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Appointed to lead the law school in 2013, Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf are among the longest-serving law school deans in the country. We caught up with them for an annual update about the law school.

**Tell us about the theme of this issue of In Brief?**

JESSICA: We are celebrating the conclusion of the most successful fundraising campaign in the history of the law school. Ten years ago, the University Board of Trustees set a goal of $32 million for the law school’s Forward Thinking Campaign. Our alumni’s generosity exceeded all expectations, donating a total of $118 million, including the largest gift the school has ever received. Most importantly, over fifty percent of our alumni contributed during the campaign, an extremely high percentage compared to other law schools. This issue of In Brief tells the story of some of those gifts and how they have transformed our school.

**What does the law school do with all that money?**

JESSICA: Our endowment has grown tremendously and has just crossed the $100 million threshold, putting us in rare company. We now have the 32nd largest endowment of any U.S. law school. As with our annual fund dollars, much of the interest from the endowment goes to fund scholarships to enable us to attract the best and brightest students. Our bar pass rate and employment rate have been steadily improving. And this year our incoming median GPA is 3.63, up from 3.46, the most significant increase in years.

MICHAEL: We also now have 14 endowed chaired professorships, which enable us to attract and retain some of the top law teachers and scholars in the country. Our faculty was ranked 32nd best in the nation this year in terms of scholarly impact. Two of our faculty members, Jonathan Adler and Casandra Robertson, were cited in Supreme Court opinions this term. And during the past 12 months our faculty’s expert views were quoted in more than 900 separate news stories, some published in hundreds of different newspapers around the country and world.

JESSICA: The money also goes to support our signature experiential education program, which integrates practical experience into the classroom. We’ve also been able to complete a number of building projects that have reinvigorated our facility with the newest teaching technology. In this issue, you will see photos of some of our newly renovated spaces, including the Baker Hostetler Courtroom, active learning classroom, Burton D. Morgan/Tarolli IP Venture Clinic, and Stephanie Simon student café. On top of all that, when the Cleveland Institute of Art moved to Euclid Blvd, the University transformed the 4.2 acre space next to our school into a beautiful park dubbed East Bell Commons, which is pictured on the back cover of this magazine.

**What other news do you want to share?**

MICHAEL: We are pleased to report that the 2020 U.S. News and World Report specialty rankings ranked us in the top ten law schools for Health Law, in the top 20 law schools for International Law, and in the top 25 percent of law schools for Intellectual Property Law. And PreLaw Magazine, a publication of National Jurist, recently ranked us as a “Top School” for Health Law (A-), International Law (A+), Intellectual Property Law (A+), Business and Corporate Law (A), Criminal Law (A-) and Public Interest Law (A-). Few law schools have so many highly ranked specialty programs.

JESSICA: We celebrated the legacy of some incredible retiring faculty this year, including Professor Lewis Katz, our Director of Clinical Education, who taught in our Clinic for 36 years. Like his close friend Leon Gabinet, who came back after retiring to teach Tax Law, Lew has decided to re-join us as an adjunct faculty member, and is teaching his favorite Criminal Procedure course this year.

**Let’s talk about that $10 million gift.**

JESSICA: We have an incredible alumnus named Coleman (Coley) Burke, who is an extremely successful New York real estate lawyer, land developer, and amateur paleontologist. Every year when we would visit his office, Coley would show us a new fossilized dinosaur that he had collected during his excursions to South America. There were two things Coley loved to talk with us about — his favorite professor Leon Gabinet (for whom he endowed a chair in his honor) and his travel adventures across the globe. Coley decided that he wanted to do something to help both the environment and our school by endowing the largest law school environmental law center in the country. And we had just the right faculty member up for the challenge of serving as the Center’s director. We are excited to tell the story of the new Burke Center in this issue.

**You’ve just completed your sixth year as co-deans. What is coming up?**

MICHAEL: In the upcoming year, we will be working with our faculty, staff, and alumni to craft a new strategic plan to build upon the successes of the past six years and position the law school to continue to thrive in tomorrow’s legal world. We welcome your input!

JESSICA: The law school is benefitting in so many ways from the historic alumni support during the Forward Thinking campaign. We hope to see you on campus, or during our travels to your home towns throughout the world. We can’t thank you enough for the part that you have played in taking our law school to the next level, and look forward to working with all of you to achieve our future goals. This is only the beginning of the story!
Case Western Reserve University School of Law

RAISES $58 MILLION, capped off by a $10 million landmark gift from alumnus to establish the Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law

Nearly a decade after endowing a professorship in honor of his law school mentor Leon Gabinet, alumnus Coleman P. Burke ’70, has committed $10 million to establish a center at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law that combines two of the driving passions of his life: the environment and the law.

The gift—the largest in the law school’s 126-year history—creates the Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law. The Burke Center will dramatically expand students’ learning opportunities in environmental law, while also establishing the school as a leading intellectual hub of interdisciplinary research and thought leadership in this rapidly growing field.

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“Our natural world faces increasingly critical and complex environmental challenges,” said Burke, who has spent 40 years engaged in such issues as a director of the National Audubon Society, the National Forest Foundation, named after him and his wife Susan Burke & Burke for 13 years. He also has served as a partner at the law firm of Burke, of Hobe Sound, Florida, is the founder and managing partner of Waterfront NY, Buligroup Properties and North River Company, commercial real estate companies with holdings in New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Colorado, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, California and Vermont. Before establishing Waterfront, Burke was a partner at the law firm of Burke & Burke for 13 years. He also has created the Coleman and Susan Burke Foundation, named after him and his wife of nearly four decades.

Case Western Reserve law professor Jonathan H. Adler, one of the country’s most innovative and frequently cited environmental law scholars, will serve as the center’s director.

“Today’s environmental problems require a willingness to work outside and across disciplinary boundaries,” Adler said. “It is our hope that this center will foster productive dialogue and analysis of these issues and prepare a new generation of environmental lawyers.”

Last year, Adler, who joined the university in 2001, was named the nation’s eighth most-cited public law scholar (excluding constitutional law) for the preceding four years. Adler was 49 at the time of the list’s publication; the seven scholars ranked above him had an average age of 63. He is currently completing a book on environmental federalism for the 21st century for Cambridge University Press; the seventh book he has authored or edited.

“We are profoundly grateful for this transformational gift from an alumnus whose decade-long commitment to the environment has helped preserve and nurture some of our country’s most treasured natural and marine resources,” Case Western Reserve President Barbara R. Snyder said. “With the leadership of Professor Adler, one of our university’s most dedicated and dynamic scholars, this center will extend and expand upon the spirit of Coleman Burke’s own personal service.”

The Burke Center’s first major event takes place this fall, with a symposium centered on the upcoming 50th anniversary of the founding of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. Papers from this symposium will be published in the Case Western Reserve Law Review. The center also is planning a spring 2020 symposium on environmental health, to be co-sponsored with the school’s Law-Medicine Center—the nation’s first institute centered on the subject of health law.

The Burke Center will support scholarships for students interested in environmental law, along with faculty positions in the area. It will build on the school’s national leadership in experiential learning by funding environmental law externships and related opportunities around the country. Finally, the center will sponsor student research and development of additional courses in environmental law.

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In addition to his service on the Audubon Society and National Forest Foundation, Burke also is a member of the Leadership Council of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. As a member of the international multidisciplinary society, the Explorers Club, he also has led two expeditions for dinosaur fossils in the Santa Cruz Province in Argentina and explored rivers in Tierra del Fuego.

Burke, of Hobie Sound, Florida, is the founder and managing partner of Waterfront NY, Buligroup Properties and North River Company, commercial real estate companies with holdings in New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Colorado, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, California and Vermont. Before establishing Waterfront, Burke was a partner at the law firm of Burke & Burke for 13 years. He also has created the Coleman and Susan Burke Foundation, named after him and his wife of nearly four decades.

Coleman P. Burke’s contribution—the law school’s largest ever—will support interdisciplinary education and research

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Professor Emeritus Leon Gabinet (left) and alumnus Coleman P. Burke (right)
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OPIOID Epidemic

Case Western Reserve law grads play central roles in unprecedented opioid litigation

A terrible opioid epidemic, only about 20 years old, continues to ravage our country and society. The cost in ruined and ended lives is heartbreaking, and without measure. Other costs incurred by governmental entities in dealing with the epidemic are, perhaps, measurable, though they are said to amount, nationwide, to a total figure in the many billions. Those costs are the subject of more than 1,600 separate lawsuits from around the United States, consolidated and transferred as multidistrict litigation to the federal district court in Cleveland. In re-

Prescription Opiate Litigation (the “Opioid MDL”), it may be the largest, most complex litigation in American history. It dwarfs the tobacco litigation, the asbestos litigation, the 9/11 terrorism litigation, and even the great oil spill cases of the past. Among the hundreds of lawyers involved in the case, CWRU law graduates are playing an outsized role.

