts of things: There’s a great arts community and the great climate for being outdoors,” he says, adding that he enjoys being able to grill most of the year.

On the professional side, Professor Friedman spends his time blogging about constitutional law. The blog, which Professor Friedman started soon after he retired, can be accessed at constitutional后卫. com. It now has 30,000 visitors per month. In addition to blogging, Professor Friedman spends his time working on his book, Constitutional Law: A Contemporary Guide, coming out in August.

In addition to writing, Professor Friedman stays connected to the College by e-mail subscription to issues through The University of Toledo law library.

His fondest UT memory of his time on the faculty was of the first day he worked under, Karl Krastin. “He was a great mentor as a dean,” says Professor Friedman. He adds, “I remember fondly all my students over the many years I taught at UT. I learned a lot from them and hope they learned a fair amount from me.”
Michael Kadens
Professor

Professor Kadens retired from The University of Toledo in 2000, but continues teaching as a part-time professor and special lecturer for Toledo Law, the University of North Carolina and the Chapel Hill University. I spend more time in the classroom now that I’m retired than I did before retirement,” says Kadens.

About four years after he retired, Professor Kadens moved to Chapel Hill, N.C. Since then, he has continued his relationship with UT by remaining in touch about the Law School.” During that time, he is enjoying valuable time with his wife and mother, a passionate reader and beloved friend to many.

Kadens’ fondest memory of his time at Toledo Law is of Dean John Stope. “He helped me to thrive. He was a great credit to the Toledo community. As a Law student, and the University,” recalls Kadens. Beyond his mentorship with Dean Stope, “I had a wonderful father at the College of Law. It was a privilege and I am proud to have been at the institution,” says Kadens. “When asked how he feels about the current state of Toledo Law, Kadens responds, “I believe he is a lawyer and be a professional and all at the same time. A legal education can never be anything but beneficial.”

If you would like to contact Professor Michael Kadens, e-mail him at mkadens@utkirkland.net

Scholarship fund in memory of Col. Jacqueline R. Little ’84

Classmates of Col. Jackie Little ’84 have established a scholarship in her memory at UT College of Law. Col. Jackie Little, age 48, died on May 8, 2008, at her home in Springfield, VA., from cancer. At the time of her death, she was serving as the chief of the Legal Assistance Program Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General. Jackie’s service was held at the Memorial Chapel on Fort Myer, Va., and she was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Jackie is survived by her husband, Juan Rivera; their 11-year-old daughter Diana; her parents, Geoffrey W. and Margaret Little; and her twin sister, Colonel Cheryl A. Little, M.D., USAFR. While at UT, Jackie was a member and editor of the Law Review and graduated third in her class. Jackie’s UT classmates remember her as a kind student with a great laugh, quick wit and willingness to help others. Among many of her gifts, Jackie was a devoted wife and mother, a passionate reader and beloved friend to many.

The scholarship will provide financial support for law students with a demonstrated financial need combined with a strong academic record. Because Jackie participated in ROTC during her undergraduate studies at Bowling Green State University, students sharing those experiences will be given preference. We invite others who knew Jackie or who would like to contribute to this fund to make gifts to the Col. Jackie Little Scholarship Fund. Donors’ names will be added to the scholarship fund. Please make checks payable to the UT Foundation and mail to the UT Foundation.

In Memoriam

William R. Kennedy ’51
Michael E. Judge ’56
John A. McFall ’56
Frederick J. Fadell ’58
Gene W. Graves ’59
Joe Stock ’59
William J. Moore ’62
Donald Rothchild ’65
Marcolm M. Limoges ’70
John T. L지원 ’68
Richard J. Szponarz, Jr., ’76
Michael L. Zaramsky ’77
Gary L. Warrick ’77
James E. Goranson ’78

Myriam Herzkatz ’77
Thomas I. Farquhar ’78
Gerard Varanacque ’78
Neil H. Light ’79
Thomas F. Zachman ’79
Bobbie Lane Daniel ’80
John F. Baronie ’81
Grant E. Daniel ’83
Larry A. Kaczala ’87
Keith A. Weinbrecher ’85
Joseph H. Lofstead ’87
Charles Joseph Bania ’91
Keith A. Hassler ’93

Award and will be recognized at the 2011 UT College of Law Recognition and Reunion Gala. Mr. Casey practices law in Toledo with Eastman and Smith.

