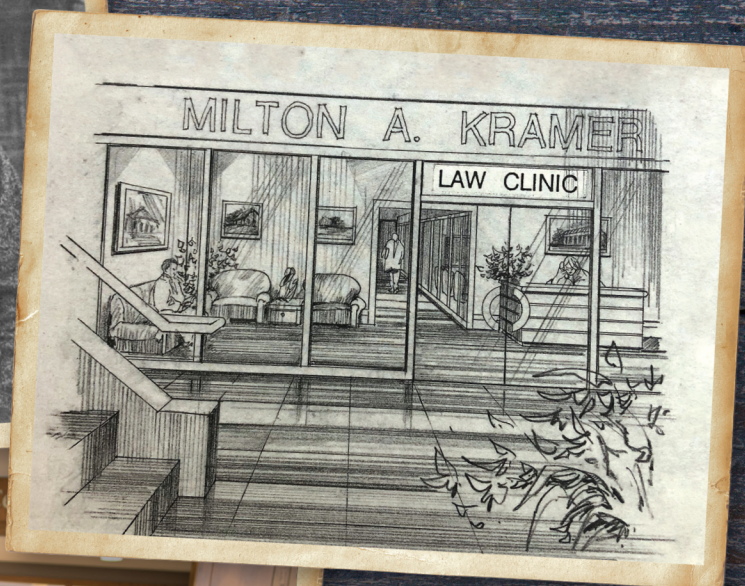


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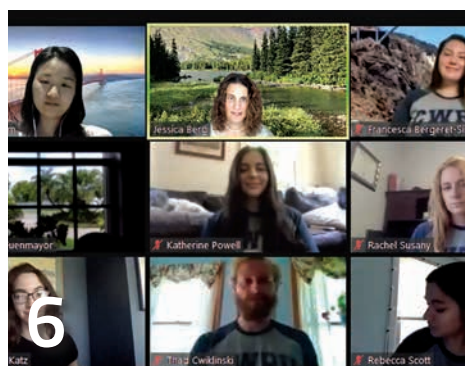
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Top photo: Clinical Professors Peter Joy, Judy Lipton and Ken Margolis with the reflected image of the Glidden House Inn, which once housed the Law Clinic.

Middle photo: Architectural rendering of the original proposed new Clinic space.

Bottom photo: The Law Clinic today, with Anthony Cirranello (LAW '18), Tianjiao Han (LAW '18), and Punam Chatterjee (LAW '18).

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AN UPDATE FROM THE DEANS



Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf assumed leadership of the law school in 2013, the year that law school applications began to fall precipitously across the nation. Facing that challenge prepared them for an even larger one—the effect of COVID-19 on teaching, recruiting and fundraising in 2020. In this Q&A, the deans share how the law school adapted to this global health crisis and then responded to acts of racial violence across the nation.

2019-20 started out as a really good year. Tell us about some of the milestones?

MICHAEL: Our graduates had the best overall pass rate of any Ohio school on the July 2019 and February 2020 Ohio Bar exams. The Heald and Sichelman study of faculty scholarly impact ranked our faculty 30th in the country based on SSRN downloads and citations on HeinOnline. Our Jessup International Law Moot Court Team and our National Mock Trial Team each won their regional competitions. And we were ranked as a top law school in a record 10 specialties by *National Jurist/PreLaw Magazine*. Things were going pretty well.

And then the novel coronavirus struck. Jessica, how did your expertise in public health law help prepare you to tackle the challenges of the pandemic?

JESSICA: I have a degree in public health and I've studied best practices relating to pandemics. By February, I had a pretty realistic idea of what might lie ahead for our school. We were able to act proactively and stay ahead of the curve when some of our peers stumbled.

Michael, you've found yourself in some pretty dangerous situations in Africa and the Middle East in your career as a war crimes specialist. Did you find that experience useful in dealing with the pandemic?

MICHAEL: That experience taught me that if you keep a level head and an optimistic outlook, you can get through almost any crisis in one piece. And it certainly helps when you have colleagues of the quality of our faculty and staff working with you. They were incredible!

Tell us about some of the changes the school had to quickly make because of COVID-19?

JESSICA: In March, we started to meet weekly with our faculty over Zoom. In mid-March, we transformed to all-online teaching. Our faculty had to master the Zoom platform and modify their teaching approaches within days. Then, we adopted special procedures that enabled us to vote in Zoom meetings and through online polls to keep up with the rapid pace of necessary decision-making. By the end of the spring semester, we had adopted dozens of new policies to deal with the extraordinary situation facing the school. Over the summer, we worked hard to reconfigure classrooms, upgrade technology, and train our faculty to provide a hybrid teaching approach that combined in-person and remote experiences for the fall semester.

Michael, you often talk about how the law school made "lemonade out of coronavirus lemons." Can you give us some examples of that?

MICHAEL: Our Dean Dunmore Moot Court was the first large internal competition in the nation to go online. By doing so, we were able to bring in distinguished judges from all over the state. Similarly, our faculty brought prominent figures into their virtual



Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf at the historic Cleveland Arcade, site of the 2019 Alumni-Faculty Dinner.

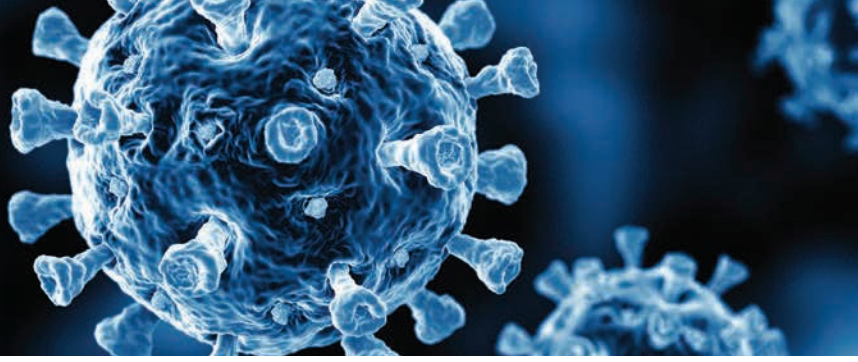
classrooms to present guest lectures using Zoom. We organized a series of online CLE panels and lectures during the summer when we usually don't host events because few students and faculty are around. These events attracted thousands of participants from around the world. Jessica and I found that we could visit alumni in different cities across the country on the same day, and we ended up with the second-best fundraising year in the school's history, as alumni pitched in to help our students during these difficult times. And Jessica taught an online Pandemic Law course to our incoming 1Ls in June, which created class cohesion and helped introduce students to each other and the law school.

JESSICA: One of the things we had long wanted to do was create an optional spring entry for our JDs like we have for our LLMs. Knowing that many students across the country were deferring the start of school because of the coronavirus, the faculty agreed that the time was right and we became one of the first law schools in the country with a flexible start policy. Similarly, we had long considered accepting GRE scores in addition to the LSAT to expand our applicant pool. This turned out to be the ideal time to conduct the required study to enable us to do so. In August, we announced both the spring start and GRE options.

And then on May 25, George Floyd was killed and protests broke out across the country. How did the law school respond?

MICHAEL: We began with community brainstorming. Through Zoom meetings with faculty, staff and students, we received over 30 proposals to integrate racial justice more comprehensively into the curriculum, advocate more effectively for reform at local and national levels, and foster a more equitable, inclusive and welcoming environment at the law school and in our community. At the same time, our new Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, Bryan Adamson, organized a widely attended three-part webinar series on racial justice in June. We then compiled and disseminated resources and programming about race and the law, including the creation of a dedicated law school webpage with statements and online resources about racial justice and reform. The faculty devoted significant parts of two June meetings to integrating discussions of race and racism into their lesson plans. And on August 5, the faculty unanimously approved an exciting new course titled Race, Law & Society, designed to have faculty lead small-group book discussions, and include expert presentations on structural racism as evinced in our criminal, housing, banking, health care, transportation and mass media systems.

JESSICA: Our alumni have been a huge help in this effort. They donated thousands of dollars for our diversity initiatives as part of the Annual Fund campaign. And in July, we launched a new Deans' Cabinet on Diversity and Inclusion to help us recruit diverse students, assist with diversity placement efforts and raise money for scholarships. This is just a start. We remain steadfast in working toward racial justice, diversity and inclusion. Working together, we believe we can make some important changes, starting at the law school.



CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Offers New Flexible-start Option, Accepts GRE

Case Western Reserve University School of Law will be among the few law schools in the country to offer first-year law students the flexible option to start in January. For the first time, the law school is also now accepting GRE scores from applicants, in addition to the traditional LSAT.

The new January start option allows students to begin law school in the spring semester and either graduate three years later in December, or two-and-a-half years later in May with the students who started the preceding fall.

The length, structure and content of the January start program mirrors the traditional fall start program, but students can “accelerate” by taking required courses during consecutive summers. Some summer courses will be offered remotely so students can still work and complete externships nationally and internationally.

“If a student is graduating college in December or is working and is ready to plunge back into school now rather than wait eight months, then they may wish to take advantage of a January start,” Co-Dean Jessica Berg said.

“While the change to the law school’s entry policy was accelerated in response to the coronavirus, the addition of a January start for first-year law students was already under consideration after the school recently piloted a flexible start in



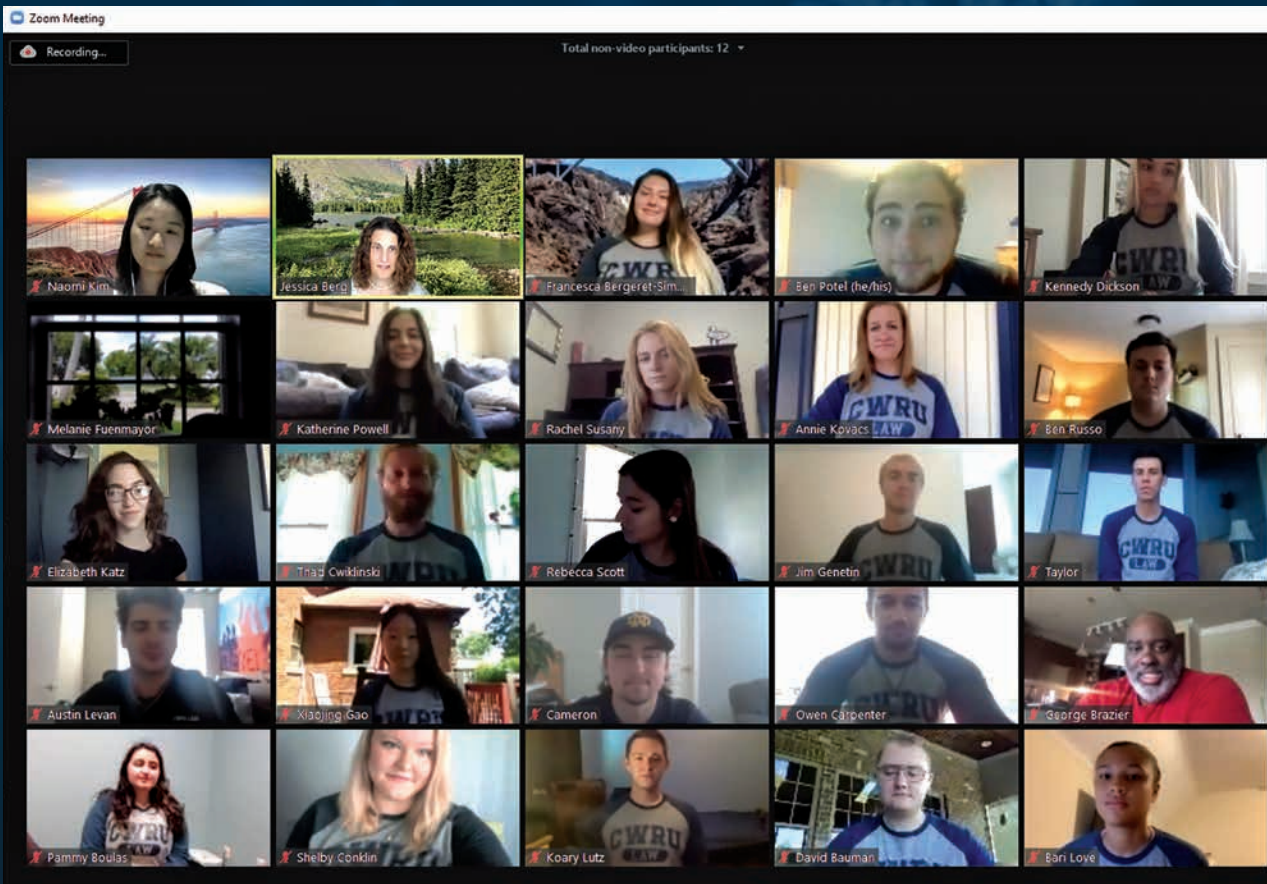
our LLM program with promising results,” Co-Dean Michael Scharf said.

The law school designed a special program for students beginning their studies in January. The program starts with a week of orientation that focuses on study skills and provides personalized acclimation into law-school life. In addition, the January start students will be enrolled in one substantive course specifically designed for entering students.

For those students who want to apply for spring admission, the deadline is December 1. Scores from the October LSAT or GRE or earlier administrations of the LSAT or GRE are accepted. Scores are accepted going back five years.

“Our January start option and accepting the GRE are among the ways we are adapting to the rapidly changing landscape of legal education and the practice of law,” Berg said. “Candidates admitted for the January start program or who apply using the GRE are eligible for the same generous academic scholarships that we offer for fall admission and to LSAT test-takers.”