During the time he was interviewed for this article, a little over an hour, attorney David R. Cohen ’91 received 20 emails asking for his guidance or rulings on significant issues in the Opioid MDL. Each of them required his considered response; none of them was a no-brainer. Those kinds of demands on his time are typical, he says.

Cohen is a Special Master in the Opioid MDL, one of three appointed by presiding Judge Dan Aaron Polster, who is a frequent guest lecturer at the law school. Cohen says that his primary area of responsibility is umpiring discovery. He was polite enough to put off attending to the messages until the interview was over, but Cohen was clearly anxious to get back to work on a job that he compares to “drinking from a fire hose every day.”

Cohen is an attorney who seems to be doing exactly what he was appointed to do. After what he cheerfully characterizes as a failed business career, he got into law school at age 29 pretty much by the luck of the Irish – the Irish, in this case, being the beloved former Dean of Students, Dan Clancy, who encouraged Cohen to take the LSAT.

Cohen began his studies thinking that he didn’t really want to be an attorney – “in some ways, I still don’t want to be an attorney,” he says, and he’s serious. But in law school, “it felt great to be good at something.”

After a couple of years of private practice, he “fell into a job” as law clerk to “the best boss ever,” Kate O’Malley ’82, who had just been appointed U.S. District Court Judge. (She’s now on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in Washington, D.C.) Ten years later, he was still her law clerk when she “kicked me out of the nest,” he says, and appointed him special master in a case. He rented an office, bought a desk, and never looked back: he has made an impressive career since then, serving as special master in dozens of cases around the country. It’s all he does.

In less than two years, hundreds of depositions have been taken in the Opioid MDL, hundreds of millions of pages produced, and Cohen has called balls and strikes on all of the parties’ discovery disputes. But, as he points out, sheer mass is only part of the story. The allegations in the case include some plan vanilla tort claims, but also a number of novel claims and legal theories that are stretching the law, he says. And all of this, too, is occurring on a fast litigation track.

Peter Weinberger ’75 is one of the lawyers pressing those claims, both novel and vanilla. He is nationally renowned as a trial lawyer, and nationally esteemed. That much is evident from his selection as Plaintiffs’ Liaison Counsel by hundreds of plaintiffs’ lawyers, from around the country, who convened in Cleveland as soon as the multidistrict litigation transfer order was issued, in December 2017. His responsibilities include communicating with all plaintiffs’ counsel on matters relevant to the Opioid MDL, coordinating discovery efforts, and planning for trial. The first “bellwether” trial is scheduled for this coming October. Given the complexity of the litigation, and the stakes, Weinberger says that being liaison counsel is “a 24/7 job.”

The opioid epidemic had its origins in the 1990s, Weinberger says, when a massive marketing campaign convinced doctors that a new approach to treating pain in their patients was needed, and available. As he explains, pharmaceutical companies claimed that newly-developed synthetic opioids, with their timed-release feature, were a safe substitute for morphine or other addictive painkillers. They were, in Weinberger’s view, anything but.

In the Opioid MDL, Weinberger and his plaintiffs’ counsel colleagues represent municipalities and other governmental organizations seeking to recoup the $50–60 billion per year that, they allege, the epidemic costs them for such things as health care, law enforcement, emergency and first responders, addiction treatment, child care, and other social services. Plaintiffs also seek various forms of injunctive relief designed to change the behavior of the industry, educate the public, and control pharmaceutical marketing and lobbying. Weinberger foresees a long-term court-supervised program for solving the scourge of opioid addiction.

Weinberger has spent his career in Cleveland. In 1988, he joined Spangenthal, Shibley, and Liber. He served as that firm’s managing partner for 17 years, stepping down from that post at the end of 2017.

Weinberger’s was the first class to study in the new law school building at CWRU. His favorite professors, Arthur Ausum and John Coffey — though one of those two (many readers of a certain vintage will be able to guess which one) “scared the living daylight out of me,” he laughingly recalls.

Another familiar face from law school is one that Weinberger never sees at the United States Courthouse with some regularity. Tim Johnson ’74, and his law firm Cawtht, Famioli and Durkin, represent one of the defendants in the MDL’s “Pharmacy Group.” Johnson’s client was brought in to the case relatively late, he says — in June 2018. So he, and the client, “had a lot of catching up to do.”

Johnson is former president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and has had an unusual career, he says, one that mixes litigation and transactional work in about equal parts. During law school, Johnson and Weinberger shared afternoon rides to downtown Cleveland, where they both worked, part-time, at law firms. Now, they are the only lead lawyers in the upcoming bellwether case who are local Clevelanders. There will be so many other lawyers for that trial, Johnson predicts that it will be difficult to fit them all into the courtroom.

CWRU Professor Andrew Pollis, whose research focuses on the Opioid MDL, and who is frequently quoted in the national media about it, points out that plaintiffs face significant problems of proof as to causation, and are pressing “rather attenuated” damage claims in this difficult and complex litigation.

“At the same time, if it gets to the jury, the evidence is going to be so persuasive about the conduct of the opioid industry,” he says, that jurors may be of a mind to award damages. And, since the governmental entities pressing the claims are comprised of their citizens, “plaintiffs are, in effect, all of us” (as the New York Times quoted him saying).

Opioids do have a legitimate, useful purpose, Pollis says, that differentiates this particular public health crisis, and the Opioid MDL, from the nationwide tobacco litigation of some years ago. Doctors legally prescribe opioids, he points out, because “for some patients it is the only way to get meaningful relief from pain.”

Even Peter Weinberger concedes that there is a place for the use of opioids for health problems such as intractable cancers or acute pain — “limited use,” he says, “under rigorous scrutiny.”
Since its launch in 2009, the Fusion program has served as a training ground for graduate students in law, science and management to develop the skills needed to meet the underlying challenges of successful technology entrepreneurship and innovation.

Mixing students into interdisciplinary teams, the program is structured to lead them through a collaborative analysis of new technological innovation, with each team simulating the advancement of a raw invention to the point of presenting a juried investment pitch, demonstrating the product’s financial potential, intellectual property strength and an early-stage technological development plan.

For the first time in the program, the students’ moved beyond simulating a new product and, instead, leveraged the resources of a flagship institution at the university to bring their ideas to life. The Larry Sears and Sally Zlotnick Sears think[box]

Housed in the seven-floor Richey Mixon Building on CWRU’s campus, think[box] is built to be accessible to even the most modest ideas, but is also capable of serving as a start-to-finish launchpad for entrepreneurs looking to develop a product from a prototype to a commercial reality. The on-campus facility is also the largest of its kind in the country that is open to the community and free to use.

Each floor of think[box] represents a different stage of innovation, starting with community and collaboration – where ideas are developed – to the entrepreneurship and incubator levels – where innovators can take advantage of a range of services from the many think[box] partners, such as the School of Law’s IP Venture Clinic, CWRU LaunchNET and the Technology Transfer Office. It is a self-service model that allows entrepreneurs and prototype inventors to consult with free legal representation for a range of corporate legal and intellectual property issues. Help is also available for developing business plans and investment pitches, commercialization and fundraising strategies and access to free or low-cost space to house their startup company.

Think[box] houses a cornucopia of state-of-the-art prototyping and fabrication equipment including 3-D printers, electronics development and wood and metal fabrication machines – all with the relevant tools needed by a creator, including the open-source documents and free classes needed to operate them.

“We’ve structured think[box] so a person can come and take their idea as far as they want. Any inventor can come in at the first level, develop an idea and build a prototype,” said Tiffany McNamara, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships and Business Development at think[box].

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Serving thousands of students and entrepreneurs each year, think[box] was a natural partner for the Fusion program, which has worked with different technologies each year, including the internet of things (IoT), advanced medical imaging, clinical diagnostics, neuromodulation and water technologies, including a purification project that was developed in partnership with NASA.

“Every year, we’re looking to push students further into the innovation process,” said Ted Theostratos, Managing Director and co-founder of the Fusion program. “In the past, we’ve worked with students to develop strategies for existing inventions based on a common scientific domain, usually coming out of CWRU laboratories. This year, we wanted to leverage the tremendous assets the university has in place to push students to actually design and prototype something new, using a common technology platform.”

Hands-on Product Development

Moving from the classrooms at the Weatherhead School of Business to the sixth floor of think[box], Fusion students learned firsthand what goes into taking an idea from concept and actually building it into a product.

The class sessions at think[box] started with technical training for students to learn the capabilities and programming functions of an Arduino microcontroller, an open-source electronic IoT prototyping platform capable of bringing smart functionality to independent electronic devices. From there, students learned about the available resources in think[box] and software design from Nick Barendt, Executive Director of the School of Engineering’s Institute for Smart, Secure and Connected Systems (ISSACS).