Judge Michael L. Burkett retired from the Fremont Municipal Court. Judge Burkett, who has been on the bench since 1991, also served as the city’s prosecutor in 1981.

Stephen K. Haller. Greene County prosecuting attorney, was recently appointed by the Ohio Attorney General, R. Michael DeWine, to chair the State Victim Assistance Advisory Commission. He has been a resident of Bellaire and has been with the Greene County Prosecutor’s Office for 36 years. He also serves on the foundation board of Michael’s House, Greene County’s Child Advocacy Center.

Michael L. Piccarreta has been selected as the recipient of the 2011 State Bar of Arizona’s Tom Karas Criminal Justice Award. The award recognizes a criminal defense practitioner who, during his career, has worked to advance the principles of criminal justice by representing clients with integrity, excellence, and professionalism.

Thomas Wochok is working as an associate in the law firm of Sanders Anderson in McCalla, Va. He was also invited to be a Fellow in an organization known as Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society based in New York. The society accepts Fellows who have distinguished themselves in the areas of trial and appellate law.

Judge Roderick Kennedy of the New Mexico Court of Appeals was awarded the American Board of Trial Advocates’ (NM Chapter) Outstanding Appellate Jurist of the Year for 2011 as well as serving on the Board of Advisors for the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification.

Linda L. Smith, associate dean of the UT College of Law, graduated in August with a master’s degree in counselor education and a concentration in clinical mental health counseling.

Judge Keith M. Humpolick recently retired after serving 16 years as Common Pleas Judge in Henry County, Ohio. Judge Keith’s wife, Karen, plans to move to North Augusta, S.C.

Judge Craig Roth, who has been in the Williams County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas since 2006, retired from a career that also included more than two decades as a county prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecutor and working in private practice.

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Jack G. Fynes of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP’s Toledo office has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of Ohio Super Lawyers.

Joseph A. Humphlock ran the ING New York City Marathon on November 7, 2010. Humphlock is a public defender in Antioch, Ohio.

John Husband is chairman of Denver-based Holland & Hart LLP, the largest law firm in the Mountain West. He was also named one of the Top 50 Lawyers in Colorado by Colorado Super Lawyers.

Scott S. Schwab was selected by the UT Law Alumni Affiliate to receive the 2011 Commitment Award for his role as a member of The Kirby’s and will be recognized at the UT College of Law Recognition and Reunion Gala on September 24, 2011.

Laura Walker teaches undergraduate legal studies at George Mason University in the School of Government and International Affairs. Her courses include The Law & Civil Liberties, Family Law and The Judicial Process.

Michael J. Walker, adjunct professor at the University of Toledo College of Law, was recently appointed by the Ohio State Bar Association to chair the Board of Governors. Mr. Casey practices law in Toledo with Eastman and Smith.

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Judge Michael L. Burket was awarded the American Bar Association’s 2011 Lawyer Award from The American Bar Association, and he enjoys taking advantage of the many opportunities and materials provided by the ABA.

Professor Kadens concluded, “The law school has been a wonderful place and I hope all the alumni appreciate the great institutions that they attended.”

If you would like to contact Professor Howard Friedman, e-mail him at Howard.Friedman@utoledo.edu

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Considering those recollections, Professor Kadens says, “I spend more time participating with the American Bar Association, and he enjoys taking advantage of the many opportunities and materials provided by the ABA.

