

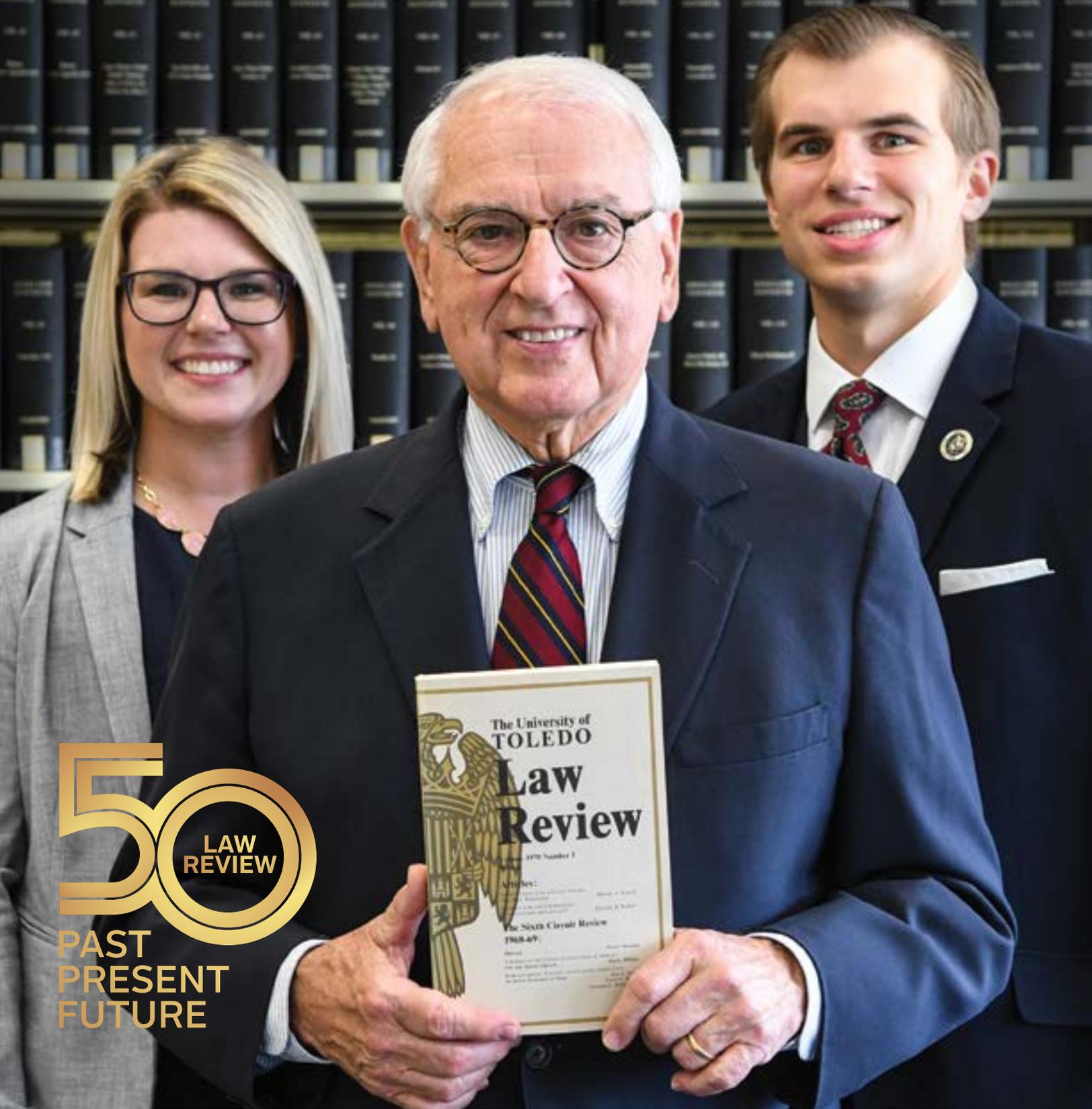


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We are excited to begin another great year at Toledo Law!

We continue to make great progress in our most important metrics.

We expect that our first-year enrollment will increase for the fourth year in a row, representing nearly a 50% increase in class size since 2015.

Our bar passage rates also have increased substantially during the past few years. Our first-time pass rate for the July 2018 Ohio bar exam was 84%, and we ranked third in the state among Ohio law schools. Improvement on our bar results will continue to be a high priority.

Our 10-month employment rate for our 2018 graduates was the highest it has been in recent memory. As with the bar exam, we will not rest on our laurels, and we will continue to focus on improving the employment prospects of our graduates. To that end, I am pleased to report that we recently adopted a new professional development program for our students. The program will enable students to develop their professional identity, skills, and network earlier in law school. Students will be required to complete a number of professional development tasks each year. These tasks will include skills training and opportunities for networking and professional exploration.

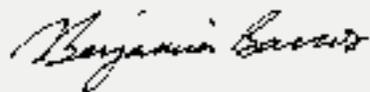
Toledo Law was recognized among the best in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report Best Law Schools — jumping 11 spots to 126 in the 2020 rankings due to our improvement in the graduate employment rate.

We continue to make improvements to the Law Center building. During the past three years, we've completed renovations to the Chris '83 and Peggy '82 Bussert Classroom, the Cubbon Courtroom, the fourth floor of the LaValley Law Library, and the Law Center patio. This year, we are brightening the Law Center by replacing the ceilings and lighting in the Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick lounge and in offices throughout the building.

Alumni support is essential as we continue to build on our great history to reach new heights. I hope you will consider making a gift to the College of Law on our Day of Giving, Oct. 15-16. Last year's Day of Giving was a rousing success. Your donations help support scholarships, bar passage programs, facilities improvements, and many other things that improve the lives and education of our students.

Thank you for your continued support of the College of Law! Please come by and visit us if you are in the area. We would be delighted to see you!

Sincerely,

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

Ben Barros

Dean and Professor of Law

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DEAN BARROS ELECTED TO AALS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Toledo Law Dean **Ben Barros** was elected to serve on the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Executive Committee by the organization's House of Representatives at its annual meeting Jan. 4, 2019. Barros will serve a three-year term.

AALS is a nonprofit association of 179 member law schools

with a mission to uphold and advance excellence in legal education. The AALS Executive Committee is comprised of only nine members from across the country, who are well respected among their peers as leaders in legal education. Barros was one of the youngest educators to serve on the Executive Committee when he served a one-year term in 2014. His past leadership roles include service as chair of the AALS Property Section and president of the Association for Law, Property, and Society.

Barros joined Toledo Law as dean in July 2015. He teaches and writes in the areas of property law and theory, regulatory takings, property law reform, and the philosophy of science. He is the founding editor of the *Journal of Law, Property, and Society*. In 2015, he released a casebook on property law with Aspen/Wolters Kluwer.

Previously the associate dean of academic affairs and professor of law at Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, Pa., Barros practiced as a litigator before teaching. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Colgate University, a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Maryland, and a law degree from Fordham University.

'LAUNCH INTO LAW' BRIDGE TO THE PROFESSION PROGRAM TAKES FLIGHT

The 'Launch into Law' bridge to the profession program organized its first cohort to increase the number of historically underrepresented students enrolled in law school. The weeklong program took place Jan. 7-11, 2019.

The program prepared participants to be stronger law school applicants and law students. Participants were immersed in courses to prepare them for the LSAT and to improve legal writing and study skills. Additionally, participants sat in on a first-year law school class and

attended sessions about success strategies, clinical education, the admissions process, and legal career opportunities.



The first cohort was comprised of 11 undergraduates and recent graduates from institutions around the country. Each participant was matched with a student mentor and a professional mentor.

Jelani Jefferson Exum, professor of law and associate dean for diversity and inclusion in 2018-19, designed the program in collaboration with **Amber Chuhy '12**, who is now the director of law admissions. "Programs providing a pipeline to law school are vitally important, not only in providing individuals from a variety of backgrounds with access to a legal career, but also in enhancing the legal profession itself so that it better reflects the rich diversity of our society," said Exum.

The pilot program was a success. Official LSAT practice tests were administered pre- and post-experience. Scores increased an average of 4.6 points, with increases as high as 8 points.

TOLEDO LAW RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT FOR TAX CLINIC



Toledo Law was awarded a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) grant from the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, making it the only academic institution in Ohio to receive the honor. The LITC grant can match funds up to \$100,000 annually to support the law school's existing Tax Controversy Clinic. In the clinic, Toledo Law students

work under the supervision of Clinic Director **Chris Bourell**, pictured here, to assist taxpayers in disputes with the IRS.

Bourell indicates that the federal grant will allow the tax clinic to expand its services and community outreach efforts, as well as provide structural support for the operation. "We are especially honored to become a part of a network of recognized low-income taxpayer clinics across the country. The contacts we have made with other grant recipients, both at legal aid organizations and other law schools, and within the IRS itself have been beneficial to improving and expanding our services."

Tax clinic students receive legal training from their experience of handling challenging legal cases, and they have the opportunity to serve the community. Student attorney Stephen Domingue said, "I have learned how to be a better attorney through the clinic. It is a great program to improve my legal skills, but it also gave me insight into the challenges faced by many people who are not able to receive quality legal care elsewhere."

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The Office of Professional Development (OPD) will launch a new Professional Development Program (PDP) this fall for incoming students.

The PDP will enable Toledo Law students and graduates to build foundations in professional identity and professional development, and to advance their career goals and service to the community. Students will be required to complete a checklist of professional development tasks for every 30 academic credit hours. The tasks are organized into individual categories, including mandatory activities, networking and skills events, pro bono awareness, and professional exploration. Upon completion, students will receive a notation on their official transcripts stating that they have completed the program.



Students will have the opportunity to choose from activities such as volunteering at a bar-sponsored pro bono clinic, assisting an attorney with a pro bono case, completing a mock interview with an alumnus, attending the annual OPD Networking and Etiquette program, setting up and completing an informational interview with an attorney in their desired practice area or geographical location, or attending a legal conference or CLE.

The program allows for additional options to be added to each category to allow the program to evolve as the legal community's needs change. The Office of Professional Development hopes the adoption of the program will encourage students to not only engage within the law school, but also to expand engagement within the local and national legal communities.

TOMLINSON NAMED ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS



Kelly Tomlinson '06 was appointed assistant dean for student affairs at the College of Law July 1, 2019, following approval by the University's Board of Trustees.

In this role, Tomlinson will help coordinate a variety of services and programs to enrich the overall experience of Toledo Law students and to support

their academic, professional, and personal development. Her portfolio will include student organizations, character and fitness disclosures, and student well-being. She also will serve as advisor to the Student Bar Association.

Tomlinson was previously director of the Office of Professional Development (OPD) at the College of Law, where she worked with law students and graduates on career development for the legal profession. Before joining OPD, she was a visiting assistant clinical professor in Toledo Law's Domestic Violence Clinic and an associate at a private law firm in Toledo, with a focus on litigation defense and workers' compensation.

Tomlinson earned her B.A. with high distinction in communication arts from Ohio Northern University and her J.D., magna cum laude, from Toledo Law. She is admitted to practice law in Ohio and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

She serves on the executive board of the Morrison R. Waite American Inn of Court. She also is a member of the Toledo Bar Association, Toledo Women's Bar Association, American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, and National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals.