“To think that we were able to effectively introduce law and management students to hands-on electronics design and coding in the context of teaching them the art of commercialization was really remarkable,” said Fusion co-founder, instructor and CWRU chief innovation officer, Joe Jankowski. “It enabled them to move beyond just analyzing potential solutions from a multidisciplinary lens, to being personally connected to the development of their technologies.”

For Rebecca Lindhorst, a 3L law student studying intellectual property with a background in biochemistry and molecular genetics, the process of prototyping a product and taking it through commercialization was eye-opening.

“I’ve been focused on patent law but never had experience in product creation,” said Lindhorst. “Seeing how pieces come together was an incredible learning experience that is going to help me better understand the perspective of the inventors and how I can interact with them and how to pull out the info from them that could give them some type of protectable ip.”

The students were separated into five interdisciplinary teams and challenged to create an IoT product using a basic, over-the-counter Arduino microprocessor that brings smart functionality to stand-alone components. Each team was provided with a complete Arduino kit, containing dozens of useful elements, as well as a small budget to obtain other necessary elements to create a functional prototype.

“The class was such an amazing experience, working not just with the faculty, but also my team members,” said Lindhorst. “Each of us brought our own expertise to the table. We relied on each other and most importantly, learned from each other.”

Working with students in the MBA, engineering and Masters of Patent Practice programs, Lindhorst’s team invented the “Lavender Retriever,” a dual-chambered scent and pheromone diffuser for dogs that relieves anxiety by releasing a combination of lavender essential oil and dog-appeasing pheromones when the sensor detects barking.

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From laser cutters to a Poly-Jet 3D printer to an eight-head embroidery machine, the think[box] has what inventors need to bring form to their ideas.
CWRU Law Launches
YEMEN ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT To Document War Crimes For Future Prosecution

In Fall 2018, the Henry T. King, Jr. War Crimes Research Office at Case Western Reserve University School of Law launched the Yemen Accountability Project, a student initiative to document and map war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Yemeni Civil War. The project has received funding from alumnus Timothy Geisse (JD ’84) and the John F. and Mary A. Geisse Foundation.

Yemen has eclipsed Syria as the world’s worst humanitarian crisis, with an estimated 70,000 to 80,000 deaths attributed to the conflict between March 2015 and August 2018. An August 2018 United Nations report concluded that both sides of the conflict have committed numerous war crimes and crimes against humanity.
The project, which was modeled after former International Prosecutor David Crane’s Syrian Accountability Project, which he helped develop at Case Western Reserve University, invited students to work in teams in the first comprehensive effort to document atrocities and lay the foundation for successful prosecutions of the responsible parties.

Expecting a handful of volunteers, director of the War Crimes Research Office and former Chief of Prosecutions for the Special War Crimes Research Office and its Protocols, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, The Commission of Inquiry for Syria, the International, Independent, Impartial Mechanism for Syria, and various interested States parties and NGOs,” said Johnson. “This research will be invaluable in the international community going forward and I’m so proud of the way our students have responded to this challenge.”

The project is the latest to be launched by CWRU’s War Crimes Research Office, which was established in 2003 and named for the late Nuremberg prosecutor and CWRU Law Professor Henry King. The Office, whose work was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by an international prosecutor, has to date assisted in the prosecution of war criminals before the Yugoslavia Tribunal, the Rwanda Tribunal, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Cambodia Tribunal, the Lebanon Tribunal, the Iraq High Court, the Uganda War Crimes Chamber and the piracy courts in Kenya, Mauritius and the Seychelles.

To date, 138 CWRU Law students have undertaken summer or semester-long internships at the international tribunals and six CWRU Law graduates have gone on to careers as prosecutors and legal advisers at the international tribunals.

“I chose to leave academia and attend Case because a law degree would enable me to have a greater impact in international law,” said Graham. “I knew that Case Western’s extraordinary international law program would open doors to exciting opportunities in the field.”
Ohio Attorney General

AWARDS FUNDING TO human trafficking clinic

The Human Trafficking Program at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law is expanding its community outreach, education and survivor identification with a new round of state funding.

The Ohio Attorney General’s Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA) recently awarded the initiative $425,000 to continue its support. The clinic represents survivors of both sex and labor trafficking in criminal, civil, juvenile, family and immigration matters.

The initiative is directed by a team of attorneys with dual degrees in social work, are leading the Human Trafficking Program at the law school.

“The program’s goal is to empower survivors to lead lives of meaning and fulfillment,” said Lipton. “To further this goal, clients will be offered trauma-informed services from an interdisciplinary team that includes students and faculty from the schools of social work, nursing and medicine.”

Targeted outreach is planned for populations most at-risk for trafficking, including teens, incarcerated individuals, those facing homelessness and/or substance-use disorders, foreign nationals and members of the LGBTQ community.

The new round of funding to the law school is among the largest continuation VOCA grants issued.

“The program will continue to provide education and awareness on human-trafficking issues for multi-disciplinary professionals and students in the fields of law, social work, nursing and medicine,” said GaMaria, adding that work also is planned with legislators, social service and health care providers, members of law enforcement and the general public.

The clinic also will continue its efforts to include students in the initiative.

“This funding award acknowledges and supports the exceptional work that this program provides to survivors of human trafficking,” said Simek. “It also allows us to further collaborate with others locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to assist human-trafficking survivors, penalize traffickers and reduce the demand for those who are being exploited.”

Working toward a solution

Ohio is indicative of the human-trafficking problem: The state ranked fourth in the number of sex-trafficking hotline calls in 2016, after California, Texas and Florida, according to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRIC).

And the numbers keep climbing. Sex and labor trafficking represent a criminal industry worth about $150 billion each year, second only to illegal narcotics, according to NHTRIC estimates.

To raise awareness and help counter the scourge, Case Western Reserve partnered with the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking to host the fourth annual Human Trafficking Symposium, called “Human Trafficking Multidisciplinary Symposium: Strategic Responses to the Trafficking Crisis” at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens on Aug. 29.

The law school’s annual human trafficking conference draws hundreds of experts and volunteers in the field from around the country.
While federal and professional regulatory systems monitor genetic-editing experiments in university and corporate labs, most research conducted outside of these settings lacks formal oversight.

Now, two Case Western Reserve University faculty members have received a two-year grant to provide regulatory recommendations for gene-editing research conducted in non-traditional settings. The aim of this $160,000 grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health is to protect the public while encouraging creativity and innovation that could benefit many people.

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Those who conduct unofficial gene editing include biology professionals who pursue projects of personal interest in their free time, moonlighters in industry and academic laboratories and amateurs operating out of their homes.

With grant support, the researchers will conduct a detailed literature and statutory review as well as actively monitor social media to provide a comprehensive picture of current and potential unofficial gene-editing practices and capabilities.

For example, it is now possible to buy gene-editing kits online, and some experimenters are injecting themselves in attempts to edit their genes. And while experts believe that most unofficial gene editing is being done only with bacteria and fungi, social media forums contain discussions of working with animals and even humans.

“The stakes are high in two domains,” said Conlon. “On one hand, genome editing holds real promise for preventing and treating potentially lethal human diseases such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, cancer and heart disease. At the same time, there are potentially grave risks, illustrated by the fact that in 2016 CRISPR-Cas9 was added to the (United States) list of possible weapons of mass destruction—the only biotechnology to be so listed.”

Regulatory options the researchers will explore include establishing licensure and training requirements, mandating the reporting of gene-editing experiments and introducing restrictions on purchases of material and equipment by individuals and commercial entities.

“Let me be clear, our aim is not to stifle creativity,” said Mehlman. “Not only won’t it work, it could make things worse by driving unofficial gene editing further underground. Our aim is to promote safe and potentially beneficial gene editing outside of official circles.”
Law school strengthens its network with China with new degree program and five-city tour

In early December, Dean Scharf, Professor Jack Turner, Former Professor Timothy Webster, Professor Jonathan Gordon and Assistant Director of Development John Coorey visited five cities in East and Southeast Asia. They met with prospective students, hosted alumni receptions, discussed new cooperation models with potential partner schools, and presented their latest research. The tour included stops within Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Chongqing and Bangkok. The law school boasts over 400 alumni working at the highest levels of government, private practice, and academia throughout Asia.

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STUDENT PROFILE

From the Chicken Farm to the Courthouse

Vito Giannola put poultry farming behind to become a lawyer and accept a judicial clerkship

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But those were not just any chickens. The Oxford farm where Giannola worked is owned by a well-known art patron and collector, Gary Wasserman, and the cross-breed poultry operation (known as the "Cosmopolitan Chicken Project," or "CCP") is designed to "foster a dialogue on national identity and the interdependence of different cultures, species and the environment," according to the Wasserman Project's website. Today the Cosmopolitan chicken carries DNA from 20 different international breeds, and "lives longer, is more fertile, is less susceptible to disease, and exhibits less aggressive behavior."