“We hope that by giving students the option to submit either LSAT or GRE scores, we will be able to broaden the applicant pool and make it easier for students to pursue a legal career, whether they would like to begin in January or in the fall,” Scharf added. ■



CWRU Law Dean Offers Summer Pandemic Law Course to Incoming Law Students

Many entering first-year law students were planning to travel or work during the summer before beginning law school. For most, such plans had to be shelved when the coronavirus struck.

The pandemic has fundamentally changed the way we live, necessitating travel restrictions, business closures, social distancing rules, mask-wearing requirements and postponed elections. Nearly every aspect of the government's response has been subject to legal challenge.

This year's incoming first-year law students at Case Western Reserve University had a unique opportunity to learn about and discuss the legal and ethical issues related to the coronavirus pandemic in a summer course offered at no cost prior to the start of their first year of law school.

The course was taught online by CWRU School of Law Co-Dean Jessica Berg, JD, MPH, one of the nation's leading health law experts. She is also a professor of bioethics and a professor of public health.

This marked the first time the law school offered a summer course to its incoming students and the topic couldn't have been more timely—there is no set of legal, ethical or policy issues that are more on the minds of the public.

"This course was an opportunity for our incoming law students to explore legal and ethical issues related to the health crisis while getting to know the law school and their new classmates," said Dean Berg. "While we have the ninth-ranked Health Law program in the nation, this wasn't a course just for those interested in health law. These issues are relevant to everyone." ■



CWRU Law Successfully Completes First Virtual Moot Court Competition

Every spring, the law school hosts the Dean Dunmore Moot Court Competition, an intramural appellate advocacy tournament where second- and third-year students compete in an NCAA bracket-style competition judged by faculty members, local judges and experienced practitioners.

This year, just eight days before the competition was set to start, the law school and much of the nation were forced to cancel public events due to the coronavirus. But thanks to the efforts of the student Moot Court Board led by 3L Joe Shell, the school ran its first online Dunmore Competition, which was coordinated among dozens of participants and judges across multiple time zones.

"Overnight, we transformed the law school to remote teaching with very few hiccups. But running a moot court competition online presents difficulties of another magnitude," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf. "That our students pulled this off is a testament to their perseverance and can-do attitude in these challenging times," added Co-Dean Jessica Berg.

The online competition began with 38 students. Two weeks and six rounds later, Ali McKenna and Dillon Brown argued in

the final before Ohio Supreme Court Justice Michael Donnelly and Sixth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals Judges Alice Batchelder and Chad Readler. After a lengthy discussion, the judges voted McKenna the winner, 2-1.

In addition to naming McKenna the winner of the competition, awards were given to Dillon Brown as the runner up, Jesse Wynn for best brief, Natalie Oehlers for best oralist and Melanie King for highest combined score.

"I could not be more proud of the way the board embraced that challenge and immediately started contacting alumni, appellate practitioners and professors," said Shell. "We were determined to continue the Dunmore tradition. That attitude drove everything we did. But no matter how determined we were, the competition would not have happened without the support of the administration, the students and the 74 practitioners, alumni and professors who volunteered their time to judge. We held 53 total arguments over 12 days with no issues."

While there could only be one winner, the competition's judges were impressed with the students' ability to remain focused during the competition, despite its unusual format.

"I was wildly impressed that the students were able to pull this off without a hitch under extremely trying circumstances," said Eric Lavasseur of Hahn Loeser, who serves as president of the CWRU Law Alumni Association Board. "Truly, truly outstanding!"

"I thought the oral arguments in the Dunmore tournament were great," said alumni competition judge Kevin Young of Tucker Ellis. "Other than not being in the same room together, we were able, via video, to do the exact same thing we have always done."

Several of the participating judges and practitioners felt that the success of the 2020 Dunmore Competition could help pave the way for greater online practice of law during these extraordinary times.

Congratulations to all of this year's contestants and thank you to Moot Court board members Joe Shell, Catherine Cochrane, Abigail Peabody, Vito Giannola and Alex Waid, and faculty adviser Professor Andrew Pollis for making the event possible in the face of so many challenges. ■

Undaunted by the Coronavirus

Case Global centers and institutes launch student summer projects to replace canceled international law internships

In ranking Case Western Reserve University School of Law's International Law Program among the top 10 in the nation earlier this year, *PreLaw Magazine* recognized the law school's funded internships as the secret to placing so many of its graduates in the field of international law.

Every summer, dozens of our law students undertake international law internships at prestigious institutions around the globe for academic credit, including Human Rights Watch, the International Criminal Court, the State Department, the World Trade Organization, Interpol, the World Intellectual Property Organization and more. With its \$4 million endowment, the Cox Center has provided student stipends to cover travel and living expenses, making these invaluable experiences affordable.

This year, our students obtained a record number of foreign placements. Then the coronavirus hit.

Law firms, government agencies, international organizations and non-governmental organizations either moved to a remote internship experience or canceled internships for the summer of 2020 altogether.

In response to the disruption, the leaders of CWRU's Case Global program worked together to create an alternative arrangement for students who lost their summer placements, inviting them to work remotely for the summer as research fellows for one of the law school's Case



Dozens of CWRU School of Law students, including 3L Laura Graham, have interned at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Global centers, institutes and affiliated organizations, including the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, the Henry King War Crimes Research Office, the Institute for Global Security, Law and Policy, the Canada-U.S. Law Institute and the Public International Law & Policy Group. Students earned a \$1,500 stipend and three credits under the umbrella of the law school's externship program.

Altogether, 27 exciting and impactful projects were put in place—more than enough to cover every student who had lost an international internship. The projects included drafting a report on the shift in U.N. security council power to the General Assembly, developing the first-ever compendium analyzing the Canadian and U.S. laws that apply to the Great Lakes, creating dossiers for potential prosecution of Yemen War Crimes and drafting a report examining nations' responses to the coronavirus pandemic

and assessing their compliance with and respect for human rights.

"This was truly a team effort to pull together and do everything in our power to ensure that our students continue to receive a hands-on, real-world educational experience, regardless of the current circumstances," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf. "I'm thankful for the work of our Case Global officers in making this possible, in particular Professors Juscelino Colares, Steve Petras, James Johnson and Avidan Cover. In a short period of time, they've helped us turn this difficult situation around to the benefit of our students."

Having established this model, the efforts of the Case Global Faculty were replicated by the law school's other academic centers with the goal of creating opportunities for every student whose summer placement was affected by the coronavirus. ■

In recognition of the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic's 50th anniversary, three current and former clinic directors reflect on the origins of the law school's experiential education program, the curricular evolution of legal training and the birth of the modern-day law clinic.



LAURA MCNALLY-LEVINE

Case Western Reserve University professor of law, associate dean for experiential education and director of the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center

Laura McNally-Levine gives the same piece of orientation advice to each entering class at Case Western Reserve School of Law: that every first-year law student write down, on paper, what she calls their “why”—the reason why they decided to go to law school. It’s a guide and a reminder that can be revisited, she tells them, for the next three years and beyond. She stresses the importance of writing the “why” in pencil, in case they change their minds.

McNally-Levine is director of the law school’s Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center and associate dean for experiential education. She could have used indelible ink for her “why,” if she had written it down in law school—she knew from the start that she wanted to help powerless children and their families in educational disputes and thought that being a lawyer would give her the teeth to fight on their behalf. She is passionate about her job and her work—“the perfect marriage of teaching and practicing,” she said. She definitely has her hands full.

Experiential education in the law is a concept that has exploded in popularity and influence in recent years. For 50 years, Case Western Reserve has been a leader in that movement; recently the law school was ranked 9th in the nation in practical training by *PreLaw Magazine*. A leap forward came in 2013, when the faculty voted to require significant experiential training for all students in all years—a “continuum across the curriculum,” as McNally-Levine puts it. The program, more rigorous than most and with graduation requirements more stringent than needed to meet ABA accreditation, is now “part of our makeup—a big part of who we are as an institution.”

For its success she is quick to credit her predecessors as well as the 11 current clinical and skills faculty members and staff. They run nine different clinics, including health law, civil litigation and immigration, as well as six “labs” for death penalty, reproductive rights and First Amendment cases, among others.

These involve work in real fora for real clients—a bridge between academics and practice. The Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center, a law firm within the law school, represents clients who can’t afford their own lawyers in a variety of court cases, as well as in other settings, such as the Intellectual Property Venture Clinic.



“We pick our cases with two focal points—to serve the community and to give educational benefit to the students,” said McNally-Levine. The clinic’s cases are not necessarily chosen for potential headlines.

The six labs involve discrete projects referred to the law school by courts or practitioners. Some of these are unique in American legal education. The International Law Research

Lab is the only one in the world that provides student research assistance to INTERPOL and international war crimes courts around the globe.

Moot court competitions continue to be a successful part of Case Western Reserve training. But experience outside a litigation context has become central to the curriculum as well. “Half our students want to practice business law upon graduation”, McNally-Levine observed. In years past, first-year

law students were always, everywhere, required to draft an appellate brief. At Case Western Reserve, there is now a significant contract-drafting component to the first-year training—again, a feature different from most every other law school in the country.

As McNally-Levine pointed out, medical, nursing and dental students all deal directly with patients while in school—and the training benefits they gain are very much of a kind that can apply as well to law students.

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PETER JOY (LAW '77)

Director of the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center from 1983 until 1998

"Nationally, out in the world, people are always asking me about Peter Joy," said Laura McNally-Levine. "He's considered one of the top people in clinical education today."

The beginnings of his career were modest but his rise rapid. After one year in practice as a civil rights attorney in Atlanta, he was hired back to Case Western Reserve for a two-year term as a clinic staff attorney, which is what clinic professors were called back then. "With such little experience," he wistfully recalled, "I could never get hired today."

After his two-year term expired, he left again for private practice. But when the directorship opened up in 1983, Joy, having been much admired during his first stint, was hired back for the job.

At first, his biggest contribution was getting the organization of the clinic—then still a mostly informal office located across Ford Drive in what is now the Glidden House—off the ground and running well. He instituted systematic case-filing procedures, a conflict-checking system and all the other small but important details that are essential to a legal practice. "Peter added stability to our program," said McNally-Levine.

Joy had learned these operational things while working at a small Cleveland firm during law school. He and his friend Ken Margolis, separated by one class year, rode the No. 6 bus down Euclid Avenue together after classes—little thinking that they would each serve as clinic director for 15 years and that each would be instrumental, in his turn, in that institution's growth.

Perhaps the most significant milestone in the 50-year history of experiential education at Case Western Reserve School of Law was the grant by the Kramer family that allowed the Clinic to move into the law school building itself. Joy, working "shoulder to shoulder" with then-Dean Peter Gerhart and Milton Kramer's widow, Charlotte, spent two years on the project, resulting in the suite of offices for the clinic that grace the first floor of the building today.

Though he doesn't know it—at least according to McNally-Levine—the clinic rulebook that he drafted is still in use today. "The policies and procedures that he implemented," she said, "are the backbone of our program."

KEN MARGOLIS

Director from 1998 to 2011



There was a nascent clinical legal program at Case Western Reserve during the 1970s and Ken Margolis (LAW '76) was glad to take advantage of it. "I didn't think the standard law school curriculum trained people sufficiently for the real world," he recalled. He came to feel even stronger about the matter when he entered into practice. "What lawyers really do is to solve problems," he realized early on. "But solving problems requires more than a knowledge of the substantive law."

Those beliefs became the basis for his career as co-director, with Judy Lipton, of the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic. It was a momentous time in law schools—a time of great expansion of the concept that came to be called experiential education, of which the clinic was a significant part, but only a part.

"We were on the cusp of a movement around the country," Margolis remembered. It rested on the notion that law teaching was too heavy on doctrinal and substantive courses. What was also needed was a thorough grounding in skills and ethical values.

To meet those needs, Case Western Reserve instituted a slew of new curricular initiatives, including the nationally influential CaseArc, a predecessor to the present-day LLEAP program (Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism).

JUDY LIPTON

Director from 1998 to 2014



Both Margolis and Lipton were instrumental, as well, in getting professors in the experiential program to be placed on the tenure track. It was a matter of status and respect, but also "a necessity in order to grow the program."

These cultural changes took time. "It was a process of evolution," said Margolis. But he and Lipton—they were true partners, he emphasized—eased the new approaches into the law school's consciousness and its operations.

In 2011, Margolis was appointed to be the law school's first associate dean of experiential education. After he left in 2014, Lipton stepped into the role, a position she held until 2018. Lipton was also the first non-tenured professor to hold an endowed faculty chair.

Margolis, now retired, spends much of his time on keyboards for Edge of the West, a California band that plays, its website says, cosmic honky-tonk with an "outlaw hippie sound." It's definitely worth a listen. Lipton is also retired and lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Both Lipton's and Margolis' influence in the law school has not waned—far from it. "A banner in front of the law school reads: 'A National Leader in Experiential Education,'" noted Laura McNally-Levine. "We sometimes think that our mission statement could instead be 'to strive to realize the curricular dreams of Judy and Ken.'" ■



Kramer Law Clinic TIMELINE

1987

Law annex to become 59-room inn

The present law school annex on Ford Drive is expected to be converted into a hotel-and-breakfast inn in the coming year.