TOLEDO LAW JOINS ABA'S WELL-BEING PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

The University of Toledo College of Law is one of the first law schools in the country to sign on to the American Bar Association's Well-Being Pledge Campaign. The pledge confirms our commitment to improving well-being and to preparing students for life after law school.



Recent research suggests that lawyers experience an elevated risk for mental health and substance use disorders. In 2018, the ABA Working Group to Advance Well-Being in the Legal Profession designed an innovative well-being campaign to raise awareness,

reduce problematic substance use and mental health issues, and help lawyers and future lawyers thrive in all aspects of their personal and professional lives.

Law schools and legal employers were asked to sign a pledge to adopt the campaign's seven-point framework. The framework identifies concrete steps to help organizations create healthy legal academic and work environments.

Responsibility for coordinating the college's well-being efforts will initially be given to **Kelly Tomlinson**, who moved from the Office of Professional Development to her new position as assistant dean for student affairs.

"It is essential for law schools to be part of the ABA's national efforts to improve well-being in the legal profession," said Tomlinson. "I look forward to providing enhanced educational opportunities for law students about well-being, and we will seek to partner on programming and initiatives with other legal organizations in our region that are working on this important professional issue."

DETTINGER NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Laura Dettinger '13 was promoted in July to director of the Office of Professional Development (OPD). She is a graduate of the College of Law and holds a B.B.A. from Florida International University, where she majored in marketing and finance. Dettinger joined the college as assistant director of OPD in November 2016. Before

joining the College of Law, she worked for LexisNexis training law students in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Florida on how to conduct legal research on Lexis Advance. She is a licensed attorney in Ohio and Florida and volunteers at the monthly Veteran's Brief Advice Clinic held at the Toledo VA.

STERKEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



The college welcomed **Todd Sterken** as director of development last December. He is working to connect the people who care about Toledo Law with opportunities to advance the college's mission through charitable giving. Sterken graduated from The University of Toledo in 2004 with a B.A. in communication.

After nearly eight years providing strategic communication support to some of the area's largest employers, he entered the fundraising profession. Sterken was named director of development at Sauder Village, Ohio's largest living-history museum, in 2012. Most recently, he was a major gifts officer with the ProMedica Foundation.

2018-19 YEAR IN REVIEW



Pictured are Student Bar Association Student Involvement Award winners Billy Jeffers, Ariel Berger, Katie Tauber, Zac Shaffer, and Chuck Hatch with Dean Barros. The award is given each year based on student contributions to SBA, student organizations, and student life at the college.



The law community gathered to celebrate at the Day of Giving Fall Fest Oct. 16, 2018, with games, pumpkin decorating, and a “pie the professor” challenge. Pictured here is Eli Boldt.



The college raised more than \$34,000 during Day of Giving thanks to generous donations from alumni, faculty, staff, and students. Pictured here is Associate Dean Geoff Rapp following the Fall Fest “pie a professor” challenge.



On Feb. 15, 2019, the Public Interest Law Fellowship Benefit Auction raised more than \$9,000 to fund summer fellowships for students working in public interest legal organizations across the country.



Professor Keith Whittington of Princeton University presented “Why We Should Value Campus Free Speech” at the spring Stranahan Lecture March 20, 2019.



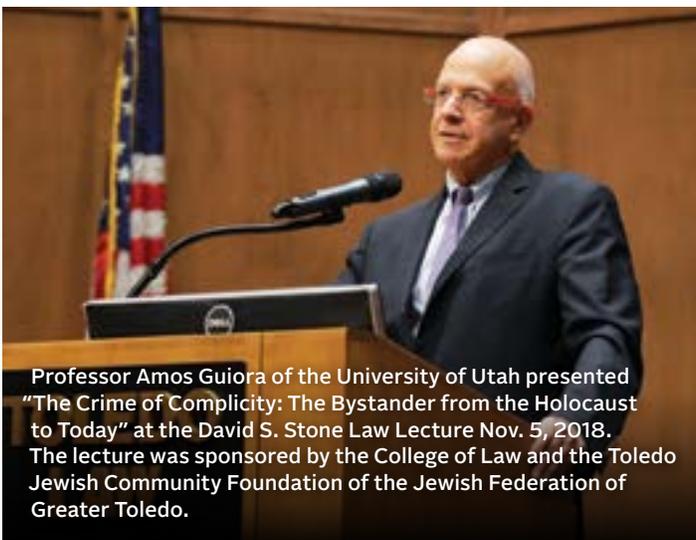
Former Toledo Law deans gathered with faculty and staff for a special dinner at The Toledo Club May 9, 2019. During the event, Shirley Baker was honored for her service at the College of Law, where she worked in the Dean's Office for 36 years. Baker retired from the University Dec. 31, 2018. Pictured from left to right are Douglas Ray (2006-10), Daniel Steinbock (2010-15), Ben Barros (2015-present), Shirley Baker, James Klein (interim, 1993-95), and Phillip Closius (1999-2005).



Joseph Slater was appointed to the rank of Distinguished University Professor and presented the lecture "The Distinctive Significance of Public Sector Labor Law: From the 1919 Boston Police Strike to the Supreme Court's 2018 Decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*" Oct. 29, 2018.



Students and faculty gathered at the Black Law Students Association annual scholarship banquet with keynote speaker Shawn Nelson '14 April 5, 2019, where recipients of the Torrence R. Greene Memorial Scholarship were announced. Pictured here are Sabrinne Gibson, Atef Khalaf, April Johnson, Walter Stargill, Professor Ben Davis, and Evangeline Nketia.



Professor Amos Guiora of the University of Utah presented "The Crime of Complicity: The Bystander from the Holocaust to Today" at the David S. Stone Law Lecture Nov. 5, 2018. The lecture was sponsored by the College of Law and the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.



Day of Giving Fall Fest pumpkin

STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

FORNOFF COMPETITION CASE ON DUE PROCESS AND FREE SPEECH

Joshua Arter, Eli Boldt, Rena Laws, and Blake Weiman competed in the final round of the Charles W. Fornoff Appellate Advocacy Competition on Oct. 25, 2018. Awards were presented for Best Team to Boldt and Laws, as well as Best Oralist to Weiman.

Students demonstrated their oral advocacy skills with the competition case of *Dragontown University v. Foster*. In the hypothetical case, Dr. Peter Foster, a former tenured professor at a public university, claims he was fired in retaliation for a blog entry he posted on his non-university-hosted website. At the time, Dragontown University issued a press release Foster claims damaged his reputation and employment prospects. Foster asserted he was terminated without due process and the entry was protected under his right to freedom of speech.



Arter and Weiman represented Dragontown University (petitioner). Boldt and Laws represented Dr. Foster (respondent).

The presiding judges' panel included Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Judge Walter Rice from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and Magistrate Judge Jonathan Greenberg from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

The competition was organized by the Moot Court Board. Professors **Eric Chaffee** and **Bryan Lammon** served as faculty advisors. Judge **James G. Carr**, Senior U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio and professor of law emeritus at Toledo Law, coordinates the judges' panel each year.

HOLMAN WINS NATIONAL HEALTH LAW WRITING COMPETITION



Alexis Holman '19 was named the Hirsh Award winner by the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) Student Writing Competition. The ACLM is the preeminent national organization for law and medicine. This marks the second year in a row that a Toledo Law student won

first place in the annual writing competition.

As the first-place winner, Holman was asked to present her research for "Is Bioequivalence a Sufficient Measure of Equivalence?" at the ACLM 2019 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles in February.

The paper focused on U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulation of generic medications. As generic medications are subject to less extensive review than brand drugs, manufacturers must prove only that they are the "bioequivalent" of the brand drug. Holman researched whether certain classes of brand and generic drugs could be used interchangeably without consequences for the patient.

Holman was born and raised in Toledo. She earned her bachelor's degree in brain, behavior, and cognitive science from the University of Michigan and completed her J.D./M.D. joint degree this spring, where she received the law school's Valedictorian Award. She was also one of the first students to graduate from the J.D./M.D. program, along with **Mark Fadel '19**, who was the winner of the 2018 Hirsh Award. Holman matched with her top choice, the anesthesiology residency program at the University of Michigan, where she plans to pursue clinical training and medico-legal research.

SENAYAH AWARDED PEGGY BROWNING FELLOWSHIP FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LABOR LAW



Prince Senayah, a third-year law student, was awarded a public interest labor law fellowship by the Peggy Browning Fund. He spent this summer working at United Auto Workers' international headquarters in Detroit, writing briefs related to ongoing collective bargaining and grievance resolution

proceedings, while witnessing and participating in union certification efforts.

Peggy Browning Fellowships provide law students with work experiences fighting for social and economic justice. The fund supports more than 80 public-interest, labor law fellowships nationwide, and the fellowship application process is highly competitive. Fellows are distinguished students who have not only excelled in law school, but have also demonstrated a commitment to workers' rights through previous educational, work, volunteer, and personal experiences.

Born and raised in Ghana, Senayah earned a B.S. in land economy from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. At Toledo Law, he is pursuing a J.D. with a certificate of concentration in labor and employment law to explore the correlation between employee rights and access to justice.

Senayah quickly developed a passion for worker rights advocacy after discovering the serious effects workplace-related policies can have on the underprivileged. He was named a Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Fellow in 2018 and also served as an instructor for the Law and Leadership Institute's 2018 summer session, where he taught classes to prepare high school students from underserved communities for legal careers.

JOHNSON HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE IN LEGAL CLINICS



April Johnson '19 was the recipient of the Patrick M. Burns Memorial Outstanding Clinical Student Award. The award is given each year to a law student who provides outstanding public service in our legal clinics.

Johnson's clinical work was exceptional. As the lead student on a pivotal parental rights case at the Ohio Supreme Court,

Johnson was the primary author on all pleadings. She worked with members of Toledo City Council to research and strategize about policy issues relating to land use, drug addiction, and labor rights. She also helped establish two nonprofit organizations in Toledo to help minority residents.

Johnson is a first-generation graduate student from Chicago. She earned her bachelor's degree in social work from UToledo and graduated summa cum laude from Toledo Law on May 5. She was first in her class of May graduates. At commencement, she received the Dean's Award, presented to the graduating student who made the most significant contribution to the college while maintaining high academic performance. She also served as the commencement student speaker.

At Toledo Law, Johnson was actively involved in the Black Law Students Association and the Toledo Law Review. Her legal areas of interest include criminal law, civil rights law, and business and tort litigation. Johnson is completing a one-year federal clerkship with Judge Solomon Oliver Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. She will begin work as an associate at Jones Day in Cleveland in fall 2020.

COURTCALL AWARD RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL SKILL IN ADVOCACY

Brandy Brown '19 and **Jessica Worley '19** were recipients of the CourtCall Award. The national award is presented to third-year law students who demonstrate skill in moot court, mock trial, or trial advocacy programs.



Brandy Brown

Jessica Worley

Only two CourtCall Award recipients are selected each year by Toledo Law faculty advisors. Criteria include the quality of performance at team competitions, level of engagement in preparation for competition, and demonstrated dedication to and investment in the team.