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He chickened out, one might say -- in a good way.

He was offered a generous scholarship at Case Western Reserve University which made his dream of becoming a lawyer possible. Like many people who take time off between college and graduate school, Giannola has particularly cherished the law school experience -- even the inevitable needling he took in Professor Raymond Kus's Constitutional Law class about the Supreme Court's 1938 decision in Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States, the infamous "Sick Chicken" case.

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Giannola is genuinely well-liked around the law school, and no wonder. As his Contracts professor, Juliet Kostritsky, relates, on one occasion, a potential law student visiting the school with her parents was looking for someone to give them a last-minute tour. Giannola saw them looking lost, introduced himself, and volunteered to be their guide. Wherever
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The Russia-United States Legal Education Foundation is evolving the bench and bar in Russia, one student at a time.

Engaging classroom discussions and an expectation to contribute thoughts, opinions and ideas—this type of learning environment was a departure from what Arsenia Golubenkova traditionally experienced in college-level courses at home in St. Petersburg, Russia.

But as an exchange student at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, sponsored by the Russia-United States Legal Education Foundation (RUSLEF), Golubenkova experienced a fresh perspective of law.

“With IP, your clients are inventors, artists and authors, and they are full of new ideas and energy—this fresh innovation and inspiration,” Golubenkova said. “That’s the area of law where I feel like I can really do something to make positive change.”

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Sidney Picker Jr., a professor emeritus in international law and trade at Case Western Reserve University law school and his wife Jane Picker, professor emerita at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University, recognized an opportunity to develop a rule-of-law legal culture in the rising generation of Russia’s bench and bar in the early 1990s, following the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Their vision was to create a program that ultimately would help integrate Russia into the world’s economic, political and social arenas.

The Pickers formed partnerships with two Russian law schools—one in Volgograd and the other in St. Petersburg—and received initial funding through the former United States Information Agency (USIA). Then with funding from NAFSA: Association of International Educators, a student exchange resulted. Case Western Reserve and Cleveland State then added a fully accredited summer school program in St. Petersburg, which mixed American and Russian students together.

By the end of the millennium, USIA ceased to exist. Without funding, the program ceased. At this time, the Pickers retired, becoming emeritus professors at their respective law schools, and formed RUSLEF as a nonprofit Ohio corporation to continue the most effective portions of the program. The Pickers raise funds for sponsoring Russian law students at American Bar Association-accredited law schools across the country, covering the payment of their non-tuition expenses. In turn, participating law schools waive tuition.

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Now, there is a core of more than 100 former students who are running firms, working in government positions, climbing the ranks of international corporations and law practices.

“Our influence has spread into law schools as well,” Jane Picker said. “The curriculum used to be controlled by a central authority, but now some schools are developing courses on their own.”

Building Relationships

The opportunity to make an impact is exactly what drew Golubenkova into law as a 17-year-old, moving from a small Russian town called Cherepovets to St. Petersburg to attend university. Her focus is intellectual property (IP) law.

“We love the students—we personalize it for them,” Sidney Picker said. “We are extremely close to them and want to make sure they also stay in touch with each other, because through those connections they can make a difference.”

“The process of education is so much more involving, and it was something new for me,” says Golubenkova, 23, relating that in Russia, “we are allowed to ask a question, but that is not happening often.” Courses are lecture-based—and more significantly, the practice of law is quite different.

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Over the years, the program has succeeded because of the Pickers’ thoughtful selection of exchange students via personal interviews and transcript reviews, and the sheer nature of those students involved.

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“We feel very comfortable in Cleveland and in the United States, in general,” she said.

That’s the intention. The Pickers go to great lengths to treat every student like a member of their own family, hosting them at their home and constantly keeping in touch.

“Our influence has spread into law schools as well,” Jane Picker said. “The curriculum used to be controlled by a central authority, but now some schools are developing courses on their own.”

“Simply put, ‘They are making an impact,’” she said.

Building Relationships

The opportunity to make an impact is exactly what drew Golubenkova into law as a 17-year-old, moving from a small Russian town called Cherepovets to St. Petersburg to attend university. Her focus is intellectual property (IP) law.

“With IP, your clients are inventors, artists and authors, and they are full of new ideas and energy—this fresh innovation and inspiration,” Golubenkova said. “That’s the area of law where I feel like I can really do something to make positive change.”

During her year at law school in 2018-2019, Golubenkova ingrained herself in the classroom dynamics and American culture. She rented a room with a local Cleveland family, who included her in holidays and family outings. On campus, she reveled in the discussion.

Sidney Picker Jr. (left) with Arsenia Golubenkova, a law student from Russia who studied law at Case Western Reserve University in 2018-19

“We love the students—we personalize it for them,” Sidney Picker said. “We are extremely close to them and want to make sure they also stay in touch with each other, because through those connections they can make a difference.”

The Pickers’ email inbox fills with correspondence from former students. “They are tremendously loyal to us and the program, and some will come to the United States on business or for pleasure and visit with us,” he said.
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Developing a program with Russia was also important to the Pickers, who recognized a lack of partnership between U.S. and Russian educational institutions. In fact, RUSLEF was novel and still the largest exchange program bringing Russian law students and spearheading all the funding to arrange exchange programs at universities across the country. For example, this year’s students were placed at George Washington Law School in Washington, D.C., Tulane Law School in New Orleans; CWRU in Cleveland; University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana; University of Main in Portland; McGeorge Law School in Sacramento; and the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

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David L. Brennan graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1957 and went on to become one of the most successful lawyers and generous philanthropists in the state of Ohio. The Brennan Chaired Professorship at CWRU law school bears his name. He passed away in October 2018. Here, Dean Jessica Berg talked with David’s wife, Ann, about this incredible alumnus.

Q: You met David and then married him in 1957 and had four children (Elizabeth, John, Kathleen, and Nancy). When you first met, what surprised you the most about him?

David wrote poetry. I never expected him to be a poet — here’s this great big guy, and he’s very business-like. However, he wrote some wonderfully romantic poems to me. It was really sweet.

Q: Can you tell us what led David to law school here?

The story David liked to tell about why he went to Case Western Reserve was that he had been working at Bellows Valve Air — a company that created neon signs. He was working all day, and then Reserve was that he had been working at Bellows Valve Air — a company that created neon signs. He was working all day, and then

We never sat down and talked about it; we just gave because somebody asked. As far as the giving goes there has always been a connection between our involvement and our giving. For example, Summa Health — we’ve had our medical care there forever. The Elms — I went to school there. St. V’s — David went to school there. Our giving followed what our interests are and our belief that it’s important for this geographic area that we have things like the arts, which make a place more livable.

Q: David was quoted in the 1990s as wanting to lead a “crusade in education.” Can you tell us what inspired the many years of work with charter schools?

We had a number of industrial plants that we had purchased from Firestone as Firestone was divesting itself of different things. Particularly in Spartanburg, South Carolina, we had to start doing statistical data analysis, which was required because the automobile companies, whom we were supplying, had such low tolerances for differences in machine parts. Well in order to do statistical data analysis, you had to know some arithmetic. We realized that many employees had difficulty with simple math.

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Q: David was a man with a clear vision of the future and fierce ambition. He was a man who was ground-breaking, who never slowed down. There was no stopping him. He had an unbridled desire to make the world a better place for everyone. David was defined by his zealous love of making things happen – learning from more of his failures than his successes. David was a true friend, respected for his leadership, commitment and passion. His white cowboy hat came to represent everything good about David Brennan – a man larger than life with a broad smile and a very big heart.

– Jack T. Diamond (’83), President of Brennan, Manna & Diamond LLC

And then I went to a White House event hosted by former First Lady Barbara Bush. The speaker was Peter Du Pont, and he was talking about the fact that as a country we needed school choice. He explained it as the “Bush Tax.” If there were only one kind of car sold in the country, what happens to it eventually? The quality goes down. We could see that the quality in our public schools unfortunately had gone down, because there wasn’t any competition.

Q: What would David say was his proudest accomplishment?

I think his proudest accomplishment he felt, especially toward the end, was the fact that there were thousands of Ohio kids who had a high school diploma because they’d gone to school because of his activities.

Q: If he were to share sage words with our students and alumni, what advice do you think he would give?

I think he would say to love the law, protect it. Beyond that, the main thing is always plan. Don’t just plan for the downside, which some people are very good at, but plan for the upside. Because sometimes, when you’re successful, that’s when more problems start than when you’re not successful.
JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Jessup team first place and captured four of the top 10 speaker awards at the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Chicago on February 7-10.

The team went 4-0 in the preliminary rounds, beating the University of Chicago, Chicago Kent, Iowa University and Marquette University. The team then defeated St. Louis University in the quarter finals, Wayne State University in the semi-finals, and Loyola Law School in the finals, advancing to the International Rounds, March 31-April 6 in Washington, DC, for the second consecutive year and the eighth time in the past 15 years.