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Judge R. Marc Kantrowitz authored a monthly column, Law ‘N’ History for Lawyers Weekly. Judge Kantrowitz, who also sits on the Massachusetts Appeals Court, is writing a book on the history of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Michael J. Schilika is a licensed attorney in Georgia and New York. He resides in a suburb of Atlanta and has maintained a solo practice focused on family law. Michael and his wife, Debbie, have been married for more than 25 years and have a 23-year-old son who is a graduate student in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Schilika has completed five marathons and half-marathons; this summer will be his third consecutive year of marathons coaching.

Paul T. Belazis of Toledo was selected for the 2011 Access to Justice Award. Paul practices law in areas of business litigation and employment litigation.

Howard M. Levine, partner at the Portland, Oregon, law firm of Susan Shank LLP, has been recognized for the sixth consecutive year among the Oregon Super Lawyers® listing, and is included for the third year in a row among the Top 50 Super Lawyers. Levine is recognized by his peers in the bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights area of law. Only 5 percent of Oregon lawyers will receive the honor of an Oregon Super Lawyer.

Neil H. Light, who died this year, was chosen by the Law Alumni Affiliate to receive the Commitment Award for his role in The Kibitz. He will be recognized at the 2011 UT College of Law Recognition and Reunion Gala.

Gregory L. Arnold was reappointed for a three-year term (2011-2013) to the Ohio Supreme Court Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness.

Howard Gerry Anderson is now senior director and labor relations counsel for Southwest Airlines.

Dean Mardos was elected to Common Pleas Court in Lucas County, Ohio.

Mike Ziegler has been promoted to professor of business law in the College of Business and Public Administration at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. He retired in 1995 as partner in the Norfolk firm of Breeden MacMillan and Green.

Judge Morgan spent the majority of his 26 years with the court in Denver but during the past two years she has been based in Ann Arbor. She retired April 29, 2011, after 36 years of service on the bench. Judge Morgan cites Camp Newman, a camp she attended as a child, and her early teaching experience on a Navajo reservation as the foundation for her desire to “try to make the world a better place.” Morgan earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan, with multiple areas of concentration. She then moved her way to a Navajo reservation in New Mexico to teach high school math. After two years on the reservation, she left to teach math in California, then went back home to Toled0. While teaching in Toledo, she began attending and graduated from the evening program in 1979. After passing the bar exam, she became Washtenaw County Prosecutor William Dehle’s first female assistant prosecutor. She moved to the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Michigan in 1979 and became a magistrate judge in 1985.

Judge Michael D. Kirby was selected by the Law Alumni Affiliate to receive the 2011 Commitment Award for his role as a member of The Kibitz musical group and will be recognized at the 2011 UT College of Law Recognition and Reunion Gala.

Joan R. Bullock, Professor of Law at Fordham University College of Law, recently traveled as a legal specialist to Dubai, UAE, and Doha, Qatar, on behalf of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative. She was the sole presenter, giving four presentations over five days in the two countries.

Lawrence Muscarella has moved back in house as assistant general counsel for MTD Products Inc. in the Cleveland, Ohio area, and will manage the corporation’s litigation caseload.

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Judson DiVincenzo is married to Heather and has three children: Caner, 10; Jackson, 8; and Juliana, 4 months.

Patricia S. Eshman was recognized as a 2011 Woman of Achievement by the YWCA of Columbus. This recognition is given to a select group of women who have a passion and commitment to empower women and eliminate racism.

William E. Grande celebrated the 20th anniversary of his admission to the bar. He is a practitioner labor attorney in Kennett Square, N.Y., and was admitted to the practice of law in New York State in 1986. He established The Law Office of William E. Grande in 1995.

Patricia Wise joined Neihaus and Associates, Ltd., in April 2010 and was named to the Board of Trustees for Access to Basic Legal Equality, Inc.

Darryl Thomas works at ProAssurance, which offers professional liability insurance and related products/services.