The CLEPR business have approved leasing the building and two adjacent parcels on Jupiter Road to developers Joe Shafren of Peter Management and Jeff Springer of the Springer Group. Springer said the developers plan to expand the building and convert it into a 59-room, old English-style inn.

The conversion is benefiting University Circle by providing first-class hotel rooms in a prime location, Springer said.

Construction is expected to start around June 1 and should be completed by spring 1991, he said.

The building now houses the University's legal clinic and some law school faculty offices. The University is making relocation plans for those offices, said Frank R. Bonchert, Jr., executive assistant to the president.

Renovation of the inn will include construction of an addition to the



Glidden House, the present law school annex, is being leased to developers who plan to convert it to a hotel and breakfast inn.

Springer said financing arrangements for the project have not been completed.

Developers would like to retain its present name, Glidden House.

The University's trustees agreed to

The clinic moves from the Glidden Mansion to the new suite of offices on the ground floor of Gund Hall. Despite the upgrades, clinic staff recall with nostalgia "the noise of squirrels in the walls and water dripping from the ceiling into buckets."

1971

In response to the overwhelming demand for basic pro bono legal services in the Mount Pleasant community, the clinic hires its first clinician, Gail (Siegel) Messerman. Messerman also taught the course, The Lawyering Process.

1968

Assistant Professor Ronald J. Coffey writes a proposal to the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR), resulting in a grant to the law school for a clinical program with students providing legal services to the community through the Mount Pleasant Community Services center.

1975

Owen Heggs joins the law school faculty and submits a second CLEPR grant proposal, which is approved. The following year, Heggs was named the first director of a fully in-house clinical program, located at the Glidden Mansion (now House).



2017

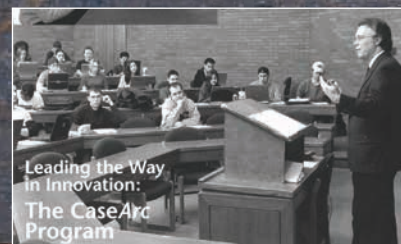
The clinic forms a Medical-Legal Partnership with University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital (UH Rainbow) to guide families and other caregivers of pediatric patients on non-medical legal issues affecting children's health.

2013

School of Law ushers in major curricular reform, launching the LLEAP (Legal writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism) program, requiring every JD student to earn 12 credits of experiential education before graduation, including an intensive 3L clinic or externship capstone.

2003

The clinic and skills faculty launch the CaseARC Integrated Lawyering Skills Program, integrating the teaching of lawyering skills with legal theory and doctrine over the entire three-year course of legal education.



Leading the Way in Innovation:
The CaseArc Program

2018

Laura McNally-Levine named associate dean for experiential education.

The First Amendment Clinic is launched with support from the Stanton Foundation. The clinic is devoted to defending First Amendment interests in the region while exposing law students to clients and cases involving the public's right to information, cultural expression and intellectual property rights.

2015

The Milton A. Kramer Clinic's Immigration Clinic is launched with support from a U.S. Together grant from the U.S. Department of State.

2019

The Second Chance Reentry Clinic is launched in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry and funding from The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The clinic was designed to address inmates' barriers to re-entry and help them successfully acclimate to society.

2016



The Human Trafficking Law Project is launched with support from the Ohio Attorney General's Office Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program. The project, based in the law school, provides direct services to adult and juvenile victims of human trafficking and other sex crimes.

2011



Ken Margolis is named the first associate dean for experiential education. The same year, the Civil Litigation Clinic won a \$1.1 million verdict for a Cleveland family in a home-repair and financing scheme.

2014

Judy Lipton, formerly a co-director of the clinic, is named associate dean for experiential education. One year later, Lipton was named the Blanche Krupansky & Frank W. Vargo Jr. Professor in Criminal Law, becoming the first clinical professor with an endowed chair.

1993




The Law Clinic receives its first endowment totaling \$750,000 from the Samuel Rosenthal Foundation, the Milton A. and Charlotte R. Kramer Foundation and the Paul P. Dosberg Foundation. The following year, the clinic is dedicated as the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center.

2015



Senior instructor of law Carmen Naso, leading the team of students in the Criminal Justice Clinic, helped secure the release of "The East Cleveland Three" in the highest-profile case in the clinic's history.



Members of the CWRU Black Law Students Association compete in the Midwest regional moot court competition on March 20, 1985.

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Celebrates **50th** Anniversary

This academic year marks the 50th anniversary of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) founding at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Part of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) founded in 1968 at Columbia University School of Law, BLSA was the second chapter established under the national organization and has been one of the most active, innovative and successful chapters in the country.



For decades, CWRU's students have excelled in the BLSA Moot Court and Mock Trial Competitions.

Established in 1970 as a way to articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of Black law students, foster and encourage professional excellence, and focus upon the relationship of the Black attorney to the American legal structure, the CWRU BLSA chapter was founded by Gerald Jackson (LAW '71) and Carolyn Watts Allen (LAW '72).

The law school dean at the time, Louis A. Toepfer, was supportive of the organization's founding, Jackson recalled. "He knew how important it was to us and that we would not likely be stopped."

Watts Allen, who was one of only two Black women in her class, saw BLSA as necessarily "radical" to compel the law school to not only ensure that Black graduates could obtain meaningful employment, but also do more to enroll minority students.

"If you were not in the top 10 percent of the class, then good luck with them helping you find a job," Jackson reflected. "BLSA was needed to fill a void that was left by our law school's placement office." Being Black, Jackson contended, compounded the challenges, as racism and discrimination were endemic in the legal community at that time as well.



The CWRU Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Mock Trial Team took third place out of 67 teams in the 2019 National BLSA Mock Trial Competition in Little Rock, Arkansas. The students who competed in Little Rock included Alicia Hampton, Allison Smith, McClellon Cox and Demari Muff.

Over the decades, the university's BLSA chapter has had scores of law students in leadership positions at the national and local levels while also representing CWRU in NBLSA's prestigious competitions—the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition and the Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition. Since its inception in 1975, nearly two dozen of CWRU's student teams have won Frederick Douglass Moot Court regional and national awards. And in 2019, CWRU students came in third in the nation in the Constance Baker Motley competition.

Perhaps the most significant example of BLSA's impact on legal education and the profession was its founding of a minority job fair. In 1988, concern abided that CWRU and other law schools across the region were not doing enough to provide job opportunities for minority students. Sylvester Summers (LAW '88), BLSA president at the time, echoed sentiments that had been expressed nearly two decades earlier by Jackson: "Everyone couldn't go to Jones Day," Summers observed. "If you weren't in the top 10 percent of the class, then you were hard pressed to get the law school's help finding a clerkship."

Summers' colleague, BLSA member Stephanie Mitchell (LAW '88), who was also a member of NBLSA Midwest Region's governing board, came upon an idea: The Midwest Regional Job Fair would bring invited employers to interview minority law students for internships, clerkships and permanent positions.

The problem was, as Summers noted, BLSA had no money to pull it off. The plan was to hold the fair at the Cleveland Clinic Center Hotel. Although the event costs would hopefully be paid with employer registration fees, the organization needed \$15,000 upfront to secure the venue. As BLSA's president, Summers set up a meeting with then-Dean Peter Gerhart. Though Gerhart was a strong BLSA supporter, Summers figured \$15K to be a huge ask, and maybe a bridge too far. In the dean's office, Summers posed the question.

"Sure!" Gerhart replied. Summers laughed as he recalled the caveat. With a smile, Gerhart joked with Summers, "I'll give you the money. BUT... it'll be a personal loan from me to you. And if I don't get my money back, you don't graduate."

The job fair was a resounding success, with dozens of employers attending and scores of students reporting callbacks and offers. According to Summers, the event netted three times Gerhart's



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investment. Gerhart got his money back, and Summers graduated that year.

The following year, the fair was even more successful, with 200 law students from 35 Midwest law schools attending, and 56 firms, corporations and government agencies interviewing and hiring minority students. Eventually, the fair became a cornerstone of the BLSA Midwest Region, with the law school and the National Association of Law Placement coming aboard to co-sponsor.

BLSA was and continues to be an organization whose purpose goes much farther than helping its members realize their professional goals. BLSA also exists for the support, guidance and direction of Black students in academic and social endeavors. Regarding the law school curriculum, current BLSA President Makela Hayford noted that it lacks in some important ways. She affirmed a cognizable gap that exists “between what we are learning and where we fit in as Black people.”

Given that those gaps are not satiated in the classroom and the larger community, BLSA strives to fill those gaps, to curate and disseminate critical perspectives about the law and legal institutions which better comport with Black students’ insights, experiences and learning goals.

The role of BLSA as a community hub for its members is also vital. Then and now, BLSA—and its physical office—serve as a place for Black law students to coalesce and seek mutual support. As former BLSA President Tanya Miller (LAW ’99) observed: “Many Black law students were the first in their families to go college, let alone law school. So we didn’t have that insider knowledge, generational support that others have. But we had each other. And we had an organization that gave us space—literally and physically—to simply be who we were.”

Associate Dean Bryan Adamson added, “as a former member and BLSA president (’89-’90), I can also attest that BLSA was indispensable to my personal and academic well-being.” Like so many others, Adamson competed in the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, participated in organization governance at the regional and national level, and organized law school skills workshops and continued to host the job fair.

“From the study groups and skills workshops, the informal networking and professional development opportunities, the special presentations by local lawyers and the annual BLSA banquet keynoted by esteemed icons like former Cleveland Mayor Carl B. Stokes, civil rights attorney Fred Gray, the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones and the late, great John Lewis, BLSA played an outsized role in our personal and professional formation,” Adamson recounted.

BLSA’s rich history and its impact on the life of the law school and legal profession have been unparalleled. “During this 50th anniversary year, we will take stock of how far the organization and its members have come and toast to its bright future,” said Adamson. ■

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

This summer, Bryan Adamson (LAW ’90) joined the faculty at Case Western Reserve University School of Law as the David L. Brennan Chaired Professor of Law and associate dean of diversity and inclusion. Adamson rejoined the cwru law faculty after nearly 20 years with Seattle University School of Law, where he received the William Pincus Award for Excellence in Clinical Legal Education and the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship.

Effective July 1, I joined the law school as the associate dean for diversity and inclusion, leading the development and implementation of strategic initiatives to build the law school’s national position as a place that demonstrates inclusive excellence defined by our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

As a proud alum of the law school, I am quite familiar with this institution. In fact, this is my third time here. After graduating and practicing law in Cleveland—first with Squire, Sanders and Dempsey (now Squire Patton & Boggs), then as a Cuyahoga County assistant prosecutor, I returned to the law school in 1995 as a professor in the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center and as assistant dean of students. After leaving in 2002 to become the director of the law clinic at Seattle University School of Law, I’m thrilled to be back.

I came to law school as a first generationer. A child who grew up on welfare, lived in housing projects and went to public schools, I was the first member of my family to graduate from college.

I entered law school with a sense of not just excitement, but anxiety about whether I belonged and if I could succeed. With the support of family, friends, and wonderful mentors inside and outside of the school, I did. I know the absolute key to my law school success was my ability to be with others who looked like me, who came from backgrounds similar to my own, to see others like me in the legal profession and to learn from others who shared my experiences, fears and hopes. While the invaluable counsel of mentors and teachers helped sustain me, it was the presence of other students from underrepresented or marginalized groups that made the difference between my success and failure in school.

Bryan Adamson (LAW '90)



Today, the law school is in a defining moment. We are at a crucial inflection point in our society as it regards race, racism and social justice. In the wake of George Floyd's killing, the ensuing uprisings and in the dark shadows of long-standing anti-Black violence and police brutality, law schools have an obligation to meet this occasion with determination. We must enable students and leaders to interrogate thoughtfully the ways in which racism and other civil injustices manifest themselves and exist as insidious features of our most hallowed institutions.

Law schools can play a pivotal role in developing leaders who will dismantle those systems that have, for too long, stunted our country's advancement towards its highest ideals for all of us. Under the leadership of Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf, we are responding to our obligation. For example, in June, we held a three-part series of webinars to educate law students and the larger community on the criminal law dimensions of the George Floyd killing, law enforcement reform and the intersections of the First and Second Amendments in the context of social protests. This fall, we introduced a year-long course, Race, Law and Society, into our curriculum. Over a dozen law faculty elected to lead this innovative seminar to dialogue explicitly about anti-Black race and racism, through self-selected readings and artifacts from such noted authors and leaders such as Ta-Nehisi Coates, Bryan Stevenson, Dorothy Parker, Ibram X. Kendi and Michelle Alexander. Augmented by lectures aimed to illuminate systemic racism within myriad American institutions including law enforcement, housing, financial lending, media, transportation and health care, these faculty-led reading groups compel students to thoughtfully deliberate over what our current socio-political milieu portends

for our laws, legal systems and legal institutions. The intent is to make such seminars a permanent fixture to our curriculum.

I'm very pleased with what we have been able to do so far, but I know there is more to be done. We are actively developing initiatives to recruit more diverse students, staff and faculty by creating direct pipelines between our school and Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other institutions with significant minority populations. We are intensifying our efforts to garner more financial support for our diverse students in the way of scholarships and job opportunities. We are creating courses, programs and workshops that will give students, staff and faculty tools to become more skilled in combating bias in and outside of the classroom toward the goal of creating an environment best conducive to learning where all are able to contribute and thus generate the best outcomes. Through the newly established Deans' Cabinet for Diversity and Inclusion, we are growing our outreach to our minority alumni to honor their accomplishments and give them a greater sense of our appreciation of their contributions to the law school and communities at large. We are already seeing results in our alumni enthusiastically committing to providing meaningful job and experiential opportunities for our prospective, current and graduating students.