In an extraordinary sweep, all four of the team’s oralists won top speaker awards for the first time in the law school’s history. Andrea Shaia, then a 2L, was the 9th best speaker, Megan MacCallum, also a 2L last year, was the 5th best speaker, Taylor Frank, a 2019 graduate, was the 2nd best speaker, and Alex Lilly, also a 2019 graduate, was the 3rd best speaker. The team is coached by Professor Katy Mercer and former Professor Timothy Webster.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT MOOT COURT TEAM

On March 16-17, the International Criminal Court Moot Court team, consisting of (during the last academic year) Kelsey Smith 3L, Adrianna Velazquez-Martinez 2L, Caroline Ford 1L, Gloria Neilson 2L, and Jazmine Edwards 1L, competed against two dozen teams from across the continent at the North American Rounds of the ICT Competition at Pace Law School in New York.

The competition involved the legal issues of whether unilateral use of force against chemical weapons facilities constitutes a crime of aggression and whether a law professor who provides the government one-sided legal advice can be held criminally responsible for aiding and abetting aggression.

Based on its high briefs and oral argument scores in three preliminary rounds, the Case Western Reserve team advanced to the semi-finals, where it lost a close round to Temple Law School. The Case Western Reserve team was coached by Professors Michael Benza and Cassandra Robertson.

CASE CLASSIC MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

CWRU teams captured second and fourth place at the Case Classic, the first Mock Trial competition of 2018-19. The competition was composed of 20 teams from law schools from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Alabama and Virginia.

CWRU’s team of Morgan Austin, Tiana Bohanon and Joe Shell was the tournament’s runner up. The other team of Stephanie McNeal, Justin Mackir, Lysette Roman and Allison Smith came in fourth place. The teams are coached by Mike Gabelman ’12, who is the Assistant Public Defender for Lake County.

CONTESTANT BRIEF AND ORAL ARGUMENT TEAM

The black student law association Mock Trial team took third place out of 67 teams in March during the BlackLSA Mock Trial Competition in Little Rock, Arkansas. The students that competed in Little Rock were (as of last academic year) Allison Smith 3L, Alicia Hampton 2L, McClellon Cox 3L and Demari Muff 2L. The team also consisted of Fatimah Smith 1L, Lauryn Durham 1L, and Candice Green 3L, who assisted the team in the preparation.

The team was coached by the Honorable Summit County Magistrate Brett Hammond and Cuyahoga County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Ike Ikeike ‘16.

Earlier in the year, the BLSA Mock Trial team competed in the Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition in Chicago, February. Out of 15 registered teams, the team came in third and earned the right to represent the Midwest Region in March at the national competition.

In Chicago, Muff earned the award for best advocate among all competitors in the competition.

BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION MOCK TRIAL

CWRU VIS INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION TEAM

The Vis International Commercial Arbitration Team took second place in the competition hosted by Loyola Law School in Chicago from February 15-17, and Teresa Azzam won the competition’s Best Oralist award.

The Vis team was composed of (as of last academic year) 3L Douglas Pilawa, 2Ls Teresa Azzam and Kathleen Burke, and 1Ls Kristina Aaad-Toss, Emma Green, and Jamison King. The team is coached by Professor Katy Mercer and former Professor Timothy Webster.

NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Law students John Gardner and Sarah Lucey advanced to the final round of the regional National Moot Court competition in Cleveland last November, earning a berth in the national rounds in New York City in January. The bench included the newly-elected Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, Melody Stewart, who is also a former Director of Student Affairs at CWRU School of Law. Professors Katy Mercer and Tim Duff coached the team to victory. The second CWRU team was comprised of Jamie Lamsen-Busch, Andrew Cordiles and Rachel Andelman.

At the national competition, Lucey and Gardner were defeated in a close match in the first round, but prevailed with a win in the second round.
First-year law students are now taking electives during their first year of law school. The program began in spring 2019 as a way to engage students in specialty areas before they get further into their academic careers.

Each 1L student takes two, one-credit, electives in the spring semester. The options for 2019 were:

- Artifact Law
- Bioethics and Law
- Civil Litigation Practicum
- Criminal Law Practice: Contemporary Issues
- Courts, Public Policy, and Social Change
- International Law: Fundamentals
- Legal Analysis and Problem-Solving
- Professionalism: Competencies of a Successful Lawyer

The response from students has been overwhelmingly positive. Here’s what some of our students said about the experience last year:

“I chose artifact law because it was unique. I really enjoyed it because we got to learn about abandoned shipwrecks and who had ownership rights to them.”

– Kristin Lyons

“I really enjoyed taking bioethics with Dean Berg. She is wonderful and super engaging and it was great to get to learn something outside of our standard curriculum.”

– Alexandria McKenna

“Some of the other qualities of professionalism include civility, good judgment, honor and commitment. Overall, the point of the professional ethics class is to instill in you that professional perspective to offer you a good start as a lawyer.”

– George Kamanda

“We talked about all of the famous cases that everyone’s heard of since elementary school, like Brown v. Board of Education and everything that led up to that. Professor Jonathan Entin really knows his stuff and he has an incredibly fascinating amount of background information that you’re not going to get from the cases.”

– Lindsey Leonard, about her courts, public policy and social change course.

What can my law annual fund gift do?

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Combined with gifts from your classmates, these funds provide travel support for students interviewing for jobs out of state. 91% of the Class of 2018 obtained jobs in 26 states and DC by the reporting deadline.

$500
Can cover expenses for our award-winning moot court teams as they travel both nationally and internationally. These teams provide our students with invaluable experiences through real-life litigation challenges and allows them to develop their courtroom skills.

$1,000
Allows us to provide books for a 1L incoming student. 74% of the incoming class in 2019 received this book support.

$2,500
Can provide funding for a student to gain preparation for practice through a summer internship in the public interest or social justice area. Each year more than 50 law students take unpaid summer jobs with government agencies and nonprofits, and your annual fund gift can help cover basic expenses while they gain practical experience.

When should I support the law annual fund?

Gifts to the Case Western Reserve University School of Law annual fund are accepted at any time. The fund operates on a fiscal year that starts July 1 and ends June 30, so making a gift early in the cycle saves you from being solicited multiple times and saves the law school money. Many donors prefer to make their gift at the end of the calendar year to take advantage of tax benefits.

You can give online anytime at giving.case.edu/law or by calling the office of Alumni Relations & Development at 1-800-492-3308.

Importance of law annual fund dollars

The annual fund is particularly important to the law school because it directly supports our students every day. A robust annual fund allows us to offer financial assistance to our students; this year more than 90% of our students will benefit from your support! And, unlike many other law schools, 100% of our annual fund dollars directly support our students through financial assistance for tuition, moot court travel, and public interest fellowships. Gifts of every amount absolutely make a difference for our students.
Society of Benchers Inductees


Society of Benchers 2019

Established in 1962, Society of Benchers gives recognition to graduates who have distinguished themselves in their professions and their communities and have brought honor to the law school. The 57th annual celebration was held on June 20, 2019.
**Faculty Briefs**

**Jonathan Adler**


**George W. Dent Jr.**

TURK-SWITCH: The Tariff-Leverage and Legal Case for Turkey’s Shift from Customs Union to FTAs with the European Union and Beyond, 22 J. INT’L ECON. L. 99 (2018) (with Mustafa Durmus).

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Queuing the Court: Lessons from The Muslim-Ban Case, 23 J. GENDER RACE & JUST. (forthcoming 2019).

**Jonathan Entin**

Another Superseded Quill: The End of the Physical- Presence Rule for Requiring Out-Of-State Businesses to Collect Use Taxes, 1 J. TAXN INV., Fall 2018, at 15.

**Joe Custer**


**Jessica Berg**

Ethical Issues in the Use of Nudges to Obtain Informed Consent for Biomedical Research, 40 IRB 1-5 (2018) (with Maxwell Mehlman and Eric Kodish).

**Joscelyn F. Colares**

TURK-SWITCH: The Tariff-Leverage and Legal Case for Turkey’s Shift from Customs Union to FTAs with the European Union and Beyond, 22 J. INT’L ECON. L. 99 (2018) (with Mustafa Durmus).

**Jonathan Pollis**

**Shannon French**


**Andrew Geronimo**


**Paul Giannelli**

**Ayasha Hardaway**


**JONATHAN ADLER**

Justice Neil Gorsuch’s opinion concurring in the judgment in Kisor v. Wilkie twice cited Professor Jonathan H. Adler’s article “Auer Evasions,” from the Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy. In Kisor, the Supreme Court considered whether to maintain so-called Auer deference, under which courts are to defer to reasonable federal agency interpretations of their own regulations when those regulations are ambiguous. Professor Adler’s article argued that Auer deference facilitates the evasion of administrative law norms, and was cited by Justice Gorsuch. The Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice Elena Kagan, upheld Auer deference subject to a series of new constraints designed to limit abuse of the doctrine. Judge Gorsuch’s separate opinion, joined by Justices Thomas, Alito and Kavanaugh, called for eliminating Auer deference altogether.