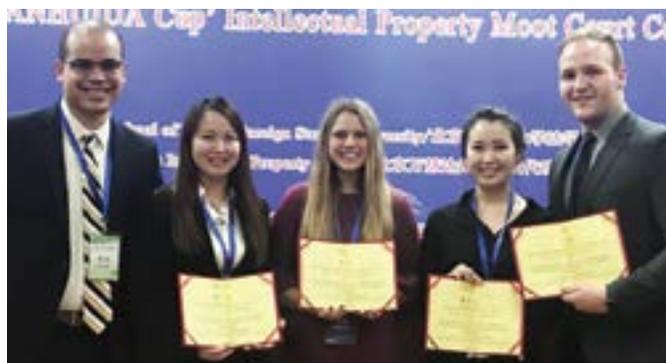
Brown is a two-time competitor for moot court—once on the products liability team and once on the labor and employment team. She was a Fornoff Competition finalist in 2017, and also served as a student coordinator for the competition the following year. “Brandy excelled in each of these roles, and she was an essential part of the moot court program’s success,” said Professor **Bryan Lammon**, faculty coordinator of the moot court program.

Worley was a member of the moot court team that won the Best Respondent Brief award at the 2018 Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition. She won the Best Witness and Best Attorney awards in the statewide Ohio Attorney General mock trial competition the same year. “Jessica is an outstanding member of the mock trial team,” said Professor **Shelley Cavalieri**, faculty coordinator of the mock trial program. “She provided focused leadership and seriousness of purpose to the team.”

CHINA IP MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Toledo Law students competed at the Beijing Foreign Studies University-Wanhuida Cup Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition in Beijing May 25-26, 2019. The competition hosted 12 teams from China, but Toledo Law was the only team from the U.S.

The competition problem was based on a case involving Chinese patent infringement, with briefs and oral arguments in English. The student team of **Jing Bao**, **Emilie Easton**, **Chuck Hatch**, and **Yue Zeng** earned an honorable mention overall.



Pictured from left to right are Gonzalez, Bao, Easton, Zeng, and Hatch.

Anthony Gonzalez, a third-year law student, coached and prepared the team in appellate advocacy. Professor **Llewellyn Gibbons** served as faculty advisor. Gibbons helped students navigate intellectual property issues in the competition problem. Both traveled with the team to Beijing.

The BFSU-Wanhuida Cup competition, now in its twelfth year, is organized by the BFSU School of Law. The competition is one of only two English-language, international moot court competitions involving intellectual property law.

Previous Toledo Law competitors advised the students, and the Toledo Bar Association offered support with judging practice rounds. Travel expenses were paid with generous funding from the UToledo Center for International Studies and Programs, the UToledo Graduate Student Association, and the Toledo Law Student Bar Association. The Toledo Law Dean’s Office provided additional funding for student visas.

JANACK WINS CARR WRITING AWARD



Recent graduate **Matthew Janack** '19 received the Judge James G. Carr Writing Award, which recognizes excellence in faculty-supervised research papers written by upper-level law students.

In 2012, Dr. Eileen Carr and family established the award to honor her husband, **James Carr**, professor of law emeritus

at the College of Law and senior U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Ohio. The award recognizes the student whose piece of legal research and writing, for either a course paper or publication, is deemed to have those qualities of content and style exemplifying the best of legal prose.

Each year, Toledo Law professors nominate students' work. Selection criteria include the importance of the research topic, the significance of the discussion, and the quality of the research. Judge Carr selects the winning entry.

Janack authored the research paper entitled "Plea Bargaining in the Shadow of Trial: Arguments for and Against Plea Bargaining." The paper is an exploration of arguments in favor of, and against, various aspects of the plea-bargaining process. His work was supervised by Professor **Gregory Gilchrist**, who nominated Janack for the award.

Janack earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Akron and graduated from Toledo Law May 5, 2019. He spent the summer in Cleveland studying for the bar and focusing on career development in e-discovery, criminal procedure, and health law.

WEIS AND BODEMAN WIN TOP TWO PRIZES IN OSBA STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

Ashley Weis and **Matthew Bodeman** won the top two prizes in the Ohio State Bar Association's Student Writing Competition for the Labor and Employment Law Section. The statewide competition was created to encourage relevant and innovative scholarly work in the area of labor and employment.



Pictured from left to right are Bodeman and Weis.

Weis, a third-year law student, won first place for her article "Tip Jars in Need of Change: The Case for Reforming Employee Tip Regulations in the Fair Labor Standards Act." Weis earned her bachelor's degree in paralegal studies, summa cum laude, from UToledo. In addition to her legal studies, she is director of legal services at Marco's Pizza. Following graduation this December, Weis plans to continue her employment at Marco's Pizza as associate legal counsel and lend her time to pro bono and volunteer efforts in the community.

Bodeman, also a third-year law student, won second place for his article "Do Not Bite the Hand that Feeds You: Extinguishing the Duty of Fair Representation in the Public Sector Following Janus." Bodeman earned his bachelor's degree in law and social thought, magna cum laude, from UToledo. He is a law clerk in the personal injury section of the Toledo law firm Gallon, Takacs & Boissoneault Co., L.P.A., as well as a high school basketball official in the Toledo area. After graduation next May, Bodeman plans to take the Ohio bar exam. He is seeking an associate position in a mid- to large-size firm, practicing labor and employment, construction, and/or personal injury law.

COMMENCEMENT



CONGRATULATIONS, Class of 2019

The law spring commencement ceremony was held on May 5 at the University's Thompson Student Union Auditorium. Mary Ellen Pisanelli, chair of the UToledo Board of Trustees, conferred 71 law degrees.

Attendees included board of trustees members Stephen Ciucci and Jeffrey Cole; Dr. Karen Bjorkman, interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs; and Dr. Christopher J. Cooper, executive vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

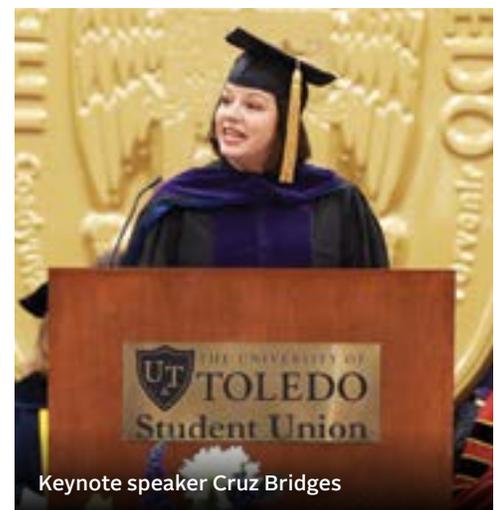
Angelita Cruz Bridges '00 delivered remarks to the graduating class. Cruz Bridges is an assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. She litigates civil cases and represents U.S. interests in civil rights cases—enforcing federal anti-discrimination laws in the areas of fair housing, disability rights, and education.

Alexis Holman received the Valedictorian Award. Holman was one of the first graduates of UToledo's J.D./M.D. joint degree program. Read more of her story on pages 8 and 13.

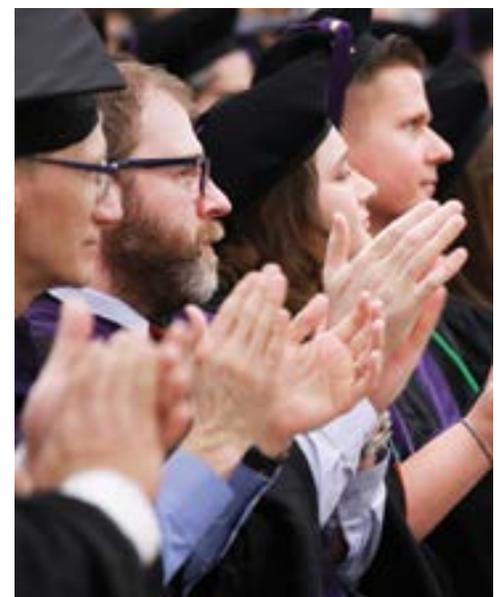
April Johnson received the Dean's Award, which honors the graduate who has made the most significant contribution to the college while maintaining high academic performance. Johnson was also the student speaker. Read more of her story on page 9.

Graduates selected Professor **Bryan Lammon** as the recipient of the Outstanding Professor Award for Dedication to Legal Education.

Billy Jeffers, outgoing president of the Student Bar Association, presented Lammon with the award.



Keynote speaker Cruz Bridges



FIRST GRADUATES OF JOINT J.D./M.D. PROGRAM LOOK TO FUTURE AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAW AND MEDICINE

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Mark Fadel came to The University of Toledo well-informed about what lay ahead.

One of his brothers is a surgeon. Another, an attorney. Fadel had seen firsthand the rigors of completing just one of those degrees.

He was embarking on both simultaneously. Law and medicine combined.

After six years of intense study, switching between medical textbooks and case law, clinical rotations and writing projects, Fadel joins **Alexis Holman** as the first graduates of UToledo's J.D./M.D. program.

One of roughly two dozen such programs in the U.S., UToledo's joint degree, established in 2013, is geared toward individuals driven to work at the intersection of medicine and law who seek opportunities to shape the future of healthcare policy.

"The combination of the two degrees can be very powerful," said Toledo Law Dean Ben Barros. "There are a wide range of intersections between law and medicine, and there are only a few people who are fully trained in both. Recipients of this joint degree are well-poised to be leaders in a wide range of areas, including healthcare policy, healthcare system management and healthcare regulation. We are incredibly proud of Alexis and Mark."

Fadel now heads to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for a residency in otolaryngology, more commonly known as an ear, nose and throat specialist. He passed the District of Columbia Bar Examination in 2019.

Holman leaves for the University of Michigan for a residency in anesthesiology. She elected to take the bar exam after learning where she matched for residency.

Looking further into the future, Holman and Fadel see a wide range of opportunities to put their unique training to use.

"With the changing face of healthcare — the shift to bigger medicine and increase in regulation — I was interested in trying to give physicians a seat at the table to help shape the future of care delivery in the United States," Holman said.

Holman and Fadel credited faculty in the College of Law and College of Medicine and Life Sciences for being open to working with them as the first students in the program, and each other for their support during difficult parts of their journey.

"Watching our friends match, graduate, sit for the bar, and participate in all the exciting things you do at the end of each of these programs was pretty hard to watch," Fadel said. "We always wondered when it would be our moment and, finally, it came."



Alexis Holman and Mark Fadel



“The Law Review has established a tremendous tradition of excellence over the past 50 years.”

– Ben Barros, Dean



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50 YEARS OF LAW REVIEW: DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE

BY MIKE DRIEHORST

From humble beginnings in the UToledo library to an outstanding and widely respected law school publication, there's been a constant thread in the 50-year-history of The University of Toledo Law Review—a dedication to excellence from students, staff, and faculty advisors.

"At the time, I don't think anyone could believe the time needed to publish a law review," said Kirby Boston '70, the Law Review's second editor-in-chief. "Executive Editor Paul Hancock '70 and I were there every day until 10 or 11 o'clock at night. It took commitment, but we got the Law Review out and we're proud of that."

The University of Toledo Law Review celebrates 50 years in 2019. The Student Law Journal, a non-academic publication, was a forerunner of the Law Review, which was started with both funding and support from Dean Karl Krasten and faculty to establish the college on the national stage.