With our law school and our legal community committed to the principle of inclusive excellence, I am confident that we can be the change we wish to see. Informed by diverse voices, perspectives and peoples, we can build a better society, a fair and just legal system and stronger law school. As associate dean for diversity and inclusion, I look forward to meeting the challenges ahead. ■



Q&A WITH JOHN SOPKO (LAW '77)

Special Inspector General Sopko visits with U.S. military personnel while inspecting cargo scanning equipment at a border crossing in southern Afghanistan.

1977 graduate John F. Sopko was sworn in as Special Inspector General (SIGAR) for Afghanistan Reconstruction on July 2, 2012. He was appointed to the post by President Obama and continues to serve in the position, overseeing the largest aid program since the Marshall Plan.

Q: What are some of your memories of your days as a student at Case Western Reserve University School of Law?

I had a lot of financial obligations to meet while in school, so I had to work a number of part-time paid jobs including driving a cab and working the graveyard shift at the River Terminal Railroad at Republic Steel, as well as an unpaid internship during my second and third years with the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Department of Justice (Cleveland Strike Force), where I eventually ended up with my first job after graduation. I also was a Research, Advocacy and Writing instructor during my third year. So between work, studying and family obligations, I found myself with my hands full. As for memories, they run the gamut from the scary first day of civil procedure class with Herr Jacobi—who would randomly call your number from the seating chart—to walking by the TV in the lounge broadcasting the live Nixon impeachment hearings to literally getting blown out of my bed by a mob bombing of a rival's garbage trucks parked in the Holy Rosary church parking lot, which ironically I later investigated as a Strike Force attorney.

Q: In your career, you have been a federal prosecutor, counsel to several congressional committees, a partner at a large Washington, D.C., law firm and now Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. How did your legal education at Case Western Reserve University School of Law help prepare you for those challenging positions?

First, we had some great professors. What impressed me the most were professors who had done something exciting and interesting in their lives, such as Sidney Jacoby, who had escaped Nazi Germany, returned as a Nuremberg Trial prosecutor and helped write the first rules of civil procedure. Or Leon Gabinet, who beyond teaching a great tax case had actually been a Navy demolition expert during WWII and then fought for the independence of Israel. Lewis Katz, Ovid Lewis and Arthur Austin were some of the best professors you could have asked for. They all gave me an understanding of the importance of the rule of law, honesty and helping your fellow citizen along with a generous dollop of droll humor and realistic expectations of the legal profession we were about to enter. Second, because I had to work my way through law school, I had to learn how to manage my time, prioritize and stay focused—something that prepared me for my first jobs as a state, and later a federal prosecutor as well as every position I have held since then.

Q: What was it like living and working in Afghanistan? Can you describe a typical day?

We have spent more money in Afghanistan on reconstruction than we did on the entire Marshall Plan to rebuild all of Europe after WWII—over \$136 billion. My job—and the job of my nearly 200 auditors, investigators, analysts and engineers—is to protect that money from fraud, waste and abuse and ultimately improve the way our government does development work in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the globe. It's the most interesting job I have ever had. It's the most dangerous job I have ever had. And it's the most rewarding job I have ever had. I'm not stationed in Afghanistan but I try to travel there at least four times a year for anywhere from a week to two weeks visiting my staff, meeting with our government officials as well as the president of Afghanistan and other Afghan government, business and civil society representatives. A typical day there is to travel with 10 to 50 armed guards and advance teams to visit building sites or other development projects.

Q: In the eight years since you were appointed Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, you have uncovered a lot of fraud, waste and abuse. What would you say are your most significant accomplishments?

For a tiny little agency, SIGAR has accomplished a lot. Our staff has issued more than 600 audits and other reports, made more than 1,000 recommendations to U.S. government agencies and identified more than \$1.4 billion in savings to the U.S. taxpayer just from our audits. Our criminal investigators have conducted nearly 1,100 investigations, made 129 arrests and secured 147 guilty pleas and convictions. Their work has resulted in \$1.6 billion in criminal fines, restitutions, forfeitures, civil settlements, and other savings and recoveries for the government. We've also developed a unique Lessons Learned Program, which is unlike anything any other Inspector General office is doing, that has identified ways to improve how the United States works in countries like Afghanistan.

Q: What are some of the lessons for the United States of its 18 years of reconstruction in Afghanistan?

One of the most important lessons we've learned is that oversight—the ability of American oversight officials to follow the money—is mission critical, particularly in a country with a deep history of corruption. If we keep sending American taxpayer dollars to Afghanistan, without strong oversight, then we may as well just light that money on fire on the streets of downtown Kabul for all the good it'll do. We've learned that successful reconstruction is incompatible with continuing insecurity. We've learned that unchecked corruption in Afghanistan undermined U.S. strategic goals and that the United States helped to foster that corruption. We've learned that after the Taliban's initial defeat, there was no clear reconstruction strategy—and no single military service, agency or nation in charge of reconstruction. We've learned that politically driven timelines undermined the reconstruction effort. We've learned that if we can't end the short rotations of personnel—what we call the “annual



Special Inspector General Sopko meeting with U.S. Army General Austin S. Miller, the current commander of U.S. and NATO Resolute Support Mission forces in Afghanistan.



Special Inspector General Sopko greets President Ashraf Ghani at the Presidential Palace in Kabul.



Special Inspector General Sopko receives a briefing on biometric ID systems while visiting a unit of Afghan security forces in northern Afghanistan.



Special Inspector General Sopko tours a training facility for Afghan Air Force pilots at Kabul International Airport.

lobotomy”—we should at least mitigate its impact. We've also learned that to be effective, reconstruction efforts must be based on a deep understanding of the traditions of the host nation. Finally, and sadly, we've learned that many of our failures have quite simply been the result of problems with how our government works back home in the United States. The problems we identify about procurement, personnel, coordination, inter-agency cooperation and stovepiping are all similar to problems we see with domestic agencies.

Q: What advice do you have for our current students and recent graduates who are interested in a career in national security law?

It is a tremendous area to work in and covers the gamut from foreign economic development, weapons exports, money laundering and human rights issues. I would especially recommend students and recent graduates to look into agencies like those in the Inspector General community as an interesting stepping stone to understanding how our government works or doesn't. I particularly believe not enough time in law schools and graduate schools is spent looking at the role of oversight—whether by Congress, the Government Accountability Office or the Inspector General community—in the development and improvement of government operations in the national security arena. I interview a lot of applicants for jobs here at the Inspector General's Office, especially for our robust intern program, and I'm surprised how few know anything about “oversight” and its role in improving government operations. ■



Q&A WITH SUSIE RUTH POWELL (LAW '73)

Susie Ruth Powell (LAW '73) is the recipient of the 2020 Centennial Medal Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a Case Western Reserve University School of Law graduate. A former managing attorney and litigator with NC Legal Services and assistant professor of law at North Carolina Central, Powell is co-author of the Emmy award-winning documentary *The Loving Story*.

Q: How did you end up attending Case Western Reserve University School of Law?

I had engaged in the civil rights protests my last year of undergraduate school at Bennett College, breaking my promise to my father who feared for my safety. I went on to teach English after finishing graduate school at Smith College, but left that behind for a new career after I was inspired by President Lyndon B. Johnson's anti-poverty movement.

I joined the Community Action Program in Vermont as an assistant director. When my boss left, the board hired a guy who said he needed a man in my job. I was asked to resign because of my gender. I made myself a promise never to be at the mercy of such inequity, so I applied to law school. I had been to Cleveland for two weddings and remembered the lake and art museum. That's how I landed at Case Western Reserve.

Q. You practiced poverty law in Ohio and North Carolina after law school. Did you know you wanted to specialize in that when you entered law school? Was there a professor or course in law school that set you on that path?

I entered law school with the goal of fighting poverty, which I saw as a part of the civil rights struggle. At first, my law school classes—Contracts, Corporations, Income Tax—seemed miles away from poverty. Nevertheless, I understood that I was learning about the system. Then, under Professor Mel Durchslag, I did an independent study of redlining—discriminatory credit practices against low-income neighborhoods—and came to understand how important banking is to the wealthy, the middle class and the poor. Next, I took consumer law, which opened my eyes to other abuses. Years later, my late husband and I lobbied against payday lenders.

Q. Current events such as the killing of George Floyd can leave an indelible mark on law students. You received your juris doctor from Case Western Reserve in 1973. Was there anything about that year that affected the trajectory of your career?

I graduated the year of the Watergate scandal. We, along with the entire nation, came to realize the value of ethics. By the time we were being sworn in, in Ohio, we were being told that we would be the last class which had not been required to formally study ethics.

Q. Soon after passing the Ohio Bar, you sued the United States on behalf of poor people living in substandard federal housing in the case of *Garden Valley Tenants Associations v James Lynn and the United States of America*. What was that case about?

Garden Valley was a housing development built on top of what had been a garbage dump. There were probably 500 or 600 units. When the owner had depreciated the tax benefits, he walked away, and the United States became the owner and landlord. The U.S. sent letters to every tenant informing them of a rent increase. The tenants wanted repairs on the elevators and windows replaced, but the U.S. refused. I advised a rent strike and sued on their behalf for repairs. I opened a bank account in which I deposited the rent money. Judge Lambros threatened to hold me in contempt of court if I didn't turn over the money. He sent me home to think about whether I was willing to go to jail. I was. This led to a standoff. Eventually, the repairs were made, and the money was turned over. Some of the welfare mothers who I represented went on to run for public office.

Q. You and your late husband, Franklin Anderson, moved to North Carolina, where you became a contracts and trial practice professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law. What stands out for you about the experience of being a law professor there?

North Carolina Central University is a special place and is the most diverse law school in the country. It actually has a historic connection to Case Western Reserve. Everyone knows that Fred Gray, who had represented Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks during the civil rights struggle, is a graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Law. But did you know that he successfully sued the state of North Carolina for refusing admission because of race? As a result of that lawsuit, North Carolina Central University came into existence as a school for Blacks.

Q. You are the co-author of HBO's documentary film *The Loving Story*. The film won an Emmy and a Peabody Award. How did you get involved in that project? How did you research and write the script?

I had followed the Loving case since the 1960s. For research, I went back and read old JET magazines, Ebony and old Black newspapers. In addition, two of the children of the Lovings worked with me on the project. Richard Loving was a white man. Mildred Loving was Black and Native American. They married in D.C. and then returned to Virginia, where interracial marriage was against the law. They spent the next nine years fighting for the right to live as husband and wife, culminating in a victory in the U.S. Supreme Court. The case intrigued me. The story is a powerful statement about fighting racial intolerance. ■

A portrait of Jennifer Reiedthaler Williams, a woman with dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a light-colored blazer over a patterned top. The background is a law library with rows of books on shelves.

Q&A WITH JENNIFER RIEDTHALER WILLIAMS (LAW '01)

2001 CWRU Law graduate Jennifer Reiedthaler Williams is the newest immigration judge at the Federal Courthouse in Cleveland. Judge Williams joins a number of CWRU alumni who are leaders in the immigration law field, including Jennifer Peyton (LAW '98), an immigration court judge in Chicago; David Leopold (LAW '85), past president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and Austin Fragomen (LAW '68), who founded the largest immigration law firm in the country. Our school is known for the strength of our immigration law program, offering six specialized courses, including an externship with a judge at an immigration court and the opportunity to gain hands-on experience arguing immigration cases before the court in our immigration clinic.

Q: What are some of your memories of your days as a student at Case Western Reserve University School of Law?

I absolutely loved the Family Law class that I took. One of my favorite courses was criminal law with Professor [Lewis] Katz. I also participated in the Jessup International Law Moot Court team.

Q: In your career, you have been an assistant prosecuting attorney for the felony division, a judicial magistrate in a domestic relations court, and a federal immigration court judge in San Francisco and now in Cleveland. How did your legal education at Case Western Reserve University School of Law help prepare you for those challenging positions?

My education at CWRU included the Socratic method—which was frightening as a first-year law student! However, that method encouraged me to work through the fears of speaking up in front of others, which was a huge asset in all of these courtroom

intense fields. In addition, the trial practice courses in particular prepared me for these positions. I learned how to create a trial notebook in this course and the knowledge of the best way to organize that notebook carried through my preparation of trial notebooks during my tenure as a criminal prosecutor.

Q: What is it like being a federal immigration court judge?

Immigration court judges have busy schedules, so nearly every day is packed full with hearings. It is a fascinating and fast-paced area of law.

Q: What advice do you have for our current students and recent graduates who are interested in a career in immigration law?

I would make sure that you are adept at speaking in public and have a firm knowledge base in immigration law. I would reach out to practitioners in this field and, if you have a chance, come in and observe hearings. ■

CWRU Law Alumnus **Appointed Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs**



François-Philippe Champagne (LAW '94), an alumnus of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, has been appointed Canada's minister of foreign affairs. As such, he serves as Canada's top diplomat, tasked with handling foreign relations with the United States and China, among other important matters. Champagne previously served as Canada's minister of international trade and minister of infrastructure and communities.

Champagne was the law school's 2018 Commencement speaker. ■

NEW BOOK BY CAPRICIA PENA VIC MARSHALL (LAW '90)

By Jonathan L. Entin, David L. Brennan Professor Emeritus of Law

It takes an unusual author to write a book that gets blurbs from former Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton and Henry Kissinger, former senior presidential advisor Valerie Jarrett, former European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde and entertainer Whoopi Goldberg.