**CASSANDRA ROBERTSON**

Professor Cassandra Robertson’s article “The Right to Appeal,” which was published in the North Carolina Law Review in 2013, was cited in Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s majority opinion in the recently published case, Garske v. Idaho.

In the case, the court reversed the Idaho Supreme Court’s decision involving an inmate who claimed his public defender was ineffective after he failed to heed the inmate’s request to file a notice of appeal. According to Justice Sotomayor’s majority opinion, a plea agreement’s appeal waiver can not cover every situation; a defendant may, for example, want to challenge whether the plea agreement was voluntarily made.

In her article, Robertson had urged the U.S. Supreme Court to acknowledge the right to appeal. Robertson’s research has also been cited by judges on the supreme courts of Kansas, California and Oregon. Sotomayor’s opinion marks her first U.S. Supreme Court citation, placing her in the rarefied company of the most elite law scholars in the country.
LAW FACULTY HONORED FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE

At the law school’s annual celebration of faculty scholarship and service on May 9, 2019, two faculty members were designated Distinguished Research Scholars, and three others were honored with special awards and prizes, while faculty members were lauded for publishing books in 2018-2019.

The law school established the Laura B. Chisolm Distinguished Research Scholar and the Oliver C. Schroeder Jr. Distinguished Research Scholar honorifics as a way to recognize rising stars on their way to chaired professorships and honor two of the law school’s most impactful former professors. At the annual celebration, Co-Deans Berg and Scharf announced that Professor Raymond Ku has been designated the Laura B. Chisolm Distinguished Research Scholar, and Professor Aaron Perzanowski has been designated the Oliver C. Schroeder Jr. Distinguished Research Scholar.

The law school established the Faculty Distinguished Research Prize to recognize professors whose published works during the preceding three years demonstrate extraordinary scholarly achievement based on their impact on academic discourse, law and policy. The Co-Deans announced that the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Research Prize is Cassandra Burke Robertson, the Judge Ben C. Green Professor of Law who has served demonstra...
**PROFESSOR AYESHA HARDAWAY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF LAW SCHOOL'S SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW CENTER**

From the law school's efforts to improve the county's bail/bond system to its involvement in municipal police reform, Case Western Reserve University School of Law has been a leader in social justice.

"We are delighted to announce that Professor Ayesha Bell Hardaway has been appointed director of the law school's Social Justice Law Center," Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf said. "Professor Hardaway is an extraordinary colleague who will be an outstanding Director."

Professor Hardaway joined the faculty in 2012 after working as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Cuyahoga County and a litigator in the trial department at Tucker Ellis LLP. She has published on issues of racial inequality and social reform and has taught as a clinician in the areas of health law, civil litigation and criminal justice. In 2015, she was selected to serve on the Independent Monitoring Team appointed to evaluate police reforms to be implemented by the Cleveland Police Department under a federal consent decree.

"I am honored by the opportunity to deepen our institutional commitment and understanding of social justice and its place in the law. As a graduate of the law school, the ability of the institution to meet the needs of all of our students while working to address inequities in our legal system is paramount to importance to me as a faculty member," said Hardaway.

"As director, Professor Hardaway will guide the center as the hub of the law school's work in the area of social justice," said Berg and Scharf. "At Case Western Reserve University School of Law, social justice is a unifying theme that our institution aims to incorporate throughout the curriculum," they added. In recent years, CWRU has been ranked among the best law schools for public interest law.

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**ANAT ALON-BECK JOINS LAW FACULTY**

Anat Alon-Bek is the newest faculty member to join Case Western Reserve University School of Law as Assistant Professor of Law on the tenured track.

Her research focuses on corporate law and entrepreneurship, with a particular focus on how legal and regulatory structures influence entrepreneurial opportunities and firms. She is passionate about empowering women to advance in entrepreneurship and leadership positions in the business world.

Professor Alon-Bek's most recent article, "Unicorn Stock Options - Golden Goose or Trojan Horse?" is forthcoming in Columbia Business Law Review. Several media outlets and corporate law blogs have featured her research on unicorns, including the Business Law Prof Blog, Harvard Corporate Governance Blog, Mayer Brown's Free Writings + Perspectives Blog, Bloomberg's Money Stuff and Tech Nation: The Marker Magazine.

Her article, "Preparing for the Apocalypse: A Multi-Prong Proposal to Develop Countermeasures for Biological, Chemical, Radiological, and Nuclear Threats" (with Constance E. Bagley), was published in Cardozo Law Review. The article was just selected to be featured in the first episode of Cardozo Law Review's new podcast, Below the Line.

Alon-Bek joins the faculty of Case Western Reserve from New York University School of Law, where she currently serves as the Jacobson Fellow in Law and Business. Prior to NYU, she was a visiting assistant professor of international business and management at Dickinson College.

Anon-Bek holds JD and LLM degrees from Cornell Law School, where she served as an editor of the Cornell International Law Journal. She received her LLB from Tel Aviv University Buchmann Faculty of Law and served as an editor of Theoretical Inquiries in Law.

"Anat Alon-Bek is a rising star with a unique background whose appointment will enhance our nationally recognized business law specialty area," said Case Western Reserve Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf.

The fall 2018 issue of PreLaw Magazine, a National Jurist publication, ranked Case Western Reserve as the number one law school in the country based on the strength of the program in several categories, including faculty scholarship, curricular offerings, concentrations, clinics and externships.
From left: Co-Dean Michael Scharf; Hon. Rebecca Dallet ’94, a Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice and commencement speaker; Law Alumni Association Board President George Moscarino ’83; and Co-Dean Jessica Berg.

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COMMENCEMENT

LLM graduates from the Middle East pose for a photo with Professor Lewis Katz, a long-time faculty member of more than 50 years who retired in 2019.

FAMILY LEGACIES

Douglas Pilawa (center) with his father, Dennis Pilawa ’78, and stepmother, Kimberly Brennan ’93

Garo Yaghsezian with his sister, Carina Izakelian ’14

Emily Cunningham with her father, Russell Cunningham ’89
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September 20, 2019
THE FREDERICK K. COX INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTER CONFERENCE
Atrocity Prevention: The Role of International Law and Justice
8:30-5:00 p.m., Moot Courtroom (a59)
6.0 CLE

October 14, 2019
THE FREDERICK K. COX INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTER
Satyajit Boolell, Chief Prosecutor of Mauritius
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (a59)
1 CLE

October 16, 2019
THE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL SECURITY LAW & POLICY DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
Immigration: The Forgotten Environmental Issue
Julie Axelrod, the Director of Litigation for the Center for Immigration Studies
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (a59)
1 CLE

October 18, 2019
LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM & COLEMAN-BURKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER CONFERENCE
“The Environmental Protection Agency Turns 50”
8:30 - 4:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
6.0 CLE

October 24, 2019
Center for Business Law
IP Protection – Myth vs. Reality
Atossa Alavi, Senior IP and General Counsel at AlphaMiron, Inc.
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (a59)
1 CLE

October 25, 2019
FOURTH FALL TRADE LAW UPDATE
Year Three of U.S. Trade and Supply Chain Restructuring
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
3 hours CLE

October 29, 2019
Law Med Center
David C. Dvorak, Chairman and CEO, Jintel Health
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
1.0 CLE

November 8, 2019
Coleman-Burke Center
IT’S GETTING HOT IN HERE: Climate Change Cases Heat Up in Federal Court
12:30 - 1:30 pm, Moot Courtroom (A59)
1.0 CLE

November 11, 2019
THE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL SECURITY LAW & POLICY DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
Assigning Protection: Can Refugee Rights and State Preferences be Reconciled?
James C. Hathaway, Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
1 CLE

February 4, 2020
SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW CENTER
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
Racial Justice, Restorative Justice and Radical Healing
Fania Davis, JD, PhD
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
1 CLE

February 26, 2020
THE FRANK J. BATTISTI MEMORIAL LECTURE
Judicial Independence 4.0
Charles G. Geyh, John F. Kimberling Professor of Law, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
1 CLE

March 5, 2020
International Women’s Day Summit 2020
Presented by Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law & Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
3 hours CLE

March 27, 2020
THE LAW - MEDICINE CENTER CONFERENCE
Co-Sponsored by the Coleman-Burke Environmental Law Center
8:30 – 4:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
6.0 CLE

April 3-4, 2020
Ignite: Legal Tech Innovation 2020
Sponsored by the CWRU Law Ben E. Green Law Library & the Mid-America Law Library Consortium
8:30 - 4:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
6.0 CLE

April 16-17, 2020
CANADA-UNITED STATES LAW INSTITUTE 44TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Climate Change and the Arctic
4:17 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Cleveland Botanical Gardens
5 CLE

October 16, 2020
Free Speech on the Internet: Blocking, Banning, and Removing Content
Andrew Geronimo, Supervising Attorney at the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center

February 26, 2020
The Laws that Govern the Great Lakes
Stephen Petras, Co-Founder and Director of NeXT1 Inc., Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center

April 15, 2020
On Our Block: 100 Years of Mortgage Finance Policy
Catherine Lasser Mansfield, Executive Director of the Masters in Financial Integrity (MFI) program

CASE DOWNTOWN
Case Western Reserve University law faculty hold lectures downtown throughout the year on a variety of topics. All lectures are held at the City Club of Cleveland, 850 Euclid Avenue, #200. Doors open at 7:45 a.m. Lectures occur from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast is provided.