The College of Law was founded in 1906, offering only night courses until 1963. Richard Walinski '69 served as the Law Review's first editor-in-chief, having previously written for the intramural Student Law Journal.

Dedicated

Through the years, the Law Review's commitment to excellence—through the late nights, the work of planning and soliciting pieces, editing, and all that goes into publishing each issue—continued for decades.

"Everyone, regardless of their role within Law Review, had a common goal: to produce quality writing," said Blanca Wheeler '16, who served for two years on the editorial staff.

Lifelong relationships were formed. Stephen Dane '81, the executive editor of board 12, talked about the culture as "very collegial and professional, yet with a sense of humor," adding that his strongest memories are working on issues and "hanging out with classmates in the Law Review offices, people who became lifelong friends like Stu Cubbon '81, Paul Radon '81, Susan Nelson '81 and Mark Conrad '81."

Phil Raleigh '82, who was the editor-in-chief of board 13, echoed Dane's comments about the culture, saying it was "informal, collegial, hard-working and serious about producing a quality year of reviews.

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– Phil Raleigh '82

"Board members did a great job of triaging submissions and identifying potential contributors. In addition, they devoted countless hours to both macro and micro editorial functions and cite checking."

Sarah Kurfis '13, editor-in-chief of board 44, added, "We published all our issues on time. We were able to pull this off because our managing editor and executive articles editor were great at assigning and scheduling editing steps. The entire board was very dedicated to completing editing steps in a timely fashion.

"Peggy Ery was also invaluable to the entire process."

Howard Friedman taught at the College of Law for about 35 years, starting in 1970. He also served as the Law Review faculty advisor for about 20 years, starting in the mid-'70s. He confirmed that Ery was critical to the success of the Law Review. She was hired as a full-time staff member to support the Law Review as its publications editor, where she conducted a final edit on articles before formatting them into typeset. She served in this role for 23 years.

Ery retired from the University in May 2017, but continued to support the organization part-time until the following year.

Reflecting on his year as editor-in-chief for board 50, Ben Syroka '19 said, "2018-19 was a unique year for the Law Review in multiple respects. Apart from being the 50th year of the journal, it would also be the first in multiple decades without Peggy Ery."

Board 50 created the new position of technical editor to work directly with the publisher and manage the typesetting and copyright processes.

Tom Kirkham '19, the managing editor for board 50, also launched an innovative project management solution with a web-course operated through LexisNexis. The course is available to all members and allows the editorial board to assign work, schedule due dates and reminders, and plan events.

Early years

During its early years, faculty advisors to the Law Review were Sam Bleicher, James Johnson, and Martin Roggoff. Walinski and Boston give a lot of credit to these early advisors for establishing a firm foundation.

Johnson arrived at Toledo Law from the University of Iowa, where he was active on its Law Review. Walinski recalls that Johnson introduced students to the unique importance and customary rigors of Law Review. "He passed on traditions that existed at other law schools."

Walinski, who was the third generation of his family to go into law, was appointed editor-in-chief in early 1968 and began immediately to seek article submissions. He sent out more than 120 letters, starting a pipeline of contributors for the first and following years.

Based on his family's background in law and Johnson's influence, Walinski knew the value of contributing to a Law Review issue. "It's the singular most important activity law students can be engaged in."

“The Toledo Law Review, unlike some others, has a willingness to publish unusual topics. It was a little groundbreaking.”

– Howard Friedman

During that first year, Boston, who had already earned a degree in chemical engineering and was in the workforce before deciding to attend law school, reviewed and edited various pieces. When he served as the Law Review editor-in-chief, Boston said there were no more than three or four women in any given class. One of the accomplishments he's proudest of is appointing the first two women at Toledo Law to serve on the board:

Nancy (Fulop) Short '71, who passed away in 2014, and Carolyn Wheat '71.

Walinski's commitment to the Law Review didn't end with his graduation. For a number of years around 1974, he hosted dinners with the newly elected and previous editors-in-chief and executive editors. The goal was to develop a level of stability in the editorial and publishing processes and to reinforce the importance of Law Review. The discussions focused on the incoming editorial leadership exploring ideas with previous editors, who could provide insight.

Once he started to see the year-to-year stability of the Law Review begin to take hold, Walinski felt there wasn't a need to continue the dinners.

Walinski's impact on the Law Review has been felt throughout the decades, as Dane noted, "Dick Walinski deserves special thanks and recognition for getting the Law Review started. He was brilliant in so many ways."



Board 16 (1984-85)

Groundbreaking

Friedman said the annual Leadership in Legal Education Series, informally referred to as "The Dean's Issue," was the "brainchild" of William Richman, Distinguished University Professor and professor of law emeritus. The articles in this series are written by deans of various law schools and address topics pertinent to legal education. Richman played an important role in the national reputation of the Law Review, as soliciting pieces from law school deans across the U.S. made the Toledo Law Review "fairly well-known."

Friedman also said the fact that editorial boards were not afraid to tackle "unusual" legal subjects was another key reason for the Law Review's national reputation, with the



Board 23 (1991-92)

“Arms Control in Outer Space” symposium being just one example (published Fall 1984, Vol. 16, No. 1).

“The Toledo Law Review, unlike some others, had a willingness to publish unusual topics. It was a little groundbreaking,” he said. “It’s not the kind of thing law reviews traditionally publish.”

More than just articles

The Law Review hosts a fall symposium on relevant topics in the legal community. Symposium editors are responsible for coordinating speakers and panelists, who also contribute articles for the symposium issue.



Board 29 (1997-98)

“My goal was to have a symposium that would be informative as well as practical,” said Grace Borell ‘19, symposium editor for board 50. “We focused on the topic of technology and professional advice because of the large role changing technology has had on the legal field.

“More than any other experience in law school, Law Review made me a better writer and editor. It additionally helped me with my networking skills because of the nature of my role.”

Professor Rebecca Zietlow, faculty advisor from 2006-11, discussed the impact of various Law Review symposia, noting, “The papers in the Ex parte Young symposium are cited in all of the major federal courts casebooks.”

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While each editorial board focuses on the lead articles, case notes and comments for each issue, each board often leaves its own mark. For example, Kurfis said that she and her staff focused on building a sense of community and public service at the Law Review.

“We introduced the Law Review Euchre Tournament. Students, faculty, and staff teamed up to participate in a euchre tournament in the Forum. During the event, we held raffles for items donated by local businesses. Proceeds from both events were donated to local nonprofits.”



Board 45 (2013-14)

Kurfis added that the euchre tournaments became very popular. "Once we started planning a euchre tournament, the office became euchre central. There were always cards on the table and a game underway, often two or three at the same time. Professors and staff would stop by to play."

That sense of camaraderie Kurfis describes, and Walinski and Boston noted in the early days, continues today.

"The Law Review has established a tremendous tradition of excellence over the past 50 years," said Dean Ben Barros. "The dean's issue is widely known and widely read among law school deans, and the Law Review has published many high-impact articles over the years. The editors of board 51 are already putting together a great volume, and the Law Review has a very bright future ahead of it."



Board 50 (2018-19)

Mike Driehorst works for SmartBrief as digital media editor and is also a freelance writer and public relations professional from Temperance, Mich.

50 Years of Law Review: Just the Facts

- Articles, notes, comments, introductions, and transcripts: 1,553
- Contributing authors: 1,753
- Pages: 39,913
- Citations: 216,170
- Words: 18.07 million
- Symposium topics: 49
- Leadership in Education issues: 15

Dedications:

- Janet L. Wallin: Volume 24, Issue #3, Spring 1993
- Don J. Young: Volume 28, Issue #2, Winter 1997
- Henry J. Bourhuignon: Volume 31, Issue #2, Winter 2000
- Beth Eisler: Volume 44, Issue #3, Spring 2013
- William Richman: Volume 45, Issue #4, Summer 2014
- Susan Martyn: Volume 47, Issue #1, Fall 2015

PROFESSOR LAMMON RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING



Professor **Bryan Lammon** received a flurry of accolades this year.

In April, The University of Toledo Board of Trustees approved his promotion to full professor. That same month, Lammon was selected as one of only six recipients of the University's Outstanding Teacher Award. This prestigious award honors

faculty members across UToledo who inspire, motivate, challenge, and bring out the best in their students.

Lammon also received the Outstanding Professor Award for Dedication to Legal Education this year, as well as in 2015. Winners are selected by the graduating class. In addition, he received the 2019 Beth Eisler First-Year Teaching Award selected by the first-year class. The award was created in 2013 to honor the memory of Beth Eisler, a longtime faculty member who also served as associate dean and interim dean of the college.

Lammon teaches appellate procedure, civil procedure, conflict of laws, and evidence. His research focuses on federal appellate jurisdiction and procedure with an emphasis on when parties can take an appeal. He also directs the college's moot court program. His article "Rules, Standards, and Experimentation in Appellate Jurisdiction" won the 2015 Howard B. Eisenberg Prize from the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers—awarded to high-quality articles in the field of appellate practice and procedure. Lammon earned his B.A. in economics from the University of Notre Dame and his J.D. from Washington University School of Law.

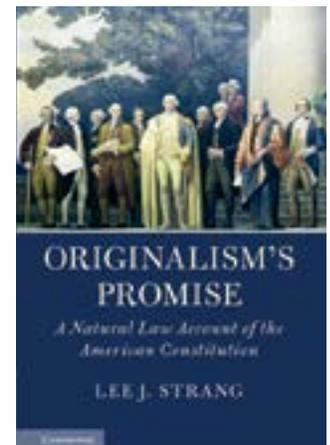
PROFESSOR STRANG HONORED FOR FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP



Professor **Lee J. Strang** received the Faculty Scholarship Award for his book, "Originalism's Promise: A Natural Law Account of the American Constitution," published by Cambridge University Press. The award annually recognizes the best piece of scholarship published by a Toledo Law faculty member.

In "Originalism's Promise," Strang provides the first natural law justification for an originalist interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. The book offers a deep, rich, and practical explanation of originalism, including the most-detailed theory of precedent in the literature. Of interest to judges, scholars, and lawyers, "Originalism's Promise" will help Americans better understand their own Constitution and shows why their reverence for it, its framers, and its legal system is supported by sound reasons.

Strang is the John W. Stoepler Professor of Law & Values at the College of Law and a leading scholar on constitutional law and interpretation, property law, and religion and the First Amendment. He teaches in the areas of constitutional law, property law, administrative law, federal courts, and appellate practice. Strang was named a James Madison Program Fellow at Princeton University in 2018-19, where he continued historical and archival research regarding religion and legal education. He was appointed to the Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in 2016 and received The University of Toledo Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award the following year. Strang earned his B.A. in history from Loras College, his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, and his LL.M. from Harvard Law School.



PROFESSOR SALEM NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



Rob Salem '90, clinical professor of law, was appointed associate dean for diversity and inclusion at the College of Law, following approval by the University's Board of Trustees. The two-year appointment is effective through the 2020-21 academic year.

As the chief diversity officer at Toledo Law, Salem will cultivate and improve diversity and inclusion. His priorities will include maintaining and growing our Launch into Law pipeline program, addressing the experiences of underserved law students, promoting and enhancing diversity recruiting for faculty and staff, and monitoring and documenting the college's compliance with diversity and inclusion policies.