But Capricia Penavic Marshall (LAW '90) is a most unusual author. She was special assistant to the First Lady and then White House social secretary during the Clinton Administration. And under President Obama, she was chief of protocol for the State Department. That's how she crossed paths with those blurbers and many other prominent figures.

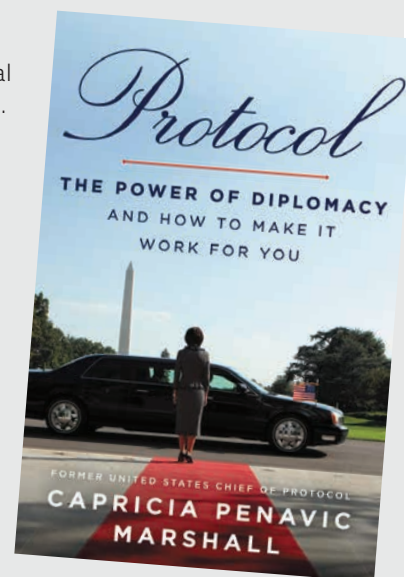
Her book, *Protocol: The Power of Diplomacy and How to Make It Work for You* (Ecco, 2020), is distinctive: part memoir, part advice book, part manual for proper behavior (which might explain why Judith Martin, aka Miss Manners, reviewed it in the *Wall Street Journal*). Ambassador Marshall thoughtfully explains the importance of the norms, customs, and informal rules of protocol, which she calls "soft power." Empathy and humility, she writes, can lead to cooperation more often than arrogance and bluster. She also suggests effective ways to challenge conventional stereotypes, which may be useful to women in the business world.

The chapters are organized thematically rather than chronologically. They address the value of cultural awareness,

language, physical space, interior design, food, personal appearance and other topics. She emphasizes the value of "extreme preparation," which includes the flexibility to pivot in the face of unanticipated problems.

Marshall is effusive in her praise not only of colleagues but also of her predecessors of both parties. Even her criticisms are unfailingly discreet. But the book is not an exercise in self-congratulation. She readily accepts full responsibility for blunders even when others made the mistake. She devotes nearly six pages in Chapter 1 to an egregious faux pas that nearly torpedoed an ASEAN meeting, describing how things got smoothed over while taking all the heat for someone else's screw-up.

This book provides valuable information and suggestions about how to accomplish goals large and small. Whatever your politics and wherever you are in life, *Protocol* is well worth the read. ■





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– CWRU School of Law Co-Dean
Michael Scharf

Ann Brennan Makes \$2.5 Million Gift

to Support Law Students in Honor of Late Husband, Alumnus David L. Brennan

Case Western Reserve University School of Law has received a \$2.5 million gift to support law student scholarships from Ann Brennan, wife of the late David L. Brennan, a 1958 alumnus of the university's School of Law. Brennan made the commitment in honor of her husband and President Emerita Barbara R. Snyder, who recently concluded her 13-year tenure at the university. It will support annual scholarships for law students who demonstrate financial need and exemplify outstanding leadership potential.

"The Brennans have been among the most generous philanthropic supporters of our law school," said CWRU School of Law Co-Dean Michael Scharf. "First with their gift of a chaired professorship in 1985 and now with these endowed full scholarships, they have enabled us to attract and retain some of the best and the brightest faculty and students."

For the Brennans, who have developed a reputation for providing opportunities to students of all ages, Case Western Reserve has always held a special place in their hearts.

"David was extremely grateful for the opportunity to go to Case Western Reserve," Brennan said. "He had been attending night classes at the University of Akron while working a day job to cover expenses." Realizing his studies required more of his focus, he applied to Case Western Reserve and borrowed the \$800 tuition from his mother.

"Of course, when he attended," Brennan added, "tuition wasn't quite the barrier it can be to so many today. But David always believed that money shouldn't stand in the way of a person getting ahead."

Known for his white Stetson cowboy hat, David was a successful lawyer, entrepreneur, businessman and real estate developer. He was also a philanthropist, patron of the arts and community investor with a special passion for education. Ann and David were married following his graduation from CWRU and a week after passing the bar exam. She later became a lawyer, community activist and Foundation Chair.

Throughout their lives, the Brennans have worked for and contributed to the advancement of young Ohioans. From their first pledge in 1968—to the Junior League Safe Landing Youth Shelter in Akron—to the gift announced this fall, Ann Brennan's reason for giving is clear: "You hope to have an impact."

"Impact" was also a word she used to describe President Snyder, who left Case Western Reserve this fall to lead the Association of American Universities, the organization that represents the country's leading research universities.

"Barbara Snyder has been such an impressive leader of Case Western Reserve University," Brennan said. "She's smart, innovative and, frankly, a lot of fun. Her vision and leadership, and her message of hope and gratitude have been inspiring and helped transform the university."

"Ann partnered with David throughout his life in his vision and together they worked to improve the world, most notably through education," said Co-Dean Jessica Berg. "We are truly grateful to Ann for this incredible gift to the law school." ■

Case Western Reserve earns top spot again in Ohio bar pass rate

For the fifth time in the past six administrations of the Ohio Bar exam, Case Western Reserve University School of Law earned the top bar pass rate in the state.

CWRU's ranking on the Ohio Bar among all takers:

February 2020 - 1st
July 2019 - 1st
Feb 2019 - 1st
July 2018 - 2nd
Feb 2018 - 1st
July 2017 - 1st





Roe Green Makes \$500,000 Gift for Reimagined Student Center

Q & A

Roe Green, an arts patron and community activist, is chief executive officer of the Roe Green Foundation. Her father was federal district Judge Ben C. Green (LAW '30), one of the most distinguished graduates of the law school, who passed away in 1983. In 1999, the Green family established the chaired professorship in his name that is currently held by Jessie Hill, one of the school's most accomplished professors. In 2006, the law school unveiled its completely renovated Judge Ben C. Green Library, made possible by a generous gift from Roe in honor of her father. Now, down the hall from the library, Roe's latest gift of \$500,000 will make possible "Ben's Place," a reimagined student center and events space featuring a giant media panel and other upgrades.

Q: You've had an exciting career that includes being an award-winning ballroom dancer, stage manager for the Singing Angels and Cleveland Opera, a theater producer, a community activist, a philanthropist, and now a trustee of our university. What moments really stand out for you?

Every day is a gift and a joy. And every time I am thanked for my contributions, it's special to me. Recently, I helped establish a program with the Dramatists Guild Foundation called the "Roe Green Traveling Masters Program." It's a national education program providing students, professionals and theater lovers with free master classes, workshops and public events on the craft of playwriting. They flashed my name in lights on a theater in New York where we were having the benefit for the program. Not quite a Broadway marquee, but really exciting. The program has now reached 1,500 people in all 50 states.

Q: You've also been blessed with the opportunity to travel to exotic locations around the globe and you recently gave a naming gift to the University Hospitals' Travel Clinic to help ensure that travelers are healthy during their adventures abroad. Can you tell us about one of your most memorable trips?

I love to travel. And I usually go on my own using a travel company. People always ask what is your most favorite place? And I answer truthfully—wherever I happen to be. I take wonder trips. I wonder where I am going, and I wonder where I am, and isn't it wonderful? I've been to a lot of exotic places, such as India, Mongolia and the Stans. I'm not one of these people who does a whole lot of research before a trip. But I often do a lot of reading about where I've been when I get back home. One place that stands out was my trip to Libya. While there, I visited the amazing Roman ruins on the shores of the Mediterranean. Very few westerners have seen these vast and well-preserved archaeological sites. Access to them was closed shortly after my visit. They were exquisite. A very special place.

Q: You've been referred to as the "fairy godmother to the arts," having made inspiring gifts to build Case Western Reserve University and Kent State University's performing arts centers, and to your alma mater, University of Colorado, for an endowed chair in theater. You are actively involved with the Cleveland Play House, Porthouse Theatre in Cuyahoga Falls, Chautauqua Theater Company, Colorado Shakespeare Festival and the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake. And last year, you were awarded a lifetime achievement award for your contributions to the art world. What drives your passion for the arts?

I always say, "the arts make us human." It's a wonderful way for people to communicate how they feel and process what's going on in the world. Sometimes it reflects history, sometimes it mirrors what's going on in society and sometimes it makes predictions. The works of Shakespeare and the Greek tragedies are still pertinent today.

Q: You have also made several transformational gifts to our law school in honor of your father. Can you tell us a little about Judge Green?

He was a very special man. There are a few words that jump to mind—integrity, honesty and fairness. He had a great sense of humor. And he was humble and caring. But most of all he was very giving. Dad always said that "charity begins at home." Here's an example. You know federal judges naturalize new citizens? There was an elderly woman who had been hospitalized and couldn't come to the court. So dad went to her hospital bed and gave her the oath of citizenship there. He was always doing things like that.

Q: What advice do you think he would give today's law students?

It comes back to integrity. He felt that character was important for success as a lawyer. He was also very practical. He taught me that education without common sense is like a bunch of books on the back of a jackass. That particular quote comes from me, not from him. And I have a sign that says that in my house. But that was something he believed deeply.

Q: The law school's new student center and events space will be called "Ben's Place," a much less formal moniker than given to the Judge Ben C. Green Law Library. Can you tell us how you decided on that name?

It was during a dinner with the law school deans and my right arm, attorney Gene Kratus. When we discussed the idea of a transformational gift for that important law school venue, Gene said we should call it "Ben's Place." My dad would have gotten a real kick out of that. There's a photo on my mantle of dad and me where he is laughing. He was very human. His friends used to call him "gentle Ben." The law students see the formal picture of him in the library, but this was also an important side of him. And that name really captures that. It's a warm name for a warm man.

Q: You once described your philosophy of life in terms of oranges. Can you tell us about that?

I have five oranges. I eat one. I save one. And I give the other three away. And that is just the way I live my life.

Q: Well, we certainly have been the beneficiary of that here at the law school. Thank goodness for you and your generous spirit!

I'm involved in over 22 organizations, but I care very deeply about the law school and appreciate the way it has paid tribute to the legacy of my Dad. I established a scholarship, a professorship and the library named for dad. Now I'm pleased to make Ben's Place possible as the social heart of the school. ■

2020 MOOT COURT ROUNDUP



VIS MOOT COURT

On Feb. 15, the Case Western Reserve University Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team received the highest average score of the 10 competing teams in the EODID Athens Vis Pre-Moot competition. The team was represented by 3Ls Teresa Azzam and Kathleen Burke.

Coming off the heels of winning the Athens Pre-Moot, CWRU's Vis International Arbitration team competed in the Chicago Pre-Moot and took second place on Feb. 22. 1L team member Rachel McKay took home the Best Speaker Award in the competition, marking the second time in the past three years that a CWRU Law student has won the Best Speaker Award. Team members competing in Chicago included 2Ls Kristina Aiad-Toss and Emma Green and 1Ls Callan Foran, Rachel McKay and John Schon.



ICC MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The CWRU International Criminal Court Moot Court team competed in the America round of the worldwide competition on March 14 and 15—the first ICC competition to be held entirely online with video oral arguments due to restrictions related to the coronavirus. The team of Caroline Ford, Gloria Neilson, Jazmine Edwards, Alan Dowling and Blair Mills performed extremely well, advancing to the Semifinal Round, where they lost a close round to the eventual tournament champion.

JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT TEAM

Case Western Reserve University School of Law's Jessup International Law Moot Court Team went undefeated in the Chicago Regional Competition held Feb. 7-9. The team went 4-0 and was the top seed out of 24 law schools after the preliminary rounds.



The team received the award for the third-best brief and awards for best speaker in the competition (Laura Graham), eighth-best speaker (Andrea Shaia) and ninth-best speaker (Anthony Severyn). The applicant side, composed of Graham and Elizabeth Safier, then proceeded to beat Wayne State in the quarter-final round, Loyola in the semi-final round and Wisconsin in the final round.

It was the second year in a row that CWRU won the Chicago Jessup International Law Moot Court Championship, earning a berth in the International Rounds in Washington, D.C. (later canceled because of the coronavirus), for the ninth time in 17 years. CWRU is the most recent U.S. team to win the World Championship of the world's largest, oldest and most prestigious international moot court competition. The Jessup team was co-coached by Dean Scharf, Jones Day partner Christopher McLaughlin (LAW '04), and Thompson Hine partner Conor McLaughlin (LAW '07).

AULT MOCK TRIAL TEAM ADVANCES TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION

After competing in five rounds at the regional competition, the Jonathan M. Ault Mock Trial Team advanced to the national championship in the Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition for the second time in the past four years.

Case Western Reserve hosted this year's regional competition at the Justice Center in downtown Cleveland from February 28 - March 1, 2020. Two teams from the law school participated, as well as 20 other teams from 10 additional law schools in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.



Demari Muff, Grace Saalman and Haley Gold competed together, while Alayna Bridgett and Sophia Hulén formed the second team. The teams were coached by Sean Sweeney.

Both teams put together an impressive showing during the preliminary rounds, defeating teams from the University of Dayton, Wayne State University and Ohio State University.

Bridgett and Hulén advanced to the final round and were declared regional champions.

Society of Benchers 2020

Every year, Case Western Reserve University School of Law honors the achievements of distinguished alumni, faculty and prominent members of the legal community by inducting new members to the Society of Benchers—the law school’s alumni Hall of Fame.