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Leon Weiss – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Class of 1968
Maria Ciano – of Reminger Co., LPA, has been honored with a 2018 America Jurisprudence Award by ORT America and the William K. Thomas Professionalism Award by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

Class of 1971
Richard N. Patterson – has joined The Bulwark as a regular contributor.

Class of 1972
Stephen C. Ellis – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Class of 1973
Paul Dutton – of Harrington, Hippe & Mitchell Ltd., has been named chairman of Akron Children’s Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.


Class of 1974
Frank Carlson – has retired after more than 10 years as assistant law director for the city of Amherst, Ohio.

John Flynn – of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, has been inducted into the Board of Trustees at University of the South (Sewanee). He was also reelected to the City Council in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

Mark Katz – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a “Labor Employment Star” by Benchmark Litigation and a 2019 Ohio Super Lawyer.

Class of 1975
Steven Kaufman – of Kaufman & Company, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019 and 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers List.

Donald Scherzer – of Roetzel & Andress LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019 and a leading practitioner in the field of Litigation/White Collar Crime & Government Investigations by Chambers.

Class of 1976
Beverly Grady – of Roetzel & Andress LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019 and Robert Ioneeph – of Disability Rights Oregon, has been appointed to the Social Security Advisory Board.

Class of 1977
Everett Glenn – of the ESP Educational Institute, was recognized as a 2018 National Trial Lawyer for Opportunity in Education, has been recognized in Benchmark’s Top 250 Women in Litigation for five years in a row and has been named a “State Litigation Star” by Benchmark Litigation and to the Top 50 Women Ohio and Top 25 Women Cleveland editions of the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Class of 1978
Henry E. Billingsley – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Hugh Bode – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Douglas Charnas – has joined McGlinchey Stafford in their Washington, D.C. office in the corporate and business transactions area.

Hon. Timothy J. Grandè – has become a member of the National College of Probate Judges Executive Committee.

Richard Hardy – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Robert Polifka – has joined Tarter Krinsky & Drogin as counsel in the litigation and corporate and securities practice area.

Howard Stein – of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman LLP, has been to the 2018 New York Metro Super Lawyers List.

Class of 1979
Marc Grootel – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Randolph Oppenheimer – of Barclay Damon LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Class of 1980
Bill Gagliano – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list and was ranked as one of Ohio’s “Leaders in Their Field” in Real Estate by Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

James Goldsmith – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Katherine Hatton – of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Public Interest Law Center.

George R. Saris – of Roetzel & Andress LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

David Weibel – of Kadish, Hinkel & Weibel, has been named “Lawyer of the Year” in the 2019 edition of Best Lawyers in America®.

Class of 1981
Alexander Andrews – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Jeffrey Castro – of Roetzel & Andress LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Rita A. Maimbo – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers Top 50 Women and Cleveland Top 25 lists.

Matthew Moriarty – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Nancy Noali – has joined Roetzel & Andress LPA’s Cleveland office as a shareholder.

Class of 1982
Frank Loeretti III – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Richard Rymond – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America®.

Class of 1984
Marc Merlin – of Brouse McDowell, has been named a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Anthony O’Malley – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019 and a 2019 Ohio Super Lawyer.

William Porter – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019 and a 2019 Ohio Super Lawyer.
Catherine Kilbane – has joined the Board of Directors for Interface, Inc., a global commercial flooring company focused on sustainability.

John F. McCaffrey – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers Top 100 and Cleveland Top 50 lists.

George Pilat – of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder (MRR), has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019 for insurance law.

Class of 1988
Timothy Downing – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been appointed Chief Diversity Officer of the firm and to the Allegheny College Alumni Council and Cuñahua County’s First Human Rights Commission.

Class of 1989
Bruce McDermott – of Muntha Collina LLP, has been chosen to serve a five-year term of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board.

Dennise Pemberton-Heard – has joined Diversified Search as the General Counsel and Managing Director in their Washington, D.C. office.

Susan L. Racey – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Class of 1990
David De Lorenzi – of Gibbons P.C., has been named one of only 18 attorneys nationwide to the “Client Service All-Stars” list by BTI Consulting Group.

Ronald Mingus – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Indiana Super Lawyers list.

Christian R. Patno – of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co., LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Jody Perkins Ryan – has joined Gallagher Sharp LLP as Of Counsel in their Cleveland office.

Class of 1991
Robert Allene – of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, has been named Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division.

Irah Donner – of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP, has received the 2018 Cornerstone Award honoring outstanding pro-bono legal services to nonprofits from the Lawyers Alliance for New York.

Jackie Ford – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Hugh Kevin McNeeloge – writing under the name Bear Kosik won first prize in the New York State Fair Poetry Contest and recently published a book Remaking Democracy.

Donald Moracz – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

John Slagter – has joined Tucker Ellis as a Partner in their Cleveland office.

Class of 1992
Corina Corpore – of Tucker Ellis, LLP, has been named a Recognized Practitioner by Chambers USA 2018.

Robert Gluckman – of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co., LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Christopher Koehler – of Franz Ward LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Hon. William F.B. Vodrey – a magistrate of Cleveland Municipal Court, was awarded the Oberlin College Alumni Medal.

Class of 1993
William (Bill) Edwards – of Ulmer & Berne, LLP, has been elected Vice-Chair of the Wittenberg University Board of Directors. He was also named as a “Labor Employment Star” by Benchmark Litigation.

William Gelm – has joined Buchalter as a Shareholder in their Scottsdale office.

Robert Simpson – has joined Carlton Fields as a shareholder in their Hartford office.

Class of 1994
Jim Craven – of Wiggan and Dana, has been selected as this year’s recipient of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) Lifetime Community Service Award.

David A. Lum – of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co., LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Class of 1995
Adam Fried – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Morris Hawk – has joined Rootzel & Andress LPA’s Cleveland Office as Counsel.

J. Troy Terakides – of Dickinson Wright PLLC, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Julie (Olson) von Haeften – has been elected to represent the 36th District in the NC General Assembly. He has also been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Class of 1996
The Legal 500, a prominent legal services ranking organization, has once again placed Eigler’s labor and employment practice in 1st Tier, for the 5th year in a row! Head of the practice, partner John Eastwood, is mentioned as a leading lawyer in this field.

Susan Friedman – has joined Ziegler Metzger LLP as an Associate in their Cleveland office.

Christopher Keim – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been elected to the Board of Trustees for the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. He has also been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Margaret Murray – of Murray and Murray Co. LPA, has received the Amicus Curiae Award from the Ohio Association for Justice.

Kristin L. Pratt – of Lake City Bank, has been named a Top General Counsel in the 2018 First Chair Awards.

Class of 1997
Bryan Falk – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Lissa C. Gipson – has joined Tarter Krinsky & Drogin as a partner in the litigation and corporate and securities practice area. She practices primarily in the areas of complex commercial litigation, product liability, and art law.

Gary Greenlee – has joined McCannell Wagner Sykes and Stacey as an associate in insurance litigation and commercial litigation.

Franklin Malemud – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Aaron McQueen – of Jackson Kelly PLLC, has been promoted to Member in the firm’s Akron, Ohio office.
ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

**Class of 1999**

Elizabeth Ace – of LeClairRyan, has been named President.

Joshua Lamanscua – the district attorney of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, has received the 2018 Jack & Nancy Flannery Salute to Courage award from the New Castle (Pennsylvania) YMCA.

Hon. William C. McConico – has been appointed to serve on the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Large Law Firms Committee for the 2018–2019 term.

Andreae Horton – has joined Myers Industries Inc. as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Secretary.

Chetan Nagendra – has spearheaded the opening of a new PDS Legal office in Bangalore, India.

Natalie Rouf – has joined Dinmore & Shohi LLP as a partner in their Cincinnati headquarters.