Salem joined the law faculty in 1994. He also is a Toledo Law alumnus. Salem teaches clinical courses that provide students with skills necessary to successfully practice law while advancing the law school's social justice mission. Under his supervision, law students represent disadvantaged clients throughout Ohio in a variety of legal matters, including family law, political asylum, probate, domestic violence, civil rights, consumer protection, housing and nonprofit law.

Salem works with students on several policy and law-reform projects locally and statewide. The projects have addressed issues such as bullying prevention, prisoner re-entry, elder law, LGBTQ rights, delivery of criminal defense, and statutory amendments. He was awarded a Program for Academic Excellence grant from UToledo for his work involving school safety issues. He also received the Eastman & Smith Faculty Achievement Award, which recognizes excellence in teaching at the College of Law.

PROFESSORS FINK AND KILBERT SELECTED FOR EASTMAN & SMITH FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Professors **Maara Fink** '96 and **Ken Kilbert** each received the 2019 Eastman & Smith Faculty Achievement Award. The award was established by Eastman & Smith Ltd. to recognize excellence in teaching at the College of Law. The award also honors the names of former Eastman attorneys Jamille Jamra, John Eastman, and Roger Smith, each of whom made significant impacts in the legal community and contributed to the legacy of the firm.



Fink is director of Toledo Law's Dispute Resolution Clinic and teaches in the clinical programs. Her dedication helped Toledo Law achieve national ranking in preLaw magazine's 2019 list of the top law schools for practical training in alternative dispute resolution. Fink is president of the Ohio Mediation Association, vice president of the Toledo

Women's Bar Association, and an advisory board member of Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio. Prior to joining the College of Law faculty, Fink was coordinator of mediation services at the Franklin County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court in Columbus, Ohio. Fink earned her B.A. from Clark University and her J.D. from The University of Toledo College of Law.



Kilbert teaches environmental law, natural resources law, administrative law, civil procedure, and water law. He coordinates the Great Lakes Water Conference, environmental law certificate and master of studies in law programs. He also is director of the Legal Institute of the Great Lakes—a multidisciplinary

research center within the College of Law. In 2018, he received the University's Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to community outreach and engaged scholarship. Kilbert earned his B.A. from Bethany College and his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.



John Barrett, associate professor of law, taught business associations, international business

transactions, sales and leases of goods, and organizational governance and compliance in the college's graduate program in compliance. Next year, he will reintroduce a course in negotiation theory and strategy.



Kara Bruce, professor of law, accepted an offer to publish "Consumer Bankruptcy's Adjunct Regulator" in the Florida Law

Review. The article is co-authored with Alexandra Sickler at the University of North Dakota, and was selected for presentation at the 2019 Association of American Law Schools annual meeting. She published several articles in the Bankruptcy Law Letter and presented her research before the Oklahoma Bar Association and Central States Law Schools Association (CSLSA). She was elected president of the CSLSA and will host its annual meeting at Toledo Law in September 2019. She spent spring semester as a visiting professor of law at Willamette University in Salem, Ore.



Lesa Byrnes, legal writing professor and director of academic success and bar preparation, continued to implement

measures designed to improve students' performance on the bar exam. Byrnes meets individually with a quarter of Toledo Law students to talk about course selection and sign

an Academic Success Contract, which guides each student toward steps likely to enhance their chances of passing the bar exam. She also oversees a faculty mentoring program in which each graduate is assigned a faculty mentor to provide support during bar exam study. The college's bar passage rate has improved significantly as a result of these measures.



Shelley Cavalieri, associate professor of law, spent the year in Ecuador as a Fulbright Faculty Scholar. Appointed as a visiting

professor at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador's top-ranked law school, Cavalieri taught the first-ever courses on feminist legal theory at the law school. She conducted research about domestic violence and women's social activism. She co-authored an article with Judge Daniela Salazar, vice president of the Constitutional Court of Ecuador; the article was competitively selected for the Yale Seminar on Latin American Constitutional Theory. Cavalieri published articles in the Wisconsin Law Review and the Seattle University Law Review.



Eric C. Chaffee, professor of law, received a book contract from Cambridge University Press for his book, "The

Corporation Defined: Collaboration Theory and the Corporate Form." He also authored annual updates to his loose-leaf treatise with Emeritus Professor Howard Friedman, "Securities Regulation in Cyberspace." He published articles in the

Washington & Lee Law Review, the Mercer Law Review, and Journal of Regulatory Compliance. Chaffee organized the Ohio Securities and National Business Law Scholars conferences. He is chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Securities Regulation and presented his research at meetings and conferences throughout the country.



Benjamin G. Davis, professor of law, continued work as the immediate past chair of the American Bar Association Section

of Dispute Resolution with the presentation "What Makes a Successful Convention?" at the International Mediation Summit of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Mediation Center and Asian Mediation Association. He made several presentations to organizations across the U.S. about topics, including diversity in international dispute resolution, overcoming bias, the international law of the Jamal Khashoggi case, ethics in arbitration, the 9/11 terrorist hearings and Guantanamo. Davis received the Champion of Change Award from ArbitralWomen in recognition of his work in supporting and promoting women in dispute resolution.



Maara Fink '96, clinical professor of law, continues to provide students with opportunities to serve our community while

learning critical lawyering skills through the Dispute Resolution and Public Service Externship Clinics. Fink gave several professional

presentations about a variety of topics, including “Implicit Bias” at the Lucas County Domestic Relations Court, “Consent, Sex and the Law” at Ottawa Hills High School, and “Family Mediation and Addiction” at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. She serves as faculty advisor to the Black Law Students Association and is a member of several boards, including The University of Toledo Law Alumni Affiliate, Ohio Mediation Association, and Adrian College Law Advisory Board.



Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons, Distinguished University Professor of Law, published a book chapter regarding

intellectual property law in “Overview of U.S. Law” by Ellen Podgoar and JR Swanegan. He also published his article “Redux, Successfully De-Bowdlerizing the Trademark Register or One Person’s Vulgarity Is Another Person’s Lyric.” He made several presentations about a variety of topics, including “Artificial Intelligence (AI): Authorship in a Box, in the Cloud, or in the Person,” “Bowdlerizing the Trademark Register: A Comedy in Three Parts,” and “The Winner Takes it All: Rejecting a Race Concept of Intellectual Property Ownership.” He is excited to be researching a new book about block chain, secured transactions, and IP ownership.



Gregory M. Gilchrist, professor of law, presented papers at Loyola University Chicago, Brooklyn Law School, and

Belmont University. He continues to study the problems of corporate crime, enforcement, and compliance. Gilchrist was appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio to serve on the Criminal Justice Act panel, in which capacity he accepts court-appointed cases, representing individuals charged with federal crimes.



Rick Goheen, assistant dean for the LaValley Law Library and associate professor of law, will conclude his term as

president of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) in October. After 10 years as a member of the executive board of ORALL, he will ease into organizational retirement as past president at ORALL’s 70th Annual Meeting Oct. 23-25, 2019. He continues his work on the Toledo Women Lawyers History Project.



Kenneth Kilbert, professor of law, published his latest article, “Distressed Watershed: A Designation to Ease the Algae Crisis in

Lake Erie and Beyond,” in the Dickinson Law Review. He was interviewed by the media many times during the past year regarding issues such as the Lake Erie Bill of Rights; the designation of Lake Erie as impaired; regionalization of Toledo’s public water system; the public trust doctrine; and algae in Lake Erie. Kilbert also organized the 18th annual Great Lakes Water Conference, held at the College of Law in November 2018.



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

Marriage” with The University of Toledo Law Review. She gave presentations at the 11th annual Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, hosted by Cardozo Law School, the 9th annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, hosted by Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and the Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium on women and the law. Within the College of Law, Knouse taught in the Launch into Law program and was a panelist at the annual Supreme Court Review.



Bryan Lammon was promoted to the rank of full professor and awarded the University’s Outstanding

Teacher Award. He taught appellate procedure, civil procedure, conflict of laws, and evidence. He continued his study of federal appellate jurisdiction, including a large data-collection project on appeals of class-certification decisions and several projects regarding interlocutory appeals from the denial of qualified immunity. Lammon was invited to speak about his research at the fall meeting of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. He also continued as an advisor for the College of Law’s Fornoff Competition and Moot Court program.



Dan Nathan, clinical professor of law, continued as a board member of Student Legal Services, which provides free legal

services to University of Toledo students, and the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, an organization that addresses legal issues that impact children's health. Nathan was a volunteer court appointed special advocate, advocating for the best interest of children involved in Lucas County Juvenile Court. He also volunteered for Children's Rights Collaborative monitoring visits for parents required by court order to be supervised around their children. With Professor Maara Fink, Nathan presented to attorneys about the topic of implicit bias.



Katherine Raup O'Connell, legal writing professor, completed her first year as director of legal writing. In addition to

overseeing the college's legal writing program, she participated in the University's Course Design Institute to develop a transactional drafting course, adding a new dimension to the college's writing curriculum.



Nicole Buonocore Porter, professor of law, accepted publication offers for "A New Look at the Undue Hardship Provision" in the

Missouri Law Review and "Disabling ADA Retaliation Claims" in the Nevada Law Journal. She was asked to write articles for two disability law symposia celebrating the 10th

anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act. Porter has been working on three book projects: "Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Employment Discrimination Opinions," ABA-BNA's "Employment Discrimination Law" treatise, and the 10th edition of an employment discrimination law casebook. She has also given several talks regarding the #MeToo movement.



Marilyn Preston, legal writing professor, continued her work with the Law and Leadership Institute summer session,

hosted at the College of Law, which aims to interest students from diverse backgrounds to consider the legal profession. She will teach Advanced Appellate Advocacy Seminar, which focuses on the appellate courts and brief writing, in the fall. In the spring, she attended a three-day Appellate Writing Workshop sponsored by the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System and the Michigan State Appellate Defender Office in Auburn Hills, Mich.



Geoffrey C. Rapp, associate dean for academic affairs and Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values, was elected chair of the

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research. He is a member of the Law School Admissions Council Finance and Legal Affairs Committee and will be the AALS reporter and an ABA site team member for the accreditation visit to the University of South Dakota School of Law in November. Rapp is a faculty

advisor for the University's chapter of the Student Veterans of America.



Rob Salem '90, clinical professor of law, was named associate dean for diversity and inclusion. He taught a course on

American immigration law in Katowice, Poland, and lectured on the American LGBTQ rights movement in Quito, Ecuador. He also gave a TED Talk about the effects of hypermasculinity. He co-presented with Professor Maara Fink on mediation for families dealing with opioid addiction at the Association for Family and Conciliation Courts conference in Washington, D.C. He also co-presented on the Toledo Bar Association Fellowship at the Access to Justice Conference in Salt Lake City. Salem received the Eastman & Smith Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award.



Joseph Slater, Distinguished University Professor and Eugene N. Balk Professor of Law and Values, updated his two casebooks,

produced a chapter in a book documenting the strike rights of essential employees in various countries, and worked on an article about teachers' strikes. He received the Paul Stephen Miller Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement and Public Contribution to the Field of Labor & Employment Law. He blogged on *Janus v. AFSCME* for JURIST, and had many media interviews and paper presentations regarding that case and on teachers' strikes. He was involved in the unionization of the law school faculty.