Established in 1962, the Society of Benchers inducts new members on the basis of extraordinary achievement and dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession, as voted on by their peers.

This year, we celebrate 11 new members of the Society of Benchers.



Nan Aron
(LAW '73)



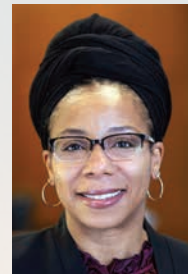
**John Duff
Brown**
(LAW '69)



**Rebecca
Frank Dallet**
(LAW '94)



**Rhonda S.
Ferguson**
(LAW '94)



**Ayesha Bell
Hardaway**
(LAW '04)



**James T.
Lang**
(LAW '89)



James Levin
(LAW '79)



**Public Member,
Benita Y.
Pearson**
(JD CSU '95)



**Suzanne E.
Walsh**
(LAW '97)



**William
Talley, Jr.**
(LAW '83)



**Kevin M.
Young**
(LAW '85)

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CWRU Emeritus Law Professor Paul Giannelli

CWRU LAW PROFESSOR MAKES THE LIST OF ALL TIME MOST-CITED LEGAL SCHOLARS

HeinOnline has produced a ranking of the top 250 legal scholars and CWRU Emeritus Law Professor Paul Giannelli came in at 169, seven spots ahead of the extraordinary Supreme Court justice and scholar Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The ranking counts citations in both law review articles and court cases. ■

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Photo taken prior to COVID-19 pandemic.

ANNOUNCING THE 2019-2020 CWRU FACULTY AWARDS

On May 6, CWRU School of Law held its annual “Celebration of Faculty” to recognize full-time and adjunct faculty members who made extraordinary contributions over the past year. The online event was held on Zoom and attended by Provost Ben Vinson and more than 50 faculty members.

The event began with a chairing ceremony for Bryan Adamson (LAW ’90), recipient of the David and Ann Brennan Professorship. A chaired professorship is the highest honor a law school can bestow on one of its faculty. Professor Adamson returned to Case Western Reserve University School of Law this summer as associate dean for diversity and inclusion. After practicing in the Litigation Department of Squire Sanders and Dempsey (now Squire Patton Boggs) and as an assistant prosecutor for Cuyahoga County, he originally joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve in 1995 in the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic and served for four years as the assistant dean of student services. He then left CWRU to join Seattle University School of Law in 2002 as its Director of Clinical Programs and was promoted to full professor with tenure. A prolific and highly respected scholar, last year Seattle University bestowed on Adamson the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship.

Jessie Hill, the Judge Ben C. Green professor of law, was awarded the Faculty Distinguished Research Prize, a cash award that recognizes a professor whose published works during the preceding three years demonstrate extraordinary scholarly achievement based on impact on academic discourse, law and policy. Including articles recently accepted for publication, over this period Professor Hill has published in the *Georgetown Law Journal*, *Washington University Law Review*, *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, *University of Colorado Law Review* and the *Lewis and Clark Law Review*. She also published chapters in two books published by Cambridge University Press and one by Oxford University Press. She has written several briefs for cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and Federal Circuit Courts relating to reproductive rights.

Professor Avidan Cover, associate dean for academic affairs, was awarded the Faculty Distinguished Service Prize, a cash award that

recognizes professors whose service during the preceding two years demonstrates extraordinary dedication to the law school. Associate Dean Cover oversaw the law school’s rapid transformation of teaching from in-person to remote delivery due to the coronavirus. He also played a leading role in the formulation and implementation of grading and exam policies to deal with these extraordinary circumstances, all while preparing the curriculum and course registration for 2020-21.

Adjunct Professor Stephen Anway was awarded the Judge Richard M. Markus Adjunct Professor of the Year Award, which recognizes an exceptional adjunct professor based on professional achievement, teaching and service. Professor Anway, who has been teaching International Arbitration at the Law School for nearly a decade, is the global co-chair of Squire Patton Boggs’ International Dispute Resolution Practice. In that role, he leads a team of more than 140 lawyers across 25 offices in North America, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. He regularly recruits his former CWRU students such as Kristina Moore, Douglas Pilawa and Teresa Azzam to join Squire Patton Boggs and work with him on cases before international tribunals around the world. Last year Professor Anway developed, and now serves as lead editor of, the international arbitration equivalent of the Blue Book, known as the “Universal Citation in International Arbitration.”

Sharona Hoffman, the Edgar A. Hahn professor of jurisprudence and co-director of the Law-Medicine Center, was selected by the university to receive the 2020 Jessica Melton Perry Award. This award recognizes outstanding commitment to and success in teaching disciplinary/professional writing to CWRU students. Under Professor Hoffman’s mentorship, several law students have published papers in professional journals and have annually won prestigious national writing prizes in the area of health law.

The 2020 student-selected Teacher of the Year Award winners were announced. Professor Juliet Kostritsky received the 1L Teacher of the Year, Professor Michael Benza was awarded The Student Bar Association Teacher of the Year and Professor Jack Turner was named the LLM Teacher of the Year. ■

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CWRU LAW SCHOOL FACULTY RANKED 30TH IN SCHOLARLY IMPACT

It is widely recognized that publishing improves teaching. Scholarly writing enables professors to bring up-to-date information into the classroom and share their research on cutting-edge developments with their students. At Case Western Reserve University School of Law, our faculty has been ranked among the top in the nation in scholarly impact.

A December 2019 study by Paul Heald and Ted Sichelman assessing faculty scholarly impact ranked our school 27th in the country in SSRN downloads and 34th in citations on HeinOnline, with a combined ranking of 30th. CWRU was the highest-ranked law school in the State of Ohio. The Heald and Sichelman study on scholarly impact will be updated on an annual basis.

The Heald and Sichelman study does not measure citations by domestic and international courts, where our faculty also excels. In the past year, articles by two of our faculty members were cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and a report documenting the genocide of the Rohingya people in Myanmar written by several members of our faculty was cited by the International Criminal Court.

While our law school's faculty is composed of leading scholars, first and foremost each faculty member is devoted to teaching. ■

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U.S. SUPREME COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS IN CASE BRIEFED BY CWRU LAW SCHOOL FACULTY

On Dec. 11, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *Monasky v. Taglieri*, a case in which CWRU law professors and alumni played a significant part.

The case examined the question of where a child born to an estranged international couple should be raised. CWRU Adjunct Professors Andrew Zashin, Amy Keating and Chris Reynolds of Zashin and Rich law firm represented the petitioner, Michelle Monasky, a U.S. national seeking custody in the United States of her daughter, who was born in Italy.

In a first for the law school, the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center was invited to submit an amicus brief in the case. Written by Co-Dean Michael Scharf, Associate Dean Avidan Cover, Professor



Andrew Pollis, Adjunct Professor Stephen Petras, Adjunct Professor Aleksandar Cuic, Adjunct Professor Theodore Parran and alumnus David Carney, the brief argues that the Court should be guided by international and foreign judicial

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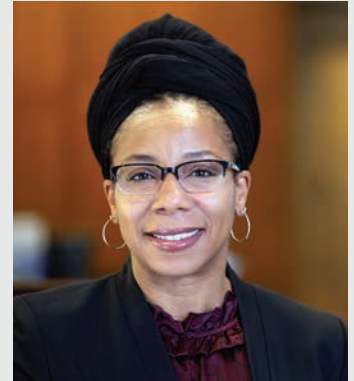
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LAW PROFESSOR AYESHA BELL HARDAWAY (LAW '04) NAMED CO-DIRECTOR OF CWRU SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Ayesha Bell Hardaway, assistant professor of law and director of the law school's Social Justice Law Center, has been named co-director of the Social Justice Institute (SJI) at Case Western Reserve University.

Bell Hardaway is joined in the co-director role by Professor Mark Chupp, an assistant professor in the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, chair of the Concentration in Community Practice for Social Change Network and director of the Community Innovation Network.



Professor Ayesha Bell Hardaway

"It is an honor to be a part of this exciting and important moment in the life of the Social Justice Institute," said Bell Hardaway. "I've long been committed to the radical notion that the wisdom and collective strength of marginalized groups can be collectively harnessed to secure liberation. This next phase of SJI demonstrates the university's understanding of the importance of that work."

As co-director of the Social Justice Institute, Bell Hardaway will continue the institute's mission to create a just world, examining the root causes of social injustice and developing innovative solutions by supporting creative research and scholarship while engaging with social justice leaders, the university and our surrounding community.

"We couldn't be more proud of Ayesha," said Co-Dean Jessica Berg. "She is the perfect person to undertake the challenges of the Social Justice Institute."

"In addition to her extraordinary contributions to the community, Ayesha is making her mark as a scholar, with articles forthcoming in the *Georgetown Law Journal* and *Boston University Law Review*," added Co-Dean Michael Scharf.

Bell 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. 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.

Four years later, Bell Hardaway accepted the position of director of the law school's Social Justice Law Center, bringing in distinguished speakers to campus and providing stipends for summer and semester-long public interest law internships and externships to launch students' careers in social justice.

"The work of the Social Justice Law Center remains important to the law school and will continue," said Bell Hardaway. "My appointment as SJI co-director creates the space to more seamlessly include legal research into the institute's firm historical and community organizational underpinnings that began under the unparalleled leadership of Dr. Rhonda Williams and later Drs. Tim Black and John Flores. It is an exciting time for both the law school and the broader Case Western Reserve community." ■

Class of 1965

John Sayle – has been inducted into the Ohio State Trapshoot Foundation Hall of Fame.

Class of 1967

Sheldon Gilman – has been presented the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who.

Class of 1968

Mario Ciano – formerly of Reminger Company LPA, has been chosen as the 2019 recipient of the St. Thomas More Award.

Class of 1971

Carl A. Nunziato – has been recognized in the Military Officers Association of America Magazine for his contributions to the Carl A. Nunziato Veterans Resource Center at Youngstown State University.

Class of 1972

Stephen Ellis – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Corporate Law: Mergers and Acquisitions.

Allan May – has become the founder and chairman of Woodside Medical Management and is a venture partner in the Medtech Convergence Fund.

Class of 1974

Mark Katz – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a *Benchmark Litigation* Labor and Employment Star and a 2020 *Ohio Super Lawyer*.

Frank LaBuda – formerly of the New York State Unified Court, has been providing legal guidance to Ugandan judges and prosecutors on criminal procedures as part of the Rule of Law programs in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Kip Reader – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Ohio Super Lawyers* list.

David Schaefer – of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co., LPA has been named Cleveland, Ohio's Lawyer of the Year for Litigation-Insurance in the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1975

Steven S. Kaufman – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a 2019 Lawyer of the Year in Cleveland in real estate litigation.

J. Jeffrey Rice – formerly of Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, has retired from his role as an NFL referee after 25 years on the field. Rice called his final game as an umpire at the 2020 Pro Bowl in Orlando, Florida.

Robert B. Weiss – has joined Dickinson Wright PLLC as Of Counsel in their Troy, Michigan, office.

Class of 1976

Tim Schulte – is self-employed as a consultant.

Class of 1977

Frances Floriano Goins – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Lakewood, Ohio's Beck Center for the Arts, appointed to the ABA's Election Law Advisory Committee, and named to the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" for the sixth consecutive year.

Michael Harris – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law.

Jack Lynch – has joined Citgo as vice president of legal and government affairs and chief compliance and ethics officer.

Robert Reffner – of FirstEnergy, has been promoted to senior vice president and chief legal officer.

Class of 1978

Henry Billingsley II – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Admiralty and Maritime Law.

Richard Hardy – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Ohio Super Lawyers* list.

Class of 1979

Randolph Oppenheimer – of Barclay Damon LLP, has been named to the 2019 *Buffalo Business First* Legal Elite of Western New York list, and a notable practitioner in Labor & Employment by *Chambers USA* 2020.

Ric Sheffield – of Kenyon College, served as the keynote speaker at the annual Emancipation Celebration Weekend in Gallia County, Ohio.

Class of 1980

Bill Gagliano – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Cleveland nonprofit art gallery and incubator SPACES and has been named to the 2020 *Ohio Super Lawyers* list.

Karen Sternbergh Gerstner – of Karen S. Gerstner & Associates P.C., has won the Texas Bar Foundation's Outstanding Law Review Article Award.

James Goldsmith – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has received the Distinguished Advisor Award from University Hospitals and has been named to the 2020 *Ohio Super Lawyers* list.

Hon. Jeffrey Hjelm – has retired from the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

David Weibel – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Tax Law; and Trusts and Estates for 2020.

Marc Zimmerman – has joined CLEARPRISM as a partner.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Class of 1981

Alexander Andrews – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Rita Maimbourg – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants and Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants.

Matthew Moriarty – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named a *Best Lawyers®* 2020 “Lawyer of the Year” in Professional Malpractice Law.

Class of 1982

Theodore Tucci – of Robinson+Cole, has been named a *Best Lawyers®* 2020 “Lawyer of the Year” in Insurance Law.

Lori Wald – has become a certified mindfulness facilitator at UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center.

Class of 1983

Margaret Grover – of Wendel Rosen LLP, has been named to the 2019 Northern California *Super Lawyers* list.

Lynda Laing – of Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons has been elected 2019-2020 treasurer of the Rhode Island Bar Association and 2020-2021 president-elect.

Jamie Roth – is a founding advisor of Engel & Völkers Chicago North Shore.