**Class of 2000**

Matthew Albers – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Molly Brown – has joined Heartland Bancorp as Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

Bryan Farkas – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

Craig Haran – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

**Class of 2001**

Jayne L. Butcher – of Blank Rome LLP, has been appointed to serve on the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Large Firm Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

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John Stalzer – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Holly Marie Wilson – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

**Class of 2002**

Beth Norwood Fischer – is now Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at the University of North Carolina – Greensboro.

Kimya Johnson – has joined Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart as Senior Counsel and Co-chair of the National Diversity and Inclusion practice at their Philadelphia office.

David L. Kane – has joined Vedder Price as a Shareholder in the Insolvency, Bankruptcy & Corporate Reorganization group in Chicago.

Brian Wright – has returned to Faruki+ as a Partner after serving for three years as General Counsel and Vice President of Innovation for Henny Penny Corporation.

**Class of 2003**

Michèle Connell – of Squire Patton Boggs, has been selected as an honoree in the 2018 National Women in Law Awards by Corporate Counsel and Inside Counsel.

**Class of 2004**

Tammi Lees – of Rootzell & Andrews LPA, has been promoted to shareholder.

Aliyson O’Keefe – of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP, has been listed as a Notable Woman in Real Estate by Crain’s Cleveland Business.

**Class of 2005**

Anthony Catanarzette – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.


Bethany Ricketts Murray – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.

**Class of 2006**

John Titey – of Varnum LLP, has been elected partner.

Anthony Vacanti – has joined Tucker Ellis LLP as business litigation counsel.

**Class of 2007**

Kevin Carter – of Frost Brown Todd LLC, has been promoted to Member.

Mark Gorski – of Sports Data Labs, has been named to the Leaders Under 40 Class of 2018.

Sean Morrison – announces the formation of the Sean Morrison Law Offices LLC located in Sidell, Louisiana.

Jennifer Orr – of Blank Rome LLP, has been named to the list of Best Lawyers in America® for 2019.

**Class of 2008**

Justin Cranney – has joined Idaho-based Hawley T bewell as an equity partner.

Greg Doggett – has joined Dentons as counsel in the Health Care practice area.

Eric Main – has joined Winston & Strawn LLP, in the firm’s Antitrust/Competition Practice as counsel.

Thomas Peppard Jr. – has been elected partner at Tucker Ellis LLP.

Ronald Silley – has been appointed Executive Co-Dean of the China-EU School of Law in Beijing, China.

John C. (Chaz) Weber – of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.

**Class of 2009**

Carolyn Davis – of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.

Garrett Hall – has joined HIPAA One as vice president of strategy.

Gwen Gillespie Herman – of Cafelle, Halter & Griswold LLP, has been elected to Partner.

**Class of 2018**

Gregory Guice – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.

**Class of 2019**

Liana Hollingsworth – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list for labor and employment.

David Johnson Jr. – of Aronberg Goldsahn Davis & Garmisa, has been named a Member.

Erin Morgan Klug – of Varnum LLP, has been elected partner.

J. Matthew Linehan – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.

Kristin Morrison – of Jones Day, has been promoted to Partner.

Nicholas Preusch – of PBMares LLP, has been named one of CPA Practice Advisor’s Top 40 Under 40.

Mateusz Saykiewicz – has been elected to partnership at Pepper Hamilton LLP.

Adam Shank – has joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ohio as the inaugural executive director.

Jazmyn Stover – has joined Fisher Phillips as a partner in their Columbus, Ohio office.

Jenn and James Pasch ‘10
Class of 2010
Nicole Bechtold – of Reed Smith LLP, has been promoted to Partner in the firm’s Pittsburgh office.
Jeffrey Dornbos – has joined Clark Hill PLC as senior counsel in their Grand Rapids, Michigan office.
Erica M. James – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.
Ryan Kuchmaner – of Black McCuskey Sours & Arbaugh, has become a Certified Specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law.
Brian Nally – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers list.
Christina Niro – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been elected to partnership and to the Northeast Ohio Advisory Board of Children’s Hunger Alliance.
Grethen Woodrooft Root – has joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC as Counsel, Labor and Employment in their Pittsburgh office.
Sean Weinman – has joined GE Aviation as Senior IP Counsel in their Cincinnati, Ohio office.
Matthew Wholhey – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.

Class of 2011
Steven Chang – has joined Reminger Co., LPA, as an attorney in their Columbus office.
Daniel Eichinger – has joined the Trial Division of the Office of the Public Defender for Allegheny County as a manager.
Marissa Calcagno Ennis – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.
David Harman – of Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine, has been promoted to Shareholder.
Jennifer L. Mezko – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.

Michael Rudick – has joined Rivkin Radler LLP as an associate in the General Liability Practice Group.
Jeremy Schima – has joined Dickinson Wright PLLC as Counsel in their Columbus office.
Matthew Vazzana – has joined the City of Hudson as a City Solicitor.

Class of 2013
Hunter G. Cauvel – has joined Buckley King as an attorney in their Cleveland office.
Trevor Hardy – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has joined the Board of Directors of the Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation.
Paul L. Janowicz – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.
Sarah Rasta – is now Elections Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration.
Daniela Paez – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been selected to the 2018 class of “Forty Under 40” by Crane’s Cleveland Business and named to the 2019 Ohio Rising Stars list.
Leo Zhou Zhuo – has joined J.P. Morgan in China as a lawyer.

Class of 2014
Richard Hilbich – has accepted a new position as an Associate Attorney at Brennan Mannia Diamond.

Class of 2015
Henry A. Bailey – has joined the Atlanta office of Berman Fink Van Horn as an associate attorney in its commercial real estate division.
Eliise LaChap – has joined Ulmer & Berne LLP in the Health Care Practice Group.
Shirpa Rege – of Ulmer & Berne LLP has joined the Board of Directors of Greater Cleveland Volunteers.
Halden Schwalle – has joined Ulmer & Berne as an associate in their Business Litigation Practice Group.

Class of 2017
Erika Dunya – has accepted a position as a clinical fellow in the Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic where she leads the Farm Bill Legal Enterprise, a consortium of legal scholars focused on improving the farm bill.
Amanda King – has won a Cleveland Arts Prize “On the Verge Fellowship” for visual arts.
Brinton Resto – has joined Minc Law in Orange Village, Ohio as an attorney.
Faheem Valji – has joined the New York office of Otten & Golden LLP in the individual practice area.
Mengxue Xie – has joined the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne as an Associate in Product Liability.

Class of 2018
Lauren Chisner – has joined the Ohio Attorney General’s Office as an Assistant Attorney General in environmental enforcement.
Nevada Heft – has joined Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. as a law clerk in the business law practice group.
Ryan Krisyb – has joined Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP as an associate.
Matthew Turkal – has joined Reminger Co. LPA in their Cleveland office.
Brooke Tyus – has joined the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne LLP as an associate.

Class of 2019
Mr. C. Stan Atwood (LAW’72)
Mr. Albert A. Bails (ADL’48, LAW’50)
Hon. William Ridonour Baird (LAW’59)
Mr. Thomas S. Baker, Jr. (LAW’68)
Mr. Kenneth Earl Bankey, Jr. (LAW’73, MCT’76)
Mr. Robert O. Berger (LAW’78)
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Mr. Thomas P. Butler, Jr. (LAW’60)
Mr. Richard C. Butler (LAW’47)
Mr. Charles Cohen (ADL’44, LAW’52)
Mr. John Paul Conroy, (LAW’42)
Hon. Thomas Patrick Curran (LAW’62)
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Mr. Brian N. Fitchmumans (LAW’74)
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Mr. Arthur D. Willfate, Jr. (LAW’54)
Mr. Blake Werner (LAW’23)
Mr. Thomas J. Worone (MCT’85, LAW’68)
Mr. Eldon S. Wright, Jr. (LAW’52)

In Memoriam
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

In Memoriam includes names of deceased alumni forwarded to Case Western Reserve University School of Law over the past year.

John Gardner
Sadly, on July 18, 2019, at the age of 26, John Gardner of Scranton, Pennsylvania passed away.

John was an outstanding student who excelled in the classroom, as a Senior Editor of the Law Review, and an award-winning member of our Moot Court and Mock Trial teams. More than anything, John was an incredibly kind individual whose thoughtful nature will be missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. He earned a JD from CVRUW Law in 2019, and a bachelor’s degree in 2015 from the University of Notre Dame.

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Gale Holly Freeman, ’89
(December 25, 1957 - December 17, 2018)
A Tribute to Gale Holly Freeman
“Gale passed away one week shy of her 62nd birthday from a hereditary heart condition. She went in her sleep and without pain. She and I met when we were 1Ls at law school, and enjoyed many long days studying, working on the Journal of International Law and the Canada US Law Institute together. As you know, she was a caring and sharing person. The world is not a better place without her.”

– John T. Paxman ’99
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