Lee J. Strang,
John W. Stoepler
Professor of Law
& Values, was a
visiting research
scholar at the
James Madison

Program in American Ideals and
Institutions at Princeton University.
He completed his book, "Originalism's
Promise: A Natural Law Account
of the American Constitution,"
published by Cambridge University
Press this fall. He also published
"The Declaration of Independence:
No Special Role in Constitutional
Interpretation," and "Academic
Freedom and Catholic Identity:
A Misunderstood Relationship." He
presented at numerous conferences,
workshops, and debates at Princeton
University, Seton Hall Law School, and
the University of Louisville. He was
elected treasurer of the Association
of American Law Schools Section on
Constitutional Law.



Rebecca Zietlow,
Charles W. Fornoff
Professor of Law
and Values,
published "Slavery,
Liberty and the
Right to Contract"

in the Nevada Law Journal, "Cooper
Supremacy" in the Arkansas Law
Review, and "MLK and Worker's
Rights" in the Harvard Law & Policy
Review. She is co-chair for
Collaborative Research Networks
Labor Rights with the Law & Society
Association. She presented at Duke
Law School, Loyola University, George
Mason University, and the Law &
Society Association's annual meeting,
among others.



Evan C. Zoldan,
professor of law,
researches and
writes in the field of
legislation. He
published
"Legislative Design

and the Controllable Costs of Special
Legislation" in the Maryland Law
Review and accepted an offer to
publish "Corpus Linguistics and the
Dream of Objectivity" in the Seton
Hall Law Review. He received
UTOledo's Outstanding Contributions
in Scholarship Award and was elected
chair of the Association of American
Law Schools (AALS) Section on Legal
History. He presented his work at
numerous conferences, including
the Loyola University Chicago
Constitutional Law Colloquium, the
Brigham Young University Conference
on Law and Corpus Linguistics, and
the AALS Annual Meeting Section
on Interpretation.

PART-TIME FACULTY

Toledo Law's curriculum is enhanced
by the contributions of a talented and
experienced team of part-time faculty
members who serve as lecturers
in the college. Most are practicing
attorneys who generously dedicate
nights and/or weekends to our
students. The individuals listed served
as lecturers during summer 2018 and
the 2018-19 academic year.

Chris Bourell (Director, Tax
Controversy Clinic)
Tax Controversy Clinic,
Advanced Tax Controversy Clinic,
Federal Income Tax

Claire Cahoon
Lawyering Skills II

The Hon. Myron C. Duhart '96
Trial Practice

RaShya Ghee

OVI: Ohio's Impaired Driving Laws

Nathan Goetting

Seminar: Sex Crimes and the Courts,
Seminar: Freedom of Expression
During Times of War and Panic

Donna M. Grill

Criminal Law Simulation

Rena Leizerman

Truck and Auto Collisions

Ken Martin '90

Securities Regulation

Eugenio Mollo Jr.

Immigration Law

The Hon. Dennis M. Parish '81

Trial Practice, Law and the Legal
System, Juvenile Law, Sports Law

Kirk Ross

Estate Planning

Karl E. Strauss '06

Essential Elements of Compliance
I and II

James Thomas '87

Leadership in Legal Organizations

Kelly Tomlinson '06 (Assistant Dean
for Student Affairs)

The Legal Profession and
Career Development

Jami Mills Vibbert

Privacy and Data Security

Jacob M. Ward '05

Patent Practice and Procedure

Patricia Anne Wise '85

Employment Law Drafting

For more details about Toledo Law
faculty research and scholarship,
explore faculty profiles at
utoledo.edu/law/faculty.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD 2019

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to a College of Law graduate who demonstrates distinction in one's professional life. The award is selected by the dean of the law school and presented at the Dean's Breakfast during Homecoming weekend.



George Wilson '80

Wilson has practiced in the areas of estate and tax planning, charitable giving, and trust and estate administration in Naples, Fla., since 1980. He is certified by the Florida Bar as a specialist in wills, trusts, and estates. Prior to founding Wilson & Johnson, Wilson was a partner at Cummings & Lockwood.

A frequent speaker on topics related to estate planning, Wilson authored a chapter on "Domicile and Avoiding Ancillary Administration" in a text published by Callahan and Company and a multi-volume estate planning treatise titled "Estate and Personal Finance Planning." Wilson is admitted to practice law in Florida and Ohio, and is a member of the Taxation and Real Property and Probate sections of the American Bar and Florida Bar associations. An honors graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Wilson received his law degree from The University of Toledo College of Law and a master of laws in estate planning from the University of Miami School of Law. Wilson has served as a director of the David Lawrence Foundation for Mental Health, Moorings Park, the David Lawrence Center, Step-By-Step for the Developmentally Handicapped, and the Greater Naples Civic Association.

TOLEDO WOMEN LAWYERS HISTORY PROJECT PORTRAIT DEDICATION



Pictured above from left to right are 2018-19 TWBA President Tracey Tangeman, honoree Betty Montgomery, Toledo Law Dean Ben Barros, honoree Beverly McBride, and the Hon. Arlene Singer.

On March 21, 2019, students, alumni, and friends gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of distinguished Toledo Law graduates **Beverly McBride '66**, **Betty Montgomery '76**, and **Ruth Whickum '72**. The event was sponsored by the Toledo Women Lawyers History Project — a collaboration between The University of Toledo College of Law and the Toledo Women's Bar Association to discover and preserve the stories of women lawyers in the Toledo area. The project is led by the Hon. **Arlene Singer '76**. The portraits were illustrated by **Paula Mowry '88**, with biographies written by staff at the LaValley Law Library. The wrought iron title art for the official display was designed and donated by **Jack Wilson '81**.

For more information about the Toledo Women Lawyers History Project, visit utoledo.edu/law/library/twlhp.

ALUMNI NEWS

OBSERVING HISTORY:

GUANTANAMO BAY MILITARY COMMISSION HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVER PROGRAM

BY BENJAMIN G. DAVIS

Since 2002, The University of Toledo College of Law has been a non-governmental human rights observer for the military commissions held at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba. The cases include the 9/11 case and the USS Cole bombing case, among others.



Professor Benjamin Davis (second from right) with human rights observers from universities, the National District Attorneys Association, and the National Institute of Military Justice

Nearly 39 students, faculty, and alumni have observed hearings a week at a time at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland and at Guantanamo Bay. Groups of 10-12 observers from a wide range of organizations, such as the American Bar Association, the National Association of District Attorneys, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Judicial Watch, and the National Institute for Military Justice, spend the week viewing the cases and discussing them, as well as meeting with prosecutors and defense counsel. After they return to the College of Law, students who wish to deepen their understanding of the matters prepare Advance Research and Writing research papers on aspects of the experience.

The 9/11 case, in particular, has been said to be the most complex criminal procedure in U.S. history. Issues range from jurisdiction (did an armed conflict occur and if so, when?); the applicability of the Constitution at Guantanamo Bay; what crimes are within the international laws of war and Congressional powers related thereto; exclusion of evidence obtained either by or subsequent to enhanced interrogation techniques (torture), health concerns, national security concerns and trial procedure; intelligence surveillance on all aspects of the process; neutrality and impartiality of the process; and ethical responsibilities of judges and lawyers as officers of the court, to name a few.

While military commissions have been around for centuries, this form of military commission has been designed from scratch further to a Presidential Military Order in 2001, two legislative acts in 2006 and 2009, and myriad supreme court and D.C. circuit decisions. For those familiar with federal, state, or military court-martial criminal procedure, just imagine the task on the advocates seeking to find relevant precedent and not knowing whether the Constitution underpins the application of such a precedent in this procedure.

Alumni, staff, or students interested in being nominated as an observer should contact Prof. **Benjamin Davis** at ben.davis@utoledo.edu. See also, Benjamin Davis, *The 9/11 Military Commission Motion Hearings: An Ordinary Citizen Looks at Comparative Legitimacy*, 37 S. I. U. L. J. 599 (2013).

Professor Benjamin Davis teaches at Toledo Law in the areas of contracts, alternative dispute resolution, arbitration, public international law, and international business transactions.



July 2018 - Magistrate Nancy Miller '88 (far right) bonding with her companion observers who hailed from various locations, including California, Florida, New York, and Ohio

"Serving as an observer at the hearings at Guantanamo in July 2018 was a great honor, and I thank Professor Davis for giving students and alumni such a unique 'Bucket List' opportunity. It allowed me a chance to learn about military commissions and to compare the process to the federal and state courts in which I have worked. I also observed some of the family members and heard their compelling stories, which brought a sense of reality to me related to their personal suffering and the emotional impact 9/11 had, and continues to have, on the victims. I was also honored to provide input through Professor Davis for a review by the military of the openness and availability of the hearings to the public."

Nancy Miller '88
Chief Magistrate
Lucas County Probate Court
Toledo, Ohio

"Professor Davis helped Toledo secure a regular seat at the military commission table at Guantanamo Bay through this program. Participants can travel to Guantanamo to experience the tribunal firsthand or to Fort Meade where the proceedings are securely streamed. I made the trip to Fort Meade a number of times from 2018 to 2019. Department of Defense personnel who handle the logistics for observers are extremely professional and recognize the vital importance of this program. Furthermore, I found the JAG officers and civilian counsel for both the defense and prosecution very engaging and happy to explain the process. This helps identify the reasoning behind the number of differences between military and civilian law. This rare kind of experience is one that reminds attorneys why they chose to pursue the law, as many unique opportunities may be just around the corner."

Nicholas Wittenberg '11
Attorney-Advisor
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C.



Magistrate Nancy Miller '88 at Camp Justice, poised to observe the 9/11 Military Commissions in July 2018

U.S. SUPREME COURT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

BY STEPHANIE RISK '02



On Nov. 13, 2018, 23 University of Toledo College of Law alumni were sworn into the U.S. Supreme Court Bar in Washington, D.C. The timing was notable, as it was approximately six weeks after the contentious Brett Kavanaugh hearings and just a few days after Associate Justice

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's fall at the court.

The swearing-in ceremony occurred during a non-argument session. In that small courtroom where such historical decisions have been made, it was inspiring to just be in the room. I sat next to my fellow Toledo Law alumni with our families directly behind us. Six of the nine justices attended, as Associate Justices Stephen Breyer, Ginsburg, and Sonia Sotomayor were not present. In those brief moments of standing before those justices on the bench, I was trying to retain the significance of the moment, all the while reflecting on the past. What I remember most was the imposing physical stature of Justice Neil Gorsuch and the air of newness about Justice Kavanaugh. Afterward, Chief Justice John Roberts came into the East Conference Room where Toledo Law alumni and their families were and spoke about former justices of the Supreme Court, then took photos. After meeting Chief Justice Roberts, I was impressed by his thoughtfulness, as well as his calm and kind demeanor. I left that day with renewed hope that the challenging road ahead for this court is in more than capable hands.

What does this admission into the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States actually mean? For me, it was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be in that courtroom with my fellow alumni and the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. Rare air, indeed. To have my mother, sister, and nephew there with me made it remarkable. In addition, there are privileges to this membership. There is a reserved area in the courtroom where members are allowed to sit when court is in session. Further, your membership allows use of the U.S. Supreme Court law library.