Paul Singerman – of Singerman, Mills, Desburg & Kauntz Co. LPA, has taken on the new role of chairman.

Class of 1984

Tony O'Malley – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Bill G. Porter – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Leila Vespoli – retired executive vice president of corporate strategy, regulatory affairs and legal officer at FirstEnergy, has joined the Board of Directors of TimkenSteel.

William Weir – has joined Thompson Hine LLP as a partner in their Cleveland office.

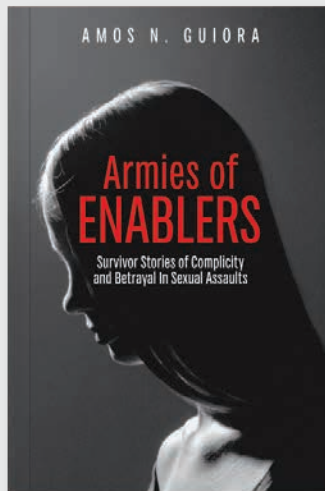
Class of 1985

Carl Gluek – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to Best Lawyers in America for 2020 and the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Laura Kingsley Hong – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action – Defendants and has been ranked by *Chambers USA* 2020 for Product Liability and Mass Torts.

David Leopold – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list and was appointed to the national Platform Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

Robert Riley – of Williams Mullen, has been named to the 2020 Washington, D.C., *Super Lawyers* list.



AMOS N. GUIORA (LAW '85)

In this powerful book, Amos N. Guiora shares the stories of survivors to expose how individual and institutional enablers allow predators to perpetrate their crimes through silence and other failures to act. He then proposes legal, cultural and social measures aimed at the enabler from the survivor's perspective.

Bruce Shaw – of Corbet, Shaw, Essad & Bonasso, P.L.L.C., has been named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in America®* in the practice area Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants.

Bret Treier – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Kevin Young – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, and Litigation – Construction and was ranked by *Chambers USA* 2020 for Insurance law.

Class of 1986

John Majoras – of Jones Day, has been invited to become a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Suzanne Kleinsmith Saganich – of FisherBroyles, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* for Real Estate Law, Banking & Finance Law and Financial Services Regulation Law and has been named “Lawyer of the Year” for Financial Services Regulation Law.

Michael Tucker – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Class of 1987

Jennifer Branch – of Gerhardstein & Branch Co. LPA, has received the C. Lalor Burdick Unsung Hero Award from the National Abortion Federation.

Robert Chudakoff – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Marc Dann – has joined Advocate Attorneys, LLP as a partner.

Scott Davido – has joined Ankura, a global business advisory and expert services firm, as senior managing director in the Turnaround & Restructuring Group. He is based in New York.

Lisa Alexis Jones – has joined Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl, LLC as a partner in their New York office.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Matthew Kadish – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named *Best Lawyers*’ “Lawyer of the Year” in Tax Law in Cleveland for 2020 and the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

John McCaffrey – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Commercial Litigation and Criminal Defense – General Practice and White Collar and was ranked by *Chambers USA* 2020 for Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations.

Gregory Smith – has joined Alliance Industries Inc. as vice president and general counsel.

Ronald Teplitzky – of Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co. LPA, has been named president.

Mark Weinberger – has joined Stone Canyon Industries Holdings LLC as senior advisor and has been elected to the board of directors of MetLife, Inc.

Class of 1988

Jeff Baldassari – has joined U.S. Rubber Recycling Inc. as president & CEO.

Timothy Downing – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to *The National Law Journal*’s Inaugural Equality Trailblazers List and the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Victor Geraci – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for both Employment and Labor Law: Management.

Sandra Nathans – has joined the law offices of Wanda Chin Monahan, LLC as counsel.

David Webster – has joined CPM Holdings, Inc. as CEO.

Class of 1989

Denielle Pemberton-Heard – has joined STEMconnector as CEO.

Harold Rauzi – has self-published *Coal Mines on the Prairie: The Life of an American Community*.

Susan Racey – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Litigation: Trusts and Estates.

Class of 1990

Pamela Cleveland – has joined the nonprofit Health Alliance Plan as chief compliance officer.

Elizabeth Grove – has joined the Lubrizol Foundation as president.

Class of 1991

Jackie Ford – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Robert Loesch – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been ranked by *Chambers USA* 2020 for Corporate/M&A law.

Daniel Schwallie – of Aon Hewitt, has published the fourth edition of the *Cash Balance Plan Answer Book* (Wolters Kluwer: 2019) and a dozen articles, including: “New Hardship Withdrawal Rules Create Fewer Hardships for Plan Sponsors,” 25 *Journal of Deferred Compensation* 12 (Winter 2020).

John Slagter – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named a *Best Lawyers*® 2020 “Lawyer of the Year” in Land Use and Zoning Law.

Class of 1992

Corine Corpora – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law.

Christopher Koehler – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Commercial Litigation and the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

S. Peter Voudouris – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants.

Class of 1993

William Edwards – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a *Benchmark Litigation* Labor and Employment Star and 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyer* and has been elected chair of the Wittenberg University Board of Directors.

Charles Schiller – has joined Mizuho as vice president of securitization risk management.

Thomas Simmons – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Employment Law – Management.

Class of 1994

Howard Kass – has joined SkySquad as an advisor.

Raymond Miller – has joined Troutman Pepper as Partner – Practice Group Leader in their Pittsburgh office.

Christine Prakash – of Wells Fargo Private Bank has been promoted to senior VP, wealth advisor.

Douglas Schnee – has joined Frantz Ward LLP, as a partner in their Labor & Employment Practice Group and has been named to the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Bradley Sherman – of Sherman Boseman Legal Group, has been named the 2021 and 2022 chair for the Jewish Federation of Cleveland’s Campaign for Jewish Needs.

Class of 1995

Janaki Sivanesan – has been elected to the board of directors of Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc.

Class of 1996

Jennifer Lawry Adams – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Shaker Schools Foundation.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Howard Bobrow – of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, has been named a “Lawyer of the Year” in Venture Capital Law by *Best Lawyers* 2020.

Bruce Keeler – has joined the Rhode Island Foundation as senior philanthropic advisor.

Christopher Keim – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Litigation-Labor and Employment and Commercial Litigation, and the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Andrew Ruskin – has joined K&L Gates as a partner – Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and compliance counsel.

Shannon Shinaberry – has joined The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company as senior legal counsel – U.S. Employment and Labor Relations.

Tracey Turnbull – of Porter Wright, has been named partner-in-charge of the Cleveland office.

Class of 1997

Bryan Falk – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Graig Kluge – has joined Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC as a partner.

Jennifer Vergilii – of Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP, has been named “Highly Regarded” in mergers and acquisitions in the 2020 International Financial Law Review 1000.

Suzanne Walsh – is now the president of Bennett College, a historically black, all-women’s school.

Class of 1998

Megan Frient – of Proctor & Gamble, has been promoted to director and assistant general counsel – Global Litigation & Dispute Resolution.

James Rownd – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Business Organizations.

Richik Sarkar – of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, has been to the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Rachel Weiser – has joined eScribers, LLC as vice president of business development.

Class of 1999

Elizabeth Acee – of Barclay Damon LLP, has been elected to the firm’s Management Committee as managing director of major markets.

Timothy Goodman – has joined Thompson Hine LLP as a partner in the firm’s transportation practice group.

Class of 2000

Matt Albers – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Bryan Farkas – of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Craig Haran – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Health Care Law.

Jonathan Levy – has joined Novo Nordisk as a senior attorney.

David Lewis – has joined Thompson Hine LLP as a partner in their Cleveland office.

Benjamin Sasse – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has received the “Outstanding Advocacy Award” from the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys.

Stella Skaljic – has joined Reminger Co. LPA as Of Counsel in their Cleveland office.

Class of 2001

Kristin Boose – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been elected to partner.

Jayme Butcher – of Blank Rome LLP, has been named co-chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Large Law Firm Committee.

David Streeter Jr. – has founded Streeter Petropouleas LLC in Cleveland.

Class of 2002

Maura Murphy – has joined MetLife as senior counsel.

Jennifer Roth – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Public Finance Law.

Komal Sadhwani – has joined Qualcomm as legal counsel.

Class of 2003

Lynn Fichter – of Cleveland Clinic, has been promoted to senior director of corporate compliance.

Gregory Guice – of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named to the 2019 list of Who’s Who in Black Cleveland.

David Norden – of Troutman Sanders LLP, has been promoted to partner at their Atlanta office.

Brent Pietrafese – of Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP, has been named “Highly Regarded” in mergers and acquisitions in the 2020 International Financial Law Review 1000.

Matthew Pollack – has joined Ulmer & Berne LLP as counsel in their Cleveland office.

Class of 2004

Matthew Gentile – has joined Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP as a director.

Michel Kabano – has joined Siemens as senior HR leader and global HRBP.

Allyson O’Keefe – has joined Thompson Hine LLP as a partner in their Cleveland office.

Class of 2005

Denise Bayer – has been named senior trust officer at Huntington Bank.

Philip Hamilton – has founded Hamilton Law, PLC.

Class of 2006

Joshua Stan – has joined CTI Foods as vice president of information technology.

Cara Tenenbaum – has joined Pyxis Partners as director.

Class of 2007

Jill Dietrich – of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, has become the director and chief executive officer for Veterans Affairs Northeast Ohio Healthcare System.

Ndubisi Ezeolu – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been elected to partnership and has been named to the *Daily Journal's* list of Top 40 Under 40 Lawyers in California for 2019.

Aaron Golembiewski – has co-founded Edvara in Phoenix, Arizona.

Todd Hess – of Barnwell Whaley, has attained mediation certification for Intellectual Property and Complex Commercial Litigation in three districts of North Carolina.

Ku Yoo – has co-founded YooDean Law, PC in Philadelphia.

Class of 2008

Jim Henderson – of Thompson Hine LLP, has been promoted to partner.

John (Chaz) Weber – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been elected to partnership.

Class of 2009

Ayham Bahnassi – has joined Morgan Stanley as a wealth and estate planning strategist and vice president.

Brendan E. Clark – of BakerHostetler LLP, has been elected to partnership at the firm's Cleveland office.

Justin Gruenberg – of PNC, has been promoted to vice president – BSA/AML internal audit director.

Matthew Kisil – has joined Key Private Bank as senior vice president – family wealth fiduciary advisor.

Class of 2010

Michael T. Arnold – of Robert J. Fedor, Esq., LLC, has been named to the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars List.

Sabah Bhat – has joined the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland as a staff attorney.

Gary Broadbent – has joined GenCanna as chief wind-down officer, general counsel and secretary.

Joseph Monroe II – of Gallagher Sharp LLP, has become a partner at the firm's Cleveland office.

Christina Niro – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named chair of the firm's Women's Initiative and has been named to *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Litigation-Labor and Employment for 2020 and the YWCA of Greater Cleveland's 2019 Distinguished Young Women list.

Justin Piccione – of Rivkin Radler LLP, has been named to the Council of Overseers for the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts.

Daniel Wang – has joined Appen as DPO and privacy/commercial counsel.

George A. Zokle III – has joined the disability benefits law practice of Andalman & Flynn, PC in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Class of 2011

Kaitlyn Arthurs – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Family Law and to the 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list and has been elected president of the Center for Principled Family Advocacy.

Christopher Diehl – has joined Thompson Hine LLP as a partner in their Cleveland office.

Marissa Ennis – has joined Citrix as legal counsel, IP.

Jeremy Farrell – of Tucker Arensberg P.C., has been elected to the firm's membership as shareholder (partner).

Mark Freudenthal – has joined Delta Dental of Michigan as operations and delivery manager, government programs.

Jim Henderson – has joined Thompson Hine LLP as a partner in their Cleveland office.

Eric Kiung – has joined Saatchi & Saatchi Wellness as associate creative director.

Angela Lydon – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named a 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

Amir Maki – has joined SolarEdge Technologies as director of sales – California, Hawaii & National New Construction.

Andrea McCarthy – of Thompson Hine LLP, has been promoted to partner.

Jennifer Mesko – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* list for Insurance Law.

Lindsey Sacher – of Calfee, Halter & Griswold, has been elected to partnership.

Jeremy Schirra – has joined Dickinson Wright PLLC as a member in their Columbus, Ohio, office.

Class of 2012

Nicholas Buzzy – has founded BuzzyCite, a free web application that allows anyone to: search and read over 10 million court cases, save legal sources to a custom citation library, and create legal citations that anyone can insert into any document.

Michael Dinard – has joined Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP as an associate in their Chicago office.

Joseph Galea – of Murray and Murray Co. LPA, has been named to the 2020 and 2021 Ohio *Rising Stars* list and is a member of the City of Sandusky Planning and Landmarks Commissions.

David Hall – has joined Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as a senior associate.

Meera Patel – has joined Baxter International Inc. as associate general counsel – privacy.

Natasha Pattanshetti – of the American Academy of Dermatology has been promoted to assistant director of regulatory policy.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Daniel Smith – of Eckert Seamans has been promoted to member in their Pittsburgh office.

Jaclyn Vary – of Calfee, Halter & Griswold, has been elected to partnership.

Class of 2013

Britney Billingsley – has joined Amazon as a manager of vendor management.

Sara Elaquad – of Minds Matter Cleveland, has been named to the 2019 *Crain's Cleveland* Top 40 Under 40 class.

Trevor Hardy – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star, was appointed as Congressional District Leader for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and joined the Board of Directors of the Northern Ohio Chapter of Canine Companions for Independence and the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center.