Craig Rappol of Rappol Law Group, PLLC, in Vero Beach, Fla., has become a member of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, and a member of the Law Society of England and Wales. Additionally, Craig was recently appointed to the Client Security Fund Committee by the president of the Florida Bar.

Jo Garber has been named the state of Ohio Insurance Department’s chief legal counsel, advising the department in legal matters and recommended courses of action in legal and administrative proceedings involving the agency. He directs the Office of Legal Services and serves as a liaison with other state agencies and the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. Prior to joining the department, Garber worked at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, serving as an assistant general counsel responsible for analyzing and consulting on statutory and regulatory issues affecting the Material Damage, Casualty and Property Claim’s teams. During his time with Nationwide, he served as lead counsel for the Texas Regional Operations, and was senior counsel for the company’s commercial operations, and Texas regional operations and Midwest regional operations leadership teams. Garber is also a Certified Public Accountant. Garber’s wife, Kathleen, and their three boys live in Columbus.

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Jennifer Grieco of Newnan, Ga., was recognized by the University of Toledo as part of the UT College of Law Recognition and Exemplar Award by Law Alumni and Affiliate and named a partner in the UT College of Medicine in 2010.

Emily W. Newman was named a partner in the Reminger Co., LLP, a Columbus office. She has been recognized by various professional organizations and is a member of the American Bar Association's Trustee Award.

Milton E. Pommeranz of Malone, Ault and Farel, was named a Rising Star by Ohio Super Lawyers magazine.

Brad Mantel is an attorney in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Labor, where he advises the Secretary of Labor and other senior officials on policy and legislative matters. He and his wife, Colleen, reside in McLean, Va., with their 15-month-old daughter, Samantha.

Sarah (Hedman) O’Leary and her husband, Mike, are parents of a daughter, Molly Elizabeth, born August 10, 2010.

Karen P. Wu was nominated to participate in Ohio State Bar Association’s 2011 Leadership Academy. Class size for academic programs is limited to 24 lawyers, and invitation to the Leadership Academy is made by the president of the association.

Chad R. Baker of the Toledo office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLC, has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of Ohio Rising Stars.

The late Judge Charles Aslinger, a partner at Amick, Breaden & Aslinger in Greenville and a private law practice located in Arcanum, is a former attorney for the Cancer Association of Darke County and a current board member of the Darke County Chamber of Commerce. He lives in Greenville with his wife, Colleen, and his wife, Colleen, resides in McLean, Va., with their 15-month-old daughter, Samantha.

Kurt Brudely and his wife, Robin, welcomed baby Cameron Sue on May 31, 2010.


Stephanie R. Hanna was honored as a partner of Recht Kornfeld in Key Largo and Orlando. The law office focuses on the representation of attorneys and staff members in various civic and fundraising events that benefit not-for-profit charitable and arts organizations in the Toledo area.

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Dr. Gretchen Carroll earned an Ed.D. in leadership and policy studies from Bowling Green State University in 2011. She is now serving as the dean of the School of Business at Owens Community College.

Joshua Boggioni and Laura Monnich Boggioni welcomed their son, Maxwell James Boggioni, on March 21, 2011.

Tom Persinger accepted a job as a hazardous materials investigation specialist with the State of Ohio in the Public Utilities Commission in the Transportation Division.

Amy Tremonti was hired as an assistant general counsel for the New York Hotel & Motel Trades Council in New York City.

Jessica R. Vartanian began her clerkship with Justice Brian K. Zahra of the Michigan Supreme Court in May 2011.

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Michael J. Walker, ’77 Law

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The Kirbys
The Hon. Michael D. Kirby, ’84 Law, ’86 Business
Scott S. Schwab, ’77 Law
Neil H. Light, ’79 Law (posthumously)

Outstanding New Exemplar Award
Said M. Orra, ’03 Law

Outstanding Faculty Member Award
William M. Richman

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