If offered again to Toledo Law alumni, please do not hesitate to take part. It was incredibly well planned by Heather Karns, Dean Ben Barros, and Toledo Law staff, and I am grateful for the opportunity. Further, it was wonderful reconnecting with a fellow 2002 graduate,

Gerald Trepkowski, to learn about his family and career trajectory. Additionally, I networked with alumni and family members, and reacquainted myself with the law school and the positive happenings there that further make me proud to be a University of Toledo College of Law graduate.

Stephanie Risk is a 2002 graduate of the College of Law. She is a Williams County CASA and Toledo Bar Association volunteer at the Expungement Clinic.



Below are quotes from other alumni who participated in the experience. Due to the high level of interest, Toledo Law plans to offer the opportunity in the future.

"It was an honor to be included and to meet some Toledo Law grads not previously known. I'm proud to be a graduate of our College of Law."

Andrew Douglas '60

Retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice

"I have lived and practiced law in D.C. for 28 years, and for 28 years, I've wanted to become a member of the Supreme Court Bar, but other life and work needs always took priority. So I jumped at the opportunity to be part of the Toledo Law group swearing in, and what a treat the whole experience turned out to be. I truly appreciate all the work that Heather Karns, Dean Ben Barros, and others put into this effort, and I look forward to attending oral arguments and taking advantage of other court resources just blocks from my office!"

Greg Weinman '91

Senior Legal Counsel, United States Mint

IN MEMORIAM

As of July 1, 2019

Toledo Law Faculty

Robin Kennedy	10/10/2018
Tony Morano	03/12/2019

Toledo Law Alumni

1950s

'53	Frank W. Cubbon Jr.	12/25/2018
'58	Richard W. Bayer	11/28/2018

1960s

'64	Robert Charles Frazier	09/23/2018
'65	Charles J. Doneghy	10/09/2018
'67	Bruce A. Cramer	10/13/2018
'69	Martin Walter Williams	09/18/2018

1970s

'70	Raymond R. Norko	05/12/2019
'71	Robert Jay Vedatsky	12/16/2018
'72	James Patrick Eley	06/15/2019
'72	Walter J. Kosydar	03/27/2019
'73	Thomas A. Nordstrom	01/01/2019
'74	John Keith Pardee III	12/24/2018
'75	William E. Higley II	10/05/2018
'77	D. Meredith Allsop	10/18/2018
'77	Kevin Xavier Smith	09/22/2018
'78	Victor E. Carlin	01/19/2019

1980s

'82	James Alan Brebberman	12/26/2018
'83	Charles Joseph Mira	05/23/2019
'87	Barbara Faye Gessel	01/07/2019
'87	William Charles Kimmelman	07/28/2018
'88	Steven Jeffrey Blue	08/16/2018

1990s

'90	James Andrew Arquette	09/23/2018
'91	Philip Wayne Varner	12/10/2018
'92	Scott Eric Baughman	01/16/2019
'93	Elizabeth Ellen Gorman	11/04/2018
'97	Nancy Lynn Sander	01/07/2019

Robin Kennedy (1945–2018)

By Erin Kennedy '09



Imagine someone whose signature work dress was a navy-blue blazer, Brooks Brothers dress shirt, classic tie, grey pants, and Cole Hahn loafers. Now imagine someone whose signature dress all the time was the same clothes — that was my dad. Even to mow the lawn, play football on the cul-de-sac, or attend soccer games or swim meets, that is what he wore.

Ah, but there was so much more...

To start with, here are some of his professional accomplishments:

- Staff attorney, Cleveland Legal Aid
- Attorney-in-charge, Cleveland Hospital Legal Services Project
- Full-time faculty at Toledo Law, 1973–2013
- Part-time faculty for Toledo Law Public Service Externship Clinic, 2013 until his death
- Director, Toledo Law Civil Law Practice Program
- Director, Toledo Law Reinberger Honors Program in Prosecution
- Chair, UToledo Athletics Committee
- Chair, UToledo Committee on Academic Personnel
- Chair, UToledo Elections Committee of the Faculty Senate
- UToledo sexual harassment advisor
- Chair, Ohio State Bar Association Professionalism Committee
- Member, OSBA Family Law Specialization Board
- Member, OSBA Continuing Legal Education Advisory Committee
- Member, Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Committee
- Chair, Ruth Ide Community Mental Health Center
- Participated in the Toledo Bar Association's Law Tuesday pro bono project
- Published law review articles and other writings in arbitration, alternative dispute resolution, mediation, clinical law, and mental health

Always, there are funny stories of Robin who lived life to the fullest, never turned down a request for a fun activity, and truly enjoyed the moments of his life. He brought home the largest Christmas tree he could find in his Miata convertible, waving to all who stared, engaged people in restaurants in group singing, spent hours talking to people at The Andersons, and was perpetually late since he always was busy having fun.

Robin will be remembered as a man who had unwavering commitment to others, whoever asked anything of him, be it colleague, friend, family member, or someone he just met. He had compassion and generosity for all.

His favorite poem was "Abu Ben Adhem" by Leigh Hunt.

***Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold:—
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said,
"What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerly still; and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.***

Count Robin as someone who loved his fellow men.

Erin Kennedy '09 is an attorney who was inspired to follow her father into the profession of law.

Anthony Morano (1933-2019)

By Thomas G. Pletz '71



Anthony “Tony” Morano was a beloved and greatly respected professor of law at the College of Law from 1963-93.

He was admired for his gregarious personality, his open smile and welcoming warmth toward everyone, especially his students. He taught courses in evidence, criminal law, torts, contracts, and trial practice.

Tony grew up in New York City in an Italian family. He became fluent in French by traveling there. In 1955, he graduated from Amherst College with a major in French and a minor in Italian. After college, he taught and served in the military, then graduated from Fordham Law School in 1961. He practiced law in Connecticut for several years.

Tony came to Toledo and became an invaluable member of the law faculty in 1963. He won the UToledo Outstanding Teacher Award in 1970, the first law professor to do so, and he won it again in 1974. After decades of successful teaching and mentoring, Tony retired as a professor of law emeritus in 1993.

In retirement, Tony was an avid gardener, regularly sharing his vegetables with his neighbors and local food banks. He was also a voracious reader, a lover of good food, good music, and a good drink. His quick wit and irrepressible sense of humor made him a great companion for whoever crossed his path.

Everyone recognized Tony’s generosity and dedication to his family: his loving wife, Marlene (née Antonini), children Mark, Jason, and Heather, and grandchildren.

He was one of the “great guys,” and he will live large in the memory of all who encountered him, especially his former law students.

Tom Pletz is one of the many Toledo Law alumni who Professor Morano taught and inspired.

Frank Cubbon Jr. (1926–2018)



Toledo Law alumnus and long-time friend **Frank W. Cubbon Jr.** '53 passed away on Dec. 25, 2018, at the age of 92.

Frank, together with his late wife, Barbara “Babs,” contributed significantly to the college throughout the years, starting with the complete renovation of the Law Center’s practice courtroom. The room was named

in their honor as the Frank and Barbara Cubbon Courtroom.

“Frank Cubbon was a giant of the Toledo legal community and one of our most distinguished alumni,” said Toledo Law Dean Ben Barros. “He was also a kind and thoughtful person, and I enjoyed spending time with him. We are deeply grateful for the generous support that he and Babs gave to us, and we continue to honor their legacy at the College of Law.”

He opened the Toledo law firm Cubbon & Associates. He was the first in Toledo to concentrate in plaintiffs’ personal injuries. To this day, the practice is one of the city’s most well-respected firms. In addition to serving as a prominent trial attorney, Cubbon enjoyed mentoring others and spent a semester teaching trial practice at the college. He retired from the legal profession in 2005, but continued to be active in the community.

Frank will forever be part of the Toledo Law family. His memory lives on through his generosity and the Cubbon family, which is known for producing generations of Toledo Law graduates, including **Stuart Cubbon** '81, the Hon. **Denise Navarre Cubbon** '81, **Kyle Cubbon** '84, **Spiros P. Cocoves** '85, **Thomas J. McArdle** '87, **Barbara Cubbon-Beale** '88, and **Jocelyn Cubbon DeMars** '10.

He is survived by his sons, Frank III, Stuart, and Thomas Cubbon; daughters Kay McArdle, Kyle Cubbon, Barbara Beale, and Amy Bliton; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

If you would like to donate to the College of Law in memory of Kennedy, Morano, or Cubbon, please do so at utfoundation.org/give/law/memoriam.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

MESSAGE FROM THE LAW ALUMNI AFFILIATE



As we begin another exciting year at the College of Law, it is a good time to reflect on accomplishments and look forward to the great plans ahead.

The College of Law and the Law Alumni Affiliate hosted the Dean's Breakfast last fall to kick off Homecoming

festivities. We hope to see you at this year's breakfast Oct. 4!

Each spring, the affiliate solicits your support to purchase portfolios and diploma frames for law students. Because of your generosity last year, President Adam Nightingale was able to present 101 new students with engraved pens and portfolios embossed with the College of Law logo, as well as 85 graduates with diploma frames.

We also hosted three trivia nights at Shorty's Back Forty, two of which were sellouts. Alumni, students, faculty, and staff gathered to have great fun matching wits. Watch your email for future trivia nights. They sell out quickly!

Law LaPalooza, a patio party at Shorty's Back Forty, was held in August to raise funds for the John W. Stoepler Scholarship. This new event takes the place of the annual Stoepler Golf Outing. We were able to raise funds for this great cause while enjoying delicious food and the unbeatable music of The Kirbys.

As you can see, we have much to be proud of and much to look forward to!

Thank you for your continued support.

Jennifer Dawson '84

Law Alumni Affiliate President, 2019-20

1969

Robert Charles McClain, Major, USAFR, Ret, Judge Advocate, Combat JAG DaNang Air Field, Republic of Vietnam, 1971-72, was honored for outstanding pro bono work in Brevard County, Fla.

1975

Stephen Haller, prosecuting attorney, will soon realize 44 continuous years with the Prosecutor's Office in Greene County, Ohio. He was first elected in 2006 and is considering re-election in 2020.

Alan Sankin retired from his position of vice president and treasurer at Dolby Laboratories in San Francisco in February. He and his wife will continue working with clients through their pro-bono legal organization, Lawyers for One America, in Sausalito, Calif.

1976

William Meyer will serve as second vice president for the Toledo Bar Association for a one-year term.

Robert Wisniewski has been selected to serve on the Board of Governors of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers.

1977

Judith Lanzinger received a 2019 YWCA Milestones Award for her role in government.

Peter Rost will serve as president of the Toledo Bar Association for 2019-20.

Kevin Taylor was appointed chair of the Ethics Committee for the Ohio State Bar Association. He serves on the bench of Van Wert County Probate Court.



Mike and Laura Walker attended the Opera Delaware production

of Scalia/Ginsburg, composed by Maryland law students as an independent writing project supervised by adjunct professor Mike Walker.

1981



Jeffrey Kinder was appointed to the Massachusetts Appeals Court by Gov. Charles Baker.