Daniela Paez Paredes – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

Kyle Sennish – has joined Omilia – Conversational Intelligence as an account executive.

Nicholas Weiss – has founded Nicholas P. Weiss, LLC and is general counsel for the Ohio Hemp Processors Association.

Class of 2014

Carly Boyd – has joined Cordell & Cordell as a litigation attorney in their Independence, Ohio, office.

Madeline Dennis – of Tucker Ellis LLP, has been promoted to counsel.

Yitu Wang – of Landsea Holdings Corporation has been promoted to investment relations manager.

Class of 2015

Rachel Fortenberry – has joined the law office of Sativa Boatman-Sloan as an attorney at law.

Charlotte Greene – has joined JPMorgan Chase & Co. as senior counsel, AVP – Office of Legal Obligations.

Ellesha LeCluyse – of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

Ashleigh Musick – of the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office, has been designated chief of the Appellate Division.

Class of 2016

Julia Liston – has joined Frantz Ward LLP, as an associate in their Litigation Practice Group.

Mitchell Prentis – has joined Thompson Hine LLP as an associate in their Cleveland office.

Class of 2017

Galen Baynes – has joined Pechman Law Group PLLC in New York City as an attorney.

Barbara Blanchard – has founded Blanchard Avocat in Paris, France.

Mia Garcia – of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to *Crain's Cleveland Business*' 2020 list of "Twenty In Their 20s" and been named a 2020 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

Rohmah Javed – of Prisoner's Legal Services of New York has been promoted to supervising immigration attorney.

Casey McCullen – has joined Thompson Hine LLP as an associate in their Cleveland office.

Bradley Ouambo – has joined Frantz Ward LLP as an associate in their Construction Practice Group.

Kristina Porzio – has joined the office of the Colorado State Public Defender as deputy state public defender.

Michele Ring – of Discover Financial Services, has been promoted to senior staff attorney.

Bianca Smith – has joined Carroll University as assistant athletics director for compliance and administration.

Class of 2018

Jasmine Boutros – has joined KeyBank as program manager, Commercial Servicing Program.

Laura Gomez – has joined USF Federal Credit Union as a BSA compliance specialist.

Dylan Mook – has joined Singerman, Mills, Desburg & Kauntz Co., LPA as an associate attorney.

Jathniel Shao – has joined Herman Legal Group, LLC as Of Counsel in their Cleveland office.

Taru Taylor – has written an op-ed titled "*The U.S. Gave Slavers Their Land Back. What About Black Folks' Reparations?*" published by truthout.org.

Class of 2019

Bryashia Atchison-Henderson – of Brady, Brady & Reilly, LLC, has been promoted to attorney.

Arne Bussler – has started at The Basic School as a first lieutenant.

James Nichols – has joined Catholic Charities as an immigration attorney at their Cleveland office.

Nan Yang – has joined Quality Brands Protection Committee, China Association of Enterprises with Foreign Investment as a senior legal specialist.

In Memoriam

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020



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

Emilie M. Barnett CLC'63, MGT'74, LAW'77
Kathryn Lynn Bedke LAW'79
Allen B. Bickart ADL'54, LAW'56
Richard C. Binzley LAW'66
Kenneth Andrew Birne LAW'81
Marshall E. Bloomfield LAW'68
Stephen L. Buescher LAW'69
Lawrence I. Byrnes ADL'47, LAW'49
Roy Thomas Companey ADL'53, LAW'56
Kevin P. Connolly LAW'70
Bruce Michael Courey LAW'89
Brian J. Darling LAW'04
Frank W. Daykin ADL'42, LAW'48
Anthony David Decello WRC'82, LAW'85
Bruce Edward Fassler LAW'79
Robert J. Federman ADL'53, LAW'56
Mark Frankel ADL'48, LAW'49
Anthony A. Gedos ADL'70, LAW'73
Ronald H. Gordon LAW'63
Alvin L. Gray ADL'49, LAW'51
William Martin Greene LAW'71
Raymond E. Griffiths LAW'57

Mildred Cowan Harpole LAW'59
Jerome Henry Hossler ADL'47, LAW'48
Calvin F. Hurd, Jr. LAW'60, CLC'66
Elizabeth A. Izant LAW'85
William Jacobs LAW'76
William G. Kaseberg LAW'73
Donald Joseph Kennedy LAW'57
Thomas M. Kennedy, Jr. LAW'48
David Charles Kluever LAW'83
Alisa Bearov Landrum LAW'79
Herbert B. Levine LAW'54
Robert Andrew Liebers LAW'83
Kirk F. Loxterman LAW'85
David E. Mack LAW'75
Hon. Theodore S. Mandeville, Jr. LAW'56
Gerald N. Mauk LAW'66
Donald G. McCarthy LAW'60
Thomas C. Meloy LAW'65
Charles E. Merchant LAW'62
George Joseph Moscarino LAW'58
James T. Murray LAW'65
Joseph J. Naegele, Esq. LAW'64

Forrest A. Norman ADL'52, LAW'54
Frank W. Petrancek LAW'57
Frank Robert Polcyn, J.D. LAW'53
Geoffrey J. Porter LAW'67
Phillip A. Ranney LAW'61
John W. Renner LAW'53
Donald A. Richer LAW'75
Benjamin H. Rosker ADL'51, LAW'54
Mrs. Mary Nicholson Sampson LAW'85
Steven P. Schuldt LAW'76
Shale Sanford Sonkin LAW'53
Mrs. Jeanne M. Splain NUR'55, LAW'59
Frederick Clifford Tyler, Jr. ADL'48, LAW'50
Brano Urbancic LAW'56
Robert B. Ward ADL'46, LAW'47
Gerald Erwin Wedren ADL'58, LAW'60
Edmund Weisler LAW'60
Daniel D. Wilt ADL'66, LAW'70
Harold L. Witsaman LAW'59
William T. Wuliger LAW'69
Sanford Yosowitz LAW'64
Thomas E. Young LAW'75

Long-Serving Adjunct Professor Donald Lampert (1948-2020)

Donald Lampert, who taught Workers' Compensation as an adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law for 28 years, passed away Aug. 10 from a hemorrhagic stroke. He is survived by his wife, Patty and his son, Charles.

Known by his friends as "The Professor," Donald began his career teaching political science at Arizona State before attending law school. In 1986, Donald graduated from our law school and became an attorney specializing in workers' compensation and related employment litigation. He joined Calfee law firm as senior counsel from 1999-2020.

An expert trial and appellate litigator, he successfully argued several workers' compensation cases before the Ohio Supreme Court. "His clients loved working with him, and his students loved learning from him, as he had a rare ability to easily explain complex legal issues," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf.

In addition to teaching, he served as a volunteer mentor to first-year law students.

"In his stellar career, Donald received many local and national awards, but he was particularly proud to be selected in 2018 for the Law School's Joan Gross '76 Annual Fund Award by the Law School's Alumni Association for his inspiring leadership," said Co-Dean Jessica Berg.

He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Rutgers University in 1975, his JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1986, his MA from University of Pennsylvania in 1971, and his BA from University of Pittsburgh in 1969. His family suggests that donations in Donald's name be made to the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra: 11001 Euclid Avenue Cleveland OH 44106 or call at 216-465-8400. His obituary appeared in *The Plain Dealer*.



In Memoriam

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020



Beloved Emeritus Professor Sidney Picker Jr. (1934-2020)



CWRU Emeritus Law Professor Sidney Picker Jr. passed away on April 28. He is survived by his wife, Jane Picker, emeritus professor of Cleveland Marshall Law School.

"Sid left an indelible mark on Case Western Reserve University School of Law," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf, who took Picker's place on the faculty upon his retirement in 2002.

Picker was the founder, initial U.S. director and advisory

board chair of the Canada-U.S. Law Institute, which is jointly operated by Case Western Reserve University and the University of Western Ontario. In 2013, the institute established an annual award in Picker's name for his outstanding contributions to support the advancement of the institute.

Prior to joining the CWRU Law faculty in 1969, Picker practiced law in Los Angeles and then served on the staff of the United States Trade Representative during the "Kennedy Round" of GATT Trade Negotiations and later in the General Counsel's office of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

His areas of expertise included international law, international trade and international negotiations. In addition to establishing the Canada-U.S. Law Institute 47 years ago, Picker served as the first director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, the hub of CWRU Law School's highly ranked international law program. In his later years, Sid and his wife, Professor Jane Picker, established the Russian-United States Legal Education Foundation (RUSLEF), which has to date brought over 30 Russian law students to CWRU. A three-page story about the Pickers' work with RUSLEF appears on pages 30-32 of the Law School's 2019 Alumni Magazine, In Brief.

In addition to his activities at the law school, Picker had wide-ranging experiences in the field of international law. He served on the first NAFTA Chapter 20 dispute resolution panel in a case brought by the United States against Canada in 1996. In 1995 he served as a consultant to The World Bank on Russian legal education as part of a World Bank legal reform loan to Russia. He also served on the boards of such nonprofit organizations as the Washington-based SALS ("Southern African Legal Services") Foundation and ACSUS ("Association for Canadian Studies in

the United States"). Sid was a member of the first American Bar Association (ABA) international trade visits to the Soviet Union in 1973 and to the People's Republic of China in 1979. He was awarded two Fulbright Grants to Australia, in 1968 and 1985, to teach and research on Pacific Basin trade and on East-West Trade. He served as scholar in residence at the Legal Resources Centre in South Africa in 1980 and he has taught and lectured at Westminster University in London, Universidad Gama Filjo in Brazil, and at the law faculties of St. Petersburg State University, Novgorod State University and Volgograd State University, all in Russia.

Picker was responsible for bringing the first U.S. Supreme Court and Canadian Supreme Court justices to CWRU School of Law (Justice Potter Stewart and Brian Dixon, respectively, in 1980) as well as the first International Court of Justice U.S. and Russian judges to the Law School (Judge Stephen Schwebel and Judge Vladlen Vereshchetin, respectively), and he organized the first National Security Law course to be taught at the law school by the then-sitting general counsel of the CIA, Elizabeth Rindskopf, who commuted weekly from Washington to Cleveland.

In 2002, in recognition of his work on behalf of Russian legal Education, Picker together with his wife, Prof. Jane Picker, were awarded Honorary Doctorate of Laws degrees by St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia. They are the only Americans to be awarded such degrees and the only husband and wife of any nationality to be awarded such degrees in the almost 300-year history of the university, which was founded by Peter the Great.

In 2012, the Pickers were awarded another pair of honorary doctorate degrees, this time from Novgorod State University located in Velikiy Novgorod, Russia. As in the case of St. Petersburg State University, the Pickers were the first Americans and the first husband and wife to be awarded honorary doctorate degrees from the university.

After retiring in 2002, the Pickers moved to Sanibel Island, Florida, where they continued to run the RUSLEF program. In the recent alumni magazine article, Picker summed up the importance of the project: "In two or three generations, the Russian practice of law will be much different than the way it is today. It's gradual change, student by student, person by person."

Reflecting on Picker's legacy, Michael Scharf said, "Sid Picker was an institution builder who not only changed our law school, he changed the world."

In Memoriam

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020



Remembering Professor Emeritus Morris G. Shanker

Professor Emeritus Morris G. Shanker passed away on Aug. 18 at age 93. Professor Shanker, who joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1961 and served as acting dean of the law school in 1972, had a considerable reputation in the fields of commercial law, creditor-debtor law, and bankruptcy. He held the John Homer Kapp Chaired Professorship and was the recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award.

Professor Shanker graduated from Purdue University with an engineering degree in 1948 and received both a JD and an MBA from University of Michigan in 1952. He began his career as an attorney at Grossman, Schlesinger & Carter (1952-61) before joining our faculty.

Professor Shanker served on the original Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the U.S. Judicial Conference and acted as a special master in the federal courts. He was a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference and the American Law Institute.

Upon his retirement after 49 years on our faculty, the *Case Western Reserve Law Review* published a series of tributes to Professor Shanker in Volume 61,



Number 1 (Fall 2010). The tributes were written by Dean Bob Rawson, then-Chief Judge Marilyn Shea-Stonum (LAW '75) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Professor Bill Leatherberry, and Professor Erik Jensen.

According to Professor Jensen, "Morrie was the consummate student of bankruptcy and commercial law—whose work was known to scholars and practitioners around the world; a beloved teacher; and a wonderful friend and colleague." Noting that Professor Shanker was concertmaster of the

University of Michigan Orchestra when he was a law and business student there, Jensen added: "Morrie could play a mean fiddle too."

One of his former students (later a faculty colleague), Bill Leatherberry, said that Professor Shanker taught "the majority view, the minority view and the Shanker view."

He was not fond of meetings and was always the first to supply a motion to adjourn as faculty meetings came to a close, Professor Leatherberry recalled. To this day, the law school faculty end meetings by saying, "who will make Morrie's motion?"

"I remember Professor Shanker as a wise and becalming presence during turbulent times," recalled Co-Dean Michael Scharf. "He was one of the kindest and most generous individuals ever to serve on our faculty," added Co-Dean Jessica Berg.

Professor Shanker was predeceased by his wife Brondy, who passed away in 2016. They have one surviving daughter, Dr. Jaymie Shanker, a psychiatrist in Beachwood. There will be no funeral or memorial services that are accessible to the public. Condolence cards can be sent to: Dr. Jaymie Shanker, 19202 Lomond Blvd., Shaker Hts. OH 44122.



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