Grace Szubski was re-appointed to serve as chair of the Workers' Compensation Law Committee for the Ohio State Bar Association. Szubski is a workers' compensation and social security disability attorney with Garson Johnson Attorneys LLC.

1982

Patricia Kurt received the 2018 Henry Herschel Community Commitment Award from the UToledo Law Alumni Affiliate.

1984



Matt Mitten was the recipient of the National Athletic Trainers

Association's Professional Responsibility in Athletic Training Award for distinction in the advancement of legal, ethical, and regulatory issues in June 2018. Mitten also received the Association of American Law Schools' Law and Sports Section Award in January 2019.

Craig Shopneck retired as the Chapter 13 bankruptcy trustee for cases filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Cleveland. During retirement, he will enjoy traveling, hiking, and biking.

1985



Jeffrey Haidet was named by JAMES magazine to its list

of Most Influential Georgians for the second consecutive year.

Patricia Wise was elected to the Toledo Bar Association Board of Directors for a three-year term.

1987

James Thomas was appointed to the Columbus Women's Commission by Mayor Andrew J. Ginther and First Lady Shannon Ginther in January 2019.

1990

James Adams organized Lake Erie Quality Consulting, focusing on training and consulting on ISO standards, legal and regulatory compliance assessment for those standards, and Six Sigma implementation.

1992

D. Chris Cook of the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, was appointed to a three-year term on the Ohio Supreme Court's Board of Professional Conduct.

Cindy Kirby was elected to the Toledo Bar Association Board of Directors for a three-year term.

James Knepp was appointed chair of the Federal Courts and Practice Committee for the Ohio State Bar Association. He previously served as vice chair.

1994



Randall Fuller was elected trustee of the Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges. Fuller also serves on the Ohio Judicial Conference, Domestic Relations Law and Procedure committees.

Theresa Gavarone was appointed state senator for the 2nd District of Ohio, filling the vacancy left by Randy Gardner.

1995

Michael Goulding will serve as first vice president of the Toledo Bar Association for a one-year term.

Jeffrey Kass' short story collection, "Oreos and a Pack of Marlboro Lights," will be available soon on Amazon. His book is the result of a 2018 writing competition he won.

1996

Myron Duhart II will serve as third vice president of the Toledo Bar Association for a one-year term.

2000



Angelita Cruz Bridges was The University of Toledo College of Law's commencement speaker in May 2019.

Jason Hager joined Profile Discovery in Columbus, Ohio, as managing director.



John Starcher Jr. received the Toledo Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 2018. Additionally, he was Bowling Green State University's commencement speaker in May 2019.

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2001

Corey Minor Smith is an at-large city council member in Canton, Ohio. In her new book, “#Driven,” she sheds light on the struggle of having a loved one with mental illness.

2004

Kathleen Amerkhanian



received her LL.M. in international business law and accepted a position

with London-based international law firm Freshfields, Bruckhaus & Deringer LLP, in its Berlin office.

Michelle (Duell) Khan

opened Khan Professional Staffing, LLC, which focuses on direct-hire legal candidates for both law firms and corporations.

2007

Kurt Bruderly was elected to the Toledo Bar Association Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Megan Mattimoe received the Public Interest Law Award at the 2019 Access to Justice Awards ceremony, which honors extraordinary service in the public interest by attorneys and community leaders in northwest Ohio.

2008

Timothy Effler was elected to the Toledo Bar Association Board of Directors for a three-year term.



Stephanie Hanna

started a business, The Other 85, dedicated to

helping attorneys take the work out of networking, building meaningful relationships, and developing their careers.



Candice

Kline was elected to the executive council for the

bankruptcy section of the Commercial Law League of America, a leading bankruptcy and creditor advocacy organization.

Jeremiah O'Brien will serve as treasurer of the Toledo Bar Association for a one-year term.

Todd Williams was named one of the 2019 honorees for Environment + Energy Leader 100 by Environmental Leader and Energy Manager Today.

2009

Joshua Boggioni

was named partner at Hinkhouse Williams Walsh LLP in Chicago in 2018.

Michael Bryant will serve as secretary of the Toledo Bar Association for a one-year term.

2010



Jonathan

Booker was promoted to director of criminal law with the

Hernandez & Associates law firm in Denver.

David Cowen is a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office - District of New Mexico. He lives in Albuquerque with his wife and their two children.



Jessica

(Vartanian)

Currie joined Dickinson Wright PLLC in January

2019 as of counsel in the firm's Troy, Mich. office, where she specializes in appeals, class actions, and commercial litigation.



Matthew

Simko is now an assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of Ohio.

2011



Nicholas

Wittenberg and his wife, Colby, had their second daughter,

Collins Virginia, on Jan. 24, 2019. Additionally, in the fall of 2019, Nick will begin a yearlong detail as legal counsel at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

2012

Michael Dennis recently joined the transportation law practice group of Plunkett Cooney, one of the oldest and largest law firms in the Midwest.



David Fox recently became an associate at Dickie, McCamey, & Chilcote, P.C. in Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Catherine, are expecting their first child in July.

Joshua Newton joined the Wayne County Ohio Court of Common Pleas as a court administrator and magistrate for the Probate and Juvenile Division.



Bradley Proudfoot was presented with the Wadsworth

Area Chamber of Commerce's Rosie Award for Community Volunteer of the Year.

Fredric Roth V joined Adaptive Health, a dietary supplement company behind popular brands like Nugenix, Instaflex and the Healthy Directions suite of doctors and their products.

Breanne Rubin was re-appointed to chair of the Corporate Counsel Section for the Ohio State Bar Association.

Miranda Vollmer was appointed director of human resources for the city of Gahanna, Ohio, in November 2018.

2013

Stefanie (Mortensen) Schoviak was hired as assistant general counsel in The University of Toledo Office of Legal Affairs. She also welcomed a son, Luca, who joins his big sister, Paz.

2014

Shawn Nelson received the 2018 Law Alumni Affiliate Emerging Leader Award.

2016



Lindsey (Cavese) Scherting welcomed a son, Colin, with husband Andy Scherting in November 2018.

2017



Kaitlyn Filzer moved to New York City and is completing a service term with AmeriCorps VISTA as a program coordinator at Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice.

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DONOR PROFILE

Toledo Law Association Invests in Future Lawyers with \$500,000 Endowed Scholarship



Pictured above from left to right are Toledo Law Dean Ben Barros and TLA President Jim P. Silk, Sr.

Aspiring law students have another compelling reason to consider The University of Toledo College of Law for their legal educations, thanks to the generosity of another anchor in the Toledo legal community — the Toledo Law Association. The organization’s board of trustees voted to give a \$500,000 gift to the college to establish an endowed scholarship fund that will produce one renewable, full-tuition scholarship every year. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates strong academic merit and financial need.

Incorporated in 1870, the Toledo Law Association set out to advance legal knowledge and serve the local legal community. Through membership shares and annual dues, the organization acquired and maintained a collection of legal texts and furnishings for a space members could use in support of their legal practices. Since the TLA’s inception, law libraries have become county agencies under Ohio law. Nonetheless, the Toledo Law Association continues in its mission as a supporting organization by advising the Lucas County Law Library and providing supplemental funds for library enhancements.

“The barriers to entering a career in law are getting higher and harder to overcome,” commented **Jim P. Silk, Sr.** ‘62, president of the TLA. “The cost to the student to attend law school continues to climb. At the same time, it’s much harder for students to earn enough to cover living expenses and school costs while pursuing their education. We saw the gift as an opportunity to help remove some of those barriers for future students.”

As the TLA’s gift endures across generations, it will have several layers of impact. Most importantly, it will position promising law students for success by alleviating financial burdens and reducing their debt loads. Moreover, scholarships like the one the TLA has funded provide a tremendous advantage to the college. They are powerful tools to attract prospective students and motivate them to choose Toledo Law. The scholarship also will provide a reliable stream of resources that will be directly invested in delivering the high-caliber education for which the college is known.

“Over the years, state funding for higher education has diminished dramatically, shifting much of the burden to students and their families,” remarked Toledo Law Dean Ben Barros. “Scholarships like the one the Toledo Law Association has established help alleviate that burden. They also enhance our ability to compete for the strongest students, support our exceptional faculty, pursue innovative programs, and maintain an effective learning environment. I am incredibly thankful that the TLA has made such a generous investment in the future of our students and our college.”

Beyond even the benefits to the awardees and Toledo Law, the TLA’s gift will help shape the Toledo legal community. It is broadly understood that many lawyers in the Toledo region received their legal educations at The University of Toledo. This scholarship will help fill our community’s pipeline with high-caliber legal professionals. There is little doubt that this philanthropic investment by an organization dedicated to serving and strengthening Toledo’s legal community will yield a return far greater than its initial cost.

“Scholarships like the one the Toledo Law Association has established...enhance our ability to compete for the strongest students...”

– Ben Barros, Dean

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Seizing the Moment

UNRESTRICTED FUND

Opportunity can appear for just a moment before it's gone. In recent years, Toledo Law has increased our enrollment, bar passage, job placement, and U.S. News & World Report ranking. These achievements were possible because the dean had flexible resources available for strategic investments. Let your gift be tomorrow's success story.

Fueling Tomorrows

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Toledo Law has proven over and over again that it can turn talented students into great lawyers. But competition for the most promising students is fierce. Also, the prospect of crushing debt has kept many from considering a legal education. You can give Toledo Law a competitive edge to attract these students, opening worlds of opportunity for them.

Expanding Diversity

VINCENT NATHAN MEMORIAL DIVERSITY PROGRAM FUND

Toledo Law has a long tradition of providing legal education to students from all kinds of backgrounds. The hands-on, personal approach of our faculty means those who show the drive and talent that law school requires will find a supportive community committed to their success.

Empowering "Go Getters"

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Sometimes that "big break" comes at a cost — cross-country travel to a summer externship, fees for a professional conference, airfare to interview with a prestigious firm. In the grand scheme, these expenses are relatively small. But when you're already stretched, they can feel like a fortune. When doors of opportunity seem locked by extra costs, your gift can be the key.

Happy 50th, Law Review

LAW REVIEW PROGRESS FUND

Formed in 1969, the Toledo Law Review has a rich tradition that has consistently elevated Toledo Law's reputation on the national stage. Your gift will help future executive board members attend conferences, attract higher-profile presenters to the annual fall symposium, and take the publication to new heights.

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Join us at one or more campus events listed below to meet fellow Toledo Law alumni and get caught up on the exciting things happening at the law school! Watch for emails. For more details, visit utoledo.edu/law/alumni/events.

Oct. 4-5

Homecoming Weekend

FRIDAY: Dean's Breakfast
at The Toledo Club

SATURDAY: Parade, tailgate,
and football game against
Western Michigan

Oct. 11

Law Review Symposium (CLE)

Oct. 11-12

50 Years of Law Review
Celebration Weekend

Oct. 15-16

Day of Giving

Oct. 24

Fornoff Competition, Final Round

Nov. 8

Great Lakes Water Conference (CLE)

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

Please take the time to answer a few quick questions about our alumni magazine to let us know what you want to see in future issues of Transcript. Entries submitted by Nov. 1, 2019 will be entered into a raffle for a gift box with a College of Law coffee mug, t-shirt, and notebook